



The Weekly Newsletter of Sydney Boys High School

# From the Principal Welcome back to Term 4

I trust students and staff had a relaxing break, except for the Year 12 students preparing for their HSC examinations. Good luck to all Year 12 and accelerants in the hectic weeks ahead! Term four is dedicated to reporting and planning. End of year reports are important snapshots of student progress. There is also usually time for revising or planning teaching and learning programs for the following year. I look forward to a productive term ahead.



# **High Talent**

Congratulations to Harrison Guo (12T), Alex Huang (11R) and Harry Xin (12E) who had their HSC Design and Technology Projects set aside for possible inclusion in SHAPE. Six HSC students had their musical performances nominated for possible selection in ENCORE. Congratulations to Jerry Chen (11E), Andy Huang (12E), Ethan Hybler (12R), Ryan Kirkland (11S), Oscar Kuo (11S) and Christopher Lau (12R).

Congratulations !

# Tell Them from Me – Parent responses needed

Thank you to the 22 parents who have completed the survey. We cannot draw any conclusions for our *Strategic Improvement Plan* from such a small sample of our parents' voices. Please share your views!

The survey window closes **Term 4**, **Week 4 Friday 8 November 2024**. The parent surveys take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Surveys can be completed at any time during this window. All surveys will be automatically closed on Friday 8 November at 4:30 pm. Here is the link: http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/5sffr

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#### Foundation Day Assembly

We started off the term with a rousing Foundation Day Assembly, highlighted by Captain Elect Jin Shim's thoughtful and impassioned speech. Guest Speaker, Glynn Gill, being avowedly iconoclastic, spoke at length about how choices are made and the profound effects they can have on lives. A novel addition to his speech was props, including a ChatGPT generated speech which he theatrically crumpled up and lobbed into the front row of Prefect Interns, and two pieces of fruit from his lunch box, which he placed carefully on the table covered in ceremonial cloth. His speech achieved his twin aims of being different and entertaining. My speech to the Assembly is reprinted below:

'Special guest Glyn Gill, School Captain of 1974, Ms Catherine Bavell, R/Deputy Principal Sydney Girls High School, Mr Jacob Ezrakhovich OBU President, Mr Paul Almond past OBU President, Life Governor Mr Geoff Andrews, Class of 1974 attendees, Old Boys Dr David Sweeting OAM, Joshua Suto (2022), Landrie Zuo and Matthew Lam (2023), Michael Fischer (1971), Stewart Wood, Alan Wong (2020), Ms Shalona Acharya and Ms Nazara Jones (SGHS), staff and students, welcome to our 141st Foundation Day Assembly held on Gadigal land. I pay my respects to Aboriginal elders, past, present and emerging and to any Aboriginal people here today. We are gathered again to re-connect with our traditions, reaffirm our cultural values, honour those who helped build them, and endorse the candidature of the Prefect Interns who will reinforce and renew them. We welcome back our eleven Old Boys who graduated fifty years ago and try to connect to their context in relation to ours. High has enduring continuity mingled with its contextual diversity.

In 1974, Richard Nixon resigned as President of the United States as a consequence of the Watergate scandal, signalling the slow decline of America's faith in its political leadership. After a hung parliament in the UK, Tory PM Edward Heath had to resign in favour of Harold Wilson, returning to lead the country for a second time. Gough Whitlam's Labor Government was returned in the general election at home in 1974. Kheir Starmer won back the leadership of the UK for Labor in a landslide this year. In Israel in 1974, the Kiryat Shmona massacre of 18 people by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was a precursor atrocity to the October 7, 2023 attacks, both committed in the name of a war for statehood. The anniversary of the Hamas attack was held recently, with no resolution of the conflict in sight, as neither side recognises the other's right to exist.

Three legends were born in 1974. ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with 'Waterloo'; Muhammad Ali was immortalised by his famous victory over George Foreman in the 'Rumble in the Jungle' in Zaire; and the Volkswagen Golf replaced the beetle as the peoples' car.

In *The Record* of 1974, the Headmaster, Greg Bradford, observed in his Headmaster's Report that the 'School is suited to the needs of boys who wish to participate successfully, but not necessarily be the best, in a very wide range of activities. I ask you to make the necessary commitment which will allow you to benefit from the unique opportunities offered by the school'. Also in *The Record*, school captain Glyn Gill, declared that 'within Sydney High the essence of a successful six years lies in the student participating in all areas of his interests, participation is in taking the offer'. My annual message to our boys is essentially the same. The modern context has more variety in offerings but also just as fierce competition at the elite level.

On Foundation Day we can take this time to examine our historical foundations from October 1883 and our enduring traditions. While much about the school has changed in the last 50 years, the essentials that define High are the same. We prepare our students for university. We need to constantly rally support for GPS sport among students in Years 11 and 12. Our returning Old Boys today include representatives from 1974 from the First VIII in rowing, the first XI in cricket, first grade tennis, GPS athletics and the first XV in rugby. Others represented in lower grades in various sports but participated strongly to the level of their ability and training. They are united for over five decades in their appreciation of the opportunities and camaraderie that their lives at High afforded – enduring examples of High Spirit.

Today in remembrance of the school's founding and of its student leaders, we celebrate a new cohort of student leaders as they take the Prefect's Pledge. These Prefect Interns have had to qualify against quite onerous performance benchmarks. They have had to show lived experience of leadership. They have had to meet academic benchmarks. They have had to represent their school in two GPS competition sports in each of their final two years at school. They have had to reach at least platinum level in the Student Awards Scheme and score at least 100 points in Year 11. 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 2024 Prefects and the staff. They have been elected by their school community. They will have leadership training and be assigned specific roles. These representatives who will be standing before you are ready for the tasks ahead.

We celebrate our founding as a school to prepare young men for tertiary study. We celebrate our institution that enlarges character through opportunities to pursue excellence. We celebrate a culture of camaraderie that has influenced positive character development in many cohorts of young men. The contemporary cohort's representatives are being inducted today. They will prove to be worthy bearers of the High traditions of leadership by example, across many 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. The measure of effective leadership is the legacy it leaves'.

### Dr K A Jaggar Principal



Yearly Reports - Clearance Forms - Year 9 Clearance forms for report collection will be online during the coming weeks. Please ensure outstanding payments and due book returns are received before the clearance form is generated. Sharon Kearns SAM

# EARLYILEAVE

#### EARLY LEAVE REMINDER

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

#### The procedures for early leave are as follows:

Students must bring a note to the office that has been signed by both a parent AND a Deputy Principal BEFORE 8.55am Monday to Thursday and 9.20am Friday.

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

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

Any student who does not follow the correct process in applying for early leave must remain in their class unless being picked up by a parent from the front office and therefore personally signed out.

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





Year 7 Science Zoo Excursion















### WELCOME BACK to Term 4

Music Ensemble rehearsals commenced this week on Monday, we hope you have had a restful holiday break and ready to prepare for our end of year concert coming up in December.

Please ensure you attend every rehearsal and are ready to start at the beginning of each session.

#### **HSC ENCORE Nominations**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our HSC Music students who were Encore nominated for their outstanding performances in the practical exams last term. HSC Music 2; Jerry Chen (Yr11), Ryan Kirkland (Yr11), Oscar Kuo (Yr11), Andy Huang (Yr12), Ethan Hybler (Yr12) and Music Extension; Christopher Lau (Yr12). We are so proud of your work!



### End of Year Ensembles Concert and Music Awards Assembly

We look forward to everyone joining us at our end of year music ensembles concert **Sunday 8 December 12pm** at **The Governors Centre**.

On Monday 9 December, we will host our Annual Music Awards Assembly in The Great Hall 9:30am, recognising all the wonderful efforts and achievements of our ensemble students in the Music Performance Program.

#### **Music Instrumental Storeroom**

A reminder to ALL students, please ensure you place your instruments in the designated instrumental areas in the music storeroom. Please leave a clear pathway in the middle for easy access, as instruments left lying on the floor present a trip hazard. **Suzanna Lim** 

Music Teacher

MONDAY Before School	TUESDAY Before School	WEDNESDAY Before School	THURSDAY Before School	FRIDAY Before School
Intermediate	Senior Concert	Junior Stage	Intermediate	Symphonic Strings
Concert Band	Band	Band	Stage Band	8.00am-9.00am
7.45am-8.45am	7.45am-8.45am	7.45am-8.45am	7.45am-8.45am	Room 101
Governors Centre	Governors Centre	Room 101	Room 101	
Guitar Ensemble		Senior Stage Band	Symphony Orchestra	Chamber Choir
7.45am-8.45am		7.15am-8.15am	7.45am-8.45am	8.00am-9.00am
Room 201		Room 201	Room 201	Room 201
			Junior and Senior	Marching Band
			String Quartet	Workshop Sessions
			7.45am-8.45am	TBC
			Room 202	
			Philharmonic	
			Orchestra	
			7.45am-8.45am	
			Room 204	
After School	After School	After School		After School
Guitar Ensemble	Marching Band	Percussion Ensemble		Jazz Ensemble
3.20m-4.20pm	Workshop Sessions	3.20pm-4.20pm		3.20pm-4.20pm
Room 201	TBC	Governors Centre		Room 201

#### 2024 Music Ensemble Schedule



# THE SYDNEY HIGH 2024 JUDY CASSAB PRIZE FOR PAINTING AND DRAWING THEME

Students from Sydney Boys are eligible to enter **one drawing or painting** for consideration in the Judy Cassab Art Prize. The winner will be announced in Week 9 Term 4 One prize of one thousand dollars will be awarded to the successful entrant.

ENTER by 25 November here https://forms.gle/ZKCsxmMuaYk7dFnH6

# **Conditions:**

Only one artwork per entrant Size should not exceed one metre square No HSC artworks The shortlist process and judging is final. forks must be collected on Friday 14 December.





### Report of the Day

The First Grade Water Polo squad competed at the annual Thomas Whalen Cup on Saturday 12 October. The first game for the Firsts to be playing together. We were excited to set the standard for a successful season. The first game was against Newington, who have won the GPS-CAS Water Polo Cup for eight consecutive years.

Unfortunately, the boys went down 6-1 - a valiant effort (G: William C). The best score line against Newington of the day. In the second game we versed Riverview, a historically strong Water Polo school. After leading 4-1 at half time, lapses in concentration and after wasted chances, we succumb to a 6-6 draw (G: James M x3, Liam G, Michael Z, Cassiel Y) - then Riverview scored a penalty, the last play of the game. The Scots College were crowned co-premiers last year, so we were determined to prove our intensive holiday trainings would eventuate in a win! After drawing at half time, 2-2, the boys pulled through with a fantastic victory, winning 4-3 (G: Liam G, James M, Jason Y, John N). We then versed a much more rested Joeys side, bearing in mind we tied with Joeys last year, unfortunately, we came away with a 2-2 draw (G: Liam G, Liam N). Finally, we versed Shore, who were second at the time, to our dismay, the boys ended up losing 3-1 (G: Liam G), fatigue finally set in, and we ended up 3rd out of 6 teams. The boys feel content and are eager to improve our results.

Thank you, boys, for such an enjoyable last Thomas Whalen Cup. Liam Nottage 11S







### **October Holidays Report**

Over the Term 3 holidays, the senior rowers were hard at work preparing for the long season ahead. The first week's training consisted of single scull sessions where the rowers shook off their cobwebs, put in kilometres and some went on unexpected swims. After the long weekend break, we were greeted by the dreaded 2km erg test. Muscles were cramped and many tears but PBs were broken.

Over the week, the incoming Year 10 VIII rowers were taught and practiced the techniques of sweep rowing, showing promise for a successful season ahead. The highlight of the holiday training was the trip up to SIRC on Friday, where rowers and coxswains familiarised themselves with the course. Notably, the preliminary First VIII was selected after a gruelling series of mixing combinations and competing known as "seat racing".



Congratulations to the boys that made the VIII in this round of selections. We are only a few weeks out before our first race, and although we have a lot of work to do, I am excited to start grinding.

To the other senior rowers, do not be disheartened for missing out this time, continue to eat, sleep and train well, very rarely does the preliminary crew match the crew sent to the Head of the River.

All seats are still up for grabs!

It is pleasing to see and train with a promising group of boys as we continue to better ourselves week in and week out. As Barack Obama said "Our destiny is not written for us, it's written by us". Jin Shim Captain of Boats 2025





# **Ordering Sport Photos**

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Kurt Rich Photo Coordinator



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# School Physio

SBHS Gym Gallery outside Room 901 School Term Mondays 7am-9am Free of charge

No need for an appointment Priority given to 1st and 2nd Grade Athletes

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

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This free four-week course is facilitated by experienced psychologists specialising in adolescent development and behaviour. The course will assist parents to build stronger parent-child relationships and better manage and understand their adolescent's behaviour. This is a skills-building and educational program only.

Four Wednesdays from the 13th of November to the 4th of December, 2024 From 6pm - 8pm WAYS Bondi Junction - Tiffany Plaza, 422 Oxford Street, Bondi Junction Located above the bus and train station

# **TOPIC AREAS INCLUDE:**

- Understanding your child adolescent development
- Reflecting on your parenting the impact of various parenting styles
- Setting limits and boundaries that stick
- Effective communication and conflict resolution strategies
- Practical strategies for building resilience in your children
- Special topics: alcohol and other drugs, sex, mental health, navigating social media and cyberspace & enhancing internal regulation

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"This course is one of the MOST beneficial things we have done as parents- everyone should be taught these Strategies / knowledge. Totally needed in the community"

"Both facilitators were extremely knowledgeable and generous with their information. It was great to have practical experience to reinforce the theory. I thought the content was pitched correctly to the target audience. Great service and felt privileged to have access to it"

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