

2022 BACKCHAT IN BRIEF # 17 (T3,W3)

Week 3 has returned with newly updated guidelines in relation to the coordination and conducting of indoor events, gatherings, and assemblies. As a result of these guidelines, we will be streaming our Formal Assembly on Friday to all classrooms and parents, with only the award winners permitted to attend.

Formal Assembly – Friday 5th August

This Friday's assembly will recognise the efforts and achievements of our high achieving students from Semester 1 reports. I look forward to celebrating these performances and highlight the excellent results achieved by an ever increasingly number of wonderful academic results from our students.

Semester 1 reports were very pleasing from all our students, who performed extremely well under the circumstances that existed with respect to COVID, Flu and staff absences over the first semester of the year. It was particularly exciting to view our new Year 7 students reports and have the opportunity on Friday to celebrate their achievements. The recently received NAPLAN results for both Year 7 and 9 also outline high performances and well above state averaged results in comparison to other schools, both locally and across the state.

Year 12 - HSC Trials

Year 12 HSC Trials will commence next week from Monday with the Paper 1 in English. All students have received their timetables and they are expected to arrive 15 minutes prior to entering the examination room to commence their Trial paper.

As a parent of the Year 12 student, it is well advised that you know their schedule for the two weeks and ensure that they are studying appropriately, have all the required stationery and equipment ready, and are on time for all their examinations. Your assistance and support with these requests for the Trial Examination period, will greatly assist them to achieve their very best under these examination conditions.

Ms Deadman, our Head Teacher of Teaching and Engagement, has presented to the Year 12 students over the past two weeks study and examination strategies and tips to greatly assist them during this final period of assessment.

I am sure that the entire school community offers that positive thoughts and support to Year 12 for their HSC Trials. (Timetable attached.)

Student Laptops

Please ensure that your son is bringing their own laptop to school. It does greatly assist our laptop allocations and resources by ensuring that your son brings their own device to school daily. All staff have constructed lessons on google classrooms during the work from home period and have maintained this format and lesson approach across all subjects. While every effort is made to provide laptop resources to the students who have their teacher

away, this is not always possible to ensure that all students under these circumstances will have access to a laptop. By bringing their own they will ensure that they overcome this issue, elevating the pressure on them being able to access this school resource, and most importantly enabling them to continue their important classroom work. Your assistance with supporting this request is imperative at this time for the continuance of their learning, while we endeavour to overcome the COIVD and Flu situation as it currently presents.

DET COVID Updated Guidelines

We have received several inquiries this week about the policy and guidelines in relation to **'close contact'**. The policy highlights the following for a student who is a close contact to:

- They should conduct a daily rapid antigen test (RAT) and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days. School can provide you with additional tests at your request.
- They (if in a secondary school setting) **must wear a mask** indoors except when eating or exercising.
- No student identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.

Please note that the only exception to this policy is if a student has had a confirmed COVID in the last 4 weeks, do not have to comply with these guidelines if they become a household or close contact and are not required to self-isolate or test unless they develop new COVID symptoms.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) will continue to be available and supplied to schools for distribution to all students and staff in Term 3.

However, we continue to request, and do greatly appreciate parents:

• Keeping students' home if they have **ANY** symptom of being unwell, however mild, and use the provided RAT kit.

• Following normal absentee procedures, should your son be too unwell to attend school.

Congratulations to:

• Ben Davenport who was selected to play for Sydney in rugby union. He travelled to Bathurst last weekend to verse country and came away with the win 17-12

Bryce Grant Principal 3 August 2022



ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 12 - TRIAL HSC EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2022

Monday 8 th August (Week 4B)	
ENGLISH STANDARD PAPER 1 (37+3DP)	8:50am-10:30am
ENGLISH ADVANCED PAPER 1 (13+1DP)	8:50am-10:30am
ENGLISH ESL PAPER 1 (6)	8:50am-10:30am
ENGLISH STUDIES (14+2DP)	8:50am-11:30am
NIL	

Tuesday 9th August (Week 4B)	
ENGLISH STANDARD PAPER 2 (37+3DP)	8:50am-10:55am
ENGLISH ADVANCED PAPER 2 (13+1DP)	8:50am-10:50am
ENGLISH ESL PAPER 2 (6)	8:50am-9:55am
ENGLISH ESLLISTENING (6) – EAL/D ROOM	10:15am-10:45am
TAFE	External to school

Wednesday 10th August (Week 4B)	
BUSINESS STUDIES (26+2DP)	8:50am-11:55am
WORK STUDIES (5)	8:50am-10:25am
VISUAL ARTS (6+1DP)	1:00pm-2:35pm

Thursday 11th August (Week 4B)	
PDHPE (6+1DP)	8:50am-11:55am
ECONOMICS (5+1DP)	8:50am-11:50am
ENGINEERING STUDIES (7+1 DP)	8:50am-11:50am
SLR (13+1DP)	8:50am-9:55am
FOOD TECHNOLOGY (9+1DP)	1:00pm-4:05pm
MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1 (6)	1:00pm-3:10pm

Friday 12th August (Week 4B)	
INVESTIGATING SCIENCE (24+3DP)	8:50am-11:55am
HOSPITALITY (20+2DP)	1:00pm-3:05pm

Monday 15 th August (Week 5A)	
MATHEMATICS ADVANCED (11+1DP)	8:50am-12:00pm
GENERAL MATHEMATICS 2 (32+2DP)	8:50am-11:35am
GENERAL MATHEMATICS 1 (14)	8:50am-11:00am
MUSIC 1 & 2 PRACTICAL (8) – R32	1:00pm-4:05pm

Tuesday 16 th August (Week 5A)	
BIOLOGY (14+1DP)	8:50am-11:55am
ENGLISH EXTENSION 1 (1)	8:50am-11:00am
McDONALD'S RETAIL (1)	1:00pm-3:05pm

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INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – TIMER (6)	8:50am-10:25am
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (7+1DP)	8:50am-10:25am
GEOGRAPHY (7)	8:50am-11:55am
MODERN HISTORY (19+2DP)	1:00pm-4:05pm
CHINESE AND LITERATURE (3)	1:00pm-4:05pm

Thursday 18 th August (Week 5A)	
CHEMISTRY (6)	8:50am-11:55am
CONSTRUCTION (12)	8:50am-10:55am
MUSIC 1 & 2 AURAL (8) – R32	1:00pm-2:05pm

Friday 19 th August (Week 5A)	
ANCIENT HISTORY (7+2DP)	8:50am-11:55am
PHYSICS (5)	8:50am-11:55am

GOOD LUCK – REMEMBER THAT THESE EXAMINATIONS COUNT TOWARDS YOUR HSC ASSESSMENT GRADES.

Instructions to Students

These EXAMINATIONS are an important part of your preparation for the HSC. Please take them seriously, prepare well for them and ensure that you treat your fellow students with respect.

For success, you are reliant on each other as well as yourself.

- 1. Students must arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled starting time to allow for student entry and seating.
- 2. Students arriving late do not get extra time. Students are not permitted to leave the exam room before the stated finishing time.
- 3. Students may not leave in the first hour or last half hour for any reason e.g. no toilet breaks.
- 4. Times shown are actual exam times including reading time.
- 5. All examinations are in the Hall unless otherwise stated.
- 6. EXAMINATIONS start and finish by the front Hall clock.
- 7. Attendance slips are to be filled in for each exam. These will be collected and used to mark your attendance for the exam.
- 8. Writing paper will be provided for answers. Students must not bring anything other than writing equipment, ruler and calculator to their desks.
- 9. Bring all necessary equipment. Equipment is to be brought to the exam room in a clear plastic sleeve for checking by exam supervisors.
- 10. Students must hand in ALL original printed question papers as well as their written responses. No paper should be removed from the exam room.
- 11. TAFE students must attend TAFE lessons unless they have a scheduled exam.
- 12. Watches must be removed and placed on your desk during the exam.
- 13. **Mobile phones may NOT be brought to the exam room.** A phone that rings is a distraction and the bag containing it will be placed outside the hall and will not be supervised.
- 14. School uniform must be worn and will be checked on entry.

ABSENCES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IN EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES AND MUST BE COVERED BY A DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE OR STATUTORY DECLARATION.

P&C NEWS

Trivia Night, Saturday 10th September 2022, our first fundraising event since COVID started. The ABHS Trivia Night with the theme of "The 60's".

Look out for the latest information on the Trivia Night on the 'Asquith Boys High School Events & News' & 'Asquith Boys High School P&C' Facebook pages!

Share with your friends this fabulous school event.

Volunteers: If you would like to be part of the Trivia Night Committee and help with the decorations, donations, and prizes either before or on the night, we need you! Contact Mel on ABHSCommunityfunday@gmail.com

Donations: The Silent Auctions need donations of wine, pamper products, jams and chutneys, gardening tools, stationary and other gift items. We are also approaching local businesses and welcome all donations or sponsors.

Tickets: Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available on trybooking.com

To reserve a table in your name please contact us before you book, and we will allocate you a table. Tables of 8

Due to COVID and to ensure we remain safe, we are limited to 13 tables and the night will be held at Asquith Bowling Club. 18+ only. No children

Contact: Dawn Kilkelly <u>president.abhspnc@gmail.com</u>



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CENTRAL COAST Tuesday 16 August

3pm to 8pm Mingara Recreation Club **Tumbi Umbi**

WESTERN SYDNEY Tuesday 6 September

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