

Blacktown Mail

Preparing Boys for their Future since 1959
Partially Selective Boys High School

Term 4 2019



PRINCIPAL Mr Shaun Addy



Welcome everyone and thanks for taking time to read up on what is happening at Blacktown Boys' High.

Term 4 has come along so quickly this year, it seems like we totally skipped winter! This is always an exciting time, with Year 12 sitting the HSC exams (good luck boys), and other year groups commencing prep work for 2020. We also:

- Welcome our incoming Year 7 students with a number of orientation visits;

- Celebrate student performance at our informal BBQ's; and
- End the year with our student "Let's Swim" program. Squeezed into all of that will be the end of year reports!

Another important event during Term 4 is Men's Health day. What began as a great idea from Kate Burne our Head Teacher CAPA has become a very important and greatly enjoyed component of our wider commitment to help develop the "whole man". Men's' Health, (physical; emotional and mental) is something we take very seriously. Boys will be able to access activities linked to sport, relaxation, healthy eating, stress management, music and social/environmental responsibility.

Once again BBHS will be involved in Pink Stumps Day later in Term 4. Pink Stumps day is eagerly anticipated by all our budding cricketers but is also a time for all of us to recognise the terrible impact

Important Dates to

Remember

October

- 28 HSC exams continue
Year 9 assessment week
Year 7 Korean conference
- 29 HSC exams continue
Year 9 assessment week
P&C meeting @ 10am
- 30 HSC exams continue
Year 9 assessment week
- 31 HSC exams continue
Year 9 assessment week
WESSSTA Geography Challenge
"What's Up West" Youth Conference
Selective & GTi Information Evening

November

- 1 HSC exams continue
Year 9 assessment week
"What's Up West" Youth Conference
Featherdale Wildlife Park
- 4 HSC exams continue
Year 8 assessment week
- 5 HSC exams continue
Year 8 assessment week
- 6 HSC exams continue
Year 8 assessment week
Year 9 & 10 leadership/skills camp
- 7 HSC exams continue
Year 8 assessment week
Year 9 & 10 leadership/skills camp
- 8 HSC exams continue
Year 8 assessment week
Year 9 & 10 leadership/skills camp
- 11 HSC exams continue
Year 7 assessment week
Year 7 Korean conference
- 12 HSC exams continue
Year 7 assessment week

- 13 Year 7 assessment week
- 14 Year 7 assessment week
Men's Health Day
- 15 Year 7 assessment week
- 18 Year 10 Step Up Program
Junior School State Frisbee Championships
- 19 Year 10 Step Up Program
P&C meeting @ 10am
- 20 Year 10 Step Up Program
Secondary Writing Day
Geography Field Study - Landscapes and Land Forms
- 21 Year 10 Step Up Program
Secondary Writing Day
Year 7 - 11 Year meetings
- 22 Year 10 Step Up Program
School Spectacular School Matinee Performance
- 25 Year 10 Step Up Program
White Ribbon Formal Assembly
Year 7 Korean conference
- 26 Year 10 Step Up Program
- 27 Year 10 Step Up Program
- 28 Year 10 Step Up Program
STEM Exhibition
- 29 Year 10 Step Up Program
Surf, Sun, Safety Awareness Project
Year 12 Formal

December

- 2 Year 10 Step Up Program
- 3 Year 10 Step Up Program
- 4 Year 10 Step Up Program
- 5 Year 10 Step Up Program
- 6 Year 10 Step Up Program
Rewards Assembly
- 9 Year 10 Work Experience week
- 10 Year 10 Work Experience week
Let's Swim
- 11 Year 10 Work Experience week
Let's Swim
- 12 Year 10 Work Experience week
Let's Swim
Post HSC Afternoon Tea
- 13 Year 10 Work Experience week
Presentation Evening rehearsal
- 16 Year 7, 8, 9 reports handed out
Presentation Evening
- 18 Last day at school for students
- 20 Last day at school for staff

that breast cancer can have on families, and play our role in helping those affected by raising funds for the McGrath Foundation. Our target this year is \$2000.

A GROWING SCHOOL

Blacktown Boys has grown in total student numbers every year since 2008 and as a result so too has our teacher entitlement. I expect that next year we will pass the 700 mark in terms of student numbers and as such I have applied for the appointment of three more teachers to cater for the extra demand.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Just in time for the HSC exams, we saw the complete re-roofing of our school hall. The hall had a terrible habit of leaking whenever it rained, however it is now water tight. Next year we will undertake an interior renovation with fresh paint and lighting.

Last week I had the pleasure of announcing our 2020 School Captains. A very high quality field of nominees were presented to the school community, and any one of them would have made a fine school leader. In a tight election, the successful candidates were:



Senwei Tan

(Captain)

Alfred Sankoh-Lamin

(Vice Captain)

These were worthy recipients and along with our prefects, show every sign of being excellent ambassadors for the school, and representatives for the student body.

Please enjoy the rest of the newsletter, and if you have any comments / questions regarding your son's school, please feel free to call me, or arrange to pop in for a chat.

Shaun Addy

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL Mrs Trish Matthews



Some people think that Term 4 is a downhill run until the end of the year. Not so at Blacktown Boys High School! It is a time of new beginnings and ongoing planning and development.

Formal schooling for Year 12 2019 ended with their graduation on 26th September, where their achievements were celebrated and the best wishes of all the staff were voiced in many different ways. In particular, their Year Advisors Mr Martin and Ms Fuller, who have been a part of their lives for the past six years, put in a lot of effort to ensure that this day would hold special memories for them. I would like to wish the 2019 cohort all the very best for their pathways into the next stage of their lives, knowing that we have, in partnership with their families and carers, been a huge part of making them into the young men that they are today.

For Year 11, their recent exams signalled the end of the year 11 courses, with the rigours of the HSC course starting Day 1 Term 4. It is important that all students maintain 100% attendance and punctuality in order to maximise their post-school options. Blacktown Boys is the perfect place for students to be nurtured during these final two years, with a staff that know and understand their needs and learning

styles, where we are not so big that we cannot give them the individual attention that they need and deserve.

It may come as a shock to current year 10 students that they will start their HSC course in less than twelve months' time. Subject selections have already been made by Year 10 after planning and thought processes that started at the end of Term 2, involving teachers, Head Teachers, the Year Advisor, the Careers Advisor, parents, and most importantly the students themselves. Term 4 will see the launch of 'Step Up' which includes completing the mandatory requirement of "All My Own Work" prior to commencing their Year 11; learn about navigating NESA which supports students, and also mandates the requirements for the attainment of RoSA, Year 11 and HSC courses; have the opportunity to attend a study skills camp; stress management; becoming leaders; team building; and ICT skills for seniors. The 'Step Up' program is designed to further equip students for the rigours of their final two years of schooling.

For Year 9 the formal part of the RoSA is close, and they need to demonstrate that they are attempting all course outcomes with diligence. In three terms time they will be selecting courses for Stage 6 and the HSC. It is never too early to start thinking about future pathways and interests that they would like to follow, by focussing on their work, researching and asking questions of teachers, family and friends. For Year 8, subject selections have also been made for their electives in Years 9 and 10.

Year 7 and Year 9 have already received their NAPLAN results, with NAPLAN being online for the first time this year. They are essentially a tool to guide

planning to build the Literacy and Numeracy skills of students. BBHS continues to add growth to students' skills, and this information adds to the wealth of knowledge that teachers have about the way that your son learns, in order to guide programming, and differentiated learning.

Student safety is important to us as well as all students and their families. Being aware as pedestrians; using pedestrian crossings and walking, not running across them; obeying traffic light walking and stop signs at intersections; not running across the road to cars that are double parked; and not using phones and earphones when crossing the road are all ways in which students can take responsibility for their own safety. When using social media students need to be aware of what is safe and what is a potential risk, and should always talk to a known adult or parent if they have any concerns. Additionally I have been regularly posting information on the Parent Portal from the e-safety commissioner, which has a lot of links to support parents in this rapidly changing world of social media.

If you are having difficulty accessing the Parent Portal or have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at the school, so that I can assist with your enquiries.



**HEAD TEACHER
ADMINISTRATION
Mr Christopher Pace**



Sports Uniform



Black cap with gold embroidered BBHS.

Maroon polo shirt with embroidered school crest.

Black school sports shorts or black school track pants with gold embroidered BBHS.



Maroon socks with white bands.

Joggers, track shoes or sandshoes of any colour.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Dear Parents,

A significant number of students are still arriving to school in non-school uniform items of clothing. Our school uniform is our message to the community that we are a safe and respectful place of learning where students are proud to belong.

The school uniform is as shown in the following images.

Students are allowed to come to school in their sports uniform only on their designated Sports Day. On all other days, even if they have PE they must come to school in full uniform and then change into their PE uniform and then change back at the end of the PE lesson.

Tracksuit pants of any colour are not part of the school uniform.

I urge all parents to support and insist that their sons wear school uniform every day. Of course we all know that accidents and unforeseen circumstances do happen and in these situations it is necessary for students who are out of uniform to bring a note. Our uniform is our image in the community and all students benefit from this image now and in the future.

Junior Uniform



Grey cotton/polyester, short or long sleeves, with embroidered school crest.

The school tie is optional.

Grey cotton drill trousers or shorts.

A maroon jumper with embroidered school crest, a maroon fully lined zip jacket with embroidered school crest or a school blazer can be worn in the cooler months.



Black shoes with leather uppers.
Black cap with gold embroidered BBHS



Senior Uniform



The maroon school tie is optional.

A maroon jumper with embroidered school crest, a maroon fully lined zip jacket with embroidered school crest or a school blazer can be worn in the colder months.

White cotton/polyester short or long sleeve shirt.

Grey or Black trousers or shorts.

Black shoes with leather uppers.

HEAD TEACHER ENGLISH

**Mrs Renae Bystrzynski
& Mr David Martin**



Welcome back to Term 4! I hope all students had an enjoyable and restful break, especially our Year 12 students, who are about to face the HSC. We wish you all the very best, gentlemen, and congratulations on your recent graduation!

We were sad to farewell our temporary EAL/D teacher, Ms Lee, at the end of Term 3, who was appointed to a permanent position at another school. We wish her all the very best. We are also happy to welcome Mr Rylewski, who will be taking over the role for Term 4. We hope that his time at BBHS is rewarding and enjoyable.

Term 3 marked the beginning of an important targeted literacy program being rolled out for selected students in Years 7 and 8 called MacqLit. It is an intensive instructional program which develops reading skills and is delivered in small groups. My



thanks to the ongoing efforts of Ms Josan and Ms Osman in ensuring the smooth running of the program.

Thanks also to Mr Taylor, who coordinated the ICAS competitions for the English faculty in Term 3. We look forward to seeing the results as they are released.

In Term 3, Mr Taylor and Mr Martin took 40 students to view a performance of Macbeth at the Sydney Opera House. The students were not only excellent representatives for BBHS, but were also able to develop their understanding of how the play can be performed and presented. The students discussed how they imagined the play would take place, and were highly appreciative of the minimalist style used in the performance. Thankyou to all students who attended for your excellent behaviour and interest in the play.

Term 4 is an important one for our new Year 12 students, who will complete their exams in 2020. They have already begun their Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences, and are working steadily towards their first HSC assessment task. Now is the time for

all of our senior students to refine their time management skills, both within and outside the classroom, so they are able to achieve success in the HSC.

Year 10 have begun to 'Step Up' into their role as the soon-to-be seniors of the school. The boys are currently working through a media and speeches unit, Active Citizens, as their English course selections are finalised. Year 9 are exploring eastern cultures in the East Meets West unit, where they will study film and graphic novels which represent Asian cultures. Year 8 are working through the new unit, Consumer Culture, which involves investigating how advertising persuades us to buy products. Year 7 are studying the Fractured Fairytales unit, which involves looking at how fairytales have evolved over the centuries and the cultural importance they hold. We hope the students enjoy a fulfilling and exciting term of learning in English at BBHS!

Finally, we wish all students and their families a safe and wonderful holiday break. What a great time to catch up on some reading! We look forward to seeing you in 2020!

How can I help my son improve in English?

1. Encourage reading for pleasure - even 10 minutes a night will make a difference
2. Improve overall literacy by using free sites such as Pobble365, which features comprehension activities and writing prompts which change daily
3. Read and discuss the news with your son, so that he is aware of what's happening in the world
4. Encourage your son to read aloud, so that he can hear the pronunciation of words
5. Listen to an audiobook together, so that you can discuss the story or idea as a family
6. Minimise screen time, especially before bed - replace it with Number 1!

What are your teachers reading?

Mrs Bystrzynski - *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood and *Australia Day* by Stan Grant

Ms Scarcella - *Too Much Lip* by Melissa Lucashenko and *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

Mr Dibbs - *Dark Emu* by Bruce Pascoe and *There was Still Love* by Favel Parrett

Mr Martin - *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy

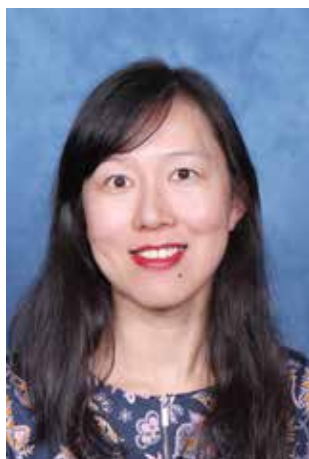
Mr Taylor - *Hag-Seed* by Margaret Atwood and *The Silmarillion* by J.R.R. Tolkien

Quotable Quote:

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."

- Margaret Atwood

HEAD TEACHER MATHS Ms Xiao Chirgwin



Term 3 sees the conclusion of our Year 12 HSC and Year 11 courses with the students preparing to move to their next stage of learning. The Mathematics faculty would like to wish all of our Year 12 students well in their HSC examinations and their future career paths.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

This year, we had 87 students entered into this competition. We have received our results recently through the online platform. Ten of our students have received the Distinction certificates. The

certificates will be awarded to the students later this term.

A special thanks to Mr Kumar for his hard work in coordinating the Australian Mathematics Competition.

ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

This year, we had 116 students entered into ICAS Mathematics Competition. This was conducted online for the first time, and we ran it over a few different sessions. Fourteen of our students have received the Distinction certificates. These certificates will be awarded to the students later this term.

A special thanks to Mrs Chhabra for her hard work in coordinating the ICAS Mathematics Competition.

APSMO MATHEMATICS



OLYMPIAD COMPETITION

All five sessions for this year's APSMO concluded by the end of Term 3. Students were challenged to think critically and employed a variety of problem solving strategies. We are currently waiting for our results.

PREPARATION FOR 2020

Thinking and planning ahead to 2020, we would like to remind all the parents and students to recharge and prepare over the Christmas break. All students are reminded that a NESA approved scientific calculator is part of their learning equipment just like pens, pencils, rulers and exercise books. We recommend the Casio FX82 Plus II calculator. If you pay your school fees in full, you will receive one of these calculators for free. Alternatively, sale periods over Christmas holidays may be a good time for you to get one cheaply for the coming year.

**HEAD TEACHER
SCIENCE
Mrs Maninder Kaur**



Term 3 has been a busy and very productive one for Science at BBHS! Students have been extremely engaged with their studies across all year groups.

Year 12 prepared for their Trial HSC examinations for the Physics, Chemistry and Biology courses. Revision sessions were organised by the Science faculty for students enrolled in all the science courses. The purpose of these sessions was to provide uninterrupted time for students to revise and consolidate their knowledge and understanding as well as improve their scientific skills for the HSC Examination. Year 12 Biology enjoyed a learning-filled day at the Museum of Human Diseases, held at UNSW. Students had the opportunity to look at infected tissues samples and actively participated in interactive practical activities where they modelled the inheritance patterns of diseases.



They were able to consolidate their knowledge on the Year 12 Biology course and look at the real life application of these concepts. Year 12 Physics and Chemistry students participated in the Kickstart Program at Sydney University where they had the opportunity to carry out first hand investigations using the sophisticated equipment and really advanced techniques, which are not available in a high school laboratory. Students were highly appreciative of this educational experience, which enabled them to get a deeper understanding of the scientific concepts.

We wish Year 12 all the very best as they begin their HSC examination.

Year 11 students have completed their Yearly Examination and are keen to start the HSC course. They will receive their results early in Term 4. Year 10 has looked closely at microbiology including the science behind cloning. They also completed subject selection and selected courses for Year 11. The Science faculty is running

the tutoring sessions in term 4 for students who have selected the science courses in Year 11. The aim of these sessions is to consolidate the scientific skills so there is a smooth transition from Stage 5 to Stage 6.

Year 7 students have investigated the basics of Newton's laws, while Year 8 students have looked at the origin and importance of electricity. Year 9 has delved into biology and studied about the environment and diseases. With the implementation of the new Stage 6 Science courses in 2018, there is a renewed emphasis on Science as an investigating subject, with depth studies featuring in all courses. Blacktown Boys High School has a proud tradition of excellence in Science, which we nurture by preparing our students during their junior years through a number of practical and research tasks covered throughout the year. Students in Years 8 and 10 completed student research projects where they had to carry out a first-hand investigation and present a report on their findings. Practical

tasks are an important element in developing scientific reasoning and problem solving skills, and it is essential that students participate in these activities. However, to ensure the safety of all students, only those who are wearing black, leather shoes, and acting responsibly, will be able



to participate in practical activities. Please support our teachers by ensuring that your son is always dressed in full school uniform, and always demonstrate “Learning, Safety and Respect”.

Term 3 also involved several extracurricular opportunities and competitions. An unprecedented 110 students participated in the ICAS Science competition in Term 3. It is a great way for students to gauge their scientific skills as well as prepare for exam conditions that they will be subject to in following years. While students are still waiting for their results, all students should be commended for their participation. Year 8 students will be sitting their mandatory VALID Science Test in Term 4.

Students from all year groups actively participated in the Science week in Term 3. Year 10 students were good role models for the junior students as they successfully led and assisted in organising various activities for the whole week. Students from Blacktown Girls High School were also invited to participate in some activities. Our stage 4 students competed against other schools in the bridge building competition at BGHS, and one of our teams won the award for the best design and tensile strength.

A reminder that any student who has received an N-Award warning letter, needs to complete their missed work or task, in order to get their learning back on track. Students having difficulty with completing their work are encouraged to approach their Science teacher for help and support.

Good luck and work hard!

Ms Kaur



SCHEDULE FOR TERM 4 IN SCIENCE

Year	Topic	Assessment Week
7 Science	Earth, Water and Space	Yearly Examination, Week 5 Term 4
8 Science	Our Amazing Planet	Yearly Examination, Week 4 Term 4
9 Science	Getting Around	Yearly Examination, Week 3 Term 4
10 Science	Making Life Better	Yearly Examination, Week 2 Term 4

HEAD TEACHER HSIE Mrs Gina Jackson



Whilst Term 4 is a very stressful time for both our Year 12 students and their parents it marks the end of one journey and the start of another exciting chapter in their lives. The HSIE faculty would like to wish all Year 12 students who are in the process of sitting the HSC every success in their exams and in their future endeavours.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome both Miss O'Brien and Mr Ng to the HSIE team. They are both passionate educators as is evident from their own introduction below.

MS O'BRIEN

“Hi everyone. My name is Miss O'Brien and my passion lies in the studies of humanity. With a background in archaeology, I could talk underwater about the significance of the Romans, Egyptians, Babylonians or Greeks in our modern society. I may also

try to convince you that Cleopatra was much more than what history portrays her to be. I strongly believe the over-quoted words of Churchill, “*Those who fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it*”, and aim to remind my students that it is worth looking into the past to predict our future. My history teacher left me with the following Latin proverb, “*ad Astra per Aspera*”, through difficulty to the stars. This is what I aim to help the students of BBHS achieve.”

MR NG

Hello everyone, my name Mr Ng. “I am excited to say that I am teaching HSIE here at Blacktown Boys this term. I would describe myself as someone who is passionate about learning and chose to be a teacher so I can continue to learn new things every day. In terms of my goals in life, I hope to one day reach a level where I can make a positive change in education for all students around the world. My hobbies are reading up on random facts online and playing basketball. If any students would like to test me on my trivia just let me know.”

TERM 3

Term 3 for HSIE was very busy with many excursions, innovative class activities and competitions organised by HSIE staff, however, the highlight was definitely our Korean visit organised by Mr Dibbs.

KOREAN VISIT

As advertised in previous newsletter editions, 10N eagerly embraced the opportunity to participate in the 'Asia Connexions' program, a partnership with The University of New England and Haenam High School in South Korea. This involved several teleconferences in the Connected Classroom during their History lessons



with Mr. Dibbs, discussing and presenting topics such as Post-War Australia, the division between North and South Korea, as well as cultural traditions and pop-culture in each country.



The program culminated in a visit from several students from Haenam High School, who spent the day at Blacktown Boys' High School learning about the Australian education system, and getting to meet the students they had previously only chatted to over the web camera. Students made life long connections during the course of the day, with students not wanting to say goodbye to the visitors!

Daniel Dibbs



AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

In 2019 we had 15 students participate in the Australian Geography Competition. Each of these students received fantastic results!

- 2 high distinctions
- 2 distinctions
- 7 credits

Congratulations to Hriday Patel (8) and Senwei Tan (11) who achieved high distinctions, and to Brian Dela Torre (12) and Warwick Senjak (12) who achieved distinctions in the competition.

LUNA PARK

During Term 3, Year 12 Geography and Year 11 Business Studies visited Luna Park. Our Geography students conducted fieldwork and investigated the economic enterprise of Luna Park within the tourism industry, whilst our Business Studies students learnt about the four functions of business operating within Luna Park. Students also got to enjoy a day on the rides with their unlimited rides pass.





**HSIE
SPOTLIGHT:
YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY**

We have been busy in HSIE lately, particularly with Year 7 Geography learning about Landscapes and Landforms, mapping skills and working to scale. Year 7 students applied their geography skills in mapping, scale and teamwork in a fieldwork task. For this task, students were asked to work in groups to create an accurate map of Blacktown Boys' High School to scale, utilising the BOLTS acronym they learnt about in class. Students spent several lessons in their groups walking around the school and measuring its various areas, drawing the scale map, creating a legend for the map and effectively working in allocated roles to do so. Well done to our Year 7 cartographers.



**TEACHER/LIBRARIAN
Mr Patrick Everingham**



The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge ended on Friday August the 30th 2019 at midnight.

All students from Years 7, 8 and 9 were eligible to complete the Challenge if they read the required number of books which is 20 books in total, 15 from the PRC Booklist and 5 personal choice books.

The aim of the challenge is to encourage students to read widely for enjoyment and knowledge. Participation in the challenge will improve their reading and writing skills and they will be exposed to a wide range of ideas and situations which will be of positive help in their developing intellectual and emotional maturity.

This year 52 students at Blacktown Boys completed the challenge which

is a very respectable result for the school. These students will receive a certificate from the Premier's Department during a school assembly in Term 4.

The students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge at Blacktown Boys in 2019 are:

YEAR 7

Ahmad Al-Baw, Dhyan Bhavsar, Dihen Costa, Om Dabholkar, Ankon Dam, Ishan Dave, Prakul Giris, Zohresh Hussain, Suhaan Khinda, Shaun Kim, Sachit Lakkaraju, Aiden Magann, Aaron Malla, Narain Manimaran, Khushal Manohar, Pranat Mishra, Kohulramanan Muraletaran, Pradeepan Nadhan, Krishnikan Nanthakopan, Ethan Nhan, Danush Palya, Ayaan Parkar, Adi Patel, Daksh Patel, Megh Patel, Shlok Patel, Abirsan Pradheepan, Nishant Prasad, Sharman Raval, Kaplan Redjeb, Younis Richards, Yusuf Rahman, Matapopore Robinson, Tarun Shabeshe, Jay Shah, Nityam Shah, Om Shankar, Prinze Sheth, Akshat Singh, Kajeeth Subramaniam, Rudra Vaidya

YEAR 8

Bren Babu, Dinura Jayakuru, Anand Neeli, Prabesh Ojha, Aadil Patel, Hriday Patel, Sarujan Pathmanathan, Victor Qin, Kunwardeep Singh, Avilash Tharmanesan

YEAR 9

Jabez Ou

Thanks to all those students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge at BBHS in 2019

NEWSLETTER BOOK RECOMMENDATION FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Ever wondered what the **Doomsday Book** is, or the **Egyptian Book of the Dead**, or **Mr Johnson's Dictionary**. Perhaps you would like to know why the novel **Don Quixote**

was considered so important, or catch up on some of the sayings of Mao Tse-tung in his **Little Red Book**.

This book is a literary themed tour through history. A fascinating treasure trove of ideas. It touches on all areas of human experience from mathematics to poetry to the art of war in a wondrous search for meaning and beauty through the ages.

This book will answer many of your questions about the most influential books of all time.

Highly recommended.

Mr Everingham

HEAD TEACHER CAPA Mrs Katrina Burne



BIG DAY OUT!

GREAT DAY OUT!

All of VISUAL ARTS

YEAR 7 were invited to the Art Gallery of NSW in the final week of Term 3.

7A, 7E, 7M and TESLA visited the AGNSW on the Tuesday and 7H, 7D & 7N visited on the final Friday of Term 3. This was a fully sponsored excursion under the PATHWAYS PLUS scheme. Students and teachers got to view exhibitions, enjoy focussed gallery talks, and meet the benefactor of the Kaldor Collection. This was the return visit on behalf of the gallery after their art educators and artists visited the school in May to workshop our students.

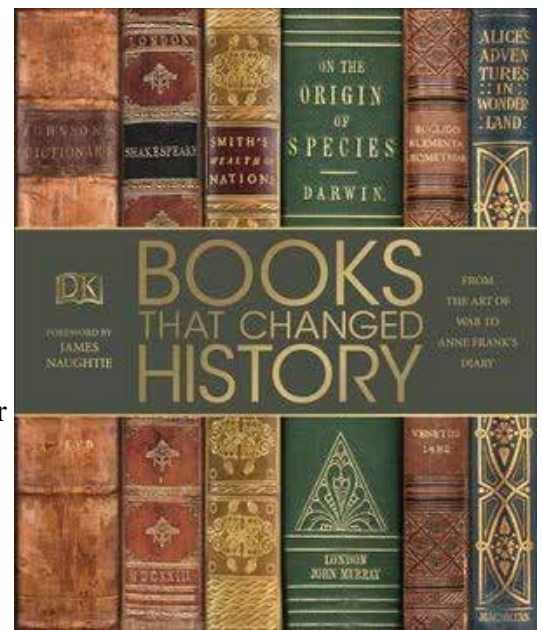
Students participated in artmaking activities related to large scale artmaking that they studied. It was a purposeful and fun day, exposing our students to a cultural hub in the city.

The Visual Arts faculty acknowledges and appreciates the generosity



and resources afforded through the partnership of Pathways Plus where in this instance, all charter coach travel was paid for.

Mrs K. Burne
HT CAPA



HEAD TEACHER PDHPE Ms Tahnee Lovering



On behalf of PDHPE, I would like to congratulate year 12 on graduating and wish them goodluck in their HSC. We would also like to welcome year 11 into the year 12 courses for both PDHPE and SLR.

This term has a lot of upcoming events so please read on to see what has been/is happening within the PDHPE faculty.

YEAR 7 HEALTH4LIFE

All parents/caregivers would have received a notification in regards to a Health4Life program that all year 7 students will be participating in as part of the PDHPE coursework. The initiative aims to empower young people to improve their physical and mental health and to prevent chronic disease later in life. Based on the best available evidence and aligned with the Australian Health and Physical Education curriculum and NSW PDHPE curriculum, the Health4Life initiative encourages

secondary school students to: be physically active, eat healthily, adopt healthy sleep habits, limit their sedentary recreational screen time, and to remain alcohol and smoke-free.

The returned permission notes are for consent to participate in the pre and post survey and students may either opt in or out of this component.

YEAR 7 LET'S SWIM

For 3 days in week 9 10/12/19-12/12/19 year 7 will be attending our annual Let's Swim program. This program has previously been run for years 7-9 but due to growing numbers we have opted to have only year 7 participate thus allowing for greater specialised focus on each individual student.

The program aims to familiarise participants with the aquatic environment and is designed to help students to learn to love the water. Let's Swim promotes water confidence through participation in a wide variety of activities, which are tailored to swimming competence and experience.

YEAR 9 OLYMPIAN VISIT

Olympics Unleashed, presented by Optus takes athletes into Australian classrooms to inspire and motivate students to be their personal best, no matter what it may be. Olympians and athletes aspiring for Tokyo 2020 are excited to

visit schools to inspire Aussie schoolkids to be the best version of themselves – whether that's in the classroom, the playground, the sporting field or at home. This 45-minute

presentation is aimed at Year 9 and will involve an athlete sharing lessons from their Olympic journey that every student can learn from. Athletes will have time after each visit to interact with students and staff, including photo opportunities and signing autographs.

Olympics Unleashed is free for schools and is supported by the ACT Government and the Australian Olympic Committee.

Check out our visiting athlete, Nathan Katz's bio, for some information about who will be presenting at BBHS!

YEAR 11 LIFE READY COURSE

During week 9, December 9-12 year 11 will participate in the BBHS Life Ready course. Life Ready is a mandatory 25-hour course designed to prepare and support senior students as they encounter situations related to health and safety as they become more independent and gain more responsibilities. It focuses on offering opportunities for students to build the functional knowledge and skills for life post school. The course will be an informative and interactive unit which will have a variety of contexts ranging from guest speakers to information session based on life skills such as banking.

Information notes for this course will be sent out in upcoming weeks.



GYM UPGRADE

The PDHPE faculty are pleased to announce our gym renovation/upgrade is now complete! Gym club takes place during designated recess and lunch breaks. Please see the PDHPE staff for a permission note so you can be added to the Gym Club rosters!



ATHLETE PROFILE

Nathan KATZ

AOC Olympian Profile - <https://www.olympics.com.au/olympians/nathan-katz/>

SPORT	Judo
EVENT / DISCIPLINE	Men's U/66kg division
HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT	Rio 2016 Olympian, Junior World #2 ranked (2015), Multiple National, continental champion

PRIMARY SCHOOL/S YOU ATTENDED: Northmead Primary School (Northmead)

HIGH SCHOOL/S: William Clarke College (Kellyville)

FAVOURITE MEAL: Sushi or Brazilian BBQ

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING AN ELITE ATHLETE? I get to do the sport I love every day, I travel the world with some of my closest friends and family and get to pursue my passion and dreams.

FAVOURITE PLACE TO COMPETE AND WHY: Probably in Japan. It is the home of Judo and there is a very special and unique buzz to competing there. Added it will be the home for the next Olympics.

WHO IS YOUR SPORTING HERO: As a kid it was probably Lleyton Hewitt because of his heart and passion playing. Don't think I have a sporting "hero" now but am a huge fan of and draw inspiration from so many incredible athletes from Australia and around the world.



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HEAD TEACHER TAS Mr Nikolai Liu



Welcome to the last term of the year!

It has been a busy year which has really flown by and it is nice that things have settled well in the faculty with our new team finding their groove around the school and in the workshops and classrooms. It is always nice walking around the faculty seeing students busy working in workshops making something fantastic with tools and materials, being Safe Respectful Learners in our computer rooms, cooking up something delicious in our school kitchen with Mrs Sleiman, or engaged in a deep theoretical lesson in one of our classrooms. Our Mabo and Coffey blocks really are wonderful little hives of activity within the school.

And here are some fine representatives of what students are doing in TAS. I would like to congratulate our achievement award winners for TAS in Term 3, 2019. The following students received certificates presented on assembly during week 10 of Term 3 by Mr Addy and were awarded an additional 25 Vivo points by Mr Liu:

- Year 7 Technology
Shraya Pradhan
- Year 8 Technology
Shariear Rahman



- Year 9 Food Technology
Hirang Patel
- Year 9 Information and Software
Aadi Mishra
- Year 11 Industrial Technology
- Timber
Heritier Penekatamba
- Coding Club and Environment
Group Activitiesd
Ishaan Sharma
- Year 12 Industrial Technology
William Luu

Speaking of Year 12s, congratulations to all of our Year 12 Industrial Technology students on successfully submitting their Industrial Technology major projects at the end of Term 3. The work completed under the guidance of Mr Hartley in Multimedia and Mr Loughnan in Timber was of an amazingly high standard. And next year looks promising for our next crop of Major Projects with some

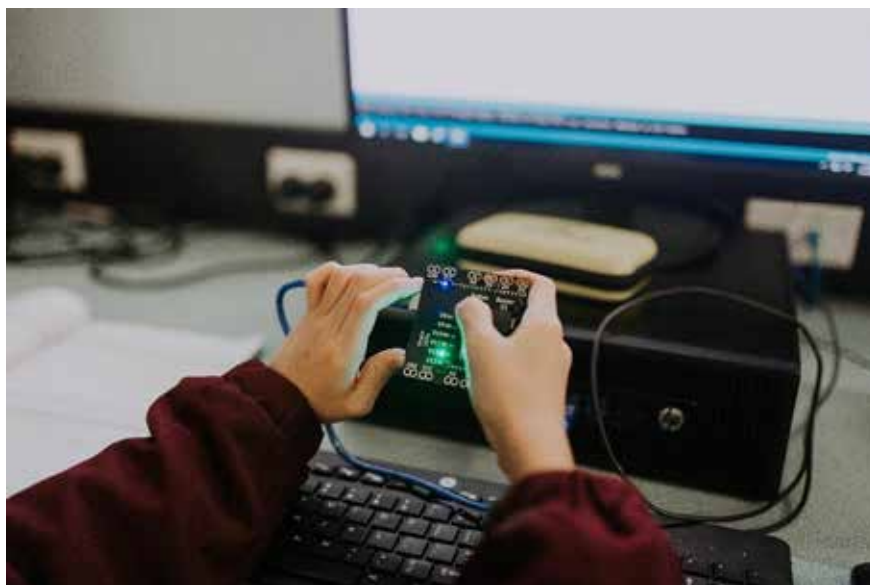
excellent Year 11 IT-Timber projects completed this term under Mr Loughnan's guidance.

Congratulations to all Year 12s on your graduation in Week 10 of Term 3 and best of luck for the HSC examinations in Term 4. On a personal note, I am very sad to say goodbye to my Year 12 Engineering Studies class who have been a fantastic group of young engineers over the past 2 years and a pleasure to teach. We have covered a lot of ground together and I definitely think it has been interesting and a lot of fun.

Well done to students who participated in the ICAS Digital Technologies examination which was online this year for the first time this year. This new platform provided a few headaches but students who participated did really well at the test. Results and certificates will be presented soon.

Above is another sneak peak at one of the photos for our 2020 School Diary taken in TAS earlier in the year in one of Mrs Kaur's Year 7 Digital Technologies classes working on some Arduino Microcontrollers in our Crack The Code unit of work

Mr Liu



**YEAR 7 2020
YEAR ADVISER
Miss Victoria Zaw**



A warm welcome back to Term 4 to all the students, parents and carers of Blacktown Boys' High School community. I am pleased to announce that I am the Year 7 2020 Year Adviser. I am honoured and very excited to take on this challenging yet rewarding role.

On October 31, we look forward to welcoming parents and Year 6 students from a range of primary schools in and around the area to our Selective/ GTi Information Afternoon. By invitation, you will have the opportunity to visit the school and find out more information about their transition into the Selective and GTi streams at Blacktown Boys High School. Mr Addy, our principal and I will be happy to field questions about our school on this afternoon.

Later in Term 4, a Peer Support Leaders Training day will be held for Year 9 students who are willing to step up and become a leader and role model for our incoming Year 7 2020. Continuing from their Year 9 Leadership Camp, Year 9 students will build on their leadership, communication and teamwork skills. Success participants of this training day will become the Year 10 Peer Support leaders of 2020, aiding a smooth transition for Year 7.

The Year 7 2020 Orientation day will be held on December 3,

2019 from 9am to 11am. On this day, incoming Year 7 students and their families will be able to receive information about their first few days of high school, ask questions, meet some of their future teachers and most importantly, meet their fellow peers who will be undertaking their high school journey with.

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Blacktown Boys High School Year 7 Book Packs are available from Torstar's Online Parent Ordering Portal:

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After logging on with your school password BALL910, simply enter your child's name and select the pre-loaded Year 7 Equipment List from the dropdown menu where the Year 7 Equipment List is pre-filled for you.

The Blacktown Boys High School Book Packs will be available to purchase online from our Parent Ordering Portal from 1 November 2019.

Pack Price: \$ 67.00 (includes the School Diary)

Delivery Fee: \$8.00

Pick Up Instore: Free

Payment is required at the time of ordering. When ordering, you will have the option of home delivery or you can pick up your pack instore. Instore pick up will be available from 19/26-32 Abel St, Penrith NSW 2750

Please place your order before 15th December 2019 to ensure delivery on the dates below.

Delivery of the packs will take place between: 15th January – 21st January 2020 to the address nominated at the time of ordering. An sms will be sent to let you know when packs are ready for collection or instore pick up.

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YEAR 7 2019
YEAR ADVISER
Miss Kathleen Villanueva



HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 3

Year 7 were active participants in extra-curricular activities last term, including Tournament of Minds, Science Week, SRC competitions, ICAS competitions and many more. It was fantastic to see the positive energy, comradery and encouragement they provided for each other in these activities, not only building on their knowledge and skills, but also building great friendships as well. We also saw Yr 7 share their musical and creative talents at Café D'art, with some students being recognised with certificates and medals of achievement in their CAPA subjects. Although immunisations were not quite a favourite moment for Year 7, most students were able to have their follow-up vaccinations completed. Those who were absent on the day will get a chance to have a catch-up vaccination in the near future. NAPLAN results were also distributed to all students at the end of Term 3.

YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

During Week 5 this term, Year 7 will be in their examination period. Each student has been provided with an examination timetable that indicates which day and period the exam will be held. Students will be given further details about the contents of the exam from their class teachers.

STUDY SKILLS

With exams approaching soon, Year 7 should start planning their study time so that they are able to demonstrate their learning throughout the term. Here are a few tips for studying effectively!

Where you study is important – Choose a location where there are less distractions, away from a lot of noise, and away from things like laptops and games that can tempt you from studying.

- Bring everything you need, and nothing you don't – Make sure to be prepared when studying by having all equipment ready. An exercise book, your class notes, pen, pencil, ruler and calculator may be some of the essentials. Put away your phone and games so that there are fewer distractions.
- Summarise and rewrite your notes – Hand writing is better than typing when it comes to studying as it helps you to remember the information more. Saying your notes out loud also helps the information sink in and become more memorable.
- Make a study timetable – Use your time wisely by creating a study timetable. This will help to make sure you won't be studying for an exam in the last minute. Be sure to add breaks and reward yourself too.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

Summer is approaching, and with the heat comes sweat and body odour. To combat this, some students may choose to bring deodorant to school. If students wish to pack one, it must be roll on, as sprays are not permitted at school.

YEAR 8
YEAR ADVISER
Miss Jessica Shields



And just like that... another year has flown by!

HIGH RESOLVES

During Week 5, Year 8 participated in a High Resolves workshop about how to create a 'Just Society'. Students discovered various social issues and looked at the root causes to see how they could create change. At the end of the session, students wrote one aim to resolve an issue that they're passionate about.

YEAR MEETING

Year 8 had their regular year meeting for the term. Year meetings are a time for the entire grade to come together to hear announcements, listen to musical performances, interact with one another in workshops and discuss important topics. This term's meeting took a focus on 'staying true to yourself'. With so many things changing around us, it is so important to keep being ourselves as it is often these qualities that people like about us. These qualities also make us unique!

Year 8 were also reminded of social etiquette and to be mindful of others around them, both at school and in public places.

GETTING READY FOR YEAR 9

It is important that we all get a

break from time to time, and school holidays are the perfect chance for it. Students should be using their time off to recharge their batteries (bodies) to be ready for the new year ahead of them. Relax, rejuvenate, and hang out with mates.. But be safe!

All students should be preparing themselves for their year ahead by:

- Ensuring their school uniform fits and is clean and ready for the first day back! Remember that 5-6 weeks may be a short period of time, but many boys will have quick growth spurts. Get your son to try his uniform on in the week leading up to school returning.
- A book for each subject (covered with contact so it doesn't fall apart)
- A fully equipped pencil case - pens, pencils, rulers, calculator, glue, scissors
- Clean black leather shoes - this is school uniform. It is also a requirement for many elective subjects.

STUDY TIP - MAINTAIN A BALANCE

With upcoming exams, many students are going to have their heads in the books. However, it is important that a balance between school, study, sport and a social life is maintained. As important as some of our academic goals are, our mental health should also be a top priority. Don't forget to have fun along the way. If this means going outside to see your mates and playing some sport after an hour of study, then go for it! Find your balance and what works for you!

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 31 October (Week 3)
WESSSTA Geography Challenge

- 31 October & 1 November (Week 3)
What's Up West Youth Conference
- Week 4
Year 8 Assessment Week
- 14 November (Week 5)
Men's Health Day
- 18 November (Week 6)
Junior Ultimate Frisbee State Championships
- 6 December (Week 8)
Rewards Assembly
- 16 December (Week 10)
Presentation Evening
- 18 December (Week 10)
Last Day of School

YEAR 8 ACHIEVEMENTS TERM 3, 2019

Student of the Term



Congratulations to Keval Patel of 8D!

- *Congratulations to **Bhuvan, Hriday, Pavithran, Ivanshu, Ali, Jeffery, Woonlee, Aadil, Justice, Himadri, Ali and Shariear** on their selection into the WESSSTA Geography Challenge. Best of luck to these students who will compete in teams against other schools from around Sydney to answer trivia-based Geography questions.*
- *Best wishes to all the Year 8 students competing in the Junior Ultimate State Championships in Week 6!*

YEAR 9 YEAR ADVISER Mr Andy Franjic



Welcome to Term 4 for what is certain to be another busy term with a variety of learning opportunities for our students. I trust that all students enjoyed their break and are ready to engage at their optimal level throughout the term.

STUDENT OF THE TERM



Congratulations to Akash Venkatraman who was the recipient of the 'Student of the Term' award for Term 3. Akash has been making positive contributions in each of his subjects and has contributed to a quality learning environment. Akash has also been an enthusiastic member of the school dance group led by Miss Cookson.

YEAR 9 ASSESSMENT WEEK

Week 3 is the assessment week for Year 9. It is important that students are implementing a regular routine of study at home to complement the learning activities at school.

Students should speak to their teachers about the best way to prepare for their final assessment tasks for the year. Many of our students are engaged in activities outside school including sporting and work commitments, therefore, it is essential that they balance these activities and allocate the time necessary to meet their learning needs at school.

PEER SUPPORT CAMP

The camp will take place from Wednesday, 6th November to Friday, 8th November at the Outdoor Education Centre at Gosford. The camp is designed to facilitate those students who are interested in being peer support leaders in 2020. The camp program will include activities that will build self-confidence, teamwork, resilience and leadership capabilities. I look forward to seeing our students make the most of this opportunity.

PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE

Blacktown Boys has once again successfully completed the 10 week commitment to the 'Premier's Sporting Challenge'. The challenge is a great opportunity for students to record their physical activity levels and seek further ways of engaging in physical activity to obtain the best possible result. Students will receive their certificates later in the term.

MEN'S HEALTH DAY 2019

Men's Health Day will take place on Thursday, 14th November. This event has quickly established itself on our school calendar and both staff and students look forward to this day each year. Students will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities on the day which are designed to highlight the importance of the health of young men.

YEAR 10 YEAR ADVISER Miss Pembe Hussein



Welcome back Year 10 and parents!

Congratulations to our Student of the Term, Nikhil Prasad, for his continued efforts and his demonstration of Blacktown Boys High School core values. Term 3 saw many achievements of Year 10 including the running of Science Week and the amazing demonstration of creativity and discipline at Cafe de Art.



While Term 4 may be our last term of the year, it is important that Year 10 use this period to maintain their positive attitude towards learning. In Week 2, Year 10 will have their Yearly Assessment Week. Students are encouraged to use this time to refine their study skills to ensure they are maximising their learning potential for Stage 6 in 2020. To aid in this process, Year 10 will be undertaking a Study Skills Camp in Week 4 and the Step Up Program in Weeks 5-8. The Study Skills Camp will focus on students

resilience during their trying times and establishing a manageable study routine with proven study methods. The Step Up Program will be an internal program in which students will be navigated through NESA websites and updated on Stage 6 requirements. Each student will receive a timetable of their scheduled Step Up activities, so please keep this secure.

Throughout Term 4, the Science Faculty will be running Science Tutoring sessions after school every Tuesday and Thursday. For those students that are participating in that program, please be on time and bring your positive attitude.

In Week 9, Year 10 will be away from school and participating in Work Experience. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Year 10 students should be in negotiations with our Careers Adviser, Mr Hodges, regarding work experience opportunities that interest them. This is the time to chase your passion and step into adulthood. We can not wait to hear about your adventures when you return.

As this is my final newsletter entry for this year, I would like to thank all of Year 10 and their amazing parents for their cooperation and commitment to making this a smooth and remarkable 2019. I am very proud of each and every one of my Year 10 students for finalising their Stage 5 journey and I am excited for the Stage 6 road ahead of us.

Please remember the last day of Term 4 is Wednesday Week 10, December 18.

I hope you have a very well deserved break and come back ready to conquer Stage 6 in 2020.

Kind Regards,
Miss Hussein

**YEAR 11
YEAR ADVISER
Mr Daniel Dibbs**



They say that change can be as good as a holiday...

...Year 11 have had the opportunity of both! This will be the last time that I refer to the Year 11 group of young men as 'Year 11'. After a gruelling yearly examination schedule to signify the ending of their Year 11 courses, students have had a 2 week break to then return as...Year 12! Gone is the regular school calendar year they experienced between Years 7 and 10. Students have transformed into Year 12 students seemingly in the blink of an eye, and before Term 4!

The thought of being referred to as 'Year 12 HSC students' often strikes fear in the hearts of students. A new title that comes heavy with further responsibility, leadership and study load!

Thankfully, our Year 12 young men have settled into the HSC routine with pride. Many have stepped up with study organisation and leadership decision making. Students are making decisions on key moments of their HSC life outside of academic courses: school senior jackets, formal locations, and fundraising ideas amongst many others. These young men should be proud of the way they are further 'stepping up' to the HSC plate, and should continue encouraging each

other as new leaders of the local school community as well as the Year 12 HSC class of 2020.

Congratulations to our new Year 12 HSC leadership team:

- Senwei Tan - Captain
- Alfred Sankoh-Lamin - Vice Captain
- Zubin Dahal - Prefect
- Maulik Metha - Prefect
- Jalib Ansari - Prefect
- Ishaan Sharma - Prefect

It is especially important to remember that as Year 12 students entering the summer months:

- Keep those home study schedules up. Good study habits are needed more than ever!
- You may very well have assessment tasks to complete over the Summer/Christmas break. Remember, you are in the position of a Year 12 student going from Term 1 to 2 over the Christmas break, not a student between year groups!
- Still remember to relax and recharge the batteries during the break when you can – study skills are useless if you feel burnt out!

Wishing everyone a safe, successful and wonderful Term 4 as well as Christmas/Summer Holiday Break.



**YEAR 12
YEAR ADVISERS
Mr David Martin & Ms
Chantell Fuller**



The time has finally come, and Year 12 are completing their last few exams. After graduating in Term 3, they are about to embark on the rest of their lives. For one last time, I wish them all the best of luck in their exams and in their futures. We are all excited to see their results, and a big thankyou to all staff and especially parents for making them the individuals they are today.

Extra Curricular Activities

BARISTA COLLEGE

23 students from Year 9 and Year 10 students, along with Ms Osman and Miss Hussein, enjoyed a lovely day in the city undertaking a Barista Course. The course was held at CBD College in Town Hall. The students learned about the various types of milk and non-milk based coffees and the correct techniques for making the perfect cup of coffee. They all excelled in the techniques of coffee art and created some great works of art.

All students were successful in obtaining their Nationally Accredited Master Barista MKI and MKII Certificate. These students now have the opportunity to carry out their work experience at a cafe as a barista and they are able to search for part time jobs as a barista.

If you have future interest in participating in the Barista Course, please see Miss Hussein or Mr Hodges and have your USI number ready.

Thank you,

Miss Pembe Hussein



Blacktown Zone Soccer Gala Day

On Friday 9th August boys from Years 8-11 competed at the Blacktown Zone Soccer Gala Day held at William Lawson Reserve, Prospect. The boys were keen to get the competition going as they headed in to the day as heavy favourites, labelled by fellow Blacktown Zone coaches.

The first game of the day saw BBHS take on Evans, in a tightly contested game. Evans managed to escape with all 3 points in a closely fought 1-0 win.

In the 2nd game BBHS were drawn up against Girraween High School. Both teams looked even out on the field and again luck did not go their

way for the boys as they went down 2-0. The boys were improving on each performance but unfortunately could not put the ball in the back of the net.

In the final game of the day BBHS took on Seven Hills High School. The boys' character and sportsmanship were on full display in this game as our boys managed a greatly convincing 9-0 win. A special mention in that game goes to Tevita Sultana who managed to score from goalkeeper after great link up play from his defenders and midfielders.

Throughout the day the boys demonstrated respect and safety in all games that they played and also showed great sportsmanship staying to the end of the day to congratulate the eventual winners Quakers Hill High School.



Students in the environment group has been continuing our cash-for-cans program at BBHS which involves students and staff depositing their uncrushed cans, bottles and juice containers in maroon tubs placed around the school. In Term 3 students rolled out more tubs into staffrooms around the school. These containers are traded for money (10 cents per container) which the Environment Group is using to purchase more maroon cash-for-cans recycling bins or green food waste bins to place around the school and upgrading of our worm farm on the school farm. You could donate your containers to school and help our school become more sustainable. Please make sure that they are clean, uncrushed, and no glass please. Thank you for your

donations to the BBHS Environment Group! We are currently raising about \$5.00 a week which is about 50 containers a week. I think we can do much better than this though as a school with over 650 students and staff... just sayin'.

Oh, and PS – it is orange season on the school farm. Here is another sneak peak photo from our 2020 school diary. There'll be no outbreaks of scurvy in TAS this year.

Mr Liu



SRC

Student Representative Council

Term 3 saw the farewell of the year 12 SRCs and the Student Leadership Team of 2019. Through the past year, these students participated in various activities. They represented BBHS during after school and weekend events, facilitated the elections of the SRCs for 2019 and attended SRC. On behalf of myself and the SRC team, we wish our School Captain Shaon, Vice Captain Eunny and Prefects Daniel, Austin, Minn and Nathaniel the best of luck with their HSC and future endeavours.

BBHS held the school captain elections in term 3 with 11 hopeful year 11 students. Each of those students had an interview with Mr Addy regarding the expectations and requirements for becoming a school leader and presented their campaign speech during assembly in front of the whole school. A whole school election was then held where each student and staff voted for who would best represent BBHS for 2020.

Congratulations to the following students for being elected to form BBHS's Student Leadership Team for 2020



School Captain: Senwei Tan
Vice Captain: Alfred Sankoh-Lamin
Prefects: Jalib Ansari, Zubin Dahal, Maulik Metha and Ishaan Sharman.

We look forward to an exciting and wonderful year of leadership.



I would also like to congratulate all the winners of the SRC table tennis competition and acknowledge Aryan Surani from year 7 who wrote the proposal and organised the competition draw and roster. SRC competitions are proposed and run by students during recess and lunch and I look forward to the upcoming chess and cricket competitions planned for Term 4. SRC will be starting Term 4 by attending the two day "What's Up West"

conference hosted by Youth Action. We will also be starting the SRC 2020 nomination process where homerooms will be electing their new SRCs for 2020. For students who are interested in becoming part of SRC in 2020,

please look out for the nominations which will held during the second half of Term 4.

Kind Regards,
 Cindy Tang





**BBHS
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PAGE**

The school facebook page has been established to keep students, parents and staff regularly

updated with what is happening in our school community. The page currently has '158' likes and '192'

followers of the page. I would like to thank everybody that has engaged with our facebook page. We look forward to keeping you informed with relevant posts for the remainder of the year.

Mr Franjic

In Term 3, students will take on a big project redesigning BBHS to make it more sustainable in a project called 'Blacktown High'. In Term 4 students will be coding using Microbits design a range of projects using Digital Technologies. Good luck to all students in STEM@BBHS and thank you for a great year!

Mr Liu



Community Notices

An advertisement for Evolution Orthodontics. It features three cartoon monkey faces with different expressions: the first is neutral, the second is smiling, and the third is laughing. Below the faces is the website address 'www.evolutionorthodontics.com.au', the company name 'evolution orthodontics' in large white letters, and contact information: 'Telephone: Blacktown 02 9676 3400 Dubbo 02 6885 2110' and 'info@evolutionorthodontics.com.au'.

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Busways' western Sydney buses are going cashless from October 28

From Monday, October 28, Busways' western Sydney buses will no longer accept cash payments.

Busways is promoting this change far and wide across our bus network, so passengers are well prepared.

We're installing bus stop signs, in-bus advertisements and handing out flyers to public transport users at key interchanges and bus stops.

It's possible that students, parents and friends of the school may be impacted by the change, so we would like to ask for your support in communicating the upcoming change through your channels.

We can supply flyers and posters for your reception or school noticeboard. Alternatively, a post on your social media or a note in the

school newsletter could help share these key messages:

Cash payments will not be accepted on Busways buses in western Sydney from 28 October 2019.

Students can use their School Opal card to get to and from their destination during the week. On the weekend, they will need to use their Child/Youth Opal card to pay for their journey.

Parents of the students and friends of the school can pay using their Opal card, credit card, debit card or linked device. Travel benefits apply to all when using the same card consistently.

Opal cards are available online and over the counter from

retailers including most newsagents, post offices, convenience stores and supermarkets.

Remember to separate your cards so your preferred card is charged when tapping on and tapping off.

As a local community stakeholder, we would appreciate your help communicating this change. For more information on cashless payments, please direct customers to the [Busways website](http://www.busways.com.au).

Kind regards,
Busways group





School Travel - Term 4 2019

Stay up to date with Opal and ticketing changes for school travel

2020 school travel applications now open

To assist with any enquiries you may receive regarding student travel applications, we have provided some information below.

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if* they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have *not* been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated

and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School travel application endorsements

It is not uncommon for applicants completing the online form to make mistakes, particularly entering their name or date of birth instead of the students. This may be due to an auto-fill function on a device or just human error. We ask that school administrators pay special attention to the information supplied by applicants which come through in the school portal. If the information supplied does not match your records or the student is not yet enrolled, please do not endorse the application. By selecting 'no' the application will be referred back to the applicant to correct and resubmit.

In the event that school administrators endorse in error, it would be appreciated if you could advise our SSTS team as soon as possible so the application can be intercepted before an Opal card or

travel pass is issued.

To contact us about an endorsement error, please go to: <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback> and select feedback about: 'school student transport scheme' and then select 'application updates'.

If school administrators require access to the school portal to endorse student applications, please request an account at <https://appln.transport.nsw.gov.au/portal/requests/account/school>

If you have staff that have left the school recently and had access to the school portal, please let us know at <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback> and select 'school/operator portal' and then 'remove existing user access' so their access can be removed.

Sydney Light Rail update

The new Sydney Light Rail is due to open in December 2019. This means that students will be able to travel by light rail between Circular Quay and Randwick Junction (the Kingsford branch is due to open in March 2020).

From Monday, 14 October 2019, applicants will be able to select light rail as a mode for new applications. Eligible students will be able to travel for free to and from school or college on the new Sydney Light Rail from the beginning of the 2020 school year.

For students currently travelling on a School Opal card under the SSTS, there is no change. Students will still be able to tap on and off to travel on any mode of transport to get to or from school or college.

The Sydney Light Rail team will be in contact with schools in the area to provide further information.



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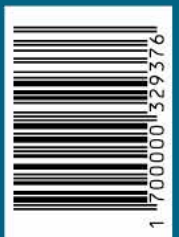
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SCHOOL UNIFORMS ONLINE

I am pleased to let you know that the school uniforms can now be ordered online at **Lowes**. This is an exciting addition to the service that Lowes currently provides to Blacktown Boys High School.

<http://www.lowes.com.au/CampusCategories.aspx?depid=354>

Lowes offers free delivery for orders over \$100. There is a \$10 delivery fee for orders less than \$100 or they can be picked up from the store at no extra cost. See the advertisement in this newsletter for further details.



Blacktown Boys High School

Cnr Sunnyholt Rd & Fifth Ave, Blacktown

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Junior Boys All Seasons Uniform

SHIRT:	GREY S/S DELUXE WITH EMB.	From	\$30.99
SHORTS:	GREY COLLEGE BAGGIES		\$43.99
TROUSERS:	PQS MID GREY		\$55.99
TROUSERS:	GREY COLLEGE LONG BAGGIES		\$55.99
SLOPPY JOE:	MAROON WITH EMB.	From	\$30.99
JACKET:	MAROON MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.	From	\$50.99
SOCK:	MAROON WITH 2 WHITE STRIPES		\$8.99
SHOES:	BLACK		
CAP:	BLACK BASEBALL WITH EMB.		\$18.99

Senior Boys All Seasons Uniform

SHIRT:	WHITE S/S DELUXE WITH EMB.	From	\$30.99
SHORTS:	BLACK COLLEGE DELUXE		\$43.99
TROUSERS:	BLACK COLLEGE DELUXE		\$53.99
SLOPPY JOE:	MAROON WITH EMB.	From	\$30.99
JACKET:	MAROON MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.	From	\$50.99
TIE:	MAROON WOVEN TIE		\$26.99
SOCK:	MAROON WITH 2 WHITE STRIPES		\$8.99
SHOES:	BLACK		
CAP:	BLACK BASEBALL WITH EMB.		\$18.99

Boys Sports Uniform

POLO:	MAROON POLO/BLACK COLLAR WITH EMB.	From	\$33.99
SHORTS:	BLACK L/LEG MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.	From	\$31.99
TRACKPANTS:	BLACK MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.	From	\$32.99
SOCK:	MAROON WITH 2 WHITE STRIPES		\$8.99

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For more information please contact Ezy-Way on 1300 156 937 or zero@lowes.com.au



BLACKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

CHANGE/UPDATE OF STUDENT DETAILS

Student Name: _____ Year Group: _____

New Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Please attach or provide documentation
e.g. electricity bill, rate notice, phone bill, etc.

New Home Number: _____ New Work Number: _____

Mum's New Mobile Number: _____ New Email Address: _____

Dad's New Mobile Number: _____ New Email Address: _____

Change of Student Family Name: _____

Change of Student Parent/Guardian Details

Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Attached documentation e.g. Deed Poll, Custody Agreement, Statutory Declaration.

Change of Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Information – Additional form to be completed "Administration of Prescribed Medication" available from the Office.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only

ERN: _____

Staff Initials: _____

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please excuse of roll class
(Name) (Year and Roll Call)

For being absent on because
(Date absent) (Reason)

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