

After only one week there is already so much going on at Asquith Boys High School with Year 7 headed off to camp on Monday, Year 12 have made the required adjustments to their patterns of study, Year 11 have commenced their Stage 6 – Preliminary Course and Year 8, 9 and 10 have returned in a refreshed and motivated fashion.

## **Asquith Boys High School – Major Works**

We were extremely lucky to have a substantial amount of school works undertaken over the recent Christmas holidays, with an extensive number of rooms throughout the school painted and numerous areas either having new carpet or vinyl. These works have made a substantial difference to the appeal and presentation of our school classrooms, entrances, buildings and surrounds. The painting will continue over the coming weeks, and we apologise for any minor room changes to students timetables that may occur as a result, however, the inconvenience will soon be out weighted by the improved presentation of the school for the students and staff at Asquith Boys High School.

The department has also approved the replacement of several school roofs, with E Block (English and History rooms) and the Canteen block replaced in the holidays. The Hall and the Palm Court will be replaced in the coming weeks, while this will create some elongated transition pathways for the students, it will be beneficial in the long term with the leaking and aging roofs and gutters replaced.

I have been assured that all remaining painting and roofs replacement, school works will be completed by the end of Term 1. I thank all students for their patience and assistance with these changes over the coming weeks.



## **Year 7 on Camp**

Year 7 and their Year Adviser Mr Max Darwin set off for the Great Aussie Bush Camp on Monday morning, after a couple of issues with regards to permission notes. Once the permission notes were addressed, the boys set off on the buses with Ms Lee, Mr Broome, Aden May and Mr Darwin for some fun and games on camp. All reports have suggested that they are having a wonderful time.

This is an excellent opportunity to bond as a group and make new lifelong friends. Mr Darwin also views this as an excellent opportunity to get to know the entire year group and share in this experience with his students. I am sure that parents, as well as the school staff, eagerly await their return and hear about the stories and the activities that they all participated in over the 3 days.

### **Year 7 –Meet the Parents and Teachers Evening**

*On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm* we will be holding a gathering for the new Year 7 parents. This evening is a very special event in which we welcome you to Asquith Boys High School. It is an excellent opportunity to receive some information from your son's teachers on how they have settled into their new school environment, as well as meet a number of his current teachers and some of your son's new friend's parents. Also at this event will be an extensive number of other important staff that are available to assist and support your son on their high school journey. These include the Year Adviser – Mr Darwin, the Deputy Principal for Year 7 – Mr Hoareau, Learning and Support Teacher – Ms Deadman, Head Teacher – Welfare - Mr Broome and a number of staff from various faculties available for you to talk and discuss all that is on offer to your son at Asquith Boys High School.

High School is a whole new experience for both your son and yourself and, as per all new things, it will take some time to adjust to the new teachers, class rooms and new surroundings. However, we are committed to supporting you and your son on this journey to make it the very best and rewarding experience that it can be.

Our attending staff and myself, look forward to meeting and warmly welcoming all of our new Year 7 parents to our 'Meet the Parents & Teachers' evening, just as we do greatly look forward to seeing them grow into the fine young men that I know that they will become over the next 6 years.

Some food and drinks will be served from 6pm to showcase the foods that are available to your son for purchase from the school canteen. This event will be followed by the first P&C meeting for 2023, and any interested and willing parents are welcome to attend.

### **High Achievers Assembly**

Our High Achievers Assembly will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. It will be exciting for us to acknowledge and recognise our high achievers from 2022 and celebrate all that they were able to achieve. We look forward to our guest speaker Mr Evan Gibbon, 2001 School Captain, and his address of our student body on his time since Asquith Boys High School and journey to becoming the Deputy Principal at one of our feeder primary schools, Normanhurst West Public School.

However, the most important acknowledgement will be for our HSC Distinguished Achievers from 2022. We eagerly look forward to seeing them and congratulating them on their academic successes at this very special formal assembly.

## **Asquith Boys High School Events & News**

Please check the school calendar, school newsletters and the school Facebook site for information on all the school events. The school Facebook page is 'Asquith Boys High School Events & News' and has now grown to have more than 1500 followers. Many of the photos on the site highlight the most recent school event, publishing a brief but informative snapshot of what is happening in the school and the student's life at Asquith Boys High School. With the Year 7 Camp to be the first major school event to publish displaying our Year 7 students participating in a variety of activities and ventures.

### **Breakfast Club**

'Breakfast Club' has been a long running program at Asquith Boys high School, where volunteers have provided toast and juice to our many hungry students before school.

We are still seeking any parent who can find the time and would like to volunteer to support our breakfast club on a morning from 7.45 to 8.45am, please contact our Student Well Being Officer - Skye Adams through the school by email or phone, to express your interest and availability for this program. We are currently requiring 4 -or 5 more volunteers to ensure the program can operate daily.

### **DET COVID Updated Guidelines**

Finally, a reminder that many of the COVID restriction and guidelines for school are still being applied to schools.

#### **Parents are still asked to:**

- Keep students home if they have **ANY** symptom of being unwell, however mild.
- Follow normal absentee procedures, should your son be too unwell to attend school.

Thank you again for support in this area and we are all looking forward to a new school year filled with wonderful challenges, with many rewarding experiences for all students at Asquith Boys High School.

**Bryce Grant**  
**Principal**

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