



## From the Principal

### High Talent

Congratulations to our Sydney East Blues winners for 2026 in Volleyball – Jerald Yu and Nelson Lee (SHS-2025). Well done, boys!



### Staff changes

Jamie Kay is Relieving Principal at Muirfield High School for six weeks. Joanna Chan is Relieving Deputy Principal for Years 8,10 and 12. Robyn O’Driscoll is relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing. She will return to duty after some leave. Matthew Hood is Relieving Head Teacher Science.

### World Teachers Day October 31st

‘Our teachers make a significant contribution to the communities they serve, and we are so grateful that our teachers are at the core of our teaching and learning practices and their influence can never be underestimated or ever erased. We thank them for their unwavering dedication, passion and commitment...’ Angela Lyris Director of Educational Leadership, Port Jackson Network.

‘On behalf of the parent community, the P&C would like to thank the Principal, Deputy Principals, and teachers for their dedication and tireless work in guiding our children throughout their years at Sydney Boys’ - P&C President Tania Kirkland. Friday morning lunch for staff-financed by the P&C, ordered by John Prorellis and prepared by Bourke Street Bakery. Thank you for your support for our work. I also thank you all for what you do to nurture our students in their growth from boys to men.

### Andrew Xu Memorial Update

Work has been proceeding on establishing a memorial garden seat and table for Andrew Xu. The slab has been laid on The Flat near the basketball courts. New turf has been laid to surround the slab. The outdoor furniture has

been procured and once the slab is fully cured, will be dyna bolted into place and a memorial plaque will be installed. Thank you to Jim Crampton and John Prorellis for pushing through this project for the class of 2026 to appreciate before they disperse after the HSC examinations.

### AI Integration Leader

High is responding more formally to the challenge that AI poses to the way the teaching and learning environment will be structured into the future. We are creating a new role of *AI Integration Leader*. The role will involve: ensuring compliance with the *Australian framework for Generative Artificial Intelligence in Schools*; collaborating with the school leadership team to shape the school’s digital learning roadmap; assisting with creating school-wide policies for AI use that are ethical, inclusive, and aligned with curriculum guidelines evaluating emerging AI tools and platforms for suitability, privacy, and safety; supporting teachers to embed AI tools into curriculum design, assessment, and differentiated instruction; facilitating student learning experiences that build AI literacy, digital citizenship, and future-focused skills; modelling exemplary classroom practice using AI-enhanced pedagogy; delivering ongoing training and coaching for staff on AI technologies, including lesson planning support and classroom implementation; curating and sharing best-practice resources, guides, and case studies; leading professional learning communities focused on digital innovation. Mr Jackson has accepted the position which will commence formally in 2026.

### Subject Acceleration Applications

As of Friday, next week, we will be assessing applications from Year 9 students interested in subject acceleration in Year 10. The forms must be signed off by a parent and approved by the Head Teacher of the Faculty which conducts the acceleration e.g. Social Science – Mr Loizou – Business Studies and Geography.

**Dr K A Jaggard**  
Principal

## SUBJECT acceleration

## 2025 Annual Field Exercise - AFX

Following a wonderful semester, SHSCU cadets embarked on our annual week-long camp, AFX. The weeks leading up were filled with excitement, with senior cadets eager to relive the bivouac experience and younger ones keen to finally take part in the long-told stories and traditions of AFX.

Cadets were able to live out these stories through activities such as the Live Shoot, WTSS, obstacle courses, and a week spent with friends. The highlight for most was the Live Shoot, where each cadet received 20 rounds, an army-issued rifle, and the chance to test their accuracy. Top scorers represented our battalion in the Commander's Cup, competing against units from across NSW.

Alongside this, selected cadets faced off in physical and mental challenges such as an over-water obstacle course and a high-energy Tug of War.

Others participated in activities like rock climbing, abseiling, and field engineering.

The overarching "Capture the RSM" exercise developed teamwork, navigation, and communication skills through large-scale, night-time missions. AFX 2025 truly stood out as the year's highlight, offering a week of skill-building, camaraderie, and unforgettable moments around the campfire that will be remembered for years to come.

**CDTCPL - S Finn**



## Year 9 Students Senior Uniform

Purchase your senior uniform NOW to avoid long queues.

Senior Tie \$35.00.

Senior Trousers \$99.

Short Sleeve White Shirt 14-22 \$40, 24-28 \$42.

Long Sleeve White Shirt 14-22 \$42, 24-28 \$44.

**High Store**

## School Photo Collection

Years 7-11 cohorts can collect their school photos from the gymnasium gallery steps on Monday 3 November at Lunch Time.

**Kurt Rich**

**Photo Coordinator**



## Student Leave Requests – Reminder

There is a Department of Education and school policy on **Student Leave of Absence – Extended Leave Travel** requests. This applies to leave that is **five school days or more** in duration. Parents are reminded that as a matter of policy leave may not be processed or approved unless **four weeks'** notice has been given. Also, **coherent reasons** for travelling during school term need to be supplied. No travel should be booked during the assessment or examination blocks affecting your son. The effect of this decision is that all leave requests that involve the last four weeks of term should have been lodged with Dr K A Jaggar for approval by **the end of week 6, each term**. If you are planning to travel during the school term you need to download, complete and submit the form for approval to Dr K A Jaggar.

## STUDENT ABSENCE

If your son is absent from school, please email [absences@sbhs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:absences@sbhs.nsw.edu.au) to explain the absence.

## STUDENT LATE ARRIVAL

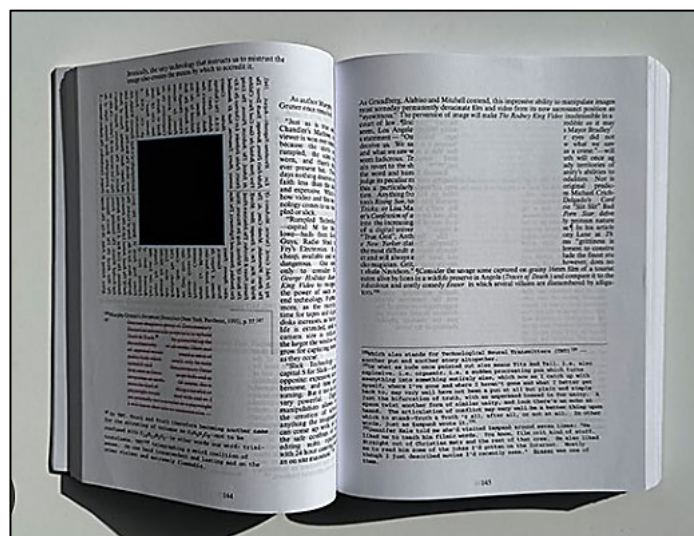
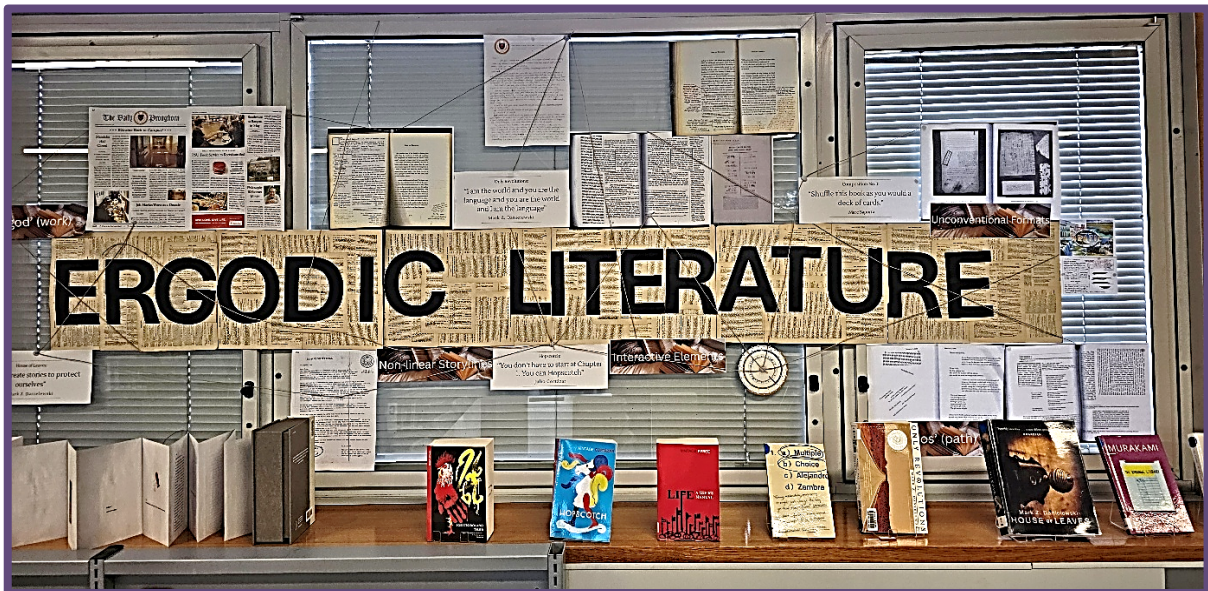
If your son is going to be late for school, please ensure that he scans in on arrival outside the main office. The scanner will generate a late slip that can be presented to the teacher on arrival to class.

## EARLY LEAVE

Students must bring a note that has been signed by **both a parent AND a Deputy Principal** to the office **BEFORE** 8.55am. The note must contain the student's name, ID number, roll class, date, time of departure and reason for leave. The student then returns to the office at the stated time and collects an early leave pass.

**Please note:** Early leave requests sent via email or telephone will **not** be accepted. It is the student's responsibility to bring the note and submit with signatures before 8.55am Monday to Thursday and 9.25am Friday.





## Senior Library News – Ergodic Literature – Text that Challenge how we read

The Senior library is proud to introduce a new collection dedicated to Ergodic Literature – works that demand active engagement from the reader. In these texts, meaning emerges not only from the words themselves, but from the effort required to navigate them.

These books challenge conventional reading habits through unusual structures, shifting narratives or typographical experimentation.

The collection includes works such as 'House of Leaves' and 'Only Revolutions' by Mark C, Danielewski, 'If on winter's night a traveller' by Italo Calvino and 'S' by Doug Dorst.

If students are ready to explore literature that stretches both the attention and imagination, they should visit the Senior Library stand and experience how form and meaning can work together to reshape the act of reading itself.

**Beth Hinton**  
Teacher Librarian Senior Library



## Year 10 Commerce ASX Excursion

On a crisp morning in Martin Place, five of our students stepped into the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) headquarters for an exciting experience, greeted with welcome gifts and a spread of pastries and refreshments.



Inside, a towering digital board displayed live updates of top-performing stocks and indexes, setting the scene for a deep dive into the world of finance.

Our students had the opportunity to meet peers from the top-performing schools in the Sharemarket Game, as well as professionals from the ASX who shared their insights and stories.

As I was the winner of the ASX Game, I was chosen to ring the bell at exactly 9:59am to signal the opening of the day's trading.

Though nerve-wracking, the experience was an unforgettable highlight of the day.

Our group then attended an informative session where questions were answered about the ASX's operations, including why there are two Sharemarket Games each year.

We learned about the importance of futures trading and even witnessed real gold being purchased at the ABC Bullions building across the road, proof of demand in the real world.

A huge thank you to Mr Rowlands, Michael Truong, Sebastian Dao, Steve Chen, and Tony Roberts for making this excursion both educational and memorable.

**Daniel Zmak10T**

# Music NOTES

## Music Performance Weekend Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December - That's right - 6/7

All music ensembles are busy preparing for the **End of Year Music Concert in the GREAT HALL on Saturday 6 December at 1:30pm**. All Concert Bands, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Indian Music Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Strings Ensembles and Orchestra will be performing at this concert.



On **Sunday 7 December at 3pm**, we will continue our weekend of music with **JAZZ in the Courtyard Concert**. Please bring your family and friends along for a picnic and enjoy some energetic live music by our Stage Bands and Jazz Ensemble on the lawn. **BYO food and drinks - FREE entry to BOTH performances.**



## Music Dinner

This year, we will be bringing back our Music Dinner to celebrate all the wonderful work of our students in the ensembles. Music ensemble awards and prizes will be presented at the dinner to be held on **FRIDAY 12 December in the Great Hall**.

Please see the form in HIGH NOTES and make payment **ONLINE** by Friday 21 November.

**Limit of ONE ticket per student until 21 November**, then ticket payments available for parents/family from Monday 24 November to allow students in the program priority to attend.

The dinner number is capped at 250 people, so get in early to secure your place!

## 2027 European Music Tour

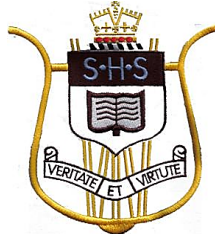
An exciting music tour is underway with plans to travel to Prague, Salzburg and Vienna. The tour is open to orchestral instrumental players with a cap of 40 students and 4 staff participating. Auditions will be held on Tuesday November 4, and we hope to start rehearsals towards the end of the year into 2026.

**Suzanna Lim**  
Music Teacher

## 2025 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 Term 1
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 3.30pm – 4.30pm Governors Centre
				Indian Music Ensemble 4.00pm – 5.00pm Governors Centre Green Room

**Sydney Boys High School 2025 Music Dinner**  
We warmly invite all music ensemble members to celebrate the wonderful year of music making at SBHS to the Music Awards Dinner on Friday 12 December. Tickets available through the main office.



**Date/Time:** Friday 12 December 2025 - 6pm  
**Venue:** Great Hall  
**Cost:** \$65 per person - **Online payment PREFERRED**  
**RSVP:** Friday 21 November - **Student Tickets only**  
**Attire:** Smart Casual

**Parent ticket purchases available Monday 24 November - Friday 5 December.**

All monies raised from the dinner will be go towards the SBHS Music Performance Program.

Your support of the program is greatly appreciated.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FRONT OFFICE ONCE PAYMENT IS MADE**

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**Sydney Boys High School Music Dinner 2025 - Friday 12 December - 6pm**

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

Type of payment: Cash  Credit card  **Online PREFERRED**   
Please note credit cards cannot be accepted over the phone

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65 per ticket

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

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

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

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any dietary requirements?**

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## Year 10 VIII Report

As the new rowing season gets into full swing, the Year 10 VIII's are making the transition from two years of sculling in quads to sweeping in the eight. While sweeping may be the more enjoyable of the two, it brings new challenges, techniques, and concepts that we have been working tirelessly to master. With each session, we see immense progress as we continue to refine our synchronisation, rhythm, and confidence on the water. Our coaches have played a pivotal role in guiding us through this learning experience, continually emphasising the importance of endurance, form, and teamwork.

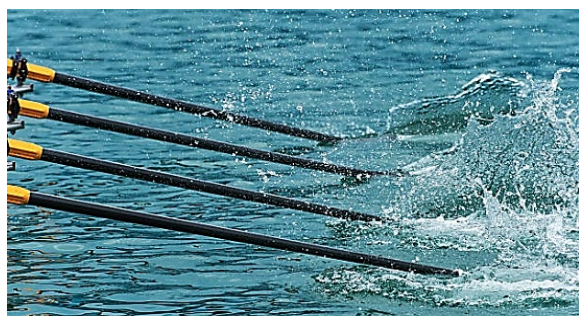


The Year 10 VIII's have several highlights to look forward to this season, most notably our weekly rowing camps. These camps will not only improve our technical ability within the boat but also strengthen our relationships as a crew. The extra time spent at the sheds will allow us to bond more closely, building the cohesion that will ultimately help us achieve our season goals.

Furthermore, as we move to 2km races, we will have the opportunity to compete at SIRC in Penrith, a venue that gives us the chance to showcase our ability and skills against other GPS crews. These experiences will help us identify our strengths and address our weaknesses as we prepare for Head of the River in March.

As the season continues and the days countdown to HOCR, this year will be like no other. We aim to refine our technical abilities, increase our boat speed and endurance, and ultimately outperform the other crews.

**Mekaeel Khan**  
1<sup>st</sup> Year 10 VIII



## COMPETITIVE CHESS NEWS

This year we entered six teams in the NSWJCL Inter-Schools' Competition which is played on Friday afternoons in terms two and three.

We are proud of all our boys and the commitment they make to our program and, particularly of the seniors who have the pressure of their Preliminary HSC courses and accelerated HSC to navigate whilst still devoting time to improving their games and competing at a high level.

Our Senior A Team - Quan Nguyen, Nestor Chan, Vedantik Bhattacharyya, Aaron Huan and Kayden Santoso played the inter-regional finals against Knox and are state runners up.

Our Junior A Team - William Tang, Daniel Dai, Aiden Tang, Jerry Xiao, Yuwei Chen played exceptionally well this year and are also state runners up in the NSWJCL Competition.

Our Intermediate Teams were strong and although knocked out before the inter-regional finals, show great potential for next year.

On Saturday 30 August we invited GPS teams back to our school for the annual SBHS Invitational competition.

The competition is run as a round robin and the players came to us from Sydney Grammar School, Shore, Newington, Scots, The Kings School and Riverview.

After winning the cup in 2024 we were narrowly beaten by Grammar so look forward to the challenge of bringing the cup back in 2026.

I would like to thank all our players for their commitment and focus to the competition, coaching and our wonderful coaches Vladimir Feldman and Maxwell Ponza.

**Rowena Barr**  
MIC Chess





## SBHS Tennis

This week, our Teams faced Grammar, who proved to be a much stronger opponent across all grades.

Despite the tough competition, our players demonstrated great determination and teamwork.

I encourage all Tennis boys to stay focused on their own development - particularly improving overall fitness, consistency, and technical skills in preparation for upcoming matches.

For GPS Tennis policies and information, please refer to the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QMTMgp5XegzYXUN5EiudY7Hc5vOFKkyd>

### 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.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

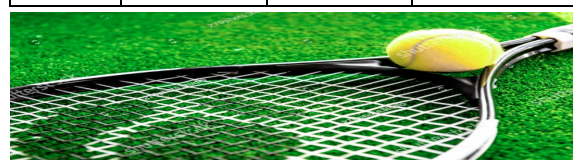
When it is raining the morning Tennis training will be on in the gymnasium gallery steps.

### Stay up to date or review previous results -

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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	6	0	100%
5th Grade	4	2	67%
6th Grade	2	4	33%
7th Grade	6	0	100%
8th Grade (v Scots)	2	4	33%
16 A	0	6	0%
16 B	1	5	17%
16 C	2	4	33%
16 D	3	3	50%
15 A	0	6	0%
15 B	0	6	0%
15 C	0	6	0%
15 D	0	6	0%
14 A	0	6	0%
14 B	1	5	17%
14 C	1	5	17%
14 D	1	5	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>25%</b>



# Weightlifting **CHAMPIONSHIP**



## **NSW U15 and Youth National Weightlifting Championships**

**Congratulations to Year 10 student Lloyd Zeng on winning the U15 Gold Medal in the 88kg bodyweight division!**

This competition was Lloyd's first Nationals, held at **Bribie Island, Queensland**, over **Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October**.

Competing at a body weight of **81kg**, he achieved an impressive **Snatch of 87kg** and a **Clean and Jerk of 104kg**, both setting new **U15 National Records**.

Lloyd also placed **4th overall in a highly competitive Youth category** — an outstanding achievement at his first national event!

**Kurt Rich**  
Head Strength and Conditioning Coach

*Congratulations*



## GPS Round 2-2025/2026 vs Sydney Grammar

	Score	Result	Highlights
<b>1st XI</b>	SBHS 10/183 def SGS 10/149	Win	A.Kumar 38* A.Niyani 4-18 A. Sharafi 34 and 2/19 N.Hossain 29 and 2/33 A. Inala 27 A.Nittala 26
<b>2nd XI</b>	SGS 10/224 def SBHS 10/211	Loss	A.Kaushik 3/33 K. Bashyal 2/22 A.Kumaravel 2/27 S.Doke 2/39 S.De 69 A.Mishra 44 H.Chaudhuri 26
<b>3rd XI</b>	SGS 10/172 def SBHS 10/154	Loss	A. Wangde 55 N.Yohananda 40 S. Pathak 4/32
<b>4th XI</b>	SGS 8/177 def SBHS 10/104	Loss	K.Nair 2/19 A. Mahidadia 33 A. Pachori 20
<b>5th XI</b>	SGS 5/161 def SBHS 10/55	Loss	Z.Haq 3/18
<b>16 A</b>	SBHS 10/100 def by SGS 2/101	Loss	A. Kulkarni 40*
<b>16 B</b>	SGS 10/201 def SBHS 10/137	Loss	L. Ramanathan 4/45 and 39 A.Singh 2/16
<b>15 A</b>	SBHS 5/137 def SJC 8/127	Win	T. Tewari 51 A. Patil 4/15 R. Joshi 31 V. Chamoli 20 and 2/14
<b>15 B</b>	SGS 9/55 def By SBHS 3/56	Win	A. Ambre 37 and 2/8 A. Dixit 3/4 R. Gopal 2/3
<b>14 A</b>	SBHS 10/69 def by SGS 3/70	Loss	V. Venkatesan 14 and 1/16

### 1st XI Report

After a commanding victory over St Joseph's College the previous week, the boys entered Round 2 brimming with confidence to face their long-standing rivals, Sydney Grammar, at the fortress of McKay Oval. Grammar won the toss and elected to bowl, sending openers Adrian Sharafi and Abhinav Inala to the crease to commence proceedings. The pair started assertively, constructing a composed 50-run partnership that laid a solid platform for the innings. However, Grammar's captain made a crucial breakthrough, dismissing Inala and shifting the game's momentum. What followed was a brief collapse, as Grammar's disciplined bowling restricted the flow of runs and placed High under pressure. Nevertheless, composure and determination were restored through a

remarkable middle-order stand between Aayush Kumar and Nehan Hossain, who combined for a resilient 70-run partnership. Their efforts steadied the innings and pushed the total to a competitive 183 all out, a score reflective of grit and adaptability under challenging conditions.

With the ball in hand, High began their defence with characteristic energy. Bibek Saha, continuing his stellar form, struck in the third over, setting the tone for the innings. The relentless pressure from Nehan Hossain's tight bowling spells, coupled with Arnav Kaushik's athletic fielding, saw Grammar stumble early, finding themselves five wickets down with the scoreboard looking grim. Yet, Grammar demonstrated admirable resistance, forming a crucial partnership that momentarily reignited hope for their camp. High, however, showcased immense discipline and resilience in response. Late breakthroughs from Abhinav Nayani and Adrian Sharafi proved decisive, dismantling Grammar's tail and sealing the innings at 149 all out. The 34-run triumph not only reflected the team's collective determination but also underlined their growing synergy as a unit.

This victory marked Sydney Boys High, as a second consecutive win of the 2025/2026 GPS season, positioning them at the top of the competition table, the only side to remain unbeaten with a perfect 2-0 record. The match epitomised the team's blend of youthful enthusiasm and tactical maturity, a testament to their hard work both on and off the field. As the season progresses, this performance stands as a strong indicator of High's intent to cement their dominance and continue their pursuit of GPS cricket excellence.

### Abhinav Inala 11M

#### 1st XI Captain

### 2nd XI Report

On a dewy morning, High won the toss and elected to bowl first. Grammar's openers got off to a quickfire start, with aggressive batting. However, the momentum soon shifted when Abithan Vithuran Kumaravel made a crucial breakthrough, removing both openers in quick succession to put High back in control. Grammar's middle order began to rebuild with a series of steady partnerships, but their progress was halted by Ary Kaushik, who ripped through the middle order with an excellent spell of bowling, finishing with figures of 3/33 off 10 overs. Despite a brief late partnership, Grammar was eventually restricted to 224 runs.

In reply, High opened with a new batting duo and began the chase steadily, despite an early wicket. Aarav Mishra and Svanik De formed a crucial partnership that anchored the innings, scoring 44 and 69 respectively. Their efforts laid the foundation for a strong chase, and some aggressive batting from Himanish and Vedantik brought High within striking

distance of victory. Unfortunately, a late lower order collapse saw High fall just 13 runs short, with nine balls remaining. Despite the narrow defeat, the match showcased significant improvement across all areas, and the team takes great confidence into next week's fixture.

**Kabir Mudgil 11M**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain**



### 15A's Report

Round 2 of the GPS season saw the 15As go up against a strong Grammar side. Batting first, Rohan and Tavish started the innings beautifully, putting together a 63-run partnership through confident batting. Rohan eventually fell after making a steady 31, while Tavish continued to anchor the innings with a composed 51. Useful contributions from Vihaan, Vedansh and Mihir, took us to a solid total of 5/137 after our 32 overs. Defending 137, the opening bowlers put some pressure on the batters with Vihaan eventually getting the much-needed breakthrough with Grammar on 56. He ultimately struck again, giving the team crucial momentum. Mihir then struck, thanks to an excellent boundary catch by Krishna. Their middle order tried to fight back, but pressure from Vedansh, Imman and Mihir made runs hard to get. As the game entered the final overs, Grammar still had wickets in hand but desperately needed runs. That's when Arjun completely ripped through their lower order.

With perfect accuracy, he got 3 wickets in 4 balls, ending with sensational figures of 4/15. Some desperate power hitting gave Grammar a glimpse of hope, but Krishna remained calm, giving only 2 runs from the last over, with them eventually falling 13 runs short. It was an exciting contest throughout, with strong batting and accurate bowling, keeping the game going until the last ball. The team is eager to take on a strong Newington side next week.

**Vihaan Chammoli**  
**15A's Captain**



### 15B's Report

Going into this game, the pitch was green, so we wanted to take advantage of it. We won the toss and elected to bowl, with 2 wickets falling early. Wickets kept falling steadily, and Sydney Grammar were slowly scoring runs. After Sydney Grammar batted out some of the middle overs, Rahul had a breakthrough over, consisting of 2 wickets and a run out. Unfortunately, our keeper Sheikh got struck in the head while keeping, and drinks was called early. Coming back in, Sydney Grammar was 7 down, and with some economical bowling, the run rate slowed. Eventually, they were bowled out for 55. Knowing this was a tough wicket, the openers got out cheaply, but Aryan Ambre anchored the innings with a brilliant 37, and the total was chased down within 6 overs, Sydney Boys 3/56. It was a dominant win from the team, with great hustle in the field and excellent bowling from Aryan Ambre (2/8), Arnav Dixit (3/4) and Rahul Ram Gopal (2/3). Sheikh Siddiquee also starred with the gloves, taking 4 catches and 1 run out.

**James Young**  
**15B's Captain**

### MIC Report

Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> XI side on defeating Grammar last Saturday in an enthralling game. We also had a convincing win in the Sydney East Final in the Davidson Shield defeating Balmain Secondary College by 180 runs to 101. The Davidson Shield team now advances into the top 16 teams in the statewide knockout. We had one of our best starts to a GPS competition ever by defeating St Joseph College in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and all the A grade matches – 14A, 15A, 16A. A fantastic result. Our mighty 15A team remain undefeated and now have won 16 GPS games in succession. This is an incredible record, and all teams will have a challenge against Newington College at Newington this Saturday.

A big congratulations to Saharsh Subramanian for his 'hat trick' in bowling in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs St Joseph College.

**Mr David Smith**  
**MIC of Cricket**

**Vedantik Bhattacharyya 11S**  
**Cricket Prefect**

# SHOOTIN' HOOPS

High returns to another round within the GPS competition, facing our longtime rivals from across the city, Sydney Grammar with excellent successes throughout all age groups, senior and junior teams alike, all at our very own home grounds at school. This week serves as a testament to the high intensity of all teams, enduring difficult, yet fulfilling training throughout the week to collect the fruits of success during our Saturday fixtures. The weekend has put us one foot forward in our long season against the collective forces of our future opponents, setting us up for a united front in all basketball competitions.

Firstly, almost all opens teams triumphed during their respective matches against Grammar, with eight teams all holding excellent leads, deeply reflecting the intense conduct that our older players held up during games. One of the most thrilling matches of this weekend was first grade's long-awaited match against our rivalling GPS opposition. With tensions high for both schools, it served as a tremendous display of skill, teamwork, and intelligence for both teams during each quarter of the match. Sydney High maintained a consistent, tough lead for most of the match, repeatedly holding victory over Grammar's head, leaving even spectators on edge until the very end of the game. Some of the most spectacular performances from High were with Adam Flocard, scoring a whopping 34 points by the final buzzer, serving as an exemplary precedent for not only his fellow basketball players, but also for younger students. This was followed by Bob Xu's mighty 15 points, making clutch shots to retain our lead against Grammar and matched in vigor with Max P's equally impressive 11 points during this match to balance the score up until the final shot. This game against Grammar's first grade showcases the brilliance of our senior players, maintaining great standards of basketball skills despite busy school schedules. This standard was reinforced during the 3rd and 4th grade's fixtures, overcoming the tough opposition Grammar presented them with, as they battled it out to the very end to eventually snatch victory away from the hands of their adversaries. 3rd grade, from the jump ball to the very final buzzer of the game, fought consistently and fiercely, incorporating cohesive teamwork to sustain a great effort regardless of fatigue. They eventually settled into the match with a 2-point lead at a close yet outstanding 31 to 29 victory. In addition to this, 4th grade also performed in line with this trend of triumph against Sydney Grammar, battling through a similarly intense series of back and forth plays before establishing a solid lead. The 4ths managed to end the game 28 to 22, holding onto this great lead up until the very end, reflecting their grit and determination in representing High in

basketball. Furthermore, all teams from 8ths through to 12ths preserved this dominance within our senior teams, all claiming prevalent within their respective matches. The first of these many victories include two tight victories snagged by High through repeated bursts of not only interlayer discipline, but also of the fluid continuation of skills even in high pressure situations. The 8ths and 9ths both usurped triumph through this harmonious consistency, succeeding 32 - 30, and 21 - 19 as Dennis dropped eight points for the 9ths. This matchup acts as a parallel to the work put into each training session for our open basketballers. Meanwhile 10ths, 11ths, and 12ths all held onto an overpowering control of the court during their games this Saturday, showcasing their perseverance of a considerable lead that was advanced by not only team cohesion but individual performance. 10th grade won 48 - 28, with this admirable 20-point advantage guided by team MVP of the week Elijah with a strong 8-point performance against this Sydney Grammar side. Concurrently, 11th grade, and 12th grade also emulated this result, upholding a triumph of 36 to 21 and 31 to 19 correspondingly. These successes were rooted in both overall understanding of the game throughout all players and the stellar efficiencies of Rocky Wu and E. Liu who scored a profound 12 and 18 points respectively on Grammar's head. On the other hand, the 7ths came just short of a great victory, losing only by a slim margin of 4 points as the game ended 21 - 16. This unfortunate loss acts as an exceptional realisation of the capabilities of prominent success that is most certainly within reach the next time they face Sydney Grammar. Losing, however upsetting, should only act as a steppingstone for tremendous triumphs for the future. Comprehensively, our senior's performance in their personal matches has come nothing short of greatness, upholding great standards of sportsmanship, skill, and communication, enabling for such a successful week. This is most certainly a reflection of future fruition of hard work, relentless effort, and sturdy morale for High during these 25 to 26 summer seasons.

Then, in similarity with opens, all 16s through to 14s encountered mirroring success within their own respective fixtures for Saturday against Sydney Grammar. For these age groups, all games were intensely battled, exhibiting the results of High's continual exertion in competitive environments. Despite there being a handful of unfortunately lost games, these fixtures serve as a training ground to not only actively improve our game, but to also understand the nuances of basketball more coherently. High triumphed in a spectacular number of matches against Grammar with some teams earning huge leads such as an 18-point game with the 15Cs as they ended the match 31 - 13 with MVP Chris Cheng dropping 11 of these points and two other 16-point games from the 16Ds and 16Fs as they ended the match 48 - 32 and 33 - 17 respectively. All basketball matches in these

three age groups were fought with endurance, teamwork, and indomitable spirit to push forward no matter how tiring playing defense or offense got for players. These players all showed their high spirit as well as the progress they have made by turning up to all their training sessions. This could be seen within the 16As and Bs matches, as each player attempted to hustle and fight for the ball, unwilling to allow Grammar to succeed this Saturday. Both teams ended up triumphant in these toils, overcoming the relentless defense of the opposition to win 39 to 26 and 23 to 18. Other successes of the 16s include the 16Cs, Ds and Fs, who completed their battle against Grammar at 32 - 26, an impressive 48 - 32, and finally an equally splendid 33- 17 result. The games were not all amazingly won through flashy moves and tough lay ups but rather with repeated coordination, dedication to both ends of defense and offense, and understanding of how to make the right move at just the right moment. Throughout all these victorious matches, teamwork was a repeatedly substantiated theme, which underlines the daily training taken on by all players to understand when and when not to pass and realise that basketball is not simply about fancy dimes or one-off contested shots but rather of undoubtable repetition. The 16s by far had the best run this weekend as their results personified last week's undefeated streak of success from As to Fs, with almost all games ending in High's favour. Some notable mentions to the MVPs of the 16Es and Fs being Jerry W and Ujesh S, pushing forward to allow their team opportunities to attack and providing relief during defense. Additionally, Johnny Ding of the 15D supported his team with a strong 2 blocks, helping his team stop the opponents and allowing counter attacks to balance out the score. Meanwhile Kushna and Andy, 15Es and 15Fs both maintained a constant offensive and defensive push, allowing for the ball to easily transition from player to player, creating more opportunities for easy buckets. Another mention to the 14As who have progressed outstandingly into the season, ending this weekend with a 34 - 34 draw against Sydney Grammar. Though each and every player of the 14A's strived until the very end to achieve a hopeful victory, the success just slipped out of their hands, ending the match evenly for both sides.

However, this moment should serve as a clear showcase of how our younger players have developed the skills to match equally with the other schools of the GPS and hold optimistic futures.



Finally, Johnson Budiman, MVP of the 14Es, constantly cheered, despite an unfortunate outcome, positively inspiring his teammates to keep moving forwards with their heads up and proud.

Overall, Sydney high had a very successful Saturday with many wins and diligent work that underscored players' strong training programs.

This week has been full of terrific results for all our basketball players, stretching from player to player to age group to age group, yet none of this would have been possible without the permeating support of those actively working behind the scenes to ensure a fluid continuation from week to week. Thank you to Mr Hayman, our longstanding basketball MIC for the management of this fulfilling and enjoyable program, allowing for as many High boys to experience the exhilaration of basketball within a competitive yet fair environment. No matter how exhausting the job is, you always manage to pull through and allow each player to develop in a fruitful, holistic manner. Another massive thank you to those within the basketball committee and all other volunteering parents for your dedicated reliability for the optimisation and administration of all behind the scenes work such as managing school funds for respective basketball purposes, running the Basketball Canteen for High's home games and overall creating a friendly environment for players, coaches, parents, and staff. In addition to this, another huge thank you to the many, many coaches that this program owes to many of its successes on the court to, for repeatedly ensuring smooth, yet also challenging enough to be enjoyable, encounters with the ease and difficulties of basketball.

Finally, thank you to each and every student within the basketball program, for the dedication, endurance, and responsibility when it comes to basketball both on and off the court. Whether you are a player, a supporter, a volunteer, a member of staff, a coach, everyone within this amazing program deserves respect and gratitude for their efforts in supporting such a large community, whether that be big or small.

This second week against Sydney Grammar illuminates High's shining future progressing further into the GPS basketball season. As players and coaches further their physical and mental abilities, staff and volunteers work behind the scenes to support these moments of energy, health, and liveliness. High basketball will continue to become increasingly more successful as we continuously uphold the highest quality of not only isolated performance, but also of unity throughout all individuals of the program.

**Go HIGH!**  
**Play Hard, Play Smart and Play Together!**  
Thanks to everyone who makes Shootin' Hoops possible!  
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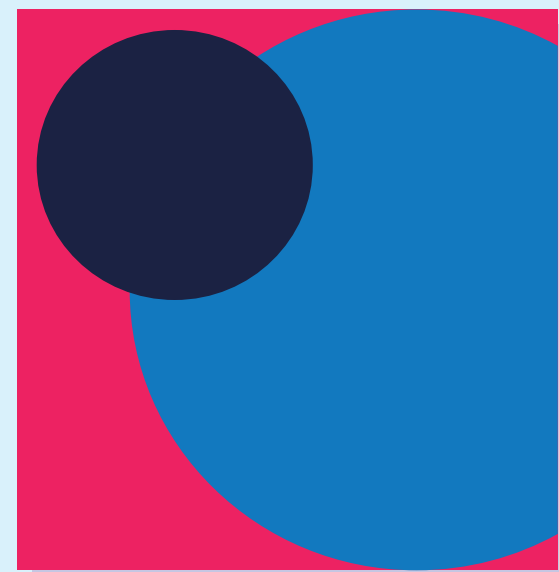
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### Step 2

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### Step 3

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