



## From the Principal High Talent

At the recent CHSSA Rowing Championships, High boys came up against a strong Northern Beaches team. The enhanced competition is good for us and makes the standard higher. Crews won 17 medals – 3 gold, 9 silver and 5 bronze. Championship Men's Single Scull – Gold (Jacob Yin), silver (Zhangbo Wang) and bronze (Jack Wang). U17 Single Scull – silver (Dean Johnsun). U15 Single Scull – gold (Roman Samsonov). Championship Men's Pair – silver (Zhou, Choi). Championship Men's Double Scull – bronze (Zhou, Choi). U17 Double Scull – bronze (Li, Xin). U15 Double Scull – silver (Samsonov, Zhang). **Coxed Quad Scull – Championship** - silver (Rusli, Wang, Ying, Wang c Ta); **U17** – silver (Johnsun, Singh, Xin, Li c Park) and bronze (Park, Jouravlev, Zhang, Lee c Lai); **U16** – silver (Zou, McCleod, Wilkinson, Varthakhavi c Denigan); **U15** – gold (Zhang, Choe, Zhang, Samsonov c Miu) and silver (Liu, Hu, Lai, Ye c He). Championship Men's Coxed Four – silver (Rusli, Chen, Mustafa, Tran c Chen) and bronze (Wachsmann, Wong, Huang, Nguyen c Park). Congratulations to the team, their coaches and Mr Barris as MIC.



## Literacy Development in Years 7-9

As part of our literacy objective in our *Strategic Improvement Plan*, we intend all students to engage in literacy development. In a nutshell, we want our students to be more skilful, accurate, versatile and purposeful writers. We want them to read more widely, analyse more closely and listen more acutely. There is an ongoing whole school emphasis on **closer reading, clearer writing**. Students need to focus on audience, sentence construction, ideas generation and vocabulary. Examples of text types you should be able to identify when you read and compose when you write include – narrative, procedure, report, description, discussion, exposition, recount, poem, text response, analysis and evaluation. We want

students to create more legible, coherent and accurate texts. In addition, to develop student vocabulary, we are asking for parental support to encourage wide reading using the Junior Library resources to assist in building student vocabulary. Dr Love has purchased many books recommended by the students themselves that can be borrowed from the Andrews Library.

## Spelling Tests in Years 7-9

We have too many 'cusp kids' – at HSC mark 88 or 89. They don't quite get Band 6. Why didn't they get there?

Often, it is because their expression, sentence construction, spelling or handwriting or a



combination thereof, produced what I call an 'apprehension of flawed excellence' in the mind of the examiner – conscious or subconscious – that

led to a reduction in an assessed mark by the examiner on one or more questions, even if just by one mark.

Teachers can't be expected to have to move students from band 4 to 5 at the HSC in two years if expression is holding them back. We need to fix this problem in the Junior School. Many faculties have vocabulary lists aligning with topics taught. It is easier to learn to spell words you will be using. The Executive has agreed (7.3.23) to commence 10-word spelling tests for every class in Year 7-9 once a cycle, to increase *spelling accuracy in context*.

**More sophisticated, confident and accurate writers will deliver more Band 6 outcomes at the HSC in more courses from the same base of ability, knowledge and understanding.**

## 2022 Budget Summary

Balance brought forward was \$975,727. The total income from DoE was \$12,408,411. Total income from school and community sources was \$4,246,032, including grants and contributions (\$4,154,651), sale of goods and services (\$75,502) and investment income and other



revenue (\$15,879). Income from all sources was \$16,654,443. Within those totals, donations to the SHS Building Fund and to the P & C were \$ 677,760. Funds available \$16,799,880.

Total payments were \$16,767,771, predominantly salaries and wages for staff (\$13,442,333) and operating expenses (\$3,325,438). Fees for service rendered (\$986,338), mostly coaching payments, and other operating expenses were \$958,680. Key Learning Area expenditure was \$274,507. Property Maintenance costs were \$341,657. Furniture and equipment (\$263,725).

Overall, payments as a percentage of funds available was 99.8%, meaning we do not build up reserves beyond a slender carried forward operating balance (which has now become very small). The 2022 payments percentage was again higher than normal, due to properties projects being brought forward during the period, rising inflation and more expensive equipment and services inputs. **At High the very strong reliability of our income flows from parents through donations and contributions has allowed this very high expenditure percentage to be maintained for 23 years. I am counting on that great support continuing in 2023!**



### Sentence Conscious Pedagogy: Using Appositives

An appositive is second noun or phrase, placed beside a noun to explain it more fully. An appositive defines or describes a person, place or thing. eg The Head of the River, a prestigious rowing regatta for GPS rowers in Years 10 to 12 held at SIRC in March each year, is very competitive. Appositives are easy to construct and add variety and complexity to sentence composition. Appositives can help when writing topic and concluding sentences. They help add more variety, information and sophistication to your sentences. A knowledge of appositives can help your reading comprehension because appositives are rarely spoken.

Dr K A Jaggar  
Principal



### The Philosophy in Schools Association

#### NSW 2023 Essay Competition

Open to students in Years 10,11,12.

Closes 1 May (2,000 words).

For more information and entry form, please email: [eggletonj@sbhs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:eggletonj@sbhs.nsw.edu.au)

#### Stimulus

##### ***Should there be restrictions on free speech?***

Consider these two contrasting views:

**In favour of unrestricted free speech:** Unrestricted free speech is morally and socially beneficial because it promotes individual autonomy, supports democracy and prevents oppression. It's also epistemically beneficial because even in the case of controversial, offensive or false views, it's better for them to be debated openly to allow for evaluation and critique, than for them to be suppressed and potentially pushed underground.

**In favour of restrictions:** Some kinds of speech are morally and socially harmful (eg hate speech) and/or epistemically harmful (e.g. misinformation). The harms of allowing such discourse outweigh any possible benefits, and restrictions on these forms of speech are justified for the good of individuals and society.

Critically evaluate these views and defend your own view on this topic.

Julie Eggleton  
Coordinator





### Community Services Committee – Lak Saviya Foundation BBQ & Mufti Day

The Lak Saviya Foundation is a registered charity organisation in Australia that have undertaken a number of worthy projects in Sri Lanka in areas improving education, health and livelihoods of people living in poverty. SBHS has been in a long-standing relationship with the Lak Saviya Foundation since 2005, providing financial assistance for our sister school in Sri Lanka, Kahawa Rathnasara Maha Vidyalaya (KRMV) School, which was devastated in the 2004 tsunami.

On Friday 24 February, the Sydney Boys High Community Service Committee (CSC) ran the Lak Saviya BBQ and mufti day along with volunteers from the Year 10 cohort with all proceeds going to KRMV which is still in need of financial assistance. The money raised has been used to help fund programs to improve IT teaching, English Teaching, Internet, and Teaching Materials.

Throughout the day, many Year 10 volunteers played various roles to ensure the smooth running of the BBQ event, including set up, cooking, selling, collecting mufti donations and packing up. Overseeing all these roles was the BBQ Organiser, Ric Hou, working with the CSC Executive team to ensure nothing went wrong.



During periods 1 and 2, volunteers set up the BBQ and the selling areas, and the cooks began to barbeque the sausages. The BBQ was planned to run for both breaks, and with the addition of kebabs to the menu. However, to everyone's surprise, we managed to sell out after the first half of lunch! Overall, the event was a great success raising a profit of \$1,648. A big thank you to all 68 volunteers on the day. The next CSC event will be the Sir Roden and Lady Cutler Foundation BBQ on Friday 17 March from 5:00pm to 7:30pm where we hope to see you there!

**Dean Johnsun 11F**  
CSC Publicity Officer



### EARLY LEAVE REMINDER

The school **does not** accept early leave applications via email or telephone.

The procedures for early leave are as follows:

Students must bring a note to the office that has been signed by **both a parent AND a Deputy Principal BEFORE 8.55am.**

The note must contain the **student's name, roll class, date, time of departure and reason for leave.**

The student then returns to the office at the stated time and collects an early leave pass.

**Please note:** Early leave requests submitted after 8.55am and / or sent via email or telephone will not be accepted or processed by the office.





## Meet the Prefect – Samuel Choi



# SAMUEL CHOI

Fencing Prefect  
High Spirit Prefect  
Saxby House Captain

Rowing Fencing

*"Everyone may be ordinary, but they're not normal"*

## Subjects

English Ext 1 Math Ext 2 Chemistry

Modern History Accel Biology

## Fun Facts

- Is an Inter-School Christian Fellowship Leader
- Massive fan of the Beatles (knows every song)
- Been to 6 primary schools (including one in Melbourne)

 **HIGH BEFORE I**

### What does High Spirit mean to me?

High Spirit is a simple thing, but often it is the most simple things that take years to truly understand. It has certainly taken me my 6 year high school journey to realise what High Spirit really is. It's being a part of the school. Every part. The great thing about this school, and one of the reasons I'm so proud to be writing this as a prefect, senior and leader, is that there are a wide variety of experiences each High boy can involve themselves in. Each club, sport and extracurricular activity the school offers opens a window for a whole new world of chances and enjoyment to those who may have never been exposed to them. The sports I participate in, rowing and fencing, is just one example of how unique this school is compared to any other High school.

### What is your advice to students at High?

My first and really only advice is to get involved. Get stuck into the culture and you'll find friendships, culture and excitement that make this the best school to go to. Always strike up conversations with your classmates and teachers and get to know them as they are all part of the High Spirit. Go down to all the big sporting events and support your friends who have sacrificed time and effort for school success. You'll be amazed at how much you actually get out of being involved in High. High Spirit has been a central part of the school since 1883 and as long as each student continues to love the school and others, it will remain in the school's vast walls, echoing for centuries to come.

## Meet the Prefect – Sumanth Bodidi



**SUMANTH BODIDI**

**Cricket Prefect**  
**Year 9 Prefect**

Cricket Football Athletics

*"Even when all the odds are against you, bet on yourself"*

**Subjects**

English Adv Math Ext 1 PDHPE

Chemistry Biology

**Fun Facts**

- Once got hit 4 times in the head while batting in the same cricket match (was wearing a helmet don't worry)
- Forgot his whites to a First XI cricket match

 **HIGH BEFORE I**

### What do you love about cricket at High?

One of the best things about cricket at High, would be the opportunities presented to you. Playing against the top teams in Sydney at the most beautiful and prestige grounds you'll ever see is a once in a lifetime experience for most cricketers. On top of this, travelling across Australia to play against schools from different states is an unforgettable experience. Cricket is one of the most rewarding sports there is, and the memories created are endless. Every single one of the 3 training sessions a week, and the 8 hour long Saturdays for the past 5 years have all been worth it, and the friendships built with your teammates will last a lifetime. Some of my favourite memories from cricket at High would be our win against Brisbane High in the East Coast Cup, and our 4 wins in a row in the 16As.

### What advice would you give to students at High?

Participate in the school life as much as possible! There are so many extracurricular activities available at High, and the experiences are all rewarding and will make you a better person. I especially encourage all students to attend the big three sporting events (Head of the River, GPS Swimming Carnival and GPS Athletics Carnival) because the atmosphere and High Spirit present is unmatched to anything you have ever seen before. Another big thing especially for juniors, is to relax a bit with academics. Right now, you have very little stress and I recommend that you enjoy your high school life by participating in the High lifestyle. Once you enter the senior years, your focus will be on academics and there will be less of an opportunity to participate in these activities, so enjoy the junior years while they last!



## Meet the Prefect – Ben Pirom



### BEN PIROM

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#### Music Prefect Fairland House Captain

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BasketballFootball

"Talk less, smile more"

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#### Subjects

English Adv

Math Ext 1

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Music 2 Accel

Physics

#### Fun Facts

- Is an Inter-School Christian Fellowship leader
- Went from being right-footed to having left foot rivalling Messi's
- His HSC music 2 comp is the school office phone line hold music

 **HIGH BEFORE I**

### What do you love about High's music program?

Here at High, we boast an incredible music program and consistent success in HSC music. Students are capable of experiencing a myriad of musical styles, ranging from the groovy jazz of our Stage bands to the articulate classical music of our string ensembles. Through annual music camps and quinquennial international tours, we display the success and reputation of the program, led by our passionate and industrious music staff. Having been a part of 10 different ensembles myself, I have experienced camaraderie in the zeal for music shared by hundreds of my peers. High's Music Program fosters creativity and dedication, encapsulating what it means to be a High student.

### What is your role as Fairland House Captain?

As House captains, it is our responsibility to encourage inter-year relationships and foster High Spirit for all the boys in Fairland. Having classes with their fellow house members in Year 7, the shared pride these students grow is seen in house sport carnivals and competitions. Though it's not just the mates in your house that you'll stick with - all of the lads I've met through football and

music have shaped me too. I intend on becoming an approachable figure, someone that anyone (except arsenal fans) can chat with. Nurturing camaraderie and companionship in High Spirit is one of the key goals of our Prefect body.

### If you were to go back in time, what would you do differently?

If I had the chance to relive my time at High, I'd take advantage of all our school has to offer. High school life is more than just studying 24/7; many say that Year 7 doesn't really matter in the long run, but to all juniors who have decided to read this far, take advantage of all the many opportunities and free time you will have. I wish I was more courageous in challenging myself with unfamiliar activities like chess or public speaking. Aside from this, prioritise subjects you are passionate for and not just ones you might feel pressured to do. My dad still regrets not forcing me to keep German so I could move to Germany and go to university for free. Nonetheless, my years at High have rewarded me with humility, in addition to understanding of the infinite opportunities we have and how little we can discover in our short lives.

## Meet the Teacher - Ms Lau



**Describe a little bit about yourself and your role at this school.**

I'm a new English teacher at Sydney Boys High School. I'm deeply passionate about bookwork and handwriting (my boys can attest to that!). I believe that improvement is always attainable with consistent effort; even if you only improve 1% at a time, that still counts as you are moving forward. I always try to teach this to my classes because we all can do better than the day before.

**Describe a little bit about your background in education and how you came to be an English teacher at this school.**

I was born and raised in Malaysia, so I went to a different school system compared to here. I learned both English and Bahasa Malaysia as our main languages, though you can tell which I preferred to teach. Though, I would argue my schooling experience is not that different to yours. We share the assessment anxiety, the excitement to race to the canteen to get first pick and the dread of getting your homework checked by your teacher. Above all else, we are just trying to find ourselves and our place in this world. I currently have a place here in this school and I look forward to learning more from both my colleagues and you, my students.

**Given you only came to this school recently, is there anything about SBHS that surprises you?**

When I first arrived here, I was entirely confused with the layout of the school. I could never really find my classes as I have no sense of direction. Often my students have to direct me where to go!

**What are you looking forward to at SBHS in the coming years?**

I look forward to getting to know my students and foster a safe environment where they can take risks and have fun in high school. I'm keen to challenge myself in terms of content with my subject and to build positive relationships with the community of SBHS.

**What is a fun fact about you?**

I love to game on my PS5 whenever I have the time. My favourite game so far is definitely "Ghost of Tsushima". I also watch anime and Korean dramas (absolutely adored Spy x Family). I guess another fun fact that my students definitely know about me is that Math was not my strong suit when I was in school. But I did not give up and kept working out of sheer spite- I got an 'A' as my final grade.

### **SRC WEEKLY UPDATE Week 7 Term 1**

The SRC held its second official meeting this week, and the first one with all our Year 7 members.

You can follow us on Instagram  
[@sydneyhighsrc](https://www.instagram.com/sydneyhighsrc) for more updates.

If you have any suggestions, please  
feel free to message us.

Look forward to a  
**Lunchtime Tetris Comp**  
planned soon!





### 2023 Semester 1 Music Co-Payment

Thank you to parents and/or guardians who have already completed and submitted the Semester 1 Music Co-Payment.

We kindly ask and remind parents and/or guardians to check and pay the Semester 1 Music Co-Payment through the Parent Online Payment Portal and/or visit <https://pay.sbhs.net.au/>

### Mandatory Marching Band Holiday Rehearsals & Performance Uniform

All Marching Band students in Years 7-12 must attend both holiday rehearsals.

\*Holiday Rehearsal #1: Friday 21 April, 9.30am – 12.30pm (GH, MPW).

\*Holiday Rehearsal #2: Monday 24 April, 9.30am – 12.30pm (MPW).

\*Anzac Day CBD Parade: Monday 25 April (Time TBC). More information will be sent out soon.

Students will be required to wear FULL school uniform for both holiday rehearsals and on Anzac Day. Students must wear: School Blazer\*, White collared shirt\*\*, school black shoes, school long grey pants, school tie, school socks.

\*School Blazer – If your son does not have a blazer, either purchase one from the “High Store” or ask another student to borrow theirs for the 3 dates (holiday rehearsals + Anzac Day).

\*\*White Shirt (Years 7-9) – No need to purchase one from the High Store, you can purchase a white collared shirt from Target/Big W/Kmart (examples).

If you have any questions/enquiries regarding Marching Band, we ask students to speak to either Ms S Lim and/or Mr P Aoun directly in the Music Department.

Please note: No Marching Band rehearsals in Terms 2 and 3. Rehearsals resume in Term 4.

### Music Performance Program Term 1

If you are interested to join a music ensemble(s) and/or learn a new instrument, we ask students to come and speak to the Music Department.

It is never too late to join a music ensemble and/or learn a new instrument.

### 2023 Sydney Southeast Symphonic Winds (SSSW)

The SSSW provides outstanding music education opportunities for students. This includes a number of performance opportunities for students enrolled in public schools in and around the Sydney area.

The band regularly performs at leading performance venues such as the Sydney Opera House, Angel Place, Town Hall, Parliament House, Verbruggen Hall and also represents the Department of Education at official events throughout Sydney. Applications close on Friday 28 April 2023.

For more information, please visit: [www.gspensembles.com](http://www.gspensembles.com)

### Music Storage Room

A reminder to all students in the Music Performance Program:

\*The music storage room is ONLY used to store music 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.

### 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 Clipboard, 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. Students will also be notified of any music related events during ensemble rehearsals.

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](mailto:music@sbhs.nsw.edu.au)



### 2023 Music Ensemble Schedule

MONDAY (Before School)	TUESDAY (Before School)	WEDNESDAY (Before School)	THURSDAY (Before School)	FRIDAY (Before School)
Intermediate Concert Band 7.45am – 8.45am Governors Centre	Senior Concert Band 7.45am – 8.45am Governors Centre	Junior Stage Band 7.45am – 8.45am Room 101	Intermediate Stage Band 7.45am – 8.45am Room 101	Symphonic Strings 8.00am – 9.00am Room 101
Guitar Ensemble 7.45am – 8.45am Room 201		Senior Stage Band 7.45am – 8.45am Room 201	Philharmonic Orchestra 7.45am – 8.45am Room 201	Chamber Choir 8.00am – 9.00am Room 201
			Junior Strings Ensemble 7.45am – 8.45am Room 203 <i>Terms 1 &amp; 2 only</i>	Marching Band 8.00am – 9.00am MPW/ Room 102 <i>Terms 1 &amp; 4 only</i>
			Junior & Senior String Quartet 7.45am – 8.45am Room 202 <i>From Term 2</i>	
(After School)	(After School)	(After School)	(After School)	(After School)
Guitar Ensemble 3.20pm – 4.20pm Room 201	Marching Band 3.30pm – 4.30pm GH/MPW/ Room 102 <i>Terms 1 &amp; 4 only</i>	Percussion Ensemble 3.30pm – 4.30pm Governors Centre		Jazz Ensemble 3.30pm – 4.30pm Room 201

Please note:

- \* The above schedule is subject to change. The Music Department will inform students asap via the CANVAS Music Performance Page and the school's daily notices if there are any changes.
- \* Guitar Ensemble: Students who are unable to attend one of the rehearsals can join the alternate session.
- \* Marching Band: Rehearsals only run in Terms 1 and 4 only. Compulsory attendance is required for students in Concert Band, Stage Band and selected Percussion Studently (no piano + guitar students).
- \* Students must schedule private instrumental lessons at a different time to music ensemble rehearsals.
- \* An attendance rate of 80% is required per semester to obtain Award Scheme Points.
- \* Music Pocket: Attendance of 5 full years is required. New students in Years 8-11 will need to speak with the Music Department.

### 2023 Term 1 Music Events Calendar

WEEK	DATE/TIME	EVENT	MUSIC STUDENTS INVOLVED
8	Thursday 23 March, 9.45am	Rowing Assembly, Great Hall	Kevin Liu (10M) Kaiwen Zhang (10T)
10	Wednesday 5 April, 9.45am	Anzac Day Assembly, Junior Quad	Thomas Liao (12E) Trumpet
Holidays	Friday 21 April, 9.30am – 12.30pm	Marching Band Holiday Rehearsal #1 (Great Hall/MPW)	Marching Band
Holidays	Monday 24 April, 9.30am – 12.30pm	Marching Band Holiday Rehearsal #2 (MPW)	Marching Band
Holidays	Tuesday 25 April, Time TBC	Anzac Day Sydney CBD Parade March	Marching Band

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



THE SYDNEY HIGH  
2023

JUDY CASSAB  
PRIZE

FOR PAINTING  
AND DRAWING

THEME 'A SLICE OF LIFE'

Students from Sydney Girls and Sydney Boys  
are eligible to enter **one drawing or painting**  
for consideration in the Judy Cassab Art Prize.

The winner will be announced at the  
Illuminate Festival opening night on 28 August  
at the Governors Centre.

One prize of two thousand dollars will be  
awarded to the successful entrant.

ENTER by 14 August here <https://sbhs.co/jc23>

**Conditions:**

Only one artwork per entrant

Size should not exceed one metre square

No HSC artworks

The shortlist process and judging is final.

Works must be collected on Friday 2 September  
from the Governors Centre.

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# ILLUMINATE

CELEBRATING STUDENTS WHO  
ARTICULATE CREATE INNOVATE

SAVE THIS DATE

**MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2023**

The Governor's Centre, Sydney High School

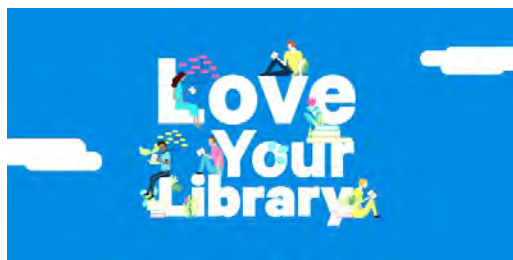
5:30pm Exhibition viewing

6:30pm Judy Cassab Prize and Official Opening

*Special Guest*

**Ramesh Mario Nithiyendran**





## LOTE COLLECTION IN THE JUNIOR LIBRARY

In Term 4 last year, the Junior Library received extra funding to add new resources to our LOTE (Languages Other Than English) collection. Japanese was added to the school's languages last year, so we needed resources for those classes and students, but we also took the opportunity to add books in other language areas as well.



As someone who has been studying various languages for thirty years, I know that it is a lot easier to absorb a new language when you are still in school. The High student body also has a very high percentage of students who speak a language other than English at home, so they are in a very good position to learn new languages.



Obviously students have to learn vocabulary and grammar, but those studying Chinese and Japanese have the added burden of having to learn new writing systems. The earlier you start, the easier it is! We have multiple

resources for learning Chinese characters/kanji, hiragana and katakana, as well as new grammar and vocabulary books in all our language areas.



I've also got a number of books in various languages that present stories in simple language. We have Tintin and Asterix comics in various languages (Japanese, Chinese, French, German), graded readers in Chinese for those who can read 500, 1000, or 1500 characters, and picture books in Japanese hiragana.



Memorising lists of vocabulary is not always the most fun activity, but using the various bilingual visual dictionaries we have can be helpful in connecting the actual item with the foreign word. Picture books with simple stories also allow students to make vocabulary and grammar connections with pictures, giving them an edge in learning a new language. As students continue with their language studies, and do HSC courses, they can make use of some of the more advanced readers we have.



Dr R Love  
Teacher-Librarian  
Andrews Junior Library

## Routine School Vaccination being offered in 2023

NSW Health is working with schools to offer the following routine vaccines to Year 7 and Year 10 students in 2023 to protect them from preventable diseases:

YEAR	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7 Visit 1	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	1 dose Monday, 6 March 2023 room 801
	Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough (dTpa)	1 dose Monday, 6 March 2023 room 801
Year 10 Visit 2	Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)  Year 7 catch up from Visit 1	1 dose Thursday, 16 May 2023, Great Hall
Year 7 and 10  Visit 3	Year 7 and 10 catch-up from earlier visits	Wednesday, 1 November 2023 room 801

NSW Health will also be offering catch-up vaccination during 2023 to students who missed HPV, dTpa or MenACWY vaccinations in 2022 and the first and second visits of 2023. Where this is not possible, parents/guardians will be contacted and recommended to access free catch-up vaccine for their child at their local GP.

Please note that any vaccine offered to students at school requires the online consent of parents/ guardians through the ServiceNSW app.

More information about the NSW School Vaccination Program is available at [NSW School Vaccination Program - Immunisation programs](#)

Miss J Chan

Head Teacher Student Wellbeing



### Duke of Edinburgh Program

From 2023, Outward Bound Australia will be the award centre for students who are signing up to the Bronze level for the Duke of Edinburgh program. There will be a Duke of Edinburgh Information session for Year 9 students and their parents via Zoom on March 20, Monday, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

The link for the meeting - <https://sbhs.co/du23>

Meeting ID: 869 8878 2463

Miss Joanna Chan

Duke of Ed Program Coordinator





## ABOUT DUKE OF ED

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is the world's leading youth development program, enabling young Australians aged 14 - 24 to become empowered through physical activity, voluntary service, new life skills and adventurous journeys.

It's an opportunity for young people to become "World Ready", build resilience and upskill for future career and study opportunities.

# TESTIMONIALS

## PARTICIPANT

*The Award helped break down cultural and personal barriers, pushing limits and exploring my strength and weakness. I volunteered at Meals on Wheels and with local refugees, providing free translating & tutoring services and hiked 2 weeks in New Zealand.*

## AWARD CENTRE

*The Duke of Ed is a highly valuable element of the extra-curricular program. It gives individuals a sense of achievement, to challenge themselves and keep trying when they are struggling and out of their comfort zones. The Voluntary Service aspect is a great opportunity to make a positive contribution to others in their school or wider community.*

## AWARD CENTRES

Any organisation that works directly with young people can become an Award Centre and deliver the Award.

## WHERE CAN I START MY AWARD?

Participants can complete their Award through any registered Award Centre. Award Centres can include:

- **Your School or University**
- **Your sports club or community group**
- **NSW Open Award Centres**

## MORE INFORMATION

 [sport.nsw.gov.au/dukeofedinburgh](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/dukeofedinburgh)

## OFFICE OF SPORT



# DUKE OF ED

EQUIPPING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR LIFE

#WORLD  
READY



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# EXPERIENCES THAT LAST A LIFETIME!

## AWARD ELEMENTS

The three levels of the Award offer young people a structured program to fulfill their passions and ambitions allowing them flexibility to choose activities they want to participate in. Achieving an Award recognises individual goal setting and self-improvement through persistence and effort over time.

### Award levels:

Award level	Minimum age	Duration	Sections
<b>Bronze</b>	*14	6 months	3 + Adventurous Journey
<b>Silver</b>	*15	Min 6 months	3 + Adventurous Journey
<b>Gold</b>	16	Min 12 months	3 + Adventurous Journey and Gold Residential Project

*\*Some exceptions may apply to minimum starting age*

### Award Sections examples:

Voluntary Service	Skills	Physical Recreation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Sport club</li> <li>• Emergency Services (SES)</li> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Animal care</li> <li>• Charities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Coaching</li> <li>• Digital media</li> <li>• Photography</li> <li>• Coding</li> <li>• Languages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing sport and training</li> <li>• Gym and Fitness</li> <li>• Dancing</li> <li>• Running and jogging</li> </ul>

*\*1 hour per week, 2 hours per fortnight or 4 hours per 28 days*

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- Gain employability skills and make your applications stand out
- Make a real difference to their community through voluntary service and giving back
- Develop their ability to bounce back and overcome barriers to success
- Learn important life skills such as communication, resilience, leadership and teamwork
- Attain recognition through an internationally accredited youth program

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## Cricket Results – 2023 Term 1 Week 6 GPS Cricket 2022/23 vs. St Ignatius College

	Score	Result	Highlights
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	SBHS 10/155 def.by SIC 2/159	Loss	S. Bodidi 69
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	SBHS 9/133 def.by SIC 3/135	Loss	D. Liyanage 53
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	SBHS 5/111 def.by SIC 1/113	Loss	K. Pham 32 B. Nguyen 30
16A	SIC 2/240 def. SBHS 10/75	Loss	
15A	SIC 5/128 def.by SBHS 6/153	Win	
15B	SIC 8/89 def.by SBHS 5/90	Win	N. Rahman 4wks S. Pathak 3wks
14A	SIC 2/218 def. SBHS 9/105	Loss	
14B	SBHS 6/36 def.by SIC 3/37	Loss	
13A	SIC 6/176 def. SBHS 10/72	Loss	
13B	SIC 10/171 def. SBHS 10/72	Loss	A. Kaushuk 4 wks

### 1<sup>st</sup> XI Report

The boys came up against Riverview this week. Raunak Roy won the toss and elected to bat first. We got on to a good start with Sumanth Bodidi and Pranav Sampath digging in giving the innings a solid foundation. At first drinks, the hosts were 1/60 looking to put in a big score. Although at 2 for 90 the hosts had a collapse losing 6 for 20 runs and suddenly on the back foot, being 8/110. A resilient knock from Sumanth saw him score 69 runs. As the hosts managed to scrape a total of 155. Riverview came out on the back foot as they looked to finish the game quite early. Highs bowling had no answers to the classy shots of the Riverview batting. Riverview chased the total in the 36th over.

**Raunak Roy**

**1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Report

After a close game against Newington, we were looking to ride the wave of momentum onto our fixture against St Ignatius College. We went into bat first on what was a

tricky deck, with many batsmen chipping in here and there to get our score into the 3 digits. However, Duvindu's performance bolstered the boys' spirits for our second innings. However, due to some sloppy fielding in our bowling innings the game slipped away as the overs went by, which sealed the win for the opposition. Nevertheless, next Saturday, the last game of the season for us, and especially for our Year 12s, we are looking to end strong with a win.

**Ranaveer Thorat**

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain**

### Team of the week 15Bs Report

We were riding off the momentum of our last game and hoping to secure another victory in this one. After losing the toss and bowling, we had the upper hand from the start, as Nehan got a wicket first ball and 2 wickets in his first over! Nehan and Swagat picked up 3 quick wickets in the first 4 overs, and they were left reeling at 5 wickets down at drinks. From there, we restricted them to a measly 89 runs with Nehan and Swagat getting a 4fa and a 3fa respectively. Our batters made light work of the total, with Vishal Ratnesan scoring a blistering 22 and ending the game with 6 overs to spare. This brings our win streak up to 2 and we are hoping to end our season on a high with a victory in the last round.

**Vedantik Bhattacharrya**

**15Bs Captain**

### Team of the week 15As Report

After a tough loss last week, High was ready for redemption. Although some controversy with the coaches, High won the toss and chose to bat. Two beautiful deliveries saw off our two openers but a lovely partnership between the middle orders of Abhinav, Kabir and Gopala set High back on a great track. Bibek Saha came in towards the end and delivered us an absolute beautiful finish to our innings hitting a solid 27.

Our bowling innings started off well with a mix up between Ignatius' openers causing a beautiful runout by Siddharth Menon. High bowled exceptionally well keeping the runs tight and only letting a couple boundaries. It was an extremely comfortable victory, and we are looking for a great win next week against a strong Shore side to retain the David Smith Cup!

**Abhinav Inala**

**15As Captain**

**Sumanth Bodidi**

**Cricket Prefect 2022/2023**





## Sydney Boys High School Cricket Dinner 2023

High Cricket invites all cricket boys and the families to the Annual end of season Cricket Dinner on Saturday, 25 March 2023. The starting time will be 5.30pm and conclude by 7.30pm.

We are excited to invite the cricket community back to celebrate the season. The dinner will provide an opportunity for us to recognise the achievements of the boys and the parent volunteers who have made this season successful.

There will be a raffle draw and a lucky door prize for a wide variety of prizes. These raffle tickets will be sold on the night. The night will involve a brief talk from the MIC of Cricket and each coach will present their teams with awards on the night. Each player who is at this presentation evening will receive an award for their efforts during the season. All teams will be presented with a best and fairest award for batting, bowling and fielding. There will be a highlight video of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches and all other age group games. A good variety of food and drink to enjoy during the evening.

**PLEASE NOTE:** **RSVP:** ASAP - front office. **Dress:** All students must wear full school uniform.

### Sydney Boys High School Cricket Dinner 2023

**When:**

Saturday 25 March 2023

**Where:**

The Great Hall, Sydney Boys High School

**Time:**

5.30 pm – 7:30pm

**Cost:**

All tickets are \$45.00

### Sydney Boys High School Cricket Dinner 2023

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ROLL CLASS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Type of payment: Cash/Cheque ☐ Credit card (in person) ☐ POP (online) [pay.sbhs.net.au](http://pay.sbhs.net.au) ☐

*Please note: credit cards cannot be accepted over the phone*

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 per ticket      Number of Tickets (under 12yo): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 per ticket

**Total Amount Paid:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following to assist with table allocation:**

Student Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

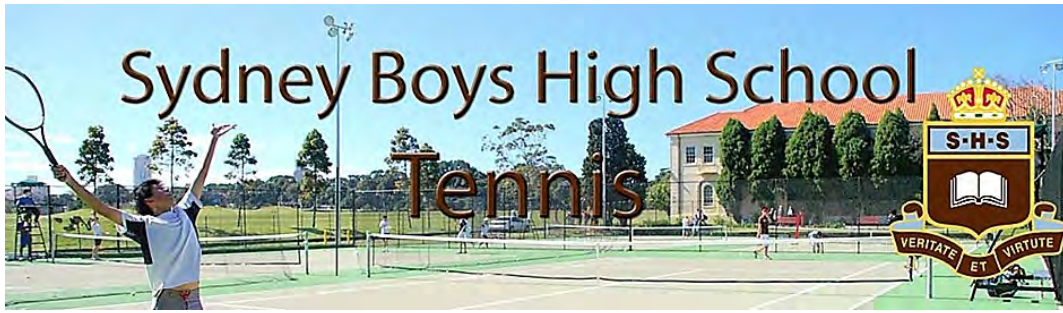
Team/s \_\_\_\_\_ e.g. 15F

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Under 12s: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any dietary requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of alternative meals required \_\_\_\_\_



## Tennis Update Week 7

### New protocol for missing sessions –

Please follow the steps below to lodge an absence/exemption:

1. Log onto the parent portal.
2. Locate 'Report Sport Absence' under Portal Services.
3. This will take you to a Google Form that you will need to fill in. After filling in this form, you are only required to send extra documentation to the [absence.sport@sbhs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:absence.sport@sbhs.nsw.edu.au) email if you are lodging a medical/elite athlete exemption or a school business exemption.
4. This form does not guarantee approval for an absence unless it aligns with the school sport policy.

5. Absences from sport that do not have an adequate reason first result in a detention, which will appear in a student's Clipboard schedule. Inadequate absences after that result in further consequences.
6. Parents can access Clipboard through their portal by clicking on the 'Students Extracurricular Calendar' Tab. Students can access this through their portal by clicking on the 'My Extracurricular' Tab (see pictures below).

All Tennis Training & Fixtures can be seen on Clipboard, a reminder that students can view their schedule on Clipboard. If a student believes there is an error on their clipboard they need to reach out to me asap.

A reminder that when it is raining the morning Tennis training will be on in the gymnasium gallery steps.

Tennis has an upcoming parking event; this is the best way for parent(s)/guardian(s) to assist the program as this helps raise money for the program to function.


All parking duties have an experienced paid attendant to assist you.

The parking duties are:

Saturday 18 March 5:30-7:45pm

If you and/or your son can help, please email me [richk@sbhs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:richk@sbhs.nsw.edu.au)



Term 1 - Week 6 Results			
	Total Matches Won	Total Matches Lost	Winning Percentage
1st Grade	4	5	44%
2nd Grade	7	2	78%
3rd Grade	4	2	67%
4th Grade	6	0	100%
5th Grade	4	2	67%
6th Grade	5	1	83%
7th Grade	6	0	100%
8th Grade	6	0	100%
16 A	4	2	67%
16 B	3	3	50%
16 C	5	1	83%
16 D	5	1	83%
15 A	4	2	67%
15 B	6	0	100%
15 C	6	0	100%
15 D	6	0	100%
14 A	5	1	83%
14 B	5	1	83%
14 C	3	3	50%
14 D	6	0	100%
13 A	6	0	100%
13 B	2	4	33%
13 C	1	5	17%
13 D	2	4	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>74%</b>

Kurt Rich  
MIC Tennis



### 1st Grade Water Polo Report

Last Saturday, Sydney High First Grade Team played against Reddam House. Having not played them at all and having one of the key players out, the boy wanted to get their win and get redemption from last week. The game started off with the usual with Jaden Yi winning the swim-off. The game started out very slow. The half ended 1-1 with an unlucky goal during the first quarter and Joey Britton equalising just before the end of the half. The second half started the same with the boys creating more chances and taking advantage of the faster swimming team.

A goal from Fynn Hopkins helped High even the game at 2-2 at the end of the third.

Having all to play in the fourth quarter, the boys were ready to get the win. But unfortunately, foul trouble and silly errors on defence led to Reddam taking the lead back scoring two goals in the final quarter. Even though High had more opportunities, we could not capitalise and put the ball in the back of the net. It was an unfortunate loss. The boy will keep working hard and they will be enjoying their final two games of the season with a friendly on Thursday against Sefton High and the final game next week against Shore.

**Jaden Luu**

**1st Grade Water Polo Captain**





# SYDNEY HIGH TENNIS

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## END OF SEASON SOCIAL DINNER



**Date:** Saturday, 25 March 2023

**Time:** 4-8pm

**Location:** School Tennis Courts

**Cost:** \$20 per person or \$50 for family of 3 or more  
(Money goes towards food, drinks, court hire & prizes)  
(Paid in cash to Kurt Rich by Wednesday 22 March)

David Deep and Kurt Rich invites and encourages all tennis parents, siblings, coaches and players to the annual end of season social.

The night is a casual celebration of the 2022-23 season including a season review, prizes, food, drinks and games (e.g. Jumbo Tennis, Challenge the coach/senior player).

The future success of the tennis program depends on the enjoyment of the boys and parental support. The School Tennis staff are looking forward to this event. It will be a great chance for everyone to meet and get involved. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Kurt Rich**  
MIC Tennis

# SHOOTIN' HOOPS

## 303

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The Basketball dinner has sold out in record time and at record prices! 300 attending! The prefects vs the staff game was amazing in front of a packed out gymnasium! Our Opens CHS side won an exciting game in our gym last Thursday and progress to the Sydney East Finals. Although in the past week not a huge number of High teams won, everyone showed High Spirit and all the teams played some high quality basketball. In a high scoring 76-100 loss, the first grade side suffered a tough loss to Saint Ignatius College's firsts. They had some great moments and put up a fight against a tough side, even though they couldn't get the win. The second grade side, who also went up against Saint Ignatius, couldn't come out victorious but it was a phenomenally close game and both teams did High proud on the weekend. The 6th, 9th and 10th grade sides were able to get the win on the weekend as well as the 16 Cs, Ds and Es and the 15Cs. Even though this upcoming round is the last GPS round, basketball at High goes around all season. In school hours, make sure to keep updated with all the tournaments, events and other opportunities to play 15s knockout. As always, huge thanks to Ben Hayman, MIC of basketball, as well as all the coaches and parents who make High basketball special. Also, thanks to everyone who helped at the SBHS basketball canteen over the weekend.

In recent NBA news, Klay Thompson moved up on the NBA's all time scoring list in the Golden State Warriors' matchup vs. the Milwaukee Bucks,



passing Chuck Person with 13,878 points at only 33 years of age. The Bucks are comfortable leading the NBA standings and have looked like an incredibly strong team during the second half of the season. The Brooklyn Nets are maintaining their winning record, and playing great basketball with their new roster, sitting at an extremely respectable 5th in the East. In the west, the dark

horse Sacramento Kings are sitting in second, but many people are wondering if or how their surprising regular season success will translate to the playoffs, as the Kings currently hold the record for the longest playoff drought in



NBA history, with 16 seasons from 2007-2022 without a single playoff game. The Los Angeles Lakers' playoff chances are looking extremely bleak, as LeBron James suffered a tendon injury in his right foot, and the Lakers are sitting just outside of the play-in tournament in 11th in the Western Conference.

Go HIGH!

Play Hard, Play Smart and Play Together!  
Thanks to everyone who makes Shootin' Hoops possible  
Brought to you Yves Rinaldi and Charlie Caro.



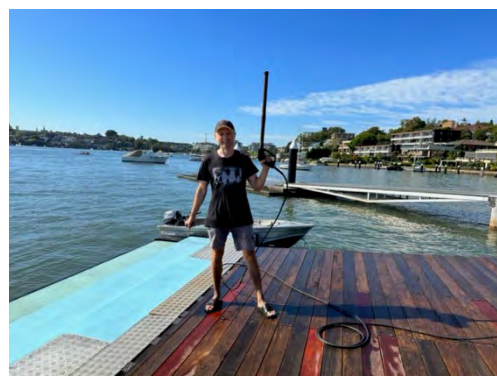


## Head of the River - March 25

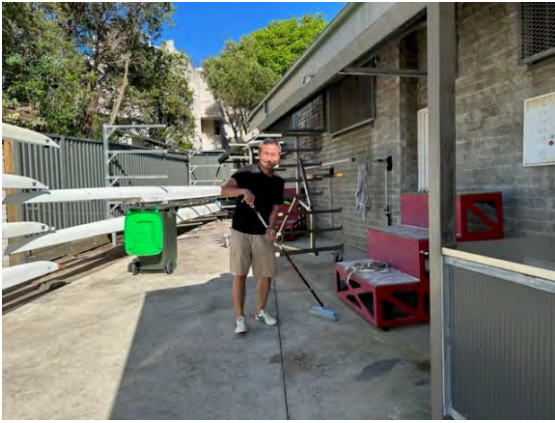


## Parent Working Bee - March 11

Thank you to all the parents who helped clean up the rowing sheds. It was a team effort led by President Binh Johnsun. A lot of new Year 7 parents joined in to help make the Outterside Centre the best possible venue for the students.







### Rowing Lunch - March 12

The end of season lunch was a huge success, with 227 attending the event. A big thank you to the rowing committee for organising such a wonderful event.

Season Schedule:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18DinR3sXfasR1wqheJvoxy4x6hgEtyEQSGt\\_1P9QVO/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18DinR3sXfasR1wqheJvoxy4x6hgEtyEQSGt_1P9QVO/edit?usp=sharing)

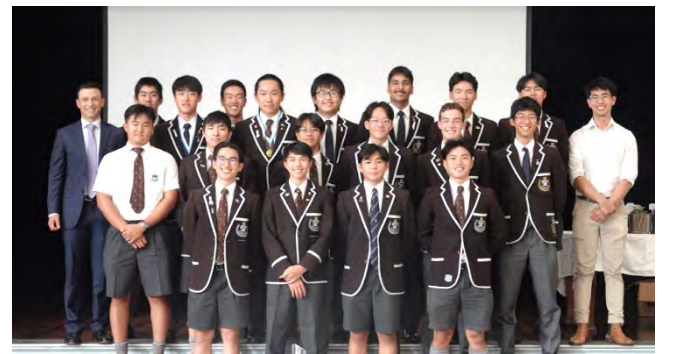
Individual training schedule - Available through the student/parent portal: <https://portal.clipboard.app/sbhs/>

Check out SHS Rowing on instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/sydneyboyshighrowing/>

George Barris

MIC Rowing







**End of Rowing Season Luncheon**  
Sunday 12th March 2023







**End of Rowing Season Luncheon**  
Sunday 12th March 2023







# ***HEAD OF THE RIVER***

## ***SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2023***



### ***EARN 5 STUDENT AWARD SCHEME POINTS!***

Scan this QR Code to log  
into Student Portal to  
register your attendance.  
Catch school bus for \$20.



- Pay by 17th March 2023.
- Use receipt as your bus ticket.
- Wear school uniform (not sports)

Attend Head of the River (HOTR),  
GPS Swimming and Athletics  
Finals for 5 BONUS Award Points!



### ***CHEER ON YOUR MATES!***

Calling on all SBHS Boys to cheer on our rowers as  
they compete at Head of the River Regatta on  
Saturday 25th March 2023.

They trained hard all year so lets show them our  
mighty High Spirit!

Non-Rowing Parents taking their son directly to  
Sydney International Regatta Centre are invited to  
join Dr Jaggar and rowing parents at the SBHS  
Marquee. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Location: Sydney International  
Regatta Centre, Penrith







## HIGH SAILING

### Overview

This week we finally christened our new boat with the name Wulugul, meaning 'kingfish' in Gadigal. With only a few more training sessions left before the state championship, our sailors focused on solidifying the synergy between each teammate by running several races between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.



### Saturday Results



The wind was light and unsteady throughout Saturday, providing a difficult challenge and important practice for our sailors. Skippers Ryan Fang and Jacob Jim stepped up to the plate, showing their skills by consistently achieving high placings against Scots College and Cranbrook School during fleet racing. Unfortunately, the wind gave out shortly after fleet racing, causing teams racing to be cancelled. However, our teams still went out for some internal practice. We mixed up the teams and focused on leading and following opponent boats towards the start line.

By the time this article is released, both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be proudly competing at the state championship at Rose Bay, our home ground. Make sure to wish them good luck!

**Liem Tran 12F**



## NEW ONLINE INFORMATION FOR SPORT AT SBHS

Sport has 2 information points:

- 'Sport' module on Canvas (documents/how to guides/important information).
- Clipboard (scheduling/locations etc.).

**Canvas** (only students have access to this):

- All students in the school have access to this.
- It is your go to guide for all things sports related.
- Please look at this before contacting anyone for questions.



**Clipboard** (both students and parents have access):

- Students can see this on the Student Portal by clicking on the 'My Extracurricular' tab on the homepage.
- Parents can view this under 'Student Extracurricular Calendar' in their portal.
- Click on the link in the schedule to view all the times, locations, notes, cancellations and venues.

### Schedule

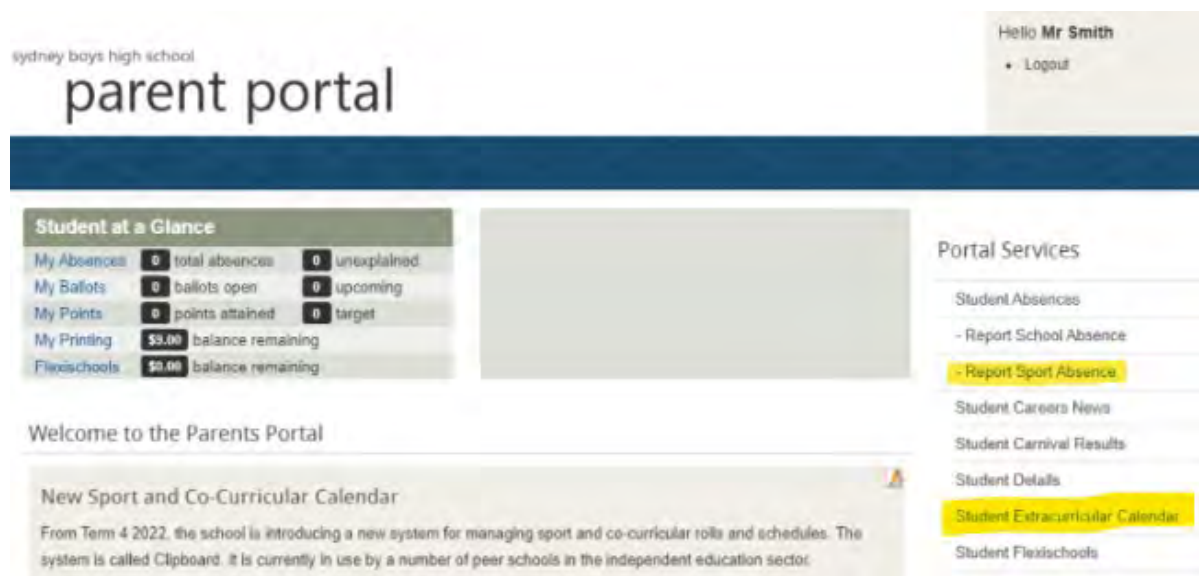
The personalised schedule of all the Sessions for Ayman.

Today < > March 2023							Search schedule...	Week List ▾
Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18	Sunday 19		
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## Sport absences must now be lodged through the Parent Portal:

- Go to the Parent Portal.
- Click 'Report Sport Absence'.
- Fill in the form.

An email to [absences.sport@sbhs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:absences.sport@sbhs.nsw.edu.au) / the HT Sport email / [absences@sbhs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:absences@sbhs.nsw.edu.au) will no longer be accepted for absences.



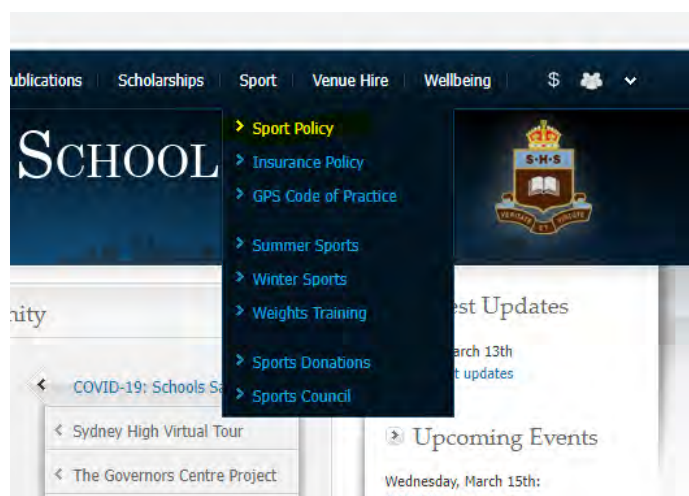
### Co-Payments:

- Please check your email regarding Co-Payment information in the coming weeks.
- Co-Payments are a necessary component for maintaining high standards in Sport at High.
- Co-Payments help by supplying the funds needed for coaching/venues/officials and help fulfil our GPS commitment requirements.

### Other important Sport related information:

- Winter season starts in Week 8. Trials will begin from Wednesday 22 March 2023.
- Students must be meeting their attendance requirements or receive a sport detention. This will appear in their Clipboard schedule.

The Sport Policy can be found on the school homepage.



Hannah Jackson  
Head of Sport





# Compulsory school attendance

## | Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

## Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

## My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

## What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

## What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

## Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.



# Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...


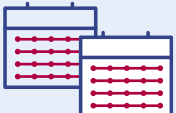
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight  

**= 4** weeks  

**= Over 1 year missed**

**1** day per week  

**= 8** weeks  

**= Over 2.5 years missed**

## More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.



# The High Store now accepting



## Back to School Vouchers



These vouchers expire by 30 June 2023.

To get the vouchers, log into Services NSW web site. If you don't have a login into Services NSW web site, please go to the following link for instructions:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-back-to-school-vouchers>

- High Store is open 4 days a week - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - from 10:30am to 1:30pm •
- Profits made by High Store are put back into the school •
- High Store has many SBHS memorabilia such as ties, hoodies and more •





# 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>



# NATIONAL ART SCHOOL

## *Kids and Teens Programs*

**2023**

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Creative art workshops in school holidays for ages 6-16 and school terms for ages 15-17.



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### School Holiday Workshops

**Summer**

**9-13 January 2023  
16-20 January 2023**

**Autumn**

**11-14 April 2023  
17 - 21 April 2023**

### Art Club

**After school weekdays**

**Term 1 - Drawing and Painting**

**6 February -  
31 March 2023**

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- 🐾 A behind-the-scenes tour of our shelters
- 🐾 Making enrichment toys
- 🐾 Meeting a variety of shelter animals
- 🐾 Talks from various roles at the RSPCA
- 🐾 Exploring how our Inspectors perform rescues and enforce the law

## PROGRAMS

 **LOWER  
PRIMARY**  
(5-7 years)

 **UPPER  
PRIMARY**  
(8-11 years)

 **SECONDARY**  
(12-15 years)

### Sydney Adoption and Education Centre

201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199

To express your interest, please visit our website:

[rspcansw.org.au/what-we-do/education  
/school-holiday-program/](http://rspcansw.org.au/what-we-do/education/school-holiday-program/)

If you would like more information,  
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