



The Weekly Newsletter of Sydney Boys High School

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From the Principal



Welcome back to everyone in our school community. Hopefully you were all able to enjoy the two weeks break and are fresh and ready to get into the swing of Term 2!

High Talent

During the holidays, Nelsen Cheng (12T) and Luc Tran (10M) both competed in the NSW Weightlifting Championship. Nelson received Gold, as well as qualification for the Australian





Weightlifting Federation Youth Squad, while Luc attained Bronze in his division. Congratulations to both these students on such fantastic achievements.

Congratulations to New Staff Appointees

At the end of Term 1 we had two permanent staff appointments with these teachers commencing their roles this week. Kerryn Ibbott has been appointed our new Head Teacher Science and Robin Wang as one of our Mathematics teachers. They join Jeremy Ohlback in English and Catherine Loh in Social Science who commenced their new permanent positions towards the end of Term 1. We also welcome Rodney Love relieving in the Junior Library, Eric Choy and Dean Taylor in Mathematics, Christina Eckmann in English and Rosa Owen as part of our office staff. Congratulations to all of you and we look forward to working with you all in your various roles!

With the Term 2 assessment periods underway,

academic reports will start being released in the near future, commencing with Year 12 in Week 3. These reports communicate various matters to parents, with each of these outlined in our newsletter in the coming weeks. A reminder to all students and parents that these reports indicate student absences, including both explained and unexplained whole-day and partial absences. Now would be a good time to double check that all absences, both whole-day and partials, have been explained before reports are finalised.

We recommend parents and students regularly check the school portal to view student absences and ensure boys' attendance records are up to date. Any absences (both whole day and partial) that are not currently explained need a parent to email absences@sbhs.nsw.edu.au with reasons for the absence so that the student's attendance is updated on time for distribution of reports.

Change to Close Contact Rule

Regarding absences, this week the new close contact rules have also changed. Students who are close contacts of positive cases may return to school, as long as they have no symptoms and follow the close contact guidelines, including daily rapid antigen testing (RAT) for 7 days and wearing a mask indoors. Additional supplies of RAT kits will be distributed to all schools for distribution to students in coming weeks. Students and staff returning to school after testing positive are also recommended to wear a mask for an additional 3 days after the 7-day isolation period.

School Uniform

Recently, the school has received several enquiries about the uniform as the weather cools. It's important for students to remember that when in their sports uniform they must wear the school sports jacket or Year 12 jersey. When wearing the school uniform, they must wear the school pullover, Year 12 jersey or the school blazer. A white t-shirt may also be worn underneath the school shirt for colder weather but must not be visible. Any other items including school memorabilia such as the Sydney High hoodie or Armidale jumper may not be worn to or from school or at school events.

We've also had several queries regarding the school blazer. Sky blue braid around the edges of the blazer may be worn by students who are entitled to wear a Line (i.e. for school representation at the highest levels for Sports, Chess, Debating, Music etc.), by those who have achieved House Colours, and by those who achieve the platinum School Award. The school badges regulations can be found in the portals:

- Student Portal under: R Drive \ School Admin \
 School Policies \ Co-Curricular & Leadership \
 Badges Regulations
- Parent Portal under: School Reference
 Documents \ School Policies \ Co-Curricular &
 Leadership \ Badges Regulations

Students Reported Doing Well

On a final note, I recently received an email from a member of the public praising the good behaviour of two unnamed Junior School students. These boys respectfully addressed a fellow passenger at Central Station to check whether they could sit in close proximity to him on the platform. This gentleman stated that his interactions with them showed their impeccable manners, which are especially important in these situations today given varying levels of comfort when in close proximity to others.

While seemingly minor actions, it's important to note that even the simplest of respectful acts are often noted by those around us. Well done to these two students on upholding the school values!

Jamie Kay Relieving Principal



National Latin Exam Results

On Wednesday 26th March 43 Sydney Boys Senior Latin Students sat the 2022 National Latin Exam. A big congratulations to Martin Lee, Yu Ming Lee & Dylan Freeman who all won gold medals in their Exam! They have each qualified to apply for a National Latin Exam scholarship based on their test performance.

Kurt Rich Acting Head Teacher PDHPE & LOTE









Cadet Battalion Bivouac

Over the holidays, senior cadets and NCOs of SHSCU were thrust back into the field for the first time since early 2021. At Scheyville National Park, our cadets were put through harrowing weather conditions, which bordered on both extremes, as well as medical crises that impacted all units that attended. SHSCU teamed up with HAHSACU (Hurlstone Agricultural High School Army Cadet Unit), to form Alpha Company, which consisted of around thirty cadets and NCOs in total, some of whom had never been on a bivouac (short camp) before.

Arriving at school during the early hours of the first Saturday of the holidays, cadets were bussed to Scheyville, after which stores were unloaded and lessons



commenced in preparation for the exercise to be conducted, gallantly dubbed Exercise HAWKEYE. After two well spent days learning the ins and outs of

navigation and radio telecommunications (RATEL), as well as some well-earned downtime, the cadets were ready for Exercise HAWKEYE.

Throughout the bivouac, the cadets were exposed to a myriad of activities, including night activities such as night navigation, and daytime activities such as tug of war and spider web. Through participation in these activities, the cadets were able to reinvigorate their love for cadets and develop resilience and grit in the face of hardships. The characteristics built by these activities culminated in successful completion of Exercise HAWKEYE, a search and rescue mission wherein cadets were tasked with finding a campsite where unauthorised campers had been taken.



However, on the third day of the bivouac, disaster struck, with two cases of the illness-that- shall-not-be-named, and with our entire sibling company Bravo getting a case of trench foot, it would seem that the activity was destined for failure. However, with the brilliant ingenuity of the Senior NCOs, namely COYCOMD CUO Jiya Daga (SHSCU) and CxSM CDTSGT Isabelle Sun (HAHSACU), Alpha company was able to not only continue the exercise, but thrive through its newfound trial.



Finally, the exercise came to a conclusion without any further hitches and as Alpha company began to pack up everything, an air of melancholy fell over the company, it was too soon for our first biv in a year to come to an end. However, this biv left everyone with new lessons learnt, and new experiences to carry on throughout the rest of our cadet careers.

CUO Oscar Chen (11T)



NCO Report

It is safe to say that the recent bivouac was a rollercoaster of emotions.

The bivouac started off a s a typical cloudy day. As we got off the bus, all cadets participated in the heavy carrying of the heavy cadet baggage, picking up kit bags regardless of who's it was. However, as we were setting up our tents, monstrous rain suddenly began hurdling down upon us. Most uncomfortably squandered under the protection of the trusty make-shift shelter but few unfortunately got soaked. If others didn't get soaked then,

they would either succumb to an apocalyptic puddle of mud or the moist grass. However, as we were gathering at the parade ground, no one complained. Each individual exerted exceptionally unnerving maturity and diligence. This is one of the great beauties of cadets. When experiencing moments of turmoil, you will always know that you're not alone and you can communicate these experiences with other cadet members.



The 23rd bivouac also allowed our NCO's to experience leading in the field. During the first days, our amazing NCO's prepared inspiring lessons, teaching the cadet members new skills such as judging distance, target detection, and squad formations which they could apply throughout the bivouac. All cadets would then participate in Exercise Hawkeye, an operation which provided cadets with a realistic situation where we would use the skills of ratel and compasses to navigate to a certain point. When the sun set and night set in, cadets would also participate in various night navigation exercises, enhancing their compass navigation skills in the dark. We would also play in the fun game of capture the flag and red-light green light.



For those newer faces in our unit, the bivouac is undoubtably an extraordinary experience which will have a profound impact on you. It will change the way you view this world, more importantly, how lucky we are and most importantly you will meet cadets from other units which may become the people you hang around for the rest of your life.

CDTCPL Aiden Lee (10R)



Sydney High School Cadet Unit Commemorating ANZAC Day 2022 through Community Events

One of Sydney High School Cadet Unit's (SHSCU) objectives this year is to engage the community more through events and activities. By connecting with the community, cadets can broaden their views and experiences. For this year's ANZAC Day, SHSCU supported several community events to honour the bravery of the ANZACs, as well as other men and women who have died in armed conflict while serving Australia. SHSCU provided a catafalque party to the Moore Park Dawn Service, laid a wreath in Paddington RSL's ANZAC Service, and participated in NSW AAC Brigade's World War 1 Banner Party at the City of Sydney ANZAC Day March. Well done SHSCU!

Daniel Johnsun

Moore Park ANZAC DAY Dawn Service





Parents & Guardians of Cadets:_Please download SZapp from the Apple App Store or Google Play and subscribe to 'CADETS.' SZapp installation guide can be found at the end of

ANZAC Day Sydney CBD March





Wreath Laying at Paddington RSL Service







April 2022 Working Bee

A huge thank you t the 50 parents and students who gave up the first Saturday of the school holidays to clean-up the rowing sheds. A skip bin full of rubbish was removed and the Outterside Centre is now ready for rowing camps to resume in October 2022.

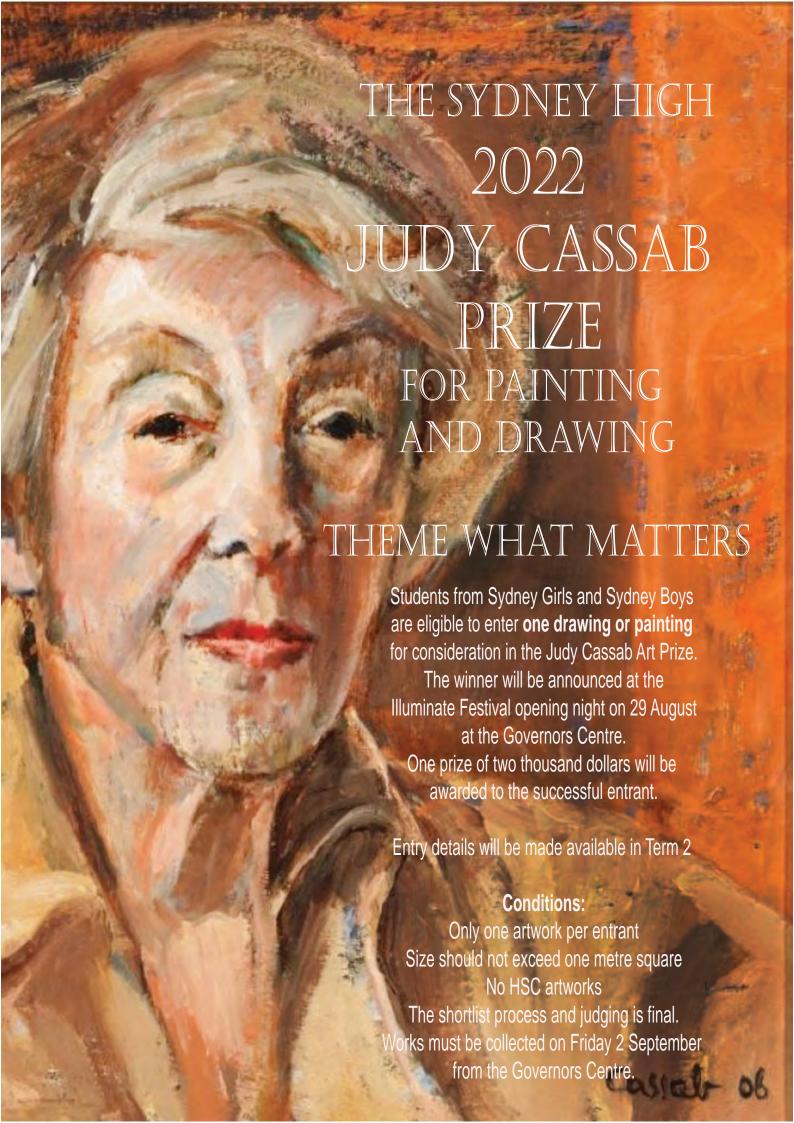


Communication About the Off-Season:

For parents – Szapp – rowing group For students – The CANVAS rowing page All communication will go through these chan

All communication will go through these channels so please ensure you are a part of these if you are rowing.

George Barris MIC of Rowing





Term 2 Music Performance Program (MPP)

Welcome Back everyone! Hope you have had a relaxing break these holidays.

ALL music ensembles and private instrumental lessons resume from Week 1 this term i.e. from Wednesday 27th April (unless advised otherwise by the ensemble conductor and/or private instrumental tutor and/or the Music Department)

SAVE THE DATE:

Event: Semester 1 Music Concert Date/Time: Tuesday 21 June, 6.30pm

Venue: SBHS Great Hall

All music ensembles will be performing. Students are required to be in school uniform (blazars are not required).

Please note: More information will be provided soon

regarding this event

Music Storage Room

The music storage room will re-open from Wednesday 27 April.

A reminder to all students in the Music Performance Program:

*The music storage room is ONLY for instrument(s)

*Please do NOT block the pathway inside when leaving instrument(s) in the Music Storage Room.

*Please make sure to place your instrument(s) neatly in the appropriate instrumental bay(s).

*Please ensure students have a clear name tag with their name/year on their instrument case.

*Students and parents are reminded that SBHS does not provide instrument insurance or cover. The Music Department will not take responsibility for loss or damage whether on or off the school property.

*Non-music instrumental items/accessories will be removed without any warning

IMPORTANT - Covid Requirements

*Students who do not feel well should NOT be at school and therefore should not be attending ensemble rehearsals and/or private instrumental lessons.

*Students will need to bring their own instrument(s)/equipment/accessories (e.g. quitar picks/drum sticks/quitar leads etc.) - items will NOT be loaned and/or supplied by the Music Department

2022 Sydney Southeast Symphonic Winds (SSSW)

The SSSW will recommence in 2022 and continue to provide outstanding music education opportunities for students.

Students in years 7, 8 who are enrolled in a Public School located in the Sydney area can apply. Year 9 students who were a member of the 2021 ensembles are also welcome to apply.

Auditions for 2022 will be held on Saturday 14th May & Sunday 15 May at Caringbah North Public School. Applications close on Sunday 8 May. For more information, please visit: http://www.gspsensembles.com/

2022 Talent Development Project (TDP)

TDP offers a unique training program that hosts monthly workshops for diverse, talented young artists to explore and develop their musical abilities in a creative and collaborative environment.

This program is run in consultation with industry professionals and is offered to only NSW Government High School students from Years 9-12. There is no fee to students who are accepted into the program.

Students are encouraged to explore different genres and styles, and creatively challenge themselves in areas of singing, song writing, production and performance. For more information, please visit:

https://www.talentdevelopmentproject.org.au/

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.

2022 Music Ensemble Schedule

MONDAY (Potoro School)	TUESDAY (Pefere School)	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY (Pefere School)	FRIDAY
(Before School) Intermediate	(Before School) Senior Concert	(Before School) Junior Stage Band	(Before School) Intermediate Stage	(Before School) Senior Strings
Concert Band	Band & Symphony	7.45am – 8.45am	Band	Ensemble
7.45am – 8.45am	Orchestra	Room 101	7.45am – 8.45am	7.45am – 8.45am
Governors Centre	7.45am – 8.45am		Room 101	Room 101
	Governors Centre			
Guitar Ensemble		Senior Stage Band	Philharmonic	Chamber Choir
7.45am – 8.45am		7.45am – 8.45am	Orchestra	8.00am – 9.00am
Room 201		Room 201	7.45am – 8.45am	Room 201
			Room 201	
			Junior Strings	Marching Band
			Ensemble	8.00am – 9.00am
			7.45am – 8.45am	MPW/ Room 102
			Room 203	Terms 1 & 4 only
			Terms 1 & 2 only	
(After School)	(Before School)	(Before School)	(Before School)	(Before School)
Guitar Ensemble	Percussion		Jazz Ensemble	
3.20m – 4.20pm	Ensemble			3.30pm – 4.30pm
Room 201	3.45pm – 4.45pm			Room 201
	Room 201			
	Marching Band			
	3.30pm – 4.30pm			
	Great Hall/ Room			
	102			
	Terms 1 & 4 only			

2022 Term 2 Music Events Calendar

WEEK	DATE	EVENT	MUSIC STUDENTS INVOLVED
Week 1B	From Wednesday 27 April	ALL music ensembles & private instrumental lessons resume (unless advised otherwise)	Music Performance Program
Week 2C	Tuesday 3 May	HSC Music 1 & 2 Composition Workshop, 9.15am – 1.15pm, Rm 101	HSC Music 1 & 2 students
Week 5C	Thursday 26 May	Leadership Assembly, 9.55am Great Hall	Elective Music Students TBC
Week 5C	Friday 27 May	Winder Sports Assembly, 10.15am Great Hall	Elective Music Students TBC
Week 6A	Tuesday 31 May	HSC Music 1 & 2 Composition Workshop, 9.15am – 12.45pm, Rm 101	HSC Music 1 & 2 students
Week 8C	Tuesday 14 June	HSC Music 1 & 2 Composition Workshop, 9.15am – 1.45pm, Rm 101	HSC Music 1 & 2 students
Week 8C – 9A	Sunday 19 June – Tuesday 21 June	Music Ensembles Workshop Times & Venues TBC	All Music Ensembles TBC
Week 9A	Tuesday 21 June	Semester 1 Music Concert, 6.30pm – 8.00pm Great Hall	All Music Ensembles
Week 10B	Thursday 30 June	NAIDOC Assembly, 9.55am Great Hall	Elective Music Students TBC

Music Events are continually added and/or are subject to change





Sydney High Weightlifting Club

On Saturday 23rd April (last weekend of the holidays), two of our students, Nelson Cheng (12T) & Luc Tran (10) competed at the u15 & Youth (u17) NSW Weightlifting Championship in Newcastle. Both boys were in the Youth M67 category, Nelson came away with the Gold and Luc with the Bronze. Nelson achieved at total of 187kg Snatching 80kg & Clean & Jerking 107, this total was not

only good enough for the gold but qualifies him for the Australian Weightlifting Federation Youth Squad. Luc in his 2nd comp achieved a total of 122kg, snatching 55kg & Clean & Jerk 72kg.

Congratulations to both boys who represented the school, the weights room and themselves well.

Kurt Rich

Head Strength & Conditioning Coach









Zone Athletics Trials

With the School Athletics Carnival being Cancelled, students were asked to respond to an online survey to register their interest in certain events to be trialled. Students need to pay attention to CANVAS – Sport – Announcements over the next couple of weeks as details on where and when these trials will be held will be posted there.

Kurt Rich MIC Athletics



HIGH STORE NOTICE

The High Store will be closed everyday next week from Monday 2 May – Friday 6 May.





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with the Study Samurai Library!

Sydney Boys High school has organised a unique opportunity for students, parents and teachers at your school to learn from two experts: Dr Prue Salter who specialises in study skills and Rocky Biasi who specialises in peak performance, motivation and wellbeing.

To learn more, here's what you need to do:

- Check SzApp or email to parents for login details, then go to studysamurailibrary.com
- Students can access login details from their Year Group Canvas Announcements.
- Watch the welcome video.

Using the Study Samurai Library:

1. Try and watch at least one of the video lessons each fortnight - there are 75 to choose from! If there is an area you want to learn more about you are also welcome to watch those videos at any time.

The categories are:

- Performance
- · Study Skills
- · Time Management · Mindset
- · Wellbeing
- 2. Your Study Samurai Library also includes access to Prue's Online Study Skills Handbook website and Rocky's Online Wellbeing Resource. These resources can be accessed through the menu at the top when you log into the Study Samurai site. Explore the resources on these sites to learn more about study skills and wellbeing.

Your Study Samurai Library Includes



Prue and Rocky on study skills and wellbeing topics



Website with 48 study skills units of work

