

ABHS Old Boys

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EDITORIAL

Thanks to Old Boy members: Max Fisher, Rob Cairncross, Bruce Morgans, Errol Edge, Errol Trimmingham, Ross Beattie and Gordon Forsyth for helping with research for the ABHS^{60th} Book during 2019, in the Hornsby Library. This book will be launched during the School's 60th Dinner on Saturday 12th September. Hoping to see as many of you as can come along to that event. More details about the 60th Dinner in future editions of this newsletter and also on the school's website. In the meantime, please save the date.

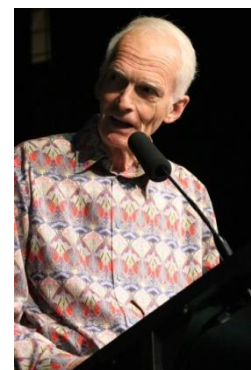
Thank you to the Asquith Boys P&C who are involved with this book. Parent Lucy Bal volunteered to lead parent participation in 2018. In fact we all volunteered before we realised how big this project was. That said, it's a lot of fun and we're looking forward to seeing the book when finished. Thanks also to a former ABHS Principal who kindly offered to donate \$500 to this project.

The Book is the School's first summative volume. It will attempt to chronicle 60 years in 240 pages. Readers will find the book covers how the school has changed over the years; full of clippings, photos and drawings. Previously a summative journal; the Silver Jubilee Northerly, was produced in 1985. That edition of the Northerly is available on the School's website in the Old Boys section.

A few rough spreads from the ABHS 60th Book are included in this Newsletter edition.

Further 'Thank You's' are for those who have donated to the Mervyn Brown Senior Student Scholarship, which was the subject of an appeal last year, to those who knew Principal Mervyn Brown. Details of that appeal are repeated in this journal. Thank you also to all who have sent in anecdotes, photos and other memorabilia for the ABHS 60th Book. Any further contributions can still be considered, but are now needed asap as book artwork is now underway.

Chris Kent – Editor



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MESSAGE FROM CURRENT PRINCIPAL BRYCE GRANT:

Thank you for your time, interest and support of Asquith Boys High School a place which gave you many happy memories and one which continues to strive to achieve ‘exceptional learning opportunities for boys’ in this community. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the number of planned events for 2020 and the 60th Anniversary Celebrations of our wonderful learning institution.

Bryce Grant

SAMPLE SPREADS FROM 60TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK



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HIGH HSC ACHIEVERS ASSEMBLY

Welcome and Introduction by student leader: Harrison Vo:

Mr. Adam Hawse has worked in several roles in sports journalism, including Channel Ten Sports News and is now in Fox Sport News. Despite his busy schedule, Mr Hawse has found time to speak with us this morning. Please join me in warmly welcoming Mr. Hawse.

Thank you Harrison for those kind words.

Mr Grant, Staff, and Students it is a pleasure to be standing before you today. I've got to say how very impressed I am with the School. I haven't been here since 1992. This morning I was presented with a cup of coffee made by the student baristas of the School. That did not happen in my days at the School, very impressive. Back in my day we had a Prefects Room but no sign of a café.

As Harrison mentioned I went from School into journalism. Rugby League is my main game. I try to be as biased as I can for the Parramatta Eels - that's the team I support.

With journalism you never know what is going to happen from day to day.

On one occasion I got into work to be told you are going up to Newcastle to interview Andrew Johns, a Newcastle legend. I thought I was going to be wiped out in the helicopter travelling to Newcastle. A storm blew in whilst the chopper was taking me there. I remember looking down at the ocean and thinking I'm going to die because of this interview with Andrew Johns.

I once interviewed a heavyweight boxer and prepared a report. I later heard he wanted to punch my lights out because of that story I wrote. I couldn't understand why. It turned out the sub editor had changed some of my lines in that report.

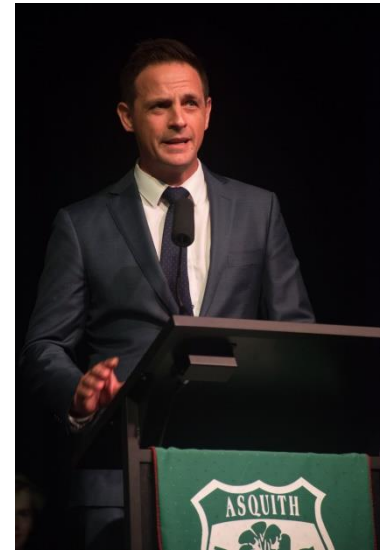
I used to write a column for Wendell Sailor. He had no idea how to write column. So, on his behalf I filed a report under Sailor's name about a South African player he didn't like much. The Wallabies coach at the time, Eddie Jones, said: If you publish that article in the paper tomorrow Wendell Sailor is out of here, finished! I said great that will be an even better story. Eventually we backed down because we wanted to keep Wendell as a columnist!

We cover the Big Bash. I once interviewed a player after his first game he scored a slashing 70-odd. I thought good, this is my man. I did the interview and he gave one word answers. Not great for live TV.

Back to my days at Asquith Boys. It was all set up for me here; this is where it all happened. It was in Year 10 when I did some work experience. That's when I realised I wanted to work in the media. I started to put the effort in. I remember writing one report for my English teacher in Year 11. The feedback from that was a wakeup call. I realised I needed to knuckle down to achieve my goal. I became vice captain.

Earlier this morning I met Mr Kent who was my art teacher in my HSC year. He kindly showed me the School's High Achievers book for 1992 HSC entries. I couldn't find my name there. I wasn't a number one student by any means.

I was told not to pursue a job in journalism because it was too hard, I wouldn't be able to hack it. That made me all the more determined. That's how I got to where I am today. Often if you get told you cannot do something you take it as a challenge, you take it on. My first day at work was fetching coffee and focaccias.



Nothing comes easy. I moved to Orange for 6 months and worked for a newspaper there called the Central Western Daily.

This morning Mr Grant asked me what the School needs to be. I remembered my first day at Asquith Boys in year 7. We huddled together. I remember my main job for those first few days was just trying to survive. It's a good school, I had my friends so that was a great help.

Desert boots were compulsory part of the School Uniform in 1987, they were very soggy on days like this (a wet day). On Wednesday's when there was no sport due to wet weather we'd come into this Hall and watch a movie. I remember on one occasion we watched Ferris Bueller's Day Off. No one had ever heard of it. Now it's famous.

Not too many teachers remaining from my days at school. I see Mrs. Laffer is still going strong.

What I will say; it is that it is important to work with your teachers. When I got to year 11 & 12 I found them quite friendly. You need to get along with them. If you think something is too hard for you, take it as a challenge. What I learnt at school has set me up for life.

I've played a few games of cricket with Mr Grant. He's a pretty good cricketer, quite confident on a dry wicket, a little slow but not too bad at all.

Thanks for having me all the best with the year ahead.



(R-L) Chris Kent, Adam Hawes, Hayden Beck, Bryce Grant

PROGRAM FOR ABHS 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Friday 11th September 2020

Asquith BHS Old Boys Golf Day at Asquith Golf Club

Saturday 12th September 2020

Reunion Dinner & 60th Anniversary Book launch at Hornsby RSL Club

Sunday 13th September 2020

Community Day & Football Tournament in the School grounds.

Look for further details in ABHS Old Boys Newsletters and Bulletins.

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Chris Kent, former student 1960-65, former teacher 1982-2005, editor Old Boys Newsletter since 2006.



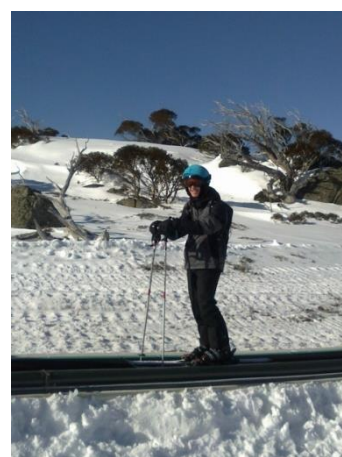
ANNUAL SKI EXCURSION

An annual Ski excursion has been on the School calendar for decades. During the 1980s Year 11 students attended a one-week camp at Lake Jindabyne Sports and Recreation Centre. Staff making the booking would hope for a winter booking. Demand always exceeded the supply for that resource. A Summer Camp booking was sometimes the only option.

Over the decades Asquith Boys High has worked its way towards achieving the enviable position of being awarded an annual winter booking. This is the result of Asquith Boys established reputation in that environment. Their reputation is a result of careful preparation and management of the students by ABHS staff, along with exemplary behaviour on the ski fields and participation in all elements of the program. In the recent decade the annual winter ski camp has been transferred to Year 10 students. Aran and Joel, Year 10 participating students, give their account.

Day one began with buzzing alarms at an hour when no one should be awake. Weary eyed we rushed around packing last minute items and eating breakfast before boarding the coaches at School for a 6.45am departure. Following our first pit stop we visited the Australian War Memorial. Here we viewed a documentary on planes in war and viewed weapons of war and modes of transportation. Re-joining the coaches we arrived at our accommodation in Berridale. We were kitted out for skiing with jackets, pants, helmets, skis and poles. Sleep followed a delicious dinner.

Teachers door knocking at 5am stung. Breakfast gave the kick needed before embarking on coaches for our first glimpse of snow on route to the Perisher Ski tube terminal. Few students had skied or snowboarded before. First lessons were at Blue Cow. Soon most were ready for Pleasant Valley. Students had lots of fun as their skiing improved. At 4pm we caught the ski tube back to the Perisher Terminal. Following dinner Tuesday night's entertainment was trivia night, covering topics including national flags, TV & sports.



Wednesday's 5am start was no easier. Today the coach trip to the Terminal seemed quicker. Following the crush on the crowded Ski tube we quickly headed to our groups for further ski and snowboard lessons. After another roll check and food intake we were ready for a further afternoon of skiing. Pleasant Valley continued to be popular. The serenity of chair lift rides was dreamlike. One enjoyed the bird's eye view of the ski slopes in the warm sunlight with the cold breeze hitting your face. Waiting at the top of the top of the chairlift ensured a run down with your closest mates. The free evening rostered for this day gave the opportunity to kick back in our cabins, watch TV, play video games and swap mobile camera footage recorded on the ski slopes.

Beep beep..... Beep beep.....Beep beep..... The early morning alarm was no different to the three previous. We were glad the forecast of blizzard on the mountain had changed. Another bright and sunny day beckoned. This morning we were early enough to have a couple of warm up runs before lessons. Today's lessons and skiing were awesome. This afternoon we used the Ski tube to go to Front Valley for further skiing and to watch the Board World Australia team doing huge jumps in the half pipe and terrain. With shadows increasing, last runs were enjoyed. Many exhausted students fell to sleep in unusual positions on the coach ride back to Berridale. Following dinner each cabin had to perform one song for Karaoke Night. Mr Moscos gave a demo and introduction to karaoke before each cabin group had their time to shine. The teacher's performance of 'Love Shack' was one of the highlights.

Day five saw us boarding the coach for Sydney. This camp was on of the best experiences and will be remembered for the rest of our lives. It was an amazing opportunity to get outside school with our friends and teachers and build great relationships whilst having fun in the snow.

Thank you to all who helped organise the trip including School office staff. All boys are grateful for this opportunity and would like to say thank you to Mr Corbitt for putting so much time and effort in to the organisation to make this trip happen.



REFLECTIONS ON ABHS – PETER ROBINSON

Forty years after leaving ABHS, I've been asked to write a few words about what opportunities my time at ABHS opened up and what I've done since.

One thing I particularly remember about Asquith Boys' is that I enjoyed each year better than the one before. This is perhaps not surprising for a self-confessed nerd - the subjects became more interesting and challenging and I could drop the few I didn't like, especially PE! But it was also because the guys in my year got to know each other better and became a tighter-knit group. It was a very down-to-earth environment, and it encouraged people to follow their interests. Everyone supported everyone else's activities – from attending sports events, plays, and musicals, to sitting in the front row of the audience for debates - even when they weren't really our cup of tea. Not surprisingly, many of these friendships continue to this day, and even after a gap of years we can pick up conversations as if they were only a week ago.

That's not to say we all shared the same interests, or that absolutely everybody got on with everybody else, but by and large we got on okay and took a real interest in one another's successes in studies, drama, sport, or whatever. Nor was it possible to get an unduly bloated head about any achievement; for example, shortly after my HSC results were announced, I ran into someone who had been in the year above. His congratulations consisted of the one word "smart-a...".

There was always a core of academically inclined boys in each year. To their credit, the teachers never dumbed down the work because Asquith Boys was an "ordinary" school. We were always stretched so my HSC mark ended up a lot higher than what I received in my trials. Personally, I left with a solid grounding in physics, mathematics, and English, not to mention public speaking through the debating team: I still remember that our first inter-school debate was against AGHS on the topic "That girls were made to love and kiss" ... and we were the negative!

After leaving ABHS, I pursued my lifetime interest in science and mathematics by doing a BSc in physics, followed by a PhD in theoretical physics, both at the University of Sydney. I then worked at the University of Colorado at Boulder for several years, carrying out research on the physics of plasmas (high-temperature gases) in the laboratory and space. In 1990, I returned to Australia on a fellowship and soon obtained a permanent position at the University of Sydney, lecturing and working on a wider variety of research to do with waves and optics. In the mid-90s I started to apply physics to understand the structure and dynamics of the brain, themes that now dominate my work. This research aims to improve brain imaging (e.g., via MRI scans), for example, and has enabled me to bring hard-core physics to the table in collaborations with biological and medical scientists, leading to advances that none of us could have obtained alone. In 2000 I obtained a Professorship in Physics and have since been awarded Fellowships by the Australian Research Council to focus on research and training PhD students. I've also been able to participate in several research centers that focus on brain dynamics and its applications.

Overall, my work has been extremely varied, challenging, and rewarding: it has given me the opportunity to meet people from many fields and from all over the world; I've been fortunate enough to be able to visit over 120 countries, inflicting the German I learned at ABHS on the unsuspecting locals; and I have participated in activities as varied as the launch of the STEREO space mission and the float of a small company, Total Brain, on the Australian Stock Exchange. Obviously, I have worked pretty hard since leaving ABHS, but any achievements I've had in the time since are all built on those six critical high school years.

Peter tops the State with 495 for HSC

An Asquith Boys' High School student has topped the State in the 1979 Higher School Certificate examination.

Peter Robinson, of Manor Road, Hornsby, gained an aggregate of 495 marks out of a possible 500.

The results of the examination were announced on Monday.

Peter, the elder son of Mr and Mrs David Robinson, wants to become a physicist, and begins a science course at Sydney University later this year.

His subjects in the HSC

included 4-unit mathematics, physics, chemistry, industrial arts and English.

The headmaster at Asquith Boys' High, Mr Austin Hughes, said Peter's results were "wonderful".

"We are very proud of him," he said.

"It is the first time that an Asquith student has topped the State, and we are absolutely delighted," Mr Hughes said.

Peter's mother said she was "still in a daze" over

the results, when the Advocate-Courier rang to congratulate him on his tremendous effort.

"Naturally, we are all thrilled," she said.

Several other North Shore students were included in the top 21 list of results released by the Education Department.



Peter Robinson

Erratum:

Contrary to what Principal Austen Hughes knew at that time, Peter was not the only Asquith Boys High student to gain overall 1st place in the NSW HSC exam. Jim Richardson topped the State in that exam in 1968, gaining 874 marks out of 900. That result was never beaten in that system of grading HSC students. James went on to study Pure Mathematics at Sydney University where he won the University Medal.

Chris Kent, Editor

ABHS TRIVIA NIGHT

Eight 'old boys' formed a table for the School's 2019 Trivia Night. Other former students were participants on other tables as fathers of current students or relatives of current staff. Your representatives were awarded the best decorated table. *(see photo)*

The theme for Trivia Night was 'Second Childhood'. This fell right in our ball court and we presented, in School uniform as the Mervyn Brown Choristers, singing several verses from the School Song (Mervyn Brown, the first Principal wrote the words and music of the School Song). That effort was regarded as one of the highlights of the night.

The night raised just over \$6000 which has been used on P&C grounds projects including new handball court line marking in the main quad and Year 7 area and a new School mower.



The 'Mervyn Brown Choristers' in action singing the School Song.



ABHS old Boys: winners of the best decorated table: L to R – Chris Kent, Rob Cairncross, Jeremy Cahill, Jim Hobbs, Graeme Bolton, Max Fisher, Errol Edge, Bruce Morgans, with Pat Morgans (seated).



HORTICULTURE HAPPENING AT ABHS

Nov 2019

Spring is in the air. The Year 8 Horticulture class has been busy planting, weeding and pruning. Vegetables in the beds are well advanced. The small vineyard is producing a wide range of table grapes. In addition students have been helping to plant out the new garden beds around the Mervyn Brown School Hall forecourt. A hedge is planned for the new bed at the end of the School's car park off Peats Ferry Road (formerly the Pacific Highway).

The HSC construction class has offered their building skills to construct a new greenhouse. This also helped the Construction class to complete mandatory hours of practice. That worthwhile piece of infrastructure is of great value.

Stuart Robinson. Science Head Teacher



DRAMA - THEATRE SPORTS

ABHS - Winners of the Upper North Shore Theatresports Competition!!

Congratulations to the 2 teams from ABHS who competed at the Upper North Shore Theatresports Competition held at Normanhurst Boys High School. It was a fierce and entertaining competition full of laughter and talent. The audience was enthralled from the moment the first group took the stage.

Otis, Allochia and Jordan came equal 4th and Jackson, Cameron and Conor were declared the winners! This is the second year that this competition has been running and each year the number of teams competing increases and the audience is amazed at the ability and talent of the students on stage.

Theatresports is improvisation (no rehearsal) and the competitors have time limits to stick to, locations or actions to use and must think quickly and develop the storyline while they are on stage. Very challenging!

Thank you to the parents for attending, and NBHS for hosting this event. We look forward to defending our title next year!

Ms A Gowthorp, Drama Teacher



Winners of Upper North Shore Schools Theatre sports: Jackson, Cameron & Conor



THE RISE AND FALL OF ZIGGY STARDUST AND THE SPIDERS FROM MARS – A TRIBUTE TO DAVID BOWIE

At the end of Term 1 students of Years 9 & 10 Music classes hosted a performance night focusing on a Concept Album by David Bowie. Each class was given half of the album which was divided among small ensembles to perform on the night. We rehearsed during the term and worked out the order of performance. We made time for rehearsals outside class time to rehearse also in order to achieve a good standard.

The night started with a combined class performance of the song 'Five Years' and ended with a combined performance of 'Space Oddity'. Our student MC, Conor, also made an appearance as Ziggy Stardust with full makeup and orange hair.

The show was a major success with a big audience and amazing performances. The show could not have happened if it weren't for the hard work and organisation of the teachers, Mr Newton and Ms Ursino. The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars tribute night was truly an amazing experience for all involved.

Jordan, Year 9



RAISE FOUNDATION – MENTORING AT ABHS

In September last, 15 Year 8 boys were awarded for completing the RAISE Foundation mentoring program. This is the fifth consecutive year that the program has run successfully at Asquith Boys.

The program involves a one-hour session per week for terms 2 and 3, where the boys are paired up with a volunteer mentor from the local area to talk about life at school as a Year 8 student, take part in team activities and complete a special interest project. The boys establish a strong rapport with their mentors over the course of the program, and both mentors and mentees were thankful to have been part of the program with positive outcomes reported by all involved.

Program Director Rebecca Carr and Program Manager Amanda Rademaker attended the graduation. The boys were presented their certificates by Mrs Rademaker and Mr Laing (ABHS Staff). Mentors and mentees had a chance to publicly thank each other, before enjoying morning tea together.

A big thank you goes out to all of the mentors who have given up their own time over the past two terms to help our boys develop and succeed in the program. We hope that RAISE will be able to return in 2020 to work with another group of Year 8 boys.

Mr Laing, Head Teacher Student Engagement

Change a Life in 2020

Australian Youth Mentoring Foundation, Raise, is a not-for-profit mentoring organisation that uses volunteers from the local community to mentor young people in a number of High Schools in Sydney including Asquith Boys High School. Raise is empowering young people in Australia to become resilient, capable and connected by demonstrating the difference a mentor can make. This early intervention g program proves the difference a mentor makes in the lives of young people.

Statistically significant outcomes demonstrating Raise's impact include: increased confidence, ability to set goals, improved coping skills, hope for the future at school and beyond and identifying trusted adults to ask for help.

Raise mentors also benefit, feeling they are contributing to the community, gaining improved listening and parenting skills and making a connection to the younger generation.

Raise is currently recruiting volunteers from the local community to mentor young people in its best practice program running at Asquith Boys High School.

Could you, or someone you know volunteer your time to mentor at Asquith Boys High School?

To ensure the best outcomes for our young people, Raise requires mentors to be:

- 21+ years old
- Available for 2 hours a week during school term time on a Wednesday between 10.50am and 12.50pm
- Able to commit every week to a young person between March and September
- Able to attend 6 hours face to face training plus complete a 6 hours online training module

Head to www.letterstomymentor.com.au to find out more and become a Raise mentor today.

If you are in a position to help with this mentoring program at Asquith Boys H.S, or need more details, please contact the Raise Foundation NSW Area Manager: 0409 941 745 or sarah.herriot@raise.org.au

ABHS 60TH GOLF DAY

When: Friday 11th September 2020

Where: Asquith Golf Course, Lord Street Mt Colah

Cost: To be advised. Lunch will be included in the cost.

Format: 4 ball Ambrose (team event where all players tee off and the group chooses the best shot and then they all hit from that position. The process is repeated until the ball is holed - this caters for the 'serious' and also 'casual' golfer!). Individual registrations will be catered for by being matched with close ABHS enrolment peers.

Time: 12noon. Shotgun Start (to be confirmed). All players tee off at the designated time. Each group is designated a hole to tee off from. The purpose of this is to allow everyone to start and finish at the same time. Therefore, everyone will be able to catch up and mingle at the end and start of the event.

Prizes: to be announced.

RSVP EXPRESSION OF INTEREST & INQUIRIES:

Ryan Bolger, at ABHS: ph. 9477 3508 ext. 111 or RYAN.BOLGER@det.nsw.edu.au

Hire carts are available by contacting the Pro Shop directly on Messenger: www.asquithgolfclub.com.au or (02) 9477 1403

GRAEME CARROLL VISITS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Former pool champ cheers on next stars

John Besley

SWIMMING talent of the past and the future met at Hornsby Pool on Friday as Asquith Boys High School's most awarded swimmer Graeme Carroll paid a special visit to the school's annual swimming carnival.

Carroll was on hand to meet with swimmers and give out some free advice to Asquith's top young talent.

The editor of Asquith Boys High School's Old Boys Newsletter Chris Kent said Carroll first started really making waves in the late 1970s.

"In 1978 and 1979 *The Advocate* reported Graeme's hopes and achievements for his swimming future," Mr



Graeme Carroll with students.

Kent said. "In both of those years, Graeme achieved a CHS Blue award as a student of Asquith Boys High School — one for swimming and one for water polo."

Graeme Carroll



» **1981** - Joins the Australian Institute of Sport swimming program

» **1982** - Takes up coaching at Galston Aquatic Centre

» **1988** - Coached 15 of the top 20 Australian Iron Man competitors

» **2008** - Appointed head coach of the Australian Paralympic Team for the Beijing Paralympics

After claiming a national championship in breast-stroke, water polo and surf lifesaving, Carroll became one of the first people to hold a scholarship with the Aus-

tralian Institute of Sport's swimming program.

Inspired by his coaches Dennis Pursley and Bill Sweetenham, Carroll later switched to coaching and ended up guiding multiple athletes to Olympic and Paralympic medals across multiple sports.

One of the biggest highlights of Carroll's career came in 2008, when he was selected as head coach of the Australian team for the Beijing Paralympics.

The following year he returned to the AIS to coach their new Paralympic high-performance program.

Carroll is the head coach of the squad programs at Woy Woy Swim Club on the Central Coast.

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With Yr 12 Adviser Jim French & former ABHS student Graeme Bolton(R)

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

The Graduation ceremony was held in the Mervyn Brown School Hall, during the graduates last school week, in September 2019. This occasion was attended by Year 12, parents, students and staff.

Following an Address by the School Principal and presentation of Certificates to Year 12 Prefects, the Year 12 Music class performed 'We got to get out of this place' (The Angels). Year 12 Adviser, Mr. Jim French then reflected on the escapades of his charges during their six years of schooling at ABHS. Year 12 responded with presentations to the School and to Mr. French.

Following a second music item: 'I want it all' (Queen), graduates signed the School Graduate Register (which was initiated in 1977), and were presented with Graduation Certificates and Academic Awards. A slideshow showing the graduates participation in School life during the previous six years concluded the ceremony.

At this point Graduates unleashed their surprise. They had previously arranged two Scottish bagpipe players from the Hornsby RSL Pipe Band to perform a couple of tunes which they knew would be appreciated by their Year Adviser who has Scottish ancestry. Graduates formed a Guard of Honour for Mr. French who was then 'piped out', before parents and sons enjoyed refreshments on adjacent lawns.

One of the pipers has a long standing ABHS connection in that he, Graeme Bolton was an original student of Asquith BHS, having enrolled in the first year of the School in 1960.

USING INFRARED TECHNOLOGY IN SCIENCE

The Science Faculty has invested extensively in technology that can help with teaching science. Infrared thermometers and cameras (FLIR) is a particularly interesting technology that has become more affordable in recent years. These devices allow us to check surface temperature of materials rather than measuring air or water temperature using traditional thermometers.

Some of the projects that the boys have been using infrared technology on are:

Temperatures of different coloured cars

Temperatures of different surfaces

Temperatures of evaporating solvents

What parts of the body heat up the most after exercise.

Some of the results are summarised below:

Surface temperature of cars parked in the sun on a 34°C day	
Colour	Temperature (°C)
White	48
Blue	72
Red	62
Black	80

Surface temperature of materials in the sun on a 34°C day	
Material	Temperature (°C)
Grass	33
Synthetic Grass	64
Concrete	51
Dark Bitumen	56

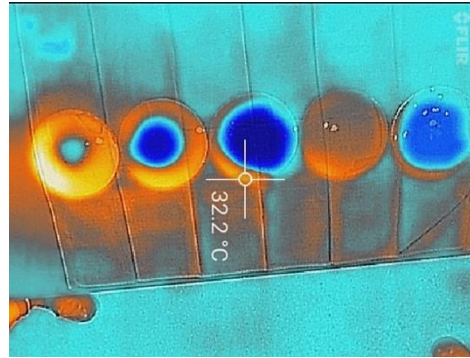


Jarson and Josh checking the surface temperature of cars.

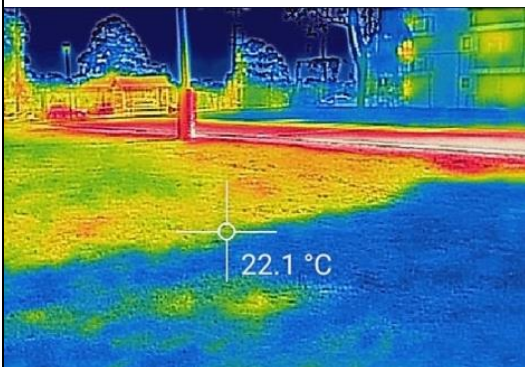
Light coloured car (left) v Dark Car (Right)



Temperature of evaporating solvents
The faster they evaporate the cooler they are.



Natural Grass (blue) v Synthetic Grass (red)



Hot and cold water in a beaker



Red Car (62 degrees)



Black Car (80 degrees)



Mervyn Brown Scholarship Appeal

SCHOOL SONG: "GROW IN WISDOM"

Words and Music by M. W. Brown



3. Let us remember what we owe
To those who planned in former years.



***This Scholarship was set up during the School's
50th Anniversary in 2010. It funds a senior
student annually, for two years.***

If you can assist, please refer to the details attached.

MERVYN BROWN SCHOLARSHIP

Mervyn Walkden Brown was the founding principal of Asquith Boys High School (1960 – '68). He was influential in establishing the School's institutions, symbols and culture. Mervyn Brown wrote the School song and musical score.

Last year the ABHS P & C arranged renaming the School Hall, to the Mervyn Brown Hall. Appropriate signage has been installed. School maps will be adjusted accordingly.

Following the School's successful 50th Anniversary the Mervyn Brown Senior Academic Scholarship was established. The Scholarship has been awarded annually since to a student in year 11 for two years. This results in two outstanding students being funded up to \$300 each calendar year to allow them to pursue extension studies in their area of excellence and passion.

Are you in a position to make a donation to the Mervyn Brown Senior Academic Scholarship? Your contribution will support a young man of potential to strive to achieve excellence.

Scholarship recipients to date:

2011	Sam Gibbons
2012	Oscar Dueretto
2013	Thomas Tuynman
2014	Harrison Tuynman
2015	Zachary Duretto
2016	Not awarded
2017	Kefah Farache
2018	Zachary Howe
2019	Jayden Camp & Jake Truskett-Jones

Donations to the Mervyn Brown Senior Academic Scholarship can be made via the school website:

<https://asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>.

Once on the site

- Click on the 'Make a Payment' tab at the top of the page
- Enter your name and instead of Date of Birth, please enter the date of payment
- Repeat these steps on the next tab and include your contact number in case of error and return email for your receipt of payment
- Finally, enter 'Other' as payment type and Mervyn Brown Scholarship

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO ASQUITH BHS OLD BOYS:

Peter Svans	1974 - 1979 HSC	Mark Rudd	ex 1984 – '89
John King	1964 -65	Max Dadd	ex 1960 – 64
Frank Hoffman	1965 – '70 HSC	Hayden Beck	1996 – '01
Professor Paul Boon	1969 - 1975	James Verco	2004 – '19
Leon Sadubin	mid 1970s School Librarian	Graham McDonald	1960 – '64
Scott Tysar	2004 – '19	Andrew Williams	1984 – '89
Paul Etherington	ex 1971 - 1976	Martyn Black	1970 – '74
Phill Reeks	ex 1960 – 1964		

1960 STUDENT ENROLMENT GROUP DINNER.

Stig Falster, an ABHS pioneer student has organised a Dinner for his group of 1960 enrolments. All 1960 student enrolments are invited, as well as students who joined this group as later years. The details are:

Friday 13th March 2020 at the Avondale Golf Club, Pymble

BBQ Buffet, includes drinks

Start: 6:30 PM

Cost: \$105.00.

Pay bank account: 02246533 BSB is 704865 (ignore bank response 'from Indue Limited')

Dress: smart casual

Phone Stig for more details: 0400 441 666 or email stig@interock.net

ASQUITH OLD BOYS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Full Name: *(please print)* _____

☐ Address: _____ Post Code: _____

☐ E-mail: _____ Phone () _____

Calendar Year Graduated: _____ Academic Year/form: _____

What recollections do you have of your school days? Do you have any photos? _____

What benefit did you derive from your time at Asquith Boys? _____

Are you interested in receiving information about events being planned by members of your ABHS enrolment peer group? _____

Mail to: Asquith Boys High School Old Boys Club: PO Box 242 Hornsby 1630 or

E-mail: Chris Kent (former student & Head Teacher): christopher.kent7@det.nsw.edu.au

Thanks to current members for passing this Application to prospective members