



From the Principal High Talent

Daniel Illife (12R) is representing Australia this month at the Asian Junior (U20) and Cadet (U17) Fencing Championships. Good luck, Daniel! A team of students mentored by volunteer Dawud Rahmati competed in the FIRST Tech Challenge robotics competition last year. In the National Championships, the team (Milan Babin, Oliver Boije, Joshua Campbell, Leon Lu, Ricky Luo, Tuyvan Mai, Hayden Nguyen, Sharvil Pande, Jett Soo-Leui'l, and Andrew Wu) was awarded 2nd place in the Think Award. They also achieved 2nd place in the Inspire Award at the Sydney qualifier. Oliver Boije was selected as a 2024-2025 Dean's list finalist at the Houston Championship event in April. Congratulations to all involved!



Presentation Night

MP Allegra Spender spoke about the nonlinear progression of her career, with changes of direction, jobs and success. She urged the audience to always forgive themselves for their mistakes and to move forward positively. She recounted her trepidation about switching a good job and stable family life for the whirlwind of politics. She urged graduates to approach employment with a 'heart and mind' philosophy. Ultimately, most employment satisfaction is derived from working at what you are passionate about, not just what you are good at.

My speech on Presentation Night is reprinted below:

"Special guest, Ms Allegra Spender MP, Ms Angela Lyriss OAM, Director of Educational Leadership, Department of Education, Ms Rachel Powell, Principal SGHS, Mr Christopher Brown (OAM) Chairman of Sydney High School Foundation Ltd, Professor Ron Trent (President SBHS School Council), Ms Jocelyn Yem (Vice-President SBHS P & C), Mr Jacob Ezrakhovich (OBU President), Life Governors -- Mr Geoff Andrews, Mr Dennis Briggs and Mr Phil Lambert, Mr Paul Almond (past

President SHSOBU), Mr Max Kletski (OBU Treasurer and School Council member), Ms Mattise Stringer, OC Sydney High Cadet Unit, Ms Virginia Flint, CEO Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation, guest presenters Mr Nathan McDonnell and Richard Halliday, guests' partners and relatives, Old Boys, staff, parents and prize winners – thank you all for joining us for this evening of celebration of student achievement.

For much of 2024, DP Jamie Kay led our initiative to revert to a two-week timetable commencing this year. The decision allowed us to think outside the box in relation to maximisation of teaching time in stage 6. Free time has been carved out for assemblies when Years 11 and 12 are not timetabled on classes and another bookable period set aside for multiple class activities or cohort lectures. Our most significant achievement in technology last year was to begin our three-year teacher laptop replacement program for 75 staff. Teachers now take their Windows 11 laptops to their classes for lesson delivery using Vivi, allowing us to phase out support for the existing desktops in classrooms. John Prorellis, David Isaacs and James Rudd are managing this major roll out. Our thanks to the High P & C for funding c\$240,000 for this 3-year project. My thanks go to John Prorellis, Jim Crampton and Daniel Xu for the great planning and execution of an imposing array of major works around the school in 2024. The Junior Library was airconditioned thanks to funding from the SHSFBF and the P & C. Block B had its roof replaced and external guttering installed, thanks to DOE. A Tennis Clubroom was designed by Year 10 students in 2023 and built and furnished from the proceeds of a bequest in 2024. The COLA nets were replaced, extra lighting added, and the roof extended 3.5 metres. The Cleveland St car park had asphalt laid, bollards as protection for the digital sign and electricity sub-station, and cables laid to Gate 2 as a future proofing exercise. Power and water were run down Cutler Drive, its water mains repaired, and a new data distribution switch and cabinet installed. The SHSFBF paid \$500k in March last year to DOE to establish a Table Tennis Centre next to the COLA. In 2024 the work of AMU was frozen for most of the year and our project has only recently been re-activated. We hope to see the project well under way this year. The Cooler Classrooms Project was restarted at High late last year and we have had more progress in the last three months than we have seen for the last three years. Our second year of focusing on sentence conscious pedagogy, highlighting paragraphs, was another big investment

in literacy workshops, pull-out programs and remedial software such as ATOMI. We again expended significant resources aiming to improve literacy outcomes. Teachers use more common words, such as thinking routines, learning intentions, success criteria, differentiation of units by content, process or product, appositives, kernel sentences and subordinate conjunctions. As a result, our learning discourse is more attuned to literacy improvement and reinforced across faculties to a greater extent than previously. We have developed materials and have strategies in place to complete program modifications for all Years 7-10 by the end of 2025. We are delivering literacy workshops to identify and address the learning needs of students in Years 7 and 9 who require more intensive literacy development assistance. We have subject selection interviews with Year 10 students to improve stage 6 course selection. We re-purposed ATOMI availability for senior PDHPE classes.

Our overall HSC results for 2024 were the best since 2015 – a tribute to the improvement in literacy overall and in English pedagogy, led by new HT Kyle Caputo, with pleasing upticks in Mathematics, History and Science as well. High was ranked 9th in the League Tables. High boys earned 610 band 6/E4s which was our highest number since 2019. The ATAR average for 2024 was 93.73 calculated for 206 candidates with a standard deviation of 6.85. This year was our highest average ATAR and smallest tail since 2015. The 162 students who enrolled in 2019 earned a mean ATAR of 93.77. The 44 later-enrolling students had an ATAR mean of 93.55. [The 19- year numbers are 3231 @ 93.40 and 698 @ 90.21]. 42 students scored 99 or higher; 75 earned ATARs between 95 and 98.95; 80.2% (166) scored 90 or above – our best result since 2017. In terms of Band 5 & 6 percentages per course, 17 courses were at 100%, 2 at 95 to 99%, 4 at 90 to 94% and 7 below 90%. Our 2024 course means compared to 2023 – 23 increased and 9 decreased. When comparing High with a Statistically Similar School Group of selective schools, 21 courses were above the SSSG mean and 7 below. Our average school course mean was 88.7, compared to the SSSG 86.77 and 78.1 for the state. One sentence version. Year 12 2024 performed very well.

Individual HSC results in the top 10 in a course – Engineering Studies (Zihin Zhang -2), Mathematics Extension 1 (Brian Nguyen-3, Oscar Lam -7), Geography (Shafayat Hossain – 7) and Chemistry (Leon Shen – 10). Harrison Guo, Alex Huang and Harry Xin had their HSC Design and Technology Projects set aside for possible inclusion in SHAPE. Musical performances nominated for possible selection in ENCORE: Jerry Chen, Andy Huang, Ethan Hybler, Ryan Kirkland, Oscar Kuo and Christopher Lau (Performance), Advait Ilavajhala (Musicology).

Our boys won GPS Premierships in First Grade Football (first since 1995) and a Co-premiership in First Grade Volleyball. Since 2003, High first grade Volleyball teams

have been GPS premiers or co-premiers each year except in 2017. Second Grade Volleyball were Premiers. Since 2006, High has missed out only twice on securing the GPS second grade premiership – an imposing record for the sport managed by Michael Kay.

Three students represented at international level. Five individuals and three teams competed successfully at national schools' level. A selection of significant individual and team achievements for 2024 are outlined for you to peruse at the end of your program. State and national level achievements: fencing, table, tennis, volleyball, chess, rowing, athletics, academic competitions and competitions in programming and coding. Our co-curricular program is thriving.

In conclusion, I want to indulge in some over-the-horizon musing about artificial intelligence and technology in the workplace in 2030. By the time the Class of 2024 graduates from university, many areas of work will be impacted by agentic AI. It is an artificial intelligence that can make autonomous decisions without human intervention, solving problems both independently and proactively. This paradigm shift in AI is a product of technological breakthroughs in contextual understanding, memory and multi-tasking capability. Agentic AI has the potential to underpin the DIFM (do it for me) economy. Users will have their own bots, which are software applications programmed to do certain tasks on the internet automatically. Customised bots, or AI agents, will help users of financial services to choose products and execute transactions.

There is great potential for tasks outsourced today to contractors or third parties, to be carried out in-house, using bespoke agentic AI. Start-ups will supply the bots. Last year, a third of all venture capital funding in the USA was granted to AI startups. Telecom, media and financial services, outside of the technology sector itself, are the largest spenders on *Gen AI* or AI that creates new content, such as text or images, based on patterns in data. Large Language Models are powerful forms of this AI. Economic activity and employment opportunities will open up for agentic AI in financial services, in areas such as – compliance, fraud prevention, personnel onboarding and credit workflows. Welcome to the brave new bot world. It could be where you land your first job. Good luck and stay connected. It was my great pleasure and enduring privilege to serve as your principal."

BUILDING FUND

The Sydney High School Building Fund

The Sydney High School Advancement Fund is a capital fund managed in by the Sydney High School Foundation Ltd on behalf of the school. The object of the Fund is to provide facilities and resources for the use of students at High. Some of these assets are located **off-site**. The Foundation

owns, maintains and operates the Outterside Centre and manages the Fairland Pavilion. It also negotiates and manages Deeds of Licence with third parties for medium and long-term legal arrangements for the High Store, COLA and the Tennis Courts which the Principal cannot do. It delivered finance for one half of the c \$14,750,000 major project the Governors Centre, a joint endeavour with SGHS completed in 2021 after 10 years of effort.

Contributions by parents for 2024 were \$684,290. Monthly Giving added another \$33,745. Our strong **culture of intergenerational generosity** is the principal reason why High has acquired the assets it enjoys over 141 years and the access it has to facilities at Moore Park, Abbotsford, Malabar, Sydney International Shooting Centre, Rose Bay and Centennial Park. The Foundation funded half of the installation of our **new demountable science lab**, c \$475,000 in 2022, \$500k for the Table Tennis Centre and a bequest built a **meeting/lunch/physio room** for the tennis courts c \$235,000. Our current projects are to build an international standard **Table Tennis Centre** c \$600k; **air** condition the classrooms not covered by Cooler Classrooms \$60k; and build a retaining wall, pathway and entrance way at the Outterside Centre c \$300k. Please help us to achieve these important goals in 2025 by making your annual contributions to the Sydney High School Advancement Fund as so many of our existing and previous parents have done over many years.

Dr K A Jaggar
Principal



For
Your Annual
Contribution

CO-CURRICULAR

Co-Curricular Opportunities

Junior Ethics meets on Wednesdays at 12.25 - lunchtime in rooms 207/8.

Newcomers welcome, no need to register, just come along.

Senior Philosophy meets in 402 on Thursday's lunchtime.

We are preparing for the **Senior Ethics Olympiad** in May and unfortunately, cannot take any new members until then.

Public Speaking is held after school on Tuesdays in 207/8/9 - 3.15 - 4.30 - all year.

Year 7 meets in 208.

No need to pre-register, come along and join us from March 25.

This activity is a great way to build confidence and to improve communication skills.

Further inquiries about these activities, please contact: eggletonj@sbhs.nsw.edu.au

Julie Eggleton
Teacher

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.

Leave Early

Parent Teacher Interviews



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The following is information on all parent-teacher nights this year.

Please note that for the day of all parent-teacher interviews, periods will be shortened, with the school day finishing early. **Boys from all years will be dismissed from school at the start of lunchtime on each of the dates listed below.** The light rail will run to normal schedules and there will be minimal supervision in the Junior Quad of boys waiting for any services.

The dates of the parent-teacher interviews are:

Year 12 will take place in Term 1 via zoom on:

Tuesday 11 March 2025

2:00pm – 4:30pm

Years 8 and 9 will take place in Term 2 via zoom on:

Monday 16 June 2025

2:00pm – 7:30pm

Year 7 will take place in Term 2 via zoom on:

Tuesday 24 June 2025

2:00pm – 6:00pm

Years 10 and 11 will take place in Term 3 via zoom on:

Tuesday 29 July 2025

2:00pm – 7:30pm

Booking Interviews with Your Son's Teachers

We use a web based electronic scheduling system for arranging interviews. This produces better results for all participants, especially more compact time schedules for both parents and teachers.

The system works as follows:

N.B. The following dates are for Year 12 parents only. Parents of boys in all other years will receive their codes via email in Term 2 in the lead up to each evening – notification of these emails will be placed in High Notes next term.

- By 6pm Wednesday 26 February, all parents of boys in Year 12 will be sent details of the scheduling system and a unique code to be entered via email.

- This scheduling email will be sent to the main family email address currently held by the school for **all Year 12 students**. If you have not received this email by the morning of **Thursday 27 February**, please check your junk mail or any alternative email addresses provided to the school by either parent.

N.B. The office regularly receives queries about undelivered parent-teacher emails when the email was in their junk mail. Please check there before contacting the school.

- If your email address has changed from what had been previously advised, you should notify the school at office@sbhs.nsw.edu.au. Please indicate your son's name and roll call class (or date of birth) so that the information can be forwarded to you.
- Following the instructions in the email, on the Edval website you will see your son's teachers listed and you will be able to select those with whom you require an interview (if you hover over a teacher's name, the subject involved will be shown). At the same time, you can indicate your availability between **2:00pm and 4:30pm**. You should provide this information **by 9am on Wednesday 5 March**.
- The overall schedule will be generated by the school and your individual schedule should be available for you to **download and print from 6pm on Thursday 6 March**.
- Interviews should not exceed **five minutes' duration**. If there is insufficient time, a further appointment may be arranged for a later date.

IMPORTANT

Similar arrangements will be in place for **all other year group interviews**. Keep an eye on future High Notes for the timing of these processes.

Mr J Kay
Deputy Principal



P&C News

The P&C New Parent Information Evening and Welcome Supper was held on Tuesday 11 February. I apologise for the delay in providing a summary. We were all quite exhausted after last Tuesday night, and I was not able to submit my article before the Wednesday morning deadline.

At the event, our new parents had the opportunity to hear from Dr Jaggar, Mr Barris - Deputy Principal Years 7/9/11, Mr Rich, and Kris Daryanani, a Year 7 parent of 2024. Parents were also introduced to the P&C organisation and various volunteering opportunities at Sydney Boys, including the canteen, car parking events, support at sporting games fundraising efforts, and P&C events.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to this event: Sarah Lin - event coordinator, the speakers, Liam Nottage - Vice-Captain as MC, the talented string quartet, the Prefects, the Sailing team of parents and students, and the parent volunteers who served as information ambassadors and provided tea and coffee. This event would not have been possible without the well-coordinated effort.



I would like to share Sarah's message of thanks below:

A huge congratulations to the entire Sailing team for their incredible teamwork in delivering excellent catering and contributing to the success of the Welcome Evening. Every sailor did an outstanding job, with many starting as early as 1:30 PM and working through after-school shifts. Under the leadership of senior sailors Matt Kuskoff, Jim Jacob, Julian Luchko, and others, they efficiently moved equipment, set up the venue, directed visitors to parking and the centre, and served food. A special shout-out to our new Year 7 sailors for their warm welcome to the guests at the GC. A massive thank you to the parents who worked tirelessly in the GC kitchen, led by Rebecca and Delia. The Information Evening wouldn't have been the success it was without your dedication and support. You all did an amazing job, once again!

Thank you to the following parents who donated food or volunteered their time. I sincerely apologise if your name has been missed:

Alex Kuskoff, Amanda Su, Annie Wen, Bill, Chea Men, Chulamanee Yongkiatpa, Chuxia Liu, Cindy Wang, Connie Chen, Danny Bai, Delia Leung, Emma Pham, FeiYue Gao, Fontins Suardy, Grace Zhou, Jing Li, Joyce Yuan, Kasia Chmiel, Kris Daryanani, Lilac Liu, Maggie Duan, Rebecca Iliffe, Sarah Lin, Sarithya Tuy, Shu Chen, Sue, Sung Park, Tania Kirkland, Vivian Chen, Vivian Wong, Wendy Cui, Wenting Liu, Y Teng, Yi Yang, Charles Teng.

In other P&C news, Grace Zhang will be stepping down from her position as P&C Rep to the Sports Council, due to family reasons. The P&C wishes her well. Jason Feng has kindly and enthusiastically agreed to take on the role.

If you would like to contact the P&C, please email sbhs.pandc@gmail.com.

Tania Kirkland
2025 P&C President
SBHS P&C Association



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They run 2-3 times a year in July and August for 2 weeks, BUT the cost and time commitment are something not to be ignored. There is a 99% recommendation rate, BUT MAKE SURE you do research and discuss it with your parents first!

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<https://studyworkgrow.com/free-money/the-harvard-crimson-business-case-competition-2024/>



Andrew Ding
Careers Prefect

Music NOTES

Music Recruitment Evening

The music recruitment evening was held last Thursday evening, with many of our tutors' giving demonstrations on their instruments. It was a great turnout with many new year 7 students and parents in attendance. The Junior String Quartet performed with Sydney Symphony Violist, Justin Williams - Viola teacher and String Quartet Conductor, who stepped in at the last minute to perform. We look forward to welcoming our new students to the music performance program.



Music Ensemble Rehearsals

Ensemble rehearsals have begun this week, please check updated changes on clipboard. There are some day, time and venue amendments this year. Please note that 80% attendance is required for award scheme points.

Instrumental Lessons

Music tutors have resumed teaching this term, please contact your tutor to arrange a lesson time if you have not done so already.

Suzanna Lim
Music Teacher



2025 Proposed Music Ensemble Schedule

MONDAY (Before School)	TUESDAY (Before School)	WEDNESDAY (Before School)	THURSDAY (Before School)	FRIDAY (Before School)
Intermediate Concert Band 7.30am – 8.30am Governors Centre	Senior Concert Band 7.30am – 8.30am Governors Centre	Symphonic Strings Ensemble 7.45am – 8.45am Room 204		Marching Band GH/MPW Scheduled Sessions
Guitar Ensemble 7.45am – 8.45am Room 201		Senior Stage Band 7.45am – 8.45am Room 201	Symphony Orchestra 7.45am – 8.45am Room 201	Chamber Choir Ensemble 8.00am – 9.00am Room 201
Philharmonic Strings Ensemble 7.45am – 8.45am Room 101	Junior and Senior String Quartet 7.45am – 8.45am Room 101	Junior Stage Band 7.45am – 8.45am Room 101	Intermediate Stage Band 7.45am – 8.45am Room 101	
(After School)	(After School)	(After School)	(After School)	(After School)
Guitar Ensemble 3.15pm – 4.15pm Room 201				Jazz Ensemble 3.15pm – 4.15pm Room 201
				Percussion Ensemble 3.15pm – 4.15pm Governors Centre



SHOOTIN' HOOPS



The basketball program experienced phenomenal success against our longtime rivals, Sydney Grammar. Throughout all age groups, we dominated against Grammar, with most of our teams winning their games and many more coming very close. Our collective results as a school this weekend have been the best so far into the 2024-2025 basketball season. From such excellent triumphs this weekend, High is set to continue with great success for the following few matches left in the season.

The 1sts this weekend had a breathtaking match. Though seemingly disadvantaged by the first quarter, the 1sts astonished viewers, making a miraculous comeback, tying by the second quarter, and eventually pulling through to an amazing 11-point victory, 82-71. It can be attributed to their tireless training sessions every week with Coach Gerlach, pushing them to improve their game, and the holiday training programs set up by Coach Keeto and Mr. Hayman. All of which culminated in such a wondrous success.

One of the youngest players of the 1sts, Rohan Narushima, has embellished his name into High's basketball legacy, dropping 42 points in this match, placing 5th on the all-time scoring record, a truly amazing accomplishment. By relentlessly pushing through every possession and striving for the best offense and defense until the buzzer, he pushed the 1sts to victory. A player performance like this is far and few, last being seen by incredible basketball talents like Henry Lau during his time at High. This successful week doesn't end just with the 1sts, throughout all the grades, 8 of the 12 teams saw a win against Grammar and the remaining teams came extremely close as well.

The 3rds maintained an excellent balance in their gameplay, cruising along in their fixture, Williard Fan sealing the game scoring 9 points, claiming a 35-23 victory.

Furthermore, the 6ths had a prominent triumph, a low-scoring match that was snatched away for High by the 6ths impenetrable defense and consistent attack to the rim, with a final score of 18-11. Continuing this streak against Grammar, the 7ths and 8ths both had distinct but exemplary games, MVPS J. Moon, on the 7ths, and J. Zhang, on the 8ths had impressive stats of 13 points and 8 points respectively in their games. 7ths obliterated the competition, almost tripling Grammar's score, 44 - 15 while the 8ths had, though lower scoring but equally admirable fixture, ending up at 28-19. Both games were secured from the beginning as a product of fruitful effort that has paid off from constant hard work and team chemistry from the first until the last buzzer. The victory is flowing further for High with the 9ths and 10ths both bulldozing their competition, scoring ridiculously high amounts and overall having a great time. Special mention to Aiden in 9ths holding up a great defense throughout and Oscar in 10ths being a defensive star, with quick passes, and tough rebounding. The final scores of both these matches were a spectacular 50-13 and 56-8, respectively.



Continuing, the 16s have had an impressive overall result this weekend, with four teams out of six beating Grammar in their matches, with some formidable leads and strong team performance. The 16A's, led by Yuhai through a combination of strenuous effort and overall skill, ended their match with a close yet great 37-33 win. Furthermore, the 16Ds, Es, and Fs all came out on top in their fixtures. The D's had a win of 28-26, likewise to the E's, plowing the game to a 27-17 success, with MVP J Miao dropping 4 points and great rebounding. Last of the 16s, the F's started the match against only 3 Grammar players, but still held a high standard of sportsmanship as a collective and won 20 - 0. Over to the 15s, carrying on this rather positive streak; the 15A's easily outplayed Grammar because of a consistent and ongoing offensive drive throughout the match, particularly from Dio V, scoring bucket after bucket against an oversized opposition.

The Grammar was no match for the 15A's, defeating them and ending up at an excellent 37-24 game score. The same could be said for the 15B's, similarly, overcoming the opposition after an impassable defensive press. Jiwan C kept up the defense with steal after steal, buckets after buckets, leading the Bs to a 28-19 win. The 15E's also experienced similar success, earning themselves a 22-13 win, with Ruyee Chen scoring 4 points with great drives to the rim. Special mention to the 15D's and MVP Rhys Chen dropping 10 points, leading to a final close score of 27-34, only a few points shy of victory. Lastly the 14s, first off, the 14C's who after an intense match against Grammar, pushed through and won 42-31, thanks to both great teamwork and their top scorer of the match, Eytan Goh, with 12 points. Likewise, the 14D's skillful cooperation on the court fortified their win in a close game, the final score being 29-24. Then to the 14F's, while both teams kept the score low and the tensions high, Louis W, the MVP of the match, carried the Fs to a nifty victory, 14-10. A mention to the 14A's who played the entire match with only 5 players. They upheld excellent teamwork in the face of Grammar with a notable individual player performance from Lucas Hu, going 4/6 from the 3-point line with 14 points in total, and though not winning, the 14A's had a great match.



Overall, High has had an impeccable performance this weekend against Grammar. Thanks to both continuous improvements in teams' school-wide and endless fighting spirit we have earned this success. Thank you to Mr. Hayman, our longstanding Basketball MIC, organising the many basketball committees, tireless volunteers, and hardworking coaches. Only with all your help would we as a school be able to have such a fluid and joyful basketball season. This week is a premonition for much more success to come as we draw closer to the end of the 24-25 summer season of basketball, so players be sure to continue putting your best efforts into the training sessions throughout the week and weekend matches. Good luck to everyone involved with basketball, whether that be those managing our games, the many hard-working coaches, or the school's growing basketball community.

Keep reaching and striving for success and improvement and may all our basketball endeavors continue to be fruitful.



Go HIGH!

Play Hard, Play Smart and Play Together!

**Thanks to everyone who makes Shootin' Hoops possible
Brought to you by Anthony Jiang and Yves Rinaldi**





High Cricket



Cricket Results - 2025 Term 1 Week 3 GPS Cricket 2024/2025 vs. Grammar

	Score	Result	Highlights
1 st XI	SGS 10/201 def. SBHS 10/115	Loss	V. Bhosale 3/29 A. Inala 2/39 A. Nayani 35 A. Sharafi 21
2 nd XI	SGS 8/89 def. by SBHS 9/90	Win	M. Ahmed 2/9 and 5* A. Surendran 2/15 T. Choudhury 24
3 rd XI	Rained out	Draw	
4 th XI	Grammar 8/157 vs SBHS 5/151	Loss	B. Chudal 64 N. Kabir 33
16 A	SBHS 8/237 def. Scots 10/167	Win	A. Wu 96
16 B	Rained Out	Draw	
15 A	SGS 8/126 def. SBHS 10/112	Loss	S. Doke 78*
15 B	SGS 10/116 def. SBHS 10/83	Loss	
14 A	SGS 10/107 def. by SBHS 7/108	Win	A. Nittala 32 S. Subramanian 33 T. Tewari 2/7
14 B	SGS 10/114 def. SBHS 2/115	Win	Arya 62* Aryan 2/15

1st XI Report

Losing the toss, Grammar elected to bat first at McKay, with High ready to make early inroads with the ball off the back of the promising performance at Scots. Opening with spin from one end, High managed to strike early, with both Grammar openers dismissed relatively cheaply. As the opposition batsmen began to settle, Abhinav Inala and Vivaan Bhosale entered the attack in need of a breakthrough. An incredible display of bowling from both ends put High well and truly onto the front foot, as we took 4 wickets in quick succession, leaving Grammar trailing at 5/45 after 19 overs. A bowling performance that deserved more was unfortunately at the centre of many poor umpiring decisions, which granted the opposition some much-needed reprieve as they eventually settled in and notched up a 102-run 6th-wicket partnership.

A strong fightback from the High bowling group through the overs saw Grammar bowled out for 201. Notable contributions with the ball include Vivaan's 3/29 (9.4), and Abhinav Inala's 2/39 (10). Heading into the batting innings, High started strongly with Nayani notching up a quickfire 35 including a huge six over mid-wicket. Many early wickets put High in a tough position, and despite some fight shown from the middle order, High was bowled out for 115, falling short by 86 runs. A disappointing result considering the magnitude of the performance.

Eddie Barks 11E 1st XI Captain

2nd XI Report

Being sent out to bowl the 2nd XI were excited for the game, coming off a win and looking to build some momentum. In the first 16 overs, the boys bowled some nice and tight lines and lengths for most of the overs but were punished for the bad balls and leaked a few runs. The bowlers' tight bowling wasn't rewarded either due to a few sloppy misfields. The second half of the bowling innings was much better restricting the batsmen to 89 runs, a comfortable total to chase. Our high hopes were starting to crumble after a few fallen wickets, however key partnerships along the run chase from Bibek, Tafheem, Ashvin, and Gopala allowed the boys to reach 83 runs extremely close to the total with hopes for the tail to clean up the game. However, after a few silly shots we were on our very last wicket. The last wicket stand needed 7 runs to win, setting up a thriller ending. Some tactical batting from Mahtab the 10th batsmen finishing the baiting game.

Tafheem Choudhury 10E

2nd XI Captain



Mahtab Ahmed-hitting the winning runs for 2nd XI



Team of the Week – 14A's

As the 14As entered Round 10 of the GPS season, we remained unbeaten and confident, facing a Grammar side we had narrowly defeated by just 8 runs in Round 3.

Sent into bowl, we were wicketless in the opening spell. However, just as Grammar's openers began to settle, Vihaan and Imaan struck quickly, dismissing both within three balls. Our bowlers maintained relentless pressure, with Tavish's economical 2/7 in 5 overs helping to restrict Grammar to 107.

Chasing the target, we lost Vedansh and Rohan early, but Anish and Saharsh steadied the innings. Anish provided a quickfire 32 before falling just before drinks, while Vihaan added 15 before departing when we needed 10 runs to win. Saharsh anchored the innings with a composed 33, but his dismissal triggered a collapse of 3 wickets for just 1 run. Fortunately, Tavish remained composed and guided us over the finish line.

It was a tense match, and we were thrilled to emerge victorious. With a strong St. Joseph's side up next, we aim to continue our winning streak.

Saharash Subramanian

14A's Captain

Team of The Week – 14B's

14B's Round 8 of the GPS Season saw the 14B's take on Sydney Grammar 14B's. We won the toss and chose to bowl. Our bowling had a steady start, with Sydney Grammar only scoring 11 runs in 2.3 overs. Aryan subsequently got two wickets in a row in the 2.4 and 2.5 over getting the opener and the third-in batsman out. James then struck next over, getting another wicket. Grammar was now at 11/3. Grammar maintained a strong partnership until Rishabh bowled a deceiving delivery, which resulted in a caught and bowled. Now Grammar ended up with 45/4. Arnav was now brought in, getting two wickets in one over, leaving Grammar with 74/6. Sheik, with his quick bowling, resulted in the batsman nicking it to Arnav, which resulted in Grammar becoming 76/7. However, in the death overs, our team had a lot of extras and were leaking a lot of runs, bringing the score up to 114/7 after 20 overs.

Sheik and Arya were sent to bat with an early wicket, leaving us with 12/1. Arya and Aryan hit consistent boundaries and runs, creating a massive partnership of 74 runs in just 7.1 overs. Arya and Aryan scored 62* and 26, respectively. With Aryan sent out, Arnav and Arya scored the winning partnership of 29 runs. We chased Grammar's 114 runs in just 13 overs. Spectacular innings from Arya and Aryan capped off our win.

Rahul Ram Gopal 8F

14B's Captain



MIC Report

Congratulations to our Davidson Shield Cricket Team on an outstanding victory against a very strong Hurlstone side last Wednesday. This places the team in the last 8 teams in the competition, and we play Bega High School next week. The 1st XI had Grammar 5/58 last Saturday, but unfortunately couldn't capitalize on this situation and the opposition made 201 at McKay 1 and this chase was always going to be difficult. Again, our 2nd XI had another good win against Grammar and now are undefeated in 2025.

Alex Wu hit 96 off just 36 balls, including 10 sixes in the 16A, and they were able to defeat Grammar by 70 runs in the end. Well done, Alex! The OBU have an Award in the form of a new cricket bat to the value of \$500. It is now available from the OBU for all GPS centurions playing a team at the same level, 1sts v 1sts, B v Bs, etc in any GPS game regardless of age group or open grade. A fantastic initiative and prize by our OBU. Who will be the first player to win a brand-new bat? Our mighty 14A side had a closer game last Saturday and now has won nine GPS games in a row; they remain undefeated this season. The 14B side has improved immensely over the season and had a great win against Grammar on Saturday. Keep the momentum up, boys, as High is playing some very good cricket against strong opposition schools. We play St. Joseph College next Saturday in another round of cricket with our 1st XI home at McKay 1.

Our Cricket Presentation evening to celebrate the season will be held in the Great Hall on Saturday, 22nd of March, starting at 6.30 pm. It promises to be a great evening, and we had a record attendance last season. Tickets and more information about this evening will be in the High Notes over the coming weeks.

Mr David Smith

MIC Cricket

Vedantik Bhattacharyya 11S



HIGH SAILING
Saturday Sailing



SBHS took part in Fleet Racing amongst 25 boats from Cranbrook and Ascham. We won 1st place across all five races. This includes Adrian Lin-Daryanani (Yr 8 skipper), Jasper Bai (Yr 8 crew), Benjamin Hunter (Yr 7 skipper), Max Chen (Yr 8 crew), Oscar Zhang (Yr 12 Skipper) and Kevin Xie (Yr 11 crew). Congratulations to all sailors from the previous week. Shao Xu (Yr 9 skipper), Thomas Li (Yr 9 crew), Adrian Lin-Daryanani (Yr 8 skipper), Jasper Bai (Yr 8 crew), and Oliver Shui Yr 8 crew.



Information Evening and Try Sailing

Thank you to all sailing parents who signed up to volunteer or donate food for the Information Evening Tuesday 11 February.

Regarding Try Sailing from the previous week, we're incredibly grateful to our MIC Mr Cotton and Coach Sam for organising the boats and giving the new students an impressive sailing experience. And, as always, we owe a huge thanks to the Woollahra Sailing Club, especially General Manager Diane, for providing us with the venue, boats, and RHIB.



Furthermore, thank you to all student volunteers. It was brilliant to see almost every single sailor turn up to volunteer their evening and assist with catering, parking, and other miscellaneous activities.

Adrian Lin-Daryanani 8F
Matthew Kuskoff 12T



TENNIS

SYDNEY HIGH TENNIS

SAVE THE DATE

A few key details to remember:

- All Tennis Athletes have 2 court sessions 1 being their sport time and 1 speed and agility session ahead of their weekly fixtures.
- 1st and 2nd Grade Athletes have more sessions to help prepare them for their longer fixtures.
- If your son cannot attend a session, please lodge it via the parent portal/Portal services/report sport absence.
- Training and Fixtures can be seen on Clipboard. Saturday fixtures should be visible by Wednesday.
- When it is raining the morning Tennis training will be on in the gymnasium gallery steps.

END OF SEASON SOCIAL DINNER

Date: Saturday 22 March

Time: 2pm-6pm

Location: School Tennis Courts



Cost: \$20 per person or \$50 for family of 3 or more - money goes towards food, drinks, court hire and prizes.

Paid in cash to Kurt Rich by Thursday 13 March 2025.

David Deep and Kurt Rich invite and encourage all Tennis parents, siblings, coaches and players to the annual end of season social.

The night is a casual celebration of the 2024-2025 season including a season review, prizes, food, drinks and Games - e.g. Jumbo Tennis, Challenge the Coach/Senior player.

The future success of the tennis program depends on the enjoyment of the boys and parental support.

The School Tennis staff are looking forward to this event, it will be a great chance for everyone to meet and get involved. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kurt Rich
MIC Tennis

Week 2 Vs Grammar Results			
Team	Total Matches Won	Total Matches Lost	Winning Percentage
1st Grade	0	9	0%
2nd Grade	0	9	0%
3rd Grade	3	3	50%
4th Grade	4	2	67%
5th Grade	6	0	100%
6th Grade	4	2	67%
7th Grade	5	1	83%
8th Grade	2	4	33%
16 A	3	3	50%
16 B	4	2	67%
16 C	2	4	33%
16 D	0	6	0%
15 A	0	6	0%
15 B	2	4	33%
15 C	2	4	33%
15 D	3	3	50%
14 A	0	6	0%
14 B	1	5	17%
14 C	0	6	0%
14 D	0	6	0%
13 A	0	6	0%
13 B	1	5	17%
13 C	1	5	17%
13 D	0	6	0%
Total	43	107	29%



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ROWING

Riverview Gold Cup Report

Gold Cup was the first GPS regatta following the summer break. The renowned event on the rowing calendar involved a multitude of schools, universities, and clubs, ranging from junior to senior divisions. Its unique, curved 1400m course provides not only an opportunity for our crews to shake up the competition with the shorter length but also for coxswains to display and improve their invaluable skills in steering an optimal line.



From the junior quads to the senior eights, each crew gave it their absolute all, and the results showed that our crews were closer to winning times than ever before. The 141st annual regatta came with its predictably unfavorable conditions; massive winds brought massive waves, testing our technical abilities, and adaptability to such conditions set Sydney High crews apart from the rest. Most notably, the 2nd VIII came only half a boat length behind second place in the final - showing a massive improvement since the first half of the season, and the Yr 10 1st VIII, racing with the pack and even beating crews from other heats on time.

The immense work and sacrifice rowers commit to over their summer holidays cannot be understated, as shown in these races. The 2024/2025 season rowers have proven themselves to be one of the more promising years for Sydney High rowing, each of us knows that now is not the time to become complacent and satisfied. The short 5 weeks left until Head of the River must be utilized effectively to squeeze out as many extra percentiles of speed as possible to beat crews.

Roy Zhang 11T



GOLD

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GPS Carnival 1 Results

RESULTS

The inaugural GPS swimming carnival at SOPAC on Thursday February 13 marked a dynamic start to the season. Serving as an introductory event, this carnival did not have any point scoring events, allowing teams to get times on their athletes to help assign swimmers to races for future carnivals.

Our boys had a strong showing with numerous PB swims and 1st place finishes.



We welcome these newcomers to the team, Year 7 – Kevin Yuan, Archie Pham, Liam Tran, Benjamin Lau, Riordain Li - Year 8 – Jad Jaber, Ryan Park, Kuzma Tkachenko - Year 9 – Daniel Choi - Year 10 – Lucas Chen - Year 11 – Luke Liu, Lachlan Yuen - Year 12 – Leo Zhuang.



Thank you to Coach Ike Matsuoka - Class of 2021- for helping give feedback to the athletes after their races.



I hope each swimmer can utilise the feedback given to them in their training to improve each week. Also, thank you to former MIC Peter Loizou for helping with supervision on the day, making sure the boys made it to their events.

Noteworthy Achievements

Congratulations to the following boys who raced in the Open 4x100m Medley Relay, **Ryan Chai** (Backstroke 1:08.10), **Cassiel Yun** (Breaststroke 1:14.35), **Joshua Park** (Butterfly 1:03.88), **Mark Yan** (Freestyle 57.22).

Brendan Tan achieved a new PB time in the 17 Years 50m freestyle, winning his heat with a 25.40. He also achieved a PB in the 50m butterfly with a time of 27.90, great job Brendan.

Jake Rowlands
MIC Swimming





Year 10 Life Ready Program

Dear Parent or Caregiver

The life ready program is a mandatory program.

The course aims to prepare and support students to lead, and contribute to, healthy, safe and meaningful lives which promote respect, responsibility, enjoyment, inclusion and social justice for self and others.

The Key Skills:

- Communication and interpersonal skills.
- Decision making, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.
- Building independence and confident transitions.

The course addresses six learning contexts:

- Independence
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Respectful relationships
- Sexuality and sexual health
- Drugs and alcohol
- Safe travel

***Note** – these skills have been addressed in but not limited to the PDHPE program and Values Education.

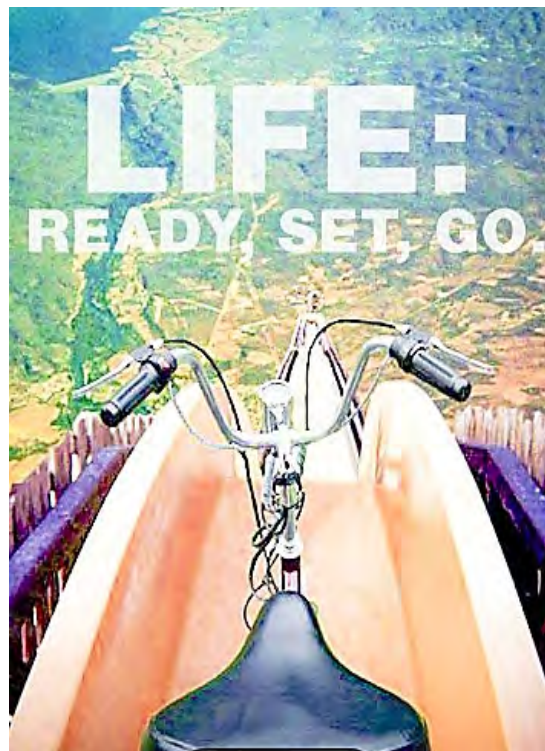
The program will run across 3 days, Monday 15 December 2025 – Wednesday 17 December 2025 - during the last week of the school year.

Any student who does not complete this course will be required to complete the 2026 program which will again be in Term 4, therefore during their 1st term of year 12.

Payments will need to be made in 2025.

More details will come out closer to the end of the year.

Kurt Rich
Life Ready Coordinator



Public Transport and Light Rail Safety Reminder-Term 1

Attention Students

Please be Reminded:

Conduct, attitude and appearance are important in public, particularly on all forms of public transport. At all times, students need to display excellent appearance, manners, courtesy, and thoughtfulness.

Give up your seat, don't take up a seat if adults are standing, let people through, don't push, don't obstruct passageways with bags, especially cricket kits and musical instruments etc.

Don't be boisterous or loud. Be mindful of your language.

Help those who need help.

We ask all senior students to not only set a fine example, but to also actively monitor and remind younger students of appropriate behaviour.

Additionally with the Light Rail:

Please be reminded about Light Rail Safety. Please be extra vigilant whilst waiting on the platforms. Please ensure you follow the guidelines from Transport. NSW as listed below.

Light Rail Safety

Heads Up – play it safe around light rail. Whether you're walking, riding, driving or catching public transport, it's important we all know the rules and play our part to stay safe around light rail.

Top 5 Light Rail Safety Tips

1. Know and obey the rules for when you are using the road around the light rail corridor.
2. Stay alert and aware of your surroundings - trams are quiet and unable to stop quickly.
3. Always follow traffic signals and signs.
4. When crossing the tracks on a bicycle, in a wheelchair, or with a pram, keep your wheels at right angles to the track so that they don't get stuck in the track.
5. Pedestrians should cross at designated crossings and intersections where available, and always look both ways.

Staying Safe around the Light Rail

Pedestrians

- Take extra care around trams and tram tracks - remember trams can't always see you.
- Don't cross directly behind a tram as other road users may not be able to see you.
- Cross at designated pedestrian crossings where available.
- Don't be distracted by mobile phones and remove headphones before crossing the road.
- Always look left and right and check twice for trams before you cross the road.

Bicycle Riders

- Take extra care around trams and tram tracks - remember trams can't always see you.
- If you need to ride across tram tracks, keep your wheels at right angles to the track so that they don't get stuck in the track.
- Make yourself visible by wearing bright, light or reflective clothing.
- Look out for other road users, particularly in shared zones or on shared paths, and avoid making sudden movements.
- Give hand signals when changing lanes or turning left or right.
- Always follow the road rules, including traffic signals, and ride with care.

Drivers and Motorcycle Riders

- Never queue across tram tracks or intersections.
- Always follow traffic signals and signs.
- Never turn in front of a tram.
- Always follow the road rules and drive or ride with care.

For added information, please visit:

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/light-rail/index.html>

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