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### **Comments from the Editor**



The Record documents school life from the beginning of Term 4 2022 to the beginning of Term 4 2023. The residual impact of COVID 19 is gradually diminishing and school activities are getting back to normal.

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Jennifer May

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### **Brenda Kilmore**

Brenda started teaching in 1981 and taught in a number of Qld public high schools until she moved to NSW in 2010.

During that period she also worked as a teacher in Port Moresby for a year and as an educational consultant in New York City for a year. She also had a few years for parental leave.

From 2010 until her retirement in 2022, she taught for the first 9 months in the private sector (Pittwater House and Kincoppal) and then moved to SBHS in September 2010 until she retired.

So all up she taught for approximately 25 years in Queensland and 13 years in New South Wales.

At SBHS she did GPS basketball for 12 years and also Maths Enrichment (partnered with UNSW) after school for a term each year from 2011 until about 2020 when COVID struck.

Brenda has always been an enthusiastic, compassionate, and caring teacher. Her students loved her.

In the staffroom, Brenda was on top of all her work and was very generous with her time. She was diligent in sharing ideas and resources with her fellows.

Mr P Parker Head Teacher Mathematics



### **Lorraine Dwyer**

Lorraine Dwyer has been a dedicated and hard-working member of our SASS team since 1998. Lorraine enjoyed working at High and this was reflected in her work ethic, professional relationships and the wonderful rapport she had with students. Lorraine worked within our finance area and will be greatly missed upon her retirement.

Ms S Kearns School Administrative Manager

### **Student Executive**



School Captain – Sean Lim, Vice Captain – Matthew Lam and Senior Prefect – Landrie Zuo



Prefects on stage with Dr K A Jaggar OAM and Ms Rigby

# Farewell Assembly



### Year 12 Farewell and Graduation Assembly 2023



Good afternoon Year 12, staff and parents. Welcome to our Farewell and Graduation Assembly for the Class of 2023. I acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation on whose country we meet and pay my respects to elders, past, present and emerging. They represent the aspirations of the traditional custodians of this land.

One hundred and sixty-nine of you are completing your six year journey at High. This year's cohort is unusually dispersed with two joining in Year 8, thirty-two in Year 9, one returning in Year 10 and ten enrolling in Year 11. For whatever length of time you have been a part of our community, many of you have tried to participate in school life as much as you can and to bond together in a common purpose. We are still suffering COVID effects, having lost two years of culture-building opportunities. Nevertheless, as I observe in my Principal's Message printed in the Year 12 Farewell Booklet, which you will receive today, High Spirit is being rebuilt and an ethos of in-depth participation renewed. Also in that document, recognition of a selection of notable results by Year 12 students is included for your perusal. My thanks go to our Student Leaders in all areas of school life for their dedication in rebuilding our school culture - Prefects, SRC, Community Service, PAWS, Equality, Social Justice, Environment, Captains of Sports Teams, and Co-curricular Leaders. Thank you to Sean, Landrie and Matthew for their leadership of the Class of 23.

I want to recognise and honour the nine scholar-sportsmen who competed in two seasons of GPS Saturday sport and earned 99.5 ATAR or higher in the Trial HSC. Andersen, Mohammad, Saxon D., Krish, Allan, Tony, Hikun, Landrie and Ryan will be presented prizes at Presentation Night next year. Congratulations to Max Russell for his win in the 3000m and Oscar Greville for his open shot put victory at the GPS Athletics Carnival. Also, Ren-Shyan Balnave won the Open 3000m Division and was 4th in the 1500m Championship. Kaden Kuang represented High in four sports in Year 12. Seven students competed in three sports. There were two 'Triple Firsts' in 2023, Ren-Shyan and Ramin Hossain. 'Double firsts' this year were: Edward Brownlie, Oscar Chen, Saxon Dean, Oscar Greville, Saxon Gerstl, Edward Ly, Jack Mulder, Subhan Mustafa, Xavier Nath, Hikun Nguyen, Max Russell, Filip Spanovic, Jack Wang, and Ryan Woo. In the 'One-Two Club' were Andre Baruah, Zayn Hakim, Kaden Kuang, Sean Lim, Allan Tan, James Wachsmann, Byron Xie, Hikun Nguyen and Ross Zhou. I want to thank the 76 Year 12 boys who showed pride in their school and represented High in at least two GPS sports in their last year. Another 61 played one sport. 67.8% of the cohort showed their commitment to our scholarsportsman ethos right to the end. These statistics again affirm that our students value participation in school sport. Jaden Yi played two GPS sports for six years with 21 others playing one competition sport. I applaud our graduating Year group for their dedication to our ethos. Thank you to all the MICs, coaches and parents who helped in our sporting programs.

I want to expand a little on the theme of agency in our lives that I offered in my Principal's Message in your Farewell Booklet. Schools often encounter the so-called 'agency problem' - a term generally used in the context of company boards and shareholders. An agency problem arises when one party (say teachers) is expected to act in another party's best interests (say students). The conflict of interest arises when the school management decides to act in a way that is perceived by students as not being in their best interests - let's say a ban on mobile phones or using generative AI in learning. A complex problem is created in that the school or state decides what is in the best interests of young adults that they have been at pains to teach how to be autonomous, self-directed, and responsible in their learning, giving them a sense of agency. There is tension when the state overrides the perceived interests of the individual and it must make a compelling case for the greater good of the students and society because of its actions. Governments. schools, and families with a moral compass have increased chances of reconciling the agency problem. The moral imperative needs to take the high ground and defend it. I trust that the Class of 23 has developed the requisite sense of agency and self-efficacy to take on the challenges of the authorities out there who are always claiming to be acting in our collective best interests. I have enjoyed our challenging and rewarding journey together, taking on COVID and coming out the other side. You had a unique stage 5 experience. Cherish it. As Bob Dylan, the social poet of my generation, remarked: Take care of your memories, for you cannot relive them. I wish you all the best in your HSC examinations and I hope that you will be all successful in gaining entry to your preferred tertiary courses. Good luck and goodbye!

### Dr K A Jaggar OAM



### The School Captain's Farewell Address

Good afternoon Dr Jaggar, staff, parents and of course, to my fellow graduates.

There are some experiences that seem so far away that you can't imagine yourself ever going through them. For me, graduation has always been one of them. But here we are - at the pinnacle of our six year long journey in High School, a point in time where we are left reflecting upon the memories, the friendships, the community that have shaped us into the people we are today.

So, as I stand here in front of you all, stepping closer to the end of my High School coil, I feel happy yet sad, excited yet apprehensive. I feel happy knowing that I alongside you all have approached the final stretch of our six year long journey at High. I feel sad knowing that we will all soon venture in our own separate ways through this world. And I feel excited yet apprehensive toward the incongruency in everyday life that awaits me after High School. It is nothing short of all these emotions that attests to the enriching six years that I have had with you all.

But in saying so, if I were offered another chance to do this all again - I would not accept it. I would not because some experiences are only meant to happen once - studying hard for our trials, leaving it all on the sporting field at our last GPS game, or gathering once more at the final GPS carnivals. Those moments of sheer ambition in the brown and blue are the cornerstones of our school's ethos. And because of them, we are no longer the group of naive, shy year 7s that entered this hall in 2018 - rather, we leave today as more capable, mature men eager to embrace the next chapter of our lives.

As such, I am grateful for the many things the High Community has provided during these past six years. But above all, I am most grateful for its culture built upon respect and compassion. I knew I was grateful for this at the Thirteen As Basketball trials when I first met a group of sporty, precocious boys of absolute upstanding character. I knew it in year 8 when my fellow cadets reassured me that I wouldn't freeze from the cold at our Bivouac. It was so apparent in year 9 when we made a few new friends and welcomed them with open arms. Year 10 was ironically the least reminiscent year - we embraced the new sense of authority with our fresh white shirts and new ties, but our time at school was undoubtedly limited due to the pandemic. And as we approached year 11 which quickly melded into Year 12, it didn't seem real that our time was coming to an end at this great school.

However, before we depart, it is only fitting that we all take a moment today to express our genuine gratitude to our parents or guardians. So, as we gather in the courtyard together, whether it



be through a hug, a photo together - whatever it may be, I hope you will show them your sincere appreciation. Thank them for the countless number of hours stuck in traffic every weekend, or under an umbrella in the pouring rain while spectating our GPS games. For this unwavering support and continued sacrifice, it shouldn't go unacknowledged.

On that note, I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Mr Smith, Ms Jackson and Dr O'Driscoll for their roles as not only year advisors at times, but friends who have provided something as simple as a conversation when needed. To this great institution in all its facets, from the teachers to office ladies to the wonderful canteen ladies Karen and Eirini, who by the way I am so happy are here today - my gratitude for your efforts knows no bounds.

As I now see the last few lines of my speech, I have this overwhelming sense of finality. I can't help but take myself back to our first few days at High - we were scattered across this very hall popping balloons that we were told, encapsulated all our High School fears and worries.

But of course, a lot of time has passed since then, every moment, every memory, every lesson all building up to this farewell. When I wrote my script, I pondered over what I wanted my very last message to be to you all. And I decided it to be this. To the class of 2023 - I love you guys. For every 610-bus ride to central since year 7, every uphill morning stroll to school, every uncomfortable light rail trip to central, every exam sat together in this very hall. I am forever grateful for your intelligence, affability, and brotherhood. There are countless positive things that I wish for you all in the future, but above everything, I hope that you all find happiness and fulfilment in your lives - wherever that may be. So, for the last time, thank you boys, and good luck.

### Sean Lim

### The Vice Captain's Farewell Address



Good afternoon, Dr Jaggar, staff, parents, and the class of 2023.

I remember the countless times since 2018, where I'd thought about how graduation couldn't come any sooner. I remember hearing my first speeches in this hall and thinking to myself how ridiculous it sounded to call your school 'High'. But I quickly came to understand that it was simply a part of the rich culture here. One of tradition, of brotherhood, camaraderie, competitiveness, and improvement: of ambitious scholar-sportsmen. And as much as that last phrase might get memed, if you were to look back at all the opportunities we have been offered at this school, you will quickly realise that perhaps this school really does 'nurture scholar-sportsmen'.

So, to our year advisers Ms Jackson and Mr Smith, and of course our interim year advisor Dr O'Driscoll. Thank you, for all the support you have given us during our high school careers. For organising the termly year meetings. For providing us with entertainment and encouragement during the strange and seemingly never-ending time of lockdown. For caring for us and believing that we have the potential to be the best young men we can be. And in light of that, I would now like to present to you some gifts, to express our appreciation.

Now, to Ms Powell and Dr Pinnington-Wilson, even though our time together was short, it was nevertheless impactful. To Dr Jaggar, Mr Kay, Mr Barris, Mr Prorellis, and Mr Dowdell, thank you for all the time you have invested into this school, building it, and us along with it, to the places we are all in today. To the head teachers and MICs who make up the backbone of the school, thank you for enriching our learning and pushing us to improve in every facet of our lives. Thank you, to all the underappreciated teachers and staff who extend off that backbone, for the effort you put into us as individuals day-in and day-out, allowing us to grow in ways we never could have imagined. Thank you to the parents who deal with our fatigue and whining, and for your love, care, and effort in spite of that. Lastly, to the class of 2023. The 214 other boys who are graduating alongside me today. When we were clapped into this hall, by five older cohorts, on the 1st of February 2018, a timer began. In the many moments since, you boys have made my journey at High the best it could have been, pushing me to the best person I could be, and laying the foundations for the next 5 years of graduating High boys. Whether it be in the classroom or out on the field, I will never forget the lessons you have all taught me. For many of us here, High has become our second home. We have grown from immature 12- and 13-year-olds into young men inside these corridors. Today marks the 2057th day since then, and time's almost up. So, as we soon exit this hall for the very last time as scholar-sportsmen, brothers in brown in blue: I'd challenge every one of you here to continue embodying what it means to be a High Boy, wherever life might take you. Because you can take a boy out of High, but you can never take High out of the boy. I would like to end on a guote which I found more than fitting for today: "How lucky am I, [how lucky are we], to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard". Thank you.

### Matthew Lam



Year Adviser Mr David Smith



Year Adviser Ms Jeanette Jackson





### Senior Prefect Farewell Address



It is not easy to be a High boy. One week into Year 7, waking up earlier, running further, and commuting longer than ever before, I thought: "This really will be a long six years". In part, it has been. For us, it is hard to imagine life before High or one outside of it. It has demanded our mornings, our afternoons, and our Saturdays. It was only when researching a career in investment banking and the 80-hour work weeks seemed unsustainable that I realised: It is no different from my commitment to High. My parents said, "you spend more time at school than asleep". Yet, these six years – six long years – have seemed shorter, surmountable, and conquered thanks to our staff, volunteers, parents, and coaches.

### This is where our thanks begin.

To Dr Jaggar, I am unaware of any principal in the state who interviews every student from year 7 to year 12, works from six to six, and has done so for over twenty years. Class never fades. We were lucky to have you. For your leadership, we offer a gift of our appreciation.

To our Deputies, Mr Barris and Mr Kay, if we look past the terror of your door knocks during period 3 and hoping that we had scanned on, we foster an appreciation for how your austerity, fairness, and commitment have developed us into the disciplined, adult men we are today. We gift you both presents for your efforts.



To Ms Rigby, thank you for your support of the Prefect Body, budding historians, and the Prefect MIC we know. For your wisdom, we present your gift.

To the backbone of our school – the canteen volunteers, the office ladies, and Mr Prorellis – High would not function without your tireless work. We gift the canteen with new pots, the office ladies with a student artwork of High a century ago, and call Mr Prorellis to the stage to receive his present.

To all the other teachers that have enlightened us the past few years, we thank you for your dedication and will reward you with presents of good HSC marks. To all the parents who have supported our journeys, woke us up for morning training, drove us to our fixtures, and cheered us on, we thank you for all that you have done for us.

And lastly, thank yourselves. For being there for your friends, representing the school with pride, committing yourself to the school's philosophy, and adding to the High Community. Our job though, is not over. So, like all our competitions, matches, and challenges, we shall complete it together.

### Landrie Zuo















































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## Year Seven Welcome Assembly





### **Principal's Address**

On behalf of everyone in our High community - teachers, support staff, IT staff, groundsmen, cleaners, coaches, Old Boys and volunteer parents - I extend a warm welcome to all new students this morning. We celebrate renewal each year by clapping in our Year 7 boys and look forward to clapping you out as Year 12 young men in 2028, at our farewell assembly. We acknowledge and recognise your previous academic success, earning you a coveted place at High. You were offered enrolment after a rigorous ability test. We understand that each one of you is an academically gifted individual with a unique profile of natural abilities, skills and interests. Our task is to mould these abilities interests and skills into talented performances, in multiple areas of school life. To the new students joining us in Year 11, I offer you a special welcome from the High family. You were selected because of your all-round achievements in secondary school so far.

We welcome all our new students and expect you will grow as people and add value to the High culture during the time you spend with us. You have a great opportunity to establish yourselves at our school by getting involved quickly in the co-curricular program. I urge all students not to waste time waiting and watching. You need to grasp every opportunity. Get organised and be prepared to work really hard. Set yourself incremental academic goals and strive to achieve them. Focus on your own academic growth. You will need perseverance and conscientiousness to succeed. Many people are ready to help you. We have a school-wide BYOD policy. Information and communication technology is integrated into the daily life of our school. Use your device and your researching privileges responsibly. Distraction is our greatest enemy. Master the possibilities of the CANVAS system. Look after the security of your device. Our IT Centre is where you can go for help. Don't forget that you must also write by hand every day in your own words. You need to have legible, fluent handwriting to reach your examination potential. You need to build your written vocabulary to be able to recall it under the stress of examinations. You need to grow your capacity to deconstruct questions and answer them in your own words and not in the regurgitated expressions of others. Our focus on sentence conscious pedagogy is designed to help you do that.

Our teachers will be endeavouring to work closely with you to find out more about your preferred learning styles and individual needs. We will be trying to improve your learning. We will be fussy about focus in order to get more out of each lesson. We will need you to pay attention in class, take notes and participate positively in activities. We need you to discipline yourself to stay on task. Relate respectfully to everyone at all times. We will expect excellence from you, not just adequate work. Care about compliance – do all the work that is set for you at the required standard. Our shared values – respect, compassion, integrity, dedication - permeate our pedagogy. We are dedicated trustees of our reputation and success at High. Together, if we work hard and help each other, we can maintain and enhance our excellent outcomes. I expect that you will all adopt our allrounder culture and take advantage of activities at High. We want you to work hard, train hard and play hard. We will also expect you to give some of your time and effort back into school and community service. I expect all students to involve themselves in co-curricular activities - the Student Awards Scheme identifies the main ones available. Check out Zenith or r drive. Sport is a very important part of life at High. Our traditional involvement in GPS and CHS competitions makes us unique.

Sport training is offered at High on at least two afternoons. Membership of our weights room is excellent value for money. My strong expectation is that you will play competition sports on Saturdays. Participating in GPS competition is an integral component of our ethos. We focus on team sports for educational reasons - group cooperation, team building, goal setting, collaboration, time management, grit development, managing loss, developing resilience and inspiring motivation - these are most necessary attributes in modern work contexts. We are trying to nurture future earning skills: problem solving and critical thinking, evaluating information and claims, working in teams, communicating ideas and being creative and innovative. You will have an assessment of these skills in various contexts included in your semester reports in Years 7-10. For each boy we want to build positive emotions about High, grow engagement with High programs, establish respectful relationships with everyone, find meaning in all we do and a feel a sense of accomplishment for vour sustained effort. At school, in class, at sport, show your teachers, peers, all staff members and volunteers in activities, the respect they deserve. Ask them for help. Be responsible for your own learning. The pursuit of excellence is a lifelong discipline. Let's pursue our goals hard. A balanced life requires time for fun and reflection. Find time for those time-outs, too. I wish you all a happy and productive experience at High.

### Dr K A Jaggar OAM



### **School Captain Address**



Good morning Dr Jaggar, staff, special guest Mr Andrew Bennie, and especially to the new students of the school,

Welcome to the first official assembly of 2023.

As we are all gathered here today, many of you will without a doubt have just witnessed the various customary practices that take place at all our assemblies. From the entrance of the official party, the singing of the school song, to our simple repertoire of stomping after each clap, it is clear our school takes great pride in such formalities. But in saying so, there is a great reason behind such intentions, and that is tradition. Whether it be something as familiar as the process of clapping, or our annual rites of passage, such practices centre on the idea of belonging in a very unique community.

When I spoke with you new students just three days ago, I emphasised the importance of the people that one surrounds themselves with. As students we often don't realise it, or at least come to appreciate it enough, but when we are engaged with a community of like minded others, the standards we hold ourselves to are shaped accordingly.

It is a given that the ambition and determination that you all individually had which got you into this school, are already somewhat similar to each other. However, in the long run, the mentality you will sustain when studying for an exam or training for an upcoming GPS game will be undoubtedly influenced by the school community around you. Whether it be your future friends, teachers, coaches, they will all act as an influential support network within your journey to achieve your own goals.

Now I do not say all this without serious thought. Having spoken to many old boys who graduated as far back as fifty years ago, I stand firm in holding our school's community in high regard. It is always inspiring to see that so many of them can still nostalgically reminisce about their greatest memories at High. Whether it be their 8am commute to the King's school on a Saturday morning, or their memorable classes with particular teachers. It is their appreciation for those moments, despite it having been so many years, that reaffirms my pride in this school. Because for them, the culture, the community, just had such a positive lasting impact. That is a testament to the unique experience that High has to offer.

And so, the coveted position at this school that you have all deservingly earned isn't to be taken for granted. If there was one word that could sum up the greatest feature of this school, it would be opportunity. I strongly urge you all to not abstain from the extra-curricular activities this school has to offer in fear of academic pressures. The balance one must find between all their endeavours is an integral aspect of our school's ethos. If the past is any indication of the future, everyone here before me is capable of doing so.

Now it is quite fortunate that today, you are all able to witness our school's annual recognition of our Summer Sport representatives. Every student's laudable achievement in earning a spot at the highest levels of their respective sports, is attributed to their efforts and commitment. In due time, you will all have the opportunity to do so too. So if there is one thing I want you all to take away today, it is to understand how privileged you are to attend Sydney Boys. Our culture influences us as students, which in turn defines us as a school.

Now before I conclude, to my fellow year 12s here today, it seems unreal that in a few assemblies I will be addressing you all for one very last time. But time is inexorable, we can only make the most of what is left and so as we now enter the 2023 academic year let us make sure to make it our strongest one yet. However, to the year 7s, you are only at the start of this great six year journey that the year 12s you see here today have almost finished. I exhort you all to make the most of your time at this great school and I truly do wish you the very best of luck.

Sean Lim School Captain

























# **Presentation Night and Prize Giving**





### The Principal's Address

On Tuesday we held our 139th Presentation Night – live and streamed. Thank you to Joanna Chan, supervising staff, the Media Team, James Rudd, James Walker, Brooke Ashton, student volunteers and to our guests. Everyone worked together harmoniously to make the occasion run smoothly. Our special guest, John Taylor (SHS-1967) recounted his remarkable career in construction, project management, consulting and public service from the perspective of 'soft skills' success. In work, the academic foundation is a given, but success stems from people working together, energised in pursuit of a cause. My speech is reprinted below:

"Special guest Mr John Taylor (representing the SHSOBU), Ms Angela Lyris OAM, Director of Educational Leadership, Mr Saheel Afiz (Vice-President SBHS P & C), Professor Ron Trent (President SBHS School Council), Ms Virginia Flint representing Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation, Life Governors Mr Geoff Andrews, Mr Dennis Briggs and Mr Phil Lambert, guest presenters Braham Basser, Katherine Morgan, John Pilger, Richard Halliday and Kelvin Widdows, guests' partners and relatives, Old Boys, staff, parents and prize winners – thank you all for joining us this evening.

In 2022, our society and our school gradually learned to live with COVID, even the third wave. Learning was again disrupted by very high rates of absence through sickness in term 1, but nevertheless, we managed to carry out most of our planned activities. Due to the efforts of Jamie Kay and George Barris, we transitioned to Sentral for our school reports in both semesters and for all academic years. It was a steep learning curve for all. We made a solid start to our Literacy Support Project, headed up by Cassandra Pride. We will build on this with our 'sentence conscious pedagogy' initiative this year. We reformed financial management by integrating Schoolbytes as a payment system, thanks to the groundwork by David Isaacs and Jamie Kay. Parents and staff are pleased with the changes in communication and transparency. In term 4, we introduced Clipboard as a sports training and competing attendance monitoring and information system, thanks again to the work of David Isaacs and George Barris. This year we have rolled it out across all sports and expect efficiency gains and time saving for staff, students and parents. Last year, we built a new science laboratory, replaced the COLA roof, constructed a distributor insulation area within the LOTE staffroom, and extended the concrete playing area and drainage system on The Flat. Thanks to two Department of Education grants, the Cutler Drive was asphalted, parking spaces marked



up and the tennis courts path re-laid. We also had a new perimeter fence installed – a major investment. In 2022, I took two periods of extended leave, allowing Jamie Kay, George Barris, Natalie Luu and Madeleine Rigby time to experience leadership at a higher whole school level. I think the leadership capabilities and corporate knowledge of our Executive team have been enhanced by the experiences gained during that time.

Our HSC results for 2022 were somewhat lower than for 2021, despite the improvement in the League Tables, which diverted conversation away from our historically long tail of 62 boys below 90. High boys earned 539 band 6/E4s which was our lowest number since 2009. The ATAR average for 2022 was 90.93 calculated for 210 candidates with a standard deviation of 10.58. [The 22-year corresponding numbers are 92.64 & 8.59]. The 174 students who enrolled in 2017 earned a mean ATAR of 92.21. The 36 later-enrolling students had an ATAR mean of 84.73. [The 17- year numbers are 92.87 and 88.62]. In all, 31 students scored 99 or higher; 72 students earned ATARs between 95 and 98.95; but only 148 scored 90 or above - our smallest number since 2005. In terms of Band 5 & 6 percentages per course, 12 courses were at 100%, two at 95 to 99%, two at 90 to 94% and 13 below 90%. Our 2022 course means compared to 2021 - 14 increased and 15 decreased. When comparing High with its SSSG, 21 courses were positive and 9 negative. Hao Yu Wu and Joshua Suto earned maximum calculated ATARs of 99.95. State rankings - Mathematics Advanced -Venkatesan Darshan (8); Mathematics Extension 1 - Stan Tse (3), Eric Qin (7); Ancient History – Yu Ming Lee (10); Chemistry – Hugo Leung (10), Aggarwal Saarthak (11), Addison Chen (14); Hao Wu (19); Music 1 – Allen Fang (5); English Advanced – Hao Wu (14); and Biology – Eddie Zhang (20).

Our boys won four GPS Premierships in two sports. Eleven individuals and three teams competed successfully at national schools' level, while eleven individuals competed at state level. There were four teams successful at CHS Knockout Competitions. Additional significant individual and team achievements for 2022 are outlined for you to peruse at the end of your program.

Tonight, we bid farewell to the Class of 2022, but before we do, I want to indulge in some unsolicited observations about the human condition. I was impressed by the recount of processes of self-preservation, mental discipline and resilience training when reading The Sixteenth Round and Eye of the Hurricane, written by Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter, who served 19 years in jail after being wrongfully convicted of a triple murder in the Lafayette Bar, in Paterson, New Jersey in 1966. Rubin fought for a retrial which he achieved in 1976 after celebrity help from Muhammad Ali with bail and Bob Dylan in his 1975 song, Hurricane. He was tried and convicted a second time. He never gave up his fight for freedom. After his release in 1985 under a writ of habeas corpus, Rubin went to Canada, eventually becoming a Canadian citizen. From 1993 to 2004 he was the Director of the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted - a cause for which he dedicated the remainder of his life. He was later the subject of a 1999 motion picture starring Denzel Washington. Nelson Mandela, also a boxer who spent a very long time in prison, understood Rubin's anger and wrote a foreword to Eye of the Hurricane. 'Rubin chose to live, and his means of doing so was to seek out his inner self...Rubin woke up in prison and became a free man.' In his writing, Rubin uses an extended metaphor about society being asleep as so many injustices and instances of corrupt practice oppress its citizens. The only wakefulness to be found is in self-knowledge. I commend to you the story of Rubin's strength of mind in circumstances that should produce utter despair. I trust none of you will ever be tested in character strength or mental discipline the way he was, and hope that you will encounter your future challenges with a resilience built by strong and sure selfknowledge. I wish you all good health and good fortune. It was a privilege to serve as your Principal".

Dr K A Jaggar OAM

### **Occasional Address**



When Dr Jaggar asked me to speak at tonight's Presentation Evening my first reaction was, Why me?

My academic record? Well, I never got to attend this evening to receive a prize for my academic achievement. I always managed to come middle of the class and in fact in my final year, sport was the priority over my study!

Maybe it's because in 1967 our eight had only seven when we crossed the finish line, seventh. Our stroke managed to catch a crab and was thrown out of the boat. I was the first rower to stroke an eight from the seventh seat! No. Dr Jaggar said, can we hear about your career post SBHS?

I have had a successful and interesting career, and it would not have been so if I hadn't had the foundation that was built whilst I attended this great school. I have always believed that school is about preparing students for the path/challenges ahead, and this school does that very well. Most of you are here tonight because you have done well academically, however academic achievement is not a means to an end. Life is a journey, and you all have an exciting journey ahead of you, with many forks in the road where you will make choices as to the path you take. The opportunities are endless, you however are the driver of your destiny.

I finished school in 1967 and we were the first cohort to complete 12 years of schooling which meant we were the senior cohort in both year 11 and year 12. I went to UNSW and graduated in Civil Engineering, again managing to come somewhere near the middle of the year.

Whilst I had been the President of the Engineering student body and got to organise many fun events such as the



Champagne and Pyjama Ball, I didn't have a passion for what I was being taught at university. With a downturn in the economy and not many jobs for newly graduated engineers I took a job as a worker on a building site that was commencing. Just me and the Foreman. I loved it, and that started my passion for building things.

Next, I got a job with a major builder, Concrete Constructions, starting at the bottom rung as a building cadet. I was told that the challenge is to see how quickly you can learn how to build. One of the first projects I worked on was the original Sydney Hilton Hotel. We worked long hours to finish a project that had due to industrial issues been in quite a distressed state. I worked for Concrete Constructions for 14 years, learning and progressing from project to project including moving to the Hunter Valley to build a major open cut coal mine. I also managed the development of two major hotels, The Hyatt resort at Coolum and what is now the five star Marriot in Pitt street near Circular Quay.

Then in 1989. I came to a fork in the road and decided that my time as a builder was over and I sought to learn about higher level management. Together with David Chandler, the present Building Commissioner, and without too much planning we started a project management company we named Australia Pacific Projects, now known as the APP Group. Which today employs hundreds and is one of the major players in the building and infrastructure industry Australia wide. It however wasn't easy! The late eighties and the early nineties was the recession we had to have, with many casualties in our industry. David left to head up a major International construction group and I soldiered on knowing that if I failed, twenty odd loyal employees would be out of work. It was a hard struggle to survive but I always knew that if we all worked as a team and enjoyed what we did, we would somehow succeed. And succeed we did. Within a few weeks, we won the management of three major projects including the first project for the Sydney 2000 Olympics, establishing the new Sydney Showgrounds at Homebush. APP, as we were now known took off and won many major projects around the nation, managing to be rated by our peers as within the ten top Project management companies in the world. We managed the completion of ten Olympic facilities including building the vollevball stadium on Bondi Beach. We also ventured in to managing hotel projects offshore in Indonesia and India.

Why were we successful? Empowerment of everyone in the company, open and easy communication between all and ensuring that all who worked for APP were passionate about what they did. Achieving outcomes. Making sure that work was an enjoyable experience. No pictures of completed projects were on the walls, people playing volleyball at the beach, dads with their kids, they were the photos hung on the walls. I have always believed if you treat people well and create an enjoyable environment, performance will come naturally. The average length of employment at APP was close to ten years with a number who started pre 2000 still at the company today. I am very proud of the culture and environment that I helped create and remains today, many years after I departed.

In 2005, I decided that APP could be successful without me at the helm and together with a senior manager we took the couple of projects that we were doing offshore and established a new company, Confluence based in Singapore to do the same type of work we had been successful in Australia. Whilst work in Singapore was difficult to win, the Middle East and especially Dubai was taking off and we leapt on board. We undertook a number of large projects in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, specialising in hotels such as Ritz Carlton Dubai and the six hotels surrounding the Formula One track in Abu Dhabi. We then spread our wings and undertook projects in London, Europe, India, Asia, and North Africa. At one stage having more than 30 projects scattered around the Globe. We even built and dismantled each year the track and other facilities for the Singapore Grand Prix.

Again, we were successful establishing the same culture and environment we had done at APP, this time with a mixture of Expat Australians and locals from the country where we were working. It was certainly an adventure on steroids working in many different cities from Islamabad, Tbilisi to Marrakech. Working out of Australia, however, means you see the world through a different lens. We become very restricted in how we view the world if you don't venture offshore.

In 2013, the extent of work we were undertaking with our small capital base made further expansion too risky, and having an offer too generous to pass we sold Confluence to an International entity.

Over the last ten years I have undertaken many exciting and satisfying engagements, many for Government including being an inaugural member of the Board of Health Infrastructure where we grew the capital spend from around \$400 million to over a billion dollars per annum. Presently I am working with School Infrastructure to change the way we build schools. Schools will be manufactured off site and assembled on site in a far shorter time than present. Our goal is to do this 20% cheaper than conventionally and therefore 20% more schools will be able to be built for the same money.

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If I may, I might end with a few thoughts that you might consider. Earlier, I noted that Life is a journey, and you all have an exciting journey ahead of you. My wife once remarked, If it is to be, it's up to me and this short sentence says it all. You are the driver of your destiny.

I have had a successful career and I think I have demonstrated tonight that it's been the softer skills that have driven my success. Relationship building, communication ability, networking are some of the skills that are essential for success. It hasn't always come easily, I have had coaches, I have made mistakes and I have learnt by failure, but it's been how passionate I have been to achieve my goal that has driven me. In no way am I downgrading academic achievement, however academic achievement alone does not automatically mean commercial success.

What SBHS did for me in laying the foundation for these skills I can't overestimate. You might not realise it, but SBHS has provided you with a great foundation for your journey. It is up to you to take this foundation and continue to grow. Incrementally, sometimes a backward step but the trend needs to be continually forward. Just remember if you have chosen the right career, work is what you want to do when you wake in the morning. I wish you all success in your journey and hope I have assisted in some way tonight.

John Taylor











### **Academic Awards**

### HSC

### Hao Yu Wu

The Principal's Prize and Warnecke Trophy for DUX The A B Piddington Prize for English Literature The Alan C Corner Prize for Physics

Joshua Suto The P & C Prize for Second

Kevin Wu Prize for Third

Thomas Britton The Margaret Richardson Prize for English Extension 2

Darshan Venkatesan Mathematics

Stan Tse The G C Saxby Prize for Mathematics Extension 1

William Wibawa The University of NSW Prize for Mathematics and Statistics

Hugo Leung The Henry F Halloran Diamond Jubilee Prize for Chemistry

Eddie Zhang The Frank S Bradhurst Prize for Biology

Landrie Zuo The S H Smith Memorial Prize for Modern History

Adit Mahidadia The Dr Charles Winston Prize for Geography

Minh Son Nguyen Legal Studies The John Henry Fraser Prize for Studies of Religion -Unit 1

Brendan Alcorn The M G Speedy Prize for Engineering Studies

Jason Yan The Paul Griffiths Prize for Economics

Andrew Gong The Class of 1937 Prize for Visual Arts

Alex Jiang Software Design & Development

Isaac Huynh Personal Development, Health and Physical Education



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Yu Ming Lee English Extension 1 The H C Fisk Prize for Ancient History The James Morgan Memorial Prize for History Extension

Allen Fang Music 1

Benjamin Pirom Music 2

Chandrashekhar Patel Business Studies

Lucas Tie Music Extension

Jason He Chinese in Context

**Dean Nguyen** The Chancellor's Prize for Classical Greek

Jack Keating Latin (Extension)

Martin Lee The Dr F W Doak Prize for Latin

Nhien Hoang The John Henry Fraser Prize for Studies of Religion -Unit 2



### Preliminary

### Justin Vu

The Keith C Cameron Memorial Prize for DUX The C W Wicks Prize for Physics The J Manchester Prize for Biology The SHOB Rugby Club Prize for Chemistry

### Landrie Zuo

The P & C Prize for Second The F A Elgar Prize for English Extension The UNSW Australia School of Economics Prize for Economics

### Ryan Woo

Prize for Third The Peter Walker Prize for English Advanced Abrar Chowdhury

Darshan Venkatesan Mathematics Extension The K Saxby Prize for Mathematics

Shaun Parasher The Clarrie Martin Memorial Prize for Modern History

Isaia Park Ancient History

Samin Hossain Geography Patrick Nguyen Business Studies

James Wachsmann Legal Studies

Brad Liu Engineering Studies Brad Liu

Daniel Guo Design & Technology

Saxon Dean Software Design & Development

Mark Chen The Margaret Richardson Prize for Visual Arts

Edward Ly Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Samuel Hui Music 2

Music 2

Sean Lim Chinese Continuers

Nicholas Tsomis Classical Greek

Felix Yi Latin

Siddharth Gadela Studies of Religion



Year 10

**Ethan Pham** The Sir Frederick Jordan Memorial Prize for DUX Science

Daniel Su The P & C Prize for Second

<mark>Kiran Nayager</mark> Prize for Third The Edgar Bembrick Memorial Prize for Latin

Andris Dang The H A Coss Prize for English

Tian Xing Yang Mathematics

Karlson Fung Elective History

Sabir Rahman Geography

James Bourillon Commerce

Ivan Ly Design & Technology

Tony Park Visual Design

Daniel Huang Architecture & Engineering Drawing

Neel Sharma Robotics and Software Design

Nathanael Thie Game Design and Software Development

**Ryan Lee** The Howard Rubie Prize for Film Making

Liam Cowan Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Aidan Wong Physical Activity and Sports Studies

**Joseph Britton** Drama

Thomas Chen Music Visual Arts

Yufeng Xiao Chinese

Manuga Egodage The George Hillary Smith QC Prize for French

Fynn Hopkins German

### Year 9

Xavier Perry The J H Killip Prize for DUX Mathematics The Jeanette Reay-Young Prize for Latin

Aayan Azhar The P & C Prize for Second Commerce Geography

**Dylan Dutt** The Phillip Seymour Prize for Third

Timothy Wahib The R K Levis Prize for English Visual Design

Maxwell Ma Visual Arts

Jeff Tse Science

Thomas Cao Design & Technology

Alex Huang Architecture & Engineering Drawing

Rayan Foiz Information Processes and Technology

James Yang Drama

Xavier Chalise The Lionel Foucaud Prize for French

Jerry Chen Music

Jordan Komonen The Howard Rubie Prize for Film Making

Jin Shim Personal Development, Health and Physical Education The Associate Professor Charles Grimshaw Prize for History

Angelo Kwok Chinese

Brendan Woo The Jeanette Reay-Young Prize for Classical Greek

**Archie Wijaya** German

### Year 8

Lachlan Yuen The F A Elgar Prize for DUX Geography Latin Music The Norman Save Memorial Prize for English

Delbert Zou The P & C Prize for Second

Nathan Nguyen The Doris M Gray Prize for Third

Aaron Huang Mathematics Science

Ethan (F) Li History

Elijah Lees Design & Technology

Timothy Tan Visual Arts

**Jun Kwon** Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Leo Wang Chinese

Azam Mohamed Classical Greek

Leo Tran French

Max Mcleod German

### Year 7

Yuhai Wang The Gordon Barr Memorial Prize for DUX Science

Sajan Thiagalingam The P & C Prize for Second

**Charlie Cheshire** The Doris M Gray Prize for Third Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

**Isran Kanwar** English Geography German

Lin Le Mathematics

Michael Truong History

Stanley Mu Visual Arts

Anderson Lee Design & Technology

Enoch Pan Music

**Jiekai Miao** Chinese

Japanese

Milan Babin French

Lucas Chen

Latin





### Awards of Honour and Distinction

### Martin Lee

The Oswald Chapman Memorial Prize

To the best all-rounder in Year 12. He is selected on the basis of character, scholarship (should be in the first ten in the year), sport and participation in School activities.

### Rahul Pant

The Mitchell A Seow Memorial Prize

Awarded to honour a Year 12 student who is a caring friend to all, never lets his friends or team mates down and has the admiration of his peers and teachers alike, putting 100% effort into a diverse range of endeavours.

### Hao Yu Wu

The Lennie Basser Award for Scientific Initiative To a senior student who demonstrated outstanding scientific initiative and leadership in a school based (or sponsored) practical or skill-based activity.

### Anthony Wang

The Robert Outterside Prize Awarded to a senior student selected in the First or Second XV and ranked in the top 10% for Mathematics.

### Klim Tsoutsman

The John Waterhouse Prize

Awarded to the Prefect who has done most in the interests of the School, particularly in the way of keeping the 'esprit de corps' and maintaining a high moral tone.

### Klim Tsoutsman

The Forage Computing Prize for Excellence Awarded to a Year 12 student who is passionate about computing, possesses programming initiative and has demonstrated academic excellence in Software Design and Development.

### Klim Tsoutsman

The SBHS Best All Rounder Award

This prize is presented to a student judged by the School staff as the best all-rounder. The student is selected on the basis of character, sport, scholarship and other activities.

### Klim Tsoutsman

### Mark Gainford Prize

Awarded to a Year 12 student who has demonstrated excellence in leadership, rowing and mathematics. Sponsored by the Class of 2019.

### Dean Nguyen

The 1958 Merit Award

Awarded to a Year 12 student in just recognition of his sound character and overall performance in studies, sport and other activities.

### Liam Fiene

The Class of 2001 Prize for Outdoor Education

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated enthusiasm for and commitment to outdoor education.

### Shreyas Chatterjee

The Old Boys' Prize

Awarded to the student who was 'not necessarily first in sport, not necessarily first in scholarship, but certainly first in the hearts of his fellows'.

### Jack Smiles

The Class of 1991 Prize

Awarded to a Year 12 student who, over six consecutive years, has contributed consistently in a number of fields to the character and spirit of the school.

### Dylan Freeman

The J W Gibbes Year 12 Prizr

Awarded to a Year 12 student for proficiency in Latin, qualities of leadership and devotion to duty in relation to GPS sport.

### Nelson Cheng, Allen Fang

The 1977 Year 12 Prize for Excellence To a student who has excelled in a sporting or other area/s outside school activities.

### **Nicholas Francis**

The K J Andrews Award

To a student who contributes willingly and generously across many facets which go to make up the school. Key attributes include leadership, involvement, attitude and sense of pride in the School.

### Eric Scholten

The Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation Inc. Scholarship

Awarded to a student entering Year 11 who has demonstrated leadership, initiative, courage, compassion and a commitment to service to both those around him and the wider community, despite any personal hardships, financial or otherwise.



### Ahyen Haque

The Le Prix Roger Peyrefitte Awarded to a student in any year who has demonstrated talent in, and enthusiasm for both Litterae (Latin/Greek) and French.

### Justin Chen

The Carol Hardy Memorial Prize Awarded to a senior student for his contribution to music and other aspects of school life.

### David Crainic, Matthew Kirkland

The Deputy Principals' Prize Awarded to students who have given valuable service to the School.

### Johnathan Min

The Senior Prize for Creativity Awarded to a student who, through his studies in Visual Arts, consistently challenged the conventions and boundaries with his artmaking.

### Thomas Britton, Justin Bu, Tahmid Choudhury, Joshua Suto, Jordan Wong

The Principal's Award for All Round Participation and Achievement

Awarded to a student who has shown dedication to academics and participation in school life.

Allen Fang, Julius Pang, Benjamin Pirom, Moshi Tao, Lucas Tie, Alex Xue, Forrest Yao, Ivan Zhai, Tony Zhang The Principal's Award for Achievement in the Arts Awarded to students whose artwork has been set aside for possible selection in Art Express or Encore.

### James Walker

Leon Samuel Basser Memorial Prize An annual prize for a student of Sydney Boy's High School who demonstrates sufficient merit and originality of thought in a field of his own choice.

### James Walker

The Principal's Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts

To students who have made a significant contribution to the Arts not necessarily within the School, and whose work has been set aside for performance or display.

### James Walker

Special Staff Prize

Awarded to a Year 12 student for the consistent generous sacrifice of time and invaluable contribution to the School.

### Sumit Kamath

The Technology Innovation Prize Awarded to the student who displays inspiring devotion to leadership, innovation or design and creativity in the field of technology.

### Henry Lin

The H & J Charles Prize Awarded to a senior student for outstanding performance in a Musical Production.

### Brendan Alcorn, Khang Doan, Albert Giles, Jerald Joseph, Jack Keating, Austin Liu, Jason Yan

The High Dedication Award

The High Dedication Award for gaining 97 ATAR estimate at the Trial HSC and competing in two GPS Sports for six years (no other major prize).

### Jack Keating

The Geoff Toakley Prize for Excellence in Chess Awarded to a competition chess player who demonstrates skill, talent and respect for the game.

### Oscar Shi

The J & E Saxby Bequest

Awarded to a Year 10 boy who has shown diligence in his studies, has participated in school activities.

### Xavier Perry

The J W Gibbes Junior Prize

Awarded to a Year 9 student for proficiency in the Humanities - Classics, English and History - soundness of character and interest in GPS sport.

### Jin Shim

The J M and W G Forsyth Memorial Prize Awarded to a Junior student who is deemed to be outstanding throughout his course and particularly in the year of the Award, in respect of scholarship, sport and School example.



### Ric Hou

### The Ross Miller Memorial Award

Awarded to a Junior student judged to be the best allrounder. This Award is given in memory of an Old Boy and teacher in the School.

### Dylan Dutt

### The Stephen Halliday Memorial Prize

For High spirit; leadership and commitment to sport throughout Years 7 to 9; contribution to community and academic proficiency.

### Roger He

### The S & P Tzannes Prize

Awarded to a Year 7 student of sound character, proficient in academic studies, sport and cultural activities. The recipient should also display a willingness to subordinate his own interests to those of the school and his fellow students.

### Sarfaraz Ahmed, Abishek Boomirajan, Adison Chen,

### Mithilesh Lekhi, Eric Lin, Steven Xu

The Scholar-Sportsman Award for Excellence For gaining an ATAR estimate of 99.5, participated in two GPS sports in Year 12 and has not been considered for other awards.

### Sean Lim

The John Francis Bush Memorial Prize Awarded to a Year 11 student for popularity, general character and general proficiency in School and sport.

### Yu Ming Lee

The Phil Ainsworth Memorial Prize Awarded to a Year 12 student who, during his six

years, has shown particular commitment to the ideals of the School Motto - 'With Truth and Courage', as evidenced by his proficiency in academic (especially English) cultural and sporting activities.

### Yu Ming Lee

The Peter H Cappe Memorial Prize To honour a Year 12 student who has distinguished himself throughout his School career by outstanding achievement and contribution to the School.

### Landrie Zuo

### Harvard Book Prize

Harvard Book Prizes are awarded to outstanding students in year 11 who display excellence in scholarship and high character, combined with achievement in other fields.

### Landrie Zuo

The Phillip Day Memorial Scholarship Awarded to a highly talented student in a particular academic area or co-curricular endeavour or all-round achiever.

### Andy Du

The P & C Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Senior Concert Band

Awarded to a senior student for their dedication and involvement in the Senior Concert Band.

### Kridaya Singh

The P & C Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Drama Awarded to a student for participation and service to drama.

### Nelson Cheng

Special Prize for Services to the School

A number of these prizes are awarded annually to boys whom the Principal considers have given valuable service to the School. They are usually not awarded to Prefects.

### Dean Johnsun

The Australian Defence Award for Future Innovators CDTSGT

The award has been designed to recognise Year 10 and 12 who are critical thinkers, are hands on and like practical challenges and science and mathematics abilities while highlighting the value the Navy, Army and Air Force place on STEM skills.

CDTSGT Thomas McFarland, CDTSGT Haoran Zhang The Australian Defence Leadership and Teamwork Award

CDTCPL Jin Shim Most Efficient Junior NCO

### CUO Nicole Zhang

The Colonel Duffy Sword of Honour for Most Efficient CUO

CUO Nathan Cox Most Efficient Senior NCO

### **CDTSGT Thomas McFarland**

The Major General James Norrie Memorial Prize Awarded to a member of the cadet unit who demonstrates the highest competency in military skills.
## **Student Award Scheme**

#### The Joseph Coates Award

Adison Chen, Dean Johnsun, Mithilesh Lekhi, Adit Mahidadia, Dean Nguyen, Eric Scholten, Joshua Suto, Jason Yan

The Nathan McDonnell Award for Student Participation Nelson Cheng, Abrar Chowdhury, David Crainic, Liam Fiene, Nicholas Francis, Samuel Hui, Dean Johnsun Jerald Joseph, Matthew Lam, Xavier Perry, Eric Scholten, Luc Tran, Klim Tsoutsman, Eddie Zhang, Landrie Zuo

#### The School Trophy

Jarif Asad, Abishek Boomirajan, Thomas Britton, Tahmid Choudhury, Albert Giles, Maxime Jalbert-Locke, Matthew Kirkland, Danny Pan, Nikolai Shchekochikhin, Jordan Wong, Jackie Wu

## **Sporting Achievements**

#### **Sports Blues**

Awarded to students for competition at the highest level within their sport.

## Cricket

Albert Giles, Xavier Nath

#### Football

Praneil Manandhar, Rifle Shooting, Daniel Huang, Martin Lee, Mohammad Medlej, Leo Weng, Andy Xia, Cameron Young, Eddie Zhang

Sailing Nathan Cox, Samuel Ezra, Zhitian Mai

Swimming Adam Davies, Jaden Luu, Jaden Yi

Volleyball Justin Chen, Eric Lin, Owen Seong

#### Anay Baruah

The A C McKibbin Memorial Trophy For all round excellence in the sport of cricket. This award is given in honour of the Father of an Old Boy of the School.

#### **Raghav Malhotra**

The Copley Memorial Best and Fairest Player Award 2nd X1

Awarded to the player who best upholds the ideals concerning the spirit in which the game of cricket is played.

#### Xavier Nath

The A M Eedy Cup for 100m Athletics Champion

### Nelson Cheng

The Tom Rushall Prize for Participation and Service to Sport

For participation in and service to sport.

#### Nelson Cheng

NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal Awarded to a student who made an outstanding contribution to school sport.

## Saxon Gerstl

The Alan Kippax Trophy for Rugby Awarded to the most outstanding player in the First XV.

## Klim Tsoutsman

The Beryl Crockford Memorial Medal Awarded to a rower from Years 8-12 who possesses the ideal qualities required to be a champion rower.

#### Klim Tsoutsman

The SGHS Cup for Games and Sportsmanship To the best all round sportsman of Sydney Boys High School.

#### Caden Ma

The Frank Albert Cup for Senior Athletics Champion Awarded to the senior athletics champion.

#### Jack Smiles

The Warrick Segal Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship and Fellowship

Awarded to a student who demonstrates sportsmanship and fellowship in Football.

#### Jack Smiles

The John Skyring Cross Memorial Cup for Outstanding Sportsmanship

Awarded to a student who has displayed the best sportsmanship throughout the year in connection with GPS activities.



#### Adam Davies

The W W Ivo Wyatt Memorial Trophy for Senior Swimming Awarded to the Senior Swimming Champion.

#### Adam Davies

The Claude Tressider Trophy for 100m Breaststroke

#### Jerald Yu

The Brian Allsop Memorial Prize

Awarded annually since 1989 to an outstanding Junior school sportsman who displays the attributes of sportsmanship, courage and modesty with the proviso that no student can be given this honour on more than one occasion.

### Boris Zhang

The 'Doc' Bentivoglio Memorial Prize Awarded to a member of the Junior School for outstanding performance and sportsmanship in Rugby and Rowing.

#### Dean Johnsun

Graham Pilger Prize

Awarded to the Year 10 student who is judged to be the most improved performer in any sport as a result of effort and character.

#### Martin Lee

Australian Olympic Change-Maker Award The Australian Olympic Change-Maker Award is presented by the Australian Olympic Committee to students who have participated actively in the school physical education program with a consistently positive attitude and have demonstrated the attributes consistent with the fundamental aims of the Olympic movement.

## Martin Lee

The GPS of NSW OBU Council Prize

Thomas McFarland Ray Smee Water Polo Trophy

#### YiLei Shao

The Alan Grover Memorial Prize for Most Improved Coxswain

Awarded to the most improved coxswain

## Tarrant Williams

The David Brunton Gibb Prize for Soccer Awarded to the best and fairest First XI Football player.

### Terence Lim

The Sir Roden Cutler Prize for Sportsmanship, Leadership and Commitment to Rifle Shooting

### Max Russell

The John Prorellis Cross Country Trophy Awarded to the Senior Cross-Country Champion.

## Kane Shields

The McArthur Memorial Cup for 1500m Athletics Champion

Jackie Wu The Rifle Club Championship Cup

### Isaac Ayoubi

The William Soothill Memorial Trophy for Basketball



## Individual and Team Achievements 2022

## National Championships: Competitor or Australian Representative

Basketball Isaac Ayoubi and Henry Lau

Swimming Matthew Chen

Fencing Oscar Shi and Tommy Xu

Weightlifting Nelson Cheng

Athletics Kane Shields, Lachlan Leung and Max Russell

Australian Schools Fencing Championships Épée and Sabre teams - Gold

Australian Schools Volleyball Championships Year 9 volleyball team silver at Honours Division

Australian Geography Competition Adit Mahidadia

National Share market Game Oscar Li – winner

### NSW Championships: Competitor or NSW Representative

Swimming – All Schools Adam Davis, Kester Jan, Ryan Choi

Volleyball Edward Ly, Paul Fang, Owen Leung, Dimitrios Logothetis

NSW Public Schools Drama Ensemble Joseph Britton

Table Tennis Alex Huang



#### **GPS Premiers or CHS Knockout winners**

GPS Premiers Volleyball first and second grade

GPS Premiers Rifle Shooting first and second grade

CHS Opens Basketball Knockout

CHS U15 Basketball Knockout

CHS Volleyball Knockout

CHS Volleyball Junior Schools Cup Year 7A team

CHS Rowing Jack Smiles, Maxime Jalbert-Locke

CHS Debating Archie Wolifson, Timothy Hanna, Abrar Chowdhury

**Rifle Shooting** All Schools champions

## Combined GPS Representatives / CHS Representatives

GPS Swimming Kester Jan, Ryan Chai, Mark Yan, Jiazi Chen, Jinu Shin, David Kim, Ross Zhou, Jaden Yi, Jaden Luu, Adam Davies

GPS Basketball Isaac Ayoubi

**GPS Rifle Shooting** Jackie Wu, Eddie Zhang, Cameron Young, Leo Wang, Martin Lee, Daniel Huang, Emmett Kim Narushima

#### **Sydney East Regional Blues**

**Volleyball** Edward Ly

Rowing Maxime Jalbert-Locke and Nelson Cheng

Athletics and Cross Country Max Russell





#### CHS & GPS Representatives

BACK ROW: MAX RUSSELL GPS CROSS COUNTRY & CHS ATHLETICS, XAVIER NATH GPS 1ST GRADE CRICKET, ARNAV GUPTA GPS 1ST GRADE VOLLEYBALL, OSCAR GREVILLE CHS 1ST RUGBY, NAEER NIBRAS GPS 16S 1ST RUGBY, HARRY XIN GPS 16S 1ST RUGBY FRONT ROW: DANIEL HUANG GPS 1ST GRADE RIFLE SHOOTING, AIDEN MCMANUS GPS 1ST 16S FOOTBALL, JIAZI CHEN GPS SWIMMING, DYLAN DUTT GPS 1ST 16S FOOTBALL, HIKUN NGUYEN GPS 1ST GRADE FOOTBALL



# Assemblies





## **Anzac Day Assembly**

Distinguished guests Colonel Andrew White – NSW Austral AC Brigade Commander AAC, Lt-Colonel Andrew Bernie – CO UNSW Regiment, Tim McGregor RAN Rtd representing Petersham RSL, Mr Warren Crotty representing Maroubra RSL, Old Boys – Commander Andrew Dale RFD RANR, Mr Paul Harapin – President SHSOBU and Mr John Frith - welcome to our Anzac Day Assembly.

Our education system has always deemed it important to hold an Anzac Day Assembly, even if the last day of term one is our only opportunity before Anzac Day on April 25th. On this occasion. I like to draw the attention of the School to some of the current theatres in which our service personnel are engaged. Operation Accordion in the Middle East has reduced to 70 due to our withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan. They provide communications and surveillance functions in support of our personnel. Operation Mazurka is the ADF's contribution to the Multinational Force and Observers in Sinai, Egypt. There are 27 personnel there. Recently, 70 ADF training personnel deployed to the UK to take part in Operation INTERFLEX to train Ukrainian citizen soldiers. The ADFs biggest commitment is to Operation Resolute (600 personnel), to protect Australia's borders and economic interests within our economic Exclusion zone, covering 10% of the world's surface. They assist also in regional support for countries in the Pacific impacted by extreme weather events, such as Vanuatu, where HMAS Canberra was deployed on March 5 with 600 personnel. On Anzac Day we extend our thanks and appreciation to service personnel deployed overseas or at sea, away from their families, who help keep Australia safe by assisting with regional and international peacekeeping efforts.

Anzac Day is a time for us to remember those who served across the generations and in the many theatres of conflict. We acknowledge them and thank them for their service as we honour those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. As citizens we hope never to have to serve as they did, in defence of their country or to support the idea of freedom as expressed in democratic government, with its values of an independent judiciary, respect for the rule of law and freedom of speech. We pay our respects to them and to our dwindling number of veterans, some of whom sent their apologies as being too old or frail to attend our assembly today.

The Russian army invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022. The heroic Ukrainian resistance and their capacity for resilience and self-sacrifice have resulted in a grinding war of attrition a year later. The Russian propaganda has turned the conflict into a war of survival against the corrupt and domineering NATO alliance and neo-Nazi Ukrainians with no appropriate family values. The characterisation of the conflict as a proxy war with the West has escalated the scale and the human catastrophe of the war.

The threat of possible deployment of nuclear weaponry by Russia suggests Russia may retaliate if sophisticated tanks and fighter jets are sent to the war zone on Ukraine's behalf and deployed against Russian forces.

As both sides are claiming the conflict as an existential war, a negotiated solution seems inevitable as the NATO members count the cost of their long term support for Ukraine, and Russia draws down deeply on its vast foreign currency reserves from oil and gas sales amidst growing international isolation. Perhaps the Russian separatist areas of the Donbas, where there has been an ongoing insurrection since 2014, might eventually be the price for peace, with NATO or EU membership as a sweetener for Ukraine. As we meet, no proposals for a negotiated settlement have been discussed by emissaries from the warring parties.

Australia has supplied military assistance of \$475 million so far, principally in the supply of 90 Bushmaster all-terrain vehicles. Taking a stand has international consequences. The sharply increased frequency, intensity and sophistication of cyberattacks on our institutions can be sheeted home in part to our international position on Ukraine. We see this as yet another test for democracies around the world. Do we believe in democracy enough to defend our values everywhere? Will we be prepared to pay the price?

On Anzac Day, we take time out to understand more about our military history and to honour those who died for our country in all wars. We pay our respects to those who died fighting for us and never returned to their families. Their families too, were forever changed by war. We think of them today. We thank our marching band who will represent us at the Anzac March and also our cadets who will serve at memorials or in catafalque parties. Please pay your part on our national day of remembrance by attending a service, watching the march, going to your local memorial to see who served and died in your suburb or just by reading or viewing material about the ANZAC tradition. Lest we forget'.

#### Dr K A Jaggar OAM













## Remembrance Day



















## Leadership Assembly

#### **The Principal's Address**

Staff, students, parents and Prefects of Sydney Boys High welcome to our official recognition of student leadership efforts in our school and to our investiture assembly for our 2023 School Prefects. I acknowledge this morning the Gadigal people of the Eora nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and pay my respects to elders past and present and extend that respect to any Aboriginal people here today. Thank you to all the students who have served our school in various teams this year as leaders. SRC, Community Service, Peer Support, Equality, PAWS, Environment, Social Justice, Media Team – you demonstrated influence and leadership in your service. We really appreciate that it takes a strong character to put their name forward for a role and great determination to carry it out well. Congratulations to you all.

In 1760 Josiah Wedgewood made a tea set for the wife of King George III. To boost his brand and build a relationship with the royal household, he marketed his brand as having 'royal' approval. The monarchy were the first 'influencers.' In the 20th century Coco Chanel was an early and very famous influencer of fashion. Today, influencers are on social media. Consumers of media are driven by values, individualisation and trust. One description of leadership is the ability to influence others. An effective leader moves followers into action by eliciting and building their desire for and conviction about the vision and goals articulated by the leader. There are seven characteristics of leadership influences. Establish credibility by being honest. Build connections with your team to understand what they need, what motivates them and their values. Maintain accountability by setting clear expectations and laying down checkpoints for updates with you. Demonstrate reciprocal influence by being a good listener and being open to new and different perspectives. Share your work interests so your team sees that you are passionate about your subject, and positive about results. There are many ways to be an effective leader and many leadership styles. As Prefects, you have had to find your style when tackling the roles to which you have been assigned. Model our values and be dedicated, have integrity, always show respect for others and be compassionate.

The calibre of our Prefect body is determined by the quality of our school's leadership potential and orientation towards service. We want our most engaged and committed students to be nominated as candidates for the important school role of Prefect Intern. If every eligible voter exercises their franchise responsibly, we will get the best and most diverse team of Prefects possible. Our Prefect traditions are our history but leadership can also inspire this cohort to emulate or build on activities and priorities that will become a new legacy. There have been so



many great Prefects at this school that the current group may try to follow in some aspects of their role. The honour of such a long-established and prestigious office invites our new group of leaders to emulate their predecessors' deeds.

The Senior Prefect leadership team for 2023 – School Captain Sean Lim, Vice-Captain Matthew Lam and Senior Prefect Landrie Zuo, have raised the bar considerably in their efforts to bring High Spirit back to the level it once enjoyed at the School. Prefect MIC Ms Rigby has acted as mentor and confidant to many boys in Prefect positions over the years. She has set high standards and has always held our boys to account. At the same time, she is supportive of the students she mentors in these important tasks. I want to thank her for her dedication to the role and for her effectiveness in carrying it out.

To move from internship to the point of getting their perpetual School Prefect badges today, Prefects had to prove that they could meet the requirements for the role. These requirements were demanding. Prefect interns had to continue to meet a predetermined academic standard. They had to maintain their participation in school life, play two GPS sports and earn a Student Awards Scheme Award in their final year. They had to have exemplary standards in behaviour, school dress and punctuality. Today, I am flagging for Year 9 students that the exemplary behaviour rule has been moved to the beginning of the year for Year 10. No disciplinary issue requiring a formal caution (intention to suspend) will be tolerated for potential Prefect Interns from the start of the year for Year 10 Prefect aspirants.

The Internship of our Prefects lasts for a full year. From this annual investiture assembly onwards, a new cohort of candidates will have to meet the requirements to be placed on the ballot. They will have to pass the test of democratic election by a constituency of students in Years 10 and 11, teachers and outgoing Prefects. Once elected they will have to perform well until their induction assembly as Prefect Interns and then for the next three school terms until they reach this recognition ceremony of signing the Prefects' Book and receiving their perpetual School Prefects badges.



Sydney Boys High Prefects are particularly positive people – they have proven themselves worthy of the honour shown to them. They have earned their place in High's history. I congratulate all the students who are to receive their badges today. They will then sign in the Prefects Register, a ritual at High since 1955. We thank them for their service.

#### Dr K A Jaggar OAM

#### **The School Captain's Address**

Good morning, Dr Jaggar, staff, students, parents and my fellow Prefects.

It is with great pleasure that I am here today, recognising the work of the school's student leaders.

Within society, there are various forms of leadership that each have their own benefits - the most notable to me being, transformational leadership. Overtime, I have been intrigued by its outline - now believing it to be the most effective in the context of our school. This model of leadership is predicated on emotional empowerment, idealised influence and servant leadership. As Prefects who carry forward our school's traditions, it is not our enigmatic nature that will prove effective in garnering support for any endeavour, but rather our interpersonal appeal to others.

But irrespective of what form is taken, putting genuine effort into every endeavour is the cornerstone for success. We must be reminded of the privilege we have to uphold our position, the continuation of a long history that we owe to the school to honour. It is a platform capable of change and subsequently a precedent for those that follow. As in groups where complacency pervades, the team's vision is unclear and what ensues is a very unsystematic execution. And so, as a Prefect Body that strives to be conscientious, meaningful, we must continue to be proactive in our plans and act with integrity when addressing the issues we encounter. We must be reminded that the quality of our leadership is just as apparent in the case of our absence, as it is in our moments of success.



Peer Support



Luc Tran SRC





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And so, to those here today who aspire to take up any leadership roles in the future, I advise you to ask yourself this - Are you committed to fulfilling the position you want to the best of your ability? Do you have that propensity to positively inspire and guide others? Are you willing to learn and grow as a role model to greater endorse our school's values and interests? If you are, then I commend you, but if you are uncertain, I strongly urge you to reflect on why you want that position. Because in the end, the quality of school life for students - our sense of school pride and humility, is contingent on how we as leaders inspire and guide others.

Contrary to the old adage, leadership doesn't have to be a lonely place where decisions are made. We as leaders make it the way it is, through the way we structure the hierarchy, communicate with one another, and maintain our work ethic. As when there exists a shared drive to achieve an agreed upon cause, there is often avid participation and commitment - that is when leadership becomes rewarding.

To the Prefects receiving your badges today, I thank you all for your efforts thus far. Our internship has held us accountable for our service, academic performance and behaviour. I thank you for setting the groundwork for future years to emulate - reinvigorating our school's spirit that we must continue to demonstrate together. As we sign our names in the Prefect's register - forever a mark in Sydney High history, I exhort you to remind yourself of the Prefect's pledge that we recited last year. We, as school representatives, should strive at all times to further the interests of our school, to set worthwhile standards guided by our motto "Veritate et Virtute".

Truth and humility.

Sean Lim

#### Assemblies

#### **The Senior Prefect's Address**

Good morning, Dr. Jaggar, distinguished guests, staff, students, and our leaders.

Every leader – to an extent – does the same thing, rebranded. Vision. Plan. Execute. From this objective view, leadership is something we do – not who we are. Yet, as individuals, as students who have interacted with peer mentors, captains, house prefects since year seven in the classrooms, sports fields, and the junior quad, we recognise that what distinguishes 'leaders' from 'great leaders' is the quality of their character.

For me, as a junior, the humanising effect of Alex De Araujo [2018 Vice Captain] commending my speeches or Joshua Suto [2022 captain] congratulating my race or James Tinker [old-boy coach] knowing my name could not be quantified. However, it is in those unquantifiable moments of humility, connection, and belief that leaders win our allegiances and make us want to follow them. March with them to Head of the River. Chant with them at the AAGPS Athletics Finals. Cry out our school song and stomp our feet together. A great leader moves people – in more ways than one.

In this sense, you do not need to measure great leadership, you feel it.

In our prefect handover from the 2022 prefect body, my predecessor, Yu Ming Lee said, "this role is what you make it, make good". His message echoes from 2019, when then SRC President Jivan said "we do what we can with what we have". In 2023, we have tried to maximise 'the feeling' – the indescribable, inscrutable, yet eclectic feeling of "High Spirit". We have heard our new year sevens "ring the cloisters" louder, prouder than mine did, the Head of the River crowd fuller than when I stood in it in 2018, the Swimming Finals' more enthusiastic than ever before. When we were arm in arm, chanting "Jump up Sydney High '' during the final, all ages mixed relay at SOPAC, that perhaps was the feeling of great leadership, a crowd of boys united and proud behind their representatives on a Friday night.



As leaders, we should chase those moments – the smiles, the hysteria, the enthusiasm on the faces of who we serve. McKinsey and Company coin it "servant leadership" – leaders who serve the people they lead. As prefects, as SRCs, as any leadership body represented today and any in democracies, we are chosen by the people to lead the people, emerged from the people but never less immersed, never aloof, never 'more'.

It is a privilege to serve.

If leaders hold themselves accountable to those who have placed trust in them and hold their interests at heart, good leadership will follow. I trust the prefects below me today will carry their ties, their badges, their duties astutely and with dignity; not for themselves or any grudge, but for the students of High.

Leaders, our actions have consequences – intended and unintended. The words we choose, the agendas we partake, have weight. Comprehend its gravity, and come to school every day, and be just as strong, just as ambitious, just as assertive in the actions you bring, and never waver.

Thank you.

#### Landrie Zuo









The 2023 Prefect team on stage, with Dr K A Jaggar OAM and Ms Rigby



The 2023 Prefect team and Ms Rigby

#### **Foundation Day Assembly**



#### **The Principal's Address**

Special guest Rob Middleton, School Captain of 1972, Mr Geoff Denyer, Deputy Principal Sydney Girls High School, Professor Minas Coroneo, Mr Alex Feldman Chair of Sydney High School Foundation Ltd, Mr Dennis Briggs OBU Delegate and Life Governor, Life Governors Mr Phil Lambert and Dr George Lewkovitz, Professor Minas Coroneo AO, Order of Australia recipients, Former High Student Leaders, Sydney Girls High School Student Leaders, staff and students, welcome to our 139th Foundation Day Assembly held on Gadigal land. We are here to connect with our cultural values, honour those who helped build them and endorse the candidature of the Prefect Interns who will renew them. This year we welcome back Old Boys who graduated 50 years ago or more and try to connect to their context in relation to ours. Much has changed but more has endured.

In 1972, as in 2022, there were momentous events. As the war in Vietnam dragged on, Richard Nixon took a diplomatic initiative of historical importance with his eight-day visit to China. He and Leonid Brezhnev signed the SALT 1 in Moscow, effectively limiting the proliferation of nuclear missiles. Apollo 17 landed and Gene Cernan became the 11th and last man to walk on the Moon. Australian of the Year. Shane Gould won three gold medals at the Munich Olympics, which were tragically tarnished by the deaths of 11 Israeli athletes and officials at the hands of Black September Terrorists. The Aboriginal Tent Embassy was set up on the lawns of old Parliament House and is still there, awaiting recognition for the voices of First Nations people in government. Gough Whitlam became the first Labor Prime Minister since the defeat of Ben Chifley in 1949. Notorious No. 96 made its debut on television. The HP 35 scientific calculator was launched. Then, like now, there were troubling international wars, acts of terror, sporting highlights, leadership changes, great technical innovation and expanding popular culture.

At High that year, Principal Murray Callaghan discussed the weakening of the trinity of influence on young men (home, church, school) and lamented the rise of competing influences coming from 'communication media' and the cynical behaviour of adults. The influence of social media has grown geometrically since then. There is a lessening of respect among youth for adults and their institutions due to exposures of corrupt and immoral behaviour among their leadership. Callaghan reaffirmed the School's core purpose of striving for excellence in the face of change and challenge. We remain committed to that purpose today.

Jack Lang was invited to the School and spoke to the combined 4th to 6th forms from both schools. An iconic figure from the Labor Left, he spoke of his hard childhood as going 'through the fire' which forged his political goals of providing for 'the betterment of the poor and the uplifting of the underdog'. He impressed his young audience. The McDonald Wing was opened on March 17 1972 by the Governor, Sir Roden Cutler. He and the then NSW Opposition Leader Pat Hills addressed the School.



Rob Middleton [1972]

In cricket that year, our guest today Con Pavlidis, represented in the first XI while Rob Middleton captained the second XI as a bowling all-rounder with a useful contribution of 10 wickets at 15.3. High rowed into 4th place at the Head of the River, having led for much of the race. The first XV were co-premiers in GPS rugby. Inspired by Jim Demetriou, they beat Joeys at Hunters Hill for the first time in the history of the School. The 1972 cohort had their triumphs and disappointments just as our boys have this year in various sports and activities. Their leadership called for more commitment from boys to participate in and enjoy what the school had to offer.



He averred that 'a school is only as good as the present members make it'. Today, our leaders make similar pleas to our boys not to miss out on very valuable opportunities to learn, train, share and strive with their schoolmates in common causes. It is so characteristic for our Old Boy visitors to reminisce fondly about shared experiences that shaped their lives while attending High.



Old Boys and Prefects Leadership Team

In 1972, Rob Middleton was School Captain, Robert Parr, Vice-Captain and Peter Carlisle, Senior Prefect. They were the custodians of their day of the leadership values and examples of generations of High students. Today, we bear witness to a new cohort of student leaders as they take the Prefect's Pledge. These Prefect Interns have had to qualify against performance benchmarks in their journey through High thus far. They have had to show lived experience of leadership. They have had to meet academic prerequisites. They have had to represent their school in two GPS sports in their final two years of school. They have had to reach at least platinum level in the Student Awards Scheme and need to score at least 100 points in each of Years 11 and 12. They have had to comply with standards in terms of school uniform, behaviour and punctuality. They have had an opportunity to compose an online personal statement of why they would like to lead. They have faced an electoral college consisting of their peers in Years 10 and 11, the outgoing Prefects and the staff. They have been elected by their school community. They have had leadership training and been assigned specific roles. These representatives are ready for the tasks ahead.

Today, we celebrate our founding as a school to prepare young men for tertiary study and as an institution that enlarges character through opportunities to pursue excellence. It has influenced character development through its culture of camaraderie. The young men being inducted are worthy bearers of the High traditions of leadership by example, across areas of school life. I offer my congratulations to them and remind them to preserve the best examples from the past while adding their own initiatives to enhance the leadership culture of the School.

#### Dr K A Jaggar OAM

#### School Captain of 2023 Address

Good Morning Dr Jaggar, staff, parents, students, Deputy Principal of Sydney Girls - Mr Denyer, Sydney Girls senior executives, Old Boys from the Class of 1972, and Special Guest, Mr Rob Middleton,

I'd like to start by personally acknowledging the traditional custodians of this land, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

Today, we celebrate the establishment of this great school which took place 139 years ago. To do so, we honour the tradition of holding an annual Assembly to reaffirm the founding purpose of our school, the pursuit of excellence in all academic and sporting endeavours.

But also as part of such a tradition, we too acknowledge the formal induction of the elected student leaders. The 2023 Prefect body comprises a diverse range of individuals who over the past two months have already proven their competence in living up to their roles. They are strong-willed in their unrelenting desire to raise social issues and are selfless in their willingness to provide assistance whenever required. It is these key attributes that I truly do believe are integral qualities needed by Prefects. We see them in the past Prefect bodies of this school who always spoke up for what they believed in, never shying away from addressing contemporary issues. They were leaders, people of character, and by being so they have inspired us to become leaders ourselves.

But besides all these traits, it is this year's Prefect Body's shared awareness of what their navy tie actually represents that I truly admire. That it is not their job to dictate to those around them but rather to inspire and to lead. On that note, I'd like to acknowledge Vice-Captain Matthew Lam and Senior Prefect Landrie Zuo for their unrivaled commitment and support thus far. These two boys have set clear guidelines of behaviour to all the Prefects and have assisted in all that has been asked of them.

Now to all the Year 7s and 8s here today, today is my first formal assembly with you all and as such I intend to allocate a portion of my speech to you. As one of the many Captains you will encounter during your time here at High, I'd like to take this opportunity to urge you all to immerse yourself in the rich traditions of our school. To take pride in the uniform you put on every morning and to demonstrate our school's High Spirit by attending every Head of River and every GPS Finals Carnival. But in saying this, it would be insincere of me to stand before you all here today and make the claim that High Spirit is still what it was three or four years ago. Of course, it would also be wrong of me to expect so much when the majority of you all have never been to any of these traditional GPS events. So, I will stand before you all today and tell you all for the first time now, and on many more occasions to come, that your attendance is highly encouraged. My words are not a desperate attempt to increase turnout but is rather an expression of sympathy in knowing that many of you have yet to experience what High Spirit can be. It would also interest you all to know that there will soon come a time when you will be expected to carry forward these school traditions. And so, I encourage you ALL to make the effort now, not solely because you were told to, but because you genuinely take pride in your school.



Sean Lim, School Captain

Now this notion of High Spirit alongside student wellbeing are the two main goals of the 2023 Prefect Body. We also chose student wellbeing to be a key focus as in an ever-changing society, the pressing issue of mental and physical wellbeing prevails every year. In an all boys' school fostering academic and sporting excellence, we need to be constantly made aware of the many stigmas revolving around male mental health. And so, the Prefect Body have made this a clear priority, taking planned steps to recognise the many support services our school has to offer and to actually be part of such a wide network.

But beyond all that we aim to do, I'd like to say this to the Prefect Elects:

"Boys don't forget that feeling. That is the feeling of humility. Remember that we are no better or different to anyone else. We only have the privilege of representing them to help them." These are actually the words of our High Spirit Prefect, Mohommad Medlej. This self -awareness of what Prefectship really is and this drive to inspire and to guide others I truly do believe is a testament to the Prefect Body elected today. It represents the High quality of charity and service and the appreciation of the responsibility bestowed upon us as Prefects.

So, to the twenty-seven boys that I am so excited to work with during this next year, congratulations to you all. But let us never forget what our school stands for, for we embody its values and interests and endorse them in all that we do. Today's investiture is more than just receiving recognition and a badge, it is the start of our duties that will soon be part of our legacy.





2023 Prefects ready to take the Pledge



## **NAIDOC Week Assembly**



Ms Claire Reemst organised the Naidoc Assembly and Alay Mahidadia, Ryan Park Year 8, and Ayman Ahsan, Max McLeod, Year 9 were the presenters. They read the 2017 "The Uluru Statement from the Heart", which states:

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart: Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years? With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are aliened from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.



Esme Timbery, 'Harbour Bridge', from the Na Ngara Collection

#### **The Principals Address**

Staff and students, welcome to today's assembly, held on Gadigal land. Our purpose today is to celebrate NAIDOC week prospectively as it will be celebrated next week during the holidays (July 2 to 9). NAIDOC week gets its name from the group responsible for organising the celebration – the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. It has organised the week of events since 2005. The day is set aside in the calendar as a national time to reflect upon and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of First Nation Peoples and to recognise them as the Traditional Custodians of the land we share. Its premier celebration is the NAIDOC Week Awards Ceremony which showcases the achievements of First Nations people.

The 2023 National NAIDOC Week theme is For Our Elders. Across every generation, Aboriginal Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in Aboriginal communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and loved ones. 'Our loved ones pick us up in our low moments and celebrate us in our high ones. They cook us a feed to comfort us and pull us into line, when we need them to ... They give guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world. We draw strength from their knowledge and experience, in everything from land management and cultural knowledge to justice and human rights...The struggles of our Elders help to move us forward. The equality we continue to fight for is found in their fight... It is through their learnings that we must ensure that when it comes to future decision making for our people, there is nothing about us - without us.' Many of these ideas would resonate with you as teenagers living in a modern society where family groups contain old people who play an important part in young lives.

NAIDOC Week arose out of the civil rights movement of indigenous people in the 1930s, culminating in the Day of Mourning held at the Australian Hall in Sydney on January 26, 1938, marking 150 years of white occupation of aboriginal land. Aboriginal people in Australia have struggled for a long time to be recognised and to have their grievances heard respectfully. The Day of Mourning was held from 1938 to 1955. It was then moved to the first Sunday in July and recast as a day of remembrance and a celebration of cultural heritage. The second Sunday in July was nominated as a day of remembrance for Aboriginal people and their heritage.

In 1975, it was decided that the celebrations should continue for the entire week. In 1991 the celebrations were expanded to include Torres Strait Island people.

Aboriginal people have had the right to vote in Federal elections since 1962. Apart from being counted as citizens for the first time, the main achievement of the 1967 referendum for aboriginal people was to raise their expectations regarding civil rights and welfare. Bringing Them Home: The Stolen children Report, was tabled in Parliament in May, 1997. It made 54 recommendations, many of which are still awaiting implementation. The Uluru Statement From The Heart (2017) had three objectives: a constitutional change establishing a first nations voice in parliament: a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement making with the Australian Government and Makarrata commission to oversee the process of truth-telling about Australia's history and colonisation. Prime Minister Albanese has pledged support for the Uluru Statement and has promised the long-awaited recognition of First Nations voice in national political decision-making. The Enabling Act for the Voice Referendum has passed through Parliament, so the mechanism is in place for a referendum, which Prime Minister Albanese has pledged to hold this year. The referendum has become a national political issue and I don't want to provide commentary on political issues. Suffice to say, the Voice question will be decided by the people of Australia. For our elders is a relevant and timely reminder to us all about the part that our grandparents have played and are still playing in our lives.

At High, we have a policy to engage with indigenous culture through our curriculum topics and texts, our Na Ngara art collection, our 20-year cultural exchange with the Kamilaroi children of Boggabilla Central School and our annual assemblies celebrating NAIDOC Week. We cannot make a serious claim to being a fair and just society until we have addressed the issues raised so often around voice. treaty and the need to tell the truth about our past. We have to adopt a genuine spirit of collaboration, to work together to address the historical recognition and wellbeing issues and legitimate claims of our First Nations citizens. We have a lot to learn from them about managing and maintaining the land sustainably. We haven't been able to do so during the last 200 years. They have 55,000 years of experience we can draw upon to help us. NAIDOC Week is always an important time for us all to reflect upon the issues surrounding the future of our First Nations peoples.

#### Dr K A Jaggar OAM



## Boggabilla Exchange

It was very pleasing to be able to host students and staff from Boggabilla on their visit to Sydney for four days this year. We have had an exchange program with this Indigenous School in Kamilaroi country since 2004. Just prior to and during COVID, the visits were postponed, so it is great were able to re-engage the program that offers so much to students of High and Boggabilla. They stayed at the boat sheds and participated in various activities with our students including an oz tag game, USYD visit and mixed dodgeball.



Mr Barris takes a boat out for an early morning cruise from our boat sheds at Abbotsford

The Oz tag game has been played every year and was won by Boggabilla 4-3.

BCS had a great time here and we look forward to our return visit which in previous years has been a real both a real privilege and incredible experience for our students.

#### Matt Cotton





Exchange participants outside school



## **School Song**

Come rally 'round boys young and old To swell the happy throng And sing the song of Sydney High In measures loud and long Though many are our tasks severe With efforts none the less sincere We'll overcome them year by year With courage bold and strong Then sound once more the strain And let the cloisters ring again With echoes of our School's fair name The name of Sydney High

Ring out the name of Sydney High In peals of joyful praise The glories of our heritage Must never fade away With Truth and Courage as our guide And minds prepared whate'er betide When we are scattered far and wide Our tribute still we'll pay Then sound once more the strain And let the cloisters ring again With echoes of our School's fair name The name of Sydney High

# Students



### Salvete

#### Class 7E

ALAM Ritaz, AUMI Arittro, CHEN Joshua, CHEN Ruyee, DAHER Troy, EKAJAYA Sebastian, GALIB Khondker, GOH Zhao En (isaiah), HOSSAIN Orie, JIN Daniel, LEE Dylan, LI Kaiyan, LI Thomas, LIU Tony, LOUKINE Vladimir, LYRIS Demitri, MA Caleb, MAHMOOD Hammad, MEHTA Adit, PAN Christopher, PING Nigel, RAMESHKUMAR Nithan, RYDER Matthew, TRINH Owen, VAN Jason, WONG Issac, WONG Lucas, XU Ryan, ZHANG Hansen, ZHAO Ryan

#### Class 7F

AVUK Samuel, BARRAZA NEJEDLY Adam, CHEN Rhys, CHOW Ma Leung, FAWCETT Charles, FENG Max, FIROZ Aydin, HO Tsz To Oscar, HU James, HUANG William, LAMA Tenzin, LEE Alvin, LIM Joseph, LIN Nathan, LU Nicholas, MOHAMMED Ahmed, NGO Lucas, NGUYEN Brian, PARK Minjoon, SAID Danny, SHRESTHA Ujesh, SINLAPAWATTANA Daniel, TANHUECO Xavier, TEDJASAPUTRA Keiran, THATAVARTHY Surya Kamal, TJOAKASI Hugo, VICKKANOV Grazidio, XIONG Wayne, YE Martin, YIP Michael

#### Class 7M

AHMAD Jawad, BRAVO DA ROSA Akiese, CURNICK Chase, HWANG Alexander, IBRAHIM Maximilian, IMTIAZ Shafat, JAIRAM Vibhav, JAKUBAUSKAS Jasper, KAR Shoummo, KHAN Mekaeel, KHAN Shafayat, LE Tim, LEE Jayden, LI Alex, LI Jeremy, LI Oscar, MA Weizhi, NIU Jason, PILLEMER Noah, QIAN Langcong, RAHMAN Araf, RAMANATHAN Lakshmipathy, SHARMA Uday, SINGH Avneet, SONG Sean, SOR Daxton, SYED Mohammed, XU Hexiang Lucas, XU Kevin, YANG G Woo (Jeffrey)

#### Class 7R

BENDALL Alexander, CAPUANO Andrea, DE Svanik, DOKE Sayyan, HUANG Yuecheng, JUNAID Rayyan, KARIYAWASAM Heshel, KIREEV Maksim, LAHIRI Abhinav, LE DIGARCHER Mathis, LI David, LI Kirby, LU James, LU Lucas, LU Matthew, LUCKNAUTH Yashneil, MARGANI Ram Teja, McBRIDE Otto, McMANUS Sean, MOOLLAN Issac, NICHOLLS Emery, OJHA Deep, PADITHAM Lokesh, PANDITHURAI Rohind, RAHMAN Tajib, SMITH Owen, TRAN William, WANG Kevin, XU Shao, ZHUANG Matthew

#### Class 7S

ABEDIN Aryan, AHMED NAZIR Wasim, ALI Taha, CHAN Ho Wang Chase, CHEN Terence, CHENG Gavin, CHOWDHURY Abyan, ETRI Mohamed, HONG Wilson, KAMAL Kashif, KAUSHIK Aryavv, KWOK Jason, LIN Haoxuan, LIU Jamie, LIU Raymond, LIU Ryan, LU Weier, LUO Aiden, PAKEERATHAN Varun, PARK Benjamin, SEHGAL Hitansh, SHEK Darren, TAO Zhuoan (benjamin), VARDHAN Arya, YANG Raymond, ZHANG En Ci, ZHANG Jansen, ZHANG Leo, ZHOU Vincent, ZHU Alvin

#### Class 7T

ARAAF Taheem, CHEN Leo, CHI Zihan, CHOI Adam Chi Wang, DENG Alex, HAN Dongming, HANDOKO Shawn, HOSSAIN Zahin, HUANG Ian, JIANG Anthony, KOLLI Shree Ram, KWON Jayden, LI Shun, LUTHRA Devarsh, MAO Matthew, NGUYEN Roger, PIMENOV Ivan, QIU Allan, RAJENDRA Jinosh, SHARMA Aditya, SU Theodore, WANG Jerry, WANG William, WONG James, YANG Hongyu, YANG Songyu, YIN Jingyuan, ZHANG Bai, ZHOU William, ZHU Yihong

#### Year 8 2023

SHIM Jun

#### Year 9 2023

AKON Rafin, ALLEN Ryan, CAMPBELL Joshua, CHAN Benjamin, CHEN Yunrui, GOPAL Sanjeevkumar, GOVINDAN Gopala, INAM Saad, JABBAL Amritpal, KRISHNAN Rajendra, LAMA Harith, LEE Hyojun, LI Anthony, LI Jiajin, LI Michael, LIN Eric, NG Yu Zhe Isaac, OU Jude, SARATHCHANDRA Diren, SHARAFI Adrian, SHRIVASTAVA Aayush, SURENDRAN Ashvin, TAN Brendan, XIE Lucas, XU Jeffrey, XU Lucas, YANG Yuxuan, YIN Oliver, YOO David, YU Chengkai, YUN Cassiel

#### Year 10 2023

#### Year 11 2023

DONG Danny, HILL Quentin, KASHOJI Sachit, MALHOTRA Parth, MODLER Johannes, OKOLI Ezzekai, TA Jay, YADAV Apporva, ZHANG Ziyin Richard



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#### Abbreviations

AA: Academic Achievement AIO: Australian Informatics Olympiad ALC: Assessment of Language Competence AMC: Australian Mathematics Competition **BBD:** Bandaged Bear Day **BSB:** Bourke Street Buddies **BSC:** Business Studies Competition Bushcare: Centennial Parklands Bushcare program CAT: Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition CC: Chamber Choir ChO: Chemistry Olympiad **CSC:** Community Services Committee CUp: Clean Up Australia D: Distinction **DoE:** Duke of Edinburgh DVD: da Vinci Decathlon Enviro: Enviro Team EqC: Equality Committee GC: Geography Competition GE: Guitar Ensemble HD: High Distinction ICAS-En: English Competition ICAS-Sc: Science Competition ICB: Intermediate Concert Band IMMC: International Mathematical Modelling Challenge **ISB:** Intermediate Stage Band J4G: Jeans for Genes JE: Jazz Ensemble JSB: Junior Stage Band JSE: Junior String Ensemble Leg: Legacy

LM: Library Monitor MB: Marching Band MCYA: Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians ME: Mathematics Enrichment MP: Music Pocket MT: Media Team NCE: National Chinese Eisteddfod NCQ: National Chemistry Quiz NCSS: National Computer Science School Challenge NLE: National Latin Exam PAWS: People and Animal Welfare Society PE: Percussion Ensemble PhO: Physics Olympiad PM: Peer Mediator PMn: Peer Mentor PO: Philharmonic Orchestra **PPP:** Pot Plant Propagators PSL: Peer Support Leader PUC: Push Up Challenge PYOE: Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition RSA: Red Shield Appeal SCB: Senior Concert Band **SD:** Starlight Day SJS: Social Justice Society SO: Symphony Orchestra SRC: Student Representative Council SSB: Senior Stage Band SSE: Senior Strings Ensemble ToM: Tournament of Minds **UNSWMC:** UNSW Maths Competition WGS: World's Greatest Shave WRD: White Ribbon Day





AH-KOON Austin: (2020): Plaque (23); Prefect (23); PMn (21); AA (20); AMC (D 22); NCQ (HD 22); AIOI (Bronze 21); CAT (D 21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Debating (20-21); Basketball (20-23); Football (20-23); PUC (21-23); Enviro (22); WRD (22); Parking (22); Theatresports (21); Bushcare (23); BSB (22); Mov (22); LM (21-23); Actuary.

AHMED Mahathir: (2022): AMC (D 22); Basketball (22); DoE Bronze (20); Push-Up Challenge (23); Actuary.

AHMED Shafin: Platinum (21); PSL (20); PMn (21); AA (21, 23); AMC (D 19-20, 22); NCQ (HD 22 D 19, 21); NLE (Silver 21); GC (HD 20 D 19, 21); Debating (18, 20-21); Cadets (18-19); Chess (19); Basketball (18-22); Football (18-23), 1sts (22); Athletics (19); LM (22); PUC (23); Doctor.

ALUGOLLA Amath: Plaque (21); PM (21); 1st in PDHPE (20); AA (18-20, 23); NCQ (D 18); GC (HD 18-21); AMC (D 18, 20); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); ICAS-En (D 18); NCSS Intermediate (Perfect Score 21); NLE (Silver 21); Debating (18-19); JSE (18), PO(18), SSE (19-22), MP (23); Football (18-22); Rowing (18-19); Tennis (21); Enviro (22); LM (21); ME (18); SBHS Site Study (20); PAWS (18, 21-22); Actuary.

ARSECULARATNE Timothy: Gold (20); PSL (20); 1st Visual Arts (20); AA (18-23); AMC (HD 18 D 19-20); GC (HD 19-20 D 18, 21); NCQ (HD 22 D 18-19); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); JSB (19); Debating (20); Cricket (18-20); Cross Country (18-20); Athletics (18-19); DVD (21); ME (18); Doctor.

BALNAVE Ren-Shyan: (2020): Trophy (23); GC (D 20-21); SCB (20-23), MB (21, 23), ISB (20), SO (20-22), MP (23); Cricket (20-21); Water Polo (22-23), 1sts (22-23); Swimming (23); Cross Country (20-23), 1sts (22-23), Vice-Captain (23), Zone (21-23), Region (21-23), State (22-23), Blue (23); Athletics (20, 22-23), GPS (20, 22-23), Zone (22-23), Region (22-23), CHS (22-23); Parking (21-22); Exercise Physiologist.



BARUAH Andre: Platinum (21); PSL (20); AMC (D 22); GC (D 21); ICAS-Sc (D 18); JSB (18-19), SSB (19-20); Chess (18-21), NSWJCL (18-19, 21), Scots (18-19); Basketball (18-23), 2nds (20-21), 1sts (23); Football (18-23), 2nds (21, 23), 1sts (22); Athletics (18-20), GPS (18-20), Region (19), Zone (19, 21); Parking (22), PUC (23); Detective.

BODIDI Sumanth: Trophy (23); Prefect (23); PMn (21); Debating (18-21); GC (HD 18, 21 D 20); AMC (D 19, 22); NCQ (D 19); Cricket (18-23), 2nds (22), 1sts (23); Football (18-23); Athletics (18-19, 22), GPS (19, 22); J4G (22); Leg (22); LM (20-22); TOM (19); RSA (22); SD (22); WRD (22); WGS (23); PAWS (20); Enviro (20-23); SJS (20); BBD (20); BSB (22); Parking (19); Bushcare (23).

BOYLAN Michael: NCQ (D 18); ICAS-En (D 18); GC (D 19); AMC (D 18); Chess (18); Basketball (18-20, 22-23); Football (19-22); Rugby (18).

BROWNLIE Edward: (2020): Platinum (23); Water Polo (22-23), 1sts (22-23); Swimming (21-23); Rugby (20-23), 1sts (22-23), Sydney East (22); Triathlon (20); Rowing (20); Basketball (21); Athletics (20); Wellbeing Crew (23); PUC (23).

CARBAJAL ZAPATA Octavio: McDonnell (23); Prefect (23); SRC (20); PMn (21); PSL (20); ICB (18-20), SCB (21-23), MB (19, 21, 23), SO (21-22), MP (23); Debating (18-22); Mock Trial (21-22); Philosophy (21-22); AA (18-20, 22); AMC (D 18-20, 22); GC (HD 19-20); ICAS-En (HD 18); ICAS-Sc (HD 18 D 19); NCQ (HD Excellence); CAT (D 19); Basketball (18-23); Volleyball (18-23); DVD (18-19); PUC (23); Parking (18-21); Lawyer.

CHAHAL Arshdeep: Gold (21); AA (18, 20-23); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); AMC (HD 22 D 20); GC (HD 19, 22 D 18); Debating (18-21); Football (18-21); Cricket (18-19); LM (21); Enviro (22); PAWS (21-22); Actuary.

CHANTHIRAN Maayon: (2020): Silver (21); AA (20); GC (D 21); AMC (D 22); Debating (20-21); Football (20- 23); Cricket (20-21); PAWS (22).

CHEN Allen: Gold (21); AA (22); AMC (HD 19 D 18-20, 22); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); GC (HD 19); CAT (D 21); Cyber Comp (D 21); ICAS-Sc (D 18); NCQ (D 19); Tennis (18-21); Fencing (18-22); Chess (18-22); Aerospace Engineer.

CHEN Mark: Gold (21); PSL (20); 1st Visual Arts (22); AA (20); ICAS-Sc (D 18); NCQ (HD 19 D 18, 22); GC (HD 19-21); Cyber Comp (HD 21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Rowing (18-21); Fencing (18-23); MT (22); Biomedical Engineer.



CHEN Oscar: Plaque (23); PSL (20); CAT (D 19); NCQ (D 19); GC (D 21); Cadets (18-23), RSM (21), CUO (22-23); Rowing (18-23), 2nd VIII (22), 1st VIII (23); Rifle Shooting (18-23), 1sts (23), Premiers (23); Parking (22-23); Criminologist.

CHEN Patrick: Plaque (21); PM (22); Dux (18); 1st Chinese; 1st Visual Arts (18); AA (18-22); PYOE (NSW Prize 21); AMC (HD 18 D 19-20); GC (HD 19-20 D 18, 21); NCQ (D 22); ICAS-Sc (D 19); Cadets (18-20), CDTCPL (20); Basketball (18-19); Cross Country (19); Football (18, 20-23); Rowing (20-23), 1st IV (22-23); Athletics (19); DVD (19); PAWS (19, 22); J4G (22).

CHEN William: Platinum (22); GC (HD 18); AMC (D 18-20); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); NCQ (D 19); Cadets (18); Debating (19-21); Tennis (18-23); Football (18-23), 2nds (22); Athletics (18-19, 22-23), GPS (22-23), Zone (23); Physiotherapist.

CHO Young Kee: (2020): Silver (21); Basketball (21); Football (21); Rugby (20); Water Polo (20, 22-23), 1sts (22-23); Athletics (20); Swimming, Vice-Captain (23), GPS Finals (21-23); Physiotherapist.

CHOI Aiden: GC (D 21); AMC (D 20); Rowing (18); Basketball (20); Rugby (18); Football (20); Athletics (19).



CHOI Sungmin: Trophy (22); Prefect (23); SRC (19-22); PSL (20); PM (22); AA (18-20, 22); GC (HD 18-19 D 21); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); NCQ (D 19); AMC (D 18-20); CAT (D 19); Debating (18-19); ICB (18-20), MB (18-19, 21-22), SCB (21-23), SO (21-22), MP (23); Rowing (18-23), 1st VIII (23); Fencing (18-22), 1sts (22); Rugby (23); Bushcare (23); PAWS (18).

CHOWDHURY Abrar Elahi: Coates (23); Prefect (23); PSL (20); PMn (21); PM (22); 1st English Advanced (22); AA (18-23); AMC (HD 19-20 D 18, 22); AIMO (20); NCQ (HD 18-19); IMMC (22-23, National Finalists (22); AGC (HD 19-20); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (HD 19 D 18); Public Speaking (18-23), Rostrum Regional Finalist (19), Legacy (20), UN Voice of Youth (18-19); Debating (18-23), 2nds (22), 1sts (23), Captain (23), CHS (22-23), 1sts (23), 2nds (22), Debating Award (19, 23), Australian Schools Champions (21), NSW PDC winners (21), Model UN Debating (19); Chess (18-19, 21-22); Water Polo (21-23); Football (20-23); Rifle Shooting (18-19); Cricket (18-20), Captain (19); ME (18-19); Philosophy (19, 21-22); Ethics Olympiad (21); SJS (18); LM (18); DVD (18-19, 21); PUC (23); Zenith (19, 22); WRD (22); Bushcare (23); Intellectual Property Lawyer.

CHOWDHURY Saib: Bronze (19); GC (HD 21 D 18-20); AMC (HD 19 D 20, 22); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); CAT (D 19, 21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Basketball (18-19); Rifle Shooting (18-19); PUC (22-23); Pharmaceutical Scientist.

CHU Jayden: Silver (19); AMC (D 22); NCQ (D 19); GC (HD 19, 21); Cadets (18); JSB (18-19); Fencing (18-22), 1sts (21), NSW School Fencing League (18-22), 1st (21-22); Basketball (18-20); Athletics (18); Exercise Physiologist.

DANNALA Arun: (2020): Silver (21); Debating (20-21); Cricket (20-22); Basketball (23); Football (20-23), 2nds (22); PAWS (22); Enviro (22); PUC (23); WGS (23); LM (22); RSA (22); Doctor.







DAS GUPTA Gunarb: Plaque (22); PMn (21); AA (18-23); NCQ (HD 22 D 18-19); GC (HD 19-20); AMC (D 18, 20, 22); ICAS-Sc (D 18); NLE (Silver 21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); AIMO (20); Debating (18-21); Rowing (18-20); Football (18-23); TOM (18); PAWS (20-22); Enviro (22); PUC (23); LM (18, 21-22); Neurologist.

DE COSTA Daniel: (2020): Silver (21); GC (HD 20); AMC (D 20); Rowing (20-23), HoR (22-23); Football (20-23), 1sts (22-23); Athletics (20); Parking (21).

DEAN Saxon: (2019): Trophy (22); First Music (19); First Robotics (21); First Software Design (22); AA (19-23); NCQ (HD 19); GC (HD 19, 21 D 20); ICAS-Sc (D 19); CAT (D 19, 21); NCSS Advanced (Perfect Score 21-22); AIO (Cr 22, Silver 23); AMC (D 22); UNSW ProgComp (D 22-23); MB (19), ICB (19), PO (19-20), SCB (21), SO (21), SSE (20-22), Matilda (21), MP (23); Sailing (20-23), 2nds (21), 1sts (22-23), NSW (21-23), Nationals (22); Rifle Shooting (19-23), 1sts (23), GPS Premiers (23), Combined GPS (23); WGS (23); Parking (19, 21).

DENG Joshua: (2020): Silver (21); Rugby (20); Football (21-22); Tennis (20-22); Investment Banker.

DIAO Yuancong: Platinum (21); GC (D 19, 21); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); ICAS-En (D 18); Cadets (18-19, 21); GE (18-19, 21-22), JSB (18-20); Debating (18, 20-21); Rifle Shooting (18); Rugby (18); Tennis (19, 21-22); Fencing (19-23); Rowing (20); Parking (18, 20); Cyber Security Specialist.

FAN Yuankai: Bronze (19); 1st Chinese (20); ICAS-Sc (D 18); NCQ (D 22); GC (HD 18-20 D21); AMC (D 18-20, 22); Debating (18-21); Football (18-19); Rowing (18-19); Doctor.

FANG Runbo: Silver (19); PMn (21); AMC (HD 18 D 22); GC (HD 18-19 D 20); NCQ (HD 21 D 19); ICAS-Sc (D 18); ICAS-En (D 18); Cadets (18); Debating (18-19); Chess (18); Football (18-23); Basketball (22-23); Rowing (18-20); Enviro (22); Parking (18). FARAZI Zayan: Gold (20); PM (22); NCQ (D 18); ICAS-En (D 18); GC (HD 18, 20-21 D 19); AMC (D 18, 20); ICAS-SC (HD 18 D 19); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Cricket (18-22); Volleyball (18-20); Football (21-22); Debating (18-20); Parking (18); CUp (18); PUC (23); Software Engineer.

FIENE Liam: (2020): Coates (23); Prefect (23); 1st Visual Design (20); Outdoor Education Prize (22); AA (20, 22); GC (HD 20-21); AMC (D 20); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Web.Comp (Perfect Score 21); Cadets (20-23), Adventure Training Award (22), ANZAC Day (22-23), Remembrance Day (22), CDTSGT (22-23), ACSM (23); SO (20-22), SCB (20-23), MB (21-23), MP (23); Debating (20-21); DOE Bronze (21), Silver (22); Tennis (20-23), 2nds (22), 1sts (23); Football (20-22), 2nds (22); Rugby (23); CSC (21-23), Exec (22); Leg (22); J4G (22); CUP (22); RSA (22); BSB (22); WGS (22); PAWS (20-22); Enviro (21-22); Parking (20, 22); Lawyer.

FRANCIS Harrison: (2020): McDonnell (23); Prefect (23); PMn (21); AA (20-22); NCQ (HD 22); GC (HD 20); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); MB (21-23), SO (20-22), SCB (20-23), Matilda (21), MP (23); Debating (20-23), Suttie Award (22), Legal Debating (20); Basketball (20-23); Football (20-23); LM (20-21); PUC (23); Enviro (20); Engineer.









FRANKLIN Gerald: Gold (21); AA (18-19, 21-23); ICAS-En (HD 18); GC (HD 18-21); AMC (D 18-20, 22); NCQ (D 19, 22); GE (18-21); Water Polo (18-23); Rifle Shooting (18); Football (19); PUC (23); Parking (18); General Practitioner.

GADELA Siddharth: Silver (20); 1st Studies of Religion II (22); P and C Literacy Competition Junior Award (20); AA (18); GC (HD 19-22); NCQ (HD 22 D 18); ICAS-En (HD 18); CAT (D 19). Zone Athletics (18); Cricket (18-20); Football (18-20); Debating (19); LM (18, 22); Mechatronics Engineer.

GANGULY Dibyesh: (2020): Platinum (21); PMn (21); AA (21, 23); AMC (D 20); GC (HD 21 D 20); NCQ (Perfect Score 19 HD 22); USYD International Science School (22); GE (20); Debating (20-21); Public Speaking (20); Cricket (20-22); Football (21-22); Rifle Shooting (20); PAWS (20); SJS (21-22); BSB (22); SD (22); WGS (22); CSC Treasurer (22).

GERSTL Saxon: Platinum (21); PSL (20); PMn (21); 1st PDHPE (18, 21); J & E Saxby Bequest (21); Graham Pilger Prize (21); Pierre de Coubetin Prize (21); GC (D 20); Debating (18-19); Rugby (18-23), 1st XV (21-23), Alan Kippax Trophy (22); Rowing (18-21); Basketball (22-23), 1sts (23); Athletics (18-19, 22); Swimming (19); Boggabilla (19); WGS (22); Professional Rugby Player.

GILL Udeybir: (2020): GC (HD 20); Cricket (20-23), 2nds (21), 1sts (22-23); Football (20); Athletics (20); Engineer.



GORIPARTHI Mukund: Platinum (21); PMn (21); AA (23); AIMO (20); GC (HD 18-19 D 20); NCQ (HD 22); ICAS-Sc (D 18); AMC (D 19-20, 22); Debating (18-19, 21); Matilda Crew (21); Cadets (18-19); GE (18-19); Basketball (18-21); Football (19-21); Rugby (18); PAWS (20-22); Parking (18-21); LM (19, 21-22); PUC (23); Immunologist.

GOVIND Agastya: Trophy (22); PMn (21); PSL (20); AA (18-20, 23); UNSW ProgComp (D 23); AIO (Bronze 22, Gold 23); AMC (HD 18, 22 D 19-20); CAT (D 21); GC (HD 19-20 D 18, 21); Cyber Comp (D 21); NCSS (HD 21); NCQ (HD 18 D 19); ICAS-Sc (D 19); Ethics Olympiad (21); AIMO (20); Debating (18-23), 2nds (22), 1sts (23); Chess (18-22); Public Speaking (18-20); Cricket (18-20, 22); Cross Country (18-20); Football (22); Basketball (21); Philosophy (21-22); Parking (18-21); LM (18, 22); Computer Scientist.

GREVILLE Oscar: (2022): Silver (23); Rowing (22); Rugby (22-23), 1st (22-23), CHS (23); Water Polo (23); Athletics (23), GPS (23), CHS (23); PUC (23); Physiotherapist.

GUO Daniel: Platinum (21); 1st Design and Technology (22); ADF Future Innovators Award (21); AA (18-22); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); WebComp (Perfect Score 21); NCQ (HD Excellence 19 D 18); GC (HD 19-21 D 18); AMC (D 18-19, 22); ICAS-Sc (18-19); ICAS-En (18); Cadets (20-21); JSB (18-19); ICB (19); Rowing (18-19); Football (19); Fencing (18); Software Engineer.

HA Akira: Platinum (21); NCQ (D 19); AMC (HD 18 D 19, 22); ICAS-Sc (D 18); GE (18-19), ISB (19-21), JE (20-23), JSB (18), SSB (19-23), MP (23); Sailing (18-23), 1sts (21, 23), NS (21); Footbal (18-19, 21); Parking (19).

HAKIM Zayn: Plaque (21); AMC (HD 22); GC (HD 19-21); ICAS-En (HD 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); NCQ (HD 18 D 19); NLE (Silver 21); Debating (18-21); Chess (21); Cricket (18-23), 2nds (22-23); Football (18-23), 2nds (22-23); Athletics (18-19); TOM (18-19); PAWS (18-19); Philosophy (20); SJS (19); WGS (21, 23); PUC (23); Parking (18).



HAN [S] Eugene: Bronze (20); PSL (20); PMn (21); NCQ (D 19); AMC (D 18); Debating (18-19); Basketball (20-23); Water Polo (18); Football (19-23).

HAN [T] Eugene: Silver (20); PSL (20); PMn (21); NCQ (D 18); GC (HS 20); ICAS-Sc (D 18); ICB (19-20); Debating (18-19, 21); Cadets (18); Basketball (18-23); Football (18-23); NCE (19); Parking (18).

HAN Jonathan: Silver (20); GC (HD 19 D 20); NCQ (D 18-19); AMC (D 19); Cross Country (18-21); Rowing (18-20); Rugby (18); Sailing (21); Philosophy (21); Site Study Project (20); BSB (22).

HARYANTO Bryan: Platinum (21); AA (23); GC (HD 19-21 D 18); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (HD 18 D 19); NCQ (HD Excellence 18 D 19, 22); AMC (D 18-20, 22); CAT (D 19); GE (18-21); Debating (18, 20-21); Basketball (18-21); Football (19-21); Parking (18).

HE Andy: Silver (21); AA (21-23); AMC (D 19-20, 22); GC (HD 19, 21); ICAS-Sc (D 19); Basketball (18-22); Volleyball (18-22); Software Engineer.

HE Jason: Silver (19); 1st Chinese in Context (Prelim 21, HSC 22); AA (18-23); AMC (HD 18 D 19-20, 22); GC (HD 18 D 20); NCQ (HD 22 D 19); Debating (18-19); Cricket (18-19); Football (18-19); Tennis (20); Doctor/Dentist.

HO Ewan: Silver (20); AMC (HD 18, 22); NCQ (HD 19, 22); NCSS (HD 21); GC (D 19-20); JSE (18), PO (18), SSE (19); Debating (18); Water Polo (19-23), 2nds (23); Football (18-21); Basketball (18); PUC (23); Neurologist Specialist.

HONG Eric: Platinum (21); PSL (20); PMn (21); AA (19-23); IMMC (National Finalist 21-22); GC (HD 18-19, 21 D 20); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); NCQ (D 18); AMC (D 20, 22); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Web.Comp (Perfect Score 21); JSB (18); Debating (18-21); Public Speaking (19); Fencing (18-22), 2nds (19-20); Athletics (18-19); Rowing (19); Tennis (20); LM (18); Software Developer.

HOSSAIN Ramin: Plaque (23); SRC (23); GC (HD 19-21); AMC (HD 18 D 22); Debating (19-21); Cricket (18-23), 2nds (22), 1sts (23); Football (18-23), 1sts (21-23); Athletics (18-20, 22-23), GPS (19-20, 22-23), State (23), Region (19), Zone (21); PUC (21-23); Parking (19); Paediatrician.

HOSSAIN Samin: Platinum (21); PM (22); 1st Geography (21-22); AA (20-23); NCSS (Int Perfect Score 21 Adv HD 21); GC (HD 19-21, 23); NCQ (HD Excellence 19 D 18); ICAS-Sc (HD 18 D 19); ICAS-En (D 18); BSC (D 21); AMC (D 20); Debating (19-20); Cricket (18-22); Football (18-22); PUC (22-23); CUp (18); Software Engineer.







HUA Patrick: Silver (20); AA (22-23); GC (HD 19-21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Basketball (18-23); 2nds (21-23), Captain (23); Athletics (19); PUC (23); Actuary.

HUANG Chris: Platinum (21); PMn (21); CAT (D 19); GC (HD 19-20); ICB (18-20), (ISB (19), JSB (18), MB (18-19), SCB (20-23), SSB (19-20), SO (20-22), MP (23); Cadets (18-19, 21), Rowing (18-22), HOR (22); Football (19-22); Fencing (18); Parking (20).

HUANG Frederick: Gold (20); AA (20); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); GC (HD 20); AMC (D 19); Debating (18); Model UN State Conference (23); Chess (18); Athletics (18-20, 22), CHS (18-19), Region (18-19), Zone (18-19, 21-22), GPS (18-20, 22); Rowing (19); Rugby (19-20); Water Polo (22); Basketball (20); Rifle shooting (18, 22); Football (21); PUC (23); Big Kitchen (23); Architecture.

HUANG Jack: Silver (22); GC (HD 18-19, 21 D 20); NCQ (HD Excellence 18 D 19); AMC (D 18-20, 22); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); Cadets (19-22), CPL (22); Fencing (18-23), 1sts (22), 2nds (23); Rowing (18-19); Mechanical Engineer.

HUYNH Justin: Silver (21); NCQ (HD 18, 22), GC (HD 19-20); Cross Country (19-21), Zone (21); Rowing (18-20); Sailing (21), 1sts (21); MT (22), WGS (22); Chemist.

HWANG Anthony: Silver (19); Cadets (18-19); Debating (18, 21); NCQ (HD 18); AMC (D 18-19); ICAS-Sc (HD 18); GC (HD 21 D 20); Rowing (19-20); Volleyball (18-23), 1sts (22-23), 2nds (21); Basketball (22-23); PUC (23).



HYUN Jun Ha: (2022): AMC (D 22); CHS Table Tennis (22-23), Shield 22-23), Challenge Cup (23).

JEONG Younwoo: GC (HD 22 D 19-20); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); AMC (D 19); Rowing (18-20); Cross Country (19-21); Sailing (21); Fencing (18); Land Surveyor.

JI Ewen: Gold (21); 1st Mathematics (19-21); 1st Geography (19, Preliminary 21); 1st Chinese (19, 21); AA (18-23); GC (HD 21-23 D 18, 20); IMMC (National Finalist 21); AMC (D 18-20, 22); NCQ (D 19, 22); ICAS-Sc (D 19); Chess (18); Debating (19); Football (19, 21); Basketball (19-20); DVD (21); Engineer.

JI Kevin: (2022): NCQ (D 22); Athletics (22-23), GPS (22-23), Zone (22-23), Region (23); Water Polo (22-23); PUC (22-23); Anesthesiologist.

JIAN Timothy: Gold (20); GC (HD 21 D 18-20); AMC (D 18, 20); JSE (18), PO (18-20); Debating (18-19); Basketball (18-21, 23); Cricket (22), 2nds (22); Football (18-21, 23); LM (21).

JIN Xiaozong: Silver (21); PM (22); AA (18, 21-23); AMC (HD 20 D 18-19, 22); NCQ (HD 19, 22 D 18); GC (HD 19 D 20-21); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 19); CAT (D 19); IMMC (National Finalist 21-22); Sailing (19-22); Fencing (18); Parking (22); PUC (23); Engineer.

KABIR Ahasan: Silver (21); GC (HD 20 D 19, 21); AMC (D 18); NCQ (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); Football (18-23), 2nds (22); Cricket (18-19); Athletics (19); Basketball (21-22); Matilda (21); PUC (23); Software Engineer.

KAMATH Sumit: Platinum (21); Technology Innovation Award (22); GE (18-20); Debating (18-21); Chess (21-22); Public Speaking (21); AA (20-21, 23); ICAS-Sc (D 18); GC (HD 20 D 19); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Web Comp (Perfect Score 21); KAO Angus: Gold (21); AA (20-21); AMC (HD 22 D 19-20); GC (HD 20-21 D 19); ICAS-Sc (HD 18); Basketball (18-23); Football (18-19, 21); Athletics (19); International Business Development Manager.

KUANG Kaden: Trophy (22); SRC (18); PMn (21); PSL (20); AMC (D 18-20, 22); GC (HD 18, 21 D 19); Debating (18-20); MB (18-19), ICB (18-19); Basketball (18-23), 2nds (23); Volleyball (20-22), 2nds (22), GPS Premiers (22), State Team (19); Swimming (18-23); Athletics (18-20, 22-23), Zone (18-23), Region (19, 23), GPS (19-20, 22-23), Captain (23); Zone Cross Country (18); Football (19); Rugby (18, 23); LM (22).

KWAG Eugene: Gold (20); PMn (21); PSL (20); Debating (18, 21); AA (18, 20); GC (HD 19-21); AMC (HD 18-19);NLE (Gold 21); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); Basketball (18-23); Football (18-22); Athletics Zone (21-22); Actor.

LAI Max: Bronze (18); PSL (20); JSB (18-20), ICB (18); GC (HD 18-19 D 20-21); ICAS-Sc (D 18); Rowing (18-20); Football (18-19, 21); Tennis (21-22); LM (18, 22); Software Engineer.

LAM Matthew: Coates (23); School Vice-Captain (23); PMn (21); PSL (20); 1st Geography (18); Cutler Scholarship (22); GE (18-20); Debating (18-19); AA (18-20, 22); GC (HD 18-22 D 23); NCQ (HD 19, 22 D 18); AMC (D 19); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); CAT (D 19, 21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Rugby (19-23), 1sts (22-23); Basketball (18-23); Volleyball (18); Athletics (18-20); DOE Bronze (23); BBD (20); J4G (22); Leg (22); Mov (22); RSA (18-19, 22); SD (22), WGS (22-23); CSC Exec (22); CUp (21-22); PUC (23); WRD (22); Parking (18-23); Computer Science.

LAO Harry: Silver (21); AMC (D 19); GC (D 19); NCQ (D 18); Chess (18-23), NSWJCL Division Winners (19, 23), Senior A Captain (23); Tennis (18-23), 2nds (20-21), Premiers (20), 1sts (22-23), Captain (23); Athletics (18); Fencing (18); DOE Bronze (22); Archives (21-22); Parking (19-20, 23); Doctor.

LAU Andersen: Plaque (22); PMn (21); 1st French (18); AA (18-23); AMC (D 18-20, 22); GC (HD 19); Chess (18); Basketball (18); Tennis (19-22); Water Polo (23); Fencing (18-19); Volleyball (20-22); DVD (18); BSB (22); WGS (20, 22); MT (22); Enviro (20-22); SJS (18); Doctor.

LE Ryan: (2022): AA (23); Football 1sts (22); Basketball (22); Enviro (22); Quantitative Analyst.

LEE Patrick: Gold (20); SRC (18); 1st French (20); GC (HD 18, 20); AMC (HD 18 D 19); ICAS-En (D 18); NCQ (D 18); ALC French (D 20); ICB (18); Debating (18-19); Athletics (18); Basketball (18-21,23); Cricket (22), 2nds (22); Volleyball (18-23), 2nds (22), Premiers (22); PUC (23); Lawyer.

LEE Winson: (2020): Gold (22); PMn (21); Chess (21); Debating (21); AA (20, 22-23); GC (HD 21-22 D 20, 23); NCQ (HD 22); Volleyball (20-22), U16 SVL Champions (20), NSW Junior State Cup Champions (21); Rowing (21-22); Athletics (22), GPS (22); DoE Bronze (23); BSB (22); PAWS (22); LM (21-22); Dentist.

LEE Won-Hee: (2020): Silver (21); GC (D 20); ICAS En (19-20); Debating (20-21); Rugby (20-23), 1sts (22-23), Syd East (22), Basketball (20-23).

LI Andrew: Silver (20); NCQ (D D 18); GC (HD 19-21); AMC (HD 18, D 19-20, 22); ICAS-Sc (D 18); Cadets (18); Rowing (18-19); Water Polo (20-22); Football (18-22); PAWS (22).

LI Lawrence: (2022): NCQ (D 22); AMC (D 22); Basketball (22-23); PUC (23); Pharmacologist.









LI Max: Platinum (21); AA (18-19); 1st Film Making (20); AMC (D 18-19); GC (HD 19 D 20); BSC (D 21); Debating (18); Chess (18-23), NSWJCL Interschool Division winners (23); Tennis (18-23); Football (18-22); Athletics (18-19); Archives (21); Parking (18, 20); Computer Science.

LIANG Harry: Bronze (18); AMC (D 18); GC (HD 18-19, 20 D 21); ICAS-En (D 18); Cadets (18-22); Debating (18-19); Chess (18)Football (18-19); Rowing (18-19).

LIANG Ryan: Silver (19); AMC (D 18-19); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 19); GC (D 19-20), Basketball (18-19); Football (18-19); Sailing (20-21), 1sts (21); Athletics (19); Parking (18-20).

LIANG Timothy: Bronze (18); PSL (20); CAT (D 19); GC (HD 19); Basketball (18, 20-23); Football (18-19, 21); Tennis (19); Fencing (20); CC (22); Athletics (18-19), GPS (19); Finance.

LIANG Tony: GC (HD 20 D 18); AMC (D 19); Sailing (21); Rowing (19-20); Cross Country (18-21), Zone (21); Graphic Designer.

LIAO Thomas: Platinum (21); PMn (21); PSL (20); AA (22-23); AMC (HD 22 D 18, 20); NCQ (D 21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); UNSW ProgComp (D 22); Cadets (18-20); Chess (19); JSB (18-20), ISB (20-21), SSB (21-22), SCB (23), MB (23), Matilda (21), MP (23); Rifle Shooting (18-22); Football (18-21); NCE (19); LM (18-19); Parking (18-19, 22); Actuary.

LIEM Julian: Silver (20); ICAS-En (D 18); GC (HD 20 D 19); AMC (D 18); Debating (18); Basketball (18-19); Tennis (20-22); Football (19-20); Rifle shooting (18); Parking (18, 20).

LIM Jia Herr: Trophy (23); School Captain (23); Y7 Prefect (23); SRC (20-22), President (22); PMn (21); PSL (20); John Francis Bush Memorial Prize (22); 1st Chinese Continuers (22); AA (18, 20, 22-23); AMC (HD 19, 22 D 20); GC (D 20-21); NCQ (D 19); ICAS-Sc (18); Cadets (18-19); Debating (20); Chess (18); Volleyball (19-23), 2nds (22), Premiers (22), 1sts (23), Champions (23), Australian School's Cup 2nd (19), CHS KO

2nd (23); Water Polo (22-23), 2nds (22-23); Basketball (18-21); Rugby (18); Athletics (18-20); Swimming (18-19); Wellbeing (23); LM (22); WGS (23); Mov (22); PUC (23); Bushcare (23); Consultant.

LIN George: Bronze (19); AMC (D 18-19); GC (HD 18-20); ICAS-Sc (HD 18 D 19); ICAS-En (D 18); ICB (18), MB (18), SSB (19-22), Commitment Award (18), MP (23); Football (18-19); Cricket (18-20); Tennis (21-22); Music Education.

LIU Brad: Gold (20); 1st Engineering Studies (22); AA (18-20); GC (HD 18-20); CAT (HD 21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); NCQ (HD 19 D 18); AMC (HD 19 D 18, 22), ICAS-Sc (D 19); Debating (18-20); Basketball (18-20); Cross Country (19-20); Fencing (18); Athletics (18-19); Engineer.

LIU Kevin: Silver (20); ICAS-Sc (HD 18 D 19); CAT (D 19); GC (HD 18-21); NCQ (D 19); Debating (18-19); Rowing (18-20); Cross Country (18-21); Sailing (21); Aviation technician.

LIU Yizhou: Platinum (21); PMn (21); AMC (D 18-19, 22); GC (HD 20 D 21); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); NCQ (D 18-19); ICB (18-19), MB (18), SO (20), SCB (20); Basketball (18-23); Volleyball (18-23), 2nds (21), 1sts (22-23), Champions (22-23); Athletics (18-19, 21), GPS (19), Zone (21); PUC (23); Parking (18); Engineer.

LO James: Silver (21); 1st Design and Technology (20-21); AA (21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); GC (HD 20-21 D 18); AMC (HD 19 D 20); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); Basketball (18-21); Water Polo (22-23), 2nds (23); Football (18-19); PUC (23); Parking (18-19); Mechanical Engineer.

LOGOTHETIS Dimitrios: Bronze (19); GC (D 19-20); AMC (D 18); Volleyball (18-23), 2nds (21), 1sts (22-23); Champions (22-23), CHS KO Champions (22), Sydney East Rep (22-23), CHS rep (23), GPS (22-23), NSW rep (23); Basketball (19-20, 23); Water Polo (18); Athletics (19).



















LOW Ethan: Gold (21); Debating (18-21); AA (18); NCSS (HD 21); GC (D 19); NCQ (D 19); AMC (D 19); Basketball (18); Fencing (18-22); Athletics (18-19); Sailing (19-23), 1sts (22-23); Parking (20-21); Cyber Analyst.

LUM Hani: GC (HD 20, 22); Tennis (18-23); Football (19); IT Infrastructure Developer.

LUU Jaden: (2020): Trophy (23); SRC (23); PMn (21); Debating (20-21); PO (20), SCB (21-22), SO (21-22), MB (21-22), MP (23); Water Polo (20-23), 1sts (22-23), Captain (21, 23); Football (20-23), 2nds (22); Swimming (21-23), GPS rep (22), Blue (22); Athletics (20); DoE Bronze (21); LM (21); J4G (22); PAWS (20-22); Enviro (21-23); Wellbeing (23); Parking (21); PUC (23); Investment Banker.

LY Edward: Plaque (23); Prefect (23); 1st PDHPE (22); AA (21); GC (HD 20); AMC (D 18, 20); ICAS-En (D 18); Athletics (18-23); Basketball (18-23), 2nds (21); Volleyball (18-23), 2nds (20), Premiers (20), 1sts (21-23), Champions (22-23), Blue (21), Captain (23), Combined GPS 1sts (21-23), CHS KO Champions (22), Sydney East Rep (22-23), Sydney East Blue (22), Opens CHS Rep (22-23), NSW Rep (19, 22-23), National Champions (19, 22-23); PUC (23); Mov (22).

MADAN Aayush: Trophy (22); SRC (18); AA (18-23); GC (HD 21 D 18, 20); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 19); Debating (18-21); Cricket (18-23), 2nds (21), 1sts (22-23), Vice Captain (23), Best and Fairest (23), Combined Five Highs XI (22); Football (18-22), 1sts (22); Athletics (18-20), GPS (18-20), Region (18-19), Zone (18-19, 21-22); Zone Cross Country (18); PAWS (20, 22); Enviro (20-22); ToM (19); LM (18, 20); SJS (20); Philosophy (21); Leg (22); J4G (22); PUC (23), Parking (18-19); Doctor.

MAHIDADIA Adit: Coates (22); PM (22); 1st HSC Geography (22); 2nd Place (20); 1st English (20); 1st Science (19); AA (18-23); GC (Prize 22 HD 18-21, 23); AMC (Prize 18 HD 19-20, 22); NCQ (HD 18-19); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (HD 18 D 19); NCSS (Perfect Score 18, HD 19, D 20); AIMO (2020); ME (19); Debating (18-23), 2nds (22), 1sts (23); Legal Debating (20); Public Speaking (18-22); Chess (18-22); Cricket (18-22); Volleyball (18-19); Football (20-22); PAWS (20-22); SJS (18-20); Philosophy (21-22); Enviro (21-23); DVD (18-19, 21); Ethics Olympiad (20-21); MB (19); TOM (18); RSA (18); J4G (22); WRD (22); Leg (22); LM (21); Parking (18-19); Engineer.

MAI Zhitian: Plaque (21); PSL (21); AMC (D 18-20); GC (HD 18-20, 22-23 D 21); ICAS-En (HD 18); ICAS-Sc (HD 18-19); NCQ (HD Excellence 19 HD 18, 22); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); CAT (D 21); AIO (Silver 21); WebComp (Perfect Score 21); JSB (18), MB (18-19), ISB (19-21), SSB (21-22); Chess (18-22); Sailing (19-23), 1sts (21-23); Fencing (18-22); PUC (23); Scientist.

MANN Anoop: (2020): Platinum (22); AA (20); GC (HD 20); AMC (D 22); NCQ (D 22); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Debating (20-21); Tennis (20-22), 2nds (22); Football (20-23); Enviro (21-23); SD (22); WRD (22); PAWS (22); PUC (23).

MARAN Kavin: (2020): Gold (22); AMC (D 22); ISB (20); PE (20-22); Debating (20-21); Chess (20-21); Cricket (20-23), 2nds (22), 1sts (23); Football (22), 2nds (22); BSB (22); SD(22); Leg (22); WGS (23); PUC (23); WRD (22); Parking (21-22).

MATTHEWS James: Plaque (23); Prefect (23); PSL (20); AA (23); AMC (D 19, 22); CAT (D 19); GC (HD 19-20); Debating (18-21); Cadets (18-19); Rugby (18-23), 1sts (22-23); Basketball (19-23); Sailing (18); Athletics (18-20), Region (19); Parking (18-19, 22); PUC (23); Bushcare (23).

MEDLEJ Mohammad: McDonnell (23); Prefect (23); PM (22); PMn (21); PSL (20); 1st Science (18); 1st Philosophy (21); 1st Latin (21 NSL); AA (18-23); NCQ (HD Excellence 18-19 HD 22); AMC (HD 20 D 18-19, 22); ICAS-Sc (HD 18-19); ICAS-En (HD 18); GC (HD 20 D 19, 21); CAT (D 19); NLE (Silver 20-21); IMMC (22, 23), National Finalist (22); AIMO (20); ME (HD 19); Debating (18-22), 3rds (22), FED Champions (22), GPS Premiers (22); Philosophy (18-22); Ethics Olympiad (21); Rifle Shooting (18, 21-22), 1sts (22), GPS Champions (22), 2nds (22), MODY Tanveer: (2020): Platinum (22); PM (22); AA (20, 22-23); GC (D 20); NCSS (Intermediate Perfect Score 21); Cadets (20-21); Tennis (20-22), 2nds (21-22); Football (20-22); PUC (23).

Engineer/Lawyer.

MOHAMED KIYAS Muhammad Aakif: Bronze (19); ICAS-En (HD 18); AMC (D 18); GC (HD 19, 21); Cadets (20-21); Debating (19); Football (18-19); Basketball (18-20); LM (18, 22); Engineer.

MULDER Jack: (2019): Silver (20); GC (D 19); Basketball (20-23), 2nds (22), 1sts (23); Cricket (19); Rugby (19-23), 1sts (22-23); Athletics (19); Parking (19); WGS (22).

MUSTAFA Subhan: Plaque (23); Prefect (23); PMn (21); PM (22); 1st German (18); ICAS-En (D 18); NCQ (D 19); AMC (D 20, 22); GC (D 20); NLE (Silver 21); Debating (18-19); Basketball (18); Volleyball (18); Rowing (19-23), 2nd VIII (22), 1st VIII (23); Rugby (19-23), 1sts (22-23); Athletics (20, 22), GPS (20, 22); Enviro (22); PAWS (22); EqC (22); WGS (21-23); Parking (18, 21-23); Lawyer.

NG Jacob: Silver (20); CAT (HD 19); AMC (HD 19 D 18, 20); Rifle shooting (18-23), 2nds Premiers (22), 1sts Premiers (23); Rowing (18); Sailing (19).

NGUYEN Hikun: Plaque (23); Prefect (23); AA (23); AMC (D 19, 22); GC (HD 20); NCQ (HD 22 D 19); ICB (18); Debating (19-20); Basketball (18-21); Water Polo (22-23), 2nds (23); Football (18-23), 2nds (20), 1sts (21-23), Captain (23), GPS 1st XI (23), Blue (23); Athletics (18-19, 22-23), GPS (20, 22-23), Zone (18, 21-23), Region (18, 23); Cross Country Zone (18), Region (18); Triathlon (20); Parking (18-19); PUC (23); Footballer.

NGUYEN Quan: (2022): Water Polo (22); Rugby (22-23), 1sts (22-23).

NGUYEN Roderick: Silver (19); AA (18-19); NCQ (HD 18 D 19); ICAS-En (D 18); GC (HD 19 D 20); AMC (HD 18 D 19-20); CC (22), JE (22), SSB (22); Debating (18); Musical (23); Rowing (18-20); Football (18-20); Enviro (21-22); LM (18, 22).









NGUYEN Thomas: Silver (20); JSB (18-19); ICAS-Sc (HD 18); AMC (HD 18 D 19-20); GC (HD 18-19); NCQ (HD 19); Debating (18); Football (18-21); Rowing (19-20); Basketball (18); Sailing (22); Parking (18-20); Pharmacist.

NGUYEN Tri: Gold (20); AA (18-20, 22); GC (HD 18-20); NCSS (HD 21); NCQ (HD 19); AMC (D 18-20, 22); CAT (D 19, 21); ICAS-Sc (18-19); Chess (18-22); Cricket (18-21); Volleyball (18); Rifle Shooting (19); SJS (18); Parking (18).

NGUYEN William: Platinum (22); Prefect (23); PSL (20); AA (18, 21-22); GC (HD 20 D 18, 21); NCQ (D 18-19); AMC (D 18-19); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); ICAS-En (D 18); CAT (D 19); ICB (18-20), SCB (21-23), SO (21-22), MP (23); Football (18); Cross Country (19); Rugby (22), 1sts (22); Rifle Shooting (23); Rowing (18-23), 2nd VIII (22-23); J4G (22); PUC (23); Bushcare (23); Doctor.

OH Peter: (2020): Debating (20); Basketball (20, 22-23); Volleyball (20).

OU Shi Rong: Bronze (19); ICAS-En (D 18); GC (HD 19); ICAS-Sc (D 19); AMC (D 19); CAT (D 19); JSB (18); Debating (18-19); Basketball (18-22); Football (19); Parking(18); Software Designer/Engineer.

PAN Rudy: Silver (20); GC (HD 19-21 D 18); NCQ (HD 19 D 18, 22); CAT (D 19); AMC (D 19); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); Cross Country (18-21), Zone (21), Region (21); Rowing (18-20); Sailing (21).

PANG Julius: Plaque (22); Principal's Award for Achievements in the Arts (22); AA (18-23); AMC (HD 18 D 19-20); NCQ (HD 18-19 D 22); GC (HD 21); ICAS-Sc (D 19); CAT (D 21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); GE (21-22), PE (22-23), MP (23); Debating (18-19); Basketball (18-21, 23); Football (18-23); Parking (18).

PARASHER Shaun: (2022): 1st Modern History (22); AA (23); NCQ (HD 22); Debating (22-23), 3rds co-premiers (23); Rifle shooting (22).







PAREKH Aditya: Silver (21); AA (19, 21); 1st Latin (21); AMC (HD 18 D 19); GC (HD 20); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); NLE (Gold 21); NCQ (D 22); Debating (18-19); Tennis (18-20, 22-23); Football (18-22); DVD (18); Archives (21); Parking (19); PUC (23); Computer Hardware Engineer.

PARK Joon: Plaque (23); Prefect (23); PM (22); SRC (19-20); 1st Ancient History (22); 1st Commerce (20); AA (18-22); GC (HD 18-20); ICAS-Sc (D 18); NCQ (D 19); CAT (D 19); Rowing (18, 20, 22-23), 2nd VIII (23); Football (18, 20, 22); Basketball (19); Cross Country (19); Water Polo (21); Volleyball (19, 21); Rugby (23); Enviro (21-22); Bushcare (23); PUC (23); Veterinarian.

PARTHIBAN Sarvesh: (2020): Plaque (22); SRC (22); PMn (21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21-22); GC (HD 20 D 21); Web.Comp (D 21); Cyber Comp (HD 21); NCQ (D 22); Debating (20-22), FED winner (22); Chess (20-22); Public Speaking (20); ISB (20), ICB (20); Tennis (20-22), Captain (22); Football (21-22); Rifle Shooting (20); SJS (20); BSB (22); PAWS (20); RSA (22); SD (22); Lawyer.

PATEL Chandrashekhar: Plaque (22); SRC (18); 1st HSC Business Studies (22); AA (20, 22); GC (HD 19-21), NCSS (Perfect Score 21), Cyber Comp (D 21); Chess (21-22); Philosophy (21-22); Debating (18-21); Public Speaking (21); Cricket (18-22); Football (18-22); Ethics Olympiad (20-21); PAWS (20-22); Enviro (20-22); LM (20-22); PUC (23); Actuary.

PHUA Jason: Silver (21); PM (22); AA (20-22); 1st Architectural and Engineering Graphics (21); 1st in Game Design and Development (21); AMC (D 18-19, 22); CAT (D 19); GC (HD 19-20); NCSS (Perfect Score 22); ICAS-Sc (D 19); Sailing (18-22), 1sts (21); Athletics (19); PUC (23); Software Developer.


PIROM Benjamin: Trophy (23); Prefect (23); PMn (22); 1st HSC Music 2 (22); Principal's Award for Achievement in Arts (22); 1st Music (20); AA (18-19, 22); GC (HD 18, 20 D 21); AMC (D 18-19); ICAS-SC (HD 19 D 18); NCQ (D 19); JSB (18), MB (18-19, 23), Drum Major (23), SSB (19-23), ICB (19), JE (19, 22), PE (19-23), SCB (20-23), SO (20-22), MP (23); Basketball (18-23); Football (18-23), Captain (21), 2nds (22), 1sts (23); PUC (23); Bushcare (23).

QIAN Levin: Gold (22); PMn (21); AA (22); AMC (D 19), GC (D 19-20); NCQ (HD 22); Basketball (18-23); Fencing (18); Rifle Shooting (19); Volleyball (20); Football (21); Rugby (22), 1sts (22); Athletics (18-19), Zone (18), Region (18); Philosophy (21); Wellbeing (23); J4G (22); Leg (22); BSB (22); PUC (23); UBS Finance Academy (22); MUN State Conference (22); Banker.

RAHMAN Raad: AMC (D 20); Rifle Shooting (18-19); Rugby (18); ME (18).

RAJKUMAR Heishan: Platinum (21); 1st Drama (20); AA (18, 20-21); AMC (HD 19 D 18, 20, 22); NCQ (HD 21); GC (D 20); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Web Comp (HD 21); Debating (18-21); Basketball (18-23); Volleyball (18); Football (19-23); Athletics (18); J4G (22); PAWS (20-22); LM (18, 21); Matilda (21); PUC (23); Actuary.

RAO Chanakya: Platinum (21); GC (HD 19, 21); AMC (HD 22); Debating (18-21); Cadets (19); Chess (18); Cricket (19-22); Tennis (18); Football (19-23); Athletics (19); Enviro (20-22); PAWS (20-21); SJS (19); Philosophy (21-22); LM (18-22); PUC (23); J4G (22); SD (22).

REGULAGEDDA Nishanth: (2022): NCQ (D 22); Cricket (22-23), 2nds (22), 1sts (23).

ROUSSOS Chris: Gold (21); PMn (21); ICAS-En (18); ICAS-Sc (18); Debating (20); Cadets (18); Cricket (18-21), 2nds (20), 1sts (21); Football (20-22); Volleyball (18-19); Philosophy (21-22); MT (21-23), Director (23); Mechanical Engineer.

ROY Raunak: (2020): GC (D 20); Debating (20); Cricket (21-23), 1sts (21-23), Captain (23), Combined GPS U16 (21); Football (22), 2nds (22).

ROY CHOWDHURY Digonto: Bronze (19); Debating (18-19); Cadets (18); NCQ (HD 22); GC (HD 22); Rifle shooting (18-19); Rowing (19).

RUSSELL Max: (2020): Trophy (23); Graham Pilger Prize (21); 1st Drama (21); Cadets (20-21); ISB (20), SCB (20-23), SO (20-22), SSB (22), MB (23), MP (23); Rowing (20); Basketball (21-23); Cross Country (20-23), 1sts (21-23), John Prorellis Trophy (22), Sydney East Blue (22); Athletics (20-23), GPS (20-23), Vice-Captain (23), Sydney East Blue (22); Matilda (21); Theatresports (21-22); PUC (21); Physiotherapy.

SAINI Rachit: (2020): Trophy (22); Prefect (23); CSC Chairman (22); PMn (21); AA (20-23); 1st Geography (20); 1st NSW in HSC Hindi Continuers (21); GC (HD 21 D 20); AMC (HD 22); Debating (20-21); Public Speaking (20, 22); ISB (20); Cricket (20-23); Football (20-22), Captain (21); Enviro (22); PAWS (20-22); EqC (20-22); SJS (20-22); LM (21-22); DOE Bronze (22); Wellbeing (23), Leader (23); Ethics (20); WRD (21); Boggabilla (22); Mov (22); WGS (22-23); BSB (22); CUp (22); J4G (22); Leg (22-23); SD (22); RSA (22); Bushcare (23); PUC (23), Ambassador (23); Optometrist, ENT Specialist.

SAINJU Awanish: Gold (22); AA (20); AMC (D 18); GC (D 21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Debating (18-21); Cricket (18-19); Basketball (20-21); Football (18-23); LM (19-22); PAWS (21-22); SJS (19); Enviro (20-22); Software Engineer.

SALMAN Affan: Silver (20); SRC (23); AMC (D 18, 20); GC (HD 20); Debating (18-20); Cadets (18); Cricket (18-22); Football (19-23), 2nds (22); Rugby (18); BSB (22); J4G (22); Leg (22); WRD (22); SD (22); PUC (23); WGS (23); PAWS (22); Enviro (22); Investment banker.



SAMPATH Pranav: Gold (20); AA (22-23); AMC (D 19-20); NCQ (D 19); GC (HD 20 D 18-19, 21); ICAS-Sc (D 18); Debating (18-21); Cricket (18-23), 1sts (22-23); Football (18-21); Athletics (18); ToM (19); PAWS (20); PUC (23); Enviro (20); WGS (23); Parking (18-19); Software Engineer.

SANJEEV Madhav: Gold (21); Debating (18, 20--21); Basketball (18-20, 22-23); Football (18-23), 2nds (22); Athletics (22-23), Region (23); Enviro (20-22); SJS (20); PAWS (20-22); PUC (23); Doctor.

SAVARA Ammay: Gold (20); AA (20); GC (HD 18-19, 21 D 20, 22); AMC (HD 18); Debating (18-22); Public Speaking (18-19), UN Voice Competition (18); Legal Debating (20); Chess (18); Football (19-23); Cricket (18-20); Volleyball (18); Parking (18); LM (18, 22); PAWS (21-22); Enviro (22); PUC (23); Site Study Project (20).

SCARLIS Yianni: ICAS-Sc (D 18); GC (D 20); ISB (23), GE (22); Basketball (21, 23); Tennis (18-19); Cricket (22); Aerospace Engineer.

SEOW Joshua: Silver (20); AMC (D 18-19); GC (HD 20); CAT (D 19); Debating (19); Chess (18); Water Polo (18-20, 22-23); Rugby (19-20); Football (21); MUN State Conference (23); Big Kitchen (23); Commerce.

SHAH Taran: PMn (21); PM (22); CSC Executive (22); Trophy (22); 3rd Place (20); 1st Information Processes and Technology (20); 1st English (18); AA (18-21, 23); AIMO (20); AMC (D 18-20, 22); ChO (HD 23); GC (HD 19, 21): ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (18-19); NCSS (Perfect 21 D 20); NCQ (D 18-19, 22); WebComp (HD 21); Debating (18-20); Legal (20-21); Public Speaking (19); Cadets (18); Cricket (18-22), 2nds (22); Volleyball (18-20); Rifle Shooting (22); WebDev Leader (21); Archives (20-21); BSB (22); CUp (22); Ethics Olympiad (20); J4G (22); LM (18-22); Mov (22); ME (18); Parking (18, 22); PPP (19-20); PUC (23); Enviro (19-22); PAWS (19-22): SJS (19, 21-22); SD (22); WGS (22).

SHAIKH Afnan: (2020): GC (HD 20); AMC (D 20, 22); GE (20-23), MP (23); Philosophy (21); Rifle shooting (20-21); Mov (22); WGS (22).

SHARMA Aditya: Trophy (23); Prefect (23); AA (19-21); NCQ (HD Excellence 19 HD 22 D 18); GC (HD 18-20); AMC (HD 18-19 D 20); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); CAT (D 19); Debating (18-21); Public Speaking (18); Rowing (18-23), 1st IV (23), 2nd IV (22); Rugby (19-21); Football (22-23); Rifle Shooting (18); BSB (22); Mov (22); Enviro (22); Bushcare (23); LM (22-23); Mechatronics and Civil Engineer.

SHIKDER Rubayat: Bronze (19); GC (HD 19); Basketball (18-20); Football (18-19), Captain (18-19); PUC (22-23); Lawyer.

SINGH Gurpartaap: (2020): AA (22); GC (HD 20); AMC (D 20, 22); Debating (20); Cricket (20-21); Football (20); Parking (21); LM (22).

SONG Edward: Bronze (19); GC (D 19); AMC (D 19); ICB (18), JSB (18); Cadets (18); Tennis (20-21); Basketball (19); Rowing (18); Football (18-19, 21-23); Athletics (19).

SONG Ichan: Silver (20); AMC (D 19); Basketball (20-22, captain 21-22); Tennis (18-19); Football (18-22), 2nds (22); Parking (19).

SPANOVIC Filip: (2020): Silver (21); PMn (21); Debating (20-21); Basketball (20-23), 1sts (21-23), Captain (23; Rugby (20-21, 23), 1sts (23); Football (22); Lawyer.

SU Zi Wei: GC (HD 19); AMC (D 20); NCQ (D 18-19); ICAS-En (D 18); Rowing (18-19); Fencing (18-23), 1sts (21-23); Engineer.

SUI Matthew: Gold (21); GC (HD 20-21); CAT (HD 19); Cadets (18); Athletics (18-19); Basketball (18-23); Football (18-23); Cadets (18); Parking (19).

SUN Oliver: ICAS-Sc (D 18); Basketball (20, 22); Rowing (18-19); Rugby (18-19); Athletics (18), Zone (18-19, 21), Region (18-19); Debating (18).

SUN William: Gold (21); AA (19, 21); AMC (D 19-20, 22); GC (D 19); Basketball (18-23), 2nds (23); Football (19-22); Rugby (18).

SUN Wilson: (2020): Silver (21); PYOE NSW Winner (21); AMC (D 20, 22); Volleyball (20-21); Swimming (21); Athletics (20, 22-23), GPS (20, 23), Region (23), Zone (21, 23); Basketball (20-23), 2nds (23); Computer Science.

SUNG Jason: Plaque (22); Prefect (23); PM (22); PMn (21); SRC (18); AA (21-23); AMC (Prize 18 HD 19 D 20, 22); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); GC (HD 20 D 18); AIMO (20); CAT (D 19); Enviro (21-23); Debating (18, 21); Cadets(18); GE (18); Football (18-23), 2nds (21-22), 1st (23); Basketball (18-23); PUC (23); Doctor.

SURI Krish: Trophy (23); AA (18, 20-23); CAT (HD 19); GC (HD 21 D 18-20); ALC German (HD 20); AMC (D 18-20, 22); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); NCQ (D 19); ICAS-En (D 18); PhO (HD 23); JSB (18-19); ICB (19); Debating (19-21); Football (18-23), 2nds (22); Cricket (19-22); Basketball (18, 23); Enviro (21-23); PAWS (20); J4G (22); Leg (22); PUC (23); Parking (18).

TA Patrick: Silver (20); PSL (20); PMn (21); ICAS-En (D 18); AMC (D 18); GC (D 20); Rowing (18-23), 2nd VIII (22), 1st VIII (23); Rugby (18-23), 1sts (22); RSA (22); Architect.

TAN Allan: Plaque (23); Prefect (23); PM (22); PSL (20); AA (19, 21-23); AMC (HD 20 D 19, 22); NCQ (HD 22 D 19); CAT (D 19); GC (D 19); Water Polo (18-23), 1sts (22-23); Football (18-23), 2nds (22-23); Athletics (18-20, 22-23), GPS (19-20, 22-23), Zone (18-19, 21-22), Region (18-19); WGS (23); PUC (23); Bushcare (23); Mechanical/Civil Engineer.

TANEJA Varenya: Silver (20); SRC (23); 1st Preliminary Business Studies (21); GC (HD 21 D 19-20); AMC (D 18-20, 22); Debating (18-21); Cricket (18-22), 2nds (22); Football (18-21); Parking (18); PAWS (20); LM (20); Enviro (20); J4G (22); SD (22); MT (22); PUC (23); Wellbeing (23); Management Consultant.

TANG Ryan: Gold (21); AA (19, 21); GC (HD 19, 21-22 D 18, 20); ICAS-Sc (D 19); BSC (D 19); NCQ (D 19); Debating (18-19); Basketball (18-22); Football (19, 21); Parking (23); Finance.

TANG Stanley: GC (HD 18, 20); Rowing (18-21); PUC (23); Veterinarian.

TAO Angus: Platinum (21); PSL (20); AA (20-21); AMC (D 18-20, 22); GC (HD 19-20); ICAS-Sc (D 18); CAT (D 19); ICB (18-20), MB (18-19, 22), SCB (21-22), SO (21-22); Football (18-23); Tennis (18-20); Basketball (21-23); Athletics (19); Actuary.

TAO Moshi: Plaque (22); Debating (18-21); Cadets (19); NCQ (D 19); AMC (D 19); GC (D 19); ICB (18), SSB (19-20), PE (21-22), MP (23); Football (18-23), 2nds (22), 1sts (23); Athletics (22); Tennis (18-19); Basketball (20-22); Parking (18-19); PUC (23); Lawyer.

THAPALIYA Aayush Deep: Bronze (19); GC (HD 19-20 D 18); NCQ (D 19); CAT (HD 19); Cricket (18-20); Football (18-19); Tennis (21-22); LM (18, 22); Engineer. TRAN Liem: Gold (21); AA (22); GC (HD 18-19); NCQ (HD Excellence 19 HD 22 D 18); ICAS-Sc (HD 18-19); ICAS-En (D 18); AMC (D 19, 22); CAT (D 19); NLE (Gold 21); Sailing (18-23), 1sts (20-23), 2nds (19); Football (18-21); Athletics (19); Parking (18-19, 22).

TSOMIS Nicholas: Bronze (19); 1st Classical Greek (22); NCQ (HD Excellence 18 D 19); AMC (HD 19 D 18, 20); GC (HD 20 D 19); CAT (19); Cricket (18-20, 22); Basketball (21); Football (18-19); Teacher.

VASILIEV Danil: (2020): AMC (D 20); GC (D 20); Basketball (20-23), 2nds (21), 1sts (22-23); PUC (23); Engineer.

VENKATESAN Darshan: Gold (21); 8th NSW HSC Mathematics Advanced (22); 1st Mathematics Advanced (22), 1st Mathematics Extension (22); AA (21, 23); AIMO (D 20); AIO (SIlver 21-23); AMC (HD 19 D 18, 20, 22); CAT (HD 19 D 21); GC (HD 18-20); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); NCQ (HD 19 D 18); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); NLE (Silver 21); UNSWMC (D 23); UNSWProgComp (D 22-23); Football (18-21); Rowing (18-20); SD (22); Software Developer.

VERMA Aryan: Gold (20); PMn (21); AMC (HD 18); CAT (D 19); NCQ (HD 19); GC (HD 20 D 19); ICAS-Sc (D 19); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Debating (18-20); Rugby (18-19); Cricket (18-22), 2nds (22); Football (20-22); Athletics (18-19); PUC (23); Leg (22); Parking (18-19); Investment Banker, Lawyer.

VU Justin: Silver (21); Dux (22); 1st French (19, 21); 1st Visual Design (21); 1st Physics (22); 1st Chemistry (22); 1st Biology (22); AA (18, 20-23); IMMC (National Finalist 21); PYOE (State Winner 21, National Finalist 21); Alliance Française Film Festival Competition (Stage 4 Winner 19); NCQ (HD 18, 22 D 19); AMC (HD 20 D 18-19, 22); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); ICAS-En (D 18); GC (HD 20); Language Perfect (Silver 19); ME (19); PUC (23); Doctor.









WACHSMANN James: (2020): Trophy (23); Prefect (23); PMn (21); 1st Music (21); 1st Legal Studies (22); AA (20); GC (HD 20); ALC French (HD 20); Cadets (20-23), RQMS (22-23), CDTWO2 (23); PO (20), SO (21-22), CC (23), SCB (21-22), MP (23); Rowing (20-23), 2nd VIII (22-23); Cross Country (21-23), 1sts (22-23), Zone (22-23), Region (22-23); Rugby (20); DOE (Bronze 22); PUC (23); Parking (22); ADF Officer.

WAGNER Jayden: AMC (HD 18 D 22); GC (HD 22); Tennis (18-23), Captain (20-21); Football (19, 23); Mov (22); Parking (18-19); Digital Innovation Manager.

WANG Andy: Bronze (19); NCQ (D 22); AMC (D 18, 22); Debating (18); Cadets (18); Basketball (18-23); Football (18-19, 21-23), captain (22); Athletics (19); LM (21); PUC (23).

WANG Patrick: Plaque (21); PM (22); AA (18-23); 1st German (19-20); GC (HD 18, 20 D 21); NCQ (HD 22 D 18-19); AMC (D 18, 20); ICAS-Sc (D 19); ICB (18); Volleyball (18-22), 2nds (21), 1sts (22); Basketball (18-22), Captain (18); Athletics (18-20, 23), Zone (19, 21-23), GPS (19-20, 23); ME (19); J4G (23); PUC (23); Medicine.

WANG Tony: McDonnell (23); Prefect (23); PMn (21); PSL (20); AA (19-21, 23); PYOE NSW Winners (21); GC (HD 18, 20 D 21); AMC (HD 18, 22 D 19-20); NCQ (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); Debating (18-22); JSB (18), ISB (19), SSB (21-22), GE (18-19), MP (23); Basketball (18-23); Football (18-23); Athletics (19); Parking (19); PUC (23); Bushcare (23); Actuary.

WANG William: Silver (20); PSL (20); PMn (21); 1st Film Making (21); Cadets (18); AMC (HD 18 D 19, 22); GC (HD 19); ICAS-Sc (D 18); NCQ (HD 18); Rugby (18); Football (19-21); Basketball (18-23); Creative Director.

WANG Zhangbo: Silver (20); PM (21-22); GC (HD 18-20); AMC (D 18, 20, 22); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 19); NCQ (D 18-19); CAT (D 19); Debating (19); Cadets (18-19); Rowing (18-23), 2nd VIII (22), 1st VIII (23), Captain of Boats (23); Football

(18); Rugby (19-21); PAWS (22); Enviro (22); RSA (22); World Refugee Day (22); Parking (22-23); Property Developer.

WANG Ziye: Trophy (23); PSL (20); AA (20); NCQ (D 22); ICAS-En (D 18); GC (HD 19-20 D 18); AMC (D 19-20); ICB (19-20), ISB (19-20), JSB (18-19), SCB (21-23), SO (21-22), MB (18), MP (23); Debating (18-20); Rowing (18-23), 1st VIII (22-23); Fencing (18-23), 1sts (21-23); Athletics (19); Parking (18); PUC (23).

WASIM Tahmid: (2020): AA (22); AMC (D 20); Cricket (20-21); Football (20-21); PUC (23); SD (22).

WEERAMAN Dihindu: Silver (20); Debating (18-21); Cadets (18-19); Cricket (18-21); Football (18-23); Parking (18); PUC (23).

WEI Brian: Plaque (21); PM (22); AA (18-19, 21-23); BSC (HD 21); GC (HD 19-20 D 18); NCQ (HD 18); ICAS-Sc (HD 18 D 19); AMC (D 18-20); ICAS-En (D 18); JSB (18), ISB (19-20), SSB (20), PE (19-21), Matilda (21), SCB (22), SO (22), MP (23); Fencing (18-22); Basketball (18-21); EqC (20); WGS (23); PUC (23); Psychologist.

WHITFIELD Benjamin: Platinum (21); NCQ (HD Excellence 19 HD 22); ICAS-Sc (HD 18 D 19); GC (HD 19-21 D 18); NLE (Silver 21); AMC (D 19); Fencing (18); Sailing (18-21), 2nds (19-20), 1sts (21); Football (19-23); PAWS (19, 21); Parking (19); Scientist.

WOO Ryan: McDonnell (23); Prefect (23); PM (22); PSL (20); Dux (21); 3rd Place (22); 1st Science (20-21); 1st Classical Greek (19-21); 1st Latin (20); 1st PDHPE (19); J W Gibbes Junior Prize (20); AA (18-23); AMC (Prize 18 D 19-20, 22); NCQ (HD Excellence 19 HD 18, 22); ICAS-Sc (HD 18-19); GC (HD 18-21); CAT (HD 19, 21); ICAS-En (D 18); NLE (Gold 21-22); AIO (Silver 21); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); Football (18-23), 2nds (21), 1sts (22-23); Water Polo (18-23), 1sts (22-23); Athletics (18-20); Cross Country Zone (18), Region (18); DVD (21); ME (19); PUC (23); Bushcare (23); Doctor.



WU Gordon Lungong: Gold (20); PSL (20); NCQ (D 19); GC (HD 18-19 D 20); AMC (D 18-20); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 19); Debating (18-20); Chess (21); Water Polo (18-20, 22-23); Football (18-22); Athletics (18-19); PUC (23); Software Engineer.

WU Monte: GC (HD 20 D 18-19); AMC (D 18); Cadets (18); Football (18-21, 23); Tennis (19, 21--23); Rowing (18); Digital Media, Information Systems Manager.

XIAO Hanwen: Gold (21); AA (19, 22-23); AMC (HD 22 D 18-20); GC (HD 19 D 20); NCQ (HD 18 D 19, 22); ICAS-Sc (D 18); CAT (HD 19); Chess (21); Debating (18-19); Cadets (19); PO (18-19), JSE (18); Tennis (18-22); Football (18-19, 21-22); Athletics (18); Archives (21); PUC (23); IT developer.

XIE Byron: Plaque (21); PM (22); Australian Defence Leadership and Teamwork Award (21); AA (20); AMC (HD 19 D 18, 20); NCQ (HD 19 D 18); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); ICAS-Sc (D 18); GC (D 19); CAT (D 21); Cadets (18-21), JNCO (19-20), SGT (21), ANZAC Day (19); Chess (18-22), NSWJCL Division Winners (19); Football (18-19); Tennis (18-22); Volleyball (20, 22-23), 2nds (23); Athletics (18-20, 22-23), GPS (19-20, 22-23); PUC (23); Parking (20); Doctor.

XIE Oswald: Platinum (21); AMC (D 19-20); NCQ (D 19); ICAS-Sc (D 18); GC (HD 19 D 18); CAT (D 19); Cadets (18-21), JNCO (19-20), SGT (21); ICB (19-20); Tennis (18-22); Fencing (18-19); Volleyball (20-23), 2nds (22-23); Athletics (18-19); PUC (23); Parking (20); Physiotherapist.





YAN Stanley: Bronze (19); PSL (20); GC (HD 18-21); NCQ (HD 18, 22); AMC (D 18-19); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); ICAS-En (D 18); PO (18, 20); JSE (18); Sailing (18-22); WGS (23); PUC (23); Big Kitchen (23); Parking (19); Engineer.

YANG Andrew: Silver (21); AMC (D 18); GC (D 19); Cadets (18); Basketball (18-22); Rugby (19-22), 1sts (22); Athletics (18-19), GPS (18-19); Parking (20); Property Developer.

YANG Chang: Silver (19); AMC (D 18); GC (HD 19 D 18); NCQ (HD 18, 22); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); CAT (HD 19); JSE (18), PO (18); Debating (18); Tennis (18-19); Fencing (18); Football (19); Cricket (22); Psychology.

YANG Eric: Bronze (18); 1st Visual Arts (21); Judy Cassab Prize Winner (21); CAT (HD 19); Cadets (18); Chess (18); Basketball (18-20, 22-23); Football (18-22); Athletics (18-19); Parking (20); Engineer.

YI Felix: Plaque (21); SRC (18); 1st Latin (22); 3rd Place (18, 21); AA (18-23); GC (Prize 18 HD 19-20); AMC (HD 19, 22 D 18, 20); NCQ (HD 22 D 18-19); NCSS (Perfect Score 21); NLE (Gold 21); ICAS-Sc (HD 18 D 19); ICAS-En (D 18); CAT (D 19, 21); Debating (18-20); Cadets (18); SCB (21), SO (21), ICB (19-20), ISB (20), PO (18), JSE (18); Tennis (18-22); Fencing (18-21); Athletics (18-19); Parking (20); Big Kitchen (23); Doctor.

YI Jaden: Plaque (23); Prefect (23); Torrington Captain (23); AA (22-23); GC (HD 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); NCQ (HD 19,



22); AMC (D 18, 20); JSE (18), PO (18); Swimming (18-23), Captain (23), GPS (18-19, 21-23), CIS (18-20, 22-23), Blue (22); Basketball (18-19, 21); Rowing (20); Water Polo (22-23), 1sts (23); Volleyball (18-22), 2nds (21-22), Premiers (22); Cross Country Zone (18), Region (18); Athletics (18), Zone (18); Triathlon (20); PUC (23); Bushcare (23); Anime Voice Actor.

YIP Jayden: Silver (19); PMn (21); AMC (HD 19 D 20, 22); NCQ (HD 18, 22); Australian Speech Communication Association (HD 18); GC (HD 18 D 20); Cadets (18); Debating (18-19, 21); Basketball (18-22); Football (21-22); Volleyball (19-20); Athletics (18); Parking (18); Big Kitchen (23); MUN State Conference (23); Commerce/Law.

YIP Joshua: Bronze (19); GC (HD 19 D 20); NCQ (D 18); AMC (D 19); Cadets (18); Football (18-20); Basketball (18-23); PUC (23); Accountant.

YOUSUF Rizwan: Platinum (22); GC (HD 22); AMC (HD 18-19 D 20, 22); ALC French (D 20); ICAS-Sc (D 18); Debating (20); Chess (18); Public Speaking (22); Cricket (18-22); Football (18-22); SD (22); BSB (22); LM (20, 22); Enviro (21-23); PAWS (21-22); SJS (21-22); CUp (21-22); Parking (22); Engineer.

YUN Samuel: Plaque (23); Prefect (23); SRC (21-22); AA (19-20); AMC (HD 22 D 18-19); GC (HD 20); Cadets (18-20); PO (18-20), JSE (18), SO (21-22), SCB (21-22), MP (23); Chess (18); Rowing (18-23); Football (18-20, 23); Cross Country (22), Zone (22), Region (22); BSB (22); J4G (22); LM (18, 23); PUC (23); Bushcare (23); Dentist/Optometrist.

ZANJANI Safiy: Gold (20); AA (23); ALC French (HD 20); GC (HD 20); AMC (D 20, 22); Debating (18-20); Cricket (18-22), 2nds (22); Football (20-22); Volleyball (19); Athletics (18-20), GPS (19-20); Enviro (20); PAWS (20, 22); SJS (20); CUp (22); J4G (22); RSA (22); SD (22); Parking (18); Information systems manager.

ZHAI Ivan: Plaque (21); AA (18-21, 23); Principal's Award for Achievement in the Arts (22); AMC (D 18, 20); GC (HD 20 D 19, 21); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18); NCQ (D 19); CAT (D 19); Debating (18); JSE (18), PO (18-19), SO (21-22), SSE (19-22), SCB (21-22), MP (23); Basketball (18-19, 22-23); Water Polo (20); Football (18-23); PAWS (22); PUC (23); Parking (18); Clinical Psychologist.

ZHANG Brandon: Silver (20); AMC (D 18); Basketball (18-23); Football (19-22); Table Tennis Cup (18); Computer Scientist.

ZHANG Robin: (2022): Basketball (22); Football (22-23).

ZHANG Yichuan: Plaque (23); Prefect (23); AA (19-22); AMC (D 20, 22); GC (HD 19 D 20); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 19); NCQ (D 22); GE (18-19); Basketball (18-23), 2nds (23); Fencing (18); Football (19-23); Athletics (18, 22), GPS (22); LM (22-23); Mov (22); Bushcare (23); Architect.

ZHAO Peter: Gold (20); ICAS-En (D 18); GC (D 19); ICB (19-20); Debating (18); Water Polo (18-20); Cross Country (20); Football (19); Rugby (18); Athletics (19-20), Zone (21); Swimming (20-21); Triathlon (20).

ZHOU Ross: (2020): Platinum (23); NCQ (HD 22); AMC (D 22); Basketball (20-23), 2nds (22-23); Volleyball (20-23), 2nds (23); Athletics (22-23), Zone (21-23), Region (23); Swimming (21-23), GPS rep (22); Enviro (23); PUC (23).

ZHOU Ryan: Silver (20); GC (HD 19-20); AMC (D 18); Fencing (18); Rowing (18-23), 1st VIII (23), 2nd VIII (22); Rugby (19-23), 1sts (22), 2nds (23); Parking (19); Engineer.

ZUO Daming: Coates (23); Senior Prefect (23); PSL (20); PMn (21); PM (22); SRC (19, 21-22), Executive (22); CSC Executive (22); Dux (19-20); 2nd Place (21-22); 1st English (19, 21); 1st English Extension (22); 1st Economics (22); 1st Modern History (Preliminary 21, HSC 22); 1st History (18-21); 1st Commerce (21); 1st Architectural and Engineering Graphics (20); 1st Visual Arts (19); Harvard Book Prize (22); PJ Day Memorial Scholarship (22); AA (18-23); AMC (D 18-20, 22); GC (HD 19-21); NCQ (D 19); ICAS-En (D 18); ICAS-Sc (D 18-19); Debating (18-22), 2nds (22), PDC Champions (21), GPS Premiers (21); Cross Country (18-23), 1sts (22-23), Zone (18, 21-23), Regional (18, 21-23); Athletics (18-20, 22), Zone (21, 22); Triathlon (20); Tennis (18-23); DVD (18-19, 21); CUp (21-22); J4G (22); Mov (22); SD (22); Bushcare (23); PUC (23); Parking (19-20); Hedge fund manager.

#### Year 7 2022

Year 8 2022

#### Year 9 2022

#### MYDUKURU Karthikeya

#### Year 10 2022

DONG Shanghe, NGUYEN Daniel, RYAN Cadel, ZHUANG Jiafu Jeffrey

#### Year 11 2022

For Year 7 see Salvete and for Year 12 see Valete

#### Class 8E

BASSAM Reza, BOURKE Adam, CHAUDHURI Himanish, CHIRANIA Rishit, CHOWDHURY Munjin, DI Leonardo, FAULDER Stephen, FINN Sebastian, FLOCARD Adam, GU Andrew, HAMILTON Wesley, HE Roger, HUI Theodore, JIN Junran, LAM Axel, LAU Alexander, LY Anthony, MAHIDADIA Alay, MATHER Ryan, MIAO Jiekai, PEAKALL Nicholas, ROBERTS Tony, RUHFUS Alex, SAPRA Dhuryah, SHANKHLA Siddhanth, SUEN Lennard, SYED Haroon, TAI Liam, TRAN Felix, WANG Ethan

#### Class 8F

BUSIC Luke, CAI Matthew, CAO Matthew, CHONG Guang Quan, DEKA Nireat, GILES Macallister, KUMAR Akshobhya, LEE Jack, LIM Jentzen, LIN Bradley, LU Leon, LU Ying Cheng, LUO Oscar, McGLYNN Ethan, MU Stanley, PUROHIT Arjun, SAXLER Jeffrey, SHIM Jun, TRAN Andre, TRAYNOR Tyrone, WADHWA Vivaan, WANG Samuel, WANG Vincent, WANG Zi Yang, YAN Yihan, YU [F] Ethan, ZAMEE Sadakat, ZENG Lloyd, ZHANG Tommy, ZHENG Thomas

#### Class 8M

ADNAN Talha, AWASTHI Toshan, BABIN Milan, CANDY Otis, CHAN Harley, CHO Eugene, HANG Leo, HUANG Fuhua(andy), HUYNH Ethan, LAI Chun Yin, LEE Lucas, LIAN Zexuan, LUONG Viet, MISHRA Aarav, NGUYEN Adam Ly, NGUYEN Dylan, PARK Roy, PAUL Sherwyn, SHARMA Ryan, SUNDARSAGAR Meldaan, THAI Henry, TRUONG Michael, WANG Yuhai, XIAN Ron, YANG Leo, YEUNG Jamie, YU [M] Ethan, ZAMAN Fahim, ZEESHAN Muhammad, ZHOU Hanyu

#### Class 8R

BRECKON Lucas, BUI Kevin, CAHYADI William, CARMICHAEL James, CHEN Young, DAO Sebastian, GAUTAM Anay, HONG Ethan, HU Ethan, JIN Aaron, KONUDULA Akshaja, KOTHARI Om, KUO Joshua, LEE Kyle, LEE Shaun, MA Ethan, MAI Tuyvan, MORGAN Charles, MUNASINGHE Nishith, NAIR Advaith, PARK Izen, SHI Justin, TANG Jadon, TENG Ryan, TRAN Bryan, XIE Oliver, ZENG Anthony, ZHENG Jack, ZHU Jinda, ZHU Youshang Daniel

#### Class 8S

CHAI Ryan, CHANG Eson, CHEN Charles, CHEN Dennis, DAVE Om, GIRI Deepal, GREWAL Arjit, HE Ethan, HU Kevin, JAN Kester, JU Fengwei, KANWAR Isran, KOH Yuhan, LI Aaron, LI Geoffrey, LI Toby, LIU Alexander, NGUYEN Hayden, NUGGEHALLI Pradyum, PAN Enoch, RETNASINGHAM Aarya, SANAP Shiven, SAYEED Saadat, WU Eamon, WU Sizhe, YAN Terence, YI Daniel, YUAN Kenzie, ZHANG Kevin, ZHANG Matthew

#### **Class 8T**

CARO Charles, CHEN Lucas, CHEN Steve, CHESHIRE Charlie, DADIC Luca, DONG Andrew, FRANCIS Jack, HAQUE Ahyen, KAUSHIK Arnav, KIM Jasper, KOK James, LE Hieu Lam, LEE Anderson, McLOUGHLIN Luke, NG Nathaniel, NGUYEN Kay Minh, PARK Ryan, QIU Haojia, RINALDI Yves, STENING William, THIAGALINGAM Sajan, TON-THAT Aiden, WALKER Andrew, WANG Yi Xuan, YE Zibo, ZHANG Daniel, ZHANG Henrik, ZHANG Terry, ZHU Marcus, ZMAK Daniel

#### Class 9E

AHMED Syed, ALLEN Ryan, BASHYAL Kushal, BATUWANTUDAWE Ranuga, CAMPBELL Joshua, CHAN Benjamin, CHOUDHURY Tafheem, CHOW Lyndon, CHUDAL Briz, DAI Max, DEAN Tristan, DENG Liwen, GOPAL Sanjeevkumar, GRUNDY Lucas, HAQ Zuhayr, HOSIE Baxter, KATHIA Muhammad, LAI Chun Shek Issac, LEE Hyojun, LI Jiajin, LIPPA Michael, McALLAN-YEM Felix, MENON Siddharth, MITSUMOTO Kai, NGUYEN Anh, NGUYEN Jack, PARAB Subodh, PATHAK Swagat, RACHUMALLA Pranav, RAHMAN Nehan, RAJIT Vihaan, RASHID Sami, SASI KUMAR Myllone, TRAN Bryan, TRAN Leo

#### Class 9F

AHSAN Ayman, ANAND Adhruth, BUIKEMA Oliver, CHAN Reagan, DAO Albert, DONG Jarvi, GOVINDAN Gopala, INAM Saad, JABBAL Amritpal, LAMA Harith, LAU Max, LEES Elijah, LI Anthony, LI [F] Ethan, MARSIC Izac, MASYA Marley, MAYURAN Athithan, McLEOD Max, MERMELAS George, NANDAKISHOR Arvind, NARAYANAN Arjun, NISHANTHAN BALASINGH Benjamin, PAW Ethan, PIDCOCK Alexander, SHAIKH Shahzaib, THAPALIYA Arpit Sharma, VARTHAKAVI Leo, WANG Jensen, WANG Kaiwen, WILKINSON Ethan, WONG Ethan, WU Benjamin, XU Aaron, YAN Mark, ZHOU Johnathan



#### Class 9M

AKON Rafin, ATHWAL Balhar, BI Sidney, CAI Hudson, CHEN Colin, CHEN Yunrui, CLEMENT Abhishek, DUTTA Prahit, HAMEED SADIQ Adil, INALA Abhinav, KRISHNAN Rajendra, LI [M] Ethan, LI Michael, LIN Eric, LIU Eric, MOHAMED Azam, MOON Cho Won, MUDGIL Kabir, OLSEN Tin, PANG Leon, PARULKAR Krishav, RACHID Mohamad, RATNESAN Vishal, SAMSONOV Roman, SANTOSO Kayden, SHARP Mark, SIKDER Girish, SU Lucas, TRINH Aiden, VITHURAN KUMARAVEL Abithan, WANG Clyde, WANGDE Ayaan, XIAO Yuwen, YOUNIS Ibrahim, ZHANG Gabriel San

#### Class 9R

BARNES Josh, CHAN Aaron, CHAN Nestor, CHEAV Dylan, CHEN Qi Yu, CHEN Tim, CHEUNG Tristan, CHOWDHURY Rabaab, DANG Benjamin, DEWANATA Umar, DONG Wensen, DONG Yixiao, FONG Liam, GAO Max, HOU Kevin, KWON Junyoung, LAM Dashiell, LIU Matthew, NAKAGAWA-LAGISZ Totoro, NG Yu Zhe Isaac, OU Jude, RAHAT Taffeef, SARATHCHANDRA Diren, SHARAFI Adrian, SHRIVASTAVA Aayush, TAN Timothy, WANG Lucas, WU Han Tai, WU Leqi, XIAO Hanson, XIE Xin Yang, YE Jason, YEUNG Jerry, ZHANG Lucas, ZHANG Sheng

#### Class 9S

AGRAWAL Arnav, BHATTACHARYYA Vedantik, CHANG Lucas, CHOE Clein, DENIGAN Lance, DIAO James, FENG Brooks, HUANG Aaron, JIN Zeyi, JUNG Eugene, KARMAKER Aaron, KHA Daniel, KIMPTON Joshua, LA Lucas, LAM Marcus, LE Leo, LI Joshua, MITRA Adhrit, MIU Benjamin, NGUYEN James, NGUYEN Nathan, PAUL Manish, SURENDRAN Ashvin, TAN Brendan, TJANDRAWIBAWA Matthew, WANG Louis, WANG Zhenyu, XIAO Raphael, XIE Lucas, XU Jeffrey, XU Lucas, YUEN Lachlan, ZHENG Jasper, ZHUO Guanhao, ZOU Delbert

#### Class 9T

AHMED Mahtab, CHAN Lucas, CHEN Jiazi, GUO Gordon, HONG Alex, HOSSAIN Nehan, LI Darcy, LIU Issac, MA Shane, MAHMUD Ariz, NAYANI Abhinav, QIN Zi Yang, RAHMAN Taaseen, SAHA Bibek, SHEN Eddie, SHIN Kobe, SU Brooklyn, TAN Jamond, TANG Aolin, UDDIN Shafquat, WANG Adrian, WANG Ryan, WANG Timothy, WANG Vincent, WEN Samuel, WON Junho, WU Diming, YANG Yuxuan, YIN Oliver, YOHANANDA Nithilan, YOO David, YU Chengkai, YUN Cassiel, ZHANG Roy, ZHOU Haotian

#### Class 10E

BHARGAVA Arin, CAO Thomas, CHEN Jerry, DENG James, DUONG Henry, FANG John, FUNG Nicholas, GREACEN Liam, HABIB Adib, HAMMAD Zeyad, LAI Jamison, LEUNG Lachlan, LIU Disen, LIU Harry, MOE William, NIBRAS Naeer, PERERA Akith, QIU Jeffrey, QUE Noel, SOMANADER Jeshan, THUSOO Anish, WAHIB Timothy, WANG Andrew, WANG George, WANG Isaac, WANG Joshua, WOO Brendan, XING Luke, XU Andrew, XU Tommy, YANG James, YIN Steven, ZHANG Boris, ZHANG Edison, ZHOU Alex

#### Class 10F

BUI Matthew, CAI Terry, CHAN Branson, CHAU Clinton, CHEN Kelvin, CHEN Siqi, CHOU William, CHU Aaron, DING Andrew, DUTT Dylan, FAN Tafley, GUPTA Aadi, HONG John, HOSSAIN Shafayat, HUYNH Ryan, JHA Shrey, KOMONEN Jordan, LEE Joseph, LIN Richard, MOOLLAN Tariq, NGUYEN Tra, PHAM Declan, SHAO Alex, SHIM Jin, TAYLOR Matthew, WIJAYA Nathanael, WONG Vitus, WU Jasper, WU Keoni, WU Luka, XIAO Ethan, YAO Andrew, YU Jerald, ZHANG Andy, ZHANG Oscar

#### Class 10M

CHAN Aiden, CHEN Callum, CHEN Hayden, GAO Samuel, GUO Kevin, GUPTA Pranav, HO John, HONG Dane, HOO Evan, KAFLE Ryan, KIM Daniel, KWOK WO Tin Angelo, LE Jaden, LEE Chris, LEE Gyumin, LI Oscar, LI Ryan, LIANG Matthew, LIANG Zhaoyi, LIU Kevin, LOU Shang, LUU Jacob, PERERA Senith Aidan, PERRY Xavier, QI Raymond, SHEN Bevan, SUN William, WU David, YAN Nicolas, YUE Stephen, ZHANG Michael, ZHANG Ruo Bin, ZHENG William, ZHU Henry, ZHUANG Leo

#### Class 10R

AGSALDA Alfred, AZHAR Aayan, DJAKARIA Jayden, ELGAWLY Matthias, GAO Eric, HOU Ric, HUANG Alex, JOURAVLEV Micah, LEE Nathan, LEE Nelson, LEUNG Joshua, LUCHKO Julian, MAMUN Mahdin, McLOUGHLIN James, McMANUS Aiden, MOON Jinho, NGUYEN John, NIRVOR Rupantar, PRABAHARAN Brannavan, PYE Andrew, QIU Arthur, SIDDIQUI Alif, SONG Eugene, SUKHOVSKY Mark, TANG Nathan, THIAGALINGAM Arjuna, TSE Jeff, WANG Daniel, WANG Eric, WANG Max, WANG Vincent, WU Jesse, YU Ryan, ZHANG Jonathan, ZHANG Louie

#### Class 10S

CHALISE Xavier, CHEN Oscar, CHEN Sean, CHEN Victor, FAN Willard, FOIZ Rayan, GUO Jason, HUANG Brian, JIM Jacob, KARKI Mahesh, KHOR Joshua, KIRKLAND Ryan, KUO Oscar, LAM Frederick, LEE Brandon, LI Owen, LIAO Harvey, MATTHEWS Jake, MOOKHERJEE Arko, NGUYEN Jayden, NOTTAGE Liam, PARK Alexander, PENG Taylor, ROBERTS Mitchell, RUSTANDI Neo, SARATHY Tanish, SHAN Hao, SHIN Jinu, SUN David, TANAMA Samuel, XU Brandon, XU Eddie, YU Bowen, YU Jason, ZENG William

#### **Class 10T**

ADAMSON Lucas, AHMED Afnan, AZAD Sahil, BARKS Edward, BIAN Jiawei, CAO James, CHATZINIKOLAOU Ioannis, CUSICK Kalan, GANESH Arjan, GAVADE Bhupad, GUO Lucas, HAN Bonian, HE Justin, HU Nathan, JOSHI Daksh, KIM Matthew, KOW Hoger, KUSKOFF Matthew, MA Maxwell, PRODHAN Jawwad, RASIN Sarhan, TSOVOLOS Dimitri, UDDIN Zarif, WANG Clinton, WATEESATOGKIJ Sirapuk, WONG Maurice, WU Derek, WU Nicky, XIE Sam, YONG Alasdair, YONG Jack, YUEN John, ZHANG Kaiwen, ZHOU Timothy

#### Class 11E

BIAN Daniel, CHEN Micheal, DONG Danny, DUTTA Pramit, GOH Chen En, HAIDER Mohammad, HILL Quentin, HUANG Andy, HUANG Daniel, JARVIS Landon, KIM David, KIM Doh, LEE Daniel, LEE [E] Matthew, LEE Wayne, LEFEVRE Lachlan, LI Michael, LI Ryan, LIU Garry, LIYANAGE Duvindu, LU Jeremy, LY Ivan, NAYAGER Kiran, NGUYEN Austin, NGUYEN Justin, QUYYUM Ridwan, RAGHAVAN Nitinder, REYNOLDS Alex, SOOD Dev, SU Daniel, VALANIDAS Alexander, WEI Geoffrey, XIN Harry, XU Jasun, YANG Tian Xing, ZHENG Jeremy

#### Class 11F

AHMAD Raiyyan, AHMED Araf, ALLARD Noah, CHAE Roy, CHEN Calvin, CHEN Jayden, CHEN Jingwei, CHEN Kenny, FAISAL Zarif, FERNANDEZ Dylan, FUNG Ka Man, GHOSH Neil, GUPTA Arnav, JIANG Reed, JOHNSUN Dean, KASHOJI Sachit, KHAN Rayan, KIM Joo-Young, LEE Andrew, LI Brian, LI Ethan, LIN Emily, MAHIB Fazley, MAHMOOD Ahmed, MARTELLO Alexander, NGUYEN Brian, NGUYEN Tien Dat, O'YOUNG Adrian, PHAM Ethan, PHAM Khai, RAJESWARAN Ashwin, ROYAL Harry, SANTOSO Christopher, SRIMURUGAKUMAR Vithushan, TRAN Edward, YI Justin

#### Class 11M

AHN Brian, ALAM Saif, ANAND Vishruth, CORRAL Joseph, EGODAGE Manuga, HASAN Samid, HASSAN Zaydan, HO Jayden, JIANG Godfrey, KIM Beomgwan, KORATALA Rushil, KOTHAPALLI Bhavesh, LI Brendan, LI Jonathan, LIN Jason, LU Leo, MA Zhipeng, MALHOTRA Parth, OKOLI Ezzekai, PALMER Luke, PILLAY Nissi, RAMAKANTH Atharv, RUSLI Jack, SHEN Leon, SHRESTHA Ijal, SUN Will, TAN Daniel, THORAT Ranaveer, TJANDRAWIBAWA Jeremiah, TRAN Luc, WANG Runqiu, WONG Aidan, YADAV Apporva, ZHENG Xi Lin, ZHONG Matthew, ZHOU Ryan

#### Class 11R

CHEE Samuel, CHEN George, CHHABRA Aniruddh, CHU Bill, DIMITRIADES Christian, GANDHI Aarav, GARCIA Lyndon, HONG William, HYBLER Ethan, ILAVAJHALA Advaith, LAM Oscar, LAU Christopher, LAW James, LEE Aidan, LEE [R] Matthew, LIU Kenton, LU Alan, LU Glen, LU Steven, MILETIC Luka, MODLER Johannes, NGUYEN Nathan, NGUYEN Victor, PAN Jason, SAINI Siddhant, SALL Gurik, SCHOLTEN Eric, SHADMAN Fardin, SINGH Kridaya, TA Jay, TAN Zong, TANG Joshua, TEO Shannen, XUE Zongtai, ZHANG Yu, ZHOU Justin, ZHU Matthew

#### Class 11S

ASARI Kai, BOURILLON James, BRITTON Joseph, CHAI Alvin, CHEN Thomas, CHEN Tian, CHO Brian, COWAN Liam, DAHIYA Karan, DONEPUDI Rithvik, FANG Ryan, HOPKINS Fynn, HUEY Toby, JIANG Edward, JOSEPH Abraham, LAU Henry, LI Jaiman, LI Stephen, LIN Henry, NADHAN Pradeepan, NGUYEN Alex, NGUYEN James, PUNJABI Dev, RAHMAN Sabir, SHARMA Neel, SHARMA Yash, SHI Oscar, SIGILISETTI Mohit Venkata Sai, THIE Nathanael, WANG Andrew, YE Richie, YOU Wentao, ZHANG Haoran, ZHANG Raymond, ZHANG Ziyin Richard, ZHU Martin

#### Class 11T

AHMED Khaled, AQUETT Dylan, BHALERAO Aryan, CHEN Lucas, CUSINGA Raphael, DANG Huen Wai, DONG Shanghe, DONOHOE Daniel, DUAN Kevin, GUNARATNE Akila, GUO Harrison, GUO Tony, GUO Ventus, HAFIZ Ayaan, HO Thomas, HUI Samuel, IMTIAZ Mushfiq, KABIR Yousha, KHUU Angus, KIM Kyu Jung, LAU Jerry, LEE Ryan, LYND Jeffery, MANANDHAR Praneil, MARKEN Ansh, NG Yu Sheng, NGUYEN Patrick, PARK Tony, PULLINGER James, SINHA Shikhar, TIEN Adrian, XIAO Yufeng, XIE Xile, YIN Jacob, YU Ryan

# Community



# P and C Report

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# **Foundation Report**

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# Christopher Brown OAM Chairman – Sydney High School Foundation Limited







# The Old Boys Union

It has been an exciting year, that of 2023, and our active Old Boys Union was involved in a number of fantastic events. I congratulate our largest ever cohort of Life Members, with 125 new Old Boys joining the Union on 19th Day in September at the Year Twelve Farewell Assembly. Thank you to OBU Membership Manager Geoff Andrews ('64) for all his work in preparing the certificates and badges and helping on the day along with Paul Almond ('81) who presented the awards.

The Old Boys Lunch in May was a huge success with well over 350 people attending a packed event. It was great to see a table of Old Boys from the 1950s and four tables from the classes of the 1960s. Our special guest George Miller ('63) gave a fantastic talk looking back at his time at High and the impact on his life and career, and was warmly welcomed by the audience as he spoke with John Stanley ('73). Evan Wong ('10) also spoke of his startup journey, and MC Mark Swivel ('83) and comedy guest Sam McCool ('93) provided some laughs across the day. As a highlight we had over thirty former School Captains in the room, likely the most ever together since 1883.

Back to High Day in July was also a tremendous success, with a tunnel cheering the 1st XV onto the field stretching from the Pavilion almost to the centre of McKay. This is one of the most important events on our Old Boys calendar, held every two years at McKay Oval when we take on Grammar. We had hundreds of attendees across the day, and I was pleased to see that it has almost built back up to pre-COVID levels.

The 18th annual Old Boys vs Students basketball competition saw a victory for the Old Boys in the first-grade match. It's great to see this tradition continuing over almost two decades.

The GPS Gold Challenge was held in October with successful participation from the Classes of 1989 and 1990. The Gold Challenge is held every two years and involves Old Boys from all GPS Schools around the time they are 50 years old competing in two days of various sporting activities including Golf, Touch Rugby (our 1990 Old Boys beat Joeys in the Final), Running, Basketball, Swimming and more. The High cohort received a standing ovation at the final day dinner for such a great turnout.

We continue to see improvement in the scheduling of School reunions, with so many scheduled or already completed, including the Years of 1963, 73, 83, 93, 2003 and 2013 and details of these can be found on the Old Boys website. We actively encourage Old Boys to let us know about their reunions so we can help with contacts from our database and help publicise via our social media site and website.

Our overseas events, which have recently taken place in London, Singapore, San Francisco and New York, continue to see wonderful attendance. Should you be located in another location and would like to help organise a gathering of Old Boys there, please contact us.

The OBU continues to work with Year 11 and 12 students via our mentoring programs. We are also looking to roll out mentoring / career support to Old Boy university students and those early on in their careers, spanning all spheres and job types. Old Boys who would like to be involved can contact us.

OBU Patron Professor Sir Michael Marmot CH ('61) attended a seminar at the School in which he spoke with School Council President Professor Ron Trent on Social Justice and Global Health Inequalities. The following day, fellow OBU Patron Bruce Corlett AM ('61) hosted him at a lunch with the 1961 cohort. Further, congratulations to Old Boy Robert Brown, who was the team psychologist with the Matildas at recent Football World Cup.

Welcome to our new Executive Council members this year, including Balraj Hansra ('05), David Brown ('84), Jacob Ezrakhovich ('03) and John Brown ('65). Thanks go to our many dedicated committee members for all the work they do across their portfolios: Max Kletski ('03) and Arthur Chao ('16) for the mentoring and careers work; Geoff Andrews ('63) on membership; Tom Laidlaw Hoare ('04) as secretary; Alex Feldman ('03) on Outterside Centre and for so much work on our renewal of the Fairland Pavilion license. Thanks also to Darren Howard ('83) and Paul Almond ('81) for their continuing support, especially Paul's work on our merchandise and sponsorship of the High Lunch. I am tremendously grateful for all the communications work on our eBulletin newsletters and social media engagement undertaken by Drew Laidlaw Hoare ('04).

Thanks also to Cindy Larson for creating two more engaging issues of Flying Higher magazine, which were made available to all of our community. Also special thanks to Calvin Ng ('01), Kevin Dam ('02) and Adam Dong ('04) for their continuing financial support of the Union and its work for our community. Sadly we lost a number of Old Boys during the year including: Alan Skinner ('59) who represented the Wallabies and rowed in the 1959 crew that won the Head of the River for High; Leon Goldberg ('44) who was a rugby player while at High and went on to become a renowned Sydney solicitor who practised for over 50 years (passed away in 2020). We remember them and: Colin Crossingham ('67) (passed away in 2021); Robert William Collins ('50); Denis William Howard ('49); Justin Higgins ('90); Malcolm Sconce ('63), part of the GPS Premiership-winning 1963 First XV; Maurice Stanley Hudson ('46); Robert 'David' Curtis ('68); Stuart Kelly ('76); Stephen McMorrow (1979); John Argue AM ('50); Ian Devereux



George Miller AO and The Honourable Scott Morrison MP

('53); Maxwell (Phillip) Lemkin ('61); Dr Kendal Binns ('40); Richard (Dick) Webb ('56), Stephen Gell ('71); and Barry Webb AM ('57).

Congratulations to all the Old Boys who have achieved their goals in life during 2023 and we trust that our Class of 2023 will achieve their hopes for life after High.

Paul Harapin (1983) President Sydney High School Old Boys Union



Tyler Harapin, George Miller AO, Paul Harapin, and Diane Harapin OAM



Joeys and High Old Boys from the class of 1990 at the GPS Gold Challenge



Sydney High School Old Boys Union Back To High Day



# The Canteen

The High Canteen proudly continues the tradition of staff, students and families working together to support the school. As a P&C operated canteen, all operating profits are returned to the school to fund specific projects for the benefit of all students. This year, the allocated projects benefiting from the contributions includes:

- \$15,000 contribution towards the bus replacement;
- \$8,5000 contribution towards the new Social Science textbooks;
- \$10,000 contribution towards the expansion of language offerings in 2023;
- \$15,000 contribution towards Sentence Conscious Pedagogy;
- \$10,000 contribution towards the COLA roof extension; and
- \$6,500 contribution towards the SBHS 'Wayfinding Project'.

This is possible due to the generosity and commitment of our parent volunteers, Prefects, SRC students, and our experienced Canteen staff.

"Help one another. There's no time like the present, and no present like the time." – James Durst

The Canteen Committee, comprising of parent volunteers, the Canteen Managers and Dr Jaggar, is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Canteen.

This year saw the retirement of Lisa Fackender as Canteen Secretary. Lisa was still on hand throughout this year to provide invaluable support and assist the Committee with handover matters, despite her son graduating in 2022. We thank Lisa for her commitment.

We also thank Cecilia Chan, who stayed on to assist as volunteer coordinator until Grace Guan took on the role during Term 2. Cecilia and now, Grace, recruit new volunteers, manages the roster to ensure we have sufficient volunteers each day and works with school administrative staff to ensure the Canteen complies with all child protection requirements. In Term 2, Grace led the implementation of the new roster system app, Signup Genius, which has enhanced the volunteering rostering experience. Finally, we welcomed Nhan Pham and Ruchi Sehgal to the Committee as co-Treasurers. Together, they take on the monumental task of, amongst other things, managing invoices and payments, and prepare financial reports. Charmaine Francis and Janet Yan stayed on to provide guidance and back-up support. We thank the entire Treasury team for their invaluable contribution.

As part of our "Healthy School Canteen" accreditation, we continue to expand the number of menu items made fresh daily on the premises whilst decreasing the availability of processed foods. This is only possible through the generosity of our parent volunteers, who assist in food preparation (preparing upwards of 180 lunch orders per day and food for over-the-counter sales), suggest new menu items and often donate the ingredients to make their favourite dishes. Thank you to all our volunteers whose commitment and support are invaluable and much appreciated.

Also, we sincerely thank the outgoing prefects and our Year 12 parent volunteers. We wish you well in your future endeavours.

The volunteers and prefects work together so effectively due to the excellent management of the Canteen by our managers

Karen Barry and Eirini Kallia and casual assistants Kylie Manias, Yili Zhang and Mook Loo. On behalf of the school community, we would like to thank the Canteen staff for the time and energy they give to the Canteen, often going above and beyond to provide a varied, healthy and affordable menu for the students.

Our Canteen remains unique as it is a P&C operated canteen. Speaking to parents from other schools, there are often no Canteen facilities provided at all, or where one is available, these tend to be commercially operated. As such, our Canteen often hosts visits from other schools look for advice in setting up their own internally operated canteen or how to increase the healthy food offering.

As part of our environmental commitment, the Canteen has continued the transition to more eco-friendly and sustainable products. This year saw the introduction of recyclable and compostable sushi packaging.

High Canteen is a work in progress and looks forward to the next generation of parent volunteers to continue this proud legacy.

Alison Dao President - Canteen Committee





# **Leadership and Social Justice**



Prefects' Pledge Led by the Captain

As a Prefect of the School I solemnly pledge myself: To carry out my duties as a prefect without fear of consequence or favour to anyone;

To strive at all times to further the interests of the School and to set worthwhile standards in all aspects of School life; and

To endeavour, by strict adherence and earnest devotion to the concept of truth and manly duty, to exemplify in my own life and character the School's motto:

Veritate et Virtute





# **Prefect Report**

#### 2023 Intra School Basketball Tournament

This year marked the introduction of what we hope to be a long-lasting event in High's future. The Prefect-run Intra School Basketball Tournament featured twelve Senior teams and five Junior teams facing off in a single-elimination format in their respective divisions, attracting crowds week in and week out. The winners [CAPm (Senior), Cookies and Koreans (Junior)] won themselves \$10 vouchers each to use at the school canteen. It was fantastic to see such levels of student engagement with the sport outside of the regular basketball season with over 120 boys registering to play, which speaks to the student community's love for the game. We're excited to watch this event continue to develop in the coming years and hope for more Juniors to take that step forward and sign up.

#### Tommy and Octavio



The 2023 Basketball Prefects

#### **High Spirit Sessions**

On the 14th of December, the 2023 Prefect body sought to solidify the High Spirit into the hearts and minds of the new Year 7s. Dr Jaggar began with an address touching upon the core tenets of the school and the wealth of opportunity open to students at High. And so, our Prefects split up and each led small groups of Year 7s in discussion, putting Dr Jaggar's words into practice. Each of us personally connected with the young men in front of us and sincerely expressed the knowledge of clubs, sport, and general school life which we had accrued over our years at High. To avoid an overly didactic lecture, we also took any and all questions, and reconciled the inevitable doubts or anxieties the new students had at the culmination of their first year in high school. As opposed to their first few weeks, the students had now familiarised themselves with High, so this was not so much a lesson as it was a reflection. To finish, we led a boisterous chant rally which echoed High Spirit throughout

the junior quad. Beginning somewhat shaky, we practiced the school song and iconic chants until seniors and juniors alike were shouting in synchrony. The experience was a major success, and shows great promise in nurturing High Spirit for years to come!

Subhan Mustafa and James Wachsmann







#### **High Spirit – Major Sporting Events**

The final GPS swimming carnival of 2023 was held on the 17th of March at SOPAC. It was the culmination of four consecutive weeks of mentally and physically tough racing, but the experience was made ever more memorable as the athletes performed with the support of their fellow peers. The literal ground shaking cheers and unifying chants of the record breaking 300 SBHS students was felt throughout the whole centre as they stood their ground against the cries and chants of other schools not faltering in the slightest. Not only did SBHS stand their ground with their cheers, but they did it in the pool as well.

The Head of the River took place on the 25th of March. To have every bus filled to the maximum with passionate, supportive High Boys eager to come together and cheer on their mates, was a truly impressive sight. It meant so much more to us as Prefects to see the culture of our school ring true once more, especially after the hiatus to school life in the past few years. There was plenty of drumming, flag waving and chanting in support of the athletes who gave it their all on the day. It was also great to see huge support from the parents of the Rowing Committee and the staff who attended.

We, the 2023 Prefect body, are proud to see the culture of our school be restored to what we experienced back in 2018. The leaders of that year moved us – we were inspired to follow in their footsteps. We exhort all students to carry this culture forward – High Spirit should only get stronger from here.

#### Jaden Yi and Sean Lim

#### **Homework Help**

The 2023 Prefects aimed to revitalise the Homework Help program, following covid-19, to provide assistance to students across Years 7-11 in all facets of learning and wellbeing.

Held every Monday in room 104 during lunch, prefects aided boys who came in seeking homework help, advice for subjects, resources, career pathways and general support. The program challenged our teaching abilities and eventually resulted in an effective tutoring method, in which numerous topics were taught in a way that was intriguing to the students.

Ultimately, Peer Mentoring was the main quality of this program, assisting students in planning their time across their various endeavours. It was an honest and thoughtful space to interact with the younger cohorts and encourage them to work hard. For the mentors, it was a rewarding teaching experience that allowed them to build strong friendships that extended beyond those sessions.

#### Tony Wang and Samuel Yun











#### **Prefect Afternoon Tea**

During our tenure at Sydney High, the Prefects had the wonderful opportunity to attend Afternoon Teas hosted by Prefects of other schools. Each school approached the task in their own entirely unique way but ultimately, they brought attendees together to create a deeper understanding of leadership. For example, Saint Catherine's enlightened us on ways we can promote charities, and Abbotsleigh shared their approach to mental health awareness. As well as sharing ideas, we were able to create new friendships as we bonded over our leadership experiences.

On the 23rd of May, Sydney High hosted its own Afternoon Tea, inviting Prefects from over twenty-five schools. Having carefully planned the activities, the event was an enjoyable experience for all. Games like bingo helped Prefects quickly connect; trivia encouraged team work; and fun challenges made the day memorable. Naturally, Prefects from all different schools were able to come together, share their experience as leaders, and inspiring one another to be greater! Hosting our own Afternoon Tea would have been impossible without Ms Rigby and Dr Jaggar's assistance, as well as the generous helpers at the Canteen who catered the event. We are extremely grateful for those who allowed us to have this opportunity.

#### **Prefect Community Outreach**

On the 20th of March, the Sydney High community held its biggest World's Greatest Shave campaign yet, raising over \$17 000 for the Leukemia Foundation, a charity helping blood cancer patients across Australia. The lunchtime event involved more than forty-five students, who fundraised within their circle of family and friends, shaving their heads as a symbol to show support for people suffering from blood cancer. The great success of the event is owed to the efforts of Mr Ormsby and the CSC as well as all the students who got involved by fundraising and raising awareness about the great cause.

This past year, the Prefects also volunteered at Centennial Park's Ash Paddock to help with environmental restoration. The aim was to preserve and promote the growth of a highly



Volunteering at Centennial Park

#### Isaia Park

endangered ecosystem by digging out non-native plants. A big thanks goes out to Dave, the CP Park Ranger, who guided us during our effort.

Our Push-Up Challenge campaign was another big success during 2023, where 270 students rallied around to show their support for youth mental health. Students took on the challenge of doing 3144 push-ups over the month of June, a figure representative of the number of people who tragically took their lives in Australia during 2022. By raising over \$7700, the Sydney High community not only supported organisations like Lifeline, which helps adolescent youth overcome their emotional distresses, but we also raised awareness about mental health issues in our school to lend a helping hand for any student going through a tough time.

#### Rachit Saini



World's Greatest Shave



Student synchronised push-ups for the Push-Up Challenge



Prefects vs Teachers Dodgeball Game

#### **Prefects Futsal World Cup**

High's Football Program is excelling; given the presence of many footballers in the Prefect body, we planned to capitalise on the 2022 and FIFA World Cup's immense wave of hype by running our own Futsal World Cup competition.

We organised a lunchtime tournament for both juniors and seniors to test their footballing abilities, World Cup knockout style. The tournament opener was a fierce battle between the Prefects and teachers. After 15 minutes of intense combat, the teachers were able to grab a 5-4 win against the prefects thanks to 4 beautiful goals by Mr Higgins and a stunning strike by Mr Gifford.

In the following weeks we held our knockout tournament in the gym, with over 100 students from years 7-12 participating. Despite the competition's early finish, it's undeniable that there was abundant enthusiasm and unity amongst all the High Boys. Special thanks to Year 12s Hikun Nguyen, Ryan Woo, Jason Sung, Allan Tan, Moshi Tao, and Ramin Hossain for organising the event, as well as Football MIC Mr Higgins for overseeing it. We hope that High's football program will continue to thrive in the years that follow our departure!

#### Benjamin Pirom





#### **Spirit Week**

The 2023 Spirit Week featured a Year 7 handball competition, a Junior Tug of War competition, and a Senior Tug of War competition.

Overseen by the High Spirit Prefects and with all other Prefects and students coming to support, both events were carried out with overwhelming success. There was avid participation from the junior students, especially for the handball competition, with many students expressing their enjoyment at the event.

Congratulations to Nehan for taking out first place in the competition and to the Year 7's who came close! Canteen vouchers were provided as prizes! The Tug-of-War between senior teams was also highly successful, with around eight teams of seven teammates signed up - all wanting to put their strengths to the test. We witnessed some intense rounds between various Year 10 and Year 12 teams. Ultimately, the High Spirit group of Prefects were very proud to have reinvigorated a few fun activities for both Junior and Senior students, especially since the hiatus to school life in recent years. We sincerely hope these activities are carried forward in the future!

#### High Spirit Team

#### **Wellbeing Presentations**

This year, the 2023 Prefect Body conducted Wellbeing Presentations for Year 7 and 8 students to help them gain a holistic understanding of wellbeing and how it is related to their academic, social, and personal life. As a Prefect Body, we thought it would be beneficial to convey their importance – providing real world examples and past experiences.

To effectively communicate these messages, this new initiative involved various Prefects carrying out presentations for over twenty Values Education classes. The content was in relation to digital footprint, phone usage and the importance of trying one's best. Our intention to take this approach was so we could ensure students absorbed the content and were able to actively ask questions if needed. Face to face interaction typically allows for more active engagement, unlike online mediums.

Overall, the general feedback was very positive, and we hope to see more face to face mentoring sessions in the future.

#### Harrison Francis

#### World Teachers' Day

In recognition of the tireless and unreserved efforts of our teachers at High, the Prefect Body revived World Teachers' Day celebrations on October 28. The campaign pioneered the first release of a World Teachers' Day Prefect video acknowledging the influence of all the teachers on students' journeys at High. The video has since reached over 7000 views on combined platforms. Previous traditions were restored with the 'Post-it' notes campaign with over twenty prefects involved in distributing, collecting, and posting boards of appreciation for our teachers. The theme for the 2022 World Teacher's Day was "The transformation of education begins with teachers". While the events lasted for a day, we hope students continue to respect and value their teachers daily.

#### Landrie Zuo



#### **Student Representative Council**



SRC

BACK ROW: S JHA, T AWASTHI, A SALMAN, J LUU, A WONG, R HOSSAIN, V TANEJA, E CHO MIDDLE ROW: J SHIM, T CHOUDHURY, N LEE, M KHAN, D BIAN, M WONG, S DE, E LIU, R HOU, B DANG FRONT ROW: M FENG, H MAHMOOD, A SHARMA, E SCHOLTEN, L TRAN, P NGUYEN, R HE, T MAI, M PAUL

Every year at the beginning of Term 1, candidates from Years 7 to 12 are elected by their peers to become part of the Student Representative Council, a student body that represents the voice of the students. We act as a medium between the students and the school's management, where ideas and issues can be raised at weekly meetings and carried from the individual representative up to the executives at official school council meetings.

This year, we continued to publish 'Meet the Teacher' interviews in High Notes. These articles highlight incoming and experienced teachers from various faculties to give us an insight into their backgrounds and personal goals.

Each year, the SRC strives to enrich the student experience and build on high culture by organising fun and exciting events.

In week 1 of Term 2, we held the first SRC Tetris Competition. This lunchtime event was well received and created an opportunity for organised fun and competitive play between senior and junior students.

In week 6 of Term 2, we saw the return of the popular combined Sydney Boys and Sydney Girls Junior Dance, allowing the junior students of both schools an opportunity to socialise and mingle. It was great to see this year's turnout was particularly high. On the last day of Term 2, we held the Multicultural Talent Quest. This was introduced to allow students to celebrate our school's talent and cultural diversity. Students were encouraged to wear national dress or colours and support performers at the event.

In week 7 of Term 3, the inaugural Senior Trivia Night returned with many senior boys enjoying a competitive night of games and food, providing a much-needed social reprieve after an intense period of Year 12 trial exams.

The SRC strives to make sure our events are unique and memorable. We hope to bring the school community together to participate in activities that are away from the classroom and sporting fields to allow students time to relax and build stronger connections.

Leading the SRC alongside Vice President Eric Scholten and Secretary Patrick Nguyen has been an incredibly rewarding experience that would not have been possible without the guidance of our coordinator Mr The.

Thank you and good luck to the new executives.

Luc Tran SRC President



# **Peer Support Leaders**



#### Peer Support

BACK ROW: J FANG, R KAFLE, J ZHANG, L ADAMSON, X PERRY, J SOMANADER, A SHAO, B PRABAHARAN, O ZHANG THIRD ROW: L NOTTAGE, M ELGAWLY, A PERERA, L ZHANG, A QIU, D KIM, H SHAN, J SHIM SECOND ROW: D DUTT, N TANG, J TSE, J YANG, A YONG, A PYE, L LEUNG, W CHOU, X CHALISE FRONT ROW: L XING, V CHEN, M TAYLOR, B WOO, MR M ORMSBY, M ROBERTS, T ZHOU, R HOU, J WU

Historically, thirty-six Year Nine students were selected to become Peer Support leaders, but this year saw thirty-eight Year Ten students fulfil the role of a Peer Support Leader.

Transitioning from primary to high school can be an overwhelming experience for many of our Year Seven students, so this is where our program steps in, to act as a beacon of support and reassurance from day one. Throughout the year we run eight sessions during allocated Values Education classes where we hold discussions and hands-on activities exploring values and advice on how to manage high school life. Furthermore, the benefits of this program extend to the Year Ten students, providing the opportunity to develop and practise leadership skills, build positive relationships with younger students and develop confidence in leading a group. This program would not have been possible without the tireless effort of Mr Ormsby, in organising, scheduling and overseeing the Peer Support program.

The Peer Support program at Sydney High is crucial in empowering our Year Seven students to embrace the challenges of high school with confidence and resilience setting a strong foundation for the future success for all our students.

Jin Shim (10F)

# Student Wellbeing Report

The Student Wellbeing team consists of twelve Year Advisers, two School Counsellors, the Student Support Officer, the Student Learning Support Officer and myself. Our focus is to improve student's engagement and success in learning. We know these are closely related to how they feel socially and emotionally. We know the potential wellbeing must bring about positive change, what is required to foster wellbeing, and how it can become a powerful force in students' learning and development. The Year Advisers will spend time every cycle talking to students about their attendance. The aim is to understand if any wellbeing factors may hinder them from coming to school. The lack of attendance is the first sign of disengagement. There is more focus on the importance of school attendance with students and parents through High Notes and posters around the school. We have started recognising students with exemplary attendance in year meetings. The attendance certificates recognise students with 99% attendance and above, which will be issued at the end of each semester. This year, letters of concern were also sent out to students with a higher rate of school absences. We want to work in partnership with our school community to nurture safe and positive teaching and learning environments that enable the development of healthy, happy, successful, and productive individuals.

The Values Education program in Years 7-9 continues to teach students about mental fitness, resilience, and school values. Year 7 students have a module on respectful relationships as they go through a wonderful book, "Brave". Year 9 students spend a term in Values Education on Consent. This year's Values Education and Career Education classes explicitly go through the material from Dr Prue Salter's Study Skills Handbook and Study Samurai. Dr Salter's workshops in August successfully gave great tips and advice to parents and students. We had the annual Backflip against Bullying for Years 7 and 8 students. Students thoroughly enjoyed the shows, and the staff found the performances engaging and relevant for our students.

I want to thank the Student Wellbeing Team for their work in caring and following up with students. This maximises how students connect, succeed, and thrive.

### Joanna Chan Head Teacher Student Wellbeing



#### **Backflip Against Bullying Reports**

On the 7th of August, Year Sevens attended an educational and unique conference, 'Backflip against Bullying'. The main aim was to provide beneficial aid when tackling bullying and other such circumstances with two proficient gymnasts (where the backflip part comes from).

We started off by having a brief discussion on types of bullying: emotional, verbal, social, and so on. Then, we looked at several scenarios in which one individual was being bullied and hurt by another. The male gymnast executed this, and on the way, we took part in interactive games which were meant to guide us to the right way. These 'scenes' seemed comical but put us in the shoes of someone dealing with bullying. After each 'scene', the instructors paused and asked us what the character in the story should have done. After this, we carried on watching the instructors perform marvellous and impressive stunts. In the end, we left on a thoughtful note, discussing the instructors' personal lives, and bullying was involved (whether they did the correct thing or not). We felt touched and learnt that what we did negatively in the past could have an extreme impact on the victim for years to come.

#### Zihan Chi 7T

On Wednesday the 2nd of August, Year 7 went to the Governors Centre to participate in the unique event 'Backflip Against Bullying'. This program was filled with incredible acrobatics, parkour and music which kept us all focused on the crucial issue of bullying.

The program explored the four types of bullying: cyber, verbal, physical and social bullying. Cyber bullying can include abusive texts and spreading rumours online. Verbal bullying can include name calling and racist remarks, whereas physical bullying consists of kicking, punching and deliberately damaging someone's personal property. Social bullying involves lying and spreading rumours, making offensive jokes and negative facial expressions. We learnt that all forms of bullying can cause both short term and/or long-term damage both physical and mental health.

We then moved on to learn what appropriate actions we should take in different scenarios which involve bullying. If you see someone being bullied, don't laugh, or join in. Each one of us has social influence, and it is important we use this in a positive way to stand up against bullies and hold our fellow peers accountable for their actions. We should let the victim know that we support them. Something that may seem like a small gesture, such as telling the victim you are there if they



need anything, can make a world of difference to them. If you are being bullied, stay calm and try to not let the bully upset you as this will only satisfy them, and entice them to continue. Resilience is key! Talk to someone you trust like a friend, a teacher, or a family member. Remember, if you experience bullying, make sure to report it every time! 'Backflip Against Bullying' delivered an important message surrounding bullying in an engaging action-packed show. Thank you to Ms Chan and all the staff who organised this event!

#### Mohamed Etri 7S





Backflip against Bullying is a show where a small group of professional actors (two actors in today's show) perform tricks that effectively display the main bullet points of bullying and how we can choose to stop it.

During the duration of the performance, we were given a reminder of what bullying looks like, why it may happen and how to stop it. At the start the actors performed a show where a person is bullying a victim to make themselves feel better (though this is not true) just because they are also being bullied and just want to exert power and intimidation over victims who easily get aggravated or are sensitive. Even though you may think that bullies always know who to pick on, "bullies are lazy" as the truth is that they pick on as many people as they can to get a reaction from them, and if they do receive the response that they want, then they will focus on the target - that gives them power.



We also learnt that there are many ways to stop giving the bully the reaction they want, and that the first step to success is to remain neutral and pretend that it doesn't affect you in a negative way, make casual conversation and within a short time, you can neutralise anything hurtful that comes your way.

In today's show, we again played the show famous "The Idiot Game", where you start by calling someone an idiot, and try not to get upset. The way the performers use it, is useful in catching viewers' attention, and helps viewers absorb more information ("Information plusemotion makes memory"). I enjoyed the show very much, it has some relevance with my life, and has given some useful insights into how any of us can prevent bullying.

#### Geoffrey Li 8S

The backflip against bullying presentation is one which tries to mitigate bullying in schools and communities by showcasing amazing athletes doing cool and funny things, while informing us about bullying. The presentation includes guite comical, but serious scenes on how to get rid of bullying. To capture the audience's attention even more, the presentation includes interactive activities with the audience which are guite amusing and breathtaking. For example, the final part of the show showcases the athlete jumping over twenty-four students and a teacher lying down. Through this dynamic and engaging approach, the presentation inspires young minds to embrace diversity, kindness, and empathy. To make sure that the athletes are fostering a safe environment for the students, where everyone can openly talk about their feelings, the athletes reminisce and talk about their time in school, where they used to be bullied and how they overcame their bullies. In conclusion, the backflip against bullying presentation was an amazing feat to have at our school and it provided us with great information while letting everybody have a laugh! I'm sure that we all would love to have the presentation back next year!

#### Anay Gautam 8R

#### **Community Service Committee**

2023 has been another extremely successful year for the Community Services Committee (CSC). Led by executives Daniel Su (Chairman), Eric Scholten (Secretary), Jayden Ho (Treasurer), Ayaan Hafiz (Outreach Coordinator), Ashwin Rajeswaran (Events Coordinator) and Dean Johnsun (Publicity Officer), and assisted by Mr Ormsby (Coordinator), the CSC raised \$38,908 in donations for various fundraisers. The CSC is a student body which aims to bring students from all cohorts together and do their part to help those in need.

Throughout this year, we took part in a variety of fundraising activities including Jeans for Genes, Red Shield Appeal and The World's Greatest Shave, while also organising and running the Cohort Bakesales and BBQs in order to raise money for fundraisers both local, and across the globe, like the Lak Saviya Foundation and Earthquake Support in Syria and Türkiye. However, the CSC is not only about fundraising, and we wanted to hold more fun, in-person events, to really put the 'Community' in CSC. We held a Movie Night watching 'The Minions' for Movember, sent volunteers to timekeep the Bourke Street Public Swimming Carnival and provided the opportunity for Year 10s to 'buddy' at the Central Sydney Intensive English High School to assist non-English speakers settle into Australia more comfortably.

Overall, this year has been amazing, and I would like to thank the many volunteers who made it possible. I hope the CSC stays strong for years to come.

Dean Johnsun 11F CSC Publicity Officer 2023



**Community Service Committee** MR M ORMSBY, D SU, A HAFIZ, A RAJESWARAN, E SCHOLTEN, D JOHNSUN, J HO



Sir Roden BBQ





# Legacy Day



Jeans for Genes







World's Greatest Shave

























# The Environment Team

#### **Clean Up Australia**













#### The Environment Team

BACK ROW: D WANG, J ZHANG, Z WANG, L FIENE, F HOPKINS, S MUSTAFA, J LUU, J WANG, X PERRY THIRD ROW: M ZHU, T MOOLLAN, R SAMSONOV, L XU, L ZHANG, B PRABAHARAN, A QIU, R YU SECOND ROW: J FANG, N FUNG, L LEUNG, T CHOUDHURY, I GOH, M ZHU, J LI, J LAW, L XING, K LEE FRONT ROW: M PAUL, L FONG, R HOU, E WILKINSON, D SU, S HOSSAIN, N RAHMAN, T MAI, J VAN

# The Equality Community

#### World Pride Assembly

The Equality Committee were honoured to have Alex Greenwich MP and criminal lawyer Cassy Giudice as our guests for our World Pride Assembly.

Ryan Fang and Aarav Gandhi interviewed our guests about why World Pride was so important to them and to our city, their experiences of realising that they were LGBTQI+, their careers, their commitment to social justice issues and their advice for rainbow teenagers. We also announced our Equality Leaders for 2023. Congratulations to Aarav Gandhi, Ryan Fang, Akila Gunaratne, Vishruth Annad, Haoran Zhang and Daniel Su.

This year, the Equality Committee are looking forward to teaching a Values Education lesson on "What Is Discrimination" to each Year 7 class, organising our annual Equality Conference and running our usual Wear It Purple Day events.





The Equality Community STANDING: C MOON, A GUNARATNE, S MUSTAFA, H ZHANG, Z WANG, D SU SEATED: Z CHI, O SHI, R FANG (CAPTAIN), K SHIN, R PARK



Wear it Purple Day

















Leadership and Social Justice



Wear it Purple Day

# People and Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)



PAWS

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# **Student Services**


# The Junior Library



#### Sixty years of the KJ Andrews Library

2023 is the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the Killip Wing of the school, and the KJ Andrews Library, both named after former principals of the school. The anniversary has gone uncelebrated during the year, but I thought it should at least get a mention in The Record. I read every Library report from the early 1960s (when talk of the new library was first mentioned) until last year, when I started in the Junior Library, to find out about the changes that have occurred over the years.

The major recurring note has been the "very inadequate size of the library and its unsatisfactory layout," in the words of KJ Andrews himself, the headmaster responsible for the new wing and library. Other quotes from The Record over the years include: "Our library accommodation remains small and well below the recommended Commonwealth Standards"; "Our present library... would have to be one of the least satisfactory school libraries in New South Wales"; "woefully inadequate"; "much-needed new library facilities"; and the need for "a new library to replace our inadequate 1963 facility."

Within a few years of the opening of the library, which functioned as a library for close to 900 students early on, there was talk of a separate Senior Library, which eventually led to the Cecil Rubie Study Centre, a "cyber" bookless Senior Library, and then the Senior Library as it is today. There were also a lot of mentions over the years of a new performing arts space and library; plans were made, and funds collected. This seems to have become the Governor's Centre, but, alas, no new library.

Another theme in library reports was that of technological change. Early librarians talked of the card catalogue, new encyclopaedias purchased, and cassette tapes that could be borrowed by students. Later video recorders came into existence, and the first mention of computers in the school. Videos came and went, replaced by DVDs, which also became obsolete within a few years. E-resources eventually swept away everything. One of the roles of the library was as an information hub, with physical books, and various other media available, but now all students carry around laptops which allow them access to a whole world of resources unimaginable in 1963. The library has become a place for not only study and reading – which can now be done from anywhere – but also a social space, an indoor place in the school to spend breaks in, to meet with friends and hang out.

#### The Junior Library in 2023



We continued our involvement with chess with the annual knock-out Chess Competition. Last year it was held in term 4, but that meant that year 12 students could not participate, so I switched it to term 3. The winner both years has been Quan Nguyen (year 9), but this year we also had an amateur (non-Chess Club player) winner, and that was Tenzin Lama (year 7). I noticed in my reading of past Record reports that the competition was for amateurs only in years past, so, given the dominance of some players, I thought next year we could have two separate competitions, for Chess Club



players and amateurs, to encourage more students to enter. Again this year the competition was superbly organised by Agastya Govind (year 12) with the assistance of Nestor Chan (year 9). I will continue to tweak the formula while I am the Teacher Librarian here and try to get more students than the 65 we have had enter the past two years.



Another activity the Junior Library promotes and supports is the Premier's Reading Challenge. I started in term 2 last year, so didn't get the chance to promote it to the new year 7 students, but this year I had classes with new students in term 1, and I signed everyone up to the Challenge. It's a voluntary activity, and not everyone completed, but with some encouragement to classes that had reading periods in the library, highlighting of the books in the JL that are on the PRC Reading Lists, and a few emails to remind students of the closing dates, the number of students who completed the Challenge and had their records validated increased from 27 last year to 95 this year. An excellent result, and I'm sure we can build on that next year. I managed to gather more than half of the boys who completed for a photo to commemorate their achievement. Certificates and medals will be issued in term 4.

Dr R Love Teacher Librarian Andrews Junior Library

# **Library Monitor Report**

The Junior Library is a thriving community with a little too many year 7s socialising, and a little too few people studying. The Junior Library is run by the fabulous Dr Love who assigns jobs to Library Monitors. Being a Library Monitor has many benefits (though a few drawbacks as well). Along with the award scheme points that can be earned, library work gives back and helps the school library be the best experience for all students. Coming to the library during lunch to donate just 20 minutes can really help run and improve the library. There are many jobs that a Library Monitor can be assigned; some of the more common ones are: barcoding, covering, shelving, and storing English textbooks in the book room. There are also some dusting and cleaning jobs, but most Library Monitors prefer to avoid doing those.

Barcoding and covering books are the foundation of the Junior Library. It allows the flow of new books into the library; they reach students and provide them with the joy of reading. Shelving as a library monitor can be seen in many ways. Some see it as less than enjoyable while others, like me, see shelving as an opportunity to seek out new and exciting books to read. My favourite - and many others' favourite - is taking books to and from the book room (where the English department keeps all their books for classes to study). While the journey between the book room and the Junior Library may be a whole weights room session - as we must carry boxes of books - once at the book room, Library Monitors can peacefully shelve, count and mark off books away from the noise of the juniors.

The one job that Library Monitors universally dislike is cleaning the library. Although it keeps the library clean, it is still a highly disliked job. Cleaning the library often means dusting - which is not too bad - but when it amounts to cleaning decade old dirt from windows, it becomes a little too much. Last time I did that job (and the only time thankfully), not only did I feel like I was about to fall out the window but also my hands were getting super filthy from old dirt on the window ledges.

Overall, being a Library Monitor has the privileges of helping operate the library and finding new books to enjoy. You also get award scheme points, but that is beside the point. Library Monitors have made the library as fantastic as it is and will continue to do so in the years to come.

Max Feng (year 7) Library Monitor 2023





# **The Senior Library**

The onset of this academic year at Sydney Boys High School, renowned for its academic rigor and intellectual pursuits, witnessed the familiar sight: students deeply engrossed, not in books, but in their electronic devices. While these tools offered a myriad of information at their fingertips, an unintended consequence was evident — a growing disconnect from the tangible world.



In response, a strategic initiative was implemented: the reintroduction of jigsaw puzzles to the library environment. These puzzles, featuring intricate designs ranging from historic cities to iconic artworks, were positioned to challenge and engage students in a different form of intellectual endeavour. Initial reactions were mixed; some students questioned the value of such "archaic" activities in the digital age. However, as time progressed, an observable shift in engagement was noted.

Building on this momentum, Tra Nguyen, Year 10 student, proposed and successfully established an origami club. The club provided an avenue for students to transform simple pages into intricate designs. Each session witnessed paper transforming into vibrant stories under Tra's meticulous guidance.

Recognizing the need for strategic intervention, the library underwent a significant reorganization. Our 'classics' collection, which houses time-honoured literature, was separated from the general fiction section. This decision was informed by the frequent borrowing patterns observed with



these titles. By creating this dedicated space, we aimed to facilitate easier access for our students to the masterpieces of literature that have shaped generations.



Senior Library Year 12s Studying

Key to the library's successful operations was the consistent and invaluable support from Ms Sue Schlederer, our library assistant. Ms Schlederer's innate knowledge of the library's collection and her ability to guide students have been instrumental. Her role, while often behind the scenes, was foundational to our success.

As the year progressed, the library ambiance underwent a palpable shift. Where once electronic devices dominated, now collaborative discussions over jigsaws and origami were the norm. The library's ethos transitioned from pure academia to a blend of creativity, collaboration, and tactile engagement.

# Ms Hinton Senior Library

# An Ode to the Senior Library: More than just books

Throughout my senior years the senior library has been a welcoming space with a variety of different applications. Although a library usually connotes a place to read (whilst it does offer a wide catalogue, both physical and online) the senior library extends its purpose further. Whether functioning as a place to study before my exams, or relax during a break, the senior library has always been open and useful to me and my friends. The clever segmentation of the library enables access to larger tables for group work and casual conversation, whilst still enabling students to work without distractions if they wish in smaller self-study cubicles. Additionally, the whole facility is air conditioned, providing a spot of respite from the elements. Under the

excellent administration of Teacher/Librarian Ms Hinton, the library has also become significantly more accessible, introducing activities such as a puzzle table (my favourite addition), further cataloguing the books for easy access and opening up more seating space. Overall, the senior library is a great space that I highly recommend for any students looking for a peaceful place to relax with friends or get in some quiet study.

# Aditya Sharma (12F) 2023 Prefect



# Guardians of the Stacks: Our Journey as Senior Library Monitors.

This year, Joshua and I have undertaken the roles of library monitors for the senior library, furthering our dedication to the school community. Serving as library monitors has been a deeply rewarding experience. In this capacity, we have developed skills in community service, organisation, and volunteering, while also becoming more involved in school activities. The role of a library monitor strikes a balance between calm and excitement. Several times a week, we work alongside Ms Hinton to maintain a clean and studyfriendly library environment, ensuring that students have a serene and optimal space for their studies. Our duties include shelving books, organising bookshelves, reviewing both old and new literature, and managing various other library tasks. Although we began our roles as library monitors just this year, the satisfaction we've gained from contributing to the library will undoubtedly stay with us long after our tenure at High ends. This responsibility has not only deepened our connection to the library but also emphasised its meticulous maintenance.

The transition to high school brings a myriad of engagements, often sidelining reading. Yet, reconnecting with the library

has facilitated a renewed passion for diverse literature and genres. This renewed connection has further deepened our imagination and comprehension of the vast world through both fictional and factual literature.

# Samuel Gao (10M) and Joshua Wang (10E)





Senior Library Origami Club

Librarians



# Librarians

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# Careers

All students at Sydney Boys High School have the opportunity of achieving their chosen pathway through the school's individually focussed Careers Education program. Our students are tertiary focussed with all proceeding to some sort of tertiary education or VET course.

# **Guest Speakers**

This year we were able to secure the most comprehensive guest speaker series yet, presenting to Year 11/12 students. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions and gain valuable up-to-date information regarding post-school options. Guest presenters included representatives from the University of NSW (UNSW), University of Sydney, University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), Co -op Scholarships, ADF, Business Cadetships Australia, UAC and more. There was also a series of presentations from industry specialists giving up to date information in the changing world of work, resume building and interview skills.

#### **Year 12 Careers Interviews**

All Year 12 students were strongly encouraged to attend interviews with the Careers Adviser to discuss postschool options including university courses, scholarships, cadetships, UAC preferences, wellbeing, time management and study routines. Despite the challenges this year, the vast majority of students availed themselves to this opportunity.

# **Career Exploration**

The Year 10 cohort completed a choice of software systems that helps young people explore the current work climate and make effective career decisions. Year 10 students were able to gain invaluable insights and reports including a personal profile, specific job suggestions as well as an accompanying occupational information action plan and resume/curriculum vitae. They were all also individually interviewed before selecting their year 11 subjects.

An unprecedented number of students were able to take part in work experience. These students completed placements in the fields of Health, Information Technology, Law, Engineering, Pharmacy and Business amongst others.

I look forward to serving the students with even more opportunity.

Mr Matt Cotton Careers Adviser





# **Outdoor Education**









# Year Nine Camp 2022 - Centre Based Brogram - Wombaroo

On behalf of group 3, I would like to thank Tej (OEC leader) and Ms Loh (teacher supervisor) for making centre-based camp such an enjoyable and relaxing experience. We learnt skills both applicable in campsites as well as in our daily lives, making the trip very rewarding.

Food at the centre was diverse and suited everyone's needs. Lasagne and chicken burger was especially tasty. As for those with dietary requirements, rice was also provided. Everyone had enough as second servings were provided such that we could focus on the trip. Cabin facilities were also clean and well-kept, with showers and beds being better than predicted for a campsite. The area was open and allowed us to rest and have leisure by playing ball games such as volleyball, rugby, football just to name a few.

In terms of activities, raft building and low ropes on the first day was quite amusing as the team was split into two groups, competing against each other. For raft building, one of the rafts were sturdy and survived the whole course whereas the second one collapsed before getting into the water whereas everyone cheated for low ropes, with "spotters" supporting others to get through the whole course. Everyone was laughing the whole time and we even saw kangaroos. Day 2, I would say must be the most rewarding day for me as we got to go bushwalking, and do archery and high ropes, allowing me to overcome my fear of heights. The last day probably would have been the most educational as we learnt the importance of teamwork through group activities and survival skills like setting up a tent or cooking food (hot chocolate in our case) in the wild. Furthermore, night games such as game night, campfire and bullrush were

exceedingly entertaining as teachers joined in and our year group just joined forces to win, a perfect example of "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much".

I think the arrangement of the activities was done really well as we got enough time to rest, engage in personal activities during free time and chances to clean and wash off. However, many thought that more time could have been designated to some activities like archery which everyone enjoyed a lot.

Overall, the camp was a good ending towards our year 9 school life and allowed us to take a break from technology and just socialise with teachers and friends.

# Maurice Wong. 9T (2022)







# Year Nine Expedition Program – Biloela

I would like to start of this report by giving thanks. Thank you to Ms Ibbot, the organiser, the Outdoor Exploration Group (OEG) and thanks to all the teachers who participated in this expedition. Special thanks to Paul Renzaglia and Mr Huynh, who made the trip levels better than they may have been.

On the 7th of December 2022, Year 9 went on their first camp since 2020. Year 9 had two choices, Expedition and Centre based. There ended up being six groups for the expedition, and I was in group 5. Group 5 was led by Instructor Paul Renzaglia, and supervised by Mr Huynh. To split the roles, each group had three teams- Leaders, Cookers, and Cleaners, which would switch every day. Additionally, the food, cooking equipment and tent equipment were all split, making sure nobody had to carry too much. I was particularly pleased with the food selection, featuring healthy meals to prepare you for walking. Safety was also taken care of, introducing gaiters to protect from snake bites and ropes to make sure you didn't slip. This expedition alone formed connections with people and places, an environmentally friendly lifestyle that everyone should try.

Food on the expedition is often an expressed concern for worried parents. Despite the expectations, Group 5 were well-fed and kept. The food schedule included two breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners, featuring cereal and toast for breakfast, wraps and tacos for lunch, and finally broccoli tomato pasta with butter chicken summing up dinner. For all these meals, seconds and even thirds were common. with rules such as cleaning hands for cleanliness, waiting until everyone has eaten to get extra and a forbidden area that cookers had to follow to guarantee no one was burnt or hurt. The cooking responsibilities really lightened up the trip, forcing students to try to do something they normally wouldn't have done. These responsibilities also made it so students would become more confident in cooking and independent, a worthy skill when entering adulthood. Quoting Mr Huynh, 'The broccoli pasta was one of the best I've tasted when going on these camps'. Instructor Paul would also help the teams with their jobs, keeping everyone safe and efficient. The Outdoor Exploration Group also provided snacks from pretzels to Oreos to trail mix, and marshmallows to toast on a campfire the group would make. Overall, the food experience was not one to be worried about, but, one to be looking forward to.

As an expedition trip would suggest, most of the activities were hiking. Hiking trails changed expectations, with easy trails such as fire trails to harder trails varying by colours. Fortunately, no one was hurt and the leaders did their best to find the optimal trail, despite being new to navigating and unbeknownst to what was the actual condition of the tracks. Although haphazardly we would be lost, all leaders would wait and make sure everyone was safe and ready before moving on, creating a bond we never thought we would have. Props to Mr Huynh, for introducing an easy role call and Paul for ensuring everyone was safe. Instructor Paul tied with Mr Huynh also gave us lateral thinking puzzles and memory tasks, to give us something to think about whilst on the hour-long walks, which was one of the reasons everyone had so much fun. Instructor Paul would also lead us to skip rocks to pass the time, a fun addition to the trip. However, the only centre-based activity we did were the low-ropes, which was underwhelming since everyone was tired. Regardless, the activities paired with the puzzles, on behalf of the whole group, made the trip a memorable experience. To the parents that worry about the safety and value of the camp, there were a few minor injuries spanning all six groups.

The negative of the trip, however, was the cleaning. Cleaning crews in my experience were negligent and often disregarded the mess, however in the end, the job was finished. I would like OEG to introduce more enforced cleaning guidelines.

Overall, despite being in a totally different environment, the expedition was one to be remembered for years to come and the experience with a totally different lifestyle made the Year 9 camp the best camp I've ever been on, and would definitely be choosing the expedition for the next camps to come.

# Andrew Ding 9F (2022)







# Year Eight Camp - Cataract Scout Camp, 13th to 15th September

# **Co-Curricular Activities**



# Cadets

#### **CDT Michael Truong**

I joined the Sydney High School Cadet Unit with much uncertainty about my schooling life outside of academics, where I really needed something that would coerce me to try my very best in things that reached far beyond the safe haven I resided in. Guided by an impeccable leadership team of my Cadet Under Officers, Warrant Officers, Sergeants, Corporals and Lance Corporals, I almost instantly felt like part of this growing family. My first JCT Bivouac was co-hosted with Hurlstone Agricultural High School. I was mesmerised by the sheer number of memories I made during that camp. I recall my first nights sleeping in a hoochie, the piquet in the middle of the night, and the fun activities planned for me at my first bivouac such as building navigation, map reading and land awareness skills, all of which were interesting and exciting to do. Meeting and socialising with cadets from other units, which on this occasion was Hurlstone Agricultural High School, was beneficial, showing the connections and friendships between all schools and their units. Fun moments included the talent quest and the night time seeking game, which helped pass the dark nights and implemented the skills we learnt throughout the camp.

But by far the most nerve racking yet thrilling experience, was the 140th Passing Out Parade, which was viewed by many high-ranking members of the ADF, including the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove. This particular event took weeks of intense drill practice and patience as we all tried to work together to polish off the parade. As a recruit, it helped me greatly in my performance on the day. We all gave it our best effort and pulled through, making a performance to which Sir Peter Cosgrove thought was highly impressive and commendable. It was also an opportunity to view the graduating Year 12 cadets, who did a slow march past the



parade for their last time. Jokes, laughter and food were shared with many friends after, as we all proceeded into the Great Hall for supper.

My first year of cadets had taught me many new values and skills. I had to use perseverance and courage to attempt new activities outside of my comfort zone. I had to use a lot of patience as I slowly got my marching and turning correct and in time. It also gave me discipline and comradery, as I got to spend time with my friends, all whilst turning up to my duties as a cadet week in, week out with ironed uniform and a perfect slouch hat. As I marched up to receive my certificate of recruitment completion after the passing out parade, I realised that I could go far if I continued to deliver this same passion and effort for cadets. The momentum is tremendous at this point in time. What else is there to learn and discover will only continue to surface the longer I go. I can't wait to endeavour into another year of cadets.

# CDT Michael Truong



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**CDTLCPL** Jun Shim

The Sydney High School Cadet Unit (SHSCU) is based upon the five fundamental values of the Australian Army Cadets. Service, Courage, Respect, Integrity, and Excellence. Partaking in cadets is an opportunity offered to our students as well as Sydney Girls High School. Being my first year attending High, I, as well as many other cadets, signed up to be a part of the SHSCU. An introduction for many and a continuation of my personal cadet journey. Fortunately, earlier on in the year I was nominated for the Lance Corporal Promotion Course. It was a one-day course held at the Holsworthy Barracks, which would make me eligible for promotion from the Cadet rank to the Lance Corporal rank. A leadership position within cadets, which I truly appreciate receiving.

Over the course of the last and current semesters, several activities have taken place, all of which I have involved myself in. Anzac Day was a significant aspect of cadets, where units all over Australia gathered and paid tribute to the servicemen and women who have served and sacrificed for our country, of such was our unit participating in both the city march and dawn services to show our appreciation and support for those who have served.



The 2023 JCT Bivouac, included the Hurlstone Agricultural High School Army Cadet Unit, as well as the SHSCU. A three-day Bivouac provided me with an opportunity to teach the new cadets and to socialise with cadets from another unit in joint activities that tested the cadets' knowledge as well as their practical abilities through activities such as navigation expeditions that incorporated the usage of maps and compasses and concealment, which allowed cadets to construct ghillie suits out of the surrounding nature.

The 140th Passing Out Parade signified the conclusion of a six-year journey of cadets for the Year 12 graduates and the commencement of the cadet journey for new recruits. Graduates marched onto the parade grounds for the last time, and newly appointed cadets received their certificates, which signified the completion of the first level of cadets. We were fortunate to have the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove, AK AC CVO MC Colonel Andrew White, Brigadier Robert Lording, Dr Kim Jaggar, Terry Farley, and LT(AAC) Ronald Luo. The significance of 2023 and the passing out parade is exemplified through the recognition of a staggering 140 years of the SHSCU in operation, highlighting the presence of a continuously thriving community of cadets and supporters who have been keeping a century-old tradition alive. The SHSCU has provided old boys and girls of the school as well as current cadets with a special and unique extra-curricular activity that has provided cadets with knowledge and skills that can be incorporated into their daily lives. The SHSCU involves students into the program and pushes for the best in all aspects of their cadet journey. With four years left of my journey through cadets, a vast array of opportunities are yet to occur.

# CDTLCPL Jun Shim

#### **Co-Curricular Activities**

#### CUO Dean Johnsun (SUO SHSCU 2023-24)

In 2023, Sydney High School Cadet Unit (SHSCU) saw an increased level of activity this year. At the end of 'Try Cadets' period, 47 new recruits were accepted into the program with almost half from Sydney Girls High, doubling the number of girls from last year's intake.

We continued to strengthen our relationships with our local supporters, Paddington-Woollahra RSL Sub-branch and Coogee-Randwick-Clovelly RSL Sub-Branch. SHSCU provided a Catafalque Party to the Paddington-Woollahra's ANZAC Service and contributed 17 cadets to Coogee's ANZAC Dawn Service. Our senior cadets provided the catafalque party for the ANZAC Dawn Service held at the Anzac Memorial in Moore Park.

SHSCU welcomed our new MIC of Cadets, Mr Olivier Delaruelle, a Major in the Australian Army Reserves, and a new teacher at SBHS. Mr Delaruelle along with staff and NCOs focused on decluttering and re-organising our Orderly, Q-Store and the Tech Store.

SHSCU has attended the 23 Battalion Bivouac, James Ruse Bivouac, and the SHSCU/Hurlstone Joint Bivouac. These bivouacs served as a fun activity for the cadets, allowing them to practice their field skills.

During the July school holidays, SHSCU sent a large contingent of cadets onto various NCO Promotion courses at Holsworthy Army Barracks, allowing us to complete the NCO structure for 2023-24 of two CUOs, one WO2, three SGTs, eight CPLs, and twelve LCPLs. After some years of being stretched thin in terms of NCO numbers, we are now finally able to provide our cadets with enough qualified teachers and mentors for a full company of cadets. It is SHSCU's objective to stay mindful of keeping a healthy number of NCOs, while maintaining the high standard expected from the Australian Army Cadets.



Term 3 saw our unit training tirelessly on improving their drill, dress, and bearing, in preparation for the Year 12 Graduation and Recruit Recognition Parade on 29th August 2023. This year, we were honoured with the attendance of Patron of the ADF Cadets, General (retd) The Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove as the Reviewing Officer of the parade. Following the parade there was a celebratory supper held in the Great Hall to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of SHSCU. Approximately 150 guests attended the supper, including approximately thirty Old Boy Cadets spanning from the 1950s to the 2020s.

SHSCU entered a team in the national CSIRO CyberTaipan competition. This is an Australian Youth Cyber Defence Competition, and the team, 'High Security' has achieved third place after two rounds to qualify for the National Finals to be held later in the year.

On behalf of SHSCU, I would like to thank Mr Delaruelle, LT(AAC) Ronald Luo, LT(AAC) Rachel Fong, 2LT(AAC) Meredith Thomas, 2LT(AAC) Harvey Luo and all parent helpers for their efforts and work put into ensuring the smooth running of the program. I would also like to thank the Year 12 cadets, CUO Jiya Daga, WO1 Sophie Jin, CUO Nicole Zhang, CUO Shaleeta Xia, CUO Oscar Chen, WO2 James Wachsmann and SGT Liam Fiene, for the mentorship they provided the unit this past year.

# CUO Dean Johnsun (SUO SHSCU 2023-24)







# 140th Anniversary Supper



Sydney High School Cadet Unit ...

# Passing Out





















1 Platoon

BACK ROW: R QI, A CHAN, CDTLCPL S LEE, W ZHENG, R BASSAM, CDTCPL K SINGH, W SUN, CDTLCPL A LAU, CDTLCPL J LUU THIRD ROW: M GAO, S FINN, A GU, C CHOE, N DEKA, M SUNDARSAGAR, L CHANG, D YOO, T YE SECOND ROW: CDTLCPL E CHEN, E MA, R XIAO, CDTLCPL D CHEAV, CDTCPL D ZOU, G MERMELAS, B DANG, K WANG, J FRANCIS FRONT ROW: A HUANG, CDTCPL F HE, CDTSGT J YIN, CUO D JOHNSUN, CUO N ZHANG, CUO S XIA, CDTSGT L FIENE, CDTSGT E XUE, D EUN



2 Platoon

BACK ROW: L XU, CDTCPL W FAN, CDTLCPL L GRUNDY, A GREWAL, C CHEN, T TRAYNOR, CDTLCPL L WU, CDTCPL O ZHANG MIDDLE ROW: A GANDHI, C WANG, CDTLCPL L CHEN, A MISHRA, E ZHANG, A RETNASINGHAM, J HO, J OU FRONT ROW: O HO, Z CHI, J LIM, CDTSGT J SHIM, CUO J DAGA, CDTWOI S JIN, E HE, E DU, S TAN



3 Platoon BACK ROW: N RUSTANDI, M TRUONG, D YI, CDTCPL H SHAN, M ZHOU, CDTCPL B SHEN, R WU, A HWANG, P KONUDULA MIDDLE ROW: A SHEARY, D LYRIS, CDTLCPL C LI, CDTLCPL J SHIM, CDTLCPL B STEEL, A DU, P ZHANG, CDTCPL E WANG, R TENG, L ZENG FRONT ROW: E LU, K YUAN, K NGUYEN, CUO H ZHANG, CUO O CHEN, CDTWOI A HUANG, A PEREIRA, L MCLOUGHLIN, M LE



#### NCO'S

BACK ROW: CDTLCPL A LAU, CDTCPL H SHAN, CDTCPL K SINGH, CDTLCPL L GRUNDY, CDTCPL W FAN, CDTSGT J YIN, CDTCPL B SHEN, CDTSGT E XUE, CDTLCPL S LEE

MIDDLE ROW: CDTLCPL E CHEN, CDTLCPL L CHEN, CDTLCPL D CHEAV, CDTCPL E WANG, CDTLCPL J LUU, CDTCPL O ZHANG, CDTWO1 A HUANG, CDTSGT J SHIM, CDTLCPL L WU, CDTCPL D ZOU, CDTLCPL B STEEL, CDTLCPL J SHIM, CDTLCPL C LI, CDTCPL F HE

FRONT ROW: CDTWO2 J WACHSMANN, CUO D JOHNSUN, CUO O CHEN, CUO N ZHANG, CUO J DAGA, CDTWO1 S JIN, CUO S XIA, CUO H ZHANG, CDTSGT L FIENE





SNCO'S

STANDING: CDTSGT J YIN, CUO H ZHANG, CUO D JOHNSUN, CDTWOI A HUANG, CDTSGT E XUE, CDTSGT J SHIM SEATED: CDTSGT L FIENE, CUO O CHEN, CUO N ZHANG, CUO J DAGA, CDTWOI S JIN, CUO S XIA, CDTWO2 J WACHSMANN





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# Chess

Despite the departure of many of our strongest players following their graduation from High last year, the 2023 Chess season saw dominant displays of victory across multiple teams. Initially, there was difficulty gathering sufficient members to even form a Senior A team for the Secondary Schools Competition. However, thanks to the hard work of Toby Huey, a six-member team consisting of our most experienced players was able to unite under the common goal of leading the legacy of the Chess Program at High into another successful season. A special thanks is also attributed to Head Chess Coach and International Master, Mr Vladmir Feldman, and our dedicated MIC Ms Rowena Barr, who oversees the extensive Chess program at High.

To commence the season, six teams consisting entirely of NSWJCL-rated players were selected to play in the Inter-School Metropolitan Secondary Schools Competition: Our Senior A team (Toby Huey, Max Li, James Law, Harry Lao, Zarif Faisal, Kenny Chen), Intermediate A team (Quan Nguyen, Nestor Chan, Vedantik Bhattacharyya, Kayden Santoso, Lucas Zhang, Leo Le), Intermediate B team (Aaron Huang, Kevin Liu, Tanish Sarathy, John Nguyen, Henry Duong), Intermediate C team (Mark Sharp, Jason Guo, Kevin Guo, Jamie Jin, Lucas Xie, Ibrahim Younis), Junior A team (Anay Gautam, Jinda Zhu, William Tran, Stephen Faulder, Yashneil Lucknauth), and finally our Junior B team (Jayden Lee, Xavier Tanhueco, Zi Yang Wang, Surya Thatavarthy, Andrea Capuano). Every A team saw eventual success as Division Winners, moving on to the knock-out stage of the competition. There, our Senior A team lost by tiebreak ruling against Sydney Grammar A in the Metropolitan East Regional final, our Intermediate A team was defeated by Emanuel A in the second round, and our Junior A team lost to Sydney Grammar A in the final in a closely contested battle. We strive to surpass these rival teams in the coming seasons.

Following this, the GPS Chess Championship Cup held on the 19th of August fostered the opportunity for High to retrieve the cup after a disappointing loss to Sydney Grammar in 2022. Eight of our top players: Toby Huey, Quan Nguyen, Nestor Chan, Vedantik Bhattacharyya, Aaron Huang, Leo Le, Anay Gautam, Kayden Santoso, and Jinda Zhu, were chosen. These players won convincingly, capitalising on a significant point advantage in the final round to prevail and ultimately reclaim the trophy from Sydney Grammar, which was last ours in 2019.

After our triumph at the GPS Chess Championships, on the 11th of September, High participated in the Terrey Shaw Shield, held at North Sydney Boys High School. Notably, our Open - SBHS A team (Toby Huey, Quan Nguyen, and Nestor Chan) won their division and regained the shield, which was also last won in 2019. Not to be overlooked, our Junior B team (Leo Le, Anay Gautam, Kayden Santoso) placed third. Congratulations to these boys for their honorary performance facing such tough competition from teams across the state.

On the 23rd and 24th of September, our finest players: Toby Huey, Quan Nguyen, Nestor Chan, and Vedantik Bhattacharyya will compete in the Australian Schools Teams Championship, where we hope to retrieve our former glory from 2019.

The game of chess is a celebration of wit, endurance, and human intellect in its purest form. I am grateful to have been a member of the chess program from 2018 to my final year in 2023. It has also been my honour to have been given the opportunity to Captain such a capable team in the Senior A team along with our highest-rated player, Toby Huey. As our junior prospects continue to develop their games and nurture their talent, I would like to remind them not to forget the joint efforts of both Ms Barr and Mr Feldman, which together facilitate the great success of the Chess Program at High. I urge you to learn from their experience and mature as an individual, both on and off the chess board. In doing so, I am certain that the future of the Chess Program will be left in capable hands.

#### Harry Lao and Toby Huey









Chess Senior M LI, K CHEN, H LAO, T HUEY, J LAW, Z FAISAL





Intermediate Chess BACK ROW: J JIN, K LIU, T SARATHY, J GUO MIDDLE ROW: L LE, H DUONG, I YOUNIS, M SHARP, J NGUYEN, K GUO FRONT ROW: N CHAN, L ZHANG, K SANTOSO, L XIE, V BHATTACHARYYA, Q NGUYEN, A HUANG



**Chess Junior A** J ZHU, S FAULDER, Y LUCKNAUTH, W TRAN



Chess Junior B A CAPUANO, X TANHUECO, Z YANG, J LEE, S THATAVARTHY

# Debating

#### **MIC Debating Speech**

Good evening Debaters, Public Speakers, coaches, families, Ms Pride and Dr Jaggar.

#### Welcome back!

We have had a very busy Debating year again. Terms 1 and 2 saw team selections with record numbers of students trying out for teams and the Eastside. Thanks to Mr Paul who stayed back and managed Friday nights for both Eastside and GPS and cheered the boys on. I would also like to thank Nathan Tang and his team of year 10 helpers who help all the hosting nights run smoothly. In Eastside, Year 9 were runners up in their division and the 10As semi-finalists.

A huge thank you to Jeanette Cook who not only ran the FED competition this year on behalf of High, but she was also in charge of organising the entire competition and hosted the Grand Final. Congratulations to the FED 8A team: Alay Mahidadia, Sarjan Thiagalingam, Ryan Park, Arnav Kaushak and Vivaan Wadwha who won their division. In the GPS competition, 10A won their division, 9A and 8B were co-premiers in their divisions.

The Premier's Debating Challenge continues. Thank you to Elly Harcourt, Beth Hinton and Jessica Christodoulou who have been managing the competition for us. Year 12 were semi finalists, the 8As will compete in the semi-finals in the coming weeks, and the Year 10s are in the knock out rounds this week.

We have had other successes this year: Abrar Chowdhury, Agastya Govind and Vishruth Anand were selected for the CHS Debating team and Luka Miletic was selected for the GPS squad.

Legal debating, run by Ms Stephens, was busy this year. Thanks go to their coach, Nikolai Shchekochikhin and the Legal Debating Prefect, Octavio Carbajal Zapata. The Mediation team made it to the quarter finals. Meanwhile, the Trial did well but unfortunately did not advance to the quarter finals. Luka Miletic will take over as Legal Debating Prefect this year.



Sydney Boys High School participated in two Model United Nations competitions this year, one as a school the other as an individual representative: at Baulkham Hill Model United Nations 7th of May, Luka Miletic won best delegate They also competed at the First Australian Harvard Model United Nations 1st-4th June: The School was represented by:

- Luka Miletic
- Vishruth Anand
- Andris Dang
- Haoran Zhang
- Patrick Nguyen
- Pranav Gupta
- Kridaya Singh
- Ryan Fang
- Fardin Shadman
- Aarav Gandhi

Luka Miletic won best delegate in Economic and Financial Committee as Netherlands.

As always, thank you to Dr Jaggar for his support of the debating program. We have over 280 boys receiving coaching every Friday night and this would not be possible without the funding and support he gives us.

I would like to thank Abrar Chowdhury who has been the Debating Prefect this year. Abrar's enthusiasm for Debating saw record signups for this year and he was always reliable in his feedback on the rounds.

As always, I would like to thank our Head Coach, Alex De Araujo. Alex has ably to ensure that every team has a coach every week and those coaches are of excellent quality as well as providing lesson plans linked to the debating topics each week. Thank you to the team coaches: Guy Suttner with the Firsts, Alex De Araujo the Seconds and Lilah Thurbon who managed the Thirds. The 10s were ably coached by Aman Mohamed and Auguste McNally, the 9s by Tim Hanna and Jack Glass, the 8s by Archie Wolifson and Roshan Hossein then Aliena Konsam, and the 7s by Anson Chan and Jessica David.

Thank you to all of the other coaches who manage the socials teams every week and manage to keep the boys engaged and building their skills. I hope you are all willing and able to return to High next year. Finally, I would like to thank all the parents who support the program. The GPS season has seen the return of the Debating Supper, and the comradery of the parents who help out with extra food, serving up and cleaning up has been wonderful to see. Lastly, this dinner would not be happening without the organisational brilliance of Vani Acharya and her team of helpers. Thank you all for your efforts.

Enjoy the evening.

# Joseph Suttie Award for Teamwork

2023: 8B who won the FED competition and were co-premiers in the GPS: Alay Mahidadia, Sajan Thiagalingam, Ryan Park, Arnav Kaushak and Vivaan Wadwha

RACHEL POWELL AWARD which is to be given to someone who does outstanding work in supporting the debating program but might not otherwise be recognised goes to Nathan Tang. For the last two years, Nathan has managed a team of helpers who set up and cleaned up rooms, welcomed guests, helped teachers who were here with anything required.

# Prizes

Year 7 Best Debater	Jinosh Rajendra
7B	Zihan Chi
8 Best Debater	Charlie Cheshire
8 B	Sajan Thiagalingam
9 Best debater	Jude Ou
9 B	Mohamad Rachid
10 Best Debater	Andrew Pye
10 B	Alif Siddiqui
11 A	Vishruth Anand
11 B	Aarav Gandhi
12 A	Agastya Govind
12 B	Harrison Francis
Ms M Rigby	

**MIC** Debating





8B FED competition winners

8B FED competition winners

#### **First Grade**

I think the best way to end it all is to rewind to the very start.

It was Friday September 14th, 2018, a frosty spring evening. I was seated in the middle of the warm interior of the school's Great Hall awaiting the High v Grammar debate. The First Grade Side of Sydney Boys High consisted of Guy Suttner, Symeon Ziegler, Ryan Borges – captained by Alex De Araujo. For a kid in the Year 7C's who struggled to hit the five-minute mark every week, nothing was more awe-inspiring or mind-blowing than seeing a First Grade side speak for eight minutes – defending the Rutledge Louat Shield for another year. It was at that moment I made up my mind on what I wanted to do for the next five years of my time here at High.

Fast forward five years to 2023. The First Grade side consisted of myself, Agastya Govind, Adit Mahidadia and Liam Nottage.

Going into this year, we knew that each Premiership would be more fiercely contested than ever. NSW had seen incredibly talented debaters bloom across the state in every Division, every competition, every championship, at all levels. And this year these speakers weren't concentrated in a few powerhouse schools. Rather, they were scattered broadly across the playing field of NSW Schools Debating.

After an Eastside season in which we finally understood our rhythm as a team, we entered the Hume Barbour Premiership with high hopes. Make no mistake, High was the underdog this year. Especially with an exceptionally strong James Ruse side led by the Australian team's Captain and Cammeraygal and Sydney Girls sides bolstered by NSW State Speakers.

Facing Ruse not once, but twice, we had to put on some of our strongest performances ever against the favourites.

We beat them in the preliminary rounds, knocking them into the loser's bracket. Meeting again in the State Quarters was the toughest challenge we faced all year. We were up against a side more eager than ever to break the deadlock and proceed to the Semis after being defeated by us before. Defending that "Sporting clubs should pay for the injuries and necessities of athletes after they retire", we pulled one of our most exemplary performances to very narrowly beat out perhaps the strongest side Ruse had ever constructed.

We had reached the furthest High had in five years. We were scratching on the surface of the glory of a Premiership. Sadly, and incredibly frustratingly, we made the ill-advised decision to preference a gender motion against a formidable Sydney Girls side. This cost us as we struggled to come across as the empathetic side in a motion about some of the most vulnerable women in the schooling system. And so, we bowed out to a side that went onto win the Hume Barbour trophy. We had come so tantalisingly close yet had just fallen short.

We did not let this dishearten us and we entered the GPS Season, sure in our strength as a team. Our start to the season was incredibly strong, moving to the top of the ladder, beating out a Scots side led by a NSW State Speaker. Yet in a string of heart-breaking adjudications – some of which were peculiar in their reasoning – the Rutledge Louat Shield slipped from our grasp too.

The season had more than its fair share of successes. The Opens were incredibly successful in their selections for Representative teams. Vishruth Anand and I were selected in the Combined High School's First Grade Side, comprising a half of the headlining team. Agastya Govind was selected for the Seconds. This is the fourth year in a row that High has hit the cap on



CHS Selections – a tremendous achievement. Luka Miletic was selected for the GPS Combined Squad as well.

To the boys I captained this year. Agastya Govind, the mechanistic powerhouse and reflex of the team. Incredibly reliable in debates where all seemed grim, pulling us to a win in many tight debates. Adit Mahidadia, the dependable first speaker of the team, whose cool demeanour guided and grounded some of our most ambitious cases. And to Liam Nottage. Taking up the mantle of Firsts in Year 10 is a behemoth task done very few times before in this school's history. Seeing the sheer amount of improvement and skill displayed in the very narrow two-month span of the GPS season leaves me in awe and admiration. The future of this school's programme lies in incredibly secure and capable hands, and I cannot wait to see the speaker that he will become in two years' time.

The lower years are bursting to the seams with talent with the Year 9s and 10s winning their respective GPS Premierships. The kids all show incredible promise, and I cannot wait to see how they blossom in the coming years as they come forth to lead the brigade in Opens.

Stepping down from that stage in the High v Grammar debate felt like a full circle moment. Walking down from the stage and into the arms of fifty boys in blue and brown felt surreal, sobering and profound. Seeing Juniors situated in the same spot I was, pulled me back to that moment, five years ago, when I made that decision on that frosty September night. Many years from now I still think I will look back on it as one of my most memorable and cherished memories in all my time at High.

This story isn't just mine. And maybe, just maybe, if you dig deep enough in this school's Records - to just the right edition

- you'll find a story very familiar to mine, that resembles it in many aspects. To the Juniors that will read this, or some far too curious kid, much like me, many years from now - you'll find yourself caught in this strange cycle. Cherish it. For the Grammar debate happened only two days ago and I would do absolutely anything to relive that moment and relish in the glory and honour that accompanies this school's title.

All I have left to say is thanks. Thank you to Ms Rigby and Ms Harcourt for all the work you do behind the scenes to make every debate in this season possible. Thank you, Mr Paul, for the mind games that you play with every school we've hosted – very appropriately reminding them of the greatness of this school's name and heritage. Thank you to Alex and Guy for being my role models, my inspiration and, poetically, being the ones to coach me in my final year at High. To Archie and Timmy for pushing me to do better, to try catch up with you guys ever since Year 8. A massive thanks to my Mum and Dad and all the mums, dads, coaches, debaters, and teachers that brings this universe into existence, every Friday night, after the 3:15pm bell rings.

But most of all, thank you to this community. For showing a kid who once thought that he was mediocre at everything that he was pretty decent at something for once.

An incredibly grateful and proud Captain of First Grade Debating for 2023,

Abrar Chowdhury



Eastside runners up



**First Grade Debating** A GOVIND, A CHOWDHURY, L NOTTAGE



Second Grade Debating P NGUYEN, S PARASHER, V ANAND





Third Grade Debating E SCHOLTEN, R FANG, S HUI, H FRANCIS, A HAFIZ



Year 10 AB Debating STANDING: J MCLOUGHLIN, X PERRY, A SIDDIQUI SEATED: R HOU, A THIAGALINGAM, A PYE, N HU, T ZHOU



Year 9 Debating STANDING: A MOHAMED, J OU, A AHSAN SEATED: H AHMED, A MITRA, A ANAND, A NANDAKISHOR, L FONG



Year 8 Debating STANDING: A MAHIDADIA, T ROBERTS, O KOTHARI, T QIU SEATED: S THIAGALINGAM, V WADHWA, J SHIM, H NGUYEN, R PARK





Year 7 Debating STANDING: J RAJENDRA, S DE, Y ZHU, M KHAN, Y LUCKNAUTH, Z CHI SEATED: J VAN, D JIN, K LI, M IBRAHIM, M MA



Debating Mock Mediation L FONG, A INALA, J OU, R SAMSONOV, L VARTHAKAVI, V RAJIT



Debating Mock Trial E SCHOLTEN, P NGUYEN, V ANAND, K SINGH, K LIU, F SHADMAN

# Debating, Fencing, Rifle Shooting, Volleyball and Public Speaking Assembly

# The Principal's Address

Special guest Ritam Mitra (SHS-2009), parents, staff, students, welcome to our second Winter Sports Assembly for 2023. We assemble again to introduce our second tranche of winter sports teams and acknowledge the work of our staff, coaches and committees.

I want to honour again this year our very successful volleyball program, headed up for over two decades by MIC Mick Kay. I must thank the whole coaching group for the wonderful work they do on behalf of the competitive teams they mentor. Thank you to our teaching staff Patrick Parker, Everett Coan, Kerryn Ibbott and Catherine Loh for their support of volleyball. The team of Old Boy coaches are experienced, well-trained and dedicated, keeping our teams highly competitive yearon-year. Pinyan Gao (SHS-2014), Billy Nguyen (SHS-2021), Joshua Reid (SHS-2019), Samuel Yu (SHS-2019), Jonathan Roberto, David Zhou (SHS-2015), Justin Chen (SHS-2022) and Alec Ng (SHS-2021). Thank you all for your great work for our boys. We look forward to another big season from our teams.







Our fencing program has grown strongly in all three weapon disciplines over the last few years under the passionate guidance of MIC Dat Huynh. Thank you to our Teaching staff Mimi Wong and Lynnea Stewart. Thank you to our foil coaches Kevin Chen (Head Foil Coach), Alvin Liu, Lachlan Blair, Daniel Low; our Épée Coaches Ted Elliott (Head Épée Coach), Nicholas Chen and Mark Morris; and our Sabre Coaches, Leo Kershaw Kostic (Head Sabre Coach) and Yu-Ming Lee. Thank you also to our Assistant Armourer Louise Flint. To the Fencing Committee and volunteers, thanks for parking volunteering, providing morning teas at home fixtures and general support for the program. Thank you Binh and Dan Johnsun, Cindy Ho, Emma Pham, Jaime Nyam, Helena He, Rosaline Perry, and the rest of the parent supporters.

Daniel Comben has again led the sport of rifle shooting with terrific dedication and continued success. As MIC he devotes a tremendous amount of time to the sport. I believe this year our team made history as the first back-to-back first grade Premiership winners. We didn't get a clean sweep but won the Rawson Cup and the Buchanan Shield, after an heroic last effort by Jacob Ng shooting 7 and 1 into the setting sun to steal our victory. Three lads were selected into the combined GPS Teams. Congratulations to you all on a fine season. Rifle shooting is supported by a large team of dedicated Old Boy coaches who really make the difference in terms of depth of participant skill. Thank you to our long term armourer and benefactor, Sam Kremer, for all his tireless support of our program.

Our debating program is well-known in Sydney as a strength of our school with a long history of competition success. Thank you to Madeleine Rigby for her continued service in the role of MIC. Well done again to Alex De Araujo as Head Coach for always providing quality coaches for our teams. Thank you also to Firsts' coach Guy Suttner for mentoring our Year 12 team to the Semi Finals of the PDC. I acknowledge Jeanette Cook





for work in running the FED Competition for our students. Our thanks are offered to our PDC team managers – Elly Harcourt, Beth Hinton and Jessica Christodoulou. We appreciate Vivian Paul for his help with late night supervision on Fridays. Thank you also to Hazel Stephens for organising Legal Debating and Model UN.

As our teams are being introduced and when they accept their symbolic item of uniform on the stage, they are joining that tradition of striving against formidable opposition to try to win for the team, themselves and the school. Tradition and culture mean a lot. It is the way you play the game that matters. That is why schools get involved - to educate young people about goal setting, teamwork, respect for rules and officials and fair play. We want you to play hard but within the rules, respecting our GPS code of conduct. I note that recently some clubs and codes are cracking down on swearing by players during games. We all need to accept decisions made by officials. Generally speaking, they are trying to interpret and apply the rules of the games in which they officiate to the best of their ability. Let us all help improve collective performance by focussing on positive affirmations - about ourselves, our teammates and our school. I wish all the boys honoured with selection here today the best of luck for the GPS season ahead. We play sport because it is







# Co-Curricular Activities

fun and through participation we make friends. Let's make sure we have fun by remaining positive and respecting the rules, officials and our coaches. I congratulate all our students on their selection into GPS Winter Sports teams. Best of luck to you all.'

Dr K A Jaggar OAM













# **Public Speaking**

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This year's public speaking program was a road filled with many unexpected twists and turns. What began as a seemingly ordinary year of public speaking was upended with the departure of our two established coaches, Jivan and Rohan, midway through the year. With no coaches at our disposal, the program found itself on the verge of nonexistence. Yet, with the seniors willing to take up the role of temporary coaches on Ms Pride's request, the second half of the year commenced with a renewed sense of energy and direction. Later on in the term, we introduced our new coach Sahana, whose energy and enthusiasm for the public speaking program has helped to reinvigorate the classroom, finally providing the stability we desired so greatly.

Despite the setbacks encountered, our public speaking program enjoyed many successes throughout the year. At the start of the year, Maurice Wong, Ashwin Rajeswaran and myself competed in the Rostrum competition - a great experience for all three of us. Another great success came at the start of Term 2, when our school placed 2nd out of 13 GPS and CAS schools in the Lawrence Campbell Oratory competition. This is arguably one of the most challenging competitions in the state, where each school sends in one participant to prepare an eight minute speech, with the topic only given fifteen minutes beforehand. I remember back in 2019, when this competition was held at our school, I was amazed at how so many contestants spoke so well with so little preparation. Fast forward another four years, and I'm standing right before an audience, about to present an eight minute speech having only known my topic fifteen minutes beforehand.

Looking back at my Year 7 self, I can't help but feel that the past is repeating itself again. Not only did we get second place again, but I now have the privilege of working with younger students who mirror my enthusiasm. In fact, this is the first time in which senior and junior students have had the opportunity to create connections with each other. It's refreshing to see students who are following the same path as mine, combining their presentation skills with unique ideas and an impressive sense of humour. This combination of different ages is something which I hope the public speaking program retains for years to come. Despite our struggles throughout the year, we are on track to finish the year stronger than before. With new coaches coming soon, and the SBHS Internal Competition coming at the end of the year, we can look forward to a bright end of year and an even brighter 2024.

To finish off, I would also like to offer a few words for those who currently do public speaking or are interested in joining. Remember that success in public speaking doesn't come so much from ability or talent, but rather a persistence and enthusiasm for the art. In fact, a successful public speaker is not one who finds themselves winning competitions or even speaking with the most confidence; the most successful public speakers are those who put forward unique, engaging and inspiring ideas. I believe that everyone has the capacity to be a successful public speaker, whether you believe it or not.

#### Eric Scholten


### **Public Speaking**

BACK ROW: G GOVINDAN, R ALLEN, R SHARMA, A SURENDRAN, R BASSAM, T AWASTHI, Y WANG, R SAMSONOV, S INA THIRD ROW: A JABBAL, T CHOUDHURY, T ROBERTS, D SARATHCHANDRA, B ATHWAL, J CHEN, D SAPRA, A MAHIDADIA, J CARMICHAEL, O CANDY

SECOND ROW: S ZAMEE, V WADHWA, C FAWCETT, S KHAN, L CHEN, A NANDAKISHOR, L FONG, H NGUYEN, J KUO, A KARMAKER, H YANG

FRONT ROW: D JIN, M PAUL, T LAMA, D TSOVOLOS, J LAW, E SCHOLTEN, J BRITTON, M WONG, A ANAND, A KUMAR, J LEE

### **Gifted and Talented**

### **Enrichment Activities 2023**

We have had a very busy and exciting year.

### February 24th Middle School Olympiad International Final

Andrew Pye, Tra Nguyen, Ioannis Chatzinikolaou, Timothy Zhou, Arthur Qiu, Jeff Tse and Akith Perera moved through to this event from their 2022 November event success. They engaged in sustained inquiries for the duration of a long day from 9-3. Although they missed out on an award, they gained valuable experience and enjoyed themselves, before moving onto the next Olympiad challenges as Seniors.

### May 4th Senior School Ethics Olympiad

This event was held on-line at SBHS. The Year 10 team (see above) achieved best improved as the day progressed through a series of Inquiries based on the prepared case studies. Our year 11 Team were just outside medals. Merit awards to Fynn Hopkins, Luka Miletic, Vishruth Anand, Patrick Nguyen, Aarav Gandhi.



Year 10 Ethics Olympiad



SBHS Junior Philosophy discussion group meets each Wednesday at lunchtime under the tutelage of Michael Alam (class of 2022). Students cover a series of case studies and the tutor provides depth to the discussion by introducing the students to aspects of philosophical thought and theory.

Members: Stephen Faulder Milan Babic, Charlie Cheshire, Ahyen Haque, Arnav Kaushik, Vihaan Rajit, Adruth Anand, Balhar Athwal, Lachlan Yuen, Ryan Park, Sajan Thialingam, Alay Mahidadia, Hayden Nguyen, Adam Flocard, Maxi Ibrahim, Nishith Munasinghe, Tristan Cheung, Mohamad Rachid and Jude Ou. We are now preparing our Middle School Ethics Teams for NSW Ethics Olympiad in November.

### **OzCLO 28th February**

The Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad (OzCLO) is a volunteer-run contest about language for secondary school students. The contest challenges students to develop their own strategies in teams of four to solve problems about fascinating real languages.

Round 1 STATE 28th February – Over 650 teams participated in Round 1 across Australia. NSW had the highest participation rate with over 250 teams across 20 schools. The results were collated, and the winning teams notified. The winning team in NSW was Sydney Boys. Daniel Su, Tian Xing Yu, Kiran Nayager and Fynn Hopkins

Round 2 NATIONALS 22nd March – MARCS Institute for Brain, Behaviour and Development and ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language, Western Sydney University.

Well done to Daniel, Fynn, Kiran and Tian. They were disappointed not to go through to the International round but nonetheless, were wonderful ambassadors for High, showcasing our values to the wider academic community. They competed with tenacity, humility and bonne homme.

### More Able Learners Conference 5th June, Ascham School Edgecliff

This year SBHS is offering Philosophy as a one unit subject in Year 11.

It was wonderful to have an opportunity to combine our philosophy discussion group with Ms Harcourt's students for our annual philosophy excursion.

The programme: KNOWING WHAT YOU KNOW AND WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW: Examining epistemology. What can we know exists? This session explored different ways that we might establish knowledge, such as empiricism, rationalism and fallible foundationalism.

THE OXBRIDGE INTERVIEW QUESTION: How to think laterally and originally in an interview.

THE SCIENCE OF HAPPINESS: Can Science tell us about How to be Happy? We all want to be happy, so how is that achieved? Dr O'Neill will review the scientific literature on the secret of happiness.

SOCIAL PHYSICS: The relationship between Big Data and AI. The engine that drives social physics is big data: the newly ubiquitous digital data now available about all aspects of human life. What are the connections between human behaviour and the digital breadcrumbs we all leave behind us as we move through the world. The process of looking at this data is called 'reality mining'. The work of Social Physicist, Alex Pentland, living laboratories, socioscopes and modern-day tribes will be explained and examined as will the potential for artificial intelligence to 'read our minds'.

DEBATE: THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT LOVE IS NOT A COMMODITY TO BE TRADED A commodity is a useful or valuable thing that can reasonably be bought or sold.

Dr Arliss and Dr O'Neill engaged in hypothetical debate. Students were invited to contribute to this energetic 'difference of opinion'. Well done to Joseph Britton, Luka Miletic and Tristan Cheung for their articulate and considered contributions to the debate "Is Love a Commodity?"

Thank you to Dr Jaggar and the school for supporting activities that extend our students' thinking beyond our immediate context.

Attendees: Year 8 Alay Mahidadia, Balhar Athwal, Tristan Cheung, Vihaan Rajit, Jude Ou, Adruth Anand, Lachlan Yuen. (Junior Philosophy)

Year 11 Daniel Bian, Andris Dang, Ayaan Hafiz, Aarav Gandhi, Fynn Hopkins, Zayn Hakim, Luka Miletic, Ashwin Rajeswaran, Kridaya Singh. (Senior Philosophy)

Ms Harcourt's Year 11 Philosophy Class:

Aryan Bhalerao, Joseph Britton, Roy Chae, Liam Cowan, Karan Dahiya, Nitinder Raghavan, Vithushan Srimurugakumar, Alexander Valanidas.

### **Ethics at Rosebank**

On Wednesday 14th June we accepted an invitation from Mrs Cheryl McArthur at Rosebank to join students from a number of independent, Catholic and GPS schools in a day of ethical exploration relating to 'The Ethics of Protest."

Dr Wesley Watkins (Jazz Democracy TED) The Importance of Voice, an engaging interactive presentation, developed around the extended metaphor of teamwork in performance. This resonated with an audience which seemed to consist predominately of musicians! (implies link between music and philosophy?)

This was followed by a series of inquiries which required students to create questions and interrogate the issues raised by our pre-readings around the Ethics of Protest. Our students were courageous in promoting a point of view in their enquiries and Balhar Athwal and Tra Nguyen were prepared to step outside their comfort zones by volunteering to present their group findings to the larger audience.

After lunch, the Philosophy in Schools (PiNS) association Essay competition winners were announced.

Session 3 was a large group 'Crossing the Floor' discussion involving a series of increasingly dystopic scenarios which produced some highly contentious reactions. This activity proved confronting for participants.

It was a wonderful opportunity for critical thinking and collaboration with the added benefit of meeting like-minded students. We are grateful to GATSTA (Gifted and Talented Secondary Teachers Association) and to PiNS for including students at SBHS in their programmes.

Well done: Tra Nguyen, Ioannis Chatzinikolaou (Year 10) Mohomad Rachid, Vihaan Rajit, Tristen Cheung, Balhar Athwal, Adruth Anand, Sami Rashid, Michael Lippa, Lachlan Yuen, Hedi Kathia (Year 9)

### **Da Vinci Decathlon**

The all-day interdisciplinary event was held Tuesday 25th July for Years 7 and 8 and on Wednesday 26th July for Years 9 and 10. The teams consist of eight students who are chosen from the all-rounder lists and through staff recommendation of students in specialist areas such as Art, Design and Technology and Drama.

This year's event is the first time, since the pandemic halted our lives, that Knox was able to host us on site.

You can imagine the level of excitement as 1500 students from schools other than Knox 'invaded' the campus at Warrawee. Ms Sherry-Ann Bieman did a magnificent job of running an event of this scale while her school continued to function in a routine manner. Our students had an opportunity during breaks to meet and socialise with students from across the Metropolitan area, Canberra, North Coast and west of the Blue Mountains.

The Year 7 Da Vinci team was: Vlad Loukine, Matthew Ryder, Jason Van, Charles Fawcett, Maxi Ibrahim, Otto McBride, Willian Tran, Alex Dang. Best results were Top 10 in Art and Poetry, Code Breaking, General Knowledge. Special thanks to Mr Writer (Social Science) for recommending Alex Deng who inspired the team to 5th place in Geography. The team is grateful to Tian Xing Yang for his mentoring in the specialist areas of Maths and Code-breaking. The boys worked well as a group and they showed how reliable and independent they are by meeting at 8am for an 8.30 start at Knox- quite an achievement for Year 7!

The Year 8 team had the advantage of including some students who participated last year: Alay Mahidadia, Charlie Cheshire, Jiekai Maio, Tuyvan Mai, Jack Francis, Sajan Thialagalingam, Yuhai Wang and Terence Wang. They came 14th overall and their best results were Geography, Maths, Ideation, Engineering and General Knowledge. They are to be commended for their enthusiasm and ability to collaborate.

The Year 9 team consisted of Jude Ou, Humzah Ahmed, Zuhayr Haq, Aaron Huang, Nathan Nguyen, Lachlan Yuen, Michael Zhao, Ayman Ahsan. Best results were top 10 in English, Legacy, Geography and 4th in Maths.



Year 10 at work

They negotiated effectively to complete tasks in a tight time frame and maintained good humour and enthusiasm throughout the day.

Year 10 was represented by: Aayan Azhar, Ric Hou, Xavier Perry, Jeff Tse, Arthur Qiu, Andrew Pye, Micah Jouravlev and Shafayat Hossain (whose inspirational work on the Geography paper earned 4th place in a competitive field) This team has been consistent for the past three years. They came an impressive 5th overall. Great results in Science, Engineering, Code Breaking, 4th in Maths, and a phenomenal 1st place in General Knowledge.



Well done to all teams. Congratulations on being impressive ambassadors for SBHS in the public arena.

### Meeting of the Minds Newington 18th August

Many thanks to Ms Britta Jenson and the Philosophy in schools association for including SBHS in a day of activities with students from Independent, Catholic, State and GPS schools.

The Topics dealt with through presentations and Stimulus materials followed by Communities of Inquiry included 'What is Courage' and 'The Golden Mean'. The day concluded with performances of 'The Golden Mean' in action.

As usual our students participated enthusiastically, contributing to activities thoughtfully and with generosity of spirit and respect.

Well done: Year 7 Maxi Ibrahim, Matthew Ryder, Jason Van, Vlad Loukine, Troy Daher, Josh Chen, and Year 8 Hayden Nguyen, Arnav Kaushik, Milan Babic, Ryan Park, Adam Flocard, Nishith Munasinghe.

### **Tournament of Minds Sunday 27th August**

We entered four teams in this competition which was held at Randwick Boys High. The long term challenges were published six weeks prior and since, the students have been busy devising solutions, writing scripts and building props at lunchtime, afterschool and on the weekend. On the day each group must also work as a team to solve a spontaneous problem and then present their ideas to the judges.

Kridaya Singh drew from his experience in ToM 7-10, to judge Spontaneous throughout the day. Many thanks to Kridaya for volunteering despite his busy schedule.



Lang Lit ToM

### Team SPU – Social Science Year 8

Ryan Park, Alay Mahidadia, Sajan Thiagalingam, Tuyven Mai, Arnav Kaushik, Ahyen Haque, Milan Babic

Hayden Nguyen (Hayden's ability to improvise, his imagination and props gave this team a competitive edge) This Team invested many hours outside school time, to bring their performance to fruition.

### Team Zen – Social Science Year 8

Om Dave, Aarav Mishra, Vivaan Wadhwa, Om Kothari, Anay Gautam, Akshobhya Kumar.

This team demonstrated independence and maturity beyond their chronological age. Well done on an amazing collaboration and demonstration of High Spirit.



Year 8 Social Science team

### Team Aqua – Language and Literature Year 7

Joshua Chen (inspired choice of text!) Mekaeel Khan, Daniel Qian, Jason Van, Marco Ma, Alex Li., Jeffrey Yang.

Regular Zooms on Sundays and inspired crafting of props and costumes enabled this Team to bring it all together on the day.

### Team 'Flying High' – STEM Year 9

All teams benefitted from the previous experience of Ryan Allen who led all of us through our Spontaneous Challenge Training. Ryan also invested hours of his time in designing and creating costumes and props. Magnificent collaborative effort also by Humzah Ahmed and Zuhayr Haq who managed the flight of the Bird element of the challenge which enabled Nireat Deka, Lucas Chen, Lachlan Yuen and Ayman Ahsan to work on Script, rehearsals, supporting acquisition of props and costumes and planning. Congratulations to teams for meeting the challenge and for working collaboratively, without outside assistance.

### Philosothon 2023

2023 Sydney Philosothon, co-organised by the Centre for Critical Thinking and Ethics and the Philosophy in Schools Association of NSW was hosted by Newington College on 31st August from 4pm-9pm.

'This competition celebrates the virtues of critical, creative, collaborative and caring inquiry through engagement in discussions known as "communities of inquiry". We celebrate thinking critically and creatively because we need both our reason and imagination as we pursue matters of truth and justice.'

The evening was a wonderful opportunity to join with likeminded students from a range of schools, in a socially relaxed yet intellectual exchange of ideas.

Fynn Hopkins, Joseph Britton, Andrew Pye and Jude Ou participated in a series of Inquiries covering topics: The Challenge to Democracy 'The Tyranny of the Majority', The relationship between Language and Thought and, following a lecture delivered by Mr Michael Parker (Newington Principal and Philosophy enthusiastic) Plato's Death and the meaning of Justice. Mohamad Rachid attended as support and for the experience.

The judges deemed Sydney Boys as Best Team.

Andrew Pye received accolades as Best Overall.

Outstanding achievement by these students who approached this event with the intention of enjoying the challenge of thinking, listening and articulating their ideas in an academic context.

We are all looking forward to 2024 and more of the above!

Julie Eggleton Co-Ordinator



Philosothon 2023 Winners





Da Vinci Decathlon BACK ROW: J TSE, A QIU, X PERRY, Y WANG, A PYE, M RYDER MIDDLE ROW: J MIAO, R HOU, A AZHAR, J FRANCIS, M JOURAVLEV, A MAHIDADIA, S HOSSAIN, J VAN FRONT ROW: W TRAN, L YUEN, H AHMED, T WANG, S THIAGALINGAM, T MAI, V LOUKINE



**Tournament Of Minds** *M MA, M KHAN, D QIAN, J VAN* 



Philosophy BACK ROW: J BRITTON, A QIU, X PERRY, F HOPKINS, I CHATZINIKOLAOU, A PERERA MIDDLE ROW: T ZHOU, A MAHIDADIA, J TSE, N MUNASINGHE, T NGUYEN, A PYE FRONT ROW: R PARK, A HAQUE, M BABIN, S FAULDER, L YUEN, H NGUYEN, S THIAGALINGAM



Winning Philosophon 2023 Team J BRITTON, F HOPKINS, A PYE ABSENT: J OU



### Media Team

The Media Team for 2023 has had great accomplishments over the course of the year. Although not all were experienced, the efforts of our members were outstanding, and the improvements that they made were incredible. From events like the swimming and athletics carnival, every bake sale and fundraisers, all the way to the Illuminate Festival and the World's Greatest Shave, there were always Media Team members on hand, ready to take photos for High Notes and The Record.

However, none of the Media Team achievements could be envisioned without the support of the teachers. For this, I would like to thank Ms L Stewart and Ms J May for their unwavering support of the Media Team, even when they





were extremely busy themselves. My gratitude goes out to them each time they made time to teach us how to use the cameras and each time they helped us with our events, throughout the year. Finally, making plans and managing the Media Team is something that I would never have done on my own, and I am eternally grateful to Ms Stewart for her organisation and management of our activities.

### Oscar Zhang 2023 Media Team Director







### Media and Record Team BACK ROW: L ADAMSON, R FANG, E TRAN, K LIU, W LEE, N RAGHAVAN, K SINGH, I CHATZINIKOLAOU THIRD ROW: D HONG, M LIANG, H SHAN, A LAU, L XU, N THIE, V CHEN, J HO SECOND ROW: L ZHUANG, M ZHANG, B DANG, B TRAN, L BRECKON, V TANEJA, N DEKA, N RUSTANDI, J CARMICHAEL FRONT ROW: T MAI, A HAQUE, D JOHNSUN, MS J MAY, MS L STEWART, MR K RICH, O ZHANG, R XIAO, P KONUDULA

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### English

### **Extension 2 HSC**

### Candy

I dreamt of smooth glasses of elderflower liqueur in cold coconut bubble baths, where the sunshine through the window would embrace the marble walls and hone a glint within the gold handles of soap dispensers, and the translucent satin curtains would invitingly sway and caress the skin of my shoulders, and the breeze would retreat into the air to maintain the silky quiet.

Such glamorous visions had me mesmerised with their whispers; they were unattainable and yet resided all around me. I lay the back of my hand against the elliptic mirror's ornate outer decor to acknowledge its gleaming coldness, and tapped it twice with my nails as an exercise of the fleeting senses. I wished to escape into it and I wished for my longing, too, to fleet by. I stared blankly in wonder at my dripping reflection painted against a white tiled wall, not unlike that of my own dreadful apartment bathroom. My reflection almost began to extend its arm in a sweet invitational gesture, before it was startled by the falsetto call of a girl who had already tired of such lavish living.

"Are you done yet?" called Candy—a girl of seven and a half years that I was babysitting, with straight hair that rounded into a perfect bob.

Candy was a lucky girl. She lived in a manor on a hill in the countryside, away from the dusty town, and relished her loud tranquillity. I lived wherever I could afford, and occasionally enjoyed the company of bugs while my roommates were away. I stayed in when they left and left when they stayed in. Sometimes she'd ask me with wide eyes about my own living conditions as if she was ignited by some spark of honest astonished curiosity that children have. Sometimes I felt as if it were partly out of boredom or superiority.

"Why don't you go somewhere better?" I like it there.

"How many plushies do you have?" Adults don't sleep with plushies.

"Well, I have millions! My mum doesn't buy me them but my dad secretly buys me whatever I want."

The drive between the town and Candy's manor would take at least a few rounds of bickering to reach. She had a knack for asking the most unanswerable questions. I developed a knack for providing the most avoidant answers. "Why do cows exist?" Why not?

"Do you have a boyfriend yet?" Nope. (I did.)

"Why are farmers so stupid?" Don't say that to their face.

Still, I didn't mind the empty country roads, especially when I could be with only myself. I could drive as carelessly as I wished and get lost in my extravagant fantasies.

"What the hell are you doing?" a man yelled as he passed me in town this morning, hammering his horn. It felt as if my heart had been wrung as I bowed my head and swerved back in my lane, and then spit my gum at him through my open window, although I knew it had no chance of hitting.

"What the hell are you doing in there, Jo?" Candy yelled, "I need you now!"

"Where the hell did you learn to say that?" I immediately trailed her out of the bathroom, making her promise to never repeat that in front of her parents.

As we conquered each stair together, her hand, enclosed in my palm, trembled a little. I squeezed it a little tighter in return; it was all I could offer. She led me, to my surprise, to a wailing door. It was slightly open, like a gaping mouth singing its despair, no longer able to close, just blocking the entrance and exit of some imaginary visitor. It was a sad door, and the sight of it in such a polished setting made me somewhat sympathetic yet nauseous. Candy did nothing but point.

A spider hung from the top inner corner of the door frame, painting a small web. Its legs shyly wriggled and walked in the air. There was one just like it outside my apartment, which built itself a small home on a short leafless tree. I'd giggle and take videos as I stopped for minutes on end watching its adorable efforts. On a rainy day, I brought out one of my broken umbrellas and hinged it between the branches so that it could keep dry. Regardless, it disappeared the next day.

### "Kill it!"

The spider turned to me and softly captured my full caution. Candy had already begun retreating, pace by pace. It then began to lower itself on an invisible thread. I placed a palm on the rotten door and wanted to hold my other out, to cup and

<sup>&</sup>quot;Jo!"

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shelter it like I would a memento reminiscent of home. I felt an urge to stare into its mind and see my own reflection shining back, assuring it safety and comfort and a place of belonging, but I couldn't see its eyes in the darkness. Instead, I saw a blur, a ragged paint stroke that morphed, shook, and infested my vision. Hairy black rays, swirls, pulses pulled me.

Candy had already run off and brought me a large hardcover book that struggled to fit in my wet hands. I hesitantly accepted it once I saw her face, painfully scrunched as if her skin was peeling off her flesh. I breathed heavier too, through a dreadful strained opening of my mouth. Forceful expulsions of air were broken by uncontrollable morbid chuckles. I clenched the openings shut, so forcefully that I had squeezed out my pitiful tears.





Jo!

### Kill it!

I squinted my eyes, and with a single blow I destroyed the spider. Candy breathed a comically exaggerated sigh of relief. I awfully smiled at her, and hadn't come back to babysit since.

Brian Wei











### **Mathematics**

### Maths Matters at High!

### 2022 HSC Results

The HSC Mathematics results for 2022 were excellent, but Dr Jaggar has presented this information elsewhere.

### The 61st School of Mathematics Competition, UNSW

This is a very demanding three-hour competition.

Only the best of the best volunteer to sit this competition.

A credit in this competition is a matter of distinction!

SCHOLTEN, Eric	11	Senior High Distinction
VENKATESAN, Darshan	12	Senior Distinction
LI, Ethan	11	Senior Credit
HUANG, Aaron	9	Junior Credit

### **Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC)**

The AMC was run differently this year. All of Year 7 and Year 8 were entered for the competition, and then only the top class(es) in Years 8 - 11.

As usual there were numerous awards, but these students stand out:

Y7:	CHAN, Ho Wang Chase	Prize
	CURNICK, Chase	High Distinction
	JAKUBAUSKAS, Jasper	High Distinction
	LAMA, Tenzin	High Distinction
	LI, Thomas	High Distinction
	LOUKINE, Vladimir	High Distinction
	MEHTA, Adit	High Distinction
	OJHA, Deep	High Distinction
	RYDER, Matthew	High Distinction
	SOR, Daxton	High Distinction
	TAO, Zhuoan	High Distinction
	THATAVARTHY, Surya Kamal	High Distinction
	TRAN, William	High Distinction
	VAN, Jason	High Distinction
	ZHUANG, Matthew	High Distinction
Y8:	CAI, Matthew	High Distinction
	CHOWDHURY, Munjin	High Distinction
	DONG, Andrew	High Distinction

	LI, Geoffrey LUO, Oscar MIAO, Jiekai TANG, Jadon WANG, Samuel WANG, Yi Xuan YE, Zibo	High Distinction High Distinction High Distinction High Distinction High Distinction High Distinction
Y9:	LI, Joshua DONG, Wensen BHATTACHARYYA, Vedantik HUANG, Aaron JUNG, Eugene YUEN, Lachlan ZOU, Delbert	Prize / Bestin School Prize High Distinction High Distinction High Distinction High Distinction
Y10:	GUO, Kevin HOU, Ric PYE, Andrew QIU, Arthur SARATHY, Tanish TSE, Jeff WANG, Max YUE, Stephen	High Distinction High Distinction High Distinction High Distinction High Distinction High Distinction High Distinction
Y11:	BIAN, Daniel CORRAL, Joseph DUTTA, Pramit HASAN, Samid LI, Ethan LIN, Jason LIU, Kenton NAYAGER, Kiran SHI, Oscar WANG, Runqiu YANG, Tian Xing YOU, Wentao	High Distinction High Distinction

Josh Li (Y9) was selected by the Australian Mathematics Trust into the AMOC Selection School.

This is a pool of students that will used to choose competitors for the International Mathematical Olympiad

### Australian Mathematical Olympiad (AMO)

Eric Scholten and Josh Li were selected for the 2023 AMO.

They received honourable mentions.

### **AMOC Senior Contest**

Eric Scholten and Josh Li were selected for this competition. Eric received a Bronze Award.

### **Old Boy Tutors**

This year saw the continuation of Old Boys tutoring selected students in Y12 thanks to the generosity of Dr Jaggar. The tutors were from the classes of 2018 – 2022 and the program seems to be mutually beneficial to all involved. One beauty of the program is that the tutoring can be done anywhere or anytime that both student and tutor agree upon. Potential students in Y12 are selected by their teacher and matched to an Old Boy.

A big shout out to these "old boys" for giving up their valuable time.

### IM<sup>2</sup>C 2023

The International Mathematical Modelling Challenge (IM<sup>2</sup>C) is a new team-based mathematical competition for Australian secondary students.

Operating in teams, comprising up to four students from the same school, participants must work collaboratively to solve a problem (set globally) by devising and applying an original mathematical model.

Constrained to a period of five consecutive days, teams unpack the given problem, hypothesise, test, and develop a working solution, before preparing and submitting a report on their solution to the Australian judging panel.

In 2023 there were four teams under the guidance of  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Mr}}\xspace$  A. Wang.

### **ACER Media Release**

Brisbane Boys' College and Sydney Boys High School will represent Australia in this year's International Mathematical Modelling Challenge (IM2C).

The Australian judging panel awarded Brisbane Boys' College the Outstanding Achievement prize and Sydney Boys High School the Meritorious Achievement award. The international results will be announced in late June. Coordinated in Australia by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), the IM2C sees students use their research, mathematical and creative abilities to develop a mathematical model to address a real-world problem.

The challenge this year was to decide the best use of a parcel of land available for development, considering short and long-term benefits and costs. Teams of up to four students had five consecutive days to create mathematical models and submit a report of up to 20 pages, a summary and a letter to community leaders and business planners with their recommendation.

Dr Kristy Osborne, ACER Research Fellow and IM2C Australia Director, was impressed with the students' mathematical modelling work.

"The real world is complicated and messy. Solving problems based on real-world scenarios is challenging as there are many ways to solve problems. It's exciting to see all the creative ways the teams use mathematics to solve the problem," Dr Osborne said.

"Students need to consider the key factors in a problem, and how to measure and model these factors. They need to realise the limitations of any model they create. Having the opportunity to apply mathematical skills to a real-world problem, in a team environment, is a challenging and often rewarding experience for many students. The problems in IM2C are designed to be open-ended, and students are encouraged to be creative with the techniques they employ to solve the challenge problem," she said.







IMMC 1 - Competitors FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: DR K A JAGGAR (PRINCIPAL), ANDREW PYE, JEFF TSE, MATTHIAS ELGAWLY, DISEN LIU, MR ANDREW WANG

- Y9: Watermelons HUANG Aaron, DONG Wensen, NGUYEN Nathan, and ZHUO Michael
- Y10: Calcaholics Meritorious Achievement award PYE Andrew, ELGAWLY Matthias, TSE Jeff, and LIU Disen
- Y11: Teammate TIEN Adrian, HAIDER Mohammad, YANG Tian, and SCHOLTEN Eric
- Y12: Radiant HONG Eric, MEDLEJ Mohammad, WOO Ryan, and CHOWDHURY Abrar

### P Parker

Head Teacher Mathematics







### Science

### Science Report 2023

The Science Staff in 2023 consisted of Dr Carman, Mr Coan, Ms Damianos, Mr Hood, Ms Karagiannis, Mr Kay, Ms Mackenzie, Ms Manolios, Mr Matto, Dr O'Driscoll, Ms Pepe, Mr The, Ms McLean, Mr Te Rata and Ms Ibbott (HT).

The 2022 HSC results were very pleasing with an increased number of Band 6's achieved in Biology and Physics. Hugo Leung, Saarthak Aggarwal, Adison Chen and Hao Yu Wu all achieved State Ranks in Chemistry and Ruiyan Zhang achieved a State Rank in Biology.

In term 1 Year 10, on excursion to Luna Park, studied the physics of roller coasters. They spent the day analysing speed of rotation and forces whilst they rode the Wild Mouse, experienced the Hair Raiser, and recovered their breath on the Ferris Wheel. Term 2 saw Year 9 travel to Narrabeen to conduct a field study on the rock platform. Unfortunately, a high pressure system meant it was too dangerous to venture out onto the platform, so the boys conducted a sand dunes and estuary study instead. Year 7 will be heading to Taronga Zoo in Term 4 to support the Classification topic. The Year 11 Biology classes also went to Narrabeen for a Rock Platform study to support Modules 3 and 4, Ecosystems and Adaptation.

2023 was the first time we offered boys in Year 7 – 10 the opportunity to sit the Australian Junior Science Olympiad, in addition to Year 11 and 12 sitting the Australian Physics, Chemistry and Biology Olympiads. The Junior Olympiad tests content across all four years and is quite a difficult competition. Our Year 7 students who entered performed spectacularly with ten boys achieving a Credit. These boys were Max Feng, Ian Huang, Thomas Li, Raymond Liu, Marcus Ma, Lakshmipathy Ramanathan, Theo Su, Jason Van, William Wang and Martin Ye. William Zeng (Yr 10) achieved a Distinction and Ryan Allen (Yr 9) Thomas Cao (Yr 10) and John Fang (Yr 10) achieved a High Distinction.

We also achieved some wonderful results in the Stage 6 Australian Olympiads. Taren Shah (Yr 12) Ryan Woo (Yr 12) and TianXing Yang (Yr 11) all achieved High Distinctions in the Physics Olympiad. Krish Suri (Yr 12) and TianXing Yang (Yr 11) both achieved High Distinctions in the Chemistry Olympiad. TianXing Yang (Yr 11) rounded out the 3 by achieving a High Distinction in the Biology Olympiad. Tian has also been invited to attend the Biology Olympiad Summer school at the ANU. Congratulations Tian and all the boys who have represented High.

### Kerryn Ibbott Science Head Teacher



























### **Modern Languages and Classics**



### **Celebrating Excellence and Embracing Change**

Greetings to the High community! As we stepped into the year of 2023, the Languages Faculty has undergone some staffing changes to ensure our boys continue to thrive in their language learning journeys.

After a seven-year gap since the retirement of my predecessor, Mrs Vozzo, in 2015, I feel deeply honoured and privileged to have been appointed as the new Head of Languages at High. Leading this vibrant and diverse faculty into a new chapter is a responsibility I wholeheartedly embrace.

I am also thrilled to formally welcome Ms Christina Eckmann as our new German teacher. Ms Eckmann joined the faculty towards the end of 2022, replacing our beloved, long-serving German teacher, Ms Isabel St. Leon, who decided to retire. Ms Eckmann's impact is immediately evident as she instils a passion for learning the German language and culture in our students.

### Mr Tommy Zheng

### Languages Staff 2023

Mr Dale Burrow, Ms Jeannette Cook, Ms Christina Eckmann, Ms Rachel Fong, Ms Dorothy Matsos, Ms Willa Zhang, and Mr Tommy Zheng.

Now, let's delve into some of our recent highlights and achievements beyond the classroom.

### **High Glories**

### **National Latin Exam**

The National Latin Exam is an annual event at High, where students of Latin from Years 9 to 12 participate in this

international competition that spans 110 countries worldwide. The Exam is organised by the University of Mary Washington in the U.S.A. It consists of 40 multiple-choice questions assessing both grammatical accuracy and culture, including mythology. Historically, students from High have consistently achieved excellent results, with many earning gold or silver medals. This year, we are proud to announce that Lachlan Yuen of Year 9 Latin achieved a perfect score and was awarded a special certificate signed by the Chancellor of the University.



The following students are to be congratulated for their achievements in this examination this year:

### **Gold Medallists**

Year 9: Lachlan Yuen, Nathan Nguyen, Gordon Guo, Jasper Zheng, Hudson Cai, Joshua Kimpton

Year 10: Akith Perera. Brendan Woo, Disen Liu, Alif Siddiqui, Karthikya Mydukuru, Xavier Perry

Year 11: Kenny Chen, Matthew Lee, Kiran Nayager

### **Silver Medallists**

Year 9: Brooklyn Su, Michael ZhuoYear 10: Matthias Elgawly, Timothy Zhou, Tanish Sarathy, Siqi Chen

Year 11: Ethan Pham, Ryan Wang

Year 12: Ryan Woo, Benjamin Whitfield, Aditya Parekh

I would like to congratulate all students on their involvement in this prestigious competition and thank Ms Matsos for her contributions behind the scenes.

### **National Chinese Eisteddfod**

After a term's dedicated preparation and training, our talented boys once again took centre stage and proudly represented High with pride at the 2023 National Chinese Eisteddfod.



Under the expert guidance of Ms. Zhang, thirty-six of our students from Years 7 to 11 headed to Northmead Creative and Performance Arts High School on the last Saturday of Term 3 to showcase their melodramatic performances of Chinese poems before an audience of judges and spectators.

With breathtaking performances of 'Huang He Song' and 'Pi Pa Xing', our 13-15 native team and 16-18 native team both secured first place in the group performances in their respective divisions.

The 13-15 native team consisted of: Alex Deng, Leo Di, Max Gao, Clyde Wang, Vincent Wang, Terrence Wang, Yuhai Wang, Leo Wang, Zi Yang Wang, Rocky Wu, Kevin Xie, and Lucas Xu. The 16-18 native team consisted of: Angelo Kwok, Harvey Liao, Kevin Liu, Raymond Qi, Arthur Qiu, Daniel Su, Will Sun, Jeff Tse, Nicky Wu, Richie Ye, Anthony You, Oscar Zhang, and Martin Zhu.

In the individual performances category, Yuhai Wang, Rocky Wu, and Michael Zhuo all secured second place in their respective groups, with Macallister Giles placing fourth in the non-native section.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our prize winners and all the students who participated in this competition. I would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Ms Zhang for her dedicated efforts in enriching the educational experience of our students.



13-15 First Place



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### **Beyond the classroom**

### Exploring Chinese Culture and Cuisine in the Heart of the City

Towards the end of Term 3, the Year 8 Chinese classes embarked on an exciting adventure to the city, organised by Mr Zheng, Ms Zhang, and Ms Fong. This excursion allowed our boys to immerse themselves in the rich culinary and architectural cultures of China.

The day commenced with a visit to a renowned Yum Cha restaurant in the CBD, where students experienced authentic Chinese dining etiquette while indulging their taste buds. The next destination was the awe-inspiring Chinese Garden of Friendship. Nestled in the heart of the city, this tranquil oasis surprised our boys with its pristine beauty. The carefully manicured gardens, serene ponds, and intricate architecture transported our boys to another world.

This fun-filled excursion was a remarkable journey of discovery, leaving our boys with memories that will undoubtedly last a lifetime.



Chinese Garden of Friendship



Chinatown



Yum Cha Restaurant

### **French Rock Concert**

In July, our students from Years 7 and 8 French, in collaboration with Sydney Girls High, were treated to an unforgettable French rock concert organised by our very own Ms Cook in partnership with Ms Grant from Sydney Girls. The concert was held at the Governor's Centre and featured the talented ÉTIENNE, who regularly performs across Australia, New Zealand, and North America. Students were fully immersed in the French language through catchy songs that not only entertained but also enhanced their knowledge of French grammar.

The feedback from students reflects the tremendous success of the concert, and there is hope that this performance will be repeated for French students in 2024.



French Rock Concert

### **German Collaborative Day at USYD**

In August, students from Years 9 to 11 German had the opportunity to visit the University of Sydney and participate in a German Collaborative Day. Aside from meeting high school German learners across NSW and engaging in conversations in German, the day was packed with discoveries related to post-high school opportunities in German study, including exchange programs and pursuing education in Germany. Our students expressed



their gratitude to Ms Eckmann for organising this visit and noted how it showcased how language programs at Sydney High allow students to explore new facets of their chosen language in a fun and informative way.

Certainly, our boys were astounded by the extraordinary beauty of the USYD campus.



USYD Quadrangle



Speaking Activity

### **German Exchange Student**

This year, we welcomed Johannes Modler from Germany to stay with us for Semester 2. Johannes not only had the opportunity to experience the Australian school system, but his stay at High also provided him with a once-in-a-lifetime experience as he was immersed in the High spirit. I extend my heartfelt thanks to our boys for making Johannes' stay truly memorable.

## Experiencing Japan's Culinary and Literary Delights

In September, students from Year 8 and 9 Japanese had a unique opportunity to embrace the captivating essence of Japanese culture through a delightful combination of Japanese-style dining and a visit to the well-known Japanese bookstore, Kinokuniya. The adventure commenced at a Teppanyaki restaurant, where students had the pleasure of enjoying a special cooking performance while savouring dishes straight off the hot plate a true feast for the senses. Not only were the dishes delectable, but they also provided a window into the culinary artistry of Japan. Our boys also had the opportunity to practise foodrelated Japanese vocabulary and phrases with Mr Zheng and Ms Fong throughout the show, enhancing their language skills in a fun and engaging manner.

Following this feast, our exploration continued at Kinokuniya, a well-known Japanese bookstore nestled in the heart of the CBD. Upon entering, our boys were greeted by a vast and diverse collection of Japanese literature, with Manga emerging as a particular favourite among them. They immersed themselves in the world of Japanese storytelling, discovering literary treasures that spanned various genres and topics.

From the culinary craftsmanship that dazzled us at Teppanyaki to the literary wonders we uncovered at Kinokuniya, the day was filled with enjoyment, providing our boys with a meaningful glimpse into the enduring appeal of Japanese culture.

These accomplishments and experiences are a testament to the hard work and dedication of both our students and our exceptional language teachers. The Languages Faculty at High is committed to providing a nurturing environment where students can explore languages and cultures both within and beyond the classroom, promoting linguistic diversity, cultural understanding, and academic excellence.



Teppanyaki

As we move forward, we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. We look forward to another year of growth, learning, and cultural enrichment. Together, we will continue to foster a love for languages and cultures that will prepare our students for a diverse and interconnected world.

Tommy Zheng Head Teacher Languages

### Social Science

### **Our Team**

Mr Kay, Mr Barris, Ms Christodoulou, Ms Loh, Ms Stephens, Ms Marsh, Mr Writer, Mr Higgins, Mr Jackson, Ms Jackson, Mr Rowlands and Mr Loizou.

### Competitions for 2023 and other excursions/ incursions

### **Australian Geography Competition**

This competition is annually organised by Mr Jackson and is made up by a variety of questions in relation to topographic maps, weather maps, landforms, landscapes interpretation of graphs, data analysis and photographic interpretations. All our students from Years 7-10 plus selected senior students participated in the competition. It was pleasing to see that our school placed in the top three in Australia with Adit Mahidadia, chosen to travel to Indonesia as part of a team to compete internationally for the second year running. Well done.

### Australia Big Day Out Geography competition

Manuga Egodage won the NSW division and was invited to Darwin in September to attend the inter school conference in Litchfield National Park, NT. Well done.



### **EBE PYOE Business competition**

This competition is run by the Economics and Business Enterprise competition and asks students to complete a business plan for a startup business in Australia. This was a worthwhile experience for our students as they were given the opportunity to explore their entrepreneurial skills. All our Year 10 Commerce and Year 11 Business Studies students entered the competition and results would be out later this year. Congratulations to Aiden McManus, Brannavan Prabaharan and Dimitri Tsovolos for gaining Second Place in NSW with their business idea of glass solar panels.

### The Newcastle University Business Studies competition



EBE Finalists 2023

This competition is run annually, and our Year 11 Business studies students get an opportunity to test their skills in running a small business enterprise. This is a fun experience and winners tend to be awarded scholarships at the university.

### ASX Game 1 and 2 Competition

Mr Higgins once again, entered all Year 9 and 10 Commerce students, plus Year 11 Business Studies and Economics students into the competition. This allows our students to experience live trading, learn about the ASX and understand investment. They also had the opportunity to experience making a profit and loss in trading, thus better understand the ASX with all its volatilities.

### **Voting in elections Incursion**

Our Year 9 students in Commerce/Geography had the opportunity to participate in an election workshop organised by Ms Stephens. Students gained valuable experience about the democratic process and the finer intricacies of party politics, voting systems and parliamentary privilege. This is what the boys said in their survey:





Best part:

- The best part was the simulation of actually voting because it gives me an understanding of what it is really like.
- The best part was the election because we had hands on experience.
- The best part was voting because it was like the real deal.
- The best part was learning how to vote because it is important for us to do later.
- The best part was the election process because it was insightful and fun. Hooray!
- The best part was learning about my electorate because I didn't previously know of my electorate.
- The best part was doing the voting because it taught us what it would be like to actually vote when we are older.

One thing you'll take away:

- One thing I'll take away was that I can enrol to vote at age 16.
- One thing I'll take away was how to find my federal electorate.
- One thing I'll take away was the counting system of preferential voting.
- One thing I'll take away was [that] voting has multiple factors in the decision making process.
- One thing I'll take away was [that] an individual vote manifests a significant impact and is especially important for young Australians.
- One thing I'll take away was that different systems of voting have different advantages and disadvantages.
- One thing I'll take away was I would be more informed and considerate in voting.

### Senior Geography field trip

Mr Jackson organised and ran his own excursion with our senior geographers. The focus of the day was to explore inner city re-development, gentrification of a large city, observation and recording skills relating to geographic observations.

### **Report from Samin Hossain**

On 30th June, eleven tired year 12s lined up in front of a quiet former flour mill, curious about what the day held. This geography excursion was the first in many years for most of us, and it was nice to get out of school and explore what we were learning in school. The focus for the excursion was the urban decay around Leichhardt, along with the urban renewal occurring in surrounding areas, such as the tram sheds. We were led around Leichhardt, all the way down to Darling Harbour by Mr Jackson, observing all the urban



dynamics of change in the region, along with the results of these dynamics within Sydney and its suburbs. We started the day observing the Mungo Scott Flour Mill, which once underwent urban decay, but recently transformed into modern apartments and office blocks, viewing the drastically changed character from a mere ten years ago, after closing as a mill. The silos were now used as apartment blocks, with this innovative use of former infrastructure teaching us how new development does not always involve the removal of heritage architecture. We then went down to the Italian Forum, the once bustling and popular area for tourists and residents alike falling into disrepair, with most of the shops closed down and no public presence. The highlight of the day was exploring the tram sheds and eating lunch by Harold Park, observing the chill vibe of the area. We ended the day walking down to Chinatown and Darling Square, viewing the contrast of the two regions, despite being next to each other. Thanks to Mr Jackson for organising such a wonderful day and enhancing our knowledge of how urban dynamics in Sydney operate.

### **Ranger Jamie**

Our Year 8 Geography students will be travelling to the city in Term 4, accompanied with their Geography teachers exploring the Barangaroo, Darling Harbour and Walsh Bay districts for their study unit on environmental change and development.

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

30 August 2023

### Australian Team brings medals home from the 19th International Geography Olympiad

Congratulations to the four Australian geography students who represented Australia at the 19th International Geography Olympiad (iGeo) held in Bandung, Indonesia, from 8 to 14 August. The Olympiad was organised under the auspices of the International Geographical Union (IGU).

The four-member Australian team were selected through their outstanding performances in last year's Australian Geography Competition (AGC) and Geography's Big Week Out. The team consisted of:

Adit Mahidadia, Sydney Boys High School, NSW (bronze medal)

Jasmine Ye, Meriden School, NSW (silver medal)

Marcus Len, Normanhurst Boys High School, NSW (silver medal)

Thomas Lin, Canberra Grammar School, ACT (gold medal)

The work of all four students earned medals. Adit achieved a bronze medal, Jasmine and Marcus achieved silver medals and Thomas achieved a gold medal, ranking 4th from 177 students.

Adit Mahidadia described his experience: "The iGeo was such a great and enjoyable event. It was undoubtedly one of the best weeks of my life, and having a medal to show for it made the experience even better."

The International Geography Olympiad is an annual contest for the best 16 to 19-year-old geography students from around the world. Forty-five countries took part in this year's competition, which was held in person for the first time since 2019.

The iGeo programme involves three academic challenges over the course of a week: a written response test, a multimedia test and a fieldwork exercise. The programme also included poster presentations by teams, and events where students share the local culture and give team presentations.

Kath Berg, Australian Team Leader commented that "The iGeo is a prestigious international contest. It inspires active interest in geographical studies among students and contributes to





greater intercultural understanding through the friendships developed between students from different countries."

The pre-selection for the four-student team that will represent Australia at the 2024 iGeo in Dublin, Ireland, is under way. Sixteen high-achieving Year 11 students from the 2023 Australian Geography Competition will soon take part in Geography's Big Week Out, a five-day training/selection event, to be held in the Northern Territory in September this year.

Costs of participating in the International Geography Olympiad are met by the Australian Geography Competition with support from the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment, the University of Melbourne, University of New South Wales, Monash University, the University of Queensland, Curtin University and the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience.

The Australian Geography Competition is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland.

## Sample of what our ASX participants had to say about the Share Market Game

Sample 1: The ultimate prize of \$600 dollars waiting for a lucky investor at the end of the two months. Would it be me? Prices falling, stocks rising, red and green numbers assaulting my eyes. Constantly checking the latest updates, in profit or in loss?

ASX was a unique opportunity to put into practice all that we had learnt about investing over the past two years of Commerce, which also included two previous ASX attempts. The game provides you with \$50,000 in cash and a range of over 350 companies to invest in, allowing for a diverse range of portfolio options. Overall, the experience was, as always, very beneficial, as it allowed us all to become more involved with current news, and read the economic market, both of which are imperative tools for us as we aim to gradually integrate into society. Sample 2: My 2023 ASX game experience was an enjoyable one as I entered with acquired knowledge from last year's game. Quite confident following my performance last year, I wagered with my friend about who was going to come out with the highest profit so that gave me another chip on my shoulder to succeed. The first few weeks of the game were a roller coaster as after only three days I found myself nearly \$1,500 down following some bad decisions. After some extensive taunting and the thought of the money that I would have to owe, I decided to sell my stocks and restart. This decision proved to be the right choice as my new stocks skyrocketed as I found myself in almost \$2000 profit in a turn over in just nine days. However, this would be my peak as the plummeting of my stocks and failed strategies lead my profit to gradually diminish and land me in large losses. Overall, I found the 2023 ASX fun as it was an exhilarating experience with its unpredictability and competitiveness.

### Year 12- Urban Planning Visit

To address the post-school opportunities that the subject of Geography provides, I invited urban planner and friend, Elaine Yong from Element Environment to speak to our Year 12 HSC Geography class. Elaine is a specialist in urban planning, urban design, Geographical Information Systems (GIS), and data analysis. She shared some of her current work and past projects with the boys. Of particular interest was her work on Dubai 2040 - an ambitious plan that includes new housing, high yield urban farming, and a '20-minute city' allowing residents access to 80 per cent of their daily needs and destinations within 20 minutes on foot or by bicycle. Elaine shared the perks of being an urban planner and the opportunities provided through the University of New South Wales (UNSW). The boys were highly engaged and asked a lot of questions. I hope they saw the potential opportunities that Geography provides, and I also hope they were inspired to consider a future career in urban planning.

### Social Science Department





### **History Faculty**

The History Faculty had a busy year this year.

HSC results for 2022 were great. Ancient History had the best results since the introduction of the new HSC exams with the highest school mean, ATAR value and z-scores. Yu Ming Lee state ranked in Ancient History with a mark of 98 and is off to Oxford to study Archaeology and Ancient History. Modern History had 40% of students with Band 6. Studies of Religion results were strong with one student in Studies of Religion I scoring 48/50.

2023 was busy with excursions and incursions for the students. The Studies of Religion and Year 10 Elective History classes were taken to the Chau Chuk Wing Museum at the University of Sydney. Year 10 Elective students also went to the Sydney Jewish Museum for their studies on Genocide. Year 9 and Senior History students attended an informative World War I incursion. Studies of Religion students also attended excursions to the Gallipoli Mosque and the Nan Tien Temple. Thanks to the staff in the History faculty for all their hard work and enthusiasm: Mina Genias, Elly Harcourt, Natalie Luu, Vivian Paul and Jessica Christodoulou.

### Madeleine Rigby Head Teacher History and Libraries

### **Year 10 Elective History Excursion**

On the 4th of April, the Year 10 History Elective classes explored the Chau Chak Wing Museum, on the University of Sydney campus. We split into two groups, each having their own coordinator and tour guide, and headed into the museum. First, we analysed authentic ancient artefacts, ranging from pieces of roof, to oil lamps, to figurines of household divinities. We learned about the mummification processes of Ancient Egypt, witnessing real human remains. We then ventured into the Roman section of the museum, where our tour guide explained the Roman way of life, using a Lego rendition of Pompeii. A massive thank you to Miss Luu, Miss Genias, and the Chau Chak Wing Museum staff for a wonderful learning experience outside of school.

### Micah Jouravlev











### **Studies of Religion**

Last Friday, the SoR II boys headed to the Chau Chak Wing Museum at the University of Sydney. We went on a thorough tour through a vast array of artefacts and exhibits, including (but not limited to) Ancient Egyptian mummies, Ancient Roman figures, and even LEGO replicas. To finish our day, we individually handled actual artefacts and drew them, learning about archaeology and what sources can tell us. Personally, examining the distinct and different impacts of religion on various cultures throughout history solidified our understanding of SoR, and we all appreciated the wealth of knowledge around us. Thanks to Ms Luu, Ms Christodoulou, and Mr Cotton for making it happen.

### Subhan Mustafa

### Year 10 History Excursion Sydney Jewish Museum

On the 14th of August, the two classes from Year 10 elective history visited the Sydney Jewish Museum. The excursion began with a compelling talk from Dr Richard Haber, recounting his harrowing experience as a child survivor of the Holocaust. He transported us to life inside the Krakow Ghettos, telling numerous stories of narrow escape and in his words, strokes of "luck" that saved his life countless times. We are all grateful for this opportunity to have such an intimate experience with Dr Haber and were enlightened by his vivid recollections. This was followed by a presentation on Genocide, where we learnt about its specific stages, focusing on the phases of persecution, symbolisation, and dehumanisation. We discovered examples of these steps in not only the Holocaust, but from the Genocides of Rwanda, Cambodia, and many more. The presentation helped to deepen our understanding of these terms, their role in the execution of genocidal activity. The excursion finished with a tour of the Holocaust segment of the museum, which was both highly engaging and confronting. We encountered heroic acts of Jewish resistance yet were also confronted with visuals of horrid living conditions, and tragic narratives filled with mistreatment and agony. Perhaps the most daunting experience was the exhibition constructed to commemorate the countless Jewish lives lost of young Jewish children. The room featured a huge wall full of names and pictures of children who were brutally murdered through the genocide, and a sculpture of many shoes found that were worn by them in the death camps. Overall, the experience was very intriguing and evocative, and allowed us to only begin to understand the atrocities of genocide and the Holocaust.

### Alasdair Yong







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### Legally Blonde The Musical



This year the staff and students of Sydney Boys and Sydney Girls were exceptionally excited to put on the first official musical co-production in the Governors Centre - Legally Blonde the Musical!

Once again, the level of interest in the production across both schools was incredible from the moment the show was announced. Despite this being a musical that many students (and even staff) were unfamiliar with, the exceptional number of students wanting to be placed in the production required several weeks of auditions Term 4 of 2022. Eventually, following intense final auditions for a panel resembling Australia's Got Talent, fifty three students were selected for the cast. We then went about selecting the orchestra of fifteen students, along with twenty students in the crew, allowing as many students as possible to be involved.

Over several months of intense rehearsals on Monday afternoons and Sundays, the anticipation was building for what everyone saw this production could be. The students were all jumping up and down with excitement as each musical number was developed, enthusiastically learning the tunes to heart.

While Legally Blonde is a challenging musical to put on due to the complexity of the score and lyrics, not to mention the quick scene changes, the dedication of the students in making this a high-quality production was evident throughout. By the time of opening night, the bond formed between the students was priceless and the joy of putting something of such a high standard and in facilities the quality of the Governors Centre as apparent to all. Even the program, completely designed by the students was of a professional standard...and fittingly very pink in colour! With each of the four performances held to rave reviews, word spread quickly about how fun, uplifting and inspirational the show was. Every night the audience walked out smiling ear to ear, with comments including "such an incredible display of such exceptional talent" to "I haven't laughed this hard in ages" and "This was the highlight of my week, actually the month, of the term!".

So once again, the combined efforts of both school communities left their mark, with memories to last a lifetime for not only the students and staff, but all those who had the pleasure to enjoy the show. The Governors Centre is now well and truly christened, showing what can be done utilising the exceptional talents of two fantastic schools in a quality venue!

Congratulations to all those involved in the production. With the quality of the combined musical continuing to grow over time, we look forward to the next production in 2025!

Jamie Kay Co-Producer







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### Illuminate Festival

### **Opening Address**

I'd like to pay my respects to the traditional owners of this land we stand upon, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. It is grounding and relevant to understand that we are thinking about art and creativity on the lands of one of the most innovative and creative cultures on earth...cultures that have cared for country and community since time immemorial.

I'd like to start this address with an anecdote...

It was the year 2000. Britney Spears was at the peak of her career. And I was in year 7 at Sydney Boys High. I remember sitting in a class, maybe a history one... where I thought I was safe.

...in comes a burly PE teacher. He blew in, stood at the front, and preached the value of sport.

I remember shrinking into my chair. I hated sport... I felt unsafe around the masculine bravado on the field/pool...wherever. And all representations in the media and popular culture were very unappealing to me.

...it's important to paint a picture of myself at this stage, I was much taller than most people in my year. I was probably 5"10. Noticing I was bigger than everyone, this PE teacher looked at me and said... "you should be doing rowing and rugby".

I literally could not have thought of anything worse. Tackling my fellow students and potentially sustaining a head injury was not my idea of a good time. I still liked glitter. I wanted to be in the art room...making, dreaming, speculating. I wasn't a typical child or teenager. I wasn't a conventional male. I wanted my hair to be long. As a teenager; I was totally uncool and reserved. I found myself in a constant state of questioning and I did not make friends easily...I thought no one would accept me.

I often thought... what were the meanings of certain rules and orthodoxies I was expected to blindly follow? I pondered the significance of things like uniforms, religion, certain social protocols, and the value of being neat and tidy. I was reasonably good at it, but I hated maths.

Yet despite growing up feeling routinely out of place, I found comfort in art. I discovered that within histories of art, as well as architecture and design, were sanctioned histories of questioning and most importantly, critical thinking. It was a field where tradition was fluid and new ways of seeing, being and knowing were prioritised. I learned about artists grappling





Guest Speaker, Ramesh Mario Nitheyendran

Ramesh Mario Nitheyendran

with feminism, queer theory and race politics in progressive and challenging ways. I felt a sense of belonging.

Now let's keep it real for a second. Why am I speaking to you? I'm here in front of you as I'm deemed to be successful. I probably seem impressive from my list of achievements and accolades... and if you've seen my art, you'll see that I like to go BIG.

But I want you all to know something.

What is my biggest achievement? Getting my blue tick on Instagram, before you could pay for one.

That was a joke.

I was born in Sri-Lanka in 1988. My family soon moved to Auburn in Western Sydney as Tamil refugees in 1989. My childhood was modest. We lived next to Auburn McDonald's at a time where on Fridays, happy meals were \$2... we seldom travelled and I never went to museums or galleries outside of school excursions. Coming from a migrant Sri Lankan family of doctors, lawyers, accountants, scientists and engineers, the decision to pursue art as a career was baffling to them. Is being an artist even a viable career option? Many were irritating in their commentary: One exclaimed, "Are you crazy?" Another gave me some sage advice, "Just do art as a hobby" ...and the most brutal of all, one stated, "what a waste of talent". This particularly opinionated aunty perceived creative arts to be incongruous with academic rigour.

8-10 years after finishing high school, the apparent black sheep of the family (me) was on TV, on the cover of magazines and having solo shows at major museums. While this generated some pride in the community, it was not until I became tenured as a lecturer at the University of New South Wales that the approval of extended family members seemed to roll in. It's useful to unpack what this points to. While it is complex, one thing it reflects is that the value of creative arts and practice is often disputed...



particularly, when it comes to policy making and governance. I always find this surprising. As a professional artist, I have been able to travel the world and meet people from all walks of life. I get to sit next to Murray Bartlett and near Anthony Albanese at major events. I get to go to rich peoples' houses for dinner and wear whatever I want. I go to fancy cocktail parties at big flashy banks. ... but most of all, I get to be myself.

I sometimes still see that shy kid from Western Sydney. I still see that young artist who was making art people thought was weird and unhinged. Peers who studied with me are now working for major museums, design firms and animation companies. They are the forefront of cutting-edge design and culture. Yet, aside from all this glamour. I work six days a week. Sometimes seven. Being an artist is gruelling.

Aside from making the physical work, there is a flurry of e-mail, calls from my gallerist and constant administration. There is also constant failure. Yet, I wouldn't exchange this career for anything. At the heart of creative practice is the value of community and the relationships I have built are invaluable.

So many people fuss over what creativity is... what it means and why it's important. I'm going to tell you what the answer is. Creativity is about exploring possibilities within finite parameters. It is the foundation of any form of ingenuity or innovation. That





is the absolute value of critical and diverse creative sectors and surely the way society moves forward.

I would like to congratulate all students in this room who have chosen to study creative arts subjects at a senior level and for your work to date. You have undoubtedly challenged yourself to think beyond prescribed ways of knowing and being.

I wish I got to grow up in the time you're growing up now. Where you can turn on Netflix and see meaningful representation of non-binary, neuro-divergent and non-white ethnicities. Where you can pick up the newspaper and see creative people promoted in the same way sports stars are. I hope soon the art, drama and music teachers get to interrupt PE and STEM classes and preach the value of the creative arts.

For those of you who have embraced what you love and may have to defend it should you choose to pursue it at university, I also congratulate you.

But lastly, I want to leave you with this piece of advice:

Break all the rules. Because we need you to!

### Ramesh Mario Nitheyendran





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### Music

### **The Music Faculty Report**

2023 has seen an exciting start in the music program with all performance ensembles resuming in full force.

The year began with the Music Recruitment Evening held online on ZOOM on Thursday 9th February, for all new students entering Sydney Boys High School.

Our Marching Band, led by drum major and music prefect Benjamin Pirom (12F), saw over 100 boys march together with the cadets through the city on Anzac Day (25th of April) amongst other community and high school bands in commemoration of the war veterans. The parade was also broadcast live on the ABC.

Our Annual Music Camp was held at Stay KCC in the Blue Mountains with 270 students from the Music Performance Program. The music camp, held in Term 2, saw an intensive 4-day workshop culminating in a wonderful Music Camp Concert in the Great Hall and ended with a combined camp finale performing Never Gonna Let It Go, a mash up of Disney's Let It Go and Rick Astley's Never Gonna Give You Up being the highlight of the evening.

Our academic elective Year 9-12 music students attended several "Meet the Music" music concert series at the Sydney Opera House this year, performed by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

Year 10 and Preliminary HSC Year 11 music elective students attended a composition workshop held at the MLC school (Burwood). Highly acclaimed presenters and performers on the day included Tristan Coelho, Elizabeth Jigalin, and the Arcadia Winds Ensemble. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain an insight of the Australian music scene with current composers and performers sharing their works.

The HSC Illuminate opening night on Monday 28th of August showcased many talents from music performances and compositions to film, visual arts, drama, design and technology, and robotics. Performances and gallery of works carried through the rest of the week.

HSC Music practical exams were held in the following week with Music 1 students performing on Wednesday 6th September and Music 2 and Extension students performing on Thursday 7th September. Their hard work over the years ensured successful performances on the day.

Towards the end of Term 3, the Music Department received very exciting news from NESA of five HSC Music Performance Encore Nominations: Akira Ha (Music 1, 12S), Timothy Jian (Music 1, 12R), Yianni Scarlis (Music 2, 12F), Joshua Tang (Music 2, 11R) and Moshi Tao (Music Extension, 12M).

This was then followed by an exciting Open Day for prospective students. The Symphonic Strings and Jazz Ensemble performed several works, entertaining the tour groups as they entered the school.

The Year 12 Graduation followed in the coming weeks before the end of term 3, where Benjamin Pirom (12F) and Moshi Tao (12M) performed the processional and recessional in the assembly. The assembly also showcased Year 12 HSC Music 2 and Extension student Moshi Tao (12M), performing Prelude Op. 32 No. 12 by Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Our End of Year music concert was held on Sunday 3rd of December, with all our music ensembles performing a variety of repertoire in the Great Hall.

The Annual Music Awards Assembly held on the 5th of December recognised the many talents and commitments of students in the Music Performance Program.

The Music Department would like to thank our Year 12 students, for their participation and leadership in the Music Academic and Performance Program. We wish Year 12 all the best of luck and every success in all their future endeavours.

Special thanks to the Music Tutors, Music Conductors, Music Committee and Parents for their continual support for the Music Performance Program.

We look forward to an exciting year in the Music Academic and Performance Program and thank all the boys for their wonderful efforts and continued support this year.

Ms Sarah Kim MIC Music Performance Program Music Department

### Speech – Murray Dahm BA, MA (hons), MLitt., Creative Director Opera Express.

The arts have always been a part of my life. At school I sang (as a boy soprano which I am as far from now as you can possibly get - and so I have sung every male voice type - when my voice broke at 16 I became a bass). I sang in shows (one of my earliest roles was playing princess Ariadne - I can still remember that solo but, alas I only have three minutes!). As I moved through school and into university I sang in choirs - this was despite having only rudimentary musicianship skills. I did, however, have a good ear and a good memory – something I have (thankfully) retained. There is a special and unique joy which comes from singing and making music; a different one from enjoying music although the audience is in many ways more important than the performer - without the former there is no latter. Although there would still be music since making is an innate need in humanity (hence there are so many who create for free - alas something a greed driven society is often keen to take advantage of). But making music, for me, is only one of my passions - and if there is a takeaway for you today it would be to find your passion (or indeed passions), whatever it is or they are. Explore, try new things, because one of them may be it; and if you are not open-minded and give new things a go, you may never find that thing which makes you, completes you and makes putting up with everything else worthwhile. Some of you may have already found that thing - which is great. For others the search continues - and it can take a long time - for some the search itself is the thing. You see, I am not necessarily talking about your job - my career has had many turns, some involving music, most not. But at all points on that roller coaster, I have created and that creativity has sustained me.

At university I decided to study ancient history - ancient military history - a niche within a niche. But I also sang - the day I got kicked out of choir for being too loud was utterly mortifying - choir had encouraged me to get singing lessons in the first place which had made me loud. But the silver lining to that dismissal was 'the opera company are looking for people.' Now, my parents loved opera - played (very) early in the morning on the weekends. My brother despises opera. But I came to it from a performing perspective - to sing initially but I then discovered I would be paid to sing and dress up in costume and act - the greatest skill needed - to memorise all the words and music - bliss found. I had found my passion - and it is still that more than thirty years later. I have also made it my job - although even when I had other jobs, I kept at it. There are others too which I don't have time to go into - brief careers in voiceover and television acting. During lockdown, when singing, performing and educating were not an option, I did a loop on my roller coaster and returned to ancient military history - I have now published five books on ancient warfare and four more are in production. But I have tried to make opera my thing - I lecture on it, sing it, direct it, and encourage young people to make their own in Opera Express - that grew out of work with Opera Australia. But when the philanthropist who funded the program decided he had given enough, my wife and I decided we must keep it going - so we have. Yes, she is an opera singer, yes we met singing opera - and so we have, together, found and kept our passion - and we have made it our work, although even when we have both held other jobs, it has been our passion which has sustained us. Find yours and it will sustain you too.

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# **Music Ensemble Reports**

# **Marching Band**

This year was another successful year for the Marching Band, made possible with the aid of Mr Vandegraaff. Every Tuesday afternoon, we would practice in the Great Hall learning the tunes for *I am Australian, Waltzing Matilda* and *Tipperary March*.

We would combine our practice with marching every Friday morning, continuously making laps around Moore Park West. With Kevin Chen, an old boy, as our drum major, we marched alongside the Sydney High School Cadet Unit on the 25th of April. It was an amazing experience for any returning or new musicians as played for the supportive crowd on the side cheered us on. I would like to thank the Music Department for their supervision and organisation, and Mr Vandegraaff for managing the band so we were able to perform.

## George Mermelas (9F)

## **Intermediate Concert Band**

2023 has been an interesting and fun year for the Intermediate Concert Band. With the departure of Ms Miller at the end of last year, there were big shoes to fill for the fantastic Mr Aoun, picking up from where she left off. The start of the year was filled with people out of rhythm, and out of time, but, over the year, we have improved our teamwork and played a wide range of pieces including "Mobusters", "Silhouette of a dream", "Homage to Matilda", "Arabian dances", and "Pulsation". The dedication shown by the players in the band is outstanding, having more than enough quality players at each rehearsal, while having a lower brass section.

Overall, 2023 has been a great year, and a great success for the intermediate concert band, and I hope we can do just as well next year.

James Carmichael (8R)



## Junior Marching Band

BACK ROW: D SARATHCHANDRA, V WANG, J XU, S GOPAL, D LI, E PAW, S LEE, J YE, J CHEN FOURTH ROW: J ZHOU, T CHEN, S MA, B DANG, M MAO, M LU, W HUANG, M KHAN, N PILLEMER THIRD ROW: A AGRAWAL, Y CHEN, J CARMICHAEL, M ZHU, T ZHANG, A DONG, E WU, L CHEN, I WONG, G MERMELAS SECOND ROW: M ZHUANG, L XU, C PAN, H ZHANG, B WU, R TENG, U SHARMA, J YEUNG, S SONG, A BRAVO DA ROSA, J LEE FRONT ROW: J ZHU, O HO, O MCBRIDE, J VAN, A LUO, W WANG



## Senior Marching Band

BACK ROW: M ELGAWLY, I CHEN, J LU, B SHEN, J SOMANADER, L ZHANG, E HYBLER, J CHEN, K SINGH THIRD ROW: E XUE, J LIN, A WANG, N THIE, A HAFIZ, R LI, A QIU, A YONG SECOND ROW: R HOU, L GREACEN, J NGUYEN, J CHEN, J JIM, O ZHANG, N WU, O KUO, J XU, M TAYLOR, I LIANG FRONT ROW: T LIAO, R BALNAVE, M LI, C LAU, B PIROM, H FRANCIS, O CARBAJAL ZAPATA, L FIENE, M RUSSELL



#### Intermediate Concert Band

BACK ROW: T CHEN, T DEAN, J JIN, E PAW, D LI, V WANG, J YE, M TJANDRAWIBAWA, L PANG FOURTH ROW: S MA, L ZHOU, B LIN, W HUANG, M LU, M MAO, J ZHOU, A WANG, C CHEN THIRD ROW: B DANG, I WONG, L CHEN, T ZHANG, A DONG, D QIAN, M KHAN, M ZHU, L DENG SECOND ROW: H ZHANG, A AGRAWAL, S SONG, A BRAVO DA ROSA, J LEE, L XU, M LE DIGARCHER, J YEUNG, T WANG FRONT ROW: A LUO, J VAN, W WANG, W XIONG, O HO, J DIAO



#### Senior Concert Band

The Senior Concert Band resonates as a symphonic family, characterised by its diverse assembly of talented musicians. As Ms Kim's conducting baton rises, so too does our anticipation. Every Tuesday morning, I found myself awakening with an anecdote that resonates with many - a triumphant battle against the allure of sleep to attend rehearsals.

Amidst this harmonious journey, the 2023 mid-year concert gleams, a fortissimo after the spirited preparation at Music Camp (Stay KCC). The concert stage served as our canvas, the Great Hall our gallery, as we painted the air with the vibrant hues of melodies meticulously honed through countless rehearsals. The audience of teachers and parents was not just an assembly of listeners; they became part of the symphonic narrative, carried away on the wings of "Propulsion" by Robert Buckley.

At the helm of this melodic journey, Ms Kim stands as a guiding light directing our efforts with unwavering poise and artistic insight, as we ready ourselves to unveil our grand finale - the enchanting strains of "Home Alone" by John Williams and the resonant echoes of "Star Trek" by Michael Giacchino. I am honoured to be a part of Senior Concert Band, eagerly awaiting the next stanza in this musical odyssey.

## Nathanael Thie (11S)

## **Junior Stage Band**

Junior Stage has made some incredible progress in 2023. Every year, we welcome a new wave of enthusiastic and passionate Year 7 students, eager to learn all there is to know about the band. When they are coupled with a down to earth and welcoming conductor, Mr Weng, they are sure to never forget their experience in this band.

The boys have worked incredibly hard to deliver a great performance at the end of term concert, learning and practicing pieces such as *Follow the Leader* and *Four Note Boogaloo*. They have shown incredible dedication, turning up early every Wednesday morning. This passion for their music has resulted in the significant growth and development of all our skills as an individual and as a collective.

On behalf of our band, I would like to thank Mr Weng for taking the time and effort to ensure that our ensemble continues to grow and develop musically, I would also like to thank all the Junior Stage Band members for their continued dedication and support for our ensemble.

## **Intermediate Stage Band**

2023 was a great year for the Intermediate Stage Band! We had a wide range of instruments and players, spanning from junior players who were playing in the band for the first time, to more senior and experienced members of the band. We were conducted by Mr Charlie Weng, and every Thursday morning we would meet to rehearse several different charts, all from an ever-expanding repertoire provided by our conductor. This included pieces such as *Forget You, The Bear Necessities, Tank!, Rock Island Express and You've Got a Friend in Me.* The rehearsals were always energetic (even if slightly out of time) and the improvement we had throughout the year was remarkable. I genuinely would not wish to play with any other ensemble. The largest highlights of the year were, of course, the workshops we attended during Music Camp as well as performing at the Music Camp concert.

Special thanks to the music staff; Ms Kim and Mr Charlie Weng for all their work and continuous support! This year, and the band itself, has been vibrant, enthusiastic, and above all, just plain fun!

# Andrew Pye (10R)

#### **Senior Stage Band**

As a band, we have sought perfection this year. Exposed to a wide range of charts and styles by our highly skilled and incredibly well accomplished conductor Mr Robert Coassin, our sightreading skills have been tested to the max. For the music camp concert, we played a medley of two favourites: Earth Wind and Fire's "In the Stone" and Tower of Power's "What is Hip?". Fresh keyboardists Andy Huang and Jay Ta have spiced up the rhythm section this year, amalgamating many parts with a coordinated multi-keyboard set up. Long time bassist Akira Ha brought meaning to the word "funk", busting out crazy licks on the regular. 'Altos' Ben Wu and Liam Greacen collaborated with 'tenors' Alasdair Yong and Nathaniel Thie along with solo baritone Shaun Lee, forming a tight and melodic saxophone section. Our four-man trumpet squadron (James Carmichael, James Cao, Noel Que and Ryan Li) was joined by our only 'bone' Matthias Elgawly to round out the rest of the horns. Whether it was a screaming chorus played in unison, a spicy sax solo or a sweet swing score, it's been a joy to play with all these boys in the senior stage band this year.

Aidan Wong (11M)

# Kevin Xie (9R)



# Senior Concert Band

BACK ROW: J LIN, A HAFIZ, K LIU, B FENG, S GOPAL, J SOMANADER, J LU, E XUE, A WANG FOURTH ROW: A YONG, I CHEN, E HYBLER, N THIE, J XU, J CHEN, C LEE, L ZHANG, A QIU, K ZHANG THIRD ROW: S CHOI, O KUO, J CAO, J CHEN, O ZHANG, A XU, C CHEN, R LI, J JIM, J NGUYEN, N WU, D SARATHCHANDRA SECOND ROW: J LUU, T LIAO, J WANG, O CARBAJAL ZAPATA, H FRANCIS, B PIROM, L FIENE, W NGUYEN, R BALNAVE, M RUSSELL, M LI

FRONT ROW: N QUE, J XU, I LIANG, A. SHRIVASTAVA, R HOU, B. WU, J WU, T CHEN, D HUANG, C LAU, A YAO



#### Junior Stage Band BACK ROW: M GAO, J CHEN, C WANG, T QIU, N PILLEMER, Y LUCKNAUTH, L YUEN, K XIE MIDDLE ROW: M ZHUANG, L XU, M LE DIGARCHER, J KUO, L CHEN, R MATHER, H ZHANG, N CHAN FRONT ROW: L ZHANG, D VICKKANOV, J HU, J LEE, J DIAO, O HO, O MCBRIDE





Intermediate Stage Band BACK ROW: J CARMICHAEL, D LAM, O KUO, B SHEN, O CHEN, S LEE, T XU MIDDLE ROW: M MASYA, T DEAN, T CHEN, M KHAN, A PYE, Y CHEN, L DENG, E LIU FRONT ROW: W CAHYADI, M TAYLOR, E WU, G MERMELAS, N PILLEMER, A DONG, I LAI, A LEE, O MCBRIDE



Senior Stage Band STANDING: A HUANG, L GREACEN, R LI, J TA, S LEE, A YONG, N THIE SEATED: J CARMICHAEL, B WU, A WONG, B PIROM, A HA, N QUE, J CAO

### **Chamber Choir**

2023 has been another successful year for the Chamber Choir. It has been wonderful to see such a diverse group of singers at rehearsals every Friday morning, with many new faces joining us alongside the returning choir veterans. Thanks to the guidance of our conductor Mr Paul, we have seen great improvement in not only our individual skills, but also in our ability to combine our voices into one unified choir. Throughout the year, we have had a blast learning a variety of songs ranging from country folk songs like Merle Travis's "16 Tons" to pop classics like "On Top of the World" by Imagine Dragons.

Having missed the opportunity last year, we were all looking forward to the annual music camp in which we spent four days practicing "The Soldier" (the individual choir piece) and "Never Gonna Let It Go" (the combined orchestra piece) for the upcoming music concert. All our hard work over these few days definitely paid off as the concert was a huge success. I would like to thank Mr Paul and all the boys for their efforts this year, and I hope to see many of you again next year.

Brendan Li (11M)

#### **Junior String Quartet**

2023 has been sparked with a newly created, Junior string quartet led by our supervisor, Mr Ing.

We have diligently practised throughout the year, having our first recital in music camp. With only a short period of time together, we have shown thorough commitment on the following pieces of: *Divertimento in D Major* by Mozart, *Andante Cantabile* by Tchaikovsky, and other sight-reading pieces such as, *Queen of Sheba* by Handel. Even though we had only a rehearsal in a fortnight on Thursdays, we took full advantage of this valuable rehearsal on perfecting our intonation and rhythm from those pieces, where we have witnessed a significant change from the beginning.

I would like to thank Ms Kim and Mr Ing for devoting their time in making the Junior string Quartet possible and making it a memorable and enjoyable experience for all of us. On behalf of the Junior String Quartet, we hope we can display our dedication and effort in the end of year concert.

Jimmy Li (9E)

### **Senior String Quartet**

2023 marked the beginning of the new Senior String Quartet. We began our year with the Annual Music Camp, where we played pieces which required a great level of musical skill and versatility. Pieces by the likes of Mozart's *String Quartet No.14* and *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* were played every fortnight. Despite the quartet not performing at the Annual Music Camp Showcase, the quartet has worked hard and tirelessly at every rehearsal for the performance at the upcoming End of Year Music Concert.

I would like to thank the music department for their continued support, and to our conductor Mr Ing for his guidance in the quartet. To my fellow musicians, I commend you all for showing up to our early Thursday morning rehearsals. Every rehearsal since our beginning has been a blast, I hope to see you all next year.

Jason Yu (10S)

## **Junior String Ensemble**

2023 was an extraordinary year for the Junior String Ensemble. Under the guidance of Mr Ing, we perfected many pieces, including the "Gigue", from the "St Paul's Suite" by Gustav Holst. We performed this piece at the Music Camp Concert. Heading into the semester as new students of High, we quickly familiarised ourselves with each other, building a unique bond that helped us play better individually and collectively as a group.

We learnt the meaning behind every note we played, strengthening our overall understanding of the music. The dedication and ambition to play flawlessly at every rehearsal helped us gain confidence in our playing. Near the end of the semester, we had our music camp: an unforgettable experience for all of us. Whether it was watching the fantastic talent show, or rehearsing in our practice rooms, we loved the time at camp.

Thanks to Ms Kim and all our conductors, we finished with the best music camp concert ever, with all of us playing at our best. We really enjoyed playing in the Junior Strings Ensemble and look forward to the rest of our musical careers at High.

Barry Zhang (7T)





Chamber Choir BACK ROW: M TRUONG, R ZHOU, A GUNARATNE, G ZHANG, J WACHSMANN, B LI, B KOTHAPALLI MIDDLE ROW: J HUANG, C PAN, R MATHER, P KONUDULA, M GILES, O HOSSAIN, T MAI FRONT ROW: T HUI, E LU, H CAI, S DAO, N RAMESHKUMAR, S XU, M MA



Junior String Quartet A LI, T ROBERTS, J LI, B ZHANG



Senior String Quartet L WANG, R CHAI, J YU, K DONG



Junior Strings STANDING K TEDJASAPUTRA, L LU, Y ZHU, D ZHU, K YIN, B ZHANG, B TAO SEATED: A LI, M MA, O HO, C CHAN, A QIU, V JAIRAM, W WANG



#### **Philharmonic Orchestra**

2023 has been an amazing year for the Philharmonic Orchestra. Our ensemble consists of cellos, violas, and violins with a range of skill levels. With the help of Mr Nguyen, we combined with the Symphonic Strings to rehearse and perform together. Through his amazing guidance and wonderful efforts, we were all devoted to performing at our highest standards during rehearsals in the mornings. From the beginning of the year, our players have been tirelessly practising Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings* in C major to prepare for the Music Camp Concert.

Music camp was an amazing experience for all our members. We had rehearsals throughout the entire day, giving us plenty of time to practice for the upcoming concert. Performing in front of a large and supportive crowd was an amazing feeling for all our members. Over the course of four days, we improved our teamwork, confidence, and our skills. We even got the chance to play a piece with all the other ensembles combined. Overall, playing in the Philharmonic orchestra was an amazing experience, allowing us to play together with fellow students and produce an amazing performance.

# Kevin Dong (9R)

# Symphonic Strings

2023 has been an excellent year for the Symphonic Strings. This year, the ensemble combined with the Philharmonic Orchestra to perform at various concerts and functions. Special thanks to our conductor, Mr Nguyen, who has worked tirelessly all year to conduct rehearsals and organise repertoire for the ensemble to play. Both ensembles were able to have the opportunity to perform at the Music Camp concert, Open Day function and the End of Year Concert.

Every Thursday and Friday morning rehearsals allowed all ensemble players to improve and perfect the repertoire across the whole year. We rehearsed and performed pieces including Serenade for Strings in C Major by Tchaikovsky, Morning Mood by Grieg, In the Hall of the Mountain King by Grieg and Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni.

Over the course of the whole year, it was a joy to see how the ensemble has continually expanded and grown. The continued commitment and passion shown by all members has contributed to an enjoyable and pleasing experience. I look forward to the ensemble's continued growth and success in the future.

## Lucas Chen (11T)



#### Philharmonic Orchestra

BACK ROW: T ROBERTS, S WANG, R CHAI, R WANG, O BUIKEMA, J CAMPBELL, K DONG, J LI, O XIE THIRD ROW: K LEE, C MORGAN, D ZHU, K YIN, Y ZHU, S MENON, B ZHANG, E HU SECOND ROW: S THIAGALINGAM, S YANG, L SUEN, J MIAO, J TANG, L LU, R HE, J YEUNG, L WANG, L YUEN, K TEDJASAPUTRA FRONT ROW: S DAO, W WANG, M MA, C CHAN, T YAN, A QIU, O HO, A LI, B TAO



Symphonic Strings BACK ROW: N LEE, J YU, X PERRY, S HUI, J CAMPBELL, K DONG, R KIRKLAND MIDDLE ROW: E SCHOLTEN, M JOURAVLEV, J PULLINGER, A PERERA, D TAN, L CHEN FRONT ROW: D SU, A THIAGALINGAM, S CHEE, H KIM, O LAM, A PARK, M WONG

# **Guitar Ensemble**

2023 has been another amazing year for our Guitar Ensemble. With Mr Flower's teaching, we have been able to develop our skills with many students both new and old joining the ensemble. Through the first semester, we got to learn some fantastic pieces such as, While My Guitar Gently Weeps by The Beatles and Sweet Caroline by Neil Diamond. Our learning culminated in the Music Camp in Semester 1, set on the beautiful backdrop of the Blue Mountains. Following this was the Music Concert, an amazing display of talent and hard work from the ensemble! Guitar Ensemble performed our two pieces, and the Music Department's Mr Aoun also composed a fun combined performance piece for all the ensembles, Never Gonna Let It Go, a mash-up of two songs, Disney's Frozen, Let It Go and Never Gonna Give You Up by Rick Astley. The concert was a great success and an amazing way to finish off the semester's worth of practice.

Through all the boys' continued efforts we have had another great year in Guitar Ensemble. A big thank you to Mr Flower for coming every week to teach and lead us, and to the Music Department for supporting our ensemble to thrive.

### Kai Mitsumoto (9E)

#### **Percussion Ensemble**

2023 has been an amazing time for the percussion ensemble. Under Mr Oetomo's guidance, we were able to grasp onto many new percussion abilities and learn new instruments most of us had never played before. Over the course of the year, the percussion ensemble has seen an exponential amount of growth, from some of us not even knowing where to hold a drumstick to playing entire pieces. Through the pieces we learnt, we had to develop and master our coordination and timing on the drums. We got to play our first piece, Steve Samba at the Music Camp concert this year. Currently, we are learning the piece Short Fuse, which require us to push these skills even more. This semester, we have also been introduced into a new set of percussion instruments, such as the xylophone, marimba, and glockenspiel. Although most of us were either new or haven't played them in a long time, we were quickly able to learn and play these instruments. Every rehearsal, we come with enthusiasm and a dedication to playing in the percussion ensemble. The percussion ensemble has been amazing, and I am looking forward to what comes next!

Jinosh Rajendra (7T)





#### Guitar Ensemble

BACK ROW: C CURNICK, R SHARMA, V WANG, S PARAB, M SUKHOVSKY, A ILAVAJHALA, R WU, L XU, E LIN MIDDLE ROW: S XU, K ASARI, L LEUNG, B CHUDAL, X CHALISE, R QI, K MITSUMOTO, H KARIYAWASAM, A SHAIKH, S DE FRONT ROW: J NGUYEN, D CHEAV, V RAJIT, W LU, H NGUYEN, A BARRAZA NEJEDLY, E HE, A MOOKHERJEE, D FERNANDEZ



Percussion Ensemble BACK ROW: O LUO, G GUO, K ZHANG, J CAMPBELL, T QIU, S HANDOKO, S CHONG MIDDLE ROW: J RAJENDRA, L XU, A WU, T LI, J KWON, T SU FRONT ROW: M FENG, A YAO, J WANG, B PIROM, A WONG, L JARVIS, J LIU



Jazz Ensemble A DONG, L GREACEN, A WONG, A GUNARATNE, A HA, J CARMICHAEL

#### **Jazz Ensemble**

After a long break away from the ensemble, it was with great joy this year that our tight gang grew another member. Pianist Akila Gunaratne, a thoughtful and sophisticated player, and the latest protégé of Mr Gubb, was inducted this year.

Mr Gubb once again served as our mentor, conductor, and guide through the world of jazz. We were joined this year by veteran of the scene, bassist Akira Ha, a valid producer of all things tasteful and funky. Flamboyant fire fingers is an accurate description of Roderick "Rodders" Nguyen, our snazzy jazz pianist who along with Akira completed his final year in the ensemble this year. In the horns, sigma slayer of the saxophones Liam Greacen wielded his signature alto sax along with the diligent Andrew Dong on the tenor sax and budding trumpet talent James Carmichael. Our group took a tour around the world this year, exploring American Blues classics such as Horace Silver's "The Jody Grind", or the Latin Jazz sophisticate "Caravan", all the way to swingin' on "Footprints" by Wayne Shorter. This year, my soul was blessed with the ethereal musical experience playing with these guys yet again.







#### Aidan Wong (11M)



# Drama

The Drama Department has been busy this year. All elective drama students attended Onstage at The Seymour Centre: a fantastic demonstration of the best HSC Drama works from the State in 2022. We also had the privilege of attending the acclaimed musical Into the Woods by Stephen Sondheim at Belvoir St Theatre. Many outstanding boys were chosen to perform in this year's co-production with Sydney Girls High School: Legally Blonde, The Musical.

Our drama students were also given the invaluable opportunity to perform in front of a live audience at this year's Illuminate Festival showcasing the broad range of talent amongst our elective drama students. We are proud of the efforts of all our drama students: their playbuilding, scriptwriting, improvising, production and performance skills continue to develop in a nurturing environment that aims to foster their creativity, confidence, and collaborative attributes.



SBHS Drama attending Onstage 2023



Noel Que and Tra Nguyen at Onstage 2023



Year 9 Drama perform in Illuminate 2023

#### Year 11 Drama

Our work for Year 11 Drama was varied and challenging, beginning with a group-devised One Act Play (set in the rebuilt ancient library of Alexandria, complete with pesky camels and rival historians), Design Projects and a critical study of Australian Theatre, with scenes from *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* staged for Illuminate.

### **Individual Project: Lighting Design**

The beauty of directing a play such as 'The Odyssey' is that it allows the director to adapt some aspects of the script to be performed in almost any location. A question when directing this play is where to place the storyteller, who could be placed off-stage, or onstage. My approach for this production in a highly stylised vision, using lighting, creating a more modern adaptation of 'The Odyssey'. Bertolt Brecht once stated, 'From the start, it has been the theatre's business to entertain people ... it needs no other passport than fun.' Lighting adds to the fun: even a single wrong light can lead to characters appearing washed out and unable to be properly seen by the audience, and I wanted to change people's perspective of theatre lighting.

The Governor's Centre stage allowed for the unique lighting of the play, with many different lights being used to visually create an ocean. The follow-spot theatre lights allow for certain aspects of the stage to be illuminated at one time, allowing for an even balance between positive and negative space on stage. When creating the cue sheet for the lights, I made to make sure to add details about what lights would be changed as characters would be moving on the stage. One example was the difficult case of the storyteller, the representation of Homer the bard in the play. Since the storyteller isn't a part of the scene itself, they would have to be illuminated in a different way than the rest of the characters. This is why the storyteller is illuminated in a green light within Scene 3, while Odysseus is illuminated in a large yellow light that also illuminates his surroundings to showcase his movements around the stage. As the scene progresses, and characters move around, lights change colour, becoming blue or dimming to visually create the ocean and the cloudy, eerie atmosphere. To highlight the anger of Poseidon and the gods, I used the lighting board to quickly turn the lights of the back wall on and off, creating a lightning effect with continual, bright flickering.

## Kridaya Singh





Year 11 Drama

## Individual Project: Set Design

Set Design for Chekhov's play The Bear: The set is divided into halves, one populated by flowy shapes that are over natural (stage right) and one filled with jagged shapes (stage left). On each side is a half of a coffee table (centre stage), a chair, and a door, all fitting with the style of their half. The back half of the stage is filled with hanging shapes on wires in the respective styles, which move together over the course of the budding romance to create a collage of the characters' identities.

The set has very few definite features prescribed in the text. This allows for the director to create a space to facilitate the play's subtext. For me, the most abstract and enjoyable piece of subtext is the play on feminine and masculine stereotypes. I think it plays into what Susan Sontag proposed about attraction and gender: the characters Smirnov and Popova reflect this dramatically. The set design reflects the characters' changing values.

Set Design (continued): This design is intended to echo for the melodramatic style of the vaudeville farce that is meant to be absurd and acted in a manner that leaves little room for subtlety. A style of active exaggeration is reflected in all aspects of my production. For example, the costuming is superfluous and extravagant with the intention of enhancing the melodrama of the characters and to play into the farce, and so the set must show these ideas visually but also enhance the actors' capacity for subtlety as well as big gestures.

## Joseph Britton







Rehearsals in Costume for performances from Summer of the Seventeenth Doll



Joseph Britton as Roo



Emily Lin as Bubba and Atharv Ramakanth as Dowd



Kridaya Singh as Barney



Henry Lin as Barney



# Year 10 Drama

Year 10 Drama enjoyed an exciting year of creativity: beginning with verbatim monologues, a practical study of the improvised skills of Commedia Dell'Arte and Australian Theatre for Term 3. The Year 10 Drama class rehearsed scenes from Michael Gow's play Away and performed these for the Illuminate festival. (L-R: Arjunat Thiagalingum as Tom, Jeff Tse as Harry, James Yang as Jim, Jeshan Somanderas Meg, Tra Nguyen as Coral, Noel Que as Roy.







# Theatresports

Theatresports is competitive improvisation designed to enhance student creativity in a structured and fun environment. Small teams challenge themselves to create engaging and unscripted performances on the spot, developing drama skills such as stagecraft, comedic timing and vocal confidence. Our classes develop the boys' imaginations as they step outside themselves to create new characters in collaborative ways. Our players meet every week after school coached by Cameron Ryan and Nathaniel Jensen from Impro Australia.

2023 has been a busy year for our theatresportsmen. Highlights include competing in the Play Offs with Sydney Girls High School. Our Year 7 team, consisting of Brian Chow, Max Feng, Marco Ma and Raymond Liu had never competed together before but performed brilliantly in such games as 'stunt doubles' and 'emotional replay.' One of our intermediate teams (Alex Pidcock, Umar Dewanata, Nathan Nguyen and Gabriel San Zhang) came equal first with last year's state champions from SGHS! Our other intermediate team: Macallister Giles, Max McLeod, Michael Zhuo, Munjin Chowdhury and Ahyen Haque produced scenes on the spot that had everyone laughing. Our senior team: Parth Malhorta, Jeff Tse and Hanson Xiao, even pulled off a game they had never practised before!



TSC Intermediate Team: Alex Pidcock, Joshua Campbell, Max Mccleod, Noel Que and Tra Nguyen



Junior Playoffs team: Brian Chow, Max Feng, Marco Ma and Raymond Liu

In Term 2, we competed in Heat 1 of Impro Australia's Theatresports School Challenge competition. This competition draws players from across Sydney and regional NSW involving 190 different school teams across four divisions. Our team consisting of Alex Pidcock, Joshua Campbell, Max Mccleod, Noel Que and Tra Nguyen shone on stage scoring highly in games such 'commercial' and 'stunt doubles.' The competition was intense with nine teams competing on the night. Our team just missed out on securing a place in the next round.

Our Junior Theatresports Challenge team consisting of Macallister Giles, Marco Ma, Jason Huang, Munjin Chowdhury and Brian Chow will be competing in Term 4 in Heat 1 of the competition. They are a very strong team and we wish them all the best!

# Anna Barry Theatresports Co-Ordinator



SBHS Theatresports coaching sessions run every week after school





Intermediate Playoffs Team: Umar Dewanata, Gabriel San Zhang, Alex Pidcock and Nathan Nguyen





Junior Theatresports 2023 M MA, J HUANG, M GILES, M CHOWDHURY, R ZHAO, B CHOW



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# **Visual Arts**



### **Visual Arts Faculty**

The Visual Arts team consisted of Elianna Apostolides, Bonnie Collignon [term 1], Rory Foundling [term 2], Karen Profilio, Claire Reemst, Lynnea Stewart and Jennifer May [Head Teacher].

Congratulations to Andrew Yang who was runner up in the 2022 Young Australian Art Awards for his painting "Suburban Night".

2023 saw a return to the three day art camp at Bundanon and excursions to Powerhouse and AGNSW.

At the 2023 Youth Photographic and Short Film Prize, Justin Huynh came first in the Senior Category and Dimitri Tsovolos, Kalan Cusick, Brannavan Prabaharan and James Cao received a highly commended for their film "*Beyond*".

# **Bundanon Three Day Art Camp**

Year 10 Visual Arts, Visual Design and Photography and Digital Media Advanced and Year 11 Visual Arts attended the Bundanon Art Camp, returning after three long years. Students visited the new museum space, participated in artist led workshops and explored night time photography while immersed in the spectacular riverside scenery.



































# Year 12 Visual Arts

Year 12 Visual Arts is always a journey. Creating a body of work relies on embarking on a journey and being willing to take different paths to what the map might suggest. Class of 2023 did exactly that. The overarching thematic was identity and engagement in the world around them. Each student created an engaging body of work for final submission.

Mark worked through a series of images that explored the creation of masculine roles and how society can impose toxic standards to what it means to be male in our society. The brilliance of the reds in the motifs were carefully adjusted and printed well on the chosen paper.

Justin crafted a range of images in abandoned spaces in nature and man-made structures, in which he layered ideas of myth, history and the spirit. Such beautifully calibrated hues of gold, green were present in the final prints. Justin came first in the senior division of the Youth Photographic Award and Short Film Prize 2023 for the first image in his HSC 'In Absentia' series.

Aiden created images that were taken in the low light of evening and early morning to explore intense emotional states. Material was drawn from some personal experiences, such as understanding ADHD and successfully communicating on a universal level.

Monte worked with clay and hand built a series of vessels that thoughtfully demonstrated aspects of climate change and environmental degradation. He played with the idea of 'hi vis green' glaze to signal attention to the cause.

Jonathan put together a range of expressive works, based somewhat, on portraiture and internal thought processes. They included red thread to denote lineage and connection. Jonathan used charcoal and watercolour to create evocative imagery and surfaces in a suite of painterly drawings.

Eric painted an allegory of love and appreciation to his grandparents and parents in a triptych. Eric used colour to push symbolism. His work pivots between figurative, still-life and narrative genres. It is a quite a feast of colour, drafting accomplishment and personal meaning.

Ryan executed a series of exquisite drawings using pen. He masterfully controlled the medium with delicate lines, subtle tonal variations and mark making. The images feature figures and interiors with inside and outside views.

Andrew depicted the importance of a social group with ideas about looking back and moving forward in a painting. He used tertiary colours.

In the delivery I was assisted by Ms Karen Profilio. I would like to acknowledge her depth of knowledge and creativity. It was a pleasure to work with her. Together we pushed the potential of this cohort through guidance and support. It was interesting to see that we suggested the many similar ideas but also exciting variations from which the students benefited, as seen in their work.

Closing words go to Jonathan – "working on my BOW with you all was a highlight of 2023. Thanks for a lovely year!"

# Claire Reemst



Andrew Yang, "Backward/Forward Thinking"





Eric Yang, "Pelican's Sacrifice"



Justin Thanh Cong Huynh, "In Absentia"

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Aiden Choi, "There's No Place Like Home"



Monte Wu, "Triple Toxic"





Mark Chen, "To Be a Man"



# **Preliminary Visual Arts**

Year 11 students explored themes of identity, worked collaboratively on a constructed self portrait photograph, constructed an imaginative totemic sculpture, delved into contemporary drawing practice to map identity and enthusiastically experimented with printmaking techniques. Joyfully, the class finally got to visit the AGNSW, the Powerhouse Museum and experienced the extraordinary creative offerings at Arthur Boyd's Bundanon.



Thomas Chen



Year 10 and 11 and Ramesh at Sydney Modern







The Search for the Seafarer's Secret







Thomas Chen



Dylan Arquett



Eddy Tran

# Year 10 Visual Arts

2023 started with an exploration of the human form, in a unit appropriately titled emBODY, where we learnt to express the complex intricacies of life, innate to the existence of all. The term began with an in-depth study of figure drawing, developing our ability to understand proportions and represent the fullest range of emotion, all within natural tilts of the head, and positioning of the arms. Our study would culminate in our own representations of the figure, physically exemplifying the everyday human experience through the medium of clay. Over the period of the term, students developed unique and curious sculptures that would eventually be presented at the Illuminate festival.

Then there was Bundanon, a once in a lifetime experience giving us the opportunity to fully immerse ourselves in artmaking for three days in a breath-taking, natural backdrop. Students participated in a variety of activities that individually highlighted key areas of the art and design process, ranging from the most basic principles of line, colour, and texture to the importance of capturing the present moment within an ephemeral landscape.

After this, we did a short unit on macro-photography, delving into the intricacies of constructing an interesting and dynamic tiny world with various props and minifigures. In this unit our class learnt the basics of close-up photography as well as other general elements to choreograph a well-composed and imaginative scene. These photography skills would be carried over into our final unit, the Urban World, where students explored various representations and views of the Urban environment through a personal lens and different artists over the ages. By first taking our own pictures of the urban world, we then edited and chose an image to translate into lino, focusing on the line and blockish pictorial language that characterises the urban landscape.

Overall, this year has been productive and exciting. Thank you to our teacher, Ms May, for her continued effort and support to our class throughout the year.

# Maxwell Ma and Sipapak Wateesatogkij









# Year 10 Visual Design

Our 2023 Visual Design course consisted of a range of projects allowing us to display our creative abilities. Design truly allows self expression, however with the intention of being functional and appealing to a demographic.

We started off the course by creating a diary cover based on the comic genre. Our target demographic was year 7 and 8. We used applications such as Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop as well as CANVA. We watched tutorials developing our technical skills whilst also expanding on our creative processes and method of approaching tasks. These technical skills included layering, framing, sizing, constructions, using RGB and CMYK colouring all to grasp our audience's attention.

We gathered inspiration for our diary covers by researching artists and designers such as Roy Lichtenstein, Shaun Tan, Frank Miller, Alan Moore and Marvel comics to name a few. From this first project, we learnt the principles of design such as colour, line and tone and tools of layout and design to present our ideas. In the final phase we presented our designs, and they were showcased in the Illuminate exhibition. These diary covers were presented at Illuminate, and one will be chosen for the future diary cover for the next SBHS generation. This transitioned into our second project, a pendant light based on biomimicry design. The purpose of this was to examine how nature influences design and designers. This can be seen in the hummingbird's nosedive being appropriated on bullet trains, for its aerodynamics. In the first phase we learnt how to take inspiration from the perfect life forms in nature and appreciate nature's creations in a more intricate style. We were able to mimic these features in our lighting designs. We made paper maquettes, presented our ideas in an 'elevator pitch', and laser cut out our templates to create the actual product.

Visual Design has taught us to confidently present our ideas, problem solve and develop an aesthetic sensibility. We came in expecting a form of art but came to realise that Design is in its own domain. Visual Design taught us skills that are necessary in the modern age where technology rapidly evolves. It allowed us to stop to appreciate the intricacies in nature and learn to express our ideas in functional ways.

## Andrew Ding





# Stage 5 Photography and Digital Media

# Year 10 Photography and Digital Media

This year, we got a solid introduction to the art of filmmaking. We went from knowing just the basics to creating things we never thought we could. We learnt the art of storyboarding, shot transitions, jump cuts, and how to use Adobe Premiere Pro for editing, which was a really cool experience. Projects like the Autobiographical film and Another Day at School encouraged us to think outside the box, and Scene Analysis taught us what makes a great movie. And let's not forget the special effects in After Effects – they added a professional touch that made our work stand out. In less than a year, we went from absolute beginners to budding filmmakers.





























#### Year 9 Photography and Digital Media

Filmmaking is an art, and like any art, requires creative expression, imagination and a willingness to refine technique. Throughout 2023, with the guidance of Ms Stewart, students in Year 9 Film have learnt how to use Adobe Premiere Pro and After Effects to create thought provoking films that showcase the enormous talent of Sydney Boys High. Students had the opportunity to appreciate the art of filmmaking in depth, through one major task, creating an autobiographical film. This task enabled students to weave together sound design, camera angles, lighting, and the composition of a scene to create a narrative showing students' own experiences and expertise in film.

Alfred Hitchcock once said, "there is something more important than logic; imagination," and this is something that all Year 9 students have applied in film during the year. Given that Hitchcock is one of the most successful directors of the 20th century with films like Psycho and Rear Window, it is telling that he values imagination in the process of filmmaking. All students have improved their special effects skills, storyboarding, and editing in Premiere Pro. This past year has produced many budding filmmakers that will continue to blossom and further their skills and passion in the coming year. Thanks to Ms Stewart for guiding everyone to be the best they can, and good afternoon, good evening and goodnight.



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# Lance Denigan











## Year 10 Photography and Digital Media Advanced

In 2023, our exploration of the cinematic world was guided by the profound wisdom of Alfred Hitchcock, who famously remarked, "To make a great film, you need three things: the script, the script, and the script." This quote beautifully encapsulates the essence of our journey this year. We embarked on a creative adventure by immersing ourselves in surrealism, where we studied the works of visionary artists such as Salvador Dali. Through their surreal masterpieces, we delved into the realm of the subconscious and unearthed the secrets of storytelling through imagery.



We then proceeded to rotoscoping and worked on the "Happy" music video, a collaborative work with classes from the two years before us. It was quite rewarding to see how our work and the work of other students came together to make a complete music video. Then, we travelled to Bundanon to begin filming our surreal films. We also learnt about other forms of expression at Bundanon, including painting and sculpture. Excellent teamwork and innovation were essential and key to our success. It was a testament to everything we had learned over the course of the year. We combined rotoscoping techniques with our understanding of surrealism to produce our own original works of art. When we got back to school, we began working on our 80's music videos. We discovered the impact of music and how everything has an important role in storytelling. We were able to develop our own stories using the timeless themes found in music from that previous generations.



Photography and Digital Media Advanced has taught me to think outside the box and see the world from a different perspective. I've learnt to be patient and trust the process. Filmmaking is extremely rewarding and this has become one of my favourite subjects since starting high school.

## Ioannis Chatzinikolaou











# Creative and Performing Arts and Design



















# Year 9 Visual Arts

Year 9 Visual Arts this year has been a rollercoaster of discovery and understanding. At the beginning of the year, we were introduced to the world of abstraction. To the untrained eye, abstraction may be equivalent to that of a child's drawing, and we all thought of it as quite a foreign concept to study for the year. However, through the span of the four terms, the truth and beauty of abstraction slowly unfolded before us.

Our first significant task was to explore the art of Alexander Calder and Robert Klippel. This experience would be the introduction to our year and, at first glance, very underwhelming. But this task was the very foundation of our journey into abstraction. By learning about Robert Klippel and Alexander Calder, the method and process by which abstraction occurs was engraved into us. We also connected with the idea of abstract art and were building up knowledge for our first task.

Our second task was to create a mobile sculpture like that of Alexander Calder. This was a unique yet time-consuming process, but the fruits of our labour were shown at Illuminate. All the sculptures have a unique flair and have their own story to tell. They were reflections of our journey into and through abstraction and were a homage to the world we studied during Year 9.

Our most recent task was to create a drawing of our current everyday life. The resulting drawings were beautiful and skilled. We learnt that drawing is a collection of lines and tones forming





to communicate a message, not only an attempt to replicate reality. The display at Illuminate showcased the ethereal beauty of all the sketches and were admired.

By the end of the year, Year 9 will finish their journey of abstraction by developing these drawings into an abstract painting.

We would like to thank Ms Reemst for walking us through this adventure. The pieces we created and the informative lessons have transformed each and every one of us into confident artists in abstraction and have opened our eyes to the beauty of Modernism and its many art styles.

Ayman Ahsan (09F) and Max McLeod (09F)







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# Year 8 Visual Arts

In 2023 Year 8 explored the imagined world and created their wonderful hybrid creatures in clay. In the second semester students completed a design brief to imagine and create a skate deck for their demographic. The skate decks will see the boys through to the end of the year. Some of the 2022 decks are published here.

































# Year 7 Visual Arts

Year 7 began the year examining ideas about identity and designing a symbolic artwork. This was followed by naturalism drawings developing skills and confidence in drawing a selfportrait. Finally, students created exuberant and expressive self portraits revealing aspects of their personality through visual elements. Their work was exceptional and a highlight of the Illuminate Festival. Students visited the Art Gallery of NSW and the New Sydney Modern to explore the Archibald Prize entries. Many had never set foot inside a gallery, especially after the limitations set through the COVID years. To finish the year, students will produce an edition of lino prints based on pets.





















# Technology and Applied Studies (TAS)

# Design & Technology

Year 7 students constructed a number of smaller projects to familiarise themselves with working with different tools and materials, namely wood & plastics. The main project this year was the construction of a personalised sliding lid box. Students also design and make an acrylic key ring / bag tag and a door stop. These designs are all drawn up technically by hand or Computer Aided drawing programs. With the laser technology machine, students are able to experience designing their key tag design on CAD programs and have it made with the laser cutting technology.

Students also completed a series of Technical Drawings by hand and completed a digital unit on the Grok programming platform.

# Year 7

Door Stops, Key Tags and Sliding Lid Boxes




































Year 7 Technical Drawing and Computing with Grok







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Year 8

Year 8 students designed and constructed one main project over the year, which was either a self-watering windowsill planter-box or a desk caddy; constructed out of solid timber, plywood, dowel and acrylic materials. This involved designing the unit from a project brief, drawing up the plans in Fusion, costing it in an Excel Spreadsheet program and construction in the practical rooms.













For the Year 8 DT Drawing program, students were required to produce working drawings of their designs using CAD programs, Fusion, SketchUp and Inventor. Students also completed a series of Technical Drawings by hand and a digital unit on the Grok programming platform.















## Year 9

Year 9 students constructed a carry tote: a challenging project developing a lot of skills with both machinery and hand tools. This project was newly introduced to the Year 9 program. Students hone their design and technical skills on CAD programs to draw up the technical and working drawings for the Carry Tote. Students also have the opportunity to design internal compartments and drawers, which can be produced with the laser cutting machine.

## Carryall Totes



















#### Year 10

Year 10 students design and construct either a bedside table or Gameboard cabinet, which involves the design of drawers and shelves for storage. Students research existing furniture designs and gameboard units to be inspired, to design a unit to suit their own requirements, specifications, and work with standard ergonomics in furniture design. Designs are produced with the Fusion program and they use Excel spreadsheets to itemise and cost their project. Students have the option of using the laser cutting machine to design parts or surface engraving of their table tops or draws.









Bedside Tables and Gameboard Cabinets finished and in progress.









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## Accelerated Design & Technology (Preliminary Course)











## Accelerated Design & Technology (HSC Course)

Shape is an annual exhibition of exemplary Major Projects developed by HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students. The exhibition will be held at Walsh Bay Arts Precinct in March 2024. Students that have been nominated this year are Kaden Kuang and Ahasan Kabir. Congratulations go the two students and their exceptional teacher, Mr Huynh.





















## Year 9 Graphics Technology

The study of Graphics Technology develops an understanding of the significance of graphical communication as a universal language and the techniques and technologies used to convey technical and non-technical ideas and information. Graphics Technology develops in students the ability to read, interpret and produce graphical presentations that communicate information using a variety of techniques and media.





This year, the year 9 and 10 Architectural and Engineering Drawing classes developed advanced Computer-Aided Design (CAD) skills in the Engineering Drawing unit with the integration of 3D printing. Students were also given the opportunity to explore their architectural designs using Virtual Reality technology in the Architectural Drawing unit.







## Year 10 Graphics Technology





With the investment into Virtual Reality technology for the Maker Space in the form of Oculus Quest 2 headsets, students had the opportunity to explore and test their modelled architectural CAD solutions in VR, providing an immersive and interactive experience to evaluate ergonomic and aesthetic decisions from a first-person perspective.



## Robotics and Software Development (Year 10) and Computing Competitions

Robotics and Software Development builds upon the programming skills covered in junior Design and Technology and challenges students' problem solving and algorithmic thinking skills. Students develop fluency in using Python as a tool to understand the effective use of a range of data structures and algorithms.

Competitions provide an opportunity for the skills covered through this subject to be applied and tested. In the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition, Liam Greacen achieved a perfect score. The National Computer Science School Challenge has been enjoyed by students at High for many years. The majority of Year 10 students participating had not attempted questions more challenging than those experienced in their junior years so there was a process of rapid upskilling to prepare for the intermediate stream earlier in the year. Every student achieved a High Distinction of Perfect Score at this level. The extremely demanding advanced stream was tackled in the second semester. The level of difficulty is targeted at highly experienced senior students. Andrew Pye, Xavier Perry, Arthur Qiu and Akith Perera were among a group of only seventeen Year 9 and 10 students from across Australia who attained a perfect score in the advanced stream.

The UNSW ProgComp allows teams of three to share one computer to solve a series of questions. This arrangement requires effective teamwork, communication, strategy and cleanly developed algorithms and code. Close to one hundred and seventy teams entered from across Australia. Our talented



Year 10 team consisting of Andrew Pye, Arthur Qiu and Akith Perera were just one of two teams not including HSC students to secure their position in the national finals.







In the robotics component of the subject, teams investigated and developed the code to allow a robot to autonomously collect and deliver parcels. This project demanded careful planning, effective problem decomposition, thorough testing, perseverance and a rigorous cycle of evaluation and improvement. Proportional-integral-derivative line following was paired with network theory and the application of shortest path algorithms to enable the robot to reliably complete this task.



## The Makerspace





The school Makerspace is available for use by students in the development of extracurricular and subjected related projects by leveraging facilities that support 3D printing, laser cutting, architectural model making, mechatronics and software development.

The space is used extensively by the senior Design and Technology class.

An inclusive community of students who regularly use the Makerspace at lunchtime fosters a supportive environment of collaboration and technical innovation. Student led workshops form a cornerstone of the success of the Makerspace. Hamzah Ahmed ran a series of workshops covering user interface design using Figma, implementation with React, project management and version control as well as cloud deployment. Andrew Pye lead a set of lunchtime classes covering the fundamentals of HTML, CSS and Javascript so that attendees developed the skills to build custom websites.

Hamzah Ahmed is currently working on the design and implementation of a stair climbing robot. The early stage prototype is showing promise and further iterations of the design cycle are likely to yield positive results. A group of Year 10 students is using the facility to support their entry into the Biotech Futures Challenge. They plan to develop a working scale model proof of concept prototype of a system that can generate electricity using sea currents.

## Game Design and Programming (Year 10)

The course of Game Design & Programming involves students learning the fundamentals of programming using the programming language of GameMaker Studio 2. They learn how to analyse a design brief to develop small & large games. The skills they learn throughout the year are then put to practice with a final major project, working in groups of two. This course, whilst challenging for the boys, is not all 'fun & games'. Students have a greater understanding of problem solving, algorithms, time management, teamwork and the social and medical implications of gaming on society.































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## Software Design and Development - (Preliminary Course)

Year 11 students learn what the software development cycle involves, along with relating technologies. Through the use of the Visual Basic Studio programming platform, they develop many small units of work throughout the year. For example, a primary school maths program to teach students geometric shapes in a fun and interactive way. Teams of two complete their major project based on a 'retro game' from the 1970's or 1980's. They were tasked to add value to the old game by adding some 'modern day' game features, yet still keep the original look of a retro game.



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## Software Design and Development - (HSC Course) Major Projects

Major group-based projects in Software Design are the catalyst for learning new technical skills and applying the theory covered in the course in a meaningful and real world-based context. Teams were tasked with developing a web-based software system to meet the needs of a client. Large data sets were analysed by the systems to produce visualisations and highlight insights that can inform clients in their decision-making processes.

The nature of the projects this year was quite varied. Two groups explored the relationships between NAPLAN and HSC data to identify possible correlations and identify whether results from assessments in earlier years could be used of predictors of results in HSC subjects. In the school sport of fencing, competitions results are currently recorded on paper. A group strived to produce a system that could eliminate the paper-based method of recording live results and provide detailed match results for later analysis.

In rifle shooting, scores at smallbore are currently printed out each week by every shooter, making it difficult to analyse shooter progress and trends over time. A shot placement and statistics visualisation system were built to address this. A non-school based client had the need for a software system to simplify and optimise equine management operations to support genetic based breeding decisions in breeding and horse profile administration. A key feature of this system was to produce a horse coat colour calculator that has now been published as a live tool for use by this commercial client.

## Ms Rebecca Dam Head Teacher TAS





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# **School War Cry**



War Cry High – 1 – 2 – 3 Koomate Koomate Kara Kara Koomate Koomate Kara Kara Higgity Piggity Hoopkaroo Higgity Piggity Hoopkaroo Hoopkaroo Hoopkaroo Koomate Koomate – HIGH!

# **Summer Sports**



## **First Grade**

2023 was another successful year for the First Grade Basketball Squad. Coming into the season, expectations were high, and the squad prepared for the months ahead. Preseason training began in the 2022 October holidays, where Coach Marquis and Gerlach, alongside Mr Hayman, had put the First Grade side through another difficult, yet beneficial, boot camp. Team chemistry was strong, and our plays ran smoothly. Soon after, our first tournament began... the Sydney School's Shootout.

We began the tournament well, finishing undefeated on the first day. Stellar performances across the board boosted our confidence but a close loss to a strong St Augustine's side in the semi-finals prematurely ended our run. Nevertheless, valuable lessons were taken away from this tournament, which sharpened our mentality and resilience heading into the GPS season.

Game one of the season was hostile and a nail-biter. Facing Joeys at their home is never an easy feat as their relentless supporters and crowded gym put the squad to the test. After a hot start from Ary Bhalero and Henry Lau, energy was high amongst the squad. An improbable comeback from Joeys got them within two points and with thirty seconds left, a contested three had fallen and we were trailing. Unfortunately, our opening game slipped from our grasp, and we conceded to Joeys by three points.

Early morning trainings continued throughout the season, with the First Grade side working tirelessly to secure our first GPS win of the season. A rough six-game stretch of narrow losses hit team morale and energy. Despite this, the brotherhood between teammates and support from Mr Hayman gave us all the confidence to close out Shore at their home ground for the final game of the term.

Leading into our match against Shore, emotions were high, and the pressure was on. The stakes were known to us all, as this was our final match under Coach Marquis. An excellent performance from Jack Mulder and Danil Vasiliev aided our squad to hold a consistent lead over Shore for the entire game. As the clock wound down in the fourth quarter, smiles glistened as the buzzer rang. We had done it. Not only for ourselves, but for one another. This was a feeling I will never forget. It was great to get a win to close out the first half of the season.

Coming into Term One 2023, new management was upon us. Old boy and High Basketball legend, Coach Gerlach, was looking to make his mark as Head Coach and propel us to further victories. And so, the hard work began. The squad had to adapt to new plays and rotations, a challenge that came and went as the season progressed. We achieved three great wins against Joeys, Grammar and Shore, alongside commendable performances against Riverview and others. Yet, despite a win or a loss, my teammates and I fought until the final buzzer, leaving everything we had out on the floor.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the entire basketball program for their continued support and dedication throughout the season. Manning the canteen, score-bench, barbecue and functions, among other roles, was always done consistently and commendably, which is all attributed to the parent's and Mr Hayman's undying dedication.

My experience as Basketball Captain is something I will treasure forever. The friendships I have made, alongside the experiences and lessons have been invaluable. Representing High was an extreme privilege. I wish all my teammates, coaches, and fellow High boys well for the future, and hope to see the basketball program thrive for years to come.

#### Filip Spanovic

## Second Grade

The 2022-2023 basketball season was an exhilarating and action-packed journey for Second Grade, filled with moments of triumph and growth. Under the mentorship of Coach Mr Higgins, our team flourished, displaying exceptional growth throughout the season. Mr Higgins was not just a coach but also a pillar of support, his passion for the game and belief in our abilities inspired us to push beyond our limits, fostering a brotherhood within our team. During the first half of our season, our team frequently faced slow starts in games, leading to narrow defeats. However, as the second half of the season began, our team came back determined, resulting in wins against Grammar, Kings, Shore, and St Josephs. Throughout the course of the season, Tommy Zhang emerged as the Most Improved Player (MIP), showcasing tremendous growth and dedication, while Ross Zhou stood out as the Most Valuable Player (MVP), leading the team with his remarkable talent and versatility. Lastly, a special thanks to Mr Hayman and all the parents and supporters who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure an enjoyable season, we are beyond grateful for your support.

#### Patrick Hua



#### **Fourth Grade**

The 2022-23 season taught us not only how to play as a team but how to learn as a team. We did not see wins this season but took a step towards future success by putting in effort each training session. Fourth Grade encountered many obstacles, both on and off the court. In our games, we battled overpowering physicality with a 2-3 zone defence. Coach Gus also taught us two new plays, 'flow' and 'gaps', allowing us to efficiently attack opposing teams' zone defences. Thanks to Coach Agus for bringing the team together with his benevolence and compassion. He greatly enhanced our skills during the gruelling Wednesday and Thursday training sessions and kept our morale up even in heart-wrenching losses. We also appreciate the support of parents, teachers, and Mr Hayman, as well as the assistance of referees and scorekeepers. I hope for another few months of grinding and success for the next Fourth Grade season.

#### Andrew Wang

### **Seventh Grade**

With a closely knit group of boys who left it all out on the court each week, the 2022-23 Seventh Grade basketball season was nothing short of tremendous. The boys had a fantastic start to the season, winning games by sizeable margins and exhibiting dominance on the court. Over the remainder of the season, we were challenged by increasing toughness in the opponents.

The composition of our team was perfect. The skill of Karan (MIP), Tian and Xile in the front court allowed us to fight back against bigger and stronger opponents and the shooting prowess from the quartet of Liam, Jaiman, Danny, and Ansh proved most critical down the stretch of games. The versatile skill sets of our forwards Mohit and Alexander provided a dangerous scoring presence on every spot of the court and the late additions of Gurik and Vithushan helped spark our team off the bench. Finally, with James and myself (MVP) spearheading the backcourt, the team was able to rely on one another to take care of the ball when we needed it most.

On behalf of the team, I would like to express our gratitude to Coach Jack and additional GPS Basketball coordinators. Thank you for a memorable season.

## Khaled Ahmed

## **Eighth Grade**

2022-23 was memorable for the team, being the last season for several players. Despite continual losses, the team persevered, determined to perform their best every week. Angus' shifty moves and sharpshooting provided memorable highlights and spurts of momentum for the team. Andy's versatility and agility on the court resulted in exceptional performances every week. Nissi's lengthy frame enabled him to rebound and establish himself as an athletic defender. A special mention to Eugene Han, who stepped up to fill in for the team and provide explosive scoring off the bench, averaging two points per game for the season. I commend our MIP Gurik Sall, who demonstrated his extensive skill and proficient scoring every week. I am honoured to be named MVP however, there were other candidates within the team who equally deserved it. I would like to thank our coach Jack Xiao who was consistently punctual to training sessions and fixtures, providing guidance and mentoring for the team as we developed over the course of the season. Thank you to the team for their commitment and for making it an unforgettable season.

## Matthew Sui

#### **Tenth Grade**

The 2022-23 Tenths basketball season is one we will look back at proudly in ten years. Starting from basketball play that resembled five guys trying to tag each other, we slowly morphed into a well-oiled machine. The season was full of with joy, excitement and, most importantly, wins.

Under the pragmatic guidance of coach Andy, all the players significantly improved. New players such as Arun and Madhav transformed into explosive guards. Tim Jian and Muhammed grew seven feet in heart, while our MIP, Krish managed to become something of an iceberg, crashing down any titanic that attempted to reach the rim. Although I was named MVP, I must acknowledge that the incredible depth of the team pulled us through games, ultimately boasting a near undefeated season for the triumphant Tenth Grade.

## Eugene Han [T]



First Grade Basketball STANDING: D VASILIEV, A BHALERAO, H LAU, J MULDER, B HAYMAN (MIC) SEATED: S LI, F SPANOVIC, DR K JAGGAR, A ZHANG, A BARUAH



Second Grade Basketball STANDING: K KUANG, L ADAMSON, W SUN, T ZHANG, W SUN SEATED: N LEE, J PAN, P HUA, J LAU, J QIU





Third Grade Basketball STANDING: O CARBAJAL ZAPATA, A GUPTA, E LY SEATED: E KWAG, L QIAN, P LEE, J MATTHEWS, B ZHANG



Fourth Grade Basketball STANDING: A WANG, L LEFEVRE, D DONOHOE, S SAINI, J NGUYEN SEATED: D SU, V NGUYEN, A CHHABRA, R KHAN, S KASHOJ



Fifth Grade Basketball STANDING: H FRANCIS, D LOGOTHETIS, E OKOLI, A HWANG SEATED: I ZHAI, S KIM, R CHAE, E HAN, T WANG



Sixth Grade Basketball STANDING: J TA, H ZHANG, M ZHU, G LIU, W HONG, D AQUETT SEATED: J LI, D PUNJABI, J ZHENG, A DANG, J ZHOU





Seventh Grade Basketball STANDING: D DONG, K DAHIYA, L COWAN, X XIE, T CHEN, A VALANIDAS, M SIGILISETTI SEATED: A MARKEN, J LI, K AHMED, V SRIMURUGAKUMAR, J BOURILLON



Eighth Grade Basketball STANDING: M SUI, L JARVIS, J LIN, G SALL SEATED: A WANG, L GARCIA, A TAO



Ninth Grade Basketball STANDING: L LI, J LIU, A KAO, J PANG, M RUSSELL SEATED: P OH, B PIROM, J SUNG, J YIP, A AH-KOON

## Sixteen C

The Sixteen C team had a strong season, with many players demonstrating exceptional skill and teamwork. Andrew Ding was named the team's MVP for his consistent and strong performances, while Harry Liu came in close, and earned the Most Improved Player (MIP) award for his growth over the season.

Coach James Minogue played a crucial role in our success, providing guidance and support to help the team perform at their best. Players Zeyad Hammad, Jonathan Zhang, and Lachlan Leung contributed great skill to the team's strong performances. Nathan Tang's Nathan's positive attitude and Leo Zhuang's determination also led to our success.

Overall, the team should be proud of the accomplishments this season. Our hard work and dedication to improving skills and team work paid off with successful performances on the court.

#### Andrew Ding

#### Sixteen D

The 2022-2023 season was an exciting and new experience for the Sixteen Ds. We were able to play as a team and rely on each other when times were tough. We are extremely grateful for our reliable coach, who showed us how to play together and to make the best decisions at the right times. Slowly, our individual abilities were brought together, building our chemistry. All our battles were hard fought.

Our coach warmed up to us and changed how we played throughout the season. Some notable players were George, for his remarkable ability at winning the jump ball every game, Eugene, for his exceptional blocks and defence, and Matthias, for his aggressive playstyle.

Everyone else was a reliable ally and played their individual parts to win together.

I'm honoured to be the MVP, alongside the MIP Eugene Song, although I believe that everybody deserved an award. Thinking back makes me realise how much we have learnt.

Thank you to our Coach James Minogue for helping us reach our potential and for such a special basketball season.

## David Wu



#### Sixteen E

The Sixteen E team played competently this year, showcasing our dedication and skill on the court. We displayed exceptional teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship throughout the season, resulting in an impressive win-loss record. Our hard work and commitment to practice paid off as we improved our individual and collective performance, thanks to our wonderful coach. We improved our offence throughout the season and learnt tactics to help us score more.

The season was not without challenges, as the team faced tough opponents and injuries. There were times where we barely had enough players. But we showed great resilience and grit against these tough circumstances and pushed our way through, no matter the challenges.

I am proud of how well we performed, improved, and progressed through this season. Our team maximised competitiveness, as well as enjoyment, allowing us to have fun every game. A huge reason our season went so well was due to our fantastic coach, Leon, who helped us individually play our best and perform to our highest potential.

## Sixteen F

The 2022-23 season for the Sixteen F's was nothing short of eventful. We finished the season undefeated, developing a strong team bond and chemistry along the way. I would like to thank our coach, Leon Li, who pushed us to be better and guided us through thick and thin to win. We came into this season barely knowing each other, but quickly developed into a strong team with passing and scoring abilities all around. I would also like to congratulate the MIP Ioannis Chatzinikolaou who always demonstrated hustle and assisted everyone on the team with precise passes. Nothing would have been possible without the support of MIC Mr Hayman and Mr Wang for supervising us on training sessions. Overall, it has been a pleasure being part of this team and I am grateful to be receiving the Most Valuable Player award. Everyone played an essential part to the team's success, and I look forward to playing with them next season.

## Alex Huang





Sixteen A Basketball STANDING: A WANG, S CHEN, O LI, M KARKI SEATED: W FAN, N WU, A KWOK, V CHEN, C CHEN



Sixteen B Basketball STANDING: J LE, K LIU, X PERRY, D WU, R KAFLE SEATED: A CHU, A XU, D KIM, J TSE, H SHAN



Sixteen C Basketball STANDING: M LIANG, H LIU, J ZHANG, A DING, Z HAMMAD, D HONG SEATED: S XIE, L ZHUANG, N TANG, L LEUNG, J NGUYEN





Sixteen D Basketball STANDING: J HO, M ELGAWLY, N FUNG, G WANG, S LOU, G LEE SEATED: M KIM, E SONG, D WU, K GUO, A PERERA



Sixteen E Basketball STANDING: B HUANG, H ZHU, S GAO, E HOO SEATED: T HAN, S YUE, A QIU, L ZHANG, K ZHANG



Sixteen F Basketball STANDING: S JHA, I CHATZINIKOLAOU, A CHAN, B PRABAHARAN, B YU, T BIAN SEATED: V WONG, D PHAM, A HUANG, A GUPTA, R HOU

## **Fifteen C**

The Fifteen C basketball team had a season of ups and downs. With the new school year came many promoted new players requiring there to be an instant build of team chemistry with peers and coach. Our wonderful coach, Melvin, put in an immense amount of effort to help us improve and become better individuals on and off the court. As a team, we've grown to respect and understand each other in order to better communicate and play efficiently as a team. Compared to past seasons, this was undoubtedly our best season, showing how much we've improved. We put in maximum effort every game to display High spirit and battle our toughest opponents. There were times we were beaten in the final seconds but let's celebrate the fact that we've won multiple games this season including a milestone win against the Scots College. Overall, this has been a wonderful season with a brilliant team and incredible coach.

## Ryan Wu

## **Fifteen E**

The Fifteen E basketball team had a great season filled with both successes and failures. Our team was composed of mainly the same players from the past year. Damien, our coach, was friendly, interactive, and professional during all coaching sessions and all games resulting in many wins and fun moments for our team. We learnt how to play better as a team and many more strategies that resulted in our best ever season. With every match we played our hardest, no matter the result in the end and I realised that all that mattered was the fun we had. All in all, this was an extremely enjoyable season thanks to both our players, parents, coach and all others involved.

#### Dylan Cheav

## Fifteen F

Although this basketball season had a rough start, our team persevered through the games. All the losses helped the entire team to improve our skills, synergy around each other, and our tactics. I would like to thank our coach, Damian, who taught us the many tactics and formations which were used in games and helped us get more baskets. I would like to commend Samuel and Vihan for their performance during games where Vihan made multiple three-pointers in one match and Samuel for making the most points in our team. As the basketball season continued, we slowly closed the gap between our scores as we trained and improved.

#### **Timothy Wang**





Fifteen A Basketball STANDING: M MASYA, A MAYURAN, D LI, B TAN, D LAM, A WANG SEATED: M LI, J YE, J KWON, M LAU, J DONG



Fifteen B Basketball STANDING: J OU, E LIN, O BUIKEMA, R CHAN, A DAO, R WU, T CHEN SEATED: A NANDAKISHOR, E LIU, E PAW, S MA, E LEES



Fifteen C Basketball STANDING: H WU, J XU, M RACHID, A XU, A HONG SEATED: L CHANG, K DONG, R WU, K SANTOSO, M GAO



Fifteen D Basketball STANDING: J LEE, L ZHOU, A MAHMUD, B TRAN SEATED: I LAI, N CHAN, S YANG, D KHA, Z QIN





**Fifteen E Basketball** STANDING: M TJANDRAWIBAWA, T RAHMAN, J CAMPBELL, K PARULKAR, A CLEMENT SEATED: A HUANG, D CHEAV, U DEWANATA, A WANGDE, K MITSUMOTO, A KARMAKER, B NISHANTHAN BALASINGHAM



Fifteen F Basketball STANDING: L WANG, V WANG, H KATHIA, L WANG, K HOU, S PARAB, J NGUYEN SEATED: M PAUL, L FONG, T WANG, S WEN, V RAJIT

#### **Fourteen A**

Adam Flocard

We played at our best this season. We played seven games in 2022 and six in 2023. In 2022 we won one game against Kings with a 20-point victory.

The 2023 season was exceptional. We won three games and lost three. After a tight defeat to them last year, we came back and beat Joey's in a close victory. Final score was SJC: 28 SHS: 35. Against Scots we played exceptionally well with our bench coming on strong and setting the tone, however it ended in a loss. Final score was TSC: 70 SHS: 47. Having beat Kings last year we couldn't lose. We got off to a rough start but ended up breaking away with a win. The final score was TKS: 37 SHS: 56. Newington was next, we played hard and strong but fell short. The final score was NC: 58 SHS: 26. Riverview was next and they were a tough opponent, it was a tight game until the second half where they broke away and got the win. Final score was SIC: 36 SHS: 18.

I would like to thank our coach, Alec, who helped us and stuck with us throughout the season. A big thanks to the team for training hard and always playing at the best of their ability.

## **Fourteen D**

Our team persisted through hardship and even though our win record was not the greatest, each player tried their hardest. Through hard work and effort, we learnt many lessons and built our friendships. We all improved in our own ways, developing skills in leadership, technique, and perseverance. There was an exponential growth in our skills and every single player got better. Our MVP, Toby Li, led the team, while our MIP, Jeremy Yan, built his passion towards his love of the game of basketball and was determined to win the games.

## Toby Li



Fourteen A Basketball STANDING: L HANG, A JIN, C CARO, Y WANG SEATED: L SUEN, A TRAN, A FLOCARD, Y RINALDI, R SHARMA





Fourteen B Basketball STANDING: E PAN, M ZHANG, T ADNAN, M ZHOU, O XIE, A LY SEATED: H SYED, C CHESHIRE, C MORGAN, L DI, L TAI



Fourteen C Basketball STANDING: R CHIRANIA, K BUI, R BASSAM, D CHEN, J MIAO SEATED: L BUSIC, O LUO, J LEE, E MCGLYNN, J TANG



Fourteen D Basketball STANDING: J SAXLER, M CAO, T AWASTHI, E CHO, D NGUYEN SEATED: E YU, J KIM, T LI, O CANDY, J YAN



Fourteen E Basketball STANDING: V LUONG, J KOK, L BRECKON, H CHAN, H ZHANG SEATED: A NGUYEN, M BABIN, T MAI, D ZHANG, S CHEN





Thirteen A Basketball STANDING: J HUANG, M MAO, M LU, K LIN SEATED: M YIP, A CAPUANO, K WANG, K LI, D LI



Thirteen B Basketball STANDING: H ZHANG, H TJOAKASI, W HUANG, C PAN, G CHENG SEATED: M YE, A BARRAZA NEJEDLY, M ETRI, R CHEN, J LI



Thirteen C Basketball STANDING: B PARK, A LI, D QIAN, U SHRESTHA, D SINLAPAWATTANA SEATED: D SHEK, S AVUK, J KWON, A SHARMA, B CHOW



Thirteen D Basketball STANDING: K LI, J CHEN, R YANG SEATED: J NIU, J WANG, A MOHAMMED, A LEE, A QIU





Thirteen E Basketball STANDING: T YANG, A JIANG, S KHAN, T RAHMAN SEATED: L ZHANG, D VICKKANOV, R PANDITHURAI, J LU, M MA



Thirteen F Basketball STANDING: R ALAM, J YANG, R XU, J ZHANG, K KAMAL SEATED: R NGUYEN, T LE, W ZHOU, J LU, L WONG
# Cricket

# **First Eleven**

The season had looked to be a promising one after winning two trial games against Shore and Cranbrook. Then the tables flipped and we lost seven straight regular season games. With confidence low but hopes high, we headed to Perth for the annual Five Highs Cricket Carnival. We faced Adelaide High School first where we came so close, chasing a total of 225 down and ending up on 205. We then faced Kent Street where we were outdone by class. Then momentum shifted in the right direction against Brisbane. Brisbane put on a total of 270 and against all hope, High fell short by seven runs ending up on 263. Our final game of the Carnival came against Melbourne High School. With the Cec Rubie Trophy on the line, the boys had woken up with a spring in their step. Claiming our first win, and an important one, as we retained the trophy. This winning momentum carried onto a trial game against St Aloysius. After a disappointing first half of the GPS season the boys were looking to bounce back. The boys had put up a fight week in week out this term coming just short against Scots and Kings, two powerhouse teams of the GPS. The First XI had gone zero wins from thirteen games. We had one chance to take a win against Shore. Clinical bowling from Xavier and Udey saw Shore bowled out for 122 with Sydney High batters coming out with eagerness as the first win was at their fingertips. Pranav and Sumanth led the chase beautifully with Aayush's grit at the crease and Xavier's fireworks to see Sydney High take their first and last win of the season.

Some stand out performances occurred throughout the season. At Five Highs it was a combination of three players in which stood up. Aayush Madan scored 164 runs, Udey Gill took seven wickets and Raunak Roy took six wickets. During the regular season of GPS cricket Sumanth Bodidi scored 313 runs and Udey Gill took seventeen wickets. With honourable mentions to both Raunak Roy for scoring 81 and Udey Gill scoring 84 in various games.

Throughout the season players in the First XI were rewarded with opportunities in selection of various representative teams. Xavier Nath had made the U/19 NSW team alongside





Raunak Roy, Aayush Madan, Udey Gill all making the combined Five Highs team of the tournament. Xavier Nath and Raunak Roy both respectfully made their Debut in the Poidevin Gray and Second Grade side for the Club.

On behalf of the First XI, I want to thank Michael Quinn the First Eleven coach for his continuous support, Mr Smith for organising and running the cricket program and Dr Jaggar with his continuous support of the cricket program.

# Raunak Roy



# **Fourth Eleven**

Throughout the season we found success with notable wins against Kings and Newington and a narrow five run loss against Shore. We saw impressive batting scores from Ivan Ly, Khai Pham, Brian Nguyen and me and solid bowling from Khai and Ivan. But by far the most memorable moment this season came against Newington, with them needing eight runs off three overs, with an over from myself consisting of three extras and two wickets, leaving them needing four runs off two overs with one wicket left. A true calamity followed as the batsman skied a ball, two fielders collided to get it and dropped the ball. Amazingly, Jason flung the ball at the stumps to win us the game.

Both our wins were notable for our seemingly impossible victories, defending seven off twelve against Kings and scores of 83 against Newington at Marrickville Oval, keeping our 100% win rate at the ground. Our season came to a bittersweet end, with a narrow loss against SHORE, nearly chasing thirty off the last two overs, with Jason Tan smashing twenty off eight to nearly bring us home. Nevertheless, this season gave us some enjoyable moments and memorable wins.

# Mohammad Haider



**First Eleven Cricket** STANDING: A RAJESWARAN, K MARAN, U GILL, N REGULAGEDDA, H ROYAL, A RAMAKANTH SEATED: S BODIDI, A MADAN, DR K JAGGAR, R ROY, M QUINN (COACH), A HAFIZ, P SAMPATH



Second Eleven Cricket STANDING: Z HAKIM, D LIYANAGE, S SINHA, A BHARGAVA, N NIBRAS, D SMITH (MIC) SEATED: D SOOD, Z FAISAL, R THORAT, A NAYANI, R HOSSAIN



Fourth Eleven Cricket STANDING: K PHAM, M LEE, M ZHU, A ILAVAJHALA, I LY, SEATED: M CHEN, B NGUYEN, S HASAN, M HADER, Y KABIR, J TAN, M ZHONG



## **Sixteen A**

With many close games, and a few less so, we tackled all games with enthusiasm, commitment, and energy. Every single player improved immensely throughout the season, becoming completely different players by the end, thanks to our many training sessions and brilliant coaches. Many matches were extremely close, going right down to the wire. One that springs to mind is the first Grammar game, where we set a brilliant 190 for the loss of five wickets. Every player did their job, from the ninety-run partnership between Edward Barks and I, to Aidan McManus, coming in last ball and smashing it for four. We then had Grammar three down for not very many, but a brilliant hundred from one of the Grammar players saw them home with two overs to spare. Some standout batting performances included my forty-two not out against Joeys, Edward Bark's forty-three against Grammar, my forty-five against Kings, and my fifty-four against Grammar. Standout bowling performances include Abraham Joseph's three for twenty against Scots, my four for sixteen against Scots, and my four for seventeen against Kings. Finally, on behalf of the team, I would like to thank Bilal Abbasi (coach), and Mr Smith (MIC).

# Mitchell Roberts



Sixteen A Cricket STANDING: A AHMED, E BARKS, A THUSOO SEATED: A MCMANUS, J GUO, M ROBERTS, N RAGHAVAN, K CUSICK

# **Fifteen A**

After such a memorable 2022 season, the boys were extremely enthusiastic about the upcoming 2023 GPS season. Our goal was to win our games and retain the David Smith Cup. Against Scots in our third game, Arjun Narayanan stepped up and scored a beautifully crafted 55 followed by Adrian Sharafi who took a wonderful hat-trick to solidify the win. Next, we faced Kings, a critical game against a formidable opponent. Arjun and Adrian built an excellent partnership to set up our innings at 124 runs. We toiled hard in the field keeping us in the game as Bibek Saha took four crucial wickets. Tensions built as Kings needed three runs in the last over. The fielders were on their toes and spectators silent, as Ashvin Surendran ran in. Clean bowled! We erupted with joy as we claimed a historic victory at King's home ground. This win wrapped up our season with six wins causing us to retain David Smith. Thanks to the Cricket MIC, Mr Smith, for his help at High to organise games and to our coach, Harris Memon, for all his hard work and dedication to improve our skills. A big thanks to all the parents for their support.

# Abhinav Inala

# **Fifteen B**

We started the season with high hopes and an eagerness to win and finished with a 53% win rate, a massive improvement from previous seasons. The improvement showed in our game against Newington. Last year, we lost comprehensively to them, so we came out looking for revenge but posted a measly total of 93 runs. However, an inspired bowling effort from our team and classic catches in the field led to them being bowled out for 78 and gave us a thrilling 15-run victory. The win displayed our fighting spirit with our backs against the wall and was a culmination of training and teaching under our coach Aryan Zaman.

Congratulations to award winners Vedantik (fielder and batter with a 5-wicket haul), Nehan (bowler) and our team who won the David Smith Cup alongside the Fifteen As. We thoroughly enjoyed playing cricket for our school and will cherish the memories and fun we had this season.

Thanks to Cricket MIC, Mr Smith, and our coach, Aryan Zaman, for their hard work and dedication to improving our skills and to all the parents for their support!

# Vedantik Bhattacharyya



**Fifteen A Cricket** STANDING: S MENON, B SAHA, T CHOUDHURY, A SHARAFI, A SURENDRAN, K BASHYAL, G GOVINDAN SEATED: A NARAYANAN, N HOSSAIN, A INALA, A ANAND, K MUDGIL





Fifteen B Cricket STANDING: R CHOWDHURY, N YOHANANDA, R KRISHNAN, A VITHURAN KUMARAVEL SEATED: Z HAQ, M AHMED, V BHATTACHARYYA, S PATHAK, A PIDCOCK



Fourteen A Cricket STANDING: V WADHWA, D SAPRA, A RUHFUS, A GREWAL, A MAHIDADIA, A PUROHIT SEATED: A KUMAR, A MISHRA, H CHAUDHURI, O DAVE, A KAUSHIK



Fourteen B Cricket BACK ROW: Z ZEESHAN, L GRUNDY, P NUGGEHALLI MIDDLE ROW: J CARMICHAEL, A AHSAN, L CHAN, E HUYNH, G SIDHER, M CHOWDHURY, FRONT ROW: A THAPALIYA, S PAUL, S UDDIN, S FAULDER, A HAQUE, T OLSEN, J KUO

# **Thirteen A**

Here are the results for the team:

- SBHS v Scots (Loss), SBHS 10/120, Hitansh Sehgal 52, Scots - 3/121, 40 runs by William Tran
- SBHS v Grammar (Loss), Grammar 9/110, Svanik De 3 wickets, SBHS - 10/67
- SBHS v King's (Loss), SBHS 10/63, King's 5/64
- SBHS v Newington (Loss), Newington 4/181, SBHS 6/125, Sayyan Doke - 61
- SBHS v Riverview (Loss), Riverview 6/176, Aryavv Kaushik
  4 wickets, SBHS 10/72
- SBHS v SHORE (Loss), SBHS 10/58, SHORE 1/58

# Sayyan Doke

# **Thirteen B**

The Thirteen B cricket season has been an extraordinary journey notable for the camaraderie and perseverance. Every match was a testament to the players' dedication and hard work consistently putting their best foot forward to claim triumph. This season our team witnessed some breathtaking team performances and growth.

Notable mention goes to Tenzin who began the season with little experience and ended the season by becoming one of our key bowlers, achieving numerous wickets along with his economical bowling. I would like to highlight our top performers in bowling and batting, namely Arritro, Shoummo and myself whilst the strong batsmen included Deep and Lakshmi for their high run scoring. Jason, Taha, Taheem and Alex were also giving their best.

I would like to thank our incredibly supportive coach, Raghav Malhotra, who has been instrumental in our growth over the season. His positive attitude and constructive feedback and dedication to the team have been invaluable.

Overall, this season has been an unforgettable experience for the players, thanks to the unconditional support of all the coaches, parents, and volunteers. Their passion and commitment made the season a formidable cricketing spectacle that will stay with us forever. We eagerly look forward to the next season, where our team can continue our evolving cricketing journey.

## Yashneil Lucknauth





Thirteen A Cricket STANDING: S MCMANUS, L PADITHAM, S KOLLI, S DE, A MEHTA SEATED: A KAUSHIK, V JAIRAM, H SEHGAL, S DOKE, N RAMESHKUMAR, W TRAN, A LAHIRI



Thirteen B Cricket STANDING: T ARAAF, Z ALI, A RAHMAN, M KHAN, S KAR, D LUTHRA, A AUMI SEATED: J VAN, L RAMANATHAN, A BENDALL, Y LUCKNAUTH, T GALIB, C MA, R CHEN

# Rowing

# **Rowing Assembly 2023**

Special guest Sam Musgrove (SHS-2015), rowers of Head of the River crews, parents, students, teachers, welcome to our 2023 rowing assembly. We gather earlier than usual to honour and congratulate our crews as they prepare for their big test at the Head of the River regatta on March 25. We do so, in order to include all members of the First VIII in this ceremony.

I would like to congratulate George Barris (SHS-2001) for his high standard work as MIC of Rowing and Coaching Coordinator and for his recent promotion to Deputy Principal of the Senior School. Thank you to Con Barris who returned to High to help son George coach the first VIII. Thank you to Steve Comninos (SHS-2013) and Terry Fong (SHS-2014) for their guidance of the second VIII. Thanks to Daniel Xu (SHS-2016) for training the first IV. The Year 10 VIIIs were managed by Gordon Su (SHS-2018) and Adrian Wong (SHS-2021). Thank you to them.

Our Junior crews' training was overseen again by our longserving coach Marguerite Pain. Thank you Marguerite. She was assisted this season by James Appleton (SHS-2019), Kevin Chen (SHS-2021), Gilbert Win (SHS-2021), Jack Ralph (SHS-2018) and Lenny Han (SHS-2018). Our SHS-2022 alumni helped out with Year 7 this term. Thank you to Nelson Cheng, Jack Smiles, Ivan Samsonov, Thomas Britton and Etai Zemack.

I want to thank the staff who assist George to run the program – Mark Gainford, Joanna Chan, Vivian Paul, and Rosa Brown. Thank you again to the Rowing Committee, particularly the President Binh Johnsun, for her dedication and organisational acumen. Our thanks go also to Camp Coordinators Alan Shao and Kim Puah, Treasurer Niti Singh and parking coordinator Eric Wu.

An analysis of Head of the River results since 1999 reveals four important things. First, to win crews must row 5.56. Second, High crews average 6.26. Third, the two targets we set in 2001 of winner's time +10% and +7.50% are realistic, because they have been achieved by High boys like you on 42 times and 28 times respectively. Fourth, that High crews improve their times more than all the other crews during the season. Unfortunately, we also start from a slow base. We can lift that base for Term 4 this year by committing to maintaining if not improving, off-season fitness. The ways to achieve that include participating in a winter sport at the



highest level possible; maintaining a program of strength and conditioning in the weights room all year; using a resistant band to work out at home regularly; sculling with a club on Sundays; or doing a session or two of ergs each week at school.

Coaches who inherit crews who can row 6.45 at the start of the season might expect to get the boys to 6.15 by the Head of the River. What you choose to do as a group off season will determine your season starting base and also your improvement predictions, which are around 25-35 seconds of improvement over 2000 metres during a season. Collective efficacy is the capacity of a group to make change happen to reach a goal. It is much easier to establish and stick to a routine of off-season training if you have your crew or team to do it with.

In 1994 there was a resurgence of rowing at High. Preseason the boys did endurance training and sculling and their early season erg times were good. The VIII won the C grade final at the North Shore and St George Regattas and rowed their way into the major final at the Head of the River. They won the U17 IV at the Australian Schoolboy Championships in Tasmania. Their mantra was attitude, dedication and commitment. Van Gencur, Captain of Boats, wrote in The Record in 1994, 'that at the end of the day, it was what we wanted to achieve that determined our success'. The opportunity to train and compete was presented to the boys and they grasped it. 'We put in the hard yards and more'. The coach in that year was Con Barris.

To improve in any sport you need to have a passion for it. 'Passion means that you care about the same ultimate goal in an abiding, loyal steady way. Grit is about holding the same top level goal for a very long time' (Tom Seaver, a major league baseball pitcher for 20 years). For rowers, long term preparation is necessary. Year 8 scullers who dream of



earning a seat in the first VIII have to sustain their passion and grit for three or four years. They need to be dedicated and conscientious. The work hurts but the satisfaction from improvement makes you forget the pain and get up and train. The lessons we learn from our past successes include passion, commitment and an attitude to train more together to achieve a common goal. I want to congratulate all the boys who have been selected to compete for High. You have become a part of a long tradition and your history will be written, as it was in 1994. Make your deeds something to be proud of in terms of your own goal setting. Good luck and give it your all out on the course right to the end no matter what your position. You are rowing for a place in High's history.

## Dr K A Jaggar OAM



# **Guest Speaker Address – Sam Musgrove**

Good Morning Dr Jaggar, staff, old boys, supporters and most importantly rowers for the Head of The River 2023.

Since sitting in the seats you boys are sitting in now, I had always had the goal of speaking at a sporting assembly. When Con Barris asked me to do so for today, my immediate thought was that I hadn't achieved anything notable enough to afford me the credit to speak to you. But when I thought more deeply about it, I owed it to myself to share with others what Rowing and playing sport at High had taught me and how it has helped me forge great mental fortitude and made me the person I am today.

There is no hiding from the fact that the recent history of Sydney High's results at Head of The River haven't been the most decorated. Take my year, 2015, for example, we came eighth out of eight crews. However, the fixation on the result or the outcome of a single performance is where a lot of people go wrong. The real value lies in what the process of training and racing and balancing your sport with your study teaches you. These processes are by far more valuable in developing you as person rather than being on the top step of the podium come Saturday.

Head of the River was the pinnacle of my school sporting career and is an experience I will never forget. The process of preparing for the single most important event on the Schoolboy Sporting calendar is a transformative experience on both a physical and mental level.



The journey toward becoming a mentally fit athlete is very much a journey of personal development. The qualities and traits you develop through rowing reach far wider than just in the boat.

Rowing is one of the only sports where giving up is not an option. You must continue until you reach the finish line. Your actions and intentions directly impact the eight people in the boat and the speed at which the boat moves through the water. You can't hide, put a little less power in or take a break. It's just not an option. It doesn't matter how much your quads are burning, how much your back hurts or how little oxygen you think you can get into your lungs. What matters is your ability to detach from the physical sensations and tap into the psychology of mind over muscle. This is your mental fitness.

For me, rowing taught me that strong mental fitness lets us approach our true physiological limits rather than be limited by perception of effort. It also showed me that mental fitness can only be created by progressively exposing yourself to challenging stimuli and overcoming small mental and physical obstacles. The experiences I endured during rowing at school forged the mental fortitude I hold today. Turning up for daily training when you don't feel like it, pushing through a 2km erg time trial and emptying the tank in the last 500m of a race is where your mental fitness is created. This provides a backlog of experiences to pull from when the going gets tough. Such mental toughness has allowed me to endure a Full Ironman Triathlon. An endurance event consisting of a 3.8km Swim, 180km Bike and 42.2km Run in which I finished just under 10 hours to complete. It has also been the reason I have podiumed in my Age Group at all domestic races and qualified for World Championships at the Half Ironman Distance. In the process of completing these events, my ability to endure has been truly tested. When I am searching the depths of my body and mind to continue to push and find a way to the finish line I always bring myself back to one question: How Bad Do You Want It?

In essence, my experiences from rowing at Sydney High have helped me get through endurance events that most would think are physically impossible. The power of the mind has abled me to push back the limits and uncover my true physical potential.

If you are to take anything from my speech today, I want it to be this. The greatest athletic performances spring from the mind, not the body.

My promise to you is that I'll be back here one day speaking when I am a Top 10 Ironman in the world. Just promise to me at the 1500m mark, when the pain seems unassailable, you want to ease up and the question pops into your head; How Bad Do You Want It? Your answer is More.

### Sam Musgrove

# **Rowing Assembly - Captain of Boats Address**

Good morning Dr Jaggar, parents, teachers, students and rowers.

Rowing at High is not a sport you arrive at this school looking to do. Yet all the boys competing this Saturday have found their own way into the program. Each with their own unique origin story. I, for one, joined by mere coincidence and now I stand saying farewell to something that has changed my life more than any other choice I have made.

It feels as if the last six years have sped past me in a blur and the day I have both anticipated and dreaded is now just seventy-two hours away. It feels like only a week ago we were still in quads, joking around and cluelessly going up and down the slide. But this is it. Six years, the last six months, distilled into six minutes. I'll miss the camps, the camaraderie, the sessions, even the ergs, the bus rides, the dinners and the pain. I will miss when the boat sends just the right way, all nine minds fully in the present. I will miss the camp nights spent staring at the moon. I will miss when we collectively rag on someone in the boat for doing something stupid. I will miss the sheds. But even then, I can't wait for Saturday to come. I can't wait for the pin-drop silence at the blocks. And I can't wait to hear it slowly crescendo into the roars of 15 000 schoolboys.

To the nineteen Year 10s, you have developed close friendships with the boys next to you and you have proved yourselves to be able to keep up with the your GPS contemporaries. Prove it once again and leave a mark on the course on Saturday. You boys have got this.

To the nine Year 11's, your attitude and dedication to the sport is inspiring. You have been indispensable for the atmosphere around the sheds. You will be experiencing your first real Head of the River this Saturday and I hope it will be as impactful to you boys as my first was for me. This Saturday, I want you to make the boat your own.



And for fourteen of you, this is your last time donning blue and brown stripes on the water. Six years in the making. All those mornings and afternoons. All the years in quads, all the moments during the Year 10 season. We know and trust each other. We know what to do this Saturday, we'll go out hard, grit our teeth through the middle kilometre and leave it all out on the water one last time. Row like it is the last 2000 metres you'll ever row in your life. Because it is.

Boys, let's cross that line heads held high.

Zhangbo Wang Captain of Boats





First VIII R. ZHOU, O. CHEN, H. XIN, S. MUSTAFA, J. WANG, Z. WANG, J. YIN, S. CHOI, P. TA(C)

# The Second VIII

The Second VIII is viewed as a feeder crew - one composed of misfits, leftovers and spares. But this crew was special. We possessed a unique combination of size, speed, technique and power. A concoction of rowers who miraculously found themselves in the same crew, all as one, moving and breathing in unison to reach the same singular goal; make the boat go faster. It was not always this way though.

On a gusty day in late October, the Second VIII completed a 2000m race in eight minutes and forty-three seconds. Despite the appalling conditions, this was a disappointing time. Reinforcements and technical improvements showed in an eighty-two second improvement in the Saint Joseph's Regatta alongside a stunning, yet controversial, victory in the High Shed Race against the First VIII. These reinforcements were vital with more coming our way over the summer break. With miraculous events transpiring during the third selection of the season, the Second VIII landed both the most reliable stroke seat in the sheds and the highest weight to power ratio in the sheds, ultimately moving the needle in our Scots' College Regatta where we led Sydney Grammar for 1500m but finished behind our rivals by four seconds. The story of Sydney Grammar's cowardice and our hunger to beat them also defined our season. With both crews qualifying for the B final at Riverview Gold Cup, the stage was set for an upset. Sydney High and Sydney Grammar. Two of the scrappiest crews in the GPS battling over an altered 1400m course in Lane Cove. At HOTR. We did not hold off when things got hard, we persisted even when everyone told us to quit, and built our own legacies on that day.

Pain inspires comradery, they say. But no comradery is comparable to High Spirit. I know we will miss the bond forged over the past six months. We all got stronger, improved technically, discovered our voices, and developed tenacity in us. All of which would be impossible without the help of coaches Steve Comninos and Terry Fong, who injected us with culture. But finally, to the Second VIII of 2023, thank you for the memories, the results and the culture. There was no one else I would go through the trenches with. It's been an excellent season, but now we must look to 2024 for a successful campaign.

# Michael Li



Second VIII D. JOHNSUN, M.J. LI, J.C. RUSLI, W. NGUYEN, A. HUANG, A. WONG, J.W.P. WACHSMANN, L.X. TRAN, I.X. PARK(C)





First IV K. SINGH, S. YUN, A. SHARMA, D. DE COSTA, P. CHEN(C)

# First Year Ten VIII

In late Term 3, the 2022-23 rowing season began. It was to be a memorable season of great change and transition. The Year 10 rowers transitioned from junior to senior school, sculling to sweeping and rowing in quads to eights. Within the Year 10 crews, there were thirteen different rowers who had rowed for the First Year 10 VIII, however, as the season progressed, the following rowers and coxswain cemented their seats into the First's crew, from Bow to Stroke, Hayden Chen, Alex Park, Boris Zhang, Alex Shao, Jordan Komonen, Keoni Wu, Jake Matthews, myself as stroke and Jamison Lai as coxswain.

The Year 10 First VIII saw great improvement and success over the past rowing season. The most notable moment was beating the St Joseph's crew and finishing a mere four seconds off the Scots crew at the Riverview Gold Cup. In our first AAGPS Head of the River, despite not meeting our goals, it was an invaluable experience for our rowers as we had a lot to work on and learn from.

Our success could not have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of our Rowing Committee, coaches and staff, so I would like to say a massive thank you to Gordan Su and Robert Yuan, as well as Senior Deputy Headmaster and MIC of Rowing Mr G Barris. We look forward to a successful season in the Senior Eights.

# Jin Shim





First Year Ten VIII H. CHEN, A. PARK, B.B. ZHANG, A.J. SHAO, J.J. KOMONEN, K.Y. WU, J.D. MATTHEWS, J.R. SHIM, J. LAI(C)



Second Year Ten VIII A.S. CHEN, M.B. BUI, T.N. MOOLLAN, C. WANG, J. YUEN, M. JOURAVLEV, N. RUSTANDI, B. LEE, T. CAI(C)



# **First Year Nine Quad**

It was a memorable season filled with Grammar and High rivalry, the CHS and a new boat, the *Les Cheng*, arriving at the rowing sheds. The season was riddled with ups and downs, and an abnormal number of boats being damaged.

The CHS competition consisted of singles, doubles, quads and eights all competing in either one kilometre or two kilometre races. Schools competing included SGHS, South Grafton, Northern Beaches and more. In the end, Sydney Boys came out victorious, and the night ended with an amazing dinner.

Throughout the season, every Saturday, the Year 9 Quads would compete in the GPS competition from 9:30 am to 10:15 am. Every time we rowed to Hen and Chicken Bay, rowing our races, and cheering on the quad after us. Our morale always improved, whether winning or losing, when we saw Sydney High supporters cheering us on from the wharf. Another important aspect of rowing was the Wednesday erg sessions, with Kevin Chen and James Appleton coaching and motivating us through the pain.

# Leo Varthakavi

# **Second Year Nine Quad**

This year the collective members of Year 9 Second Quad have pushed themselves harder than ever before, achieving faster and better personal bests. It was a year where the majority of the second quad had their first real experience of CHS, a prestigious and honourable competition hosted in Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC). With an encouraging coxswain and dedicated rowers, the Second Quad was able to finish only slightly behind the First Quad and Northern Beaches' First Quad, earning ourselves a bronze medal.

The real highlight of our rowing season was halfway through Term One, when we placed second in our school rowing race after a miraculous turn of events.

I would like to first thank and introduce the rowers of Year 9 Second Quad, Lucas Wang (Coxswain), Gabriel Zhang (Bow seat), Delbert Zhou (Two seat) Izac Marsic (Three seat) and myself, Benjamin Dang (Stroke seat) for a memorable and exciting rowing experience. On behalf of my crewmates, I would like to give a huge thank you to our two amazing coaches, Kevin Chen and James Appleton for always having our best interests at the forefront, by pushing us to crush our limits, fixing our rowing technique and making training sessions hard but enjoyable. I would also like to thank Mr Barris for tirelessly planning and organising our rowing trips, always making rowing the most entertaining experience possible.

# Benjamin Dang

# **Fifth Year Nine Quad**

This season was memorable for the Year 9 Fifth Quad, as we began racing consistently during the second half of the season for the first time, motivating us to train much harder than previous years. We developed faster times in both ergs and on the water. We began forming stronger bonds outside and inside the boat, motivating us to succeed. We began pushing ourselves harder during rigorous training on Wednesdays and focusing more on the boat, resulting in huge improvements. While we didn't win any of our races, there was clear improvement in our times.

A big thank you to my quad, Ranuga Batuwantudawe (Coxswain), Brooklyn Su (Three Seat), Arnav Agrawal (Two Seat) and Jasper Zheng (Bow) for pushing me to always do better, and motivating me to go do training no matter the circumstances. I would like to thank Mr Barris on behalf of my crew, for setting up this whole rowing program, and our coaches, Lenny and Jack, for always helping us in the boat, as well as motivating and bracing us for upcoming races. I would like to thank James and Kevin for overseeing the notorious Wednesday erg sessions and encouraging all of us to finish that last set. This season has really been an amazing experience, despite all of the pain.

## Raphael Xiao (Stroke)



First Year Nine Quad LANCE DENIGAN (C), LEO VARTHAKAVI (STROKE), ETHAN WILKINSON, MAX MCLEOD, ROMAN SAMSONOV



Second Year Nine Quad LUCAS WANG (C), BEN DANG (STROKE), IZAC MARSIC, DELBERT ZOU, GABRIEL ZHANG





Third Year Nine Quad BEN MIU (C), GEORGE MERMELAS (STROKE), ROY ZHANG, MICHAEL LIPPA, AARON CHAN



Fourth Year Nine Quad BEN WU (C), JOSHUA KIMPTON (STROKE), HUDSON CAI, MARCUS LAM, ROMAN SAMSONOV (SUB)



Fifth Year Nine Quad RANUGA BATUWANTUDAWE (C), RAPHAEL XIAO (STROKE), IZAC MARSIC (SUB), ARNAV AGRAWAL, JASPER ZHENG

# **First Year Eight Quad**

During the 2023 rowing season, everyone in Year 8 First Quad pushed themselves to their limits and greatly improved. We were able to race in coxed-quads, a memory that I will never forget. This year a lucky five of us were able to race in the CHS at Sydney International Rowing Centre (SIRC), an unforgettable experience. We won our first ever silver medal.

I would like to thank the crew for a great season and introduce all the Year 8 First Quad rowers, Ethan He (Coxswain), Ethan Hu (Bow seat), Alex Lau (Two seat), Casper Lai (Three seat) and myself, Tom Ye (Stroke seat). I would like to thank Marguerite Pain for always being around at the sheds to teach us. Marguerite has pushed us to our limits and fixed our incorrect technique. From the start of the season where we could barely take a stroke together, but now, with Marguerite's on-point tips, we are able to row in a full race with stunning technique. I would also like to thank Mr Barris for organising rowing training and trips. It has been a great season with lots of highlights, I can't wait for next year as I look forward to another season of rowing.

## Tom Ye

# Fourth Year Eight Quad

The 2022-23 season was a memorable one which saw great improvement for the Year 8 Fourth Quad. For myself being my first season of rowing, and my crewmates the first time racing, it was a new experience for all crew members. I had the pleasure of rowing in the Year 8 Fourth Quad, alongside Andrew Dong as bow, Alexander Liu/Zi Yang Wang as three, Andrew Wu as two, myself as stroke and Advaith Nair as our coxswain.

The weekly regattas showcased some exceptional highlights during the season. Our first race provided us an opportunity to compete against fellow GPS schools, in which we learnt valuable lessons from. A slow progress through the season with intensive training, translated to boat length differences against the Sydney Grammar crew, to seconds away in our most recent regatta.

Without the tireless efforts and support from our coaches and parents, none of this would have been possible. I would like to express my gratitude to our coach Gilbert Win, Mr Barris our MIC of Rowing and our Rowing Committee. I look forward to seeing our Quad continue to improve and become even more competitive as we continue our Sydney High Rowing chapter into the Year 9 Quads.

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First Year Eight Quad ETHAN HE (C), TOM YE (STROKE), CASPER LAI, ALEXANDER LAU, ETHAN HU



Second Year Eight Quad THOMAS ZHENG (C), LLOYD ZENG (STROKE), MICHAEL TRUONG, ANTHONY ZENG, LEO YANG



Third Year Eight Quad TERRANCE YAN (C), JENZTEN LIM (STROKE), TY TRAYNOR, MATTHEW CAI, AXEL LAM



Fourth Year 8 Quad ADVAITH NAIR (C), JUN SHIM (STROKE), ANDREW WU, ZIYANG WANG, ANDREW DONG





# BACK ROW: L LU, W NGUYEN, D DE COSTA, S CHOI, R ZHOU, I PARK, O CHEN, J WANG, J WACHSMANN, K SINGH, T MOOLLAN, G ZHANG, R SAMSONOV, M LIPPA, K WU

SIXTH ROW: P CHEN, B ZHANG, A YU, C WANG, J KOMONEN, J MATTHEWS, J SHIM, M JOURAVLEV, J YUEN, A ZENG, E HYBLER, J LU, A HUANG, J RUSLI

FOURTH ROW: A WONG, E WILKINSON, M TRUONG, A DONG, A HWANG, J LAI, N RUSTANDI, B DANG, M BUI, M CAI, D ZOU, A PARK, M LI, D JOHNSUN, L TRAN, A SHAO THIRD ROW: J YIN, G MERMELAS, L YANG, T CAI, N PILLEMER, L CHEN, I WONG, T CHEN, J KIMPTON, A AGRAWAL, M LAM, R XIAO, Z WANG, J SHIM, J LIM, A FIROZ FIFTH ROW: H XIN, H CHEN, B LEE, A CHEN, R ZHANG, A CHAN, L DENIGAN, H KARIYAWASAM, A LAU, L LU, T YE, D SARATHCHANDRA, S RASHID, B CHAN, B SU

FRONT ROW: R JUNAID, O HO, J HU, L NGO, S XU, M IBRAHIM, MR G BARRIS (MIC), S MUSTAFA, Z WANG, D JIN, J LEE, T DAHER, V PAKEERATHAN, B TAO, D SAID SECOND ROW: C FAWCETT, B WU, J ZHENG, L WANG, E HE, M PARK, B MIU, H CAI, T YAN, V PIMENOV, I MOOLLAN, R LIU, I HUANG, K TEDJASAPUTRA, G JIANG

# **First Grade**

The 2022-2023 sailing season started with the rebuilding of both our First and Second Grade teams. Former Second Grade team members trained hard hopeful of promotion to First Grade where they would represent High at the State Championships. This competitiveness elevated the level of all our sailors. This year we christened our new boat "Wulugul", which is the Gadigal word for kingfish. With this new boat we were able to increase our training load as we prepared for the upcoming regatta.

The results of our intense internal training became apparent near the middle of the season during our Saturday teams races. Our sailors were able to match the other schools in both speed and tactics, and we were consistently winning over half of our races each week. By practicing our boat control, start strategies, and mark traps in both light and heavy winds, the First Grade team was equipped to do well in any conditions, even against the best schools in the state.

The State Championships was held in Rose Bay, which led to winds that were constantly shifting throughout the three days of the regatta and provided tough sailing conditions for competitors. The competition opened with a group stage, where the twenty-five attending teams were split into four pools with the top eighteen qualifying to the next stage – a Swiss-tournament. First Grade was put into a pool with the teams Cranbrook Two, Scots Four, Pymble Ladies' College, Knox Grammar, Waverley College, and Ascham Blue. We finished this round with four wins and two losses and moved into the Swiss-tournament with high morale. In the Swisstournament, we started off strong, winning three of our first four races and only losing to Scots One, the reigning national champions. All our wins were very dominant as well, with skipper Liem Tran taking first place in many of the races and playing a pivotal role in our success.

Our results took a turn for the worse in the second half of the competition. Although we managed to beat Ascham One, we lost twice to Cranbrook and once more to Scots One, ultimately resulting in a ninth place finish with four wins and four losses. Unfortunately, this caused us to narrowly miss out on the playoffs between the top eight teams and meant the end of the sailing season for High.

On behalf of the sailing First Grade team, I would like to thank Dr Jaggar, MIC Mr Cotton, the sailing parents' committee, and coaches Hugo Leeming, Sam Steinberg, and Samuel Ezra for all the work they have put in this season to ensure the smooth sailing of the program. Finally, I would like to personally thank the sailors, especially the Year Twelves, for a wonderful final season. Despite the slightly disappointing finish, it has truly been an honour to captain this sport, and I wish the best for all the boys continuing sailing next year.

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First Grade Sailing BACK ROW: J PULLINGER, L TRAN, S DEAN, N SHARMA FRONT ROW: E LOW, Z MAI (C), DR K A JAGGAR OAM, N THIE, S CHEE



Second Grade Sailing R ZHANG, N GHOSH, K ASARI, R FANG, M KUSKOFF, F MAHIB, J JIM



Senior Sailing BACK ROW: O SHI, B SHEN, K LIU, S DEAN, J LUCHKO THIRD ROW: N SHARMA, M KUSKOFF, W ZHENG, L TRAN, A HA, R FANG, N GHOSH SECOND ROW: E LOW, B KOTHAPALLI, J PULLINGER, K ASARI, E XUE, W SUN, O ZHANG, R LI FRONT ROW: R ZHANG, J JIM, N THIE, Z MAI, F MAHIB, S CHEE, E WANG



Junior Sailing BACK ROW: A GU, G GUO, J ZHOU, H XIAO, S LEE, M SUNDARSAGAR MIDDLE ROW: Y ZHU, E WANG, T WANG, S FINN, E YU, R TENG FRONT ROW: J KWOK, E CHANG, L CHOW, K XIE, L CHEN, E MA, M LE DIGARCHER



# Swimming

# Swimming Manager in Charge Report

# School Swimming Carnival 2023

The school swimming carnival was held on Monday the 6th of February at Des Renford Pool, Maroubra in what marks the beginning of the GPS swimming season. Over 1000 boys attended the carnival with a strong contingent of parent supporters. Congratulations to all participants and record holders. Excellent effort by all, especially those setting personal bests and breaking school records. Well done to our 4 x100m medley relay team for their competitive time in the GPS relay event. All results can be viewed on the school website.

# **Age Champions**

12 years – Joshua Chen 13 years – Kester Jan 14 years – Mark Yan 15 years – Jiazi Chen 16 years – Jinu Shin 17 years – Brian Ahn 18 years – Jaden Yi

# **House Points**

PLACE	TEAM	TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
1	Saxby	220	220
2	Eedy	141	141
3	Torrington	139	139
4	Fairland	100	100
5	Rubie	74	74
6	МсКау	66	66











# Records

# Backstroke 50-100m

DIVISION	COMPETITOR	TEAM	RESULT	DATE
12_U Male	Ryan CHAI	Saxby	0'37.13 Mins	07/02/2022
13 Male	Ryan CHAI	Saxby	0'34.22 Mins	06/02/2023
14 Male	David KIM	Eedy	0'33.00 Mins	01/02/2021
15 Male	Jiazi CHEN	Torrington	0'30.35 Mins	06/02/2023
16 Male	Christian HADDO	Eedy	1'10.70 Mins	03/02/2014
17 Male	Ike MATSUOKA	МсКау	1'08.68 Mins	03/02/2020
18_O Male	Ike MATSUOKA	МсКау	1'12.19 Mins	01/02/2021

# Butterfly 50-100m

DIVISION	COMPETITOR	TEAM	RESULT	DATE
12_U Male	Kester JAN	Saxby	0'35.50 Mins	07/02/2022
13 Male	Jiazi CHEN	Torrington	0'31.15 Mins	01/02/2021
14 Male	Jiazi CHEN	Torrington	0'29.05 Mins	07/02/2022
15 Male	Jiazi CHEN	Torrington	0'27.55 Mins	06/02/2023
16 Male	Ellis LOUIE	Eedy	1'03.90 Mins	03/02/2004
17 Male	Thomas MILLER	Torrington	1'02.25 Mins	03/02/2004
18_O Male	Thomas MILLER	Torrington	1'02.25 Mins	03/02/2004

# Breaststroke 50-100m

DIVISION	COMPETITOR	TEAM	RESULT	DATE
12_U Male	Kester JAN	Saxby	0'40.49 Mins	07/02/2022
13 Male	Nathan WANG	Rubie	0'37.69 Mins	06/02/2017
14 Male	William (Geon) LEE	Rubie	0'34.78 Mins	01/02/2016
15 Male	Andrew REIS	Eedy	33.44 Mins	03/02/2004
16 Male	Andrew REIS	Eedy	1'10.00 Mins	08/02/2005
17 Male	Benjamin CHOW	Rubie	1'05.00 Mins	08/02/2005
18_O Male	Benjamin CHOW	Rubie	1'05.00 Mins	08/02/2005

# Freestyle 100m

DIVISION	COMPETITOR	TEAM	RESULT	DATE
12_U Male	James LUO	МсКау	1'09.00 Mins	03/02/2014
13 Male	Kazuo NAKAMURA	МсКау	1'05.05 Mins	14/02/2011
14 Male	Jiazi CHEN	Torrington	0'59.29 Mins	10/02/2022
15 Male	Jiazi CHEN	Torrington	0'57.07 Mins	06/02/2023
16 Male	Kalem BEST	МсКау	0'59.00 Mins	02/02/2015
17 Male	Thomas MILLER	Torrington	0'55.57 Mins	03/02/2004
18_0 Male	Thomas MILLER	Torrington	0'55.57 Mins	03/02/2004





# Records

# Freestyle 200m

Freestyle 400m

15\_U Male

16 Male

17 Male

18\_0 Male

Jake

ROWLANDS

G BREWER

G BREWER

COMPETITOR TEAM

Andrew REIS Eedy

Rubie

МсКау

МсКау

DIVISION	COMPETITOR	TEAM	RESULT	DATE
12_U Male	James LUO	МсКау	2'31.00 Mins	03/02/2014
13 Male	Kester JAN	Saxby	2'22.82 Mins	06/02/2023
14 Male	Oliver YIN	Torrington	2'17.25 Mins	06/02/2023
15 Male	Jake ROWLANDS	Rubie	2'10.00 Mins	03/02/2014
16 Male	Christian HADDO	Eedy	2'10.00 Mins	03/02/2014
17 Male	Thomas MILLER	Torrington	2'05.41 Mins	03/02/2004
18_O Male	Thomas MILLER	Torrington	2'05.41 Mins	03/02/2004

RESULT

4'38.02

4'26.33

Mins

Mins 4'12.00

Mins 4'12.00

Mins

DATE

03/02/2014

08/02/2005

31/01/1976

31/01/1976

# Freestyle 50m

DIVISION	COMPETITOR	TEAM	RESULT	DATE
12_U Male	James LUO	МсКау	31.50 Secs	03/02/2014
13 Male	Jiazi CHEN	Torrington	26.90 Secs	01/02/2021
14 Male	Jiazi CHEN	Torrington	26.18 Secs	07/02/2022
15 Male	Jiazi CHEN	Torrington	25.53 Secs	06/02/2023
16 Male	Jaden YI	Torrington	26.06 Secs	01/02/2021
17 Male	Thomas MILLER	Torrington	25.18 Secs	03/02/2004
18_0 Male	Thomas MILLER	Torrington	25.18 Secs	03/02/2004

# Freestyle 800m

DIVISION	COMPETITOR	TEAM	RESULT	DATE
16_U Male	B EBEL	МсКау	9'16.34 Mins	31/01/2003
17 Male	S CROFT	МсКау	9'30.91 Mins	31/01/2003
18_0 Male	S CROFT	МсКау	9'30.91 Mins	31/01/2003

# Individual Medley 200-400m

DIVISION	COMPETITOR	TEAM	RESULT	DATE
16_U Male	Andrew REIS	Eedy	2'28.00 Mins	08/02/2005
17 Male	David GOH	Rubie	5'45.00 Mins	06/02/2018
18_0 Male	David GOH	Rubie	5'45.00 Mins	06/02/2018

# SBHS Sports Assembly and GPS Swimming Leadership Function 2023

Congratulations to Jaden (Captain) and Edwin Cho (Vice Captain) who represented our school at the swimming leadership function on Thursday night at St Joseph's College. Jaden's speech at the GPS function and at the Schools sports assembly both focused on TEAM work, the unique nature of the GPS competition, the importance of hard work and a never give up attitude. He importantly encouraged young swimmers to pursue their dreams. Well done boys.



Edwin Cho (VC) and Jaden Yi (C) at GPS Leadership Dinner at St Joseph's College



The senior swimmers







# GPS Carnivals 1 - 5 at SOPAC



The AAGPS Swimming season commenced on February 10 and concluded on March 17. It was great to see so many new swimmers this year with a strong presence from our seniors. The senior boys acted as great role models and leaders by introducing the new and younger boys to the culture of High Spirit. A huge number of HIGH swimming supporters showed amazing school spirit at carnival 5. Thanks to those supporters, many of our swimmers pushed through the pain barrier to produce their personal best times.

All results can be viewed on the AAGPS sport website.

Well done to all swimmers on your great performances.

The following list consists of all swimmers who came first in their respective events over the five carnivals:



CARNIVAL 1	CARNIVAL 2	CARNIVAL 3	CARNIVAL 4	CARNIVAL 5
Oliver YIN	Ryan CHAI	Joshua CHEN	Oliver YIN	Jiazi CHEN
Division 1 14 years	Division 1 13 years	Division 112 years	100 m free 14 years	Championship 15 years
50m free 26.96	50 m free 30.57	50 m free 32.76	57.31	50 m free 25:33
Edwin CHO	Oliver YIN	Brendan TAN	Jason YU	Maksim KIREEV
Division 1 18 years	Division 1 14 years	Division 1 15 years	Division 1 200 m IM	Division 1 50 m BStr
50 m free 26.03	50 m free 27.33	50 m free 26.67	15-16 years 2:31:92	39.11
Jiazi CHEN	Brendan TAN	Edwin CHO	Jaden LUU	Jiazi CHEN
Championship 15 years	Division 1 15 years	Division 1 18 years	Division 1 200 m IM	Championship 15 years
50 m free 25.68	50m free 27.40	50 m free 25.83	2:36:61	100 m free 55:68
Joshua CHEN	Edwin CHO	Jiazi CHEN	Ryan XU	Jiazi CHEN
Division 1 12 years	Division 1 18 years	Championship 15 years	50 m free 12 years	Championship 15 years
50 m BrssR 47.01	50m free 25.84	50 m free 25.81	34:04	50 m back 29:02
Kireev MAKSIN	Jiazi CHEN	Kester JAN	Jaden YI	Jiazi CHEN
Division 1 13 years	Championship 15 years	Championship 13 years	50 m free 18 years	Championship 15 years
50 m BrssR 41.55	50 m free 25.74	50 m BrssR 38.5	25:31	50 m fly 27:17
Jaden YI	Jaden YI	Brendan TAN	Jiazi CHEN	
Championship 18 years	Championship 18 years	Championship 15 years	Championship	
50 m BrssR 32.68	50 m free 25.23	50 m Brsst 34.42	50 m back 30:80	

CARNIVAL 1	CARNIVAL 2	CARNIVAL 3	CARNIVAL 4	CARNIVAL 5
Jiazi CHEN	Jaden YI	Jiazi CHEN	Joshua CHEN	
Championship 15 years	Championship 18 years	Championship 15 years	12 years	
50 m BackSt 30.64	50 m BrssR 32.08	50 m fly 27.51	50 m B fly 34:84	
Oliver YIN	Ryan CHAI	Jiazi CHEN	Edwin CHO	
Division 1 14 years	Championship 13 years	Championship 15 years	18 years 50 m fly	
50m fly 30.37	50 m BackSt 33.92	50 m BackSt 29.58	28:60	
Jiazi CHEN	Jiazi CHEN	David KIM		
Championship 15 years	Championship 15 years	Championship 16 years		
50m fly 28.50	50m BackSt 30.33	50 m back 30.44		
Edwin CHO	Oliver YIN	Relay 18 yrs 4x50m free		
Division 1 18 years	Championship 15 years	Jaden LUU		
50 m fly 29.26	100 m free 57.99	Edwin CHO		
		Edward BROWNLIE		
		Jaden YI		
	Jiazi CHEN			
	Championship			
	100m f 57.55			
	Mark YAN			
	Championship 14 years			
	50m fly 31.21			
	Relay 16 yrs 4 x 50 free			
	Cassiel YUN			
	Jinu SHIN			
	John HONG			
	Jason YU			
	Relay 18 yrs 4x50m free			
	Jaden LUU			
	Edwin CHO			
	Ren-Shaw BELVANE			
	Jaden YI			

Further congratulations to the following eleven swimmers who were selected in the GPS swimming team and participated at the CIS swimming carnival and to Jiazi Chen again who progressed all the way to the NSW All Schools swimming championships.

Thank you to Jake Rowlands for his assistance this year and I am confident that as the new MIC from 2024 onwards, the swimmers will be in capable hands.

Jaden Yi David Kim John Hong Jason Yu Jinu Shin Oliver Yin Kester Jan Joshua Chen Jiazi Chen Brendan Tan Ryan Chai



P Loizou MIC Swimming





Swimming BACK ROW: J YU, R ZHOU, X PERRY, B TAN, O YIN THIRD ROW: R CHAI, F TRAN, K KUANG, R BALNAVE, B CHO, D KIM, J SHIM, J LUU, E BROWNLIE SECOND ROW: K LI, M KIREEV, J XU, C YUN, J SHIN, J YI, M YAN, J CHEN, MR P LOIZOU (MIC) FRONT ROW: B TAO, C CHESHIRE, J ZHOU, E CHO, J YI, R XU, E HU, K JAN, J CHEN

# Tennis

# **First Grade**

The 2022-2023 season saw a much younger team take on the challenge of playing against highly ranked, more experienced opponents in every fixture. Despite this, I am glad that every member of the team stepped up to play their best tennis every Saturday. Notably, during our second last fixture against Riverview, two members of the team (Angus and Toby) won both their singles and doubles matches to finish off the day. It was only through their joint efforts that success was possible against stronger opposition, a valuable experience that embodied the very essence of teamwork and team spirit.

Tennis at High offers the unique opportunity to foster a sense of unity within a sport that is, at its core, concerned with individual success. In this way, this season demonstrated how the visceral experiences and memories formed from playing tennis can teach us essential life lessons that are equally as important as chasing that euphoric feeling of triumph. Amidst our pursuit for more frequent victories and personal improvement, was a foundational harmony between team members that ultimately showcased the merit of working towards a common goal in unison. Despite the overall results, I hope that the team valued the lessons about the importance of resilience, dedication, and working as a team.

The players who yielded the best results by the end of the season were Isaac Wang and Angus Khuu, who played in the second and third positions respectively. Both players fought hard in their singles matches to bring home valuable wins, and in many cases came out on top in gruelling three-set matches. As captain, I am proud of the dedication and resilience shown by the entire team, and I wish them good luck in their future endeavours both within and outside the realm of tennis.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Head Coach David Deep, Second Grade Coach Irina Vasiliev, MIC Kurt Rich, and Dr Jaggar for creating the opportunity for us to develop both physically and mentally as individuals through tennis. I would also like to thank Sprints Coach Neil Song, the sports committee, as well as all coaches and parents that have supported us throughout the season.

# Harry Lao



Tennis dinner, Year 12 with MIC Kurt Rich



Tennis dinner, with Head Coach David Deep



# Second Grade

The 2022-2023 Second Grade Tennis season has proved to be an enjoyable and challenging experience for the whole team. From early morning training on Mondays and Fridays to the six hour matches on Saturday, all our players have put in the hard work to achieve the results we have had. While we enjoyed numerous thrilling five-four victories, we were also on the losing end of results other times.

Throughout the season, we have enjoyed victories against St Joseph's, Scots, Newington, Shore and St Ignatius. On multiple occasions, several of our players have stepped up in their singles matches to pull the ties in our favour. Despite what the scoreline was, our players were able to put in energy and effort every week to better ourselves as sportsmen and individuals.

On behalf of the Second Grade Tennis team, I would like to thank Dr Jaggar, Mr Rich, Mr Deep and Irina who have allowed us to train, develop and compete. Special mention to the parents who have supported us every week and provide refreshments at our home games. I would also like to thank my teammates for their hard work, commitment and dedication to allow us to bleed 'brown and blue'.

# Lucas Chen





# Second Grade

# **Third Grade**

It was another highly anticipated season of tennis that faced the five Third Grade boys. The ability to play against First Grade and Second Grade players every Monday and Wednesday pushed us to play our best tennis, allowing us to replicate the same level of intensity in our Saturday matches. With sheer determination, we trained harder and harder every practice session. Hence, our dedication for tennis allowed us to train with the intention of becoming better players. I would like to thank Raymond, Kenny, Josh and Hayden for being the most memorable teammates throughout this season and I hope each of you had a great time.

The most memorable moment was our final match of the season, where we managed a clean sweep, winning 6-0. Finally, this season would not be possible behind the admin and coaching of head coach David Deep, Second Grade coach Irina Vasiliev, MIC of tennis Mr Rich, Dr Jaggar and Sports Head Teacher, Ms Jackson. Their sensational effort to coach the boys throughout the season ensured we were pushed to play our best tennis every time. I look forward to seeing everyone next summer season.

# Akila Gunaratne

# Fourth to Eighth Grade

Fourth to Eighth Grade were a strongly bonded team despite the individual accolades and the solitary nature of the sport. Even as five separate teams, we trained and played as a unit making us ready to play in a different team each weekend. The group's results were widely positive throughout the season, with Fourth Grade finishing on a dead even ratio, and Fifth to Eighth grade winning upwards of seventy percent of all their matches. The Year Twelves, who say farewell to tennis at the school, finished on a high, winning all twelve of their matches in their final fixture.

If there was one thing that made the season memorable, even through summer heat and the 6pm finishes, it was the courtside banter and chatter with mates that made tennis at High more than just a sport. A massive thanks to MIC Kurt Rich for his admirable organisation of the season, and to our coaches, who gave valuable insight and put up with our antics, both with and without the tennis racquet in hand.

## Patrick Nguyen



**First Grade Tennis** DR K A JAGGAR OAM, I WANG, A KHUU, H LAO, T HUEY, E GOH



Second Grade Tennis C CHAU, J YU, L CHEN, L FIENE, T SARATHY, A LEE





Third and Fourth Grade Tennis G WEI, K CHEN, S HUI, A GUNARATNE, J TANG, R QI



Fifth and Sixth Grade Tennis STANDING: W CHEN, A PAREKH, N NG, J DENG SEATED: R JIANG, M LI, A GANDHI, A CHAI, A O'YOUNG


Seventh and Eighth Grade Tennis STANDING: T DIAO, L ZUO, J WAGNER, K DUAN, Y XIAO SEATED: S ZHENG, M WU, D TAN, H LUM, J NGUYEN

## **Sixteens**

It was a great one for the Sixteens tennis team. We wanted to ensure a fantastic season of high-spirited tennis before moving onto Open teams. With every training session we improved in our tennis skills, giving our best efforts to our Saturday matches.

Although the season began with a shaky loss to Shore, we were able to quickly get back on our feet and grab some couples wins against Scots, Kings, and Joeys. It was great to watch some fierce competition between the Sixteens team of each school, ensuring a great future for SBHS Tennis. Our most notable win was against our first matches against Riverview, coming out 6-0 in the Sixteen A's and C's with multiple wins across the B's and D's as well.

I would like to thank Stepan Sytnyk, Irena and Neil for pushing us to our limits on and off the court. A special thanks to MIC Kurt Rich, for managing the tennis season and providing a cohesive two terms of tennis for the Sixteens team. I'm extremely proud of this year's Sixteens and hope to see you all on the court next year!

# Joseph Lee

#### **Fifteens**

This year, the returning Year Eight boys were elated at the advent of the new 2022-2023 AAGPS tennis season. Under the tutelage of our coaches, we were subject to gruelling regimens every week. Sprints, push-ups, lunges, and suicide runs all blurred into one. What was instilled in us strenuously was maturity and mental toughness. Soon enough, the team's hard work was translated into their weekly Saturday performances, with an average 70% win-rate every week.

The year was met with thirty new schoolmates and we were focused on making our new friends feel welcome to the tennis program. Of course, winning our fixtures remained imperative to us every week, but we came to learn that the only way to achieve further success was to provide support and encouragement to those who were new. Teamwork was the new goal of the season, and the Fifteens stuck closely to it until their final match. Almost identically to last year, our remaining fixtures were fought very hard.

I would like to thank the MIC of the tennis program, Mr Rich, for his incredible ability to organise the teams and fixtures. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the team's coaches for their advice and guidance. I look forward to playing tennis with you all in the near future.

#### Nathan Nguyen





Sixteens Tennis BACK ROW: J LEE, D SUN, J YANG MIDDLE ROW: F LAM, A YANG, A GANESH, N LEE, A PERERA, T XU FRONT ROW: T PENG, A WIJAYA, N HU, K MYDUKURU, H LIAO, O KUO, J DENG



## **Fifteens Tennis**

BACK ROW: I YOUNIS, M SHARP, A TANG, C CHEN, J LI, B HOSIE THIRD ROW: J LI, L PANG, L LA, L LE, C WANG, M DAI, J WON, C MOON, J BARNES SECOND ROW: L XU, L DENG, T RAHAT, R CHEN, M LIU, M CHEN, A TRINH, N NGUYEN, E JUNG, R WANG FRONT ROW: K SHIN, I NG, E LI, E SHEN, Q NGUYEN, E WONG, A LI, L SU, Y XIAO

## Fourteens

At the start of the tennis season last year, we knew we had improved since the last season and this showed in our performance. In the first week of the season, we faced Shore and beat them easily, with all of our teams winning comfortably. Our winning streak continued into the second week, when the C and D team faced Joeys, and won again. In the following weeks, we struggled against tough schools such as Scots, Kings, Newington, and Grammar. As the tennis season continued, we still faltered when it came to playing schools like Newington and Kings, but we managed to keep our heads up to beat the other opponents and we ended the season on a high note, winning against Riverview and Shore in the last weeks. Our performance and improvement is all thanks to our two main coaches, David Deep and Irena Vasiliev. I would also like to thank all of the players, and the MIC of tennis, Mr Rich.

# Sajan Thiagalingam



## Fourteens Tennis BACK ROW: E WU, W HAMILTON, J ZHENG, O JIN, B STENING, B TRAN, Y CHEN MIDDLE ROW: L DADIC, S CHONG, L LEE, I PARK, S SAYEED, Y KOH, P KONUDULA, H THAI, R HE FRONT ROW: E LU, R PARK, S THIAGALINGAM, H NGUYEN, J YEUNG, A TON-THAT, W CAHYADI





Thirteens Tennis BACK ROW: U SHARMA, M KIREEV, I GOH, K YIN, C CURNICK MIDDLE ROW: D SOR, A DENG, R ZHAO, W HONG, B ZHANG, L LU, O MCBRIDE, J AHMAD FRONT ROW: A LI, W XIONG, H YANG, J WONG, T SU, A LUO, J LIU

# Water Polo

# **First Grade**

The 2022-23 First Grade Water Polo team had a memorable and successful season, to say the least. The squad was filled with returning faces from last year and new talented individuals stepping up to complete the team. Having been the final year of Water Polo for the Year Twelves, including myself, we were determined to have an unforgettable and a victorious season.

The team turned into a brotherhood, helping each other out and having each other's back. From the hard endurance sets of 10 x100m's on Tuesday mornings, and Wednesday afternoons, to scrimmaging against the other teams on Friday mornings, the boys endured the challenges, which led to improvements and progressions as individuals and as a whole team. This led to positive results week in and week out.

With the introduction of the Combined GPS/CAS competition during Term 4, a round-robin then knockout competition, it was an opportunity to start the season on a high. The team had memorable results including an 8-5 win against Waverly, a 5-5 draw with Kings and Shore, and an emphatic 14-1 win against St Aloysius. The unselfishness and communication on both the offence and defence side helped Sydney High stand out from the rest of the competition.

The boys dedicated their busy schedules to three training sessions. One of the highlight games was against St Aloysius all players scored with the highlight being Year 11 Student Brian Ahn scoring four goals. According to Mr Rowlands, the 14-1 win against St Aloysius was the biggest win by goal ever in Sydney High History. Goals were scored by every person on the team. This was a sign of the beginning of a promising season.

The prestigious Thomas Whalan Cup was the next challenge for High. Having been known as the "underdog" the whole season, the boys were ready to show the rest of the competition what we were capable of. Our focus was on shutting down the opposition's offence, focusing on our defence and executing our play by taking advantage during extra man plays. Highlights from the day included a 4-4 draw against Kings, a 3-1 win against the reigning undefeated premiers Scots College and a thrilling 7-4 win against St Josephs. Highlights from all these games included Edward Brownlie's rocket backhand, Allan Tan's flying saves, and the goals Fynn Hopkins and Joseph Britton could produce against the bigger boys out of nowhere, leading to Sydney High coming fourth overall in the competition. The top scorer in the team, Brian Ahn, scored a total of fourteen goals leading all goal scorers in the competition.

As the main season began in early January the boys became a better team, learning from each game and improving game by game. The boys built confidence by learning multiple lessons and improving game by game. With being handed a tough draw for the GPS season, the team could not replicate the results against the GPS team we had faced last time around. The boys had fun, held their heads high, improved their game and made many memorable memories.

The season would not be possible without the support from Dr Jaggar and MIC Ms Jessica Millar. I would like to thank them for their tireless work behind the scenes, organising team training, games, and our entire program.

I would also like to thank all the coaches who helped and guided us all the way, especially Mr Jake Rowlands. His guidance helped guide us to many victories and growth both in and out of the pool.

I would like to thank the First Grade Water Polo Team for a wonderful season. It has been my honour captaining the side this season and playing my last season with you boys. We have been through a whirlwind of ups and downs and have stuck together through it all. It has been an honour playing with talented and passionate boys giving it their all and having a season that everyone will treasure and never forget. Thank you all!

# Jaden Luu

## **Second Grade**

Water polo is unique in the camaraderie that is formed from shared experiences, especially at High. These commonalities - swimming sets every Tuesday morning, vigorous physicality, unwavering perseverance during games - creates bonds that are unparalleled and epitomised this year's Second Grade team. The latter part of 2022 saw success from an experienced team composed of Year Eleven and Twelve students. A tight 7-6 victory in the first match against Barker College and wins in round 4 and 7 against St. Aloysius and Joeys respectively showed the level of talent in a team eager and able to compete at the highest level.

The team was majorly reworked after the summer holidays following lots of vigorous individual training sessions. Seven Year Ten students and, notably, the Year Nine quick and physical presence, Jiazi Chen, made a huge step up into opens water polo. The increased physicality and swimming endurance required in the game provided a great basis for development. In 2023, three wins out of five against Joeys, Trinity and Shore and a very tight loss to competition winners Newington demonstrated a very strong team. I would like to commend Ryan Kirkland for his continual improvement and goalkeeper John Fang for always leading by example and being a crucial part of our success.

To my teammates, I look forward to everyone pushing for a very competitive spot in first grade next year.

## Liam Nottage

# **Third Grade**

The team enjoyed the 2022-2023 water polo season and worked hard throughout. Made up of experienced returning players and enthusiastic of new additions, the team was fully prepared to develop our potential. Despite the slow start to the season, we worked harder than ever with the goal of rivalling and eventually overcoming our opponents.

With three training sessions a week, I commend the grit of all my teammates to commit to the early morning sessions. I thank our coaches Jake, Jack, Archie, Tom and many more for their dedication to the program. As a result of the commitment of the team and the coaches, I have witnessed drastic improvements in Third Grade's collective coordination and individual fitness. Never would I have thought I could swim 10 x 200m laps on Tuesday sessions, yet with the team's continuous training we were meeting our quotas more comfortably throughout the season.

Over the six years of being in the program, I have been able to appreciate the different ways each player in the team has developed their unique play-styles and contributed their strengths to the sport. Ewan Ho and Gordon Wu have improved their swimming exponentially and their outstanding



fitness has been a firm foundation in our games. It has been a wonder to witness the powerful shots of Joshua Seow and Sean Lim, as well as the countless plays made by Jayden Ho who spearhead our offence. The confidence we have had in our attack was only made possible by our trust in Kevin's Ji unconventional yet reliable defence and Hikun Nguyen's constant saves as our goalkeeper. It has been awe-inspiring to see the drastic improvements of James Lo and Andersen Lau ever since they joined the team this season, and I am grateful for the enthusiasm of the Year 11s Alex Martello, Luke Palmer, and Raphael Cusinga who work hard and joke even harder.

Thank you to everyone for making the water polo season an unforgettable one.

# Gerald Franklin

# Sixteens

The Sixteens water polo team had a successful season in the 22/23 campaign. With many of the boys promoted to the open's division, the team saw many new faces as it prepared for the busy schedule of opponents.

Throughout our training, we learned many new skills and techniques that we could use in our games. Every match was a fresh challenge as each opponent had a different style of play and strengths and weaknesses. This helped us better understand the game and how to outperform our opponents in every aspect, proving useful in a high-scoring match against the notable water polo powerhouse Scots.

I would like to thank Ms Millar, Mr Rowlands, and our teams' various coaches, who all played tremendous roles in our team's success. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the parents for showing unwavering support throughout the whole season. Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to all the boys who played in this Sixteens team. I look forward to playing again with you next season.

## Brendan Woo

# **Under Fourteen**

Water polo is a thrilling sport that has been enjoyed at High for many decades. This season was one of the best of all time for the Under Fourteens. At the time of writing this report, we have played five games, two against Scots, and one against St Augustines, Kings, and Newington. We have won them all with flying colours! The most exciting win was against Kings, as we had never defeated them in the past and were yearning for a win.

Great teamwork, agility, speed, and discipline all came together to help us achieve these results. Our water polo team worked together better than ever and we improved at a rapid pace.

We are extremely proud to say that the Under Fourteens water polo team has had an amazing season so far and our spirits are high to continue our winning streak. Thank you to the coaches who have helped us drastically improve every week. We hope to finish the season off with a bang and go undefeated!

# Anay Gautam

# Thirteens

Water polo has been a thrilling new experience for all the new Year 7 players in our team. We were joined by three experienced Year 8s who helped us through our first season. Our wonderful coaches have taught us much about water polo and without their dedication and knowledge, we would not have had such a great time.

Every training session we arrived on time and ready to train. We improved every game through hard work and effort and the desire to win. Sadly, we did not manage to score any victories this season. We did come close several times and played with passion.

The Thirteens team has had a wonderful season and we hope to continue improving next season.

Max Feng



**First Grade Water Polo** STANDING: L NOTTAGE, R BALNAVE, A TAN, F HOPKINS, J BRITTON, R WOO SEATED: J XU, B AHN, J LUU, DR K JAGGAR, E BROWNLIE, J LO, N NGUYEN



Second Grade Water Polo STANDING: R KIKLAND, J FANG, J YU, J MCLOUGHLIN, D LEE, J ROWLANDS (HEAD COACH) SEATED: T CHEN, L SHEN, J CHEN, L NOTTAGE, D KIM, E SCHOLTEN, J NGUYEN





Sixteens Water Polo STANDING: L GREACEN, E XIAO, R YU, J DJAKARIA, E GAO, B XU, J SHIN SEATED: A MOOKHERJEE, M TAYLOR, M ZHANG, W CHOU, D DUTT, L XING, B WOO



**Fifteens Water Polo** STANDING: M YAN, J JIN, B FENG, S GOPAL, D YOO, C YUN SEATED: M ZHUO, B ATHWAL, J ZHANG, J TAN, J YEUNG



Fourteens Water Polo STANDING: J FRANCIS, R CHAI, F TRAN, N PEAKALL, R XIAN SEATED: N NG, K JAN, A GAUTAM, K NGUYEN, A BOURKE



Thirteen B Water Polo STANDING: L XU, N PING, T ROBERTS, M SYED, A BRAVO DA ROSA SEATED: M FENG, N LU, R PARK, S DAO, W WANG

# Winter Sports



# Athletics Assembly



Mr Lachlan Stanfield

Current coach Lachlan Stanfield shared with the assembly his passion for sport and athletics and his lifelong journey as an athlete, doing the hard work, competing and loving the sport. He also recounted the sacrifices and emotional costs of dedication to sport. His on-balance assessment of why athletics meant so much to him was powerful.

## **The Principal's Address**

Special guest, Mr Lachlan Stanfield, Staff, parents, coaches, selected GPS athletics representatives and students, good morning and welcome to our annual athletics assembly. I acknowledge this morning the Gadigal people of the Eora nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and pay my respects to elders past and present and extend that respect to any First Nations people here today. We are assembled together today to celebrate our short but hectic athletics season, which culminates in the GPS Carnival to be held on Saturday. Our athletes are special because they are making extra sacrifices to compete in athletics as well as in a summer sport. They show dedication to the team by earning points when competing in events - whether at championship or Division level - to help our overall standing in the competition. They are courageous to compete in front of a very large crowd, even when sometimes they have no real prospect of gaining a podium finish in their event. They show compassion for their teammates who try and fail in a fiercely competitive environment or who are injured. They model integrity by sticking to their training and meeting their competition commitments. They respect themselves, their opponents and each other in their events. Our boys need your support to cheer them on to give that extra few percent that makes the difference in gaining one place better or not.

On behalf of the staff and students, I want to thank Kurt Rich again for his professional leadership of our program as MIC of athletics for many years. Thank you to Natalie Luu and Casey Writer for assisting with supervision and coaching. Kurt's team contains a majority of Old Boy coaches who relate closely to our boys and inspire them with their passion for athletics and for the school.

Congratulations to all our competitors in the Combined High Schools Athletics carnival held last week. Max Russell won the 1500m & 3000m double and bronze in the 800m. Our U14 relay team claimed silver as did Lachlan Leung in the U15 long jump. The U16s relay won a silver medal in a school record time of 45.32. Alex Ruhfus had a dominant win in the U14 100m in 11.59 with Owen Trinh placing third.

Thanks to all our coaches. For 100m-400m and Head Coach -Neil Song (SHS-2015), assisted by Justin Nonis (SHS-2021) and Liam Scolari. For 800m-3000m – Daniel Ma (SHS-2018), Felix Cao (SHS-2020) and Lachlan Stanfield. For Hurdles - Jason Huo (SHS-2017) and Nelson Cheng (SHS-2022). For Shot put - Jack Bowditch. Thank you also to Davina Strauss, very long-term coach for long jump and Joshua Suto (SHS-2022) who assists. For high jump this year we have Casey Writer and Joshua Suto. Thank you to everybody in the athletics program for working so hard to raise the standard of athletics performance at High and to provide our students with the encouragement to have a go.



Dr K A Jaggar OAM

At the World Athletics Championships, Australian athletes have had a tough time – winning only 36 medals up to the recent competition. Twelve gold medals had been won by nine individuals. This year in Budapest, only our women field athletes tasted success. Nina Kennedy shared a gold medal in pole vault with a clearance of 4.9m. Eleanor Patterson won a silver in high jump with a leap of 1.99m, with Nicole Olyslagers earning bronze. Mackenzie Little threw the javelin 63.38 metres for a bronze medal. It was inspiring to see the level of performance of our women athletes on the world stage. It is a pity that athletics doesn't have a higher profile in Australia.

At High, we run the athletics program free of co-payments because we want to encourage athletic fitness and wellbeing



in our student population. Athletic competence is at the base of every sport. We have a goal of increasing the base level of strength and fitness in our school. We have resistance bands available for training all students. They are particularly effective during warm-ups. We want to encourage and support athletics in any way that we can. I want to congratulate the athletes who have been chosen for the GPS carnival championship and division places in our team. You have earned your places by turning up to train, meeting your commitments and competing in the lead-up carnivals. I wish you the best of luck on the Saturday.

## Dr K A Jaggar OAM

# **Athletics Captain Address**

The 2023 Sydney Boys High Athletics program has achieved unprecedented success this season, boasting the remarkable feat of Owen Trinh with a GPS Record as well as 3rd place in the Junior Division, exemplifying the depth of talent within the program. Additionally, Oscar Greville and Max Russell both won gold, backed by the largest Year 12 squad whose unwavering commitment to the sport and relentless pursuit of excellence has not only set a new standard but have also left their mark on the athletics program. The Athletics Season at HIGH is unlike the rest, fifteen sessions, three sessions a week, for five weeks, all leading to one moment. Yet, Athletics possesses its uniqueness for reasons beyond this. The program cultivates an environment that empowers individuals to harness their athletic abilities through hard work, commitment, and perseverance, enabling us to continually improve our performance with each passing week. Athletes compete not solely for their individual aspirations of securing a podium finish but for each other with the strategic aim of increasing the school's cumulative point tally.

However, none of this would be possible without Dr Jaggar and his ongoing support in providing the opportunity for all individuals to participate in the athletics program. MIC Mr Rich for his commitment to organising training and supervision, Mr Writer and Ms Luu for encouraging and supervising the teams each week. Additionally, the development and training of our athletes would not be possible without the team of Old Boy and specialist coaches.

I am honoured to Captain the 2023 Sydney Boys High Athletics Team and I want to commend each athlete for their dedication to the program and performance at the AAGPS Championship. Finally, I want to encourage them to stay committed to the program and wish them the best of luck in the future.



Kaden Kuang



## Kaden Kuang





# Athletics

# **The MIC Report**

# GPS 2023 Athletics Championships Wrap Up

The GPS Athletics Championship is always a highlight for me. This year was my tenth Championship as MIC and was certainly one for the memory bank. From the great performances including Third Place in the junior division (Fifth Intermediate and Seventh in Seniors), several wins including two Gold medals in Opens, A GPS Record and many new SBHS Athletics Records set.

Below is the list of top three placegetters in championship events (not division)

## Dylan Dutt

200 Metre U16 Championship 22.78 (2) 100 Metre U16 Championship 11.19 (2)

Nicholas Fung High Jump U15 Championship 1.80m (2)

Oscar Greville Shot Put Open Championship 13.52m (1)

Mekaeel Khan Long Jump U13 Championship 5.14m (3)

Lachlan Leung #46 Men Long Jump U15 Championship 6.08m (1)

Aiden McManus 800 Metre U15 Championship 2:03.62 (1)

## Alex Ruhfus

200 Metre U14 Championship 23.41 (1) Men 100 Metre U14 Championship 11.53 (1)

Max Russell 3000 Metre Open Championship 8:50.60 (1)

#### **Owen Trinh**

200 Metre U13 Championship 24.39 (1) Men 100 Metre U13 Championship 11.81 (1) – GPS Record

# Mark Yan

400 Metre U14 Championship 54.58 (2)

Owen Smith, Mekaeel Khan, Aaron Li and Owen Trinh 4x100 Metre Relay U13 Championship 49.09 (2)

Liwen Deng, Mark Yan, Roger He and Alex Ruhfus 4x100 Metre Relay U14 Championship 46.19 (1)

Brendan Woo, Lachlan Leung, Tim Chen and Athithan Mayuran

4x100 Metre Relay U15 Championship NT 44.72 (3)

I encourage all athletes and the greater student body to participate in the year-round speed and agility program which is free on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons – 3:15-5pm at MPW.

The CHS season was summed up with the delivery of the 2023 KIPPAX Cup – Highest Points for a boy's school at the CHS Championship. Medallists include:

## Max Russell

First in Opens 3k, First in Opens 1500m and Third in Opens 800m

Liwen Deng, Mark Yan, Roger He and Alex Ruhfus Second in 14's 4x100m Relay

Naeer Nibras, Khai Pham, Garry Liu and Dylan Dutt Second in 16's 4x100m Relay

Alex Ruhfus First in 14's 100m

Owen Trinh Third in 13's 100m

Lachlan Leung Second in15's Long Jump

2023 has proven to be a great year for High Athletics. I would like to thank Dr Kim Jaggar for his ongoing support, Ms Hannah Jackson who is doing a great job as the relieving



Year 12 Athletes and Coaches annual dinner (sadly not all coaches and athletes could attend the event).



Head Teacher of Sport, my support staff including Ms Natalie Luu and Mr Casey Writer. My role is made a lot easier due to the amazing efforts of the coaches who worked with great passion and dedication. I would like to express my appreciation to the Athletes themselves for their amazing efforts. A special thanks to the largest group of Year 12's, led by Athletics Captain Kaden Kuang (four GPS sports in Year 12) I have ever had, their commitment to training during their trials really set the tone for the other cohorts.

Kurt Rich MIC Athletics



Year 12 Athletes Coaches



Athletics Squad Photo



Senior Athletics BACK ROW: K JI, L JARVIS, J LIN, G JIANG, O GREVILLE, M HAIDER, A WONG, P WANG, A TAN MIDDLE ROW: J NGUYEN, J TA, B AHN, M SANJEEV, R HOSSAIN, B XIE, R BALNAVE, W CHEN FRONT ROW: M LI, C LAU, R YU, K KUANG, K RICH (MIC), M RUSSELL, H NGUYEN, A HUANG, L TRAN



# Intermediate Athletics

BACK ROW: A MAYURAN, A DING, G LIU, B ZHANG, D LI, B TAN, J YU, S LI, T SARATHY FOURTH ROW: O BUIKEMA, N NIBRAS, J MCLOUGHLIN, M KARKI, B PRABAHARAN, R KAFLE, W FAN, H SHAN THIRD ROW: E SONG, D JOHNSUN, M ELGAWLY, M ZHU, D KIM, L NOTTAGE, N FUNG, L GREACEN, H XIN, D DUTT, A MCMANUS, E WILKINSON, B DANG SECOND ROW: T CHOUDHURY, A LEE, K AHMED, L XING, K KUANG, K RICH (MIC), M RUSSELL, L LEUNG, V CHEN, A YAO, K PHAM FRONT ROW: J NGUYEN, M TAYLOR, A PARK, L ZHANG, A CHU, M KIM, B WOO, J HO





# **Junior Athletics**

BACK ROW: E LEES, M YAN, R SAMSONOV, A RUHFUS, C CARO, R BASSAM, Y WANG, B STENING, T CHEN FOURTH ROW: J FRANCIS, J CHEN, A LY, K YIN, O TRINH, S HANDOKO, L DENG, M KHAN THIRD ROW: M GAO, A LI, N CHAN, E MCGLYNN, L ZENG, J MIAO, A LI, T YANG, G CHENG, T YE SECOND ROW: S MCMANUS, H SYED, J KUO, K KUANG, K RICH (MIC), M RUSSELL, R HE, L XU, T LAMA FRONT ROW: N NG, W TRAN, O SMITH, J LI, M MA, T HUI, L WONG

# **Cross Country**



# **GPS Cross Country**

The Sydney Boys Cross Country Team have triumphantly navigated through the 2023 season, wholeheartedly committing themselves to our rigorous training and racing program, resulting in remarkable growth and improvement showcased throughout the season. This year's race courses were not for the faint hearted, featuring rugged terrains, muddied ground, and daunting hills (notably at Sydney Park), all of which tested the boys' spirit. Despite these challenges, the squad persevered week after week, giving it their all at every competition.

Packed with lots of bright young talent, the Juniors squad had a remarkable fourth place finish this year, their dedication and commitment evident through their large turnouts and efforts at all training sessions and races. The improvement seen over the season by the juniors was

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Max Russell and Nestor Chan, GPS Opens U14 Teams



exceptional, most notably Nestor Chan and Elijah Lee consistently securing top fifteen positions towards the end of the season. It was great to see the boys enthusiastically support the older teams at every competition and I am eagerly anticipating the remarkable achievements these young athletes will produce in the coming years.

Concluding the season with an amazing podium placement in third, the Intermediates squad demonstrated the impact of hard, consistent training every week. A testament to their collective effort, five boys were within the top twenty of GPS competitors during our last few competitions. The boys also seamlessly collaborated to advance their positions in races, exemplifying the true power of teamwork in this year's Cross-Country season.

The Opens team had an excellent season with big results from the whole squad placing fourth overall against some very strong teams this year, the boys should be very proud. Notably, Kiran Nayager, Ren-Shyan Balnave and newcomer, Christopher Lau, emerged as essential pillars, heavily contributing to the team's point score with huge improvements throughout the season. It was great to see the dedication the boys put into their training with many tough sessions in Centennial Park provided by our coaches.



The highly anticipated annual Trinity Relay made its return for the first time in four years with some respectable results across the board. The Juniors and Opens team both placed fourth exhibiting our prowess in both the short and long distances. Although the highlight of the day was the performance of the two old boy teams who finished first and third place, offering a chance for the boys to run alongside our coaches and former OB competitors of Sydney Boys.

Despite being a newcomer to Cross Country, Christopher Lau has brought his athleticism and persistence to the sport, channelling his energy into dedicated training and races resulting in climbing more than ten places throughout the course of the season. Kiran Nayager, a veteran within the squad, has taken the challenges faced this year in stride consistently placing third in the Opens team. I am excited to see his progress in the coming year. Ren-Shyan Balnave's remarkable commitment and perseverance in his Cross-Country journey over the past couple years can be clearly seen in his progression this season. From consistent top twenty positions, he quickly catapulted into single digit places within a matter of weeks, beating out several formidable athletes.





The annual GPS vs CAS race included me along with Nestor Chan representing GPS for the juniors, a well-deserved position due to his hard work in training both inside and outside of school. We had an impressive eight athletes competing in the State Cross Country Championships ranging from the 13 years to 18 years boys. Special congratulations to Ren-Shyan Balnave for placing 10th and being first reserve for the National Championships. I'd like to thank Dr Jaggar for his ongoing support in the Cross-Country Program, MIC; Ms Dam, and Mr Prorellis going above and beyond every week to ensure the smooth operation of training sessions and races. Undoubtedly, none of this would be possible without our coaches, Rhys Shariff, Thomas Schanzer and Kane Shields, who plan and execute our training sessions, constantly improving our performances and maintaining our enjoyment of the sport throughout the season.

# Individual GPS Best & Fairest across the Season

Open Champion (GPS Pocket) - Max Russell (Sydney Boys High School)

Finally, our thanks also go out to all the parents for their invaluable support of the boys' races and their help during the Sydney High Invitational event.

# Max Russell First Captain

RANK	145	SCORE	165	SCORE	Open	SCORE
1st place	KINGS	188	SCOTS	123	SHORE	217
2nd	NEWINGTON	278	KINGS	307	KINGS	392
3rd	GRAMMAR	502	HIGH	399	GRAMMAR	418
4th	HIGH	524	GRAMMAR	585	HIGH	569
5th	SCOTS	856	ST IGNATIUS	789	NEWINGTON	658
6th	ST IGNATIUS	1084	SHORE	846	SCOTS	749
7th	SHORE	1261	NEWINGTON	1321	ST IGNATIUS	774
8th	ST JOSEPH'S	1634	ST JOSEPH'S	1645	ST JOSEPH'S	1024

# **GPS Results Table**





**First Grade Cross Country** STANDING: K NAYAGER, L ZUO, J WACHSMANN, A O'YOUNG SEATED: J XU, R BALNAVE, DR K JAGGAR, M RUSSELL, C LAU



Senior Cross Country BACK ROW: Y XIAO, J YIN, L ZUO MIDDLE ROW: K NAYAGER, A YOU, L JARVIS, J WACHSMANN, R CUSINGA, C LAU SEATED: J ZHOU, J XU, R BALNAVE, M RUSSELL, A O'YOUNG, N THIE, L TRAN





Intermediate Cross Country STANDING: A PARK, N RUSTANDI, A YU, L PALMER, K WU, M LIU, M CHEN, L ZHANG SEATED: L SU, A AGRAWAL, J KIMPTON, T SARATHY, E WONG, E WANG, R LI



Junior Cross Country BACK ROW: U DEWANATA, A XU, L LE, S GOPAL, F TRAN, S WANG, E LEES MIDDLE ROW: C PAN, A LI, S CHONG, M ZHANG, J MIAO, M GILES, T LI, G CHENG SEATED: N NG, V LOUKINE, H SYED, K MUDGIL, N CHAN, S MU, E HONG, R ALAM, M MA

# Winter Sports Assembly



# **The Principal's Address**

Special guest, Ben Whitaker, parents, staff, students, welcome to our first Winter Sports Assembly, honouring football, rugby and cross country. We gather together before the first official matches of the GPS competition – winter season - to introduce some of our winter teams and acknowledge the work of our staff, coaches and committees. Our second assembly next term will complete the process for the other winter sports.

In our Football program, I would like to thank MIC Sam Higgins who has built up the strength of the Football program at High over the last four years. Our former Football Coaching Coordinator, Dylan Deep-Jones has left us for a full-time gig. I want to acknowledge his work over the years for High Football. Thank you to our Football teaching staff – Jamie Kay, Kurt Rich, Matthew Hood, Jeremy Ohlback and Kety Manolios. We acknowledge and appreciate our coaches-Alexander Barnstone, Oliver Jones, Dean Rong (2019), Alex Loke (2019), Andy Danis (2021), Ohm Bhandari (2021), Mushfique Ahmed (2021), Samir Uddin (2021), Justin Nonis (2021), Jethro Samson (2021), Ajay Verma (2021), Aryan Zaman (2021), Rishi Wig (2021), David Li (2022), Tahmid Choudhury (2022), Albert Giles (2022), Tarrant Williams (2022), Jack Smiles (2022) and Harsh Shirodhar (2022). We appreciate all the support and time offered by our Parent Committee - Kevin Leung, Cynthia Leung, Utpal Baruah, Hui Ching Baruah, Gary Fiene and Luke Nottage. Thank you to you all. Let us hope for another improved season.

I want to thank Vivian Paul for his efforts as Rugby MIC this year. Let's hope this is the start of a rugby risorgimento at High. Thank you to High staff - retiring MIC Matthew Cotton (for stewardship of the program in recent years, mentoring the new MIC, and being an elite, casual referee); John James & Stuart Olsen (for training support and Saturday help); Mr George Barris (for mentoring and support); Hannah Jackson (for support and encouragement of rugby as an option for students). Thank you to our enthusiastic coaches - Jack Bowditch (St Ignatius) and Liam Scolari (Joeys) for the first XV, Vinnie Dorahy (2020), Edison Dorahy (2019), Jivan Naganathan (2021) Adrian Wong (2921), Jordan Wong (2022), Nelson Cheng (2022), James Wei ('22), Leon Chau (2022) and Thomas Britton (2022). Thank you also to the Parents Committee - Greg Gerstl, Yves Stenning, Diana Chan, Mohit Singh, David Britton, Andrew Hybler, Kerrie Greville and Andrew Kuo. We appreciate your time and effort on behalf of the program.





Rebecca Dam, MIC cross country, has as organised an efficient and seamless sporting program for our boys for many years. Thank you again, Rebecca and to John Prorellis for his long term support for cross country. Thank you again to our coaches, Thomas Schanzer (SHS-2020), Rhys Shariff (SHS-2021) and Kane Shields (SHS-2022). Also, thank you to the twenty cross-country parents who volunteered to help on the High GPS Cross Country Host event at Centennial Park.

Sydney Boys High School has a long and proud rugby history. We have had some great rugby internationals as Old Boys-Peter Johnson, Chris Whitaker, Peter Crittle, Keith Cross, Syd King, John Brass – but none more influential than John Thornett. He was School Captain in 1951, played in the first XV and rowed in the first VIII for two years. He held school records in breaststroke U13s to U16s. He represented NSW in Water polo. He was Captain of Australia in 16 tests and 47 tour matches during eight international tours with the Wallabies. He was the second player to play 100 games for his country. Claimed by some as Australia's greatest ever rugby captain, he 'was solid, dependable, unwavering, a man of undoubted modesty' - 'a man of sterling character and high ethics'. In his long career (1955-1967) John played 37 test matches and 77 representative fixtures in the Australian team. He was inducted into the Wallabies Hall of Fame in 2005. As a person and a player, John Thornett was a fine sporting role model who made history at High and served his country proudly. Check out his blazer and portrait next to Mr Kay's office. All you representative players have an opportunity this season to add to the High story and tradition. It is not so much the score that counts as how you played the game as sportsmen... with courage, integrity and dedication. I congratulate our GPS representative players on their selection into the first and second grade teams of our winter sports and I believe that all our boys who have made GPS teams will grow as competitors and as people during the season, whatever the outcomes of their contests may be.

Dr K A Jaggar OAM







Special guest, Ben Whitaker

# Fencing

# **First Grade Foil Fencing**

2023 was an outstanding season for the First Grade Foil Team. Representing the First Grade Foil Team of 2023 were: Benjamin Dang (9R), Andrew Wang (11S), Daniel Kim (10M) and myself Dean Johnsun (11F) as captain.

In the New South Wales Schools' Fencing League (NSWSFL) the team performed strongly, securing an impressive second place in the U19 Foil Team Premiership. We had victories over St Aloysius College, Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, Arden Anglican School with narrow defeats against Sydney Grammar and Barker College. In the U19 NSWSFL Foil Individual Competition, Andrew Wang placed third.

In the Roberta Nutt national qualifier individual competition, I witnessed remarkable determination from each of our fencers. Henry Lin placed eighth while I claimed the gold medal for Foil. This gold medal marked the first individual foil victory for High in this event in over two decades. In the AJ Rae Competitions, the Senior foil team managed to secure a silver medal. As a result of these and other accomplishments, the Sydney High Fencing Program won both the Roberta Nutt Shield and the AJ Rae Shield for 2023.

The Australian Senior Schools Fencing Championships witnessed a spirited effort from our Second Grade team, albeit being defeated by Sydney Grammar A. The First Grade team displayed exceptional resolve, prevailing over Barker College and advancing to the Semi-Finals against Sydney Grammar B. The team had won a hard-fought match to then progress to the finals although we ended up with narrow loss to Sydney Grammar A.

Overall, I am very proud of how our senior foil teams performed and improved over the season. I am confident we will continue to improve next year and together with emerging talent in the SBHS fencing program I am excited for what the future holds.

None of our successes would happen without the continual support of Dr Jaggar and Ms Jackson to the fencing program. The coaching team including Lachlan Blair, Alvin Liu, Daniel Low and led by Kevin Chen deserve immense credit for training us and honing our skills to ensure that each fencer has the tools needed to reach their greatest potential. A huge thank you to all the volunteering parents who have helped prepare the refreshments and to the supporting teachers, Ms Wong, Ms Stewart, and Mr Ormsby, for their support and encouragement. Finally, the sacrifice and unwavering dedication of our MIC Mr Huynh cannot go unnoticed. He is the backbone of our fencing program and we wouldn't have this outstanding team today without his hard work and management.

## Dean Johnsun







**First Grade Fencing** STANDING: B DANG, D KIM, A WANG, X PERRY, M KARKI, T XU SEATED: J SU, DR K A JAGGAR OAM, S HUI, J WANG, D JOHNSUN, D HUYNH (MIC), J HO



Under 19 Foil Fencing D JOHNSUN, H LIN, A WANG, D KIM, S ZHENG

## **First Grade Sabre**

2023 has been another highly successful year for the First Grade Sabre Team. Under the expertise of coaches Leo Kershaw-Kostic and Yu Ming Lee, the First Grade Sabre has achieved immense success over the season.

Representing the First Grade Sabre Team for 2022 were: Jayden Ho (11M), Samuel Hui (11T), Oscar Shi (11S) and Mahesh Karki (10S). With the achievements of the previous first grade sabre teams from the years before us, we set out to perform to the same calibre, with our main goal being to win the Australian Schools Senior Championships at the end of the season.

In the Roberta Nutt individual competition at the beginning of the season, we achieved outstanding results, with Jayden Ho coming third and receiving a bronze medal from a pool of thirty-five competitors. Mahesh Karki also fenced very well, finishing in the top ten. We also achieved great results in the NSW School Championships a few weeks later, with Jayden Ho finishing in the top five and Ethan Li finishing in the top six.

In the AJ Rae School Team Competition, the First Grade Sabre Team won gold, dominating both Trinity in the semi-finals and Newington in the finals. This was a very important achievement for our team, as it gave us the confidence to perform well with the Australian Schools Senior Championships just a few weeks later.

In our biggest competition this year, The Australian Schools Senior Championships, our sabre fencers achieved incredible results. In the team competition, after dominating Newington College in the semi-finals, forty-five to thirty-one and defeating Normanhurst Boys in the finals after a strong battle, forty-five to forty-three, the First Grade Sabre Team were able to come out with a gold medal. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the Second Grade Team who finished with a bronze medal after losing to Normanhurst Boys in the semi-finals.

All of our senior fencers also competed in the SBHS J May Cup, with Ethan Li defeating Samuel Hui in the finals, in a very close and thrilling match, winning fifteen to fourteen after several weeks of competition.

I would like to give a huge thanks to MIC Mr Huynh, for his tireless effort and commitment to the program, making sure that the fencing program is the best that it can be. Thank you to coaches, Yu Ming Lee and Leo Kershaw-Kostic for pushing the whole team to our limits this season and helping us to improve tremendously. Without you, we would not have produced the results that we were able to produce. I would also like to thank Dr Jaggar for his continual support of the program and also to Ms Wong, Ms Stewart and all the parent volunteers for their encouragement and support during competitions. Thank you to all the boys for a great season and I look forward to an even better season next year!

# Samuel Hui

## First Grade Épée

Sydney Boys High School Fencing is an illustrious program, boasting not just all three forms of fencing, but also numerous achievements in all of them. 2023 has been amongst the most successful seasons we've ever had, winning almost every épée competition that we entered. These range from state to national competitions, in both individual as well as team events. This year's First Grade Épée team consisted of Jarrod Su (12R), Xavier Perry (10M) and Tommy Xu (10E), with myself as captain. The 2023 Second Grade Épée team consisted of Jamieson Lai (10M), Kelvin Chen (10F), Hudson Cai (9M) and Jack Huang (12T). The addition of two Year 10 members to the First Grade team is indicative of their off season training and continual dedication to fencing while also serving as a testament to the Sydney Boys fencing programs' progression, increasing the standard year after year. Throughout the course of the season, every member has trained hard to hone their skills, reflected in the excellent placements resulting from team as well as individual competitions.

In the New South Wales Schools Fencing League (NSWSFL) U19 Individual Épée Competition, Jarrod Su won silver while I won gold. In the teams equivalent, our First Grade team claimed gold, remaining undefeated after triumphing over every other school, continuing on our unbroken streak of victories in this competition. In the New South Wales Fencing Association (NSWFA) Senior Roberta Nutt Individual Competition, Jarrod Su tied Bronze and Tommy Xu claimed gold in the Senior Men's Épée category, winning the Roberta Nutt Shield for the seventh year in a row.

Our Second Grade team members were also quite successful this season. Due to some of their younger ages, they participated in U16 as well as U15 age category events. In the NSWFL U16 Individual Épée competition, Jamieson Lai won equal bronze, while Xavier Perry won silver and Tommy Xu won gold. For the Australian Fencing Federation Intermediate Schools Championships, Hudson Cai, along with other younger fencers travelled down to Melbourne



to represent the school. In the Boys Individual Épée event, Hudson Cai won silver, while the Sydney boys team claimed gold in the team event.

At the NSWFA AJ Rae Senior Team Championships, our First Grade team claimed gold once again, with the Second Grade team winning silver, qualifying both for Nationals. Towards the end of the season, both teams participated in the Australian Fencing Federation Senior Schools Championships, in which our First Grade team unfortunately lost to the eventual winners in the semi-finals, relegating us to bronze while the Second Grade team advanced to the finals in their bracket but lost to the same team. However, the First Grade team found significantly more success in the individual nationals competition, with Xavier Perry in tied bronze, Jarrod Su in silver and Tommy Xu claiming gold.

All our successes would not be possible without the continual support from Dr Jaggar, MIC Mr Huynh, parents as well as our épée coaches Ted Elliot, Nicholas Chen and Mark Morris. Their contributions to the program has facilitated our success over consecutive years, holding students up to the same or higher standards even as older cohorts graduate. Lastly, thank you to all the students in the program for making our last year of fencing not just successful, but also enjoyable and memorable.

# Jack Wang



First and Second Grade Fencing (Épée)



Under 19 Sabre Fencing O SHI, S HUI, M KARKI, J HO



Under 19 Épée Fencing J WANG, X PERRY



## **Junior Fencing**

This year's fencing season has been an exciting, fun and overall, an amazing experience for everyone involved. This year, both our U14 and U16 teams were able to compete in the NSWFL Team Premiership, where both teams received commendable results, with the U14 team winning silver and U16 winning bronze after an intense two-way tie. We were also fortunate enough to attend the AFF Australian Intermediate Schools Championships where I managed to earn a bronze medal in a miraculous seven point turnaround and then another bronze medal as a team in the following team's event. Additionally, we were incredibly lucky to have Alvin Liu and Daniel Low return to the school as coaches along with Kevin Chen and Lachlan Blair. With their prior experience as coaches, Kevin and Lachlan were able to make training sessions appealing, helpful and entertaining. They have shown all of us the importance of technique, team-work, and above all, just how much fun fencing can be. I eagerly look forward to next season, with hopefully many new faces as well as old ones. Overall, I've greatly enjoyed this season and I cannot wait to see what the next will bring.

## Benjamin Dang



Fencing Development Squad BACK ROW: J LUCHKO, V WANG, E XUE, H ZHU FOURTH ROW: W ZHENG, E LIN, J BARNES, T CHEN, J YONG, D QIAN, B CHAN, V WANG THIRD ROW: J TAN, N QUE, A WIJAYA, Y ZHU, I WONG, Y KOH, T ZHOU, E LI, O LI SECOND ROW: D LYRIS, E CHANG, A NAIR, Z CHI, K TEDJASAPUTRA, T SU, A BRAVO DA ROSA, B HAN FRONT ROW: R JUNAID, L ZHANG, M IBRAHIM, D SOR, D HUYNH (MIC), H YANG, J HU, W XIONG, W TRAN



Under 16 Foil Fencing G MERMELAS, P GUPTA, J WANG, B DANG, R XIAO



Under 16 Sabre Fencing E LI, A PYE, A SHAO, N LEE, J JIM





Under 16 Épée Fencing H CAI, T XU, K CHEN, J LAI, L WANG



**Under 14 Foil Fencing** J LIM, L CHOW, T TRAYNOR, T YE, J YAN



**Under 14 Sabre Fencing** K YUAN, J SHI, O XIE, A LI, M PARK, W CAHYADI



Under 14 Épée Fencing K NGUYEN, L CHEN, B WU, W HUANG, D ZHU, V RAJIT, L MCLOUGHLIN





Fencing Competition Squad BACK ROW: X PERRY, J WANG, K CHEN, S HUI, A SHAO, A WANG, T DIAO FIFTH ROW: J PULLINGER, H LIN, D KIM, P GUPTA, A PERERA, H CHEN, J HUANG, J SU, W HUANG FOURTH ROW: J JIM, O XIE, T TRAYNOR, T XU, T YE, D ZHU, A PYE, J LAI THIRD ROW: T GUO, S ZHENG, J HO, G MERMELAS, L CHOW, R XIAO, J YAN, A LI, B WU SECOND ROW: L CHEN, J SHI, V RAJIT, L WANG, J LIM, L MCLOUGHLIN, K YUAN, M PARK FRONT ROW: T ZHENG, E LI, B DANG, J WANG, D HUYNH (MIC) D JOHNSUN, O SHI, H CAI, W CAHYADI



Fencers at the Winter Sport Assembly

## **First Grade**

The 2023 First Grade Football season was defined by heartbreak and change. Yet, despite falling short of the season's goals, it has set a path for future success. Coming into the season with prominent players graduating in 2022, it meant there were big boots to fill across the line-up. Built on a strong combination of Year 10 and 11 players, the Year 12s in the team were looking to end their final season in success.

We began the season with a CHS Knockout Game against Woolooware High. Led by the experienced Dylan Deep-Jones, the squad would dominate across the field, taking a 2-o victory (Goals: Ramin, Lachlan). In the second round, we would face a strong Menai High. Taking an early 2-o lead, Menai would come back and win 3-2 (G: Hikun, Praneil). In our final game of Term Two, we played St Andrew's to a chaotic 5-3 win (G: Hikun, Jason, Dylan, Daniel). During the school holidays, the team participated in the annual St Andrew's Cup with promising results across the two days including two 1-o losses against Knox and Oakhill, a 2-o win against Saint Pauls (G: Hikun, Jason) and a o-o draw against Barker. Following the tournament the squad was informed that our long-standing coach Dylan Deep-Jones would be leaving, and he would be replaced by Alexander Barnstone.

A stylistic change from quick transitional football to a more considered possession-based style came with our new coach. A change that would allow the team to assert midfield dominance and effectively play through teams. The rest of pre-season in the GPS Plate provided close losses. Being able to dominate all teams in possession, it was our lack of clinical finishing in the final third that resulted in a 3-2 last minute loss to Grammar (G: Hikun), a 2-1 loss to Newington (G: Daniel), and a 2-0 loss to Scots. However, in the final game of the GPS Plate competition we were able to end our sorrows with a 2-1 win against Shore (G: Hikun, Ryan), leading to three of our squad being selected to the Combined GPS Football Teams - Dylan Dutt and Aiden McManus in the U-16's and Hikun Nguyen in the Open's First XI.

Our first GPS match against Plate winners Newington showed periods of dominance but their overwhelming strength led to a disappointing 5-2 defeat (G: Ryan, Moshi). An underwhelming performance capped by a 5-1 loss against runner's up Kings (G: Hikun) and a 2-1 loss to Scots (G: Hikun) before the end of term would lead to changes in training, with emphasis on fitness and finishing. After large improvements in the holidays, the team would show an extremely dominant first-half performance taking a 1-0 lead against GPS winners Joey's, but they would come-back in a 4-1 victory (G: Hikun). The Back to High Day fixture against Grammar was a highly anticipated game that brought a packed home crowd. An enthralling 2-2 draw (G: Liam C, Daniel), provided positive signs as we reached the penultimate game of the season. Coming up against Shore, the team would hold a 2-1 lead (G: Dylan, Lachlan) until the end of the eighty minutes, but three minutes of added time would lead to a heartbreaking result as Shore would equalise in the final minute off a questionable free-kick decision. The final game of the season against Riverview would mean the end of a 6-year journey for many Year Twelves. Reflecting our heartbreaking season, we would take another 2-1 lead into half-time, but a 4-2 loss would end our season (G: Dylan, Daniel).

Whilst it was a final season that the Year Twelve boys may be disappointed with, it was a learning curve for the younger years whose future is extremely bright. I strongly believe that they'll be able to continue the upwards trajectory of the Football program and compete against the best. On behalf of the First Grade Squad, I would like to thank Dr Jaggar, Football MIC Mr Higgins, First and Second Grade Coaches Alexander Barnstone, Seamus McCorry and Dylan Deep-Jones, the Football Committee, and all the teachers and parents who tirelessly help run the program. Finally, I would like to say a special thank you to the Year Twelve boys for an incredible six years.

## Hikun Nguyen

# Second Grade

The Second Grade Football season was one of youthful potential as twelve players made their starting debut over the course of the seven-game season. The season got off to an unfortunate start as we suffered a 0-4 loss to Newington. In the next game, the boys pulled together and managed to come within touching distance of a win against Kings 1-2. The team headed into the Term Two break with a winless record 0-0-3. After training hard in the holidays and facing minor setbacks with a 0-2 loss to Grammar and Joeys, the boys were ready to reap the rewards of their training as they faced SHORE. Within the first few minutes, our veteran, Moshi Tao, put our team in front with a curling shot into the top



left corner. With the goal and momentum on our side, we held onto the clean sheet coming away with a 1-0 win, the highlight of the season. This season was a great stepping stone for next year as it provided valuable experience to the debutants including myself as Captain, Gurrik Sall as MIP and Zayn Hakim as MVP.

Thank you to the coaches Alexander Barnstone, Jonathan Service and Seamus McCorry, MIC Mr Higgins, parents and Dr Jaggar for allowing us the opportunity to turn up every Saturday and represent our school to the best of our abilities.

## Pradeepan Nadhan

## **Third Grade**

Despite the Third Grade lineup changing every week due to Second Grade benchwarmers and four different coaches, I am proud to say the lads adapted accordingly and produced a season to remember.

We kicked off the season with a hard-fought 7-0 win against St Andrews, with Jaiman Li being named MOTM. The next round was the High vs Grammar Derby, with the boys producing an impressive o-o scoreline considering we had one training session previously and twenty people in the squad. Despite myself receiving a concussion and Mohit copping a double yellow resulting in a red card, the boys pulled through against the top-of-the-table Newington squad, with veteran Ansh 'Ben Simmons' Marken scoring to secure the 1-0. Despite Mohit's yellow card against Scots and Zarif getting chipped, highlights were Josh's goal and Nissi Pillay's free-kick banger from halfway against Scots, astounding many spectators including Smithy himself. The grudge match against Iggy's concluded with Zarif causing a penalty and a super unfortunate own goal from myself. The game against Shore culminated in a tight game with the opposition only being separated by a penalty caused by Nissi. In an eerie coincidence, Nissi caused this penalty in the exact same spot on the exact same field as our reverse fixture against Shore.

Congratulations to MVP and MIP Alex Nguyen and Mohit Sigilisetti.

I would like to thank our coaches, Alex, Jack Smiles, Higgo and Dean Rong. All four of their seemingly endless tactical insight sharpened us. Finally, thanks to the lads for making this season unforgettable.

## Alex Nguyen

# **Fourth Grade**

The Fourth Grade Football team had a successful season, consisting of many wins against tough competition. This made our last season at High a memorable one, with many happy moments and experiences along the way. The GPS season consisted of convincing wins against Kings (4-0), Grammar (2-0) and Shore (4-0), with unfortunate losses to Newington (0-1) and Scots (0-2). We were also fortunate to travel to Armidale and play against The Armidale School, which created a lifelong memory for the boys. The game was extremely close, and even though the result did not go our way (1-2), we gave it our best effort against an extremely strong Armidale team and thoroughly enjoyed the once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Some memorable performances include striker Kavin Maran (12S) scoring a spectacular hat-trick against Shore, as well as our goalkeeper Heishan Rajkumar (12E), saving three penalties over the course of the season. The MVP of Fourth Grade was myself, Sumanth Bodidi (12M) and the MIP was Awanish Sainju (12S), who constantly strove to improve his ability throughout the season. I would like to personally thank our coach Alex Loke and MIC of Football, Mr Sam Higgins, for making this season possible.

# Sumanth Bodidi

# **Fifth Grade**

The 2023 Football Season was a rollercoaster for the Fifth Football team. At the start of the season, our team was a squad full of individuals and it showed, as we left pre-season without a win. As the season commenced, we lost 0 - 2 to Newington in the first game, which was a vast improvement from the o - 5 loss in our pre-season game. It was evident that we were in the game, but we lacked the cutting edge to score. Our first goal came in a 1 - 3 defeat against King's, where we started slowly off the back of a training-less week before winning the second half 1 - 0, sparking newfound hope in our season. As the second half of the campaign commenced, we won 2 - 1 against St Patricks in a dominant game before securing two 1 - 1 draws against Grammar and Shore respectively despite strong performances in both games. A final loss to Riverview capped off an up-and-down season, which was nonetheless incredibly enjoyable. Thanks to Mushfique and Ohm for investing in us as both players and people, with weekly motivation undoubtedly driving us through the initial periods of our season.

## Brian Nguyen

#### Winter Sports

## **Sixth Grade**

The Sixth Grade team shaped the 2023 season to become a memorable and exhilarating experience for all the players. In terms of performance, the season had ups and downs, but every week and every session saw changes and improvements. not only as individuals, but as an entire unit, and as a whole team. What set Sixth Grade apart from other teams, wasn't just the technical prowess of the players, or the unique skill sets of a certain individual, but the chemistry and connection that brought us together. These attributes allowed us to bag wins throughout the season, most notably on Back to High Day, with a 2 - 1 win in a rematch against Grammar. The hard work and endurance taken on by the boys, on every Wednesday session and (most of) the Thursday afternoons, was reflected proudly in the Saturday matches. But all this work would not have been possible without coach, Ohm Bhandari, who set an example for the team, as a skilled player, a committed coach and a valued friend. I have to thank everyone involved, coaches and players, for making such an unreal and unforgettable season.

# Mahib Fazley

## **Seventh Grade**

Going into this year we had high expectations - coming off an undefeated season last year that resulted in a prestigious Dolan Cup. Although this season has not necessarily lived up to those expectations, I am sure everyone walked away from it beaming and happy with it. We had outstanding performances throughout the season. This involved Timothy Jian undergoing rapid improvement in the off-season and becoming our apex scorer - scoring nineteen goals throughout the entirety of the season. A remarkable performance! Followed by our captain, Ivan Zhai, scoring eleven goals across the entire season. At the end of the day, it will be the nail-biting victories and all the fun we have had that we will keep amongst some of our fondest memories at High. A huge thanks goes to Samir for being an awesome coach and Mr Higgins for making all these experiences possible. I'm going to miss GPS sport at High, and a lot of the boys on this team are going to as well. And personally? I think this season was the perfect way to wrap all of it up.

## Abrar Chowdhury

## **Eighth Grade**

Great final season for most of the boys in Eighth Grade. We had a fantastic start with a 12-0 victory against Grammar and continued the momentum throughout the season with the hopes of an undefeated season and over a hundred goals scored. Unfortunately, we had a few upsets with a 3-3 tie to Newington and a 5-0 loss to Joev's fourth grade. Nevertheless, we finished almost every game with five goals scored and ended the season with a 12-0 win against St Ignatius, a phenomenal send off for the boys. While we did not reach our goal of winning every game, we scored over sixty goals throughout the season with almost every one of the lads having at least a goal to their name (even our keeper). Thanks to Mr Rich for providing his words of wisdom after each game and making every session enjoyable. I hope for the best for the boys in their futures and thanks to High's football program for a memorable six years.

## Shafin Ahmed





First Grade Football BACK ROW: J MCLOUGHLIN, L COWAN, D DE COSTA, A VALANIDAS, L NOTTAGE MIDDLE ROW: L LEUNG, P NADHAN, D DUTT, B PIROM, R HOSSAIN, A MCMANUS FRONT ROW: P MANANDHAR, M TAO, H NGUYEN, DR K JAGGAR, R WOO, L XING, J SUNG



Second Grade Football XI BACK ROW: G SALL, J BOURILLON, A TAN MIDDLE ROW: W CHOU, P NADHAN, D LEE, A RAJESWARAN, A GUPTA, E LIU SEATED: L XING, A LEE, Z HAKIM, A BARUAH, L DENG, N HU, B WOO


Third Grade Football XI STANDING: A MARKEN, I CHEN, N PILLAY, N NG, M SIGILISETTI SEATED: A NGUYEN, S KASHOJI, J TANG, Z FAISAL, V SRIMURUGAKUMAR, T HUEY, B KIM



Fourth Grade Football XI BACK ROW: H FRANCIS, K SURI, C RAO MIDDLE ROW: A DANNALA, A SALMAN, K MARAN, M CHANTHIRAN, D WEERAMAN, A SAVARA SEATED: G DAS GUPTA, A SAINJU, H RAJKUMAR, S BODIDI, M SANJEEV, A MANN, A KABIR





Fifth Grade Football XI BACK ROW: M ZHU, E TRAN, M ZHU, E JIANG, G LIU, A GANDHI MIDDLE ROW: S CHEE, E SCHOLTEN, K ASARI, N RAGHAVAN, A DANG, M IMTIAZ, K PHAM, J TJANDRAWIBAWA SEATED: D FERNANDEZ, J LAW, L CHEN, B NGUYEN, J NGUYEN, D SU, R JIANG



Sixth Grade Football XI STANDING: S HASAN, Y KABIR, R KORATALA, D LIYANAGE, R THORAT, R QUYYUM, J NGUYEN SEATED: A REYNOLDS, V ANAND, S SINHA, F MAHIB, A RAMAKANTH, A JOSEPH, Z HASSAN



Seventh Grade Football XI STANDING: A SHARMA, M SUI, E SONG, E HAN, R FANG SEATED: A TAO, P CHEN, I ZHAI, E HO, A WANG



**Eighth Grade Football XI** STANDING: J PANG, J LUU, J WAGNER, B WHITFIELD, T ZHANG, K JI, T WANG, K RICH (MIC) SEATED: A AH-KOON, M WU, M MEDLEJ, S AHMED, W CHEN, R SAINI, I LY



### **Sixteen A**

The Sixteen A's season began a new chapter with a new core of players ready to take on a challenge. Our pre-season began with a 3-2 win over St. Andrews with David's brace and Zeyad's last-minute winner. We continued with a hard-fought draw against a strong Grammar side and a 13-0 demolition of Armidale. The GPS season began with unlucky losses against Newington and Kings and a no result against Scots following a strong show of team compassion. We were then put against our rivals, Grammar, more determined than ever to get our first win. A Brazilian-esque build up to Daniel's goal, Matthias' incredible finish, Will's stunning top-bin half volley and Arin's nutmeg finish all secured us a famous 4-1 victory highlighted by our whole team's brilliant performance. Congratulations to our MVP Micah for his relentless shifts in the midfield and our MIP Eugene whose pocket is still full of opposition left-wingers. Finally, I would like to say thank you to our amazing coach, Alex, who came in mid-way and transformed our side with his commitment and passion. We are truly grateful to him for making the 2023 season one of the most memorable and enjoyable four months.

# Nathan Tang

# Sixteen B

The Sixteen B's were a fantastic team. Shafayat Hossain winning MIP displayed his willingness to improve, encouraging the other boys to follow along. John Nguyen, our MVP, never failed to amaze us with his unlimited energy as the brick wall of our team, leading his fellow defenders with a strong voice and guiding them to become better players. The team had many players moving up from lower divisions including Arjan Ganesh, Harry Liu, Raymond Qi, John Nguyen, Shafayat Hossain and even Andrew Xu and Nicholas Fung switching from Volleyball to Soccer. Although we had quite a few less experienced players, the veterans of this team including Victor Chen, Jasper Wu, Brannavan Prabaharan, Ryan Kirkland, Liam Greacen, Dimitri Tsovolos, and myself, made sure that the newer players would feel welcomed as part of the team. The most important part of the team, Mr Hood. He would make us laugh and cry through his bright yet strict personality, going through his torturous training and his relentless efforts towards helping us improve. I would finally like to thank all my teammates for the season, going through our ups and downs and strengthening our friendships. I hope to see them all next season.

# Sam Xie



### Sixteen C

The Sixteen C's had a very successful season this year with five wins. We fought hard in our games showcasing great teamwork and camaraderie. Our dedication to our training sessions proved fruitful in our close game against Scots. Congratulations to Matthew Kim for receiving the team MVP award and Rayan Foiz for being the most improved. I hope to see you boys on the pitch next year as well and wish you the best of luck in the future. Lastly, I extend the team's thanks to our coaches Shipon, Aryan and David for gifting us this season.

### Clinton Chau

### Sixteen E

The 2023 season was a very enjoyable season despite many hardships along the way. At the beginning of the season, we had troubles working together due to our lack of chemistry but as the season progressed our bond as a team grew stronger. This led us to win a majority of our games including a nail-biting victory, coming back down zero to one in our last game. I would like to thank both our coaches Harsh Shirodkar and Jethro Samson, who provided us with immense support and encouragement motivating us during training and more importantly in the GPS games. Without them, our team would not have been as successful as we were. I would like to congratulate Nicky Wu as our team's Most Valuable, who showcased tremendous defensive capabilities and Taylor Peng who scored many goals thanks to his agility on the field. Even though everyone didn't receive an award, everybody played a key role and contributed in their own way, and I hope everyone strives to the best of their abilities. Finally, I would like to thank our coaches Harsh Shirodkar and Jethro Samson once again for an outstanding season.

### Matthew Liang

### Sixteen F

The Sixteen F's had reasonably good season this year winning four games. Our training sessions assisted us in bringing our A game against the Kings School in a hard-earned 4-2 victory. Throughout the season, teamwork and friendships kept us strong and resilient. Congratulations to Sahil Azad for receiving the MVP award and Ryan Li for the MIP award. I would like to thank our coaches, Justin, Harsh and Jethro for leading us throughout the season, keeping us motivated and prepared. I hope the boys continue to fight hard and put every drop of effort they have in representing Sydney High in the future.

### Sahil Azad



Sixteen A Football STANDING: D SUN, E BARKS, A BHARGAVA, D WANG, Z HAMMAD, M JOURAVLEV SEATED: A PERERA, M ELGAWLY, S JHA, N TANG, J FANG, E SONG, A MOOKHERJEE





Sixteen B Football STANDING: S HOSSAIN, A GANESH, B PRABAHARAN, H LIU, D TSOVOLOS, N FUNG, R KIRKLAND SEATED: J NGUYEN, S XIE, J WU, L GREACEN, A XU, R QI, V CHEN



Sixteen C Football STANDING: W SUN, S YUE, H SHAN, D HONG, J QIU, R FOIZ, J NGUYEN SEATED: K GUO, L WU, D WU, M KIM, I WANG, X CHALISE, G LEE



Sixteen D Football STANDING: T BIAN, B SHEN, S GAO, J SOMANADER, A CHAN, E GAO, B XU SEATED: N YAN, J SHIN, D WU, J WU, R YU, J DENG, I LIANG



Sixteen E Football BACK ROW: B HUANG, T MOOLLAN, E HOO MIDDLE ROW: A CHEN, M LIANG, O ZHANG, J YANG, J CHEN, J HO SEATED: T PENG, V WONG, S LOU, I CHATZINIKOLAOU, E XIAO, N WU, M WONG





Sixteen F Football STANDING: M MAMUN, A AHMED, R LI SEATED: R NIRVOR, J PRODHAN, S AZAD, A HABIB, B GAVADE

## **Fifteen A**

Our season kicked off with a miserable, waterlogged Centennial Park match against St Andrews. Fortunately, we were able to achieve a 6-0 victory despite the unfavourable conditions. Our next trial was being matched up against Newington. The match was intense and demanded a lot from the boys. Thanks to a spectacle of a goal being scored off Jack Nguyen's knee, we came out on top. After shakily finishing the preseason and losing to Newington in the GPS round 1, we travelled to The King's School for our next match. A superb performance from Aaron Karmaker, earning a hat-trick, provided us with a dominant 4-1 success. The remainder of our wins were against Scots and St Joseph's, respectively 1-0 and 2-1. Congratulations to Aaron Karmaker for being award MVP, and Abhinav Inala for MIP.

All in all, well done to all the boys for showing up each week and performing the best they can. I hope you all enjoyed the season and will make efforts to train in the off-season. Many thanks to coach Oliver Jones, for passing on his A-League expertise and MIC Mr Higgins for fostering our passion of football through resolute organising.

# Ethan Wilkinson

#### **Fifteen B**

This football season has been one to look back on for the Fifteen B's. We were eager to prove our quality and despite suffering heart-wrenching losses during pre-season, we kicked-off our first GPS fixture filled with belief. Notably, throughout the season not only did we improve individually; as a team, we developed great team chemistry, immensely boosting our performances on the pitch. Whilst luck was not necessarily on our side this season, highlights included memorable wins against Kings and away at Riverview.

I would like to congratulate Haotian Zhou and Arif Mohamed for their exponential improvement over the season, as well as our MVP, Alex Hong for countless game-defining saves. Furthermore, I would like to thank our departing coach, Alex Loke for his fantastic guidance, and on behalf of the Fifteen B's, we wish you the best of luck with your future endeavours. Finally, I extend my gratitude to our MIC, Mr Higgins and most importantly my teammates and our parents for all their hard work and dedication this season. It has been an honour to be our captain, and I have thoroughly enjoyed every second of it. I look forward to playing together again in future years.

# Shine Yang

### **Fifteen C**

The Sydney Boys High School Fifteen C football team's season was a symphony of diverse talents, with each key player composing a unique melody that harmoniously blended into the team's remarkable success. Abhishek's commanding presence as a box-to-box midfielder acted as the fulcrum between defence and attack, offering both stability and incisiveness. Adrian emerged as a clinical and swift striker, consistently delivering goals with his explosive pace and clinical finishing, leaving opponents trailing in his wake. Ben's creative brilliance in the attacking midfield role orchestrated the team's tempo, his visionary passes and calculated movements unlocking rival defences and setting the rhythm of play. The dynamic pairing of left-back Mahtab and left-wing Zuhayr showcased a telepathic understanding, combining defensive solidity with attacking flair, creating an axis of both resilience and creativity. Rafin and Nithilans formed an impregnable defensive wall, with Rafin's timely interceptions and Nithilans' strategic positioning thwarting adversaries, ensuring the team's structural integrity.

The season was punctuated by pivotal moments, including the resounding 4-0 victory over Kings that underscored the combined might of Abhishek, Adrian, Ben, Mahtab, Zuhayr, and the team, and the nail-biting last-minute 1-1 draw against Newington, reflecting the team's mettle and resilience under duress. While Coach Ajay's guidance was instrumental, it was the individual virtuosity of these players that gave life to the team's extraordinary journey, weaving a narrative of dedication, unity, and exceptional skill that will reverberate in the annals of the Sydney Boys High School Fifteen C football team's history.

# **Fifteen D**

First of all, all the players in the Fifteen Ds would like to commend the work of the football faculty and parents on their hard work and dedication put into our team's success. This season has been our best to date with ten wins, filled with brilliant defensive performances, tiki taka passing and terrific finishing. We started off the season with a sensational 4-1 win against Sydney Grammar which turned out to be a summary for our season. We concluded our spectacular season with an amazing 5-0 against Riverview. This game was a standout for our season, showcasing our improved technical abilities, including many shots on goal, great accurate passing and through balls. Our whole team performed to an exceptional standard, with the standout performances of Michael Lippa who scored nineteen fabulous goals and a hat-trick in his first game, Marcus Lam and his stunning defensive work, handing us leverage in big wins,

and Nehan Hossain who dominated the midfield throughout the entire season. An especially large thank you to Samir Uddin and his glorious tactical masterclasses. Next season we hope to reach new heights with our players and possibly go on a perfect run of wins.

# Nehan Hossain and Michael Lippa

# **Fifteen E**

Our Fifteen E team has remained undefeated this season. We had a thrilling season compared to the previous seasons. where we lost every game. This season has been amazing and brutal for our opponents with every player having improved greatly, leaving most of our opponents with little opportunity to score a goal. A standout moment was our first game against Sydney Grammar. Trailing 0-1, a sudden rainstorm changed the game. Leo Le's incredible goal tied the match, and with time running out, Aiden Trinh's perfect free-kick pass led to Leo's winning goal. This victory marked a turning point for us. A strong defence led by Aiden and Lucas Grundy, and a potent offense with Lucas La and Leo Le, contributed to our success. Siddharth Menon also shone as our right winger. Don't be mistaken however, as every player has put in a lot of effort and strived for our joint success. Overall, with a massive effort from our brilliant coaches Ohm Bhandari and Mushfique Ahmed, whom I would like to thank, we have had an amazing season.

### Arpit Sharma Thapaliya

# Fifteen F

The F team had massive success this season dropping only two games. This is thanks to the massive improvements seen in many players. This was visible through our games against the Grammar's F team with us winning 3-0 the first time and winning 8-2 the second time round. Player improvements and the great offense of Liam Fong and Jamie Jin led to this success. An excellent contribution to the midfield was made by Aolin Tang and Zi Yang Qin and outstanding defence from Max Mcleod and Aaron Huang also ensured success. I give the utmost thanks to Eddie Shen who stepped up to become our permanent goalie after two weeks of decisions. Our best game undoubtedly was our second game of the season against the King's Fifteen Fs where we won a decisive 9-0 game. Thanks to our coaches Ohm Bhandari and Mushfique Ahmed whose effort put into coaching has not gone unnoticed.

# Leo Wang





Fifteen A Football BACK ROW: R WANG, R SAMSONOV, I MARSIC MIDDLE ROW: L DENG, S PATHAK, B SAHA, J OU, S MA, E LIU SEATED: A NANDAKISHOR, A MITRA, L TRAN, E WILKINSON, A INALA, J NGUYEN, A KARMAKER



Fifteen B Football STANDING: V BHATTACHARYYA, C WANG, M SHARP, A VITHURAN KUMARAVEL, R WU, A NAYANI, L ZHOU, V RATNESAN SEATED: M PAUL, Y XIAO, S YANG, A HONG, A MOHAMED, D CHEAV, A ANAND



**Fifteen C Football** STANDING: Z HAQ, I YOUNIS, N YOHANANDA, R AKON, T RAHMAN SEATED: A PIDCOCK, B NISHANTHAN BALASINGHAM, J XU, K DONG, A JABBAL, A CLEMENT, A WANGDE



Fifteen D Football BACK ROW: A SURENDRAN, H KATHIA, B HOSIE MIDDLE ROW: S RASHID, K SANTOSO, J ZHOU, R KRISHNAN, K SHIN, J ZHANG SEATED: R BATUWANTUDAWE, T RAHAT, M LIPPA, K BASHYAL, N HOSSAIN, N NGUYEN, M LAM





**Fifteen E Football** STANDING: A TRINH, S MENON, L GRUNDY, L PANG, B ATHWAL, L XIE SEATED: G SIKDER, J NGUYEN, L CHANG, A THAPALIYA, L LE, L LA, L WANG



Fifteen F Football BACK ROW: A TANG, M MCLEOD, J CAMPBELL MIDDLE ROW: E SHEN, M DAI, M TJANDRAWIBAWA, J JIN, K MITSUMOTO, L CHAN SEATED: A HUANG, L FONG, Z QIN, L WANG, A AHSAN, S WEN, J YEUNG

### **Fourteen A**

What a successful season for the Fourteen A team. We improved greatly from our results from last season, with our best win coming against The Scots College, winning 5-2 and MVP Yuhai Wang scoring a hat trick. Compared to last season, where we would often be losing games by over three or four goals, this season we would be losing games by only one goal. The skill gap from this season to last season improved for all our players, especially Siddhanth Shankhla, our most improved player, who worked hard throughout the season, being one of our top scorers, to earn that award. All the way during the season, everyone played their heart out and had a good time doing it. For the future season we will continue working hard on our skills working our way towards First Grade. Big thanks to coach Andy Danis for helping us throughout the season, we all hope you are back next season.

# **Charles** Caro

### **Fourteen B**

First and foremost, I would like to thank our coach, Justin Norris for his incredible effort this season. Our team has progressed so much thanks to Justin's coaching. We certainly had some lows at the start; however our perseverance helped us compete with our skilled counterparts and give them a run for their money. I believe that we played some amazing football, and that next season, we will continue to improve. One thing I know for sure is that our team loves playing this beautiful sport, and I am positive they will be eager to strike back next season. I do not think anyone deserves a special award, as I believe that everyone played some top-class football, bringing the team up together. I sincerely hope that Justin will coach us again, as we shall keep training and working our way to the top.

# Himanish Chaudhuri

### **Fourteen C**

The recently concluded football season was full of excitement, showcasing exceptional skills, fierce competition, and memorable moments. With a blend of triumphs and challenges, the season left a lasting impact on players and coaches.

From the season's outset, the competition was fierce as teams vied for supremacy on the field. Nail-biting matches and unexpected upsets kept the players on the edge of their seats.

Everyone displayed their prowess in dribbling, passing, and scoring goals. Teamwork and strategic manoeuvres were evident, highlighting the importance of effective communication and collaboration.

However, the season was not without its challenges with injuries to key players. Sometimes we struggled with consistency, revealing the mental and physical demands of the sport. Nevertheless, these hurdles also provided opportunities for emerging talents to shine.

In retrospect, the football season of 2023 will be remembered as a dynamic journey encompassing skilful displays, unforeseen challenges, and the unwavering passion of those involved. As the curtain falls on this chapter, anticipation builds for the upcoming season, promising another exhilarating ride for all of Sydney Boys High.

# Izen Park

#### **Fourteen D**

Fourteen D's had a stunning season, learning and growing as a team. We played strong and won several matches, including a 1-0 win against Scots. Within three weeks, we showed improvements in our skills, losing 0-7 rather than our earlier 0-11 loss against Newington. In a close game against Kings, we scored two goals, but the opposition scored two of their own in the last ten minutes, ending the match 2-3 in a loss. After another loss against Scots, we returned from the holidays with a 2-1 win against Trinity. Our hopes were never higher. After losing to Grammar, we had our best game of the season, a 4-0 win against SHORE. Sadly, we lost our final game against Riverview.

The team's performance was outstanding, with great work from MVP Eddison Lee and MIP Ahyen Haque, and everyone contributing. Our greatest thanks go to the coaches, Shipon Nath, Jethro Samson, Harsh Shirodkar, and Rishi Wig, who have been invaluable in teaching lessons and inspiring the team. As captain of Fourteen D's, I am proud of the efforts and memorable time we had together this season and look forward to striving higher next year with the High Spirit.

### Ahyen Haque





Fourteen A Football STANDING: C CHESHIRE, J FRANCIS, Y WANG, R BASSAM, T ADNAN, A RUHFUS, R TENG, E MCGLYNN SEATED: S SHANKHLA, L DADIC, S FAULDER, C CARO, M BABIN, S THIAGALINGAM, L TAI



Fourteen B Football STANDING: C LAI, O DAVE, O CANDY, L BRECKON, A PUROHIT, S FINN, R CHIRANIA SEATED: T HUI, R PARK, A KAUSHIK, H CHAUDHURI, R XIAN, L BUSIC, S ZAMEE



Fourteen C Football BACK ROW: T ZHANG, D CHEN, E CHO, J LEE, A TON-THAT MIDDLE ROW: S PAUL, B LIN, A TRAN, T LI, J KIM, J KOK SEATED: T MAI, E MA, L LEE, I PARK, J TANG, E HE, V LUONG



Fourteen D Football BACK ROW: K HU, B TRAN, M ZHOU, A ZENG MIDDLE ROW: A HUANG, Y CHEN, H ZHANG, D ZHANG, S SAYEED, A RETNASINGHAM SEATED: E LU, K JAN, V WADHWA, A HAQUE, E YU, T WANG, D SAPRA



### Thirteen A

This season has been one I am immensely proud of, and I think the boys should be too. It has been amazing to be a part of a team that is always the side that puts in the most amount of effort, has the most compassion and are always working for each other and playing the most as a team. We aren't always the team that has the best skills or a team that only cares about winning and not making connections. Our team had a slow start to the season but every single time our team plays, we improve every week. This is because of the passionate attackers, the leadership from the midfielders and the constant running back from our defenders. Our goalkeeper Matthew Zhuang has always been there for us and has made some spectacular saves this season. Lastly, this brilliant season could not have been made possible without our coach Tarrant Williams, who helped us and guided us throughout this whole season. I'm super proud of the boys, am so thankful for Tarrant, and am looking forward to next season!

# **Owen Smith**

# **Thirteen B**

The Thirteen B football season has shown a spectacular display of perseverance and teamwork with massive improvements in the players' ability. This resulted in a more confident and skilled team.

Some players that were a significant part in our team's performance in the midfield were Taheem, Michael, Darren and me. I'll also highlight our defenders, Heshel, Shoummo, Lucas and Ruyee for their strong defending and definitive clearances. David, Ahmed, Mathis, Otto, Nithan, Taha and Hitansh fought for every attacking chance that they could get. As well as that, our goalkeeper Varun proved to be a threat to the attackers by protecting the goal many times. Overall, every player gave their best in every game, and each respective player was valuable to the team.

I would like to thank our coach, Albert Giles, for being extremely supportive of our team and for being essential in the team's development. His training and contributions were crucial in our improvement.

We may not have won many matches, but all the boys had an enormous amount of fun. It has been an amazing and unforgettable experience for the players. We eagerly await next year's season.

### Lokesh Paditham

# Thirteen C

This season has been quite an exciting journey, as our team has shown remarkable growth and improvement. We faced some tough competition, including formidable opponents, only securing two narrow victories against Scots, both of which were 1-0, and managed a draw against Grammar with a score of 0-0. While not every match resulted in a win, each game taught us valuable lessons about the importance of teamwork and resilience. I would like to give a special shout-out to our coach, Tahmid, for his unwavering dedication and guidance, which helped us to improve week after week. Thanks to his training, we have all become better players and individuals. Looking back on the season, I can see how much we've grown as a team. This season taught us how important it is to be a team and to keep trying no matter what.

# Caleb Ma

# Thirteen D

This season was a success for the Thirteen Ds. Though the scoreline may not have been the most impressive, our team improved tremendously throughout the season. We went from not knowing how to play to scoring a goal because of the persistence and hard work of our team and our great coach Mr Kay, who taught us patiently and helped us to improve. I'd like to mention Jansen Zhang who helped our team a lot with his incredible defending and also Adam Chi Wang Choi who always gave one hundred percent in all aspects of the game, whether during training or the GPS games. In our ninth game, our attacking midfielder Ujesh Shrestha dribbled the ball past Scot's defenders to shoot a great goal. On that day, the score was one to twelve, but we were still ecstatic because we had scored our first goal. Overall, our team has improved a lot this season, and it was a very enjoyable season. I would like to thank all the Thirteen D players, and especially our coach, Mr Kay for his support.

#### Tenzin Lama



Thirteen A Football STANDING: L LU, Y LUCKNAUTH, B NICHOLLS, M KIREEV, D OJHA, S DOKE SEATED: S MCMANUS, A BENDALL, O SMITH, M ZHUANG, S DE, M ETRI, J LI



Thirteen B Football STANDING: M YIP, A MOHAMMED, M LE DIGARCHER, H KARIYAWASAM, S KAR, D LI, N RAMESHKUMAR SEATED: D SHEK, H SEHGAL, L PADITHAM, V PAKEERATHAN, O MCBRIDE, L WONG, R CHEN





Thirteen C Football BACK ROW: T YANG, R YANG, N PING, A BARRAZA NEJEDLY MIDDLE ROW: D JIN, J LIM, T RAHMAN, J KWON, J WONG, A QIU SEATED: W WANG, A KAUSHIK, R PANDITHURAI, C MA, N LU, J NIU, R NGUYEN



Thirteen D Football STANDING: A CHOI, S KHAN, J ZHANG, U SHRESTHA, S THATAVARTHY, S XU SEATED: T GALIB, L NGO, W ZHOU, T LAMA, J WANG, C CHAN, O HO

# **Rifle Shooting**

## **First Grade**

This season was not going to be easy – the majority of our 2022 GPS Championship winning First Grade team graduated last year. In our fullbore team of twenty-two students, we had a total of fourteen eager but inexperienced new shooters. Despite all the odds stacked against us, we readied ourselves for the GPS competition.

In the Rawson Cup, our team achieved a staggering 543.46/560 securing first place. Oscar Chen shot an incredible seventy with five centres without dropping a point. We came a close second in the N.R.A Shield, just four points behind first place, ending on 383.31/400.

The Buchanan Shield is comprised of an eight shot application match and an eight shot snap match. In snap, shooters must hit a target that opens and closes at five-second intervals. Following the application component, we were lagging behind in fourth place, but only eight points behind the lead. During the snap stage, we slowly closed the gap. As our last shooter Jacob Ng readied himself at the firing point, the entire range fell silent. Coaches, team members and parents stood anxiously as we watched him take his final shots. The tension was palpable as we waited for the final set of scores to be announced. We had won. This was our first back-to-back GPS premiership win. We had made history.

# All Schools

The Fiona Reynolds Memorial match is completed in teams of five which are named after colours in our school crest. Sydney High Blue achieved a score of 561.32/600 which secured third place, narrowly behind the first place score of 565.44/600. Well done to Daniel Huang, Alan Lu, Felix McAllan-Yem, Jensen Wang and Saxon Dean of Sydney High Blue. Congratulations to Saxon Dean, who was king of the range, scoring an amazing 118.12/120. This achievement is particularly special given it was Saxon's first year in the fullbore squad.

Our squad excelled in The David Rose Snap match. Sydney High Brown placed first with a score of 153/160, Sydney High Blue came second place with a score of 143/160 and Sydney High White came fourth with a score of 132/160. Jensen Wang and Daniel Huang were joint kings of the range with a score of 39/40.

In the GPS Competition, Daniel Huang's impressive 194.16/200 was only one point behind first place. Saxon Dean placed sixth with 192.10/200 and Tristan Dean placed eleventh, scoring 190.14/200. These students were selected for the GPS Combined Rifle team.



Rifle Shooting with shields



I would like to thank our MIC Mr Comben, our secretary and armourer Sam Kremer as well as our large squad of coaches for working tirelessly behind the scenes. Our extraordinary results and the rapid upskilling of our newest team members would not be possible without them. Our team is also extremely appreciative of the support from our parent helpers, the Rifle Shooting Committee and Dr. Jaggar.

Jensen Wang Captain of Rifles 2023



Wingham Open Prize Meeting Medalists



Rifle Shooting Fullbore Squad

# Second Grade Rifle Shooting

The Second Grade rifle shooting team was welcomed to the final day of the GPS competition with clear skies and weather. The pool of contenders for selection included many new fullbore shooters who had made excellent progress in their scores, skills, and consistency, especially towards the final stages of preparation and training. The team was well aware of the exceptional standard established by the 2022 GPS Second Grade Premiership winning team and the legacy it had created. A full season of training was dedicated to preparing for the precise delivery of just fourteen shots across two ranges. Hope shone through after the first match at five hundred metres where we held the lead by just three centres. Despite our best efforts, our performance at the three hundred metre range fell short of the score needed to secure the premiership. A special mention to Alfred Agsalda, who scored the top score in our team and fifth place overall despite it being his first season in fullbore. A young team means that the experience gained this year will be invaluable in building a more robust and seasoned squad in 2024.

Ultimately, the Second Grade team placed third with a score of 488.23/560.

Luka Miletic Second Grade Captain



First Grade Rifle Shooting STANDING: J CAO, O CHEN, A LU, M SUKHOVSKY, S DEAN, K LEE SEATED: D HUANG, DR K JAGGAR, JESNEN WANG, D. COMBEN (MIC), T DEAN



Second Rifle Shooting STANDING: M ZHU, W LEE, K LEE, A AGSALDA SEATED: L YUEN, D COMBEN (MIC), K WANG





Smallbore Rifle Shooting STANDING: J LUU, O TRINH, T QIU, I KANWAR, T LIU, M RYDER, D LYRIS SEATED: K YUAN, O HOSSAIN, N MUNASINGHE, F JU, H AHMED, A ABEDIN, A WALKER



Summer Smallbore Rifle Shooting BACK ROW: J LUU, B LI, R AHMAD, I KANWAR, E TRAN, T LIU THIRD ROW: D LYRIS, A VARDHAM, O KOTHARI, T QIU, M RYDER, O TRINH, N MUNASINGHE SECOND ROW: M ZHUANG, A SINGH, J CORRAL, G LI, K FUNG, S HANDOKO, S SONG, J JAKUBAUSKAS FRONT ROW: A WALKER, E HONG, A ABEDIN, A ZHU, D COMBEN (MIC), H AHMED, O HOSSAIN, K YUAN, V ZHOU



#### Winter Smallbore Rifle Shooting

BACK ROW: T QIU, B LI, Z ZEESHAN, R FANG, F HOPKINS, R AHMAD, N GHOSH, L DENIGAN THIRD ROW: R WU, A GAUTAM, T LIU, M RYDER, A LIU, O TRINH, N MUNASINGHE, S HANDOKO, G GUO SECOND ROW: J ZHENG, H AHMED, J CORRAL, A FIROZ, A SINGH, O HOSSAIN, A ABEDIN, A KUMAR FRONT ROW: J KWOK, A LAHIRI, J DIAO, J YOUNG (SGHS), D COMBEN (MIC), K FUNG, J RAJENDRA, D VICKKANOV, J JAKUBAUSKAS

# Rugby

#### **First XV**

This year's rugby season is one that will be remembered fondly by all those involved. The tests we faced strengthened the quality of our character and made us a formidable team by the end of the season, one that proudly wore the First Fifteen jersey. I hold the utmost confidence that the future is strong for High Rugby.

With the past two years of the First Fifteen unable to score points etched in our minds, the group decided that this year was going to be different. That mindset took us to Armidale, determined to wipe away the sting of last year's loss. In the first half with scores locked at nil all, Saxon Gerstl kicked the ball across the field, landing in Raunak Roy's hands to swan-dive over for the first try of the season. The jubilation that followed, an eruption of unadulterated joy, as fourteen men came streaming in from all over the field to revel in the ecstasy of that moment, not just as players but as a brotherhood. Despite these valiant efforts from the boys, we were left shattered after losing seven to fifteen. Rugby end-of-season reports regularly mention the trip to Armidale as a highlight for each team. It's obvious to see why. This year, alongside the memories of the game and the late-night talks on the balcony, we'll remember the jersey presentation on the main field, being presented with our First Fifteen jerseys in an incredibly sacred and special moment for all the boys.

Perhaps the pinnacle of our season was the game against Newington, at their home ground, in front of their boisterous supporters. It was a constant game of tug-of-war on the scoreboard, with Naeer Nibras and Xavier Nath scoring great individual tries. Newington led – twenty to twentyfour – with two minutes left. That's when Edward Brownlie shot out of the line, delivering a Steve-Matai-like hit to force an error before a dominant maul saw Daniel Bian score to win the game twenty-five to twenty-four. A three-year-long winless drought against AAGPS teams was broken, and the utter relief and pure joy that resounded through the playing



group was evident, knowing that we could do something special this year.

The game against Grammar at McKay, on Back to High Day, was truly special. The heightened emotion of playing Grammar on Back to High Day, being spurred on by High boys - both past and present - was fuelled even more by being presented our playing jerseys by our families a couple hours before kick-off. This all culminated in the walk-out: a tunnel spanning from the entrance of the Fairland Pavilion to the halfway line, as the entire HIGH community turned up to support. The emotions of the day probably got the better of us early, as ill-discipline plagued us early on. However, the boys never stopped working, a sentiment ingrained in us from the preseason. James Matthews - with blood pouring from his head - made defensive efforts time and time again, Alex Lee was tireless in his carries, putting his hand up to get us out of our own end. And finally, a long ball from Saxon Gerstl found Jack Mulder - doing his best Kalyn Ponga impersonation - who put on a big right-foot step and galloped into the backfield. From there, a perfectly timed unders line from Oscar Greville, carrying defenders to the try line put HIGH on the scoreboard, as the HIGH faithful exploded.

We are grateful to Dr Jaggar, MIC Mr Paul and Sportsmaster Ms Jackson, whose hard work and organisation have allowed us to continue enjoying the rugby program this season. Most importantly, thank you to all the parents, family and friends as well as the High Rugby committee members as High Rugby would be nothing without your support. And finally, I would like to thank our beloved coaches Jack Bowditch, Liam Scolari and Sam Phipps. You have raised and moulded a wonderful young group of men that will one day grow old and recall you three who inspired us to run out to every match wearing the Brown and Blue with pride.

# Saxon Gerstl

# Second XV

Over the course of the season we, like clay to a potter's hands, were moulded into a formidable force by master old boy coach, Vincent Dorahy. Contending with sickness and injury disruptions throughout, we rallied under a single phrase:

"15 hearts beat as one".

These five words resounded in our very souls on the morn of the first round of the season: the Armidale exchange. Up against a gang of chunky country boys with a vicious appetite in the ruck and on defence, we found strength in each other. An early pick and drive try from hooker Ryan Zhou and many dominant runs by powerhouse "8", Boris Zhang, were found in the forward pack. This was followed by silky, well drilled plays from the backs bringing a debut try for winger, Jonothan Li. Through it all, our hearts blazed in unison with this newfound strength.

Such a performance, though early in the season would serve as the highlight of our season, sparking a strong camaraderie and heart for each other eternally.

# Aidan Wong

#### Third XV

The resurrection of Sydney High's mighty Third XV, backed by former Third Grader, MIC Vivian Paul, had a magnificent atmosphere, being a social team historically we set out for a bit of fun. Despite seemingly lacking preparedness, with half our players missing jerseys and being notorious for turning up late to warm-ups, the boys always managed to put on a show. What was missing in experience was made up for in heart and a team that could barely field fifteen players every week was a force to be reckoned with.

The season was full of ups and downs and above all, surprises. Led by myself, the disjointed Thirds stepped onto the field for the first time against St Ignatius, surprisingly, leading to a narrow 17-24 loss. The highlight of the season was our nail-biting 24-25 loss to the dominant St Josephs, and the play from our hat trick hero, Ryan Zhou. The determined Samuel Choi laid a solid platform for our tackle-breaking weapons, Isaia Park and Kaden Kuang, who wreaked havoc in the opposition's backfield. Not to mention the Year 11's who helped us overcome our shortcomings and made our wish of reuniting a Sydney High Third Fifteen possible.

Thank you to the many coaches and all the parents for their support of the program, particularly Mr Vivian Paul, whose unwavering faith in our squad was integral in ensuring the survival of the Third Fifteen.

# Patrick Ta



First XV Rugby BACK ROW: F SPANOVIC, J MULDER, O GREVILLE, X NATH, S MUSTAFA, E BROWNLIE MIDDLE ROW: Q NGUYEN, J MATTHEWS, M LAM, A LEE, J KIM, N NIBRAS, J LU, J HONG FRONT ROW: J BOWDITCH (HEAD COACH), H XIN, V PAUL (MIC), S GERSTL, DR K JAGGAR, D BIAN, SAM PHIPPS (ASSISTANT COACH)



Second XV Rugby BACK ROW: K LIU, A WONG, E HYBLER, G JIANG, K SINGH MIDDLE ROW: J ZHENG, R ZHOU, B ZHANG, J LIN, H ROYAL, C SANTOSO, MR V PAUL (MIC) SEATED: M ROBERTS, L SHEN, K ZHANG, P NGUYEN, G CHEN, J LI, M LI





Third XV Rugby BACK ROW: R ZHOU, I PARK, S LU, L FIENE, S CHOI, J WANG, D DONG MIDDLE ROW: B KOTHAPALLI, D TAN, K KUANG, J ZHENG, J SHIM, MR V PAUL (MIC) SEATED: A CHAI, K CUSICK, A HUANG, P TA, G CHEN, M ROBERTS, M ZHONG

# Sixteen A

The Sixteen A High Rugby squad was united by a common desire to single handedly pull High Rugby to the top once again. With that at the forefront of our minds, we attacked training sessions and fitness alike, working hard to take what was ours.

With many new players joining us and a few leaving us from the Fifteen A season, we found ourselves with a completely reshuffled team. New to rugby, Jin Shim, Jordan Komonen, Lucas Guo, John Yuen, and Jake Mathews impressed, increasing exponentially in skill as the season progressed. Kalan Cusick ran the game from fly-half, while flankers Mathew Kuskoff and George Wang flattened any opposition tens who dared to make a run. Hard hitting centres Oscar Chen and Jin Shim smashed through the line time and time again, while outside backs Jason Yu, Chris Lee, and Jake Mathews left no ankles unbroken. Man for man, we might have been the best team in the competition. Supporting us in our endeavour, a team of coaches, led by Mr Paul, worked hard to make us better players, and the continuous support from parents cheering on the sidelines gave us motivation at the darkest of times, so a big thank you goes out to all those who helped us on our journey this season.

# Mitchell Roberts



Sixteen A Rugby BACK ROW: J KOMONEN, M KUSKOFF, L GUO, J YU, G WANG, R KAFLE MIDDLE ROW: J SHIM, C LEE, A THUSOO, O CHEN, L ZHANG, B YU, J MATTHEWS, MR V PAUL (MIC) SEATED: R ZHANG, K CUSICK, A YAO, J YUEN, M ROBERTS, A YONG, S WATEESATOGKIJ, R HOU, J HE

## **Fifteen A**

A squad of determined and enthusiastic players, both new and experienced, produced what has been a thrilling season for the Fifteens rugby team. Mr Paul's amazing efforts to recruit boys boosted our team, with multiple new talents shining throughout this season. Our closest games were against Newington and Saint Stanislaus', where every player showed their passion for the sport. Both times we fell just short of winning, but this only fueled us further. On Back to High Day, we were pumped to beat Grammar for our first win, with us scoring the opening try and playing harder than we ever had. The opponent's class and fitness however overwhelmed us, and we couldn't secure the victory. We knew the final game against Scots was our last chance, so we showed up positive on game-day. That game turned out to be our best performance, defeating Scots 49-12. Barnstorming runs from Brendan and Darcy, swift moves from Michael, Albert and Rabaab and all-round energy and spirit earned us the massive victory. Thank you to our dedicated coaches, Vincent Dorahy and Matthew Le, the assistant coaches, MIC Mr Paul and fellow High Rugby boys. We cannot wait for next season.

### Briz Chudal

### **Thirteen A**

The 2023 Rugby season was a spectacular experience for our team, and a great start to our rugby careers at High. Under the great coaching and support of Nelson Cheng, Thomas Britton, Jack Bowditch, and our MIC Mr Paul, the team improved massively by the end of the season, scoring thirty-four points more in our last game than we did in our first. Every player on the team committed and applied themselves to every training session, and every match, playing with heart and fighting for every phase of the game. The team's effort is evident, as we become better players individually, and collectively on the rugby field. Together, we continue to develop the strength, power and mindset we desire through our dedication and passion towards the game of rugby. As a result of the persistent motivation and inspiration from our coaches, the boys have learnt to play true High Rugby, so a huge thank you to them. With their experience, help, and support, our team has the potential to become the best of Sydney High history.

## Barry Zhang





Fifteen A Rugby BACK ROW: R ZHANG, E PAW, B TAN, D LI, G ZHANG, S PARAB, M RACHID MIDDLE ROW: R CHOWDHURY, S INAM, A CHAN, R ALLEN, L XU, A DAO, M MASYA, MR V PAUL (MIC) SEATED: A HAMEED SADIQ, A SHRIVASTAVA, J LEE, L VARTHAKAVI, B CHUDAL, M LI, D ZOU, T OLSEN, Q NGUYEN



BACK ROW: L HANG, D YI, B STENING, R SHARMA, T AWASTHI, N PEAKALL, Y RINALDI, A LAU, L LU MIDDLE ROW: A DONG, G LI, M TRUONG, R PARK, H CHAN, J CARMICHAEL, E HU, P KONUDULA, A BOURKE, MR V PAUL (MIC) SEATED: W DONG, S DAO, L ZENG, A GU, J SHIM, E WU, J KUO, T YAN, J SAXLER



Thirteens Rugby BACK ROW: MR V PAUL (MIC), J YANG, T CHEN, A JIANG, A RAHMAN, C FAWCETT, A LI, MR N CHENG (COACH) MIDDLE ROW: L XU, R CHEN, K XU, W LU, H ZHANG, K LI, D SINLAPAWATTANA, B TAO SEATED: R LIU, A LEE, A SHARMA, B ZHANG, J LEE, B CHOW, M FENG

# **Table Tennis**

### **CHS Table Tennis**

After last year's success, the High table tennis program continued to aim high, drawing in more medals and achievements. First, the CHS team, comprising of Benjamin Hyun, Alex Huang, Jasper Wu, Tafley Fan and Leo Lu, cruised through the Sydney East Knockouts by beating Sydney Technical High School in an exciting finals matchup. Onto the CHS Finals Knockout, where an extremely close battle against North Sydney Boys saw High emerging victorious, securing the gold medal. Success for High table tennis continued, where in the Schoolboys Shield, the top team of Benjamin Hyun and Alex Huang achieved a bronze medal in the senior division, with fantastic play among the other High teams in younger divisions. Table tennis at High continues to grow, with talent and ability increasing with the ongoing dedication and effort of the program. Nonetheless, all this success could not have been possible without the continued support of the school, and I would like to thank MIC Mr Taylor, Ms Tao, and coach Peter Masen for the hard work and time put into creating a successful and welcoming culture in the High table tennis program.

#### **First Grade**

The 2022 season for High's CHS table tennis team was nothing short of successful and fun. The team comprised of Benjamin Hyun, Jasper Wu, Tafley Fan, Leo Lu, and Alex Huang as captain, creating a formidable team of five strong and experienced NSW table tennis state team representatives. With the two previous years being impacted and the High team unfortunately falling short of achieving a gold medal in the CHS finals, the team used this as a motivation for this year.

The year started with the team bumping into an unexpected obstacle. With three of the team's most crucial players unable to play due to external commitments, and the High team set to face a surprising yet undeniably competitive Tempe High School team, Alex Huang faced off against one of the state's premiere female representative players. In a close back and forth match, the High team emerged victorious with a three sets to two victory. Without giving any mercy, the team and its substitute players of Thomas Cao and Joshua Leung secured a place in the finals with an overall score of four matches won to three.

### Alex Huang



The Sydney East Knockouts finals, saw an anticipated matchup between Sydney Technical High School reaching a close two to two matches won tie, with three decisive matches yet to play. Jasper Wu began his match with a statement, going up two sets to one and closing the match with a three to one victory. Alex Huang then cruised through his singles match, winning three sets to none. In the final closing doubles, both players won easily against the Tech side in a three sets to one victory.

Momentum carried on into the CHS Finals Knockout, where the team swept the competition into the finals matchup against North Sydney Boys. An equally strong team, with several members in the state team and one member as a national squad representative, the boys went down one match one to two. However, the High team rallied back, winning two more singles and the closing doubles match to secure High's first CHS gold medal since 2019.

Following a strong start to the year, the High table tennis program entered four teams into the Schoolboys Shield. The top senior team of Benjamin Hyun and Alex Huang swept their way into the semi-finals. However, an almost impossible matchup against two national team representatives led to a convincing win in the bronze medal match to secure High's second medal of the year. Fantastic play from the other three teams did not result in any additional medals, but the growth in talent and ability of High's table tennis program was undoubtedly evident.

I would like to personally thank MIC Mr Taylor, Ms Tao and coach Peter Masen for their extended support and dedication into the improvement and success of High's table tennis program. To my teammates, I thank you for the hard work and training behind the scenes to ensure that High would secure the gold medal in the CHS finals, and I look forward to replicating this success in the years to come. With three of our players still in Year 10 and returning to the program in full strength and ability, I am confident that the High table tennis program will continue to flourish and succeed.

# Alex Huang



Senior Table Tennis STANDING: T SHAH, C YANG, K FAN, L LU SEATED: Y JEONG, T PARK, H LAO, R DONEPUDI, B ZHANG



 Table Tennis Intermediate

 BACK ROW: V WANG, K HOU, H XIAO, K XIE

 MIDDLE ROW: B SU, D SARATHCHANDRA, T TAN, J LI, H DUONG, T WANG

 SEATED: B MIU, R CHEN, E JUNG, T CAO, T NGUYEN, T CHEUNG, S UDDIN



### Junior Table Tennis BACK ROW: E PAN, X TANHUECO, S CHEN, A HWANG, C CURNICK, W HONG, A AUMI, A DENG MIDDLE ROW: S AVUK, B NGUYEN, V PIMENOV, D NGUYEN, A MEHTA, D LEE, H MAHMOOD, S IMTIAZ SEATED: J LIU, S EKAJAYA, V ZHOU, T LE, N LIN, R LIU, L RAMANATHAN, V JAIRAM, A LUO



# Volleyball

# **MIC Report**

It was an excellent season for High Volleyball led by skilled coaching from Pinyan Gao, Sam Yu, David Zhou, Billy Nguyen, Alec Ng, Josh Reid, Justin Chen and Jonathon Roberto. Thanks must also go the management staff who kept the venues running smoothly and on time: Mr Coan, Mr Parker, Ms Ibbott and Ms Loh.

All teams demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and skill development through the season. High finished at the top of the GPS table. The 13As were unbeaten through the season but suffered a tight count back on points to finish behind Grammar by the narrowest margin.

First Grade retained the Michael Kay Shield finishing the season as undefeated Premiers. A highlight of the season was their final match against Scots at Scots. Scots played well but High Firsts arrived ready to play and with the bagpipes playing won the match with one of the strongest displays of skill and power seen through the season. Second Grade shared the Trinh Loi Shield with Scots after finishing equal on points.

The following players were selected for the following representative teams:

**Sydney East:** Edward Ly, Dimi Logothetis, Karan Dahiya, Jerald Yu

NSW CHS: Edward Ly, Dimi Logothetis

NSW CHS U16: Andy Zhang, Jonathon Zhang.

**GPS Honour Team:** Edward Ly, Dimi Logothetis, Nelson Lee, Arnav Gupta, Jerald Yu *Michael Kay Manager In Charge of Volleyball* 

POSITION	1st GRADE	2nd GRADE	3rd GRADE	16A	16B	15A	15B	14A	14B	13A	13B
1st	High	High/TSC	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	Grammar	High
2nd	TSC		Grammar	Grammar	SGS/TSC	Grammar	Grammar	Grammar	Grammar	High	SIC
3rd	Grammar	Grammar	NC	TSC		Kings	NC	Kings	Kings/TSC	TSC	Grammar
4th	NC	NC	Scots/SIC	NC	NC	NC	Kings	SIC		Kings	TSC/ Kings
5th	Kings	SIC		SIC	Kings	TSC		TSC	SIC		
6th	SIC	Kings		Kings	Riverview						

#### 2023 GPS Volleyball Result Summary

### **First Grade Volleyball**

The 2023 winter season saw another dominant outcome for the Sydney High Volleyball Program. Ten out of eleven teams finished first place within the fierce GPS Competition. High played exceptional volleyball during the whole season, with many representative team selections.

Our 'Hammer Grammar' and Scots matches were four occasions of rivals battling it out, with superb levels of athleticism, skill, and mental toughness shown by High. Firsts finished the season as undefeated champions, dropping one set across ten matches. Seconds finished as co-premiers alongside Scots, after their four-set thriller in the penultimate round of the GPS Competition, which barely tipped towards Scots. High worked thrice as hard in the off-season, in order to build on the school's legacy of honourable success.

The NSWCHS Knockouts was one to remember. High won the Sydney East Knockouts, prevailing over both a strong Tempe and Kingsgrove North side. Moving on to the Top Twenty CHS State Finals, an expected rematch was played against Ryde. Firsts gave it their very best, leaving everything on the court. They ended the tournament in second place after succumbing to Ryde's blocks and unstoppable attacks.

To the boys that grinded it out alongside me, and the coaches, friends, and family who always showed their unconditional love and support: Thank you. It has been six years I will reflect upon with nothing but gratitude.

With six out of twelve First Grade members departing, the fate of Sydney High Volleyball lies in the trusty hands of veterans Karan Dahiya and Arnav Gupta, who will undoubtedly lead a ferocious upcoming barrage of prodigies.

I wish the 2024 Captain of Balls a season of hard efforts, pain, and suffering, with a correspondingly deserved outcome.

Congratulations to Jerald Yu (Year Ten) for a blazing debut into Firsts. With one of the most consistent attacking performances, Jerald's starting position as a fearless pin hitter was cemented. Special mentions to our other Year Tens, Nelson Lee, and Steven Yin, for their significant contributions in their starting roles as well. Both progressed to levels beyond measure across the season, owing to their dedication to training and hunger for constant improvement.

Our High boys had an outstanding year with representative team selections. Andy Zhang (Year Ten) and Arnav Gupta (Year Eleven) were selected into the Australian National Team. Arnav competed earlier in April in Thailand, and Andy later in July in Uzbekistan. Both gathered knowledge and elite-level experience to share with the boys back home.

Dimitrios Logothetis, Karan Dahiya, Jerald Yu, and Edward Ly as captain made the Sydney East team, leading them to second place out of nine at the NSWCHS Inter-regional State Championships. Dimitrios Logothetis and Edward Ly were selected into the NSWCHS Opens Team who went on to defeat NSWCIS in the NSW All-Schools Finals. Additionally, Andy Zhang and Jonathan Zhang were selected into the Under Sixteen NSW All-Schools Team, and broke a massive drought since the State's last championship in 1996.

Five players were selected at the GPS Firsts Trials held at Grammar (Edward Ly as captain, Dimitrios Logothetis, Arnav Gupta, Nelson Lee, and Jerald Yu). GPS competed against a young CAS side in the annual exhibition match, this year at Trinity. After struggling to convert CAS's aggressive serving into winning attacks, GPS were shocked to drop set one. However, the positive energy and sheer physicality brought after brushing off a poor start made all the difference. GPS came out on top, convincingly winning the fourth set twenty-five to twenty-one, rounding the night off with a three to one victory.

Finally, the NSW Phoenix State Program saw major success for High. Twelve were selected to compete at Nationals. Congratulations to Dimitrios Logothetis, Edward Ly, Arnav Gupta, Karan Dahiya, Andy Zhang, Nelson Lee, Jonathan Zhang, Jerald Yu, Colin Chen, Aaron Jin, Axel Lam, and Ethan Yu.

I would like to express gratitude for the vigorous work of MIC Mr Kay, Mr Coan, Ms Ibbott, Ms Loh, as well as Dr Jaggar for his continued support of our program and the Old Boy coaches: Pinyan Gao, Samuel Yu, David Zhou, Billy Nguyen, Joshua Reid, Justin Chen, and Alec Ng for their selfless dedication to Sydney High's Volleyball Program.

# Edward Ly





Edward Ly, nationals





High Boys Nationals



NSWCHS KO Team



High v Scots Win



Year 12s With Championship Plaque



First Grade Volleyball STANDING: A HWANG, J LIU, K DAHIYA, J YU, O XIE SEATED: N LEE, S YIN, E LY, DR K JAGGAR, A GUPTA, A ZHANG, S LIM



Second Grade Volleyball STANDING: B XIE, J LEE, X XIE, J ZHANG, J MOON, J TA SEATED: D PUNJABI, O LI, R CHAE, B CHAN, H ZHANG





Third Grade Volleyball STANDING: A GUNARATNE, K LIU, L LEFEVRE, D AQUETT SEATED: T HO, H KIM, O CARBAJAL ZAPATA, D SOOD, J RUSLI



Sixteen A Volleyball STANDING: A KWOK, W FAN, A WANG, L ZHUANG, C CHEN SEATED: S TANAMA, F LAM, A QIU, J LE, O KUO


Sixteen B Volleyball STANDING: O LI, S CHEN, D PHAM SEATED: R HUYNH, J LUU, J TSE, T FAN, J KHOR



Fifteen A Volleyball STANDING: C CHEN, A MAYURAN, R CHAN, A MAHMUD SEATED: J WON, C MOON, D LAM, J KWON, M LAU





Fifteen B Volleyball STANDING: D KHA, H WU, B FENG, B TRAN SEATED: D YOO, J YE, A NARAYANAN, A WANG, M YAN

#### **Fourteen A**

The 14A's have had another successful season this year. We resumed our training from last year, with Ethan Yu moving up from the B team. Our dedication showed in results, and we did not drop a single set in the GPS season. Our skills were put to the test at the NSW Schools Championship where we secured a spot in the finals against Baulkham Hills. Both sets were a back and forth battle, both teams not wanting to let off. However, our determination showed in the end score 2-0 and winning gold, solidifying our spot in the 'honours' division as a contender at the Australian Volleyball Schools Championship, which we are now making preparations for. The team consisted of Anthony Ly (Captain), Axel Lam, Aaron Jin, Roger He, Adam Flocard, Pradyum Nuggehalli, Jamie Yeung, Ethan Huynh, Ethan Yu, Ethan Wang, Ryan Chai. Each player has an important spot on our team.

This success would not have been possible without the help of our Coaches Joshua Reid, Billy Nguyen and Justin Chen so on behalf of the team, I would like to thank them for their hard work and persistence to make us better players.

Anthony Ly



Fourteen A Volleyball STANDING: E HUYNH, R CHAI, A JIN, A FLOCARD, P NUGGEHALLI, J YEUNG SEATED: E YU, A LAM, A LY, E WANG, R HE



Fourteen B Volleyball STANDING: W HAMILTON, K BUI, A GREWAL, C MORGAN, L DI, A MAHIDADIA SEATED: H THAI, L SUEN, R MATHER, L YANG, H NGUYEN





Thirteen A Volleyball STANDING: I GOH, M KHAN, K LIN, M LU, K YIN, L CHEN SEATED: K LI, H TJOAKASI, M YE, I MOOLLAN, A CAPUANO



Thirteen B Volleyball STANDING: J CHEN, R XU, M MAO, D LUTHRA SEATED: J LU, B PARK, K WANG, J HUANG, J VAN

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# **List of Officers**





# List of Officers

Year	School Principal	School Captain	Old Boys Union President	P & C President
1883	J. Waterhouse	- concor cuptum		
1884 <sup>(1)</sup>	J. Coates	F. W. Doak		
1885	J. Coates	G.C. Saxby		
1886	J. Coates	G.C. Saxby		
1887	J. Coates	F. W. Doak		
1888	J. Coates	P. J. Pratt	Old Boys Union Founded 13 June 1892	
1889	J. Coates	A.B. Davies	,	
1890	J. Coates	J.P. Wood		
1891	J. Coates	H. S. Dettmann		
1892	J. Coates	H. S. Dettmann	J. Coates	
1893	J. Coates	W.G. Forsyth	J. Coates	
1894	J. Coates	W.G. Forsyth	J. Coates	
1895	J. Coates	F.A. Todd		
1896	J. Waterhouse	F.A. Todd J.P.V. Madsen	The OBU lapsed in 1895, due to the reduced enrolment in the School and a subsequent lack of former pupils to take up Union positions. The OBU was reformed on 11 August, 1902 under A.M. Eedy.	
1897	J. Waterhouse	F.A. Todd		
1898	J. Waterhouse	O. U. Vonwiller		
1899	J. Waterhouse	O. A. A. Diethelr C. St. L. Willis	n	
1900	J. Waterhouse	C. E. Weatherbur A.M. Levick	n	
1901	J. Waterhouse	G.L. Tomlinson		
1902	J. Waterhouse	W.E.T. Porter	A. M. Eedy	
1903	J. Waterhouse	H.S.Utz	P. J. Pratt	
1904	J. Waterhouse	H.S.Utz	C. H. Cooke	
1905	J. Waterhouse	A.S. Walker	Prof. O. U. Vonwiller	
1906	J. Waterhouse	R. C. Blumer	R. C Forsyth	
1907	J. Waterhouse	W.R. Brown	C. M. Drew	
1908	J. Waterhouse	A.L. Buchanan	G. C Saxby	
1909	J. Waterhouse	J.G.M. Beale	C. A. Fairland	
1910 <sup>(2)</sup>	J. Waterhouse	C. G. McDonald	Prof. F. A. Todd	
1911	J. Waterhouse	O. D. Oberg J. R. Nield E. J. Saxby	P. S. Hunt	
1912	J. Waterhouse	F. Wootton	G. C. Saxby	
1913	J. Waterhouse	G. J. M. Saxby W. S. Patterson	A. Bohrsmann	
1914	J. Waterhouse	J. Woodhouse	A. G. Henderson	

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Year	School Principal	School Captain	Old Boys Union President	P & C President
1915	J. Waterhouse	C. E. Brake	A. G. Henderson	
1916	R. J. Hinder	A. W. W. Gray	W. G. Lewes	
1917	R. J. Hinder	T. H. Henry	E. J. Hooke	
1918	R. J. Hinder	F. E. Stayner	E. J. Hooke	
1919 <sup>(3)</sup>	C. R. Smith	G. B. Morris	H. K. Prior	
1920	C. R. Smith	K. M. McCredie	H. K. Prior	
1921	C. R. Smith	S. J. Burt	L. F Watt	
1922	C. R. Smith	A. Underhill	L. F Watt	
1923	C. R. Smith	E. M. Henry	W. W. Vick	
1924	C. R. Smith	S. C. King	A. M. Eedy	
1925	G. C. Saxby	E. L. Pilkington	R. T. McKay	Rev H. E. Hulme
1926	G. C. Saxby	K. C. Hardy	R. T. McKay	Rev H. E. Hulme
1927	G. C. Saxby	L. W. Hepper	R. T. McKay	Rev H. E. Hulme
				Rev H. E. Hulme
1928	G. C. Saxby	B. Gardiner	A. M. Eedy	A. R. Sullivan
1929	G. C. Saxby	J . L. Still	W. J. Cleary	A. R. Sullivan
1930	G. C. Saxby	T. P. Pauling	O. A. A. Diethelm	A. R. Sullivan
1931	G. C. Saxby	E. W. Hyman	O. A. A. Diethelm	A. R. Sullivan
1932	G. C. Saxby	R. L. McKinnon	H. F. Halloran	A. R. Sullivan
1933	G. C. Saxby	A. W. Horner	S. A. Smith	A. R. Sullivan
1934	F. McMullen	F. B. Horner	S. A. Smith	A. Horner
1935	F. McMullen	J. Maxwell	C. G. McDonald	A. Horner
1936	J. H. Killip	H. Turk	C. G. McDonald	H. B. Edwards
1937	J. H. Killip	K. J. Oram	G. F. Diamond	H. B. Edwards
1938	J. H. Killip	R. Higham	Judge J. R. Nield	E. H. Oliver H. B. Edwards
1939	J. H. Killip	N. Docker	Judge J. R. Nield	H. B. Edwards
1940	J. H. Killip	R. Loton	Dr G. Hardwicke	R. S. Betty
1941	J. H. Killip	N. McInnes	C. N. Hirst	R. S. Betty
1942	J. H. Killip	J. Dexter	C. N. Hirst	R. S. Betty
1943	J. H. Killip	E. Swinbourne	E. Pye	R. S. Betty
1944	J. H. Killip	A. Hodge	Dr G. Hardwicke	R. S. Betty
1945	J. H. Killip	K. Cross	Dr G. Hardwicke	R. S. Betty
1946	J. H. Killip	P. Turner	Dr G. Hardwicke	R. S. Betty
1947	J. H. Killip	B. Thiering	Major D. J. Duffy	B. R. White
1948	J. H. Killip	N. Pearce	Major D. J. Duffy	B. R. White
1949	J. H. Killip	R. Morrow	A. R. Beveridge	B. R. White
1950	J. H. Killip	J. Agnew	A. R. Beveridge	B. R. White
1951	J. H. Killip	J. Thornett	K. C. Cameron	W.B. Nehl
1952	G. Barr	V. Littlewood	K. C. Cameron	W.B. Nehl
1953	G. Barr	M. Stuart	P. G. Saywell	A.G. Leroy
1954	G. Barr	C. Chamberlain	A. R. Callaway	T. W. Rushall
1955	K. J. Andrews	W. Summers	A. R. Callaway	T. W. Rushall
1956	K. J. Andrews	R. May	A. R. Callaway	T. W. Rushall



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Year	School Principal	School Captain	Old Boys Union President	P & C President
1957	K. J. Andrews	K. Rubie	Col D. J. Duffy	T. W. Rushall
1958	K. J. Andrews	P. R. Phillips	Col D. J. Duffy	T. W. Rushall
1959	K. J. Andrews	W. Young	Col D. J. Duffy	M. R. Wills
1960	K. J. Andrews	A. Cairns	A. Ferguson	M. R. Wills
1961	K. J. Andrews	J. Coleman	A. Ferguson	M. R. Wills
1962	K. J. Andrews	F. Conner	A. Ferguson	J. H. Levi
1963	K. J. Andrews	R. McKay	W. McMurray	J. H. Levi
1964	M. R. Callaghan	N. Stamell	W. McMurray	J. H. Levi
1965	M. R. Callaghan	N. Morgan	C. E. H. Rubie	W. F. Halliday
1966	M. R. Callaghan	J. Isaacs	C. E. H. Rubie	W. F. Halliday
1967	M. R. Callaghan	J. Isaacs	A. F. Deer	W. F. Halliday
1968	M. R. Callaghan	D. Luxford	A. F. Deer	R. A. Blomberg
1969	M. R. Callaghan	A. Tzannes	The Hon Sir G. Wallace	R. A. Blomberg
1970	M. R. Callaghan	J. Ehrlich	The Hon Sir G. Wallace	R. A. Blomberg
1971	M. R. Callaghan	D. Blomberg	Judge K. Torrington	R. H. Stracey
1972	M. R. Callaghan	R. Middleton	Judge K. Torrington	N. R. Frumar
1973	M. R. Callaghan	N.S. McGill	Sir B. Sugerman	N. R. Frumar
1974	G. J. Bradford	G. Hill	Sir B. Sugerman	N. R. Frumar
1975	G. J. Bradford	N. Green	Prof. S. Livingstone	Dr P. A. Musgrove
1976	G. J. Bradford	S. Marquet	Prof. S. Livingstone	Dr P. A. Musgrove
1977	R. Outterside	B. Ramsay	Prof. S. Livingston	Dr P. A. Musgrove
1978	R. Outterside	T. Musgrove	Brig. E. S. Swinbourne	Dr P.A. Musgrove
1979	R. Outterside	G. Anderson	Brig. E. S. Swinbourne	Prof C. Phipps
1980	R. Outterside	M. Wieland	Dr P. A. Musgrove	Prof C. Phipps
1981	R. Outterside	G. Warren	Dr P. A. Musgrove	Prof C. Phipps
1982	R. Outterside	G. Webb	B. H. Pyke	Prof C. Phipps
1983	R. Outterside	M. Aikman	B. H. Pyke	Prof C. Phipps
1984	R. Outterside	M. Adams	B. H. Pyke	T. Lynam
1985	R. Outterside	M. Ward	B. H. Pyke	T. Meakin
1986	R. Outterside	C. Lynam	Dr J. M. Challen	T. Meakin
1987	R. Outterside	T. Walker	Dr J. M. Challen	T. Meakin
1988	R. Outterside	A. Magro	B. H. Pyke	T. Meakin
1989	R. Outterside	C. Aitken	M. Aikman	T. Meakin
1990	R. Outterside	G. Main	M. Aikman	T. Meakin
1991	R. Outterside	A. Abrahams	R. Mitchell	V.Moschione
1992	R. J. Stratford	J. Isaacs	R. Mitchell	V.Moschione
1993	R. J. Stratford	S. Mohideen	Maj Gen J. Norrie	S. Kritzler
1994	R. J. Stratford	D. Eyers	Maj Gen J. Norrie	P. Whyte
1995	R. J. Stratford	A. Lamb	Maj Gen J. Norrie	P. Whyte
1996	R. J. Stratford	P. Lyons	Maj Gen J. Norrie	K. Loblay
1997	R. J. Stratford	K. Robinson	Maj Gen J. Norrie	K. Loblay
1998	R. J. Stratford	J. Stern	Maj Gen J. Norrie	J. Kaldor
1999	R. J. Stratford	A. Liu	N. Scudder	D. Briggs
2000	K. A. Jaggar	J.S. Boag	N. Scudder	D. Briggs

Year	School Principal	School Captain	Old Boys Union President	P & C President
2001	K. A. Jaggar	N. Armstrong	J. Goddard	D. Briggs
2002	K. A. Jaggar	M. Nam	J. Goddard	D. Briggs
2003	K. A. Jaggar	H. James	J. Goddard	P. Girdler
2004	K. A. Jaggar	T. Miller	J. Goddard	P. Girdler
2005	K. A. Jaggar	D. Fonseka	M. Livingston	S. Brown
2006	K. A. Jaggar	A. Farrow-Palmer	M. Livingston	S. Brown
2007	K. A. Jaggar	M. Farhat	J. Waugh	S. Chan
2008	K. A. Jaggar	D. Vien	J. Waugh	S. Chan
2009	K. A. Jaggar	P. Desmond	J. Waugh	J. Connolly
2010	K. A. Jaggar	A. Paul	J. Waugh	J. Connolly
2011	K. A. Jaggar	T. Gollan	J. Waugh	J. Connolly
2012	K. A. Jaggar	B. Wilcox	J. Waugh	I. Sweeting
2013	K. A. Jaggar	S. Wang	R. Bowey	I. Sweeting
2014	K. A. Jaggar	S. Noronha	R. Bowey	I. Sweeting
2015	K. A. Jaggar	L. Hoad	P. Almond	G. Schofield
2016	K. A. Jaggar	W. Chen	P. Almond	N. Saunders
2017	K. A. Jaggar	H. Bartley	P. Almond	H. Bui
2018	K. A. Jaggar	A. Fox	P. Almond	R. Trent
2019	K. A. Jaggar OAM	V. Narayanan	P. Harapin	G. Waring
2020	K. A. Jaggar OAM	A. Zhou	P. Harapin	G. Waring
2021	K. A. Jaggar OAM	J. Naganathan	P. Harapin	A. Egeressy
2022	K. A. Jaggar OAM	J. Suto	P. Harapin	A. Hybler
2023	K. A. Jaggar OAM	S. Lim	P. Harapin	A. Hybler

From 1884-1919 the dux was known as captain of the school.
 The prefect system was introduced in 1910. From 1910 to 1919, the equivalent of the present school captain was called the senior prefect.
 The title of senior prefect was changed to captain in 1920.









### Year 7 2023

Back Row: W Tran, C Ma, M Yip, A Qiu, D Sor, R Margani, S Xu, T Daher, D Jin, J Lim, H Yang, R Liu, B Nguyen, S Avuk, A Lee, S Imtiaz, L Ngo, J Lu Eighth Row: B Han, A Capuano, A Bravo Da Rosa, J Wong, T Su, N Rameshkumar, H Mahmood, I Huang, R Alam, K Li, K Tedjasaputra, R Pandithurai, D Lee, T Lama, E Zhang, J Lee, A Mohammed, O Hossain, A Abedin Seventh Row: D Vickkanov, L Ramanathan, A Mehta, J Rajendra, V Pimenov, M Etri, D Li, M Zhuang, T Rahman, I Moollan, L Xu, S McManus, A Sharma, A Sharma, Z Chi, J Wang, J Kwon, R Chen, M Syed, M Park, O McBride Sixth Row: B Park, D Sinlapawattana, J Huang, M Le Digarcher, S Song, J Ahmad, A Barraza Nejedly, A Singh, K Xu, L Paditham, X Tanhueco, C Pan, R Zhao, D Lyris, L Lu, A Bendall, W Zhou, T Yang, G Cheng Fifth Row: W Hong, Y Lucknauth, T Li, C Fawcett, A Firoz, K Li, K Wang, W Lu, O Li, A Aumi, U Shrestha, H Zhang, N Ping, H Tjoakasi, S Khan, B Nicholls, J Yang, A Li Fourth Row: T Chen, A Chowdhury, R Yang, T Araaf, S De, D Luthra, S Kolli, S Doke, U Sharma, S Kar, D Ojha, J Zhang, S Handoko, B Zhang, I Wong, N Pillemer, Y Zhu, L Chen, A Hwang Third Row: A Jiang, J Chen, T Ali, C Curnick, K Yin, K Lin, H Kariyawasam, T Liu, D Qian, M Mao, M Lu, W Huang, R Xu, M Kireev, M Ryder, M Khan, Z Hossain, I Goh, A Rahman, O Trinh Second Row: R Nguyen, J Kwok, W Wang, J Jakubauskas, A Li, R Junaid, V Zhou, R Liu, L Wong, J Van, S Ekajaya, L Zhang, M Feng, J Niu, W Ahmed Nazir, D Shek, R Chen, J Liu, A Choi Front Row: A Lahiri, A Luo, V Jairam, B Chow, D Said, J Li, V Pakeerathan, M Ibrahim, J Hu, N Lin, M Ma, B Tao, O Ho, N Lu, M Ye, W Xiong, T Le, O Smith, H Sehgal, V Loukine



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Back Row: I Song, B Liu, R Yousuf, A Choi, A Thapaliya, S Gadela, A He, C Yang, M Boylan, B Whitfield, F Spanovic, D Logothetis, K Fan, J Mulder, W Wang, J Liem, M Ahmed, N Tsomis, T Wasim, A Shaikh, T Liang
Seventh Row: P Lee, S Mustafa, R Zhou, K Suri, S Zanjani, O Greville, L Fiene, A Verma, F Yi, S Gerstl, R Roy, X Nath, M Sanjeev, R Tang, D De Costa, W Nguyen, J Deng, T Shah, T Arsecularatne, E Song, O Sun, P Zhao, H Lao
Sixth Row: J Wagner, T Mody, H Francis, S Hossain, A Kao, W Sun, D Vasiliev, T Zhang, S Parasher, O Carbajal Zapata, T Diao, E Ly, K Ji, M Lai, E Cho, J Liu, O Xie, E Brownlie, J He, P Wang, R Zhang, J Yi, J Luu, N Regulagedda
Fifth Row: M Li, T Jian, C Patel, S Kamath, M Chanthiran, M Goriparthi, R Le, C Rao, K Maran, A Salman, R Fang, M Sui, O Chen, I Park, Z Wang, Z Hakim, D Ganguly, T Wang, A Hwang, A Lee, E Han, W Chen, M Medlej, A Dannala, B Zhang
Fourth Row: R Balnave, K Liu, A Baruah, R Hossain, K Kuang, M Russell, J Pang, L Tran, E Hong, A Ha, A Parekh, R Shikder, S Dean, S Yan, A Chowdhury, P Chen, R Zhou, S Choi, J Wachsmann, J Wang, A Tan, D Guo, B Xie, E Ho, G Wu, A Sharma
Third Row: G Franklin, E Kwag, M Mohamed Kiyas, A Yang, E Yang, F Huang, L Qian, J Yip, A Li, I Zhai, R Pan, M Chen, R Liang, J Han, G Das Gupta, A Chahal, A Savara, T Nguyen, J Phua, E Ji, B Wei, A Lau, R Woo, B Pirom, W Lee
Second Row: J Matthews, Z Mai, S Parthiban, E Low, Z Farazi, A Alugolla, B Haryanto, A Govind, C Roussos, M Tao, A Madan, H Nguyen, S Ahmed, P Sampath, A Mahidadia, H Lum, R Saini, A Mann, M Wu, Q Nguyen, J Chu, B Hyun, A Tao, E Han, A Wang, J Yip
Front Row: A Kabir, J Sung, S Chowdhury, A Sainju, Y Jeong, T Nguyen, P Ta, J Huang, C Huang, J Huynh, S Tang, J Lo, L Zuo, S Lim, M Lam, P Hua, X Jin, J Su, R Rahman, A Chen, S Yun, V Taneja, J Vu, S Bodidi, H Rajkumar, T Liao, A Ah-Koon

