



2022 BACKCHAT IN BRIEF #18 (T3,W4)

Week 4 marked the commencement of the HSC Trials for Year 12, as well as the lead into the election of our new Captains, Prefects and SRC Representatives for the next 12 months.

All the students, and staff, look forward to the opportunity to present their leadership credentials to the school community and then nervously await the voting outcome.

School Captains' speeches are this Friday and Year 10 Prefects are the following week. I wish all the nominated students the very best with their speeches and remember that the very best speeches come from the heart.

Formal Assembly – Friday 5th August

Last week's Formal assembly allowed us to recognise the efforts and achievements of our high achieving students from Semester 1 reports. The assembly ran into the next period because of the quantity and more importantly the quality of the students needing to be recognised because of their outstanding performances in the Semester 1 reports.

Despite the number of excuses that many of the students could have offered for their level of effort and performance, many have been galvanised by these extenuating circumstances over the past 12-18 months and were able to display quality performances and achieve excellent all-round results.

I hope that all award winners' parents were just as proud, as their teachers and I were, of their efforts, performance and desire to be the very best that they can be. All of these higher achievers were invited to a formal morning tea with the Principal this week to celebrate, acknowledge and reward their efforts throughout Semester 1.

Student Laptops

Please ensure that your son is continuing to bring their own laptop to school. This week, so far, has been much improved in this area and with respect to the staff numbers being unable to attend 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 COVID 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:

- Boston Cameron who was selected to play for Sydney in rugby union 14's and played strongly against the NSW Country team.



- Robbi Morgan who has been selected to be a featured artist in the 2022 School Spectacular.



Bryce Grant
Principal

10 August 2022

ABHS 60's Trivia Night

When: 10th September from
6.00pm for 7pm start

Where: Asquith Bowling
Club*

Cost: \$15 pp

Dress: 60's

RSVP: 9th September via try
booking
[https://www.trybooking.com
/CBQED](https://www.trybooking.com/CBQED)

Notes: 18+ only, best
dressed/decorated table
prizes

