



## From the Principal High Talent

Congratulations to Saharsh Subramanian (8F) representing CIS, was selected into the NSW U15 Combined Team – a rare and impressive achievement! Well done to our Mock Mediation Team on their Grand Final victory! Congratulations to Zihan Chi (9T), Isran Kanwar (10S), (Mekaeel Khan (9M), Oscar Li (9M), Marco Ma (9M), Talha Adnan (10M) and Maxi Ibrahim (9M). Thank you also to their mentor, Hazel Stephens for her guidance.

*Well done!*

## Changes to U16 access to Social Media

The eSafety Commissioner, Julie Inman Grant, believes that the Commission aims to help all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online. She considers that the technology industry needs a 'virtual seatbelt' to constrain its activities in relation to young people. This change aims to give young people more time to develop essential skills and maturity before engaging fully on social media. From 10 December 2025, social media age restrictions will come into effect across Australia. Age-restricted social media platforms will have to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under-16s from creating or keeping accounts. Publicly available content without a login to a particular platform is OK. Cyber bullying tends to be peer to peer and is directly tied to conflict at school. Bullying may transition to excluded services such as messaging and online gaming.

## Can Schools use Online content such as Educational Videos on YouTube?

Yes. Students can log in to YouTube using their school email address, and their access operates in Restricted Mode, which is not affected by the new age restrictions and provides a safer, education-focused environment. If the content is publicly available and does not require login to another platform, students will still be able to watch it. Additionally, learning management systems that support educators in sharing course materials, managing assignments and facilitating communication will be excluded from these age restrictions. Students can continue to access resources, submit work and collaborate within these systems as usual.

## Do Schools have responsibility for monitoring or reporting Students under 16 who have Social Media Accounts?

No. There is no obligation for educators or any individual to report under-16 accounts on age-restricted social media platforms. The responsibility lies with the social media platforms to identify and deactivate accounts belonging to under-16 users.

## Do Schools need to change their Communication methods with students?

This should not change the way schools interact with students, as the department's [social media policy and procedures](#) do not allow staff to connect with or communicate with students on public platforms.

View the policy:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2011-0418-01>

## What should be done if a student under 16 experiences a harmful incident on a Social Media platform?

Regardless of age, if a student encounters harmful online experiences, they should be encouraged to seek support immediately. Cyberbullying, like harmful posts or profiles, should be reported to the platform first. If it's very serious and the platform doesn't help, it can be reported to eSafety.

## Resources and Guidance

The [eSafety social media age restrictions hub](#) contains information and resources to help parents and carers, educators, and students understand and prepare as the restrictions take effect on 10 December 2025. eSafety is also hosting a [series of webinars](#) for parents and carers, and educators.

eSafety Hub:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions-hub>

Webinar Series:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions/webinars>





## Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day, held on Wednesday December 10, 2025, celebrates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and freedom from discrimination for all people. Sadly, this is not the reality of life for so many people. We need to keep raising our awareness of this international aspiration. In 1948, the United Nations General Assembly held that:

- Recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.
- It is essential, if man is not compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law.

Regrettably, locally, nationally and internationally, humankind has not lived up to its agreed and pledged beliefs and values. Our Kindness Day, organised this week, keeps the dream of equality alive. Well done, boys.

## Caught Doing the Right Thing

I was gratified to receive the following email from a commuter: 'I was on the 120 bus this morning and just wanted to drop you a note to let you know that one of your students offered his seat for me on the bus. I find this rarely happens with school students anymore and just wanted to let you know how impressed I was with how courteous he was. It was a lovely surprise in my morning!' Keep up the good work on the 120 bus!

**Dr K A Jaggar**  
Principal

## ORIENTATION DAY!

**TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2025 - THE HIGH STORE WILL BE CLOSED.**

**To students, parents and staff.**

The High Store will be open:  
Wednesday 10 December 2025.

**High Store Staff**



## Student Account Access when Overseas!

### Are you travelling overseas?

Student access to school and Departmental services (portal, email, Canvas, Clipboard, ClickView, etc etc) is ordinarily **blocked** when you are outside Australia.

If your child needs to access their account when overseas, you can enable access for a period of time:

- Visit the [Student Details](#) section of Parent Portal and expand the **Student Overseas Access** section.
- Fill out the form including the days you will be away, where you are going and why your child will need access.
- This information will be recorded and access granted.

If you are travelling overseas, there is also a good chance the school's identity protection system will consider you at high risk of account compromise and **lock your child's account**. They can fix this by pre-registering for Multi-Factor Authentication, preferably using the Microsoft Authenticator app on a phone or a Passkey.

To manage Multi-Factor Authentication methods students should:

- Visit <https://aka.ms/mfasetup>
- Log in and click "Add sign-in method"
- Pick a sign-in method and follow the instructions.

## Languages Students Success-New South Wales School of Languages Students

The following students have been studying a Language through the New South Wales School of Languages this year and have achieved highly in their chosen course:

Daniel Yi, Year 10: 1st in course: in Korean,  
Francesco Menichetti, Year 10: 3<sup>rd</sup> in course in Italian,  
Dylan Lee, Year 9: 3<sup>rd</sup> in course in Indonesian.

The place in course means these students have achieved that position compared to all students in New South Wales studying that particular language.

**Congratulations to these boys.**

**Ms Matsos**  
Supervisor for NSL



### **Wellbeing Ambassadors 2025**

Create Kindness Day 2025 was celebrated on Monday 1 December 2025, marking another successful year of promoting compassion and unity within the Sydney Boys High School community.

Led by the Wellbeing Ambassadors, the initiative encouraged students across all year groups to engage in thoughtful acts of kindness, from writing appreciation notes to participating in collaborative activities that strengthened empathy and connection.

Throughout the day, staff and students commented on the positive atmosphere across the school, noting how small, intentional gestures helped foster a supportive environment and uplift the mood of the student body.

This event also serves as the culmination of a highly impactful year for the Wellbeing Ambassadors, who have worked consistently throughout 2025 to promote wellbeing, resilience, and inclusion.

Earlier in the year, the team coordinated the Push-Up Challenge, during which students and staff completed thousands of push-ups to raise awareness for youth mental health while promoting physical wellbeing and community participation.

### **We also spearheaded SBHS's R U, OK? DAY.**

Delivering workshops, facilitating peer discussions, and setting up informative displays to encourage meaningful conversations about mental health, support networks, and checking in with one another.

These efforts helped reduce stigma and empowered students to recognise when a peer might be struggling.

Together, the Wellbeing Ambassadors' initiatives in 2025 have reinforced a culture of care across the school and reminded students of the importance of empathy, awareness, and mutual support.

Create Kindness Day stands as a testament to the impact student-led wellbeing programs can have when the community participates wholeheartedly.

The Wellbeing Ambassadors extend their gratitude to the staff and students who supported their work this year.

We look forward to continuing to strengthen wellbeing at Sydney Boys High School in 2026.

**Om Dave 10S**

**Wellbeing Ambassador 2025**





As the end of Term 4 quickly approaches, our SBHS Canteen has been kept busy serving up fresh food for the boys. A huge thank you to our dedicated Canteen Managers and staff for their tireless efforts in supporting our school's many end-of-year events and ensuring smooth operations each day with an innovative, wholesome menu!

It's been fantastic seeing so many amazing volunteers from our lovely school community generously give up their time each day to keep our boys well-fed. Thank you to all our superstar mums, dads and grandparents for your invaluable help - we are truly grateful for your ongoing support that keeps our P&C-run Canteen thriving, with all profits directly reinvested into our school's activities and projects.



*Appreciated*



The 2025 Canteen Committee Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 26 November 2025, with the re-election of Committee positions. Our elected 2026 Canteen Committee members are responsible for overseeing the operations of our SBHS Canteen alongside our Canteen Managers and Dr. Jaggar.

Thank you to our Committee members for 2026: Canteen President Vivian Chen, Secretary Joyce Yuan, Canteen Volunteer Coordinator Grace Guan, Assistant Volunteer Coordinator Emily Chow, and our Treasury team: Nhan Pham, Crystal Yeung, Charmaine Francis and Ruchi Sehgal - we are grateful for everyone's expertise, time and energy devoted to supporting our SBHS Canteen.

We are still seeking an additional Assistant Volunteer Coordinator who is familiar with using WeChat, and anyone with a background in accounting who is interested in assisting our Treasury Team. Please reach out to Vivian Chen or Joyce Yuan if you have any queries regarding these roles.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep an eye out for our Canteen's upcoming Christmas Special Day on Friday December 12, 2025 - you definitely will not want to miss these festive delights from our creative culinary maestro Vivian Chen!



## VOLUNTEER

Volunteering in our Canteen is a fantastic, rewarding experience that not only supports our boys, but also provides a wonderful opportunity to connect with other parents and our school community. Please sign up through this online link, where you can choose your preferred dates:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADAA22A7FEC61-53985370-2025#>

## PLEASE NOTE

From our Canteen Managers: On Friday 19 December, the last day of term, the boys will be able to place orders for recess only (either at the window or via Flexischools). Lunch ordering will not be available; however, there will be some food options still sold at the window.

Please note there will be a limited menu on the day.

As the end of term approaches, some menu items may not be available for sale. However, please come and speak to the Canteen Managers if you have any specific dietary requirements. We aim to minimise wastage and therefore thank you for your understanding.

## Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

A heartfelt thank you to the following parents for generously volunteering their time in the Canteen these past few weeks!

**Thursday 20 November:** Crystal Yeung, Vivian Chen.

**Friday 21 November:** Daisy Tan, Lei Lei.

**Monday 24 November:** Grace Guan, Helen Fang.

**Tuesday 25 November:** Matthew Pang, Lily Jia, Gordon Gao.

**Wednesday 26 November:** Susanna Xie, Cherry Lin.

**Thursday 27 November:** Qihua Xu, Vivian Chen.

**Friday 28 November:** Salena Nguyen, Clare Yang.

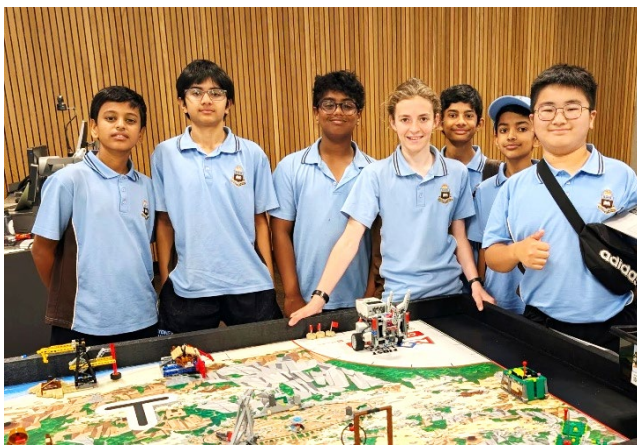
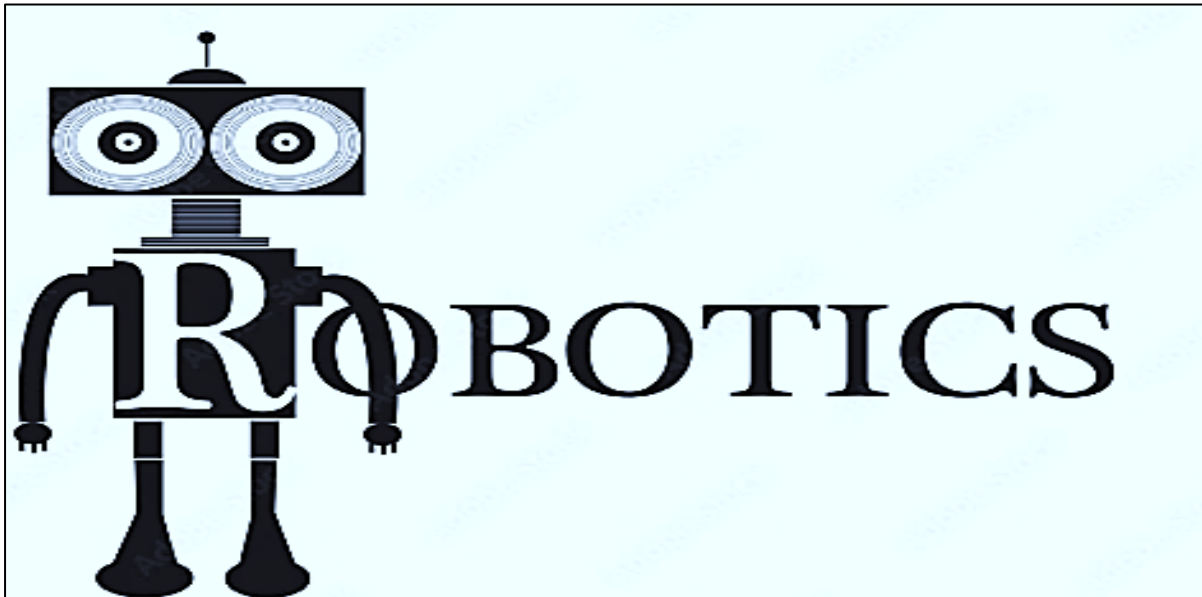
**Monday 1 December:** Grace Guan, Helena Jiang.

**Tuesday 2 December:** Matthew Pang, Gordon Gao, Lily Jia.

**Wednesday 3 December:** Huanying Pan, Yan Wang.

**J Yuan**  
On Behalf of the SBHS Canteen Committee





### EMU Robotics Competition UNSW

On Saturday 30 November, Year 7 students: Param Deshpande, Ben Hunter, Johnston Budiman, Darsh Mittal, Ishaan Joshi, Kirrish Karanth and Yuvansh Pedaballe, represented Sydney Boys High at the EMU Robotics Competition at UNSW.



Over the last 2 terms we have been working on the EMU Robotic challenge which was to design, build, and code a robot that could complete a set of missions on the competition board.

Even though many other teams had more experience and coaching, our Robot performed strongly, and we completed several key missions during our runs.

We also presented our Innovation Project to a panel of judges. This included showing a model we built and explaining our idea in detail. The judges asked us many tough questions; we worked together and answered them well.

The judges were impressed by our teamwork and how clearly, we communicated our ideas.

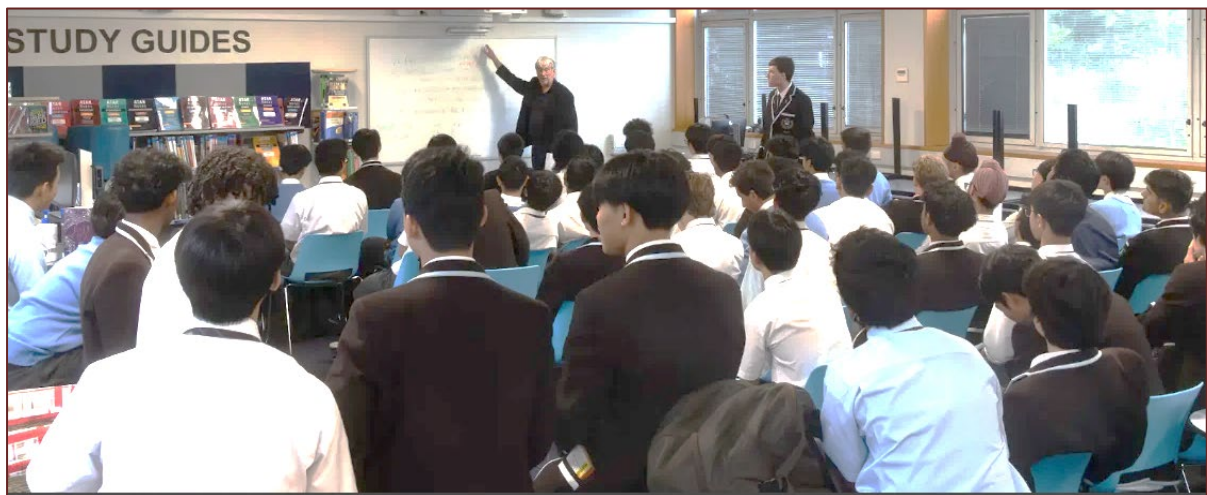
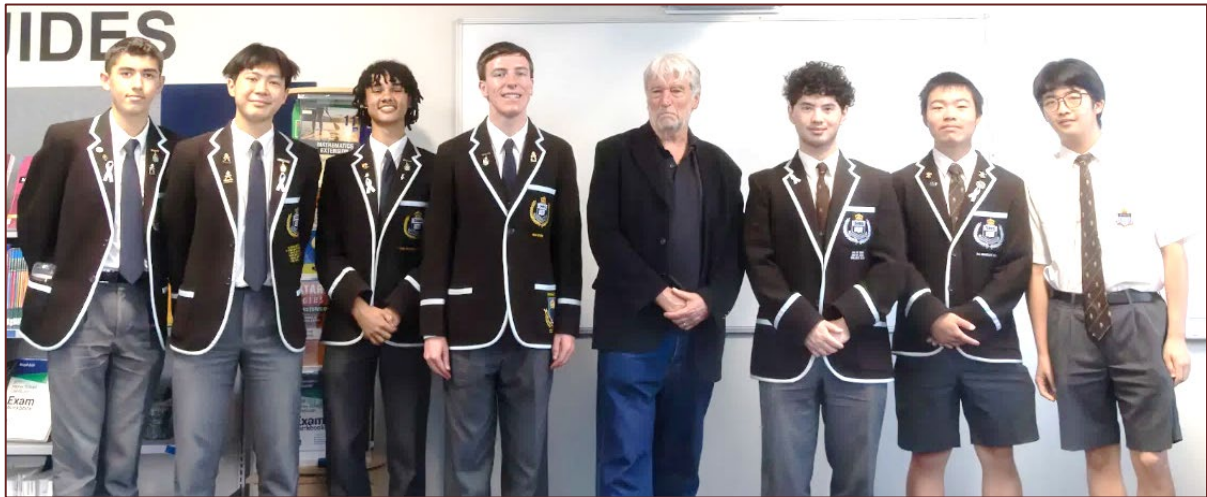
At the end of the competition, we were very proud to be placed in the top 12 out of 25 teams.

Overall, the day was an amazing learning experience.

## TEAM ROBOTIX

We discovered the importance of teamwork and problem-solving—especially when things do not go to plan—we learnt to code and build very quickly, and we left excited knowing what to expect if we enter next year and how to improve.

**Ben Hunter 7M**



## Careers - Finance Talk

On Friday 21 November 2025, we hosted the Finance Careers Talk at lunch in the Senior Library.

This was the first talk in the 2025/2026 Careers Prefect OBU Guest Speaker Series.

We were blessed to be joined by Mr. Warwick McCarthy (SHS-1975), who shared stories, insights, and wisdom from his extensive career in finance.

Mr McCarthy's achievements include serving as the Chief Derivatives Trader at St George Bank, co-establishing Macquarie Bank by ensuring off balance sheet transactions met RBA standards, founding the Australian Interest Rate Swap Market (AIRSM), and establishing the Bank Bill Swap Rate (BBSW), used for comparing the values of debt securities and derivatives within the AIRSM.

Mr. McCarthy expanded on these achievements and provided a detailed case study about how he negotiated the financing agreement which led to the creation of Dreamworld Australia on the Gold Coast.

This provided attendees with a comprehensive understanding of what a career in finance entails, how to succeed within it, and what background is required for entry.

I would like to thank all the 81 students who attended the talk, one of the largest careers talk turnouts in recent Sydney High history!

I would also like to thank Ms. Luu for helping with the behind-the-scenes organisation and support for the talk, Ms. Park for the library booking, and Mr. Loizou for promoting the talk on the economics and commerce CANVAS pages.

I would like to further thank my fellow Prefects Jude Ou, Oliver Boije, Marley Masya, and Eric Liu for helping with the setting up and packing down of the Senior Library.

As always, thank you to the Old Boys Union for your unwavering support of connection between the school and our alumni community. Most importantly, thank you to Mr. McCarthy for taking the time to come and deliver your insightful talk to our students! This is just the first of many talks that will be in the 2025/2026 series, across various fields such as law, medicine, engineering, IT, corporate, science, and academia. Make sure to keep an eye out for upcoming talks in High Notes.

I look forward to seeing you all again at our talks throughout the coming year!

**Ryan Allen**  
Careers Prefect

# Music NOTES

## **Congratulations to Bach Nguyen**

Bach - Year 8, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2025 OSIC National Drums Finals in Melbourne last Saturday. Eleven finalists competed from across all of Australia presenting highly challenging repertoire. We are so proud of our young musician!



## **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 Awards Dinner Tickets - LAST CHANCE!**

The Music Dinner will be held on **FRIDAY 12 December in the Great Hall** to celebrate all the wonderful work of our students in the music performance program.

Music ensemble prizes will be presented at the dinner with fun and games on the night.

Please see the form in HIGH NOTES and make payment **ONLINE** asap.

**Ticket payments available for Parents/Families.**

**Forms also available outside the music staffroom. The dinner number is capped at 250 people, so get in NOW to secure your place!**

**Suzanna Lim  
Music Teacher**

## **2025 Music Ensemble Schedule**

<b>MONDAY (Before School)</b>	<b>TUESDAY (Before School)</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY (Before School)</b>	<b>THURSDAY (Before School)</b>	<b>FRIDAY (Before School)</b>
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	
<b>(After School)</b>	<b>(After School)</b>	<b>(After School)</b>	<b>(After School)</b>	<b>(After School)</b>
Guitar Ensemble 3.15pm – 4.15pm Room 201				Jazz Ensemble 3.15pm – 4.15pm Room 201
				Percussion Ensemble 3.30pm – 4.30pm Governor Centre Auditorium
				India 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

**RSVP:** ASAP

**Attire:** Smart Casual

**Parent ticket purchases available NOW**

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**

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

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CLASS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Type of payment: Cash  Credit card  **Online**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Do you have any dietary requirements?**

\_\_\_\_\_



### GPS Trials and High Regatta Report

On a hot, humid Friday morning apprehension hung low and heavily over the rippling waters of Penrith Lake.

Sixty-four rowers in their single sculls moved like restless ants through the warm-up lake, shoulders tense and chests tight.

The finest scullers in the GPS all gathered to prove themselves against the best competition rowing had to offer at the annual GPS Scull trials.

The regatta started with an 1800m time trial, determining the A to H Finals which came afterwards.

Just the second year High has participated in this event, a record 8 rowers were entered, all of whom obtained times and places which were a drastic improvement from last year's results.

These races provided both valuable racing experience and confidence, and it was great seeing the lads carry on good form from our last regatta. Now we set our sights on the CHS regatta in a week's time.



Last Saturday also marked the 2025 High Regatta, with the Junior crews racing down the 1000m course in Hen and Chicken Bay. A standout performance came from the Year 8 First Quad, battling it out down rough conditions neck and neck with Newington College, just missing out on them by half a second.



I would like to congratulate all the Junior crew who raced and urge everyone to be inspired by the exciting results and train hard over the summer holidays.

The break is where we can find those extra one percents to gain an edge over other crews.

It is very important to keep each other accountable over this time period. This goes for all crews, and it is equally important for Seniors to remember that discipline beats motivation every single time.

Additionally, the amazing coordination of the High Regatta could not be possible without the generous and ongoing support of the Parents. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all volunteers for making such an efficient and enjoyable event possible.



## THANK YOU

Finally, a message to all: "If you want something you've never had, you must do something you've never done".

Do not expect that gap from the other crews to close by neglecting the valuable time in the holidays like so many other cohorts have done in the past. **Take initiative and stay on it.**

**Roman Samsonov**

**Vice-Captain of The Boats 2026**

# NSW Weightlifting



Nelson Cheng (old Boy) Lloyd Zeng (Year 10)

## NSWWA AWARD NIGHT



On Saturday 29 November, members of the NSW Weightlifting Association gathered to celebrate the competitive year.

Sydney High athletes were strongly represented across the awards.

Old Boy **Nelson Cheng** collected multiple honours after a standout season that included winning Junior National Gold in his weight category and breaking **three Junior National Records** - Snatch, Clean and Jerk, and Total.

# GOLD

Current Year 10 student **Lloyd Zeng**, the U15 National Champion, also received several awards after an exceptional year in which he broke **all three U15 National Records**. As previously publicised, Lloyd took out the u15 Gold at Nationals at the start of the term in Bribie Island.

Recent graduate **Alex Shao**, who is currently on his end-of-school overseas trip, was acknowledged in his absence for representing NSW at the Junior/Senior National Championships in Melbourne two weeks ago, where he achieved an impressive **4th place**.

**Kurt Rich**  
Head Strength and Conditioning Coach



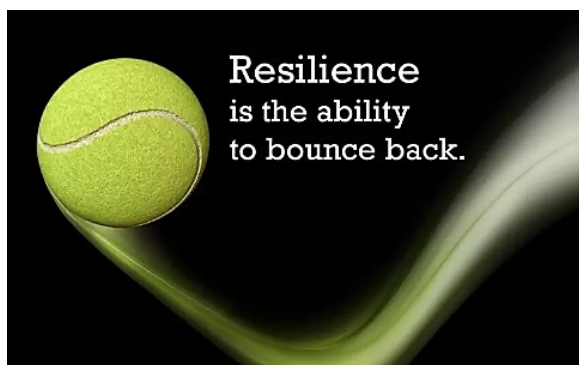
# TENNIS

## SBHS Tennis

Saturday 29 November marked our final fixture of the year, but training will continue as we push forward with our development goals.

Across the season, there has been strong evidence of growth mindsets and improvements arriving faster than expected.

This weekend, our program secured 76% of all matches against Riverview, highlighted by a dominant 2nd Grade performance and a composed win in 1st Grade.



A special mention goes to our sole Year 7 player in 1st Grade, Darren Truong, who showed outstanding resilience in his singles match—after dropping the first set 6–4, he fought back to win 7–5, 6–3 in the final match of the day.

Darren’s involvement in the School Cross Country program during winter has provided an exceptional cardiovascular base, while his GPS Athletics season—particularly his work in shot put—has further elevated his athleticism and power on court.



Week 7 - Vs Riverview - Results			
Team	Total Matches Won	Total Matches Lost	Winning Percentage
1st Grade	5.5	2.5	69%
2nd Grade	7	2	78%
3rd Grade	4	2	67%
4th Grade	4	2	67%
5th Grade	5	1	83%
6th Grade	6	0	100%
7th Grade	6	0	100%
8th Grade	6	0	100%
16 A	6	0	100%
16 B	6	0	100%
16 C	6	0	100%
16 D	6	0	100%
15 A	3	3	50%
15 B	4	2	67%
15 C	5	1	83%
15 D	4	2	67%
14 A	4	2	67%
14 B	2	4	33%
14 C	4	2	67%
14 D	1	5	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>76%</b>



**Darren Truong at School Tennis Training**

**Watch Darren take out the Win-**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DRoXcl2idPN/>

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

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



**Stay up to date or review previous results:**  
[Tennis Results](#)

**A reminder to check the clipboard for updates.  
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.

**Kurt Rich  
MIC Tennis**



# High Cricket



## GPS Round 7 2025/2026 vs. St. Ignatius College

	Score	Result	Highlights
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	SICC 6/221 def. SBHS 10/106	Loss	M. Patel 2/14 A. Niyani 2/43 A. Kaushik 23
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	SIC 9/250 def. SBHS 10/150	Loss	K. Bashyal 4/38 and 24 A. Kausik 2/44 A. Kumar 27 A. Shah 31
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	SIC 6/167 SBHS 6/72  Game Not Completed	Draw	
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	SIC 10/139 def. SBHS 10/109	Loss	S. Gupta 4/13
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	N/A	Win by Forfeit	N/A
16A	SIC 4/134 def. by SBHS 10/67	Loss	S. Kar 2/26
16B	SIC 10/156 def. SBHS 10/59	Loss	L. Ramanathan 3/39
15A	SIC 5/136 def. by SBHS 1/137	Win	V. Shankla 40 and 3/22 T. Tewari 62* V. Chamoli 20*
15B	SBHS 10/98 def. by SIC 5/99	Loss	J. Young 3/24
14A	SBHS 8/87 def. by SIC 4/91	Loss	A. Aujla 22 V. Venkatesan 3/6

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

The final fixture for the year saw Sydney Boys High School take on St Ignatius College Riverview, with the boys knowing this would be their last First XI outing for 2024. The boys arrived ready!

St Ignatius won the toss and batted first, putting up a real score. High was pumped up to be in the field as Mahi Patel finally made a recovery from his prolonged injury and got back into bowling. His return to bowling started amazingly as he picked up an early wicket, yet the other opening batter managed to settle for a brilliant 50.

Some brilliant bowling spells from Saharsh Subramanian and Abhinav Nayani saw us take the lead in the middle but we were unable to pick up some wickets. A solid partnership also built the foundation for a massive total, ending their innings at 6/221.

When High came out to chase, they approached with a calm confidence. The top order started sensibly, rotating strike and picking off loose balls. There were a few nervy moments, but bit by bit, the scoreboard kept ticking. Abhinav Inala started the innings brilliantly with two back-to-back boundaries and some composed half-volleys and singles showed the resolve, and with each run the nervousness eased a little.

However, some lack of resolve and some good bowling from Riverview saw us on the backfoot and with the sudden rain delaying play, broke the rhythm of the chase. Then came the second innings of Riverview's bowling attack. A brief rain shower swept across the ground, forcing a pause in play. However, the interruption did little to unsettle High's momentum; once the covers were removed and the game resumed, the boys returned with renewed focus and a clear intention to finish the job. Riverview's bowlers tightened their lines after the delay and took control of the game.

At the crease, the batters remained composed. Singles, doubles, and the occasional boundary were taken with patience and purpose, each run carefully earned. Even as wickets tumbled, the team continued to fight, maintaining a calm and disciplined approach throughout the chase. However, despite their determination, High ultimately fell short of the target, bringing the game and the GPS season to a close. The result did not fall our way; the boys can be proud of the grit and character they showed in what became the final chapter of this year's GPS journey.

**Abhinav Inala 11M**  
**1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain**

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

In our final round of the year, we travelled to take on Riverview and bowled first on a lively green deck. Kushal Bashyal made full use of the conditions, striking twice early to put Riverview on the back foot. Although their batters rebuilt with a steady partnership, we reapplied pressure to reduce them to 5/100. However, some aggressive middle-order batting from Riverview shifted the momentum, and despite our efforts, they accelerated well in the closing overs to finish on 250.

Our openers responded with a solid start, seeing off the initial movement and giving us a platform. But a cluster of top-order wickets halted our momentum. A strong middle-order fightback from Aarav Shah and Kushal kept us in the contest, both playing positively and finding regular boundaries against the spinners. The match showcased encouraging signs, particularly in our ability to accelerate with the bat and maintain intent through the innings. A tough result, but a strong finish to the year with plenty to build on heading into next season.

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

## 15A's Report

As the holiday break approached, the team was determined to finish the year on a high against Riverview. Bowling first, Arjun and Krishna started beautifully, finding plenty of swing and keeping the batters guessing. They were both unlucky as Riverview's openers kept the scoreboard ticking. Vedansh eventually got the much-needed breakthrough, while Vihaan kept things tight from the other end. Riverview's big hitter then put us under pressure, building a strong partnership, but an economical spell from Tavish helped contain the runs. Imman eventually broke the partnership as another big hitter came to the crease. After a few flashy boundaries, he was removed by Vedansh. Arjun returned and picked up a wicket, while Vedansh claimed his third scalp. Good bowling restricted Riverview to 5/136 after 30 overs (reduced innings due to rain).

Vedansh and Tavish began our chase confidently, rotating the strike well and staying ahead of the required rate. Some good overs set the tone before Vedansh was dismissed for a composed, run-a-ball 40. Vihaan then joined Tavish, keeping the scoreboard moving as Tavish showed some aggression. He brought up his well-deserved 50 while Vihaan supported calmly at the other end. They steered the team home with 2 overs to spare and 9 wickets in hand. Tavish finished on 62\* and Vihaan on 20\*. Arjun's stellar bowling form, Vedansh's all-round performance, and Tavish's match-winning 50 all contributed to a comfortable win. The team was happy to finish the year on a high and enter the break on a positive note.

**Vihaan Chamoli**  
15A's Captain



## MIC Report

Well done to all our cricket teams for playing and being competitive in the first 7 rounds of the 2025/2026 GPS cricket season. The results did not go our way against Riverview last Saturday. However, many teams won their games in the first 7 rounds of the GPS. The 16A and 4<sup>th</sup> XI teams won more games than they lost in this first part of the season.

Our 15A side remain undefeated after 7 rounds and now have won 21 GPS games in a row and won 3-0 against Brisbane High. A brilliant record and congratulations to all the players and coach Mr Peter Burkhart.

Saharsh Subramanian and Anish Nittala made the u/15 CIS combined cricket team. From the representative carnival they played in last week, Saharsh, made the NSW combined team. Saharsh will be playing for NSW in WA in February next year. A fantastic achievement and we wish him all the best of luck.

The 5High cricket carnival starts in Adelaide this year on Monday, 8 December for a week of games. SBHS will be trying to their best against strong cricket academy schools from the other states. In their last game vs Melbourne HS they will be trying to win back the Cec Rubie trophy in this carnival.

The SBHS Barberis Cup Team won the cup from Melbourne this year with an emphatic 3-0 win over their opposition at McKay Oval over the 3 days. This was one of the best performances from a SBHS in the long standing Barberis which started in 1976.

*Thank You*

A big 'thank you' to our wonderful cricket community who support our boys each week and on a Saturday.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI parents who cater for the lunches at McKay Oval in our games have done a tremendous job.

**We have one of the best lunches in the GPS.**

To all the parents who score and support our boys on a Saturday.

We have some important parking events for cricket coming up on the Tuesday 11 December 2025 and Sunday 4 January 2026. If you can please help to raise some valuable funding for the program please get in touch with our cricket committee.

I wish all the players and SBHS cricket community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**D Smith**  
MIC Cricket

# SHOOTIN' HOOPS

High wraps up a final weekend of basketball games for this year against fellow GPS school Riverview. Throughout this year's tests and toils against other equally skilled teams, we conclude part of the year with prominent triumphs, developments in skills, and, more importantly, long-lasting memories of this special sport.

All age groups managed to endure and fight back against the resilient Ignatius side, allowing for some great wins and tight losses in this closing weekend.

Firstly, all of Opens encountered strenuous contests against the opposing teams of Riverview. Though games were lost, and victory slipped out of reach on multiple occasions, teams still managed to uphold the challenges provided to them. Possession after possession, teams wrestled for court dominance, both offensively and defensively, rising up to the confrontations of the opposition's skills even in difficult situations.

Worthy mentions go towards the 7ths, 10ths, and 11ths, for throughout their matches, they all consistently applied this mantra of perseverance. The 7ths match ended in an unfortunate 32 - 21 loss but nonetheless demonstrated their ability to match up against Riverview on a similar skill level by repeatedly showing up for themselves.

In addition to this, the score of the 10ths's fixture followed a similar suit. A close, but tenuous game, with back-and-forth scoring, boosted up by Daniel's stellar

offensive capabilities who dropped 15 whole points in this game. However, this superb demonstration of skill was lost as the 10ths were regrettably unable to close the gap to earn the win.

Along with this, the 11ths went in line with this conterminous trend, though sadly losing 30 to 39, upheld an amazing spirit in the face of loss. MVP of the match, R Wu, bolstered up the team's confidence, persistently penetrating Riverview's defense, scoring 15 points overall in this game.

MVPS for other teams include R. Narushima on Firsts with an impressive 13-point total; Second's MVP Azam M, who dropped an equally astonishing 16 points; Lucas, who scored 5 points on the 9ths; and H Lama with 8 points on the 12ths.

Comprehensively, Opens have had a tiring weekend against Riverview, with many close, yet lost matches for all skill groups.

This year has served as a training ground for these older players to continue to improve their game. Next year will most certainly be a time of great triumph for Opens.

Furthermore, the U14-16 teams had an equally powerful final set of games with many wins and more close matches easily within reach. Even against one of the best schools in our division, High managed to break through and win resistant matchups from Riverview, giving them a run for their own money on the court.



One of the most notable performances of the weekend was with the 16As. The 16As won by 4 points, 46 to 42, in a close game that had the audience constantly on edge from the initial jump ball to the final play. The team was led by MVP Jiwan, who dropped a game-changing 19 points as he supported his team with an unwavering hustle on full-court pressure.

Other excellent performances of the week can be attributed to the 16Cs, who, through a combined team effort, amalgamated a terrific 23-point win against Riverview, 50 to 27.

Another set of admirable matches includes the 16Es and 16Fs. The Es had a vast success this weekend, amounting to a 37 to 19 victory, ending their year on a high note. All players on this team played to the utmost of standards, relentlessly pushing for the win to create such a dominating lead.

On the other hand, tensions rocketed during the Fs' match, as an indeterminate game was eventually snatched away by High. MVP of the match, Xavier Tanhueco, emphasised this win, serving as a leader both on and off the court for the 16Fs.

Meanwhile, the MVPs of the 15s were C's MVP Xavier Nguyen who dropped 11 points on the offensive end of the court and E's MVP, Ethan, who despite not being the leading scorer, maintained rebounding hustle resulting in more scoring opportunities for his team. In contrast, the MVPs of the 14s where E's MVP was Max, who protected the ball on offense and dished out passes to open teammates for easier buckets, and also Fs MVP, who was once again Zahil, who went on another amazing run supporting his team on both ends of the court. Overall, the 14s to 16s all had a spectacular last game and will be back next semester, ready to take on anyone who comes their way.



To sum it up, we have had such an exciting semester with many positives, from hard-fought wins to forever-lasting memories, all originating from playing basketball.

A massive thanks to all the supporters of the Sydney High Basketball Association who made this so wonderful and all possible.

Thank you to all the players and coaches.

A Thank you to Mr Hayman, who made this possible and oversaw every problem to ensure safety and fairness for all players.

Thank you to parent supporters for always being there to lend us a hand, whatever we may need done.

Finally, thank you to our spectacular coaches who have trained us to become strong individual players and an even more cohesive team.

Sydney High will be one of, if not the best, teams in the AAGPS basketball league.

Good luck to all as we continue into the off season and ensure to keep your skills at peak condition for next year.

Make sure to train hard, play hard, but more importantly have fun!



**Go HIGH!**

**Play Hard, Play Smart and Play Together!**

**Thanks to everyone who makes Shootin' Hoops possible!**

**Brought to you by Anthony Jiang and Jayden Wei.**



**Boys 13 Years 4x50m Freestyle Relay**

I am delighted to share the outstanding achievements of our SBHS Swimming Team at the annual GPS Convenor's Invitational Carnival held at SOPAC on Friday evening, November 29, 2025.

This carnival acts as a preliminary event to the official GPS swimming season in term one, assisting the GPS schools to select teams for the future season, as well as setting a performance benchmark for swimmers to build off.

Our team of 27 swimmers did a tremendous job.

**Congratulations to the following Boys - with some exceptional performances:**

**Alex Wang** (12) achieved a 4s PB of 36 in the 50 free.

**Aidan Lewis** (13) and **Archie Pham** (13) who also dropped 4s PB's in the 50 Free.

**Joshua Chen** (14) swam a massive relay PB of 25.7s in the 50 free.

**Kuzma Tkachenko** (14) broke 30s for the first time.

**Ryan Park** (14) swam a new PB of 31.51 in the 50 fly.

**Kester Jan** and **Ryan Chai** (15) both broke 30s for the first time in the 50 fly.

**Joshua Park** achieved a new PB of 25s in the 50 free

**Leo Varthakavi** achieved a new PB of 28s.

**Maksim Kireev** battled out in the last race of the evening competing till 9pm in the 1500m Freestyle and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

I am extremely excited for the 2026 GPS Swimming season, and I encourage our dedicated swimmers to maintain their commitment to training to carry this momentum into next year!

**J Rowlands**  
**MIC Swimming**



## 2025 Year 9 Languages Camp

On Tuesday, 25 November 2025 Year 9 Languages students set off from school for their much-anticipated languages camp at the beautiful Collaroy Centre.

A two-day program designed not only for enjoyment but also for personal growth.

As the academic year draws to a close, the camp provided students with an opportunity to unwind while also challenging themselves beyond their usual comfort zones—an expectation embedded in every school camp experience.

Among the activities students were most eager for laser tag and it quickly became a highlight.

Teacher involvement also added an extra layer of excitement and difficulty.

The Languages Teachers also organised a variety of engaging language and cultural activities, including a trivia night and a performance session.

The trivia challenged students' linguistic abilities and cultural knowledge across the six languages offered by the school, with winners of each game receiving art-themed prizes representing a language.

The performance session invited students to showcase a talent connected to their language of study.

Mr Zheng took the spotlight by introducing the session with a captivating rendition of a Chinese song.

Several students impressed the audience with enthusiastic performances including singing, flute, and mini plays.

Overall, the camp served as a memorable and rewarding experience.

Strengthening connections between students and teachers, celebrating language learning, and providing a refreshing break before the year's end.

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