

Hornsby-Berowra Co-Ed High School Consultation

In relation to the notification sent out on Monday, I have been advised that the decision will be reflective of the community's responses to the survey. With this in mind, we encourage you to complete the below survey and register to participate in the organised workshops. This information and dates can be found attached to this newsletter.

How to have your say - Surveys are confidential and cannot be used to identify any individual. Please complete, once only, this short online survey.

[Hornsby/Berowra Secondary Schools Community Consultation Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://surveymonkey.com)

The survey closes on Friday 12 April. It is encouraged for all to have their say in the consultation process – your voices are so important to the future of education in our local community. If you have any questions about the consultation or the consultation process, please send an email to HornsbyBerowraConsultation@det.nsw.edu.au.

Asquith Boys High School Events & News

Please check the school calendar, school newsletters and the school Facebook site page 'Asquith Boys High School Events & News' for information on school events.

Congratulations to:

- Well done to Mr French and the environment team for their clean up efforts at school on Friday.



- Our 6 teams that played in the Zone Grand Finals. Well done to the Open League Teams who both won their Grand Finals.



- This week's Bronze Principal's Award recipients:
 - Litani Talifolau
 - Jesse Holliday
 - Tom Mirabile
 - Gabriel Miskelly

Bryce Grant
Principal

6 March 2024

P&C News

Notice of AGM

Please be advised that our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 26th 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 2024 and are unsure of what is entailed in each role, please email Dawn on 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/Fundraising**

***Roles can be shared**

Dawn Kilkelly

President ABHS P&C

Hornsby-Berowra High Schools

Community Consultation

The NSW Department of Education is seeking input from schools, families and the community in the Hornsby-Berowra area to understand their preferences for educational offerings for years 7-12.

They are specifically interested in feedback regarding high school enrolment decision-making and proposals for future arrangements at Asquith Girls and Asquith Boys high schools.

To facilitate this consultation process, a short survey and workshops have been organised.

The department values the input and insights of the community to inform its recommendations and decisions on educational offerings that response to the local context.

People deserve a say about schools in their local communities.



Scan the QR code to take our survey,
register for a workshop or to learn more.

Consultation timeline:



4 March

Consultation commences and surveys open.



Throughout Term 1

Workshops with parents/carers, staff, special interest groups and the general public will be hosted.







12 April

Survey closes.
Consultation concludes.

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Schedule of dates

	Date	Event
March		
	Friday 1	Principals receive information from Public Schools
	Monday 4	Hornsby-Berowra High Schools Community Consultation Commences – surveys open <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send communications to staff and parents/carers• Display poster and facts sheets• Utilise website/newsletter communications this week
	Monday 18	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send survey and reminder email
	Monday 25	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send survey and reminder email
April		
	Monday 1	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send survey and reminder email
	Monday 8	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send survey and reminder email
	Friday 12	Hornsby-Berowra High Schools Community Consultation concludes

Hornsby-Berowra High Schools

Community Consultation | March-April 2024

We want to understand what the Hornsby-Berowra community is looking for from their local high schools to ensure we are providing the right types of schools in the right locations for a growing population.

This new consultation aims to give the local community a chance to voice their opinions on co-educational and single-sex options specifically in the Hornsby-Berowra area.

What is the purpose of the consultation?

This comprehensive community consultation seeks to better understand parent and student decision-making regarding high school enrolment choices, including preferences relating to educational offerings within the Hornsby-Berowra area.

What are the proposals for future arrangements at Asquith Girls High School and Asquith Boys High School?

The options are:

- A. Retaining the existing arrangement where families can choose between Asquith Boys or Asquith Girls high schools and one existing co-educational high school (either Ku-ring-gai High School or Turrumurra High School as per designated intake areas).
- B. Reclassifying Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls high schools to become two separate standalone medium-sized co-educational high schools, each servicing their own exclusive intake area community.
- C. One large co-educational high school model spread across the existing Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls High School sites, comprised of one junior campus (Years 7, 8, 9) and one senior campus (Years 10, 11, 12) servicing a large intake area community.

Please note, in options B and C, Ku-ring-gai High School and Turrumurra High School would each service their own exclusive intake area community, no longer sharing geographic drawing areas with single-sex high schools.

Has the outcome already been predetermined?

No decisions about future plans for the schools have been decided – these community consultations will inform any decision making about educational offerings in the Hornsby-Berowra area. Members of the Hornsby-Berowra community have been asking the Department for improved access to coeducational facilities for a long time and this consultation is needed to better understand the local context.

Am I voting for the option I like best?

The consultation itself is not a vote. We want to understand different community viewpoints about educational offerings. One of the survey questions will ask you to nominate your preferred future options for Asquith Girls High School and Asquith Boys High School however this is just one of a series of questions. All data collected will be considered along with other deciding factors when planning for future high school provision in the Hornsby-Berowra area.

Do you plan to build a new school in the area?

The community consultation is focussed on understanding local contexts and preferences regarding educational offerings – it is not about delivering a new high school.

What is involved in the consultation process?

The consultation process includes a short survey and optional workshops.

Who is facilitating the consultation?

The NSW Department of Education is facilitating the consultation process, drawing on a range of skills and expertise areas of school performance, school operations, communications, engagement, educational outcomes and school infrastructure across the department.

How is this consultation different to the recent intake area adjustments?

In 2022, changes were made to enrolment intake areas in the Hornsby-Berowra area to rebalance student enrolments and reduce student travel times. Feedback received at the time, during consultation with school communities, indicated that travel distances and options for co-educational schools were a priority for the community. The department recognises the need to gain further insight through this comprehensive community consultation process.

Where can I find more information?

You can find information about the Hornsby-Berowra community consultations on the NSW Department of Education website or email us at HornsbyBerowraConsultation@det.nsw.edu.au



To take part in the survey please visit
edu.nsw.link/Hornsby/BerowraSurvey
or by scanning the QR code.



Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys



OPEN NIGHT

Monday 11 March 2024

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.

REGISTER
TO
ATTEND

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 2025

APPLY
NOW

Asquith Boys High School is offering places
in their 2025 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



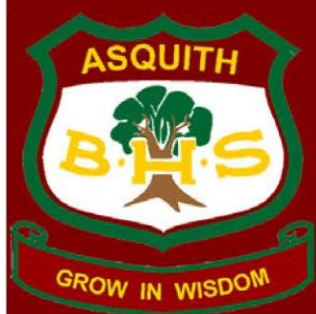
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*New Catchment Zone in
2025 includes the following
Primary Schools:*

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

*All the staff at Asquith Boys High School
are eagerly looking forward to enrolling
boys from all these schools and suburbs
in 2025*

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TEN TIPS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE MANAGE THEIR SCREEN TIME & DIGITAL MENTAL HEALTH



Estimates of how much time we spend on social media vary, but **the average Australian will spend anywhere between 5 to 17 years of their waking life scrolling**. Read that again. 5 to 17 years! On top of this, new research is finally able to show that **prolonged social media usage has a direct impact on mental health outcomes, with those using social media five hours per day at more than double the risk of depression compared to those using it for two.**

If you're looking for ways to help young people manage screen time and nurture digital well-being, check out our latest article with ten practical tips.

👉 Click the link to learn more: <https://bit.ly/3Uz1Gn2>

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KYDS WEBINARS



This year, we are offering the following free webinars for parents, carers and teachers and will provide links to register for those yet to be confirmed in due course:

March 26th (1pm) & 27th (6:30pm) - ADHD: From surviving to thriving:

👉 <https://bit.ly/48cnDvi>

April 30th (1pm) & May 1st (6:30pm) - From 'no' to 'go': Motivation and goal-setting made easy

👉 <https://bit.ly/4bA9RFW>