



From the Principal

High talent



Well done to our 2008 NSW Schools Titration competition teams. Certificates of Excellence were awarded to Varan Perananthan, Jun Choi, Bernard Fang (87 errors); and Kevin Le, Arthur Wang, Daniel Jin (90 errors). Some outstanding individual performances were shown in the three other teams but their combined scores were not as impressive. Thank you to the participants and to their trainer Mr Smith. Congratulations to the 16A rugby team for their great game against Grammar. One highlight in a real arm wrestle was Michael Ambrose taking out the Grammar winger. The first XV showed enterprising play with cross field kicking but were out-muscled in the forwards by a big Grammar pack. Kerrod McPherson's covering tackle is a moment I will remember.

The School Prefect Internship Scheme

In response to my explanation of the new system published in *High Notes* last week, a parent gave me feedback about how problems might arise in administering the scheme. Let me clarify the concept. Prefect Interns will be able to wear the Prefect tie, order and wear a Prefect pocket and add gold lines to their blazers. They are Prefects in the same way as Interns in hospitals are doctors. They have the role. However, if they do not keep faith with their pledges, their service to the school and their participation in co-curricular activities, they will not in the end be able to have a badge to keep, sign the register or have their service recognised in their references as 'School Prefect'. An internship is not probation. Interns do the job but can fail their ongoing assessment – so too can our Prefect Interns. We will invest them formally in April, once their commitment to winter co-curricular activities is demonstrated. Just as in the present system, a School Prefect can be stripped of his badge and tie at any time, following an appropriate disciplinary hearing. At some expense we are adding a training feature to the Prefect experience to help

boys understand their roles better and to reduce the likelihood of Prefects failing their ongoing internship assessments.

Refurbishment works



After seven years of correspondence and discussions work has finally commenced on fixing the walkway outside the Great Hall. It has been leaking water into our downstairs facilities for many years. Ironically, I am now governed by an extension to an Improvement Notice issued by Work Cover, due to expire on 2/10/08. Principals are held liable by Work Cover for breaches of Improvement Notices. Consequently, the work has to be done despite the problems it will cause. There will be significant disruption to school life caused by the works. All facilities beneath the walkway are fenced off as a construction site for 4 weeks. The Tennis Professional's Office, the High Store and the Cadets Orderly Room will be affected as access to their areas will be closed for the duration of construction. The High Store has relocated temporarily to the Careers Adviser's Office at the eastern entrance to the quadrangle. My apologies are offered to Mr Ayre and Mr Bolen for shifting them out of their working spaces and removing their materials so abruptly to accommodate a temporary High Store.

Very noisy pneumatic drills will be breaking up 150mm of concrete along the entire walkway alongside the Great Hall. This product will be carted away in large trucks. This process will take 7-10 days. Thereafter the work of laying waterproof membrane and tiling should be less intrusive. The result by 5/10 should be a ceiling for the four important spaces that does not leak again.

We are still able to use the Great Hall for HSC Music examinations on 15/9. The Great Hall will still be used for major Year 11 examinations on the mornings of

17-19 & 22 September, between 9 and 11am. However, all other Year 11 examinations will be in the Study Centre. Year 12 boys will have their access reduced to allow the exams to go ahead. I ask for your patience and forbearance during this stressful time of disruption to our school routine.

School Assessment Policy – missed tasks

The School Executive has recently reaffirmed its commitment to the current policy concerning missed assessment tasks, including examinations in Certificate Years (10-12). Boys who are unwell should see a doctor and bring a Medical Certificate to school indicating specifically why they were unable to complete the particular assessment task. The unwell student must personally see the Head Teacher of the department teaching the subject being assessed to request to be excused from the task. On receipt of a valid Medical Certificate, the Head Teacher will then apply the individual department's policy in respect of that particular task. It is important to remember that notwithstanding what may be in the Medical Certificate, if a student chooses to sit for the task or examination, then the result obtained for that task or examination stands as an official assessment task or examination result. Put simply, if you do not feel well, get independent medical verification, lodge it with the relevant Head Teacher and do not sit the task. **Obtaining a Medical Certificate after the assessment task or examination is unacceptable.**

Year 12 – Final weeks of school

All Year 12 parents should have received a letter from me outlining the important dates and events remaining in the last few months of their sons' secondary schooling. Any parent who has not received such a letter is advised to contact the school to acquire one.

Dr K A Jaggar

Parent Information Evenings

Year 9 2009 Parent Information Evening
A Parent Information Evening will be held on Monday 15 September in the Great Hall at 6.00 pm to discuss the subjects studied by boys in *Year 9 2009*.

Year 10 2009 Parent Information Evening
A Parent Information Evening will be held on **Tuesday 9 September** in the Great Hall at 6.00 pm to discuss the subjects studied by boys in *Year 10 2009*. Subject Acceleration (in subjects such as Modern History, Geography, Music etc) has been offered to Year 10 boys in past years. In 2009 Year 10 boys will study 2

electives (possibly including an Acceleration subject). The options available to boys for 2009 will be discussed at the meeting. **The main focus of the meeting will be relevant for boys interested in subject acceleration.**

Year 11 2009 Parent Information Evening
A Parent Information Evening will be held on Monday 15 September in the Great Hall at 7.00 pm to discuss the subjects studied by boys in *Year 11 2009*.
R Dowdell
Deputy Principal

Building works

During the next four weeks major repair work will be undertaken on the walkway on the Flat side of the Great Hall. There will be no access to rooms under this area the following arrangements have been put in place

Toilets: The main toilet block may be accessed only from the stairs in the Courtyard. [Only the ten cubicles on the western side of the closed shutter are available.] There are toilets also near the canteen under the McDonald wing;

The High Store: High Store purchases can be made from the old Careers Room between Rooms 106 and 107 during its normal opening hours.

Cadets: The Q Store and Orderly Room are out of bounds

For safety's sake please stay clear of the perimeter fence and be wary of increased vehicular movement in the playground during this time.

J Beringer
Deputy Principal

Did you know?

Did you know that the McKay Sportsground in Centennial Park is named in recognition of the work of **Robert Thomas McKay** (1867-1949; SHS 1884)?

An engineer by profession, his particular specialisation was in water conservation and irrigation. Among his numerous appointments, he was Principal Officer of the Interstate Royal Commission on the Murray River (established to enquire into the just allotment of the waters of the Murray River and its tributaries among the States of NSW, Victoria and SA for purposes of water

conservation, irrigation and navigation) 1902-1903, and Commissioner and Deputy President of the Sydney Harbour Trust, 1922-1930.

As President of the OBU, in 1925-1927, it was McKay who conceived the idea of leasing 19 acres of swampy ground near the western gates of Centennial Park. The reclamation of the land, using unemployed men during the Great Depression, was carried out under his supervision.

The first Rugby match at McKay took place in May 1932, against Hurlstone Agricultural High School. The famous Rugby League international "Dally" Messenger performed the kick-off ceremony. The first GPS Rugby match took place on 11 June 1932.

The match was against The Armidale School and High won 68-8.

The first cricket match on McKay Oval was held on 22 October 1932. The match was against St Ignatius' College, and the result, High: 7-193, St Ignatius: 191.



Robert Thomas McKay (1867-1949).



SHS Old Boys Union
www.shsobu.org.au

High Resolves Summit

On Tuesday 19th August, 2008 approximately 400 students from Sydney schools met at Sydney University's Great Hall for the 2008 Summit. It was a memorable day for the 23 students who represented Sydney Boys High. At the beginning of the day we were welcomed by the program director, John Bush.

There were several speeches at the start including an analysis of Dr Jeffrey D Sach's book *A Common Wealth : Economics for a Crowded Planet* by Mehrdad Baghai, the Founder and Chairman of High Resolves.

We were then extremely surprised to see the arrival of the next guest speaker, The Hon. Julia Gillard MP, Deputy Prime Minister of Australia. She spoke about her rise from being a keen English student and debater to her current position. At the conclusion of her speech we broke for morning tea and Ms Gillard was surrounded by eager students wanting to speak to her.

At the end of morning tea we were sent to our discussion groups which focused on the future for Human Rights, Design and the Arts, Education, Gender Relations, Media and Communities, Cities, Democracy, Energy, Oceans, Food & Water. A key theme of the day was how ordinary people can do extraordinary things with few material objects but with passion and the will to succeed they can make a difference in the world.

"The Future of Design and Art group discussed how design and art affects our lives today and the impact of environmentally healthy designs to a sustainable world in the future . If we have a passion we should never let it get out of our grasp until we finally obtain it. At the end of the day we left exhausted yet our brains were buzzing with the new information that we learnt."

Jeremy Rajendram

"After the welcome and speeches, we proceeded to our discussion groups. My group's issue was the Future of Oceans. We discussed the five readings provided to us, focussing on the importance of the oceans, how humans are laying waste to marine life and the continuing struggle between less developed and developed countries over rights to fish and mine the ocean. After lunch we listened to three experts in the field who included two CSIRO scientists and a university student who expanded on the readings we were provided before the conference. "

Joshua Nair

"Following our group discussions, we broke for a short lunch and then returned to make suggestions to present to the Deputy Prime Minister." **Brian Kelly**

"This discussion wrapped up a very enjoyable and helpful day that taught the importance of joint action as well as finding your passion in life and pursuing it."

Kieran Taylor

"Through this day we met a lot of students from a range of other high schools. Despite the long hours of discussion, it was an enjoyable experience, not only because of the people I met, the friends I made and the discussions we had but also the memories I developed and will hold for the rest of my life.

Andrew Wu

J Walker
HT Welfare

Public Speaking



Alexander Hughes (Yr 8) and Christopher Pinto (Yr 8) will be competing in the United Nations Youth Association Junior

Public Speaking Competition tonight in Hornsby. They are required to deliver a prepared and impromptu speech. We wish them the best of luck in this prestigious and highly competitive competition. In other news, next week students in Years 7-10 are invited to try out for the Eastern Suburbs Public Speaking Competition. This competition takes place at Scots on November 7 in Term 4. Students in Years 7-9 should attend try outs at lunchtime on Wednesday 10th September in room 209. Year 10 students should attend on Thursday 11th September in 209.

Christopher Pinto Yr 8

FROM THE HIGH STORE

The HIGH STORE has relocated temporarily to the old careers room near the Great Hall.
Phone 9331 7075 Ext 113.
M Gentele

SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME (SSTS)

School Student Code of Conduct – Students travelling on buses must:-

- Dip school bus pass or pay the fare when joining the bus. This is particularly important as the data collected from the on bus fare

collection system may be used for service planning purposes

- Use school specials when provided
- Vacate seats for adults when requested
- Follow the driver's instructions about safety on the bus
- Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers
- Behave appropriately at all times (e.g. no offensive language, no throwing things)
- Protect bus property (e.g. no vandalism)

Students are reminded to:-

- Only use the school bus pass for its intended purpose i.e. for travel between home and school (does not include travel to and from sporting activities)
- Maintain possession of the school bus pass at all times.

During 2008, authorised officers will be deployed to inspect **Code of Conduct** compliance on school bus services in the Eastern Region. Students who are found to have breached their obligations may lose their travel entitlement and possibly incur an infringement.

Upcoming Honeybees Concert



The Great Hall will be abuzz on **27 September** for an evening of inspiring and soulful a-capella music in the finest tradition of black American gospel.

This is a special fundraising concert to benefit The Crowle Foundation, a community based organisation providing accommodation, training, employment and community access services to adults with an intellectual disability.

Date: Saturday 27 September 2008
Time: 7.30pm (arrival 7.00pm-7.15pm)
Venue: SBHS Great Hall (free parking)

Tickets: \$25 adults, \$15 concession,
\$5 children under 12

Seating: Cabaret-style tables

BYO: BYO food and drink (adults may bring alcohol with food)

Bookings: julieking@bigpond.com
or 9365 4041

Website: www.honeybeeschoir.org

SBHS DEBATING

1. CHECK YOUR EMAIL – GET IN THE LOOP!

How many times can I say this?!! Please read the details in the emails carefully and let me know if there are any problems, you cannot debate, want to chair a debate, etc...

2. GPS RESULTS and WEBSITE

The GPS Debating Association has its own website- www.gpsdebating.com – all results (from First Grade, all B teams, right down to year 7) are listed here. NB- 7Bs are not listed because the GPS does not provide an adjudicator for that division.

Congratulations to the debaters so far, we are averaging a super number of wins each week. Our results so far are as follows:

Year level	Round 1- Iggies	Round 2- Kings
Firsts	Lost	Won
Seconds	Won	Won
Thirds	Won (forfeit)	Won
10A	Won	Won
10B	Won	Won
9A	Won	Won
9B	Won	Won
8A	Won	Won
8B	Won	Won
7A	Won	Won
7B	Won	Lost

3. DEBATING DINNER – September 13

Information about the Debating Dinner is on the opposite page. Payment is to be made to the front office by Friday September 5th.



www.sydneyhigh.org.au/debating
Ms Jocelyn Brewer – MIC Debating
sbhsdebating@gmail.com

THE 2008 DEBATING DINNER

Traditionally the Debating Dinner is held on the Saturday after the final GPS debate and celebrates the strength of debating talent at High- 2008 will be no exception (except it will be held a week later!). The dinner is also our opportunity to thank our staff and coaches. There will be a comedy/fun debate starring our coaches, with parents providing their expert adjudication skills to decide the winner.

This year's Debating Dinner is being held on
Saturday September 13 in the Great Hall at 6pm.

The cost of the dinner will be **\$30 per adult/student.**
A special price for siblings under 10 years of age has been negotiated at **\$20.**

BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5.

Payment for the dinner can be made at the **main office.**
NO bookings can be accepted after this date as catering numbers must be finalised.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? Detach the form below → pay your money at the main office
ANY QUESTIONS? Email the Debating Support Group sbhsdsg@gmail.com

Can you help with dinner set up? email sbhsdsg@gmail.com Alice Paul Dinner Co-ordinator

2008 DEBATING DINNER

Student Name _____

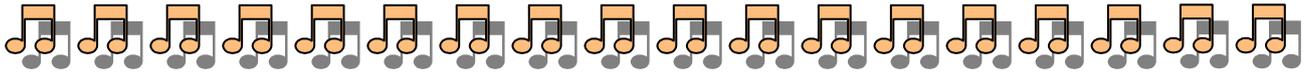
Year/ Roll class _____

Number of adults attending _____ @ \$30 = _____

Number of U/10 attending _____ @ \$20 = _____

TOTAL Number of people _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Do you have any special dietary requirements? Vegetarian?



MUSIC NOTES



Beethoven Concert at SOH

Last Friday and Saturday evening, the Sydney Philharmonic Orchestra and Sydney Philharmonic Choir combined with members of the Sydney Youth Orchestra to perform selected Beethoven works including his *Mass in B minor* and excerpts from his opera; *Fidelio*, at the Sydney Opera House. Congratulations to Muhamed Mehmedbasic (Yr 12) who performed with the Orchestra and Choir and played alongside these professional musicians. An outstanding concert, well done!



Year 12 HSC music students

Last Thursday and Friday, our Year 12 music students recorded their mandatory HSC compositions, which they have been working on throughout the year, at a recording studio. We wish them the best of luck over the coming weeks as they will be performing for their practical examinations later in the month, all the boys have worked very hard and prepared thoroughly this year.



Piano Competition

The Sydney Boys High School Piano Competition concluded this week with very high standard of performances heard in both the Junior and Senior sections. The competition gave many piano players the opportunity to display their musical talents. Well done to all the boys who participated this year and thank you for all your efforts. We look forward to next year's round of budding pianists. Congratulations to the following winning participants in each of the divisions!

Senior division

1st place: Zhi Zu

2nd place: Jeremy Ireland

3rd place: Dominic Wong and Muhamed Mehmedbasic

Junior Division

1st place: William Baxter

2nd place: Charles Wu

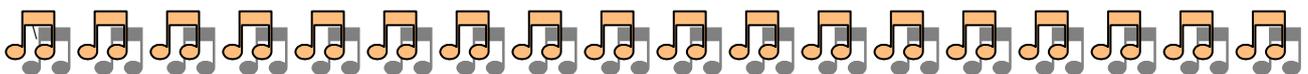
3rd place: Cosmo Liu

Students who participated in the competition are able to collect a report on their performance from the music staffroom at recess of lunchtime.



Upcoming Music Concerts

Our **Tapas and Jazz in the Courtyard Concert** will be held on Sunday the 16th of November and **Spring Music Festival** on Saturday the 29th of November this year. Our theme for the Spring concert will be *Night at the Movies*. Please note these dates down in your diaries and stayed tuned for more details in the upcoming weeks.





Sydney Boys High School

Open Day 2008

Leading the way in all round education



An invitation to prospective parents and students.
Please take this opportunity to see our school in action.

Thursday 18th September, 2008

9:30 am – 12:00 noon

Remember to apply for the Selective Schools Test by October
2008 for placement in year 7, 2010

Broad range of academic subjects
Co-curricular activities
Student leadership programs
Excellent facilities and resources
Extensive sports programs

Guided tours
Morning tea
provided

Sydney Boys High School
Moore Park, Surry Hills 2010
www.sydneyboyshigh.com
Phone: 9361 6910

Parent Volunteers needed for Sydney Boys High Open Day on Thursday September 18th

Can you spare a couple of hours **between 9.30 am and 12.30** on **Thursday September 18th** to help at the P&C's tea and coffee stall, please?

Volunteer parents serve tea, coffee and cake in the courtyard outside the Great Hall, chat to prospective parents and answer any parent-to-parent questions such as "How did your son settle in?"; "what sport does your son play?"; "is your son involved in music?"

It's an enjoyable morning, and all you need to bring with you is a friendly smile.

Please contact Barbara Taylor on admin@gtmanagement.com.au or 0410 268 444
if you are able to help out at any time **between 9.30 am and 12.30** on **Thursday Sept 18th**.

Thank you!

Basketball AGM



Thursday 18/9, 6:30 pm

Room 901 (Upstairs in the gymnasium)

Please support your son by attending this meeting
and getting to know the parents who work relentless
hours to provide your son with a great program.

B.Hayman
PD/H/PE



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Anniversary

cabaret

Sydney Girls High School & Sydney Boys High School

Sydney Girls High School & Sydney Boys High School
have great delight in inviting you to the

Anniversary Cabaret

to celebrate 125 years of education for both schools

Friday 21st November 2008 7:00pm - 12:00am
The Shannon Room, AJC Function Centre at Randwick Racecourse

**Come and dance to the Shy Guys band
MCs Jessica Rowe and Jack Singleton
Featuring Little Pattie and other performers**

Tickets \$150 per person
This includes dinner, pre dinner drinks in the Panorama Room,
drinks from 7pm until 12am, parking and entertainment

Dress: cocktail/lounge suit

RSVP

RSVP and pay by: 26th September 2008
Guests are welcome to organise their own table of 10
Please advise if a vegetarian meal is required

SGHS Contact: Mrs Kim Greer Ph 9331 2336,
Fax 9360 9702, email kgreer@sghs.nsw.edu.au

Pay to office by **Cash or Cheque**
made payable to: Sydney Girls High School

Visa or MasterCard: card number, expiry date,
cardholder's name and telephone number.

Sydney Girls High School: Class of:

SBHS Contact: Ms Louise Graul Ph 9361 6910,
email graull@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Pay to office by **Cash or Cheque**
made payable to: Sydney Boys High School

Visa or MasterCard: card number, expiry date,
cardholder's name and telephone number.

Sydney Boys High School: Class of:

From the Rugby Master's desk:

Another year of High rugby has come and gone. It has been both an enjoyable and frustrating year. The things we had control over were successful and should not be overshadowed by the disappointment of the things that we have little control over.

I would like to thank all the players, coaches, parents and supporters who gave their time to ensure rugby had a place at High in 2008.

For the record, this is how our season unfolded.
I hope to see everyone back again next year.

G Stein
MIC Rugby

SBHS Rugby results 2008

	SC/HA	TAS	SGS	SJC	SIC	TKS	Shore	New	Scots	SGS
1sts	L 7-22	L 13-52	L 3-52	L 0-112	L 5-13 4ths	W 10-5 6ths	L 5-12 4ths	L 10-17 3rds	Rained out	L 12-51
2nds	L 7-23 HAg 1st	L 0-60	D 0-0 3rds	L 5-17	L 5-13 4ths	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG
16A	D 5-5	D 5-5	L 20-12	L 3-54	L 0-50	L 0-52	L 0-12	W 7-0	L 5-22	L 0-5
16B	L 0-40 HAg 16	W 22-7	L 0-5	L 7-10 Fs	L 12-14 Ds	L 5-36 Ds	W 12-7 Ds	L 15-21 Ds	Rained Out	L 0-38
15A	W 33-7	W 15-7	L 5-24	L 0-83	L 0-59	L 0-71	L 0-57	L 0-75	Rained Out	L 0-34
15B	L 27-43 Trin. D	L 12-33 Cowper15	L 0-62	L 0-65 Cs	L 5-37 Es	L 0-75 Cs	L 0-73 Cs	L 0-48 Cs	Rained Out	W 12-10 Cs
15C	W Trinty E	W 36-0	L 5-38	L 0-114 Ds	W 37-5 Fs	L 10-31 Ds	L F'ft	NG	NG	NG
14A	W 40-0 HAg 14	L 0-27	L 5-34	L 5-17 Cs	L 0-20 Bs	W 75-0 Cs	L 5-35 Bs	W 38-14 Bs	L 7-19 Bs	L 5-27
14B	L	L 0-41	L	W 30-15 Es	W 49-7 Fs	W 48-0 Es	L 19-38 Es	L 12-59 Cs	W 17-15 Ds	W 37-5 Cs
13A	No game	W 53-5	L 0-55	L 5-37 Bs	L 0-20 Bs	D 12-12 Bs	L 5-31 Bs	L 12-35 Bs	L 5-37 Bs	L 14-41
13B	L 25-29 Red 13s	L 0-60 StMary13	L 0-54	L 0-60 Ds	L 0-37 Ds	L 0-42 Ds	L 0-39 Ds	L 7-44 Cs	L 5-35 Ds	L 17-19
13C	L 0-32 SPC13D	L 15-46 Bs	No game	L 7-50 Es	L 0-51 Es	L 5-38 Es	L 0-51 Es	L 10-58 Ds	NG	NG
13D	L 5-54 SPC13E	L 12-42 TAS Yr5/6	L 5-55 Oak E	L 0-60 Fs	L 5-54 Fs	L 12-15 Fs	W 37-15 Gs	W 44-31 Es	Rained out	W 10-5 Cs

SBHS Rugby results 2008

2008 season's results

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Won > 30pts	Loss > 30pts
112	22	5	85 (76%)	8	49

2008 GPS results

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Won > 30pts	Lost > 30pts
75	15	2	58 (77%)	5	35

2007 season's results (Year teams)

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Won > 30pts	Loss > 30pts
100	32	2	66 (66%)	11	34

2007 GPS results (Year teams)

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Won > 30pts	Lost > 30pts
66	24	2	40 (61%)	7	22

2002 season's results (Age teams)

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Won > 30pts	Loss > 30pts
106	25	2	79 (74%)	3	26

2002 GPS results (Age teams)

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Won > 30pts	Lost > 30pts
63	6	0	57 (90%)	0	22

VOLLEYBALL REPORT



High's Second grade team competed against Grammar in a bid to retain their undefeated title in the premiership game. High lost the first set, dropping 6 consecutive points. However, we came back strongly in the second set with the arrival of our new all-star middle blocker Nelson Wang who managed to bring home the second set assisted by our shortest, yet one of our strongest players, Hugh Huang. The third set saw a spectacular performance from Merlin Li which effectively crushed Grammar's hopes. High dropped in the fourth set, losing in a tight set, with the lead swinging either way. The fifth set saw us come in stronger than ever, with Hugh Huang's jump serve giving us the lead and taking us to a strong finish.

High second grade takes the premiership and remains undefeated for the season.

Brendan Cheung
Captain of 2nd Grade

Literacy 2008

Competition

Past Echoes +
Future Voices

Word Limit - 1000

Due - End of Term 3

Divisions - Senior/Junior
[Fiction], [*Non-Fiction], [Poetry]

Prizes - (\$50 Prize Vouchers) +
(Workd Published in 'The Record')

*Note - Specific Topics will be provided
for Non-Fiction Category

What Will the
future hold? Only
YOU can decide.



SYDNEY BOYS HIGH CRICKET

www.sydneyboyscricket.info



The commencement of training, cricket trials and team selections will commence next Wednesday and Thursday at Sport afternoons for all cricketers and new members to the cricket section. For those joining us we say welcome and to our regular members we look forward to a bigger, more enjoyable and winning cricket season.

The news of the day is the appointment of our new 1st XI Coach, Mr Barry Davison who will take the helm and be the guiding light for the prospective Open Squads in our quest for higher honors during this coming season. Barry, who will be meeting the squads over the next few weeks, brings to us one of the highest credentialed professional cricket coaches in NSW. His role has extended from coaching juniors, to Head Coach of Sydney Grade Clubs, training NSW State Teams in the skills of fielding and catching as well as many specialty training and administrative roles within cricket NSW. High will be the envy of many schools in the GPS when the news of Barry's appointment filters through the AAGPS cricket fraternity.

In conjunction with Barry Davison's appointment Anirudh Rao will lead the 2nd XI into this season and will be working closely with him in the preparation of two competitive teams as we aim for a top position in the two competitions. This provides High with a quality coaching panel for the Open Squads as we provide opportunities for younger talented players to be blooded for the future of High's standing in the AAGPS as a competitive and talented cricket school.

TRAINING, TRIALS and CLINICS

We will be in full swing as soon as we hit the nets and fields to meet a busy pre-vacation lead-up to cricket packed 2nd week of the school vacation period. For the information of all for planning purposes the schedule to date is as follows

SENIOR OPEN SQUADS

Wed 10th Sept	1-0pm – 3-30pm	School Cricket Nets	Senior Open Squads
Wed 17th Sept	as above	as above	as above
Wed 24 th Sept	1-0pm – 3-30pm	School Cricket nets	Senior Open Squads
	3-30pm – 5-0pm	Kippax Lake No18	as above

JUNIOR SQUADS (YEARS 7, 8 and 9)

Thurs 11th Sep	1-0 pm – 3-0 pm	SIGN-ON PLAYER PROFILES / Rules Forum / Cricket Strategies –	
LOCATION -TBA			
Saturday 13th Sept	10-0am – 1-0pm	School Cricket Nets /adjacent grounds	Team Selections/
Skills drills			
Thurs 18 th Sep	1-0pm – 3-0pm	as above	
Saturday 20 th Sept	10-0am – 1-0pm	School Cricket Nets/ adjacent grounds	Team Selections /
Skills drills			
Thurs 25th Sept	1-0pm – 3-0pm	as above	

SCHOOL VACATION – CRICKET TRIALS

Mon 6th October	1 st XI	High – V – Christchurch Boys High School (NZ)	McKay No 1 Oval
Tues 7 th Oct	1 st XI	High – V – Whangarei Boys High School (NZ)	McKay No 1 Oval
	Under 15(1)	High – V – Whangarei BHS (Under 15)	Kensington Oval
Thurs 9 th Oct	1 st XI	High – V – Whangarei Boys High School (NZ)	McKay No 1 Oval
	Under 15(2)	High – V – Whangarei BHS (Under 15)	Kensington Oval

SUPPORT NEEDED

During Week 2 of the 3rd Term Vacation from Monday 6th - Friday 10th October we are engaged in a heavy week of pre-season Trial matches to have our boys ready for the AAGPS competitions and subsequent Australian 5 Highs Carnival and Brisbane Tour at the completion of Term 4 fixtures.

During the holiday period I seek parent volunteers and some players to score, assist with drinks and lunches, as well as at post-match Barbecues with our visiting teams. The parental component is mainly to conduct the Barbecues which will be from approx 5-0 pm each evening, whilst the players nominating are more for scoring and drinks preparation. Lunches will be supplied to players who volunteer to assist with the latter.

If you are prepared to assist please email me with contact details and availability.

CRICKET WEBSITE - www.sydneyboyscricket.info

Our cricket site has the season's programme, High Notes, Camps and Clinics information (where applicable), Team Selections and in season results and reports as well as general items of interest for all of our cricketers and parents. Please get into the habit of perusing the site weekly for current information and contact details. This facility is our link for better communication with our cricketing families.

CRICKET CLINICS

Will occur in the second week of the school vacation period and due to the CP Trust Ground maintenance period and the closure of grounds until 6th October we are somewhat restricted in some of the areas where we conduct drills etc. I am negotiating at present to achieve back-up facilities to support the clinics and when finalized the details will be on the website

Laurie Heil
MIC Cricket.

Pens for Timor



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Final Farewell for season 08

The day didn't deliver as many wins as possibly hoped for, but on the whole was a suitable end for an eventful season. Overall there were three wins recorded; congratulations to the 13Ds, 14Bs and 15Bs. The big highlight was the improvement of the 13s age group. The Ds played Grammar Cs, winning 10-5. The Bs went from a 54-0 loss to Grammar Bs, to a 19-17 loss to their Bs, a great effort. The 13As went from a 55-0 loss to a 41-14 loss. Not only this, but from watching the game, the 13As matched Grammar in all aspects of the game, aside from some poor tackling, they should have a great go at them next year. The 14As started off with a try and were leading for most of the opening half. Unfortunately this couldn't be sustained. The 15As didn't have their best game. The 16Bs played Grammar in the Bs as opposed to Cs this time round, and had a hard time matching up to the bigger side. 16As once again continued good form, coming closest to a win out of any As team, unfortunately, continued pressure did not lead to any points. The first XV finished off on a reasonable note after a tough season, with the loss of many players. This time round, the 1sts improved on the trial by 13 points, cutting the margin down to 39. A precedent has been set this year through the withdrawal of the 1st XV from the GPS competition. If any player wishes to play in the 1st XV competition in the future, there must be a full squad doing every required training session if this is to be a remote possibility. I hope that those trying out for the 1st XV in 2009 commit at the level that only a handful of players have throughout this whole season, so that we can build to rejoin the competition.

Team of the Week: 13Bs - A great improvement compared to the trial against Grammar.

Player of the Week: Tom Connolly 13As - Great skills in attack breaking through the Grammar line several times.

Coach of the Week: Paul Scrivener 1st XV - Continued dedication in a tough season, we owe a great debt to him.

Supporter of the Week: The old boys - They make the final game against Grammar a special occasion.

1st XV report: A fierce rivalry embroiled on the grounds of Mackay 1 on the 30th of August 2008 as Sydney High took on Grammar. From kickoff until the end High laid hits on Grammar, leading to a fiery encounter. Hours of kicking practice from fly half Nelson Ridges paid dividends when winger Danny Ng received a lucky bounce to score in the corner. The intimidating rush-line defence from centres and mobile forwards caused the Grammar backline to malfunction. Consequently centre Michael Denny-Smith was able to read the play and snatch an intercept try to score under the uprights. Khalid Ahmed who played his first and last ten minutes of 1st xv rugby began his short career with a questionable lineout throw. Man of the match however goes to Shahar Merom with his best performance of the year, working hard at the breakdown causing turnovers and making many valuable tackles.

Rugby End-of-Season Dinner: Tickets for the 2008 Rugby Dinner for all rugby players and parents, at 6pm on Saturday 6 September in the Great Hall, will be on sale at the School Office until Wednesday 3 September. Cost is \$30 per person. Every team should have at least one table for this special night.

Match Results - Vs Grammar 30th August

Team	Result	Score	Man of the Match
Senior XV	Loss	51-12	Shahar Merom
16As	Loss	5-0	
16Bs	Loss	38-0	
15As	Loss	34-0	Brian Kelly
15Bs	Win	12-10	Liam Alymer, Eric Ovadia
14As	Loss	27-5	Michael Phung
14Bs	Win	37-5	Prashan Prabakaran
13As	Loss	41-14	Tom Connolly
13Bs	Loss	19-17	
13Cs	No game		
13Ds	Win	10-5	

Age Group Reports

16s: The 16As faced Grammar at Mackay this week confident of a close, tough game. They, and the many High supporters who turned out to watch them, were not disappointed with a game full of big hits and flowing rugby. Team superstar Michael Gao turned it on early with an intercept from which he nearly scored and a massive hit on the Grammar inside centre. This set the tone for the High defence throughout the game, with the centre pairing punishing the Grammar boys all day. However, some unfortunate mishaps with the ball saw a few scoring opportunities go missing, despite carrying the ball forward consistently. After scrambling defence the Grammar boys got lucky in the second half with a try that was to prove the winner. Despite fighting hard in the final minutes for the equaliser, our boys just came up short with a penalty on the final play securing a win for Grammar. Thanks to all the boys for a great year. Man of the match goes to Michael Ambrose for a great defensive game, and great hands under the high ball.

15As: The boys put up a valiant fight against a strong Grammar team. For the first ten minutes, the score line sat at nil all. After spreading the ball to their wing, Grammar were able to put five points on us. They kept spreading the ball throughout the entire first half, adding two more tries before the half was out. With some inspiration from our coaches, we headed back to the field with our heads up, and it showed. Most of the second half was spent at Grammars try line, everyone desperate for the try. But due to a good defence and some handling errors the opportunity was lost and Grammar found some holes adding a few more points to the board. All in all it was a good game. Special mention to Brian Kelly who was mean on the attack and made some solid tackles in defence. Hope to see all of the 15s back next year.

15Bs: This week, our 15Bs achieved their first win of the GPS season in a thrilling encounter. At half time Grammar led one try to nil. In the second half, we scored through Robert Ma, and then Kishan Perera scored and converted his try to bring us into the lead in the dying stages. A last ditch effort by Grammar for victory would have been successful if not for the try-saving tackle by Liam Alymer, undoubtedly the play of our season. Thank you to Samson for doing a great job with coaching us this year.

14Bs: Losing to Grammar in the trials we were determined to beat them this time and we did. All of us ready and pumped to win our last game. Grammar had gotten the first try but that never stopped us. David and Allen both made solid runs, Allen scoring from halfway. Prashan pitched in a few tries, one of them off a quick-tap as the Grammar team was unprepared. We shared the tries around and the score line was 36-5, an excellent win to finish off the season.



Quote of the Week

"Everyone has the desire to win, but only champions have the desire to prepare"



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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8 B	<p>8</p> <p>Basketball: CIS Finals HSC Music Submitted Works Hand In Date Selected students' visit to Boggabilla SRC Trivia Night, Great Hall 6:30 - 9:30 pm P&C Executive meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Selected students' visit to Boggabilla Parent Information Evening on Subject Acceleration for Year 10 2009, Great Hall, 6pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Selected students' visit to Boggabilla Schools' Track and Field Knockout, Homebush</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Selected students' visit to Boggabilla Great Hall booking: HSC music practical preparation</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Photos Representatives (GPS, CHS etc), all Music Groups Great Hall booking: HSC music practical preparation from 12:00 noon. HSC Music 1 Performance examination in Great Hall 3:10 - 4:00 pm 9:45-11:15: Elevate Education workshop for 30 Year 12 students</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Annual Debating Dinner, Great Hall HSC German Continuers Speaking Examinations</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Great Hall booking: HSC music practical preparation, all day.</p>
9 A	<p>15</p> <p>Athletics: CIS Championships GPS Chess competition, Senior Study, all day Parent Information Evenings, Great Hall, Year 9 2009 6pm, Year 11 2009, 7pm HSC Music 2 and Extension Music Performance examination in Great Hall 8:30am - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Year 11 Mathematics Yearly Examination, Great Hall, Periods 1 and 2 Volleyball dinner, Great Hall, 7-9 pm. OCMC meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm Years 9, 10 elective music excursion to Cahuvel Cinema, periods 2 - 4</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations Year 8 Camp, Tea Gardens</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Open Day, 9:30am-12 noon Year 11 Yearly Examinations Year 8 Camp, Tea Gardens</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations Year 8 Camp, Tea Gardens Last day to submit University Scholarship Applications to Principal</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Basketball v Old Boys, 12 noon and 1pm</p>
10 B	<p>22</p> <p>Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) Year 11 Yearly Examinations Year 12 Youth off the Streets collection day</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations Year 12 Farewell Assembly and Afternoon Tea, Great Hall, 1:30pm Foundation Meeting, Randwick Rugby Club, 6pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations School Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm Rugby Committee AGM, Room 901, 6pm Tennis Committee AGM, Room 104, 7pm P&C Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm Representative debating at 6 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations LAST DAY TERM 3</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Honeybees Choir charity concert in the Great Hall at 8pm</p>	<p>28</p>
1 A	<p>13</p> <p>School resumes - staff and students</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Foundation Day Assembly/Prefect Induction, Great Hall, 11:30am Foundation Meeting, Randwick Rugby Club, 6pm National Tree Day activity - tree plantings in Centennial Park 7R + T Evans, periods 1-3 TBC</p>	<p>15</p> <p>GPS Summer Sports Assembly (Basketball, Cricket), Great Hall, 9am</p>	<p>16</p> <p>HSC commences (Bus St 0925-1230, Hindi 1400-1700)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>HSC exams (English Adv 0920-1130, Jap Beg 1400-1640) Rowing selections - Years 10 and 11 Rowers, SIRC Penrith, all day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Sport Group 2 - SJC v SHS</p>	<p>19</p>