

Congratulations to all students who qualified for and played in the Grand Finals last Wednesday.

Also, a big thank you and welcome to all the Year 7 parents who attended school on Tuesday evening to meet their son's new teachers.

### **Zone Grand Final Results**

It was an outstanding Grand Final day for our 9 Grand Final Teams who played off for Summer Zone Sport Champions last Wednesday. To have 9 Grand Final teams was an incredible effort from the smallest school in the zone, but even more amazing was winning 7 Grand Finals.

Winning Teams were: -

- 5 Basketball
- 2<sup>nd</sup> League Tag
- 14s League Tag
- 15 League Tag
- 15 Frisbee
- 15 Futsal
- 15 Baseball (Joint premiership)



Runner-Up were: -

- Open Water Polo
- 15's Water Polo

All Grand Finals were played in a competitive and sporting manner, with their coaches highlighting the excellent sportsmanship that they all demonstrated not only in victory, but also in defeat. While it is exciting for us to celebrate our incredible 7 Grand Final victories, it is important to note that despite their defeat, our Water Polo teams were a credit to themselves, their coaches and the school for the manner and spirit that they played to the final whistle in their Grand Finals.

### **Year 7 – Meet the Parents and Teachers Evening at Asquith Boys High Tuesday 1 March 2023**

We conducted our annual meet the Year 7 parents evening. This is a special evening where we welcome you to Asquith Boys High School and provide the opportunity for our new parents to meet and greet a number of our teachers.

Thank you to the following staff members for attending and supporting Year 7 Adviser Mr Darwin on the night, they include the Deputy Principals Mr Hoareau (Yrs 7,9,11) and Ms Holder (Yrs 8,10,12), and the following Head Teachers, Ms Abovian-English, Ms Karunakar-Maths, Mr Robertson-Science, Mr Kitto-HSIE, Mr Philip-TAS, Mr Broome-Welfare and Ms Robson-CAPA. Also in attendance on the evening were Mr Saliva and Ms Prudnyk (English), Ms Zhang, Mr French and Mr Kemister (Maths), Ms Comacchio, Ms Phan (Science), Ms Christodoulou (HSIE), Mr Freeman and Ms Jackson (TAS), and Mr Cabrera (Music).

A big thank you to all the staff for their generosity and giving of their time to be present on the night.

With High School being a whole new format for both your son and you, we hope that you found this evening informative and helpful as you transition to Asquith Boys High School.

I am sure that you will agree that all the staff at Asquith Boys High School are committed to supporting your son on his educational journey, with our ultimate goal to make it the very best and most rewarding experience possible.

The food and drinks served throughout the evening showcased the food that is available to your son to purchase from the canteen. If you have the time, the canteen is always open to volunteers to assist on a day-to-day basis in the canteen. If you can assist, please contact our Canteen Coordinator - Dee Booth on 9477 3508.

### **Parents – How to locate permission notes**

In recent weeks we have received several calls with respect to the location of permission notes for the various activities and excursions that your sons may participate in. Therefore, please find displayed below an image outlining the location for an information note for an activity or excursion which will appear when you click on the 'blue button' in the email that you receive in relation to an activity or excursion.

This is an '*information note* (not a '*permission note*' like you may have been provided with in the past) and not a note that you must sign or return to school. This note just provides all the information about the activity. Parents should instead give permission for their child/ward to attend by submitting the form on the same page.

If you need to make a payment, this can be done by clicking the green 'Open Link' above the Information Note in the sidebar on the same page.

We hope that this information will assist you in locating and completing the required information and payment in the future.

The image shows a screenshot of a web page for an online form titled "Online Form - Elective Visual Arts Excursion". At the top center is the Asquith Boys High School (BHS) crest with the motto "GROW IN WISDOM". The form has several input fields: "Activity Name:", "Date/Time:", "Description:", "Cost:", and "Venue:". To the right of the form is a sidebar with "External Links". Under "External Links", there are two options: "Make Online Payment" with a green "Open Link" button, and "Information Note" with a blue "Download" button. A red rectangular box highlights the "Download" button, and a red arrow points upwards towards it.

## **Congratulations: -**

- to our 7 successful Zone Summer Sport Grand Final winning teams and 2 Runners Up Water Polo teams.
- Ben Mackie who is competing at the Australian Mountain Bike Championships.

## **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**

1 March 2023

### **NOTICE OF AGM**

Please be advised that our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 28th March at 7.30pm** in the school library.

All positions will be declared open and available for parents/carers to be nominated.

If you are interested in joining the Committee for 2023 and are unsure of what is entailed in each role, please email Dawn on [president.abhspnc@gmail.com](mailto:president.abhspnc@gmail.com) and she will be able to provide a job description of the roles.

The roles in the P&C are as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Grounds Coordinator
- Community Fun Day Coordinator/Fund Raising

### **Book Sales**

We still have books available to be purchased celebrating our 60th Anniversary. A great book covering the history of the school. Books can be purchased via Trybooking - <https://www.trybooking.com/846210>

Look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Dawn Kilkelly

President ABHS P&C



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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@def.nsw.edu.au](mailto:asquithboy-h.school@def.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](http://www.asquithboy_h.schools.nsw.gov.au)



Peats Ferry Rd, Asquith Phone: 9477 3508 [www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://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 enrolling boys from the above areas in 2024*

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# RAISING RESILIENT TEENS

## FRI 24 MARCH



Discover what makes teens tick and how to foster your child's emotional and social development.

**Colleen Hirst**, clinical psychologist and family therapist will give practical and fun tools to help nurture mental health and promote resilience and confidence in the "everyday" moments of life.



7PM-9.15PM INCLUDING SUPPER ST JOHN'S 6 ROYSTON PDE ASQUITH \$10/PERSON  
REGISTER: [STJOHNSASQUITH.ORG.AU/EVENTS](http://STJOHNSASQUITH.ORG.AU/EVENTS) OR PAY AT THE DOOR

## We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 7 March 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any online or EFTPOS payments.

### What this means for you

- No payments can be made online or via EFTPOS from 4pm, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal

### What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

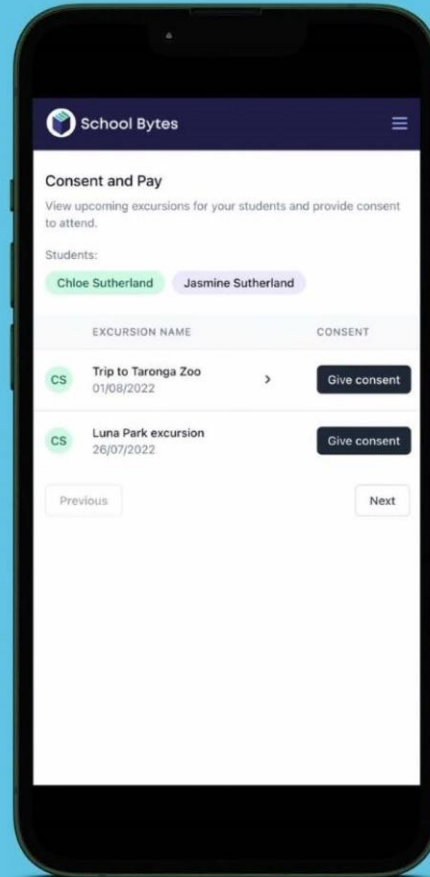
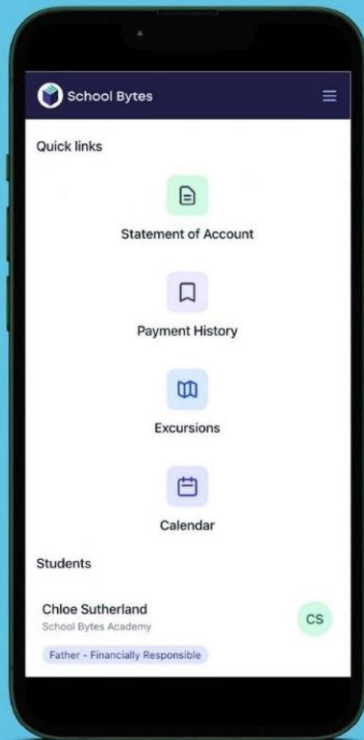
Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.



# AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



## The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

AVAILABLE DURING

# TERM 1



School Bytes

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>

