



From the Principal

End of Term 3



During another challenging term I have been very impressed by the professionalism and dedication of staff, most of whom have been working from home for an extended period of time. They have upskilled in the technological applications required for remote learning. They have adapted their programming and practice to accommodate the moving goal posts of the HSC examinations. They have interacted intensively with students via video conferencing, email, phone and text. The stresses have been great, but everyone has come through successfully. Thank you all for a very productive term.

Replacement Pontoon

Our new pontoon will be delivered and installed within 7 days. This will come as great news to all rowers and their families. Thanks to the Sydney High School Foundation's sinking fund, money for the replacement has been set aside for financing this project – another great reason to pay your annual Building Fund contribution.



Our rowing staff have had to work with only one pontoon since January 2019, so this new pontoon will help to rebuild the depth of our rowing program. Our warm thanks go to Alex Feldman (SHS-2003) for his patient and meticulous management of what was a very complex and time-consuming project.

Science Demountable Update

Final drawings have been approved and tenders for construction and installation will be called soon. The work-flow plan has a timeline of occupancy by late January 2022. In the interests of mutual protection, COVID-Safe construction practices in schools require a separate compound for the workers, so that they do not interact with anyone on the site. As a consequence, the contractors will need their own entrance and cordoned off construction site. This will mean Gate 9 will be out of action for most of Term 4, as will the Killip Wing exit nearest Gate 9. Sections of the roadway and playground will be enclosed for the work site.



Returning on Site in October-November

Year 12 students have had a chance to book appointments to receive Pfizer vaccinations. Now 12–15-year-olds can book in. All staff on site will need to be double vaccinated. Our strong expectation is that nobody comes on site without double vaccination by 8 November. Mask wearing will be compulsory indoors and out. Cohort separation will be required. Our start and finish times will be staggered. Parents will be directed through Gate 2 and down onto The Flat to pick up and drop off students, then will be asked to exit via Gate 3 and turn left on Cleveland Street.

External Validation Report to P & C/ School Council on 13-14.9.21

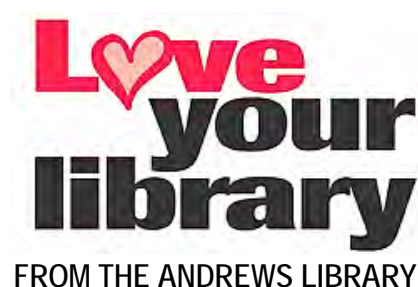
A successful external validation process was completed. Evaluators were impressed by many of the policies, processes and opportunities offered at High. Our self-assessment on all elements was confirmed, although the assessors felt that we were quite hard on ourselves in some elements. There were three groups of elements assessed against the School Excellence Framework - Learning, Teaching and Leading.

In the *Learning Elements* of the *School Excellence Framework*, we were 'excelling' in

wellbeing and curriculum. In the elements of learning culture, assessment, reporting and student performance measures, we were self-rated as 'sustaining and growing! In the *Teaching Elements*, we judged ourselves to be 'sustaining and growing' in effective classroom practices; data skills use; professional standards and learning and development. In the *Leading Elements* we were confirmed as 'excelling' in educational leadership; school planning, implementation and reporting; and school resources. Our management practices were rated as sustaining and growing. For each of the elements, the senior executive team developed a series of actions that would be necessary in order for our school to move from 'sustaining and growing' to 'excelling' or where we excelled, steps that would be necessary for us to maintain that rating. We have established a blueprint for action for the next four years so that we can maintain a trajectory of continuous improvement so that more of our elements will be rated as 'excelling' in the next external validation in 2025. The process was worth doing to make sure that we reflect critically on our own practice from time to time and devise strategies for improvement. The objective always is to structure conditions of teaching and learning that will result in better outcomes for our students.

Last week we also had a 'deep dive' into the NAPLAN results for the school for Year 7 and 9. We are formulating action plans at the school, faculty, year cohort, class and individual level. We need to tackle weaknesses in writing in particular. More of what we intend to do will be published during Term 4.

Dr K A Jaggard
Principal



2LIBRARIES ANNUAL CHESS TOURNAMENTS

Your chess.com names need to be emailed to Mrs Crothers to enable the competition to work.

These are needed before we break up as the competition begins on First Break after the holidays. We want this round set up before the holidays.

Our 3-day school breaks only 15-minute Blitz Chess Knockout Tournament will cope with 64 players in each of the two tournaments. Get emails back to Mrs Crothers

immediately to be able to participate crothersv@sbhs.nsw.edu.au. This is our first online Chess Tournament ever.

The two Tournaments are:

- 1 – The "Amateur Tournament" (for non-Chess Club players)
- 2 – The Tournament for Chess Club players past and present.

Big boxes of chocolates will be mailed to the winners. (Parents please find consolation treats for the losers)

EBOOKS, OLIVER LOANS AND COVID LOCKDOWN.

Our libraries thought the quality of eBooks our subscriptions to Wheelers and SORA are offering has improved and your reading is showing how you appreciate these improved collections. If you have not looked at what is on offer for a year or so please do check these both out now. You are missing opportunities to read good books if you don't,

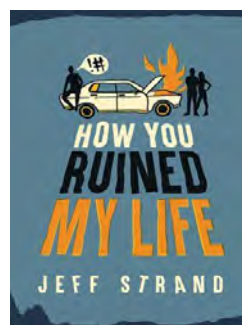
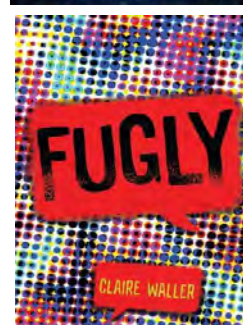
Wheelers' eBooks Cloud Site are reporting 1706 loans for the last 12 months.

SORA eBooks Cloud Site reports that 467 loans in the last 12 months

Oliver total loans over 12 months was 4456

6208 loans in total for all formats over 12 months.

A very quick look at SORA showed me these interesting books on the front-page Young Adult Fiction:



Mrs Crothers
Teacher-Librarian

Music NOTES

Term 3 – Term 4 Music Performance Program

Thank you to students, parents and guardians who have continued private instrumental lessons online this term. You may want to continue your weekly 1-1 lessons with your instrumental tutor over the Term 3 holidays (this is an option you can discuss with your tutor).

In Term 4, private instrumental lessons will resume ONLINE in Week 1 i.e., from Tuesday 5 October, unless advised otherwise by the instrumental tutor.

Due to ongoing covid restrictions, all music ensemble rehearsals are suspended until further notice.

Updates regarding the Music Performance Program will be notified to parents and guardians via **SZapp** and High Notes. Students will be notified via the Music Performance Canvas page.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your continued support for the Music Performance Program.

Hope you have a restful and safe holiday!

Term 3 Holidays – Music Tips over the Holidays

#1 Warm Up: Taking a bit of extra time warming up, may that be scales/arpeggios/playing long held notes etc. can help you to improve your tone, sound and technical fluency. Focus and actively engage in your warmup (don't just simply play them as exercises)

#2 Focus: Keep your practise sessions efficient and allocate specific time slots. Don't play your pieces over and over again, work and focus on different aspects/different sections/musical phrases etc.

#3 Take a Break: Routine is important, but it's also important to keep interested and motivated. Try not to get frustrated if something isn't working e.g., a technical passage/expressive technique/sound etc.

Break things down into smaller chunks to make progress, take a break and come back to it, it may or may not be a section that can be conquered in one practise session

#4 Listen to Music: There are loads of music platforms/websites/musical genres you can visit and listen to (YouTube/Spotify etc.), take the time to search up your favourite music artists/bands etc. catch up on those albums you've been meaning to listen to; make or find a new playlist; put it on shuffle. You might even want to start composing your own music over the holidays and download a professional music creator app e.g., Garage Band/Logic/FL Studio etc. (please note some are free/paid). There are so many resources out there!

#5: Follow Steps #1 – #4, but most importantly, have a fantastic break! Stay pro-active, be creative and stay SAFE!

Parent/Guardian/Student Communication

Parents and Guardians: Please download **SZapp** from the Apple App Store or Google Play and subscribe to 'MUSIC.' Installation guide can be found in the school's High Notes.

Students will be notified of any music news and notifications via the Music Performance Program CANVAS page, school's daily notices and High Notes. Students are responsible to read and keep updated of any Music Performance Program related events/material on a regular basis.

Attention Music Ensemble Students: If you are in the Music Ensembles Program and have not yet received a Music Performance Program Canvas invitation, please email the Music Department: music@sbhs.nsw.edu.au Please note: Students will also be notified of any music related events during ensemble rehearsals.





Update from the SBHS P&C



The Third Issue of *Light on Literacy* is Out Now!

Help support SBHS's focus on improving students' results in English and check out the third issue of the parent newsletter *Light on Literacy*. Get tips from Adithya Srivatsan, who came first in English Advanced in Year 12 last year and find out what SBHS is doing to improve literacy and learning.

LIGHT ON LITERACY ISSUE 3 - English version

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xf1qLHpNFmln6QRbQRXgGgs0qvJS1ZA8/view?usp=sharing>

LIGHT ON LITERACY ISSUE 3 中文- Chinese version

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aa6BJHuLz3ACf6ABX8Y6dg0EgWbHwbzF/view?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions, contributions (like book reviews) and/or suggestions for future editions, please email us at sbhs.pandc@gmail.com.



2021 P&C Feedback and Parent Survey

Please take this short 2-minute anonymous survey to help SBHS P&C understand what matters most to you.

<https://forms.gle/68GxRaiNzBbrVUL86>

In addition, all parents are invited to attend an informal zoom P&C feedback and 2022 planning session on **Friday 24 September, commencing 7:30pm**. Come along to give your views on P&C planning for 2022. Hope to see everyone in great numbers.

Mark your calendars and save this link to join online:

<https://au01web.zoom.us/j/66730152351?pwd=ckdYLORHVkrRwN0dzMktUNIVoUk1PZz09>

SBHS P&C Association

sbhs.pandc@gmail.com



Is your child struggling at school but financially unable to access external tutoring?

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

WHAT WE DO

- Connect students who struggle with school but are not able to afford tutoring otherwise to our dedicated volunteer tutors for free.
- Our tutors can assist Kindergarten to Year 9 students with English, Reading (K-2), Mathematics and Science.

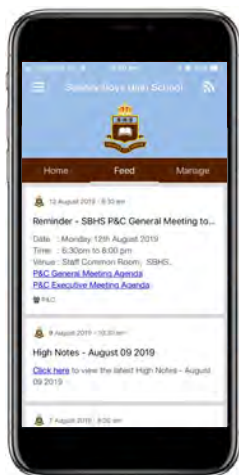
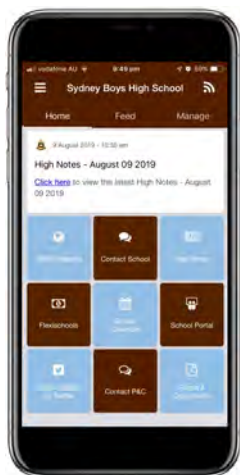
OUR MISSION

eTutors Project connects students who are having learning difficulties with access to free weekly tutoring lessons to help them succeed, regardless of their financial capability.

Stay up to date with SZapp

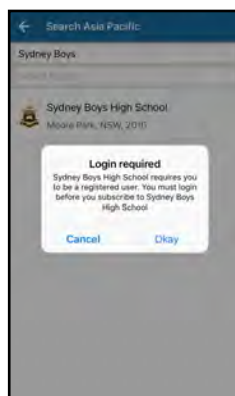
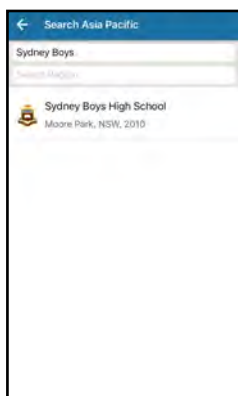
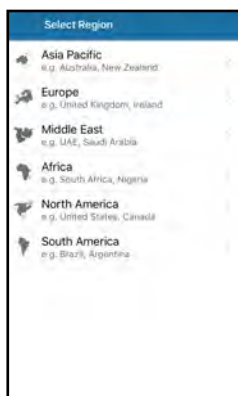
Download this App to be kept up to date with everything that is happening at **Sydney Boys High School**. It features School Calendar, School Newsletters, School Contacts, Documents, and Push Notification Alerts. Messages can be translated through the app into many different languages.

Installation Instructions



1. DOWNLOAD SZAPP

Search the App Store / Play Store for **SZapp**.
Download and install SZapp. **Install is Free.**

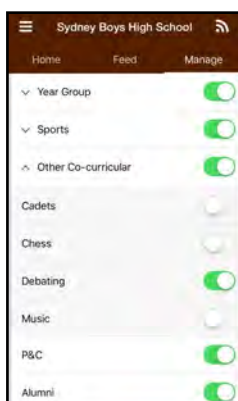
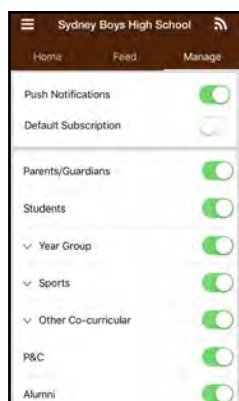


2. FIND OUR SCHOOL

Select Region: Asia Pacific
Sydney Boys High School

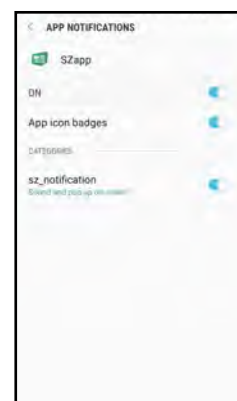
3. REGISTER A USER

You will need to register a user with your email or sign in with Google or Facebook.



4. MANAGE NOTIFICATIONS

Choose which group/s you would like to receive notifications from. Groups with arrows indicate that there are sub-groups which you can join.



5. CHECK SETTINGS FOR APP NOTIFICATIONS

Check your phone settings to allow for push notifications from SZapp.

For any further information see:

<http://www.schoolzineplus.com/app-faq>

WAYS VACATION CARE SPRING SCHEDULE



This information would be relevant for families with younger siblings in primary school and/or Year 7 students.

EVERYDAY FROM 8AM - 6PM

WEEK 1: 20TH SEP - 25TH SEP

MON 20th SEP
AM

'Little Succers' Build your own Terrarium Kit.



PM

Paint your own flowers pots
OR
Movies & Popcorn



TUES 21st SEP
AM

Laser Tag on the Rooftop



PM

Giant Yard Games on the Rooftop



WED 23rd SEP
AM

Sydney Chocolate and Coco Workshop



PM

Making Edible slime and Marshmallows



THURS 24th SEP
AM

MasterChef Masterclass
-Pizza and Pasta



PM

Making desserts and slices
OR
Movie & Popcorn



FRI 25th SEP
AM

Cinema Experience
(Disney+ Premier Access)



PM

WAYS
Amazing Race &
Scavenger Hunt



WEEK 2: 27TH SEP - 1ST OCT

MON 27th SEP
AM

RollerFit Workshop on the Rooftop



PM

Rooftop DIY Arcade Fun



TUES 28th SEP
AM

STEM Robotics Workshop



PM

Science Experiments
OR
Tye Dye Experience



WED 29th SEP
AM

Pablo & Picasso Art Workshop



PM

Rock Painting
OR
Making Slime



THURS 30th SEP
AM

Clay Kit Workshop



PM

Candle Making
OR
Tye Dye Experience



FRI 1st OCT
AM

CODE4FUN Coding Workshop



PM

E-Sports Gaming Comp
OR
Basketball Workshop



Contact us at oosh@ways.org.au or fill out our enquiry form that can be found via the QR code



***PLEASE NOTE THAT IF ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES HAVE TO BE CHANGED DUE TO LOCKDOWN AND COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, ALL BOOKINGS WILL BE NOTIFIED AND AN ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITY WILL BE ARRANGED.**



SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

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October 2021

17-09-2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 A	4 Labour Day - Public Holiday	5 School resumes - staff and students Year 11 meeting: 09:35 Alternative assessment tasks: Year 9 Mathematics, P1 Two libraries blitz chess championships, amateur and chess club players, recess and lunch, online World Teachers' Day	6 Two libraries blitz chess championships, amateur and chess club players, recess and lunch, online	7 Two libraries blitz chess championships, amateur and chess club players, recess and lunch, online	8	9	10
2 B	11 Year 9 Yearly Exams, online Alternative assessment tasks: 7MaR-P2, 7MaS-P2, 7MaE-P3, 7MaF-P3, 7MaM-P4, 7MaT-P4 P+C Executive Meeting, Zoom video conference, 17:00 P+C Meeting, Zoom video conference, 18:30-20:00	12 Year 9 Yearly Exams, online Prefect training morning via zoom, 09:30-11:00 School Council Meeting, Board Room, 17:30-19:00	13 Year 9 Yearly Exams, online Rowing: Committee Meeting, zoom, 19:00	14 Sports Council Meeting, Zoom, 07:30 Year 9 Yearly Exams, online Alternative assessment tasks: Year 8 Mathematics, P1	15 Year 9 Yearly Exams, online Year 7 History Summative task, CANVAS submission by 09:30	16	17
3 C	18 Year 7 Yearly Exams, online	19 Year 7 Yearly Exams, online Alternative assessment tasks: Year 10 Mathematics, P1 Foundation meeting, 18:30-20:30 Marching Band Rehearsal, 15:30-16:30	20 Year 7 Yearly Exams, online	21 Year 7 Yearly Exams, online Year 10 physics test - 09:00-09:30, online	22 Wellbeing Day, no online classes Peer mentoring: Celebration and reflection, selected Yr 8 and 10, lunch 1+2	23	24
4 A	25	26	27	28	29 Year 8 Meeting, Selected locations, 10:15-10:40 World Teachers' Day	30	31