



Week 8 has brought a renewed enthusiasm into the classroom, after the successful Virtual CAPA Showcase Exhibition displayed our talented students' classroom artworks, and as many faculty areas are completing final assessment tasks for Term 3.

It is also an important time for Year 12, as they are counting down their final days at school as well as completing SNAP practice examinations this week. Year 11 continue to edge closer to their final examinations for their Preliminary Courses, Zone Summer Sport competition has commenced despite the interruptions with respect to public transport and the weather. We will end this week on a high note with our Winter Sports Formal Assembly streamed to classrooms and homes on Friday via this link: <https://youtu.be/1qW-8ibVa7Y>.

I am also reviewing all the entries in our **School Banner Competition** and I look forward to announcing the winner in our next Backchat.

Formal Winter Sport Assembly - Friday 9 September at 11.10am

Congratulations to all of our Winter Zone Sport winners, runner up and semi-finalist teams. I look forward to congratulating all of our students on their excellent performances and results over the past winter season at Friday's assembly.

Some other important sporting performers over the winter months include the recent CHS Quarter Final defeat for our Open Baseball side to Figtree High School, and our Junior 7's Rugby Gala finalists. We will also acknowledge the performance and selection of Ethan Scott-Branagan as the CHS Captain for the upcoming Australian Lawn Bowls Champions with his brother Riley also selected in the team.

Year 12 Graduation Assembly – Wednesday 21 September at 9am

It is with great pleasure that I can announce, that the recent changes to the restrictions on school activities will allow Asquith Boys High School to conduct the Year 12 Graduation Assembly with parents in attendance.

Unfortunately, the Year 12 students will be limited to only two guests, however, the occasion will be streamed to all students (link: <https://youtu.be/rMcK0KkRgms>) in classrooms and external guests who are unable to attend.

CAPA Immersion Day – Year 5 students

Asquith Boys High School recently conducted a CAPA Immersion Day whereby some of our local primary feeder schools sent 25 of their best and brightest Creative Artists to participate in enrichment activities. On the day they completed lessons in photography, school darkroom, clay pot creations, and cooking in our commercial grade kitchen. All feedback from the attending students and their parents was that they had a wonderful experience and greatly appreciated the opportunity to participate in these engaging and enriching creative arts activities.

As a result of the success of this immersion day, we will conduct another one with a focus on Science in Term 4.

Thank you to Ms Holder, Ms Robson and Ms Bird for their involvement in this important day, as well as our 4 wonderful Year 10 student Peer Mentors – Connor Philip, Douglas Price, Jack Turner and Charlie Maher. We look forward to welcoming more Year 5's for the Science immersion opportunity day.

Canteen Purchasing

Thank you to everyone for your support of the newly implemented EFTPOS purchasing surcharge at the school canteen. This has had a positive impact on several levels, but most significantly on the surprising distribution of cash to the students who were making purchases under \$10 and acquiring the change. With the new 10c surcharge for purchases under \$10, students who were entrusted by their parents to manage their own funds can do so, whilst those who may have been acting independently of their parents to acquire cash have been addressed and limited from doing so.

DET COVID Updated Guidelines

We distributed another round of Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT kits) this week to all students. Tests will continue to be available and supplied to students upon request from Reception.

We continue to request and 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:

- Year 11 Prefects for raising over \$2400 for Legacy selling badges at Hornsby RSL.
- Open Baseball Team who lost in the CHS Quarter Finals to Figtree High School 7-6
- Our **Rise up for Unity** Graduates, Brad Gallagher, Isaac Player, Jacob Cracknell and Harry Neate, for completing the intensive program over 6 weeks with Hornsby Police Youth Officer – Lewis Peters, who was highly complementary of our students and the way they proudly represented Asquith Boys High School.



Mr Bryce Grant
Principal

8 September, 2022

ABHS P&C - TRIVIA NIGHT

The date for Trivia has been changed to **Saturday 19 November** and will be held at school in the Mervyn Brown Hall. See the flyer included in the Backchat for booking details.

Grab your friends and book a table for a great night of fun and laughter. Pack the esky with your drinks and nibbles.

Dawn Kilkelly, President ABHS P&C Association

ABHS 60's Trivia Night

When: 19th November from
6.00pm for 7pm start

Where: Asquith Boys High
School – Mervyn Brown
School Hall

Cost: \$15 pp

Dress: 60's

RSVP: 15th November via try
booking
[https://www.trybooking.com
/CBQED](https://www.trybooking.com/CBQED)

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



2022 Musical Workshop Weekend

The Northern Sydney Youth Orchestra (NSYO) is inviting players who would like to join a weekend music workshop with current NSYO players. Places are limited for non-members.

The weekend is being run in conjunction with the **Australian Romantic & Classical Orchestra (ARCO)** for our Symphony orchestra, Strings orchestra & Wind ensemble. This is a unique workshop to work with some of Australia's leading musical educators.

Time: Sat 08.30-3.00, Sun 08.30-3.00

Dates: Sat Sept 17th and Sun Sept 18th

Location: UTS Aerial Function Centre

There will be an open rehearsal held on the Sunday Sept 18th, which parents are welcome to join at 2pm. To register, please use the link: <https://bit.ly/3c601Bx>

For any other enquiries, please contact info@nsyo.org.au



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