

2023 BACKCHAT IN BRIEF #3

(T1,W4)

What a great week we have ahead of us, as we eagerly await Friday's return of the Swimming Carnival as a whole school event, after only being able to conduct a competitor only carnival in 2022 due to COVID guidelines.

High Achievers Assembly – Friday 10th February

Our High Achievers Assembly last Friday, was an excellent opportunity to reaffirm our commitment and focus on the new school values – Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. They were easily integrated into the awards ceremony in which we acknowledged the excellent results of our outgoing 2022 cohort and their HSC results. It was also the initial step back towards a normal and regular assemblies, where all year groups will ultimately be able to attend our ceremonies. Year 11 and 12 were in the hall with the High Achievers, while Years 7 – 10 remained in their rooms and viewed it on the live stream.

Our former School Captain from 2001 – Evan Gibbons acknowledged the important role that the school and the staff played in his educational growth and highlighted the fact that if we engage in all that we do to the very best of our ability, we will ultimately be successful and happy in life beyond school. He stressed the need to uncover your passion and then pursue it no matter what they maybe.

It was great to have Evan return to address this assembly, and we are lucky that he remains a member of our community and he ultimately looks forward to sending his sons to Asquith Boys High School in the not too distant future, as third generation students at our wonderful school. Evan's father was in the very first school intake, Evan and his four brothers attended in the 90's, and in the future his son's will also attend our school. Evan is the Deputy Principal at one of our feeder primary schools, Normanhurst West Public, and as a strong advocate for all that we do at Asquith Boys High School, we hope to have an increasing number of students transition to our school in the coming years.

Also with our ever increasing number of students selecting teaching as a career pathway, Evan was an excellent choice as our guest for our High Achievers Assembly, and I hope that it inspires our current students into considering the career pathway of teaching in the future.

Year 7 – Meet the Parents & Teachers Evening – Tues 28th February 6pm On Tuesday 28th February we will be holding an evening 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 your son has 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.

Staff attending 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 available for 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 surroundings. However, we are committed to supporting you and your son on this journey to make it the very best and most 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 that showcase the foods that are available to your son to purchase from the canteen. This gathering will also be followed by the first P&C meeting for 2023, and any interested and willing parents are welcome to attend.

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 'Asquith Boys High School Events & News' 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 being the first major school event published displaying Year 7 students participating in a variety of activities and ventures.

Congratulations:

 To Ethan Scott-Branagan (Year 12) who received a Blues Award for his contribution and representative service to Lawn Bowls. Ethan received his award from former Asquith Boys High School student and 2012 Olympian Daniel Arnamnart.





Congratulations (Continued):

To Mac Tutton who received selection into the National 18's Men's Ice
Hockey team where he will represent Australia at the Ice Hockey World
Championships in March in Sofia, Bulgaria. Mac has worked tirelessly to
pursue this opportunity, putting his heart and soul into his training, and be
recognised with this National selection.

DET COVD 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

15 February 2023

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL P&C NEWS

Welcome back to the school year for 2023. Our next meeting will be held **Tuesday 28th February in the School Library at 7.30pm**. All parents and/or carers are welcome to attend the meetings.

We look forward to seeing you there

Warm regards Dawn Kilkelly President ABHS P&C Association

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OPEN NIGHT

Monday 6 March 2023 4-6pm

- Ask questions of our Principal, School Executive, Staff and Student Leaders.
- Experience a taste of all that Asquith Boys High School has to offer.
- Learn about the wide range of extra-curricular and additional programs available to our students.

To attend this event please register by emailing asquithboy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au your name, contact details & number attending.

ENRICHMENT CLASS Year 7 2024

Asquith Boys High School is offering places in their 2024 Year 7 Enrichment Class.

The Enrichment Class caters for students who are talented in literacy and numeracy, providing challenging extension opportunities that include creative and critical thinking.

Applications are now open. For an application package please go to the school website

www.asquithboy h.schools.nsw.gov.au

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New Catchment Zone in 2024 includes the following Primary Schools:

- Asquith
- Berowra
- Brooklyn
- Cowan
- Hornsby
- **Hornsby Heights**
- Mount Colah
- Mount Kuring-gai
- Normanhurst
- Normanhurst West
- Waitara
- Wideview

All the staff at Asquith Boys High School are eagerly looking forward to enroling boys from the above areas in 2024

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PLAY AFL IN 2023!



- Auskick/u8s -Girls & Boys 4 - 8 years
- Boys teams u8 u15
- Girls only teams u9 - u18
- Based at Rofe Park, **Hornsby Heights**
- Games played Sundays

More info & to register www.hornsbyberowraeagles.com

Fees: Auskick/u8s \$145 Girls football u9 - u18 \$200 Boys football u9 - u15 \$250



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