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PRINCIPALMr Shaun Addy

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

School Building and Grounds improvements

We continue to do everything we can at Blacktown Boys to provide a

comfortable and attractive learning environment for our students. To date, all upstairs classrooms and over 50% of downstairs classrooms have been air-conditioned and all rooms are on track for completion within the next six months.

We have also invested significant sums of money on future focussed learning environments, with the HSIE faculty taking on the challenge of reconfiguring classrooms to better address 21st learning. This has seen new furniture and technology introduced to help further engage students in learning activities.

You may notice that a number of large trees have either been lopped or removed over the recent school break. This is a sad necessity, as many were assessed as being a hazard to student safety. We will, however, be planting alternative trees and gardens during Terms 3 and 4, that better suit our climate and use of space.

Term 3 2018

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The drought

Speaking of climate, it has become clear that the state and indeed most of the country is experiencing one of the worst droughts in living memory. At Blacktown we believe that all "city slickers" have a role to play in assisting those on the land who produce the food that we eat. As such we will be engaged in a variety of activities aimed at raising awareness and much needed funds to help farmers and their children who are doing it tough. Please encourage your sons to play their part in helping with these initiatives.

Into The Woods

Later in the newsletter, there will be a more detailed report on our Year 8 drama evening organised by Ms Fuller and a band of extremely hard working assistants. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and delighted in the performances staged by each class. Not only was the evening fun, but it gave our boys the opportunity to further develop three of the traits most valued in the workplace, co-operation; public speaking and confidence. Congratulations and well done to all!

Year 12

This is the last teaching Term for

Year 12. Having just completed their trial exams, the boys are now "in the home straight" with six more weeks of preparation and fine-tuning before the HSC proper. It can be a stressful time for boys and their families, but maintaining a sensible balance between study, sleep, diet and relaxation is the best way to approach it. The NESA web site has a number of tips for parents on how to support their children at this time, and I strongly recommend it.

Continuers' Scholarships

A reminder to Year 10 students, that during Term 3, we will commence the task of shortlisting students for our scholarships for the senior school in 2019.

These scholarships are valued at \$1000 each, and are offered each year to three selected Year 10 students to support them in their senior studies at Blacktown Boys High.

Categories include:

- Highest overall academic achiever
- Most improved performance Year 9 - Year 10
 - Principal's nomination award

These scholarships are in addition to our existing \$1000 dux award, won last year with an ATAR of 98.95

Please enjoy the rest of the newsletter and feel free to contact me with any suggestions / comments

Regards

Shaun Addy





DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Mrs Trish Matthews

Communicating with our families is important to us and there are many opportunities to do this. It has been great to see a larger number of parents accessing our Parent Portal (especially for online Parent Teacher Evening bookings) but it will never replace direct contact, which is welcomed to answer any questions and give feedback.

This term's Junior Parent Teacher Evening saw many families taking the opportunity to meet with our dedicated staff, who always look forward to meeting with our parent community. The Senior (Year 10, 11 and 12) Parent Teacher Evening was however, less well attended. A couple of parents who did attend said that their sons tried to discourage them from coming because they 'are Seniors now' and 'parents don't need to go!' We certainly hope that this is not a trend, because the meetings are a valuable opportunity to affirm successes, and also to discuss: 'Where to now?' and 'How can I help my son?' In particular our Careers Advisor is also in attendance and is helping your son to develop a post HSC

pathway.

Please remember, that if you do change your contact details, such as your mobile phone number, or email address, your son should provide the front office with the new number or you could use the facility on the Parent Portal, or call the school directly. It is most important that we have current contact details in case of emergency, and for SMS notification of absences, as well as the Parent Portal

Students in Years 8 and 10, have already had the opportunity to select subjects for the following 2019, and we had a strong attendance at our Junior and Senior Subject Selection Evenings to support this.

This term parents/carers of Year 7 and Year 9 students will receive a report on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests held earlier this year. Teachers use this external data to inform their programming and differentiation of the curriculum for your son, to meet his needs.

However, it is not the only form of data, as internal data, which is gathered during pre-testing, and formative assessment as well as summative tasks, is also used, to give a rounded picture of your son's level of achievement. Specifically, NAPLAN results assist teachers to better assess your sons' performance and take action to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

Later this term students in Years 7 and 9 will also have the opportunity to practise the format of online testing, which you would have heard about in the news, in a trial online environment. Students who participated in the trial in 2017 found it engaging and enjoyed this new format.

Parents will also have an opportunity, later this term, to be

involved in the Tell Them From Me survey, which will be emailed to you. More information about this will be sent shortly. This is an important way to give your valued opinion. Please also visit our website regularly, and use the Parent Portal to keep informed. Finally we welcome any suggestions to improve our communication with you, so please email the school or phone me if you have any suggestions or comments.



HEAD TEACHER
ADMINISTRATION

Mr Christopher Pace

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all our parents who have supported our boys to be at school each and every day. We must continue working together to keep high standards and expectations and help our boys attend school every day, from the first day of term to the last, unless of course, they are sick.

To get the most out of education, students need to go to school every day. School attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school, are more likely to feel positive about their learning and as a result are more likely to complete their schooling.

It is important that from the first day of term, as we do here at school, parents also set an expectation that their children will be at school every day.

Missing an average of ten days of school a term adds up to missing two full years of schooling by the end of Year 10.

Please be aware that all Australian states and territories have legislation in place that requires parents to ensure their children attend school. These laws apply to all students in government and non-government schools.

TIPS - THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- Talk positively about attending school and learning
- Help your child get into a routine for getting ready to go to school stress-free
- Help your child to get ready for school in the morning
- Talk about the positive social aspects of the school environment:
 - Friends
 - Favourite classes
 - Favourite teachers
- Talk with your son about their long term goals and dreams and how school can help them achieve their dreams.

BEING PUNCTUAL SHOWS THAT YOU...





SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

Mrs Jane Sampson

Blacktown Boys High School administration team is happy to be of assistance to all students, staff, parents and visitors to the school.

We will be sending Statement of Accounts, newsletters and other vital school information via email in future so please be sure to update your email address with the front office. When receiving Statement of Accounts emails there will be a link that makes it easier for you to navigate to payment of fees.

Payment of Subject Fees and Contributions may be made in full or in regular small instalments at the front office using *eftpos or cash*. Alternatively payments may be made on line using the parent portal "\$" on our website, or through the link on the email. When paying online please allow 2 days for processing. If there is limited places on camps or excursions it is recommended that payment be made by cash or credit card over the phone to save your son from disappointment. Many excursions,

competitions and events have an end date for payment. This is strictly adhered to by the front office so please be mindful of that when paying for any extracurricular events.

Please note that our office opening hours are from 7.45am to 3.00pm. Students are welcome to attend the front office window via the student foyer before school, at recess and lunch breaks. No student is to attend the front office during class time without a note from their teacher.

Remember that the school's webpage is full of information about the school's upcoming activities, newsletter and helpful information.

J Sampson

School Administrative Manager



RELIEVING HEAD TEACHER ENGLISH

Mr David Martin

The second half of the year brings with it many challenges and ongoing high expectations for students in English. There are, of course, the HSC exams to focus on for Year 12, and for Year 11 they also complete their final Module before beginning the New English HSC as part of the

first cohort in the state to engage in the new syllabus. All other grades will continue to study a range of topics and concepts, ranging from Shakespeare and Drama to our Integrated Curriculum unit taught with the Science Faculty focusing on Science-Fiction and biological systems. Throughout the rest of the year, students should continue working hard, but should also consider entering one of the many writing competitions that are available, with further information available on these on the noticeboard outside the English staffroom

I would also like to welcome Mr Scobie, who will be joining the English Faculty from the beginning of Term 3. He comes to Blacktown Boys HS after teaching English in Germany for 6 years, and he is looking forward to teaching and working in his native language once more. He has a strong interest in reading, and he is excited to be with us.

Mr Martin (Relieving HT English)



ICAS Competitions

Students have participated in a range of ICAS examinations that have tested and developed their literacy skills. ICAS Spelling was available to students in Year 7 and examined their skills in listening and spelling. The ICAS Writing was available to the whole school and enabled the students to demonstrate their skills in writing a narrative based on a stimulus as well as in proof-reading and editing their own work. The ICAS English examination was the most popular amongst our students and tested their ability to read a

broad range of texts and demonstrate their understanding of these texts through comprehension questions. Well done to all of the boys who participated in ICAS this year and we eagerly await their results.

Mr Gray (ICAS Co-ordinator)

Debating

The Blacktown Boys Debating Teams have had an extremely successful season so far! The Year 9 and 10 team (pictured, left to right: Rayaan Tanvir, Omer Malik, Benny Muyambo, Samuel Aung and Seena Malak) won against Blacktown Girls, Erskine Park and Doonside Technology High School to make it to the Regional knockout rounds. The Year 7 and 8 team (pictured, left to right: Benjamin Kim, Swapnil Dey, Akash Venkatraman, Kunwardeep Singh, and Achyuth Kadambi) won against Blacktown Girls and Greystanes High School. Their upcoming debate is against Girraween High School. All students and their parents/ guardians should be extremely proud of our two teams. Congratulations boys!

Miss Johnson (Debating Coordinator)

Drama Night

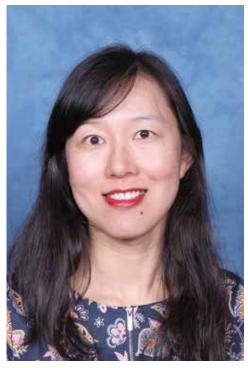
A huge thank you to every Year 8 student who was involved in our Drama Night on Wednesday the



15th of August. Thank you to all who attended. Drama is all about allowing students the opportunity to express themselves, to build on their public speaking and to be confident young men.







HEAD TEACHER MATHS

Ms Xiao Chirgwin

The Mathematics Faculty is always busy in Term 3. Our Year 12 students have completed their Trial HSC examinations and they are finalising their HSC courses.

Many of the annual Mathematics competitions happened this term:

- 2018 Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) was held on Thursday 09/08/2018. There were 95 students who participated this year. This was an increase of 26 students from the previous year.
- 2018 ICAS Mathematics Competition will be held on Tuesday 14/08/2018. There were 150 students who participated. This saw an increase of 48 students from the previous year.
- The final three rounds of the 2018 APSMO Mathematics Olympiad also take place this term. Round 1 and 2 occurred on the 25 July and 15 August successively with round 3 scheduled for 12 September.

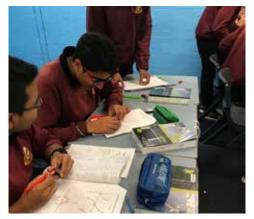




We are very pleased that our students eagerly embrace these enriching competitions which provide them with the opportunity to sharpen their critical and creative thinking skills.

Mathematics Peer Tutoring Program

The Mathematics faculty is proud to announce that we have initiated a Mathematics Peer Tutoring Program which started half way through Term 2. Our Year 11 Mathematics students has volunteered to help Year 7 and Year 8 students during recess and lunch time. The feedback from our students has been really positive from both the tutors and tutees. If you think your son would benefit from joining this program, please ask them to see Mrs Chirgwin to organise them a Mathematics Peer Tutor.



Trigonometry Unit of Work

Year 10 students have completed their Trigonometry Unit of Work in Mathematics 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3. They investigated different concepts in Trigonometry. Students also built their own clinometer and applied concepts they've learnt from the Trigonometry topic to measure the height of a range of objects.





RELIEVING HEAD TEACHER SCIENCE

Ms Pembe Hussein

Hi there!

Science had a very exciting Term 2 with so many activities happening, leading into a fun-filled Term 3 that celebrated the all-important SCIENCE WEEK!

In Term 2, Miss Winata and Miss Sun took 25 Year 10 students out to the Sydney Observatory, where they explored the wonders of the Universe with the Planetarium. Above the students are pictured on Observatory Hill.

On the 2nd of July, Miss Tang and the Year 12 Biology students attended the Kickstart Biology Workshop at Sydney University. The students explored the various senses used in communication by looking at



instruments for sound and sight, and underwent dissections of the eye and brain. The workshop also provided students with an insight on what it is like to attend lessons at university.

Congratulations to all the Year 12 students who sat their HSC Trials, and also to the students who sat the ICAS Science Competition. We had a record number of students sit the ICAS Science Competition this year. You all did your School and yourselves proud.

Pictured to the right are the students sitting the ICAS Science Competition in the Hall, and the students who received a Distinction level of achievement in the Competition.



It was fantastic meeting so many parents at the Senior and Junior Parent Teacher Evening. We had meaningful conversations, and we look forward to seeing you all again at the Portfolio BBQ Pick Up at the end of Term 3.

Year 10 and Year 8 will both be undertaking a NSW Education VALID Program. VALID is the Validation of Assessment for Learning of Individual Development Program, where the students sit an online end-of-stage assessment for Science. The online examination will be conducted during school, and it will allow the school to monitor student achievement and it will provide teachers with additional information to help plan and program lessons. Students will receive more information with a take home letter that will be handed out in Homerooms

Week 4 of Term 3 celebrated

National Science Week, and it was a major hit! Science Teacher planned recess and lunch activities that

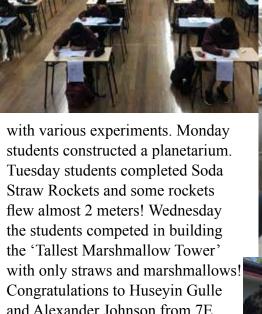
allowed students to explore each branch of Science, and engage



great Term 3! We look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Yours sincerely,

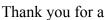
Miss Pembe Hussein Relieving Science Head Teacher



with only straws and marshmallows!
Congratulations to Huseyin Gulle
and Alexander Johnson from 7E
on constructing the tallest tower.
Thursday we had both a telescope
demonstration and a Trivia quiz
where students played in their Sport
Houses. Congratulations Macquarie
on winning the Trivia! Friday
finished strong with a Science

Exhibition in the Library and an Elephants Toothpaste Experiment in the Quad. Thank you to all the

students who got involved in the events, and thank you to the Science teachers for organising the awesome activities. We look forward to making each year bigger and better!







HEAD TEACHER HSIE

Mrs Gina Jackson

ASX Sharemarket Game

During Term 2 Commerce students in both Year 9 and 10 were signed up to play the ASX share Market Game. The game provided students with an opportunity to learn about the sharemarket and how it works. Students received \$50,000 virtual cash and were able to buy and sell shares in 220 nominated companies listed on ASX using live prices and were charged brokerage on each trade, simulating real sharemarket conditions.

By participating in this learning experience students gained:

- Knowledge of the sharemarket;
- Experienced how to buy and sell shares;
- An understanding of the volatility of the sharemarket .



Year 10 Geography Excursion

Year 10 have been studying the topic Environmental Management and Change in Geography this year, focussing on wetlands. As part of this topic, students were given the opportunity to conduct fieldwork at Bicentennial Park Wetlands.

Students immersed themselves in the day, looking at the history of the wetland and conducting fieldwork using various techniques. In looking at the history of Bicentennial Park Wetland, students used GIS technology to discover how the wetland had changed over time. Students sketched

transects of the wetland in its current state, conducted abiotic testing

and observed management strategies in place to sustain the wetland. Many of the students who attended the excursion found it particularly helpful when undertaking their geographical inquiry later in the term.



Year7 History

Year 7 History students completed their unit of work on Ancient Egypt with a mummy wrap competition. Students were divided into teams of three, two of them were the wrappers and one of them was the mummy. Students used their problem solving skills to determine the fastest method to wrap their mummy. On "go" each team started to wrap their mummy starting from the ankles, they quickly realized that the job was much harder than they first imagined. Being both fast and neat was indeed a challenge!



Mock Trial Round 4

On the 12th of June our school travelled to Marsden High School to compete in Round Four of the Mock Trial competition. Playing the role of the defence, our school was able to take the win in a tightly contested civil case: 183 points to 182 points. I would like to congratulate the Mock Trial team for the amount of time they spent in preparation and the level of professionalism they displayed during the case. All the students involved have developed their analytical skills which will assist them as they move into their HSC year.

Commerce Mock Election

In week 3, Year 10 Commerce students participated in a class mock election as part of their assessment task.

The activity provided them with an opportunity to learn about the Australian voting process.

The students were given two weeks to research on their party name and slogan, policies, party platform, and a political campaign poster. The process then culminated with all parties then presenting their campaign speeches to the class. On the Election Day all votes were tallied by our class electoral officers.

The students were keen to express their opinions on the person they would select as the Prime Minister and took their voting responsibility seriously.

David Pese from 10 Com 02 and Omar Malik from 10 Com 01 were the winners of their respective class election.

Bassil Magableh of 10 Comm getting his name checked by the poll worker, Maulik Mehta.







The members of the United Peoples Party giving their election speech.

Bilal Muhammad of LEAD Party giving his election speech

Western Sydney Model United Nations Assembly (WS MUNA)

In week 8 of term 2, the HSIE Faculty sent 3 of our Year 11 students to Nepean High School to represent BBHS at the Model United Nations Assembly. The event provided an excellent forum for students to develop and practice their public speaking skills whilst debating on topical world issues. Students from Blacktown Boys High School represented the country of Palestine and in preparation had to research key information, develop potential solutions to current problems facing the country and

adopted Palestine's national dress for the event. We would like to thank Blacktown City Rotary Club for sponsoring our students to attend this fun and beneficial weekend and congratulate our students



Zachary Flores, Arjun Sateesh-Babu and William Luu of year 11. The HSIE faculty would also like to thank Aws Nasser of year 10 and his family for loaning our representatives the national dress for the event.



2018 NAIDOC Celebrations

To celebrate NAIDOC week in 2018 BBHS students and staff participated in a week-long range of activities in Week 10, Term 2. Throughout the week students had to the opportunity to watch a film about Aboriginal history and culture, participate in traditional crafts, learn to play traditional sporting games, enter a poster and writing competition and test their knowledge of Australian Aboriginal history in a round of trivia.

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements in our NAIDOC competitions:

- Poster Competition Winner
 Dhruv Mali, Year 8
- Poster Competition Highly Commended

Malakai Gagliardi, Year 7

- Indigenous History Trivia Winner
 Dhruva Yellampalli Kidambi,
 Year 7
- Indigenous History Trivia Highly Commended

George Vinayak, Year 8



- Indigenous History Trivia Highly Commended

Neiavat Brad, Year 8

Also part of our celebrations this year at BBHS, we are thankful for the support of the community with the schools new initiative to re-name our school buildings, in recognition of Aboriginal Australians who have made positive contributions to Australia as a nation. Students played a key role in this process, as have you. We thank you for your support and look forward to unveiling the new names for our school buildings later this year.



CAREERS ADVISOR

Mr Trevor Hodges

On Thursday 26th June 2016, 60 senior students from Blacktown Boys' High attended the Careers Expo at Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park. The focal point of this excursion was to allow students to access information on tertiary institutions, business, employment and training services. In addition to the 140 providers, students had the opportunity to attend professional seminars on a variety of topics, in 4 separate seminar rooms. Feedback from students was very positive.

Yours sincerely,

Trevor Hodges

Careers Adviser





TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

Mr Patrick Everingham

Premier's Reading Challenge 2018 – Closing Soon

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will end on Friday August the 31st 2018 at midnight.

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 expose them to a wide range of ideas and situations which will be of positive help in their developing intellectual and emotional maturity.

At the time of writing this newsletter we have approximately 50 students who have completed the challenge. This continues the recent history of high attainment at Blacktown Boys High in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Students who achieve this will be awarded a *Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate* and may be eligible for a Gold or Platinum certificate if they have finished the challenge multiple times. They will also have their name appear on the PRC Honour Roll on the NSW Premier's Reading



Challenge website.

The PRC Certificates will be given to the students during a BBHS School Assembly sometime in Term 4 when they arrive from the Premier's Department.

See the librarian Mr Everingham if you have any questions about the Premier's Reading Challenge 2018.

BBHS Year 7 Library Chess Competition

The Year 7 Chess Competition 2018 has been completed.

The competition had 40 students this year who were divided into 5 groups of eight. The winners of each group proceeded into a final round robin group to play each other and decide the overall winner of the Chess competition.

The students who participated in the chess competition were: Kunwardeep Singh, Benjamin Kim, Victor Qin, Maximus Pondal, Vishal Puvanarajah, Hriday Patel, Jaiapar Singh. Prabesh Ojha, Shaheer Alvi, Rahul Mudaliar, James Jobson, Dhruva Yellampalli Kidambi, Dinura Jayakuru, Diyon Fonseka, Samirali Ami, Anoop Mann, Kalp Panchal, Shiva Bhatt, Ariq Ahmed, Maanauv Sridhar, Arian Amiri, Rishit Chand. Aadil Patel, Yug Patel,

Ivanshu Patel, Jay Pathak, Darren Christopher, Saarugan Nadagobalan, Janam Bhavsar, Achyuth Kadambi, Colin Miller, Joshua Faith, Khaled Ajaj, Himdri Chakraborty, Keval Patel, Jaydin Matoto, Mitchell Zanker, Monish Bhudathoki and Khush Patel

The Final Round Robin Group were: Kunwadeep Singh, Benjamin Kim, Dhruva Yellampalli Kidambi, Achyuth Kadambi and Joshua Faith.

The overall winner was Joshua Faith

All the students will receive a Certificate on a School Assembly. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Year 7 Chess Competition 2018.

HSC Resources and Upper Reading Area

With HSC exam time approaching fast it is worthwhile to know that the library has a display of HSC Study Guides next to the Upper Reading Area of the Library.

These HSC Study Guides are considered Reference Books which restrict students from taking them out of the library.

This ensures there is always a copy in the library for student use.





HEAD TEACHER CAPA

Mrs Katrina Burne

Café d' Art was held on 22nd August 2018 and an assembly on 23rd August – it is a faculty event.

It is a celebration of creativity.

It is a platform for assessment for all students in Visual Arts, Visual Design and Music.

HSC Visual Arts and Music are showcased at this event.

It is a platform for public speaking and leadership and students are identified for these roles from year 7.

It is a platform for production, collaboration and inclusion within the faculty, and includes sound, lighting, programming, directing, performance, production, exhibition and curatorial practice, presentation and hospitality as well as business acumen.

It is fun!

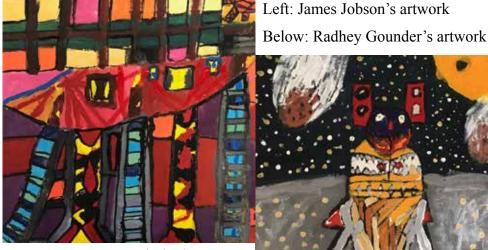
Featured Artists:

Year 7 James Jobson

Year 8 Radhey Gounder

Year 9 Design Shoes

Year 10 Dennis Huang Sword



Year 11 Angad Singh Drawing

Year 12 Rakul Jeyakumar

This year's presenters for Café d' Art are Kunwardeep Singh and Victor Qin of 7H. They have stepped up to the plate to co present an hour and a half show. The CAPA faculty appreciates their effort and confidence.

Lighting and production is by Ahmet Numan, Cameron Kielar, and Lachlan Klingberg.

Formal Assembly Assistance is by Foueti Aho, Isaiah Bloomfield, Malakai Manuha'apai, Musa Musa, and Malik Youssef.

Exhibition assistance is by Mitchell Davis, Jora Singh, Cameron Kielar and Ahmet Numan.

Graphics and Design work developed by Ms Zaw

Music Performance Co-ordination



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was by Mr Shiel

Exhibition was hung by Mr Conley

Program, Production and Catering by Ms Hunter, Mrs Burne and Ms Zaw

All work and performances by CAPA students including movement/ performance as art by Rugi Bansode- 'Origins of Life ' year 9 program.

ABCN – GET YOUR PITCH with Visual Design

Is a vital link to the Sydney Business Community and Yr 9 Visual Design is playing their pitch to be included in 2018

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY – 'The Sweetest MEMORY' Book Cover Design Competition

Wow! This competition coincided with the Year 8 'Alfresco' painting unit, so some of our students chose to submit their works for this competition under the direction of Ms Dayal.

Works featured included works by Nabeel Suliman and Ernest Kizito of year 8, as shown over the page.

Left: Rakul Jeyakumar's artwork

HSC HINTS

- Practical based subjects need planning, and if completing work in digital or time based forms consider the time necessary for rendering to meet all deadlines. This is very important.
- Consider your mix of subjects and the total package requirement, and the deadline dates for all submissions, in order to deliver in all subjects as required.
- Aim to in build plenty of critiquing time from your teachers, especially in the final stages, as the refinement of creative work benefits greatly from this process.
- Record all your observations, experiments, changes, images and comments in your Visual Arts process diary as you progress through the year, as this becomes your mandatory support document for learning in this course. It can be called upon to support your practical submission by the HSC examiners.
- Allow for accurate labelling of all artwork using only the specified forms. Candidate numbers must be accurate on all submissions. Work must be certified and then packaged according to HSC requirements. Works are then couriered to the HSC Marking Centre at the Sydney Showground at Olympic Park.
- Your work is one of over approximately 17,000 items to be marked it is a huge operation.
- This is an exciting time for all students to see their work submitted in its completed form.

Yes we have more to come and looking forward to it as we approach the Yearly Examination Project time in CAPA for years 7-10, which will be held weeks 6,7, 8, 9 and 10, of Term 3. This is one of the moments that we identify and track the approaches to learning of



our students, and we are looking forward to marking their work in these projects that are developed as examinations.

All examinations in Music will be in Term 4 in both listening and performance domains for years 7-10.

THANK- YOU to all staff and students in CAPA for navigating and completing a big term in our courses.

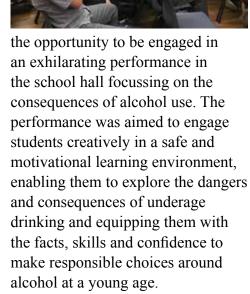


RELIEVING HEAD TEACHER PDHPE

Mr Andy Franjic

Alcohol Awareness Theatre Performance

On Monday 13th August, Year 9 as part of their PDHPE studies had



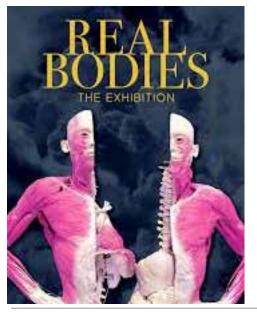


Feedback from the students after the performance outlined the importance of having the right attitude towards substance use and being informed in regards to the consequences of binge drinking in young adolescents.

The Real Bodies Exhibition

On Friday the 10th of August, Year 11 PDHPE students had the opportunity to attend The Real Bodies Exhibition in Moore Park. The Exhibition presented a stunning display of 20 perfectly preserved human bodies and over 200 anatomical specimens. These plastinates allowed students to examine the human experience from the first breath to the last, in a dramatic moving display.

It was so exciting to see an exhibition of human plastinates and better yet, they were available to the students to learn from. These plastinates provided a unique view into the human body that is normally reserved to the medical field. Students were able to explore and interact with these displays to better understand what we are made of, where we come from and why we are here. It further allowed students to analyse what functions of the human body interrelate in order for us to be able move and survive, directly correlating with course content. The Exhibition also



presented the historical, cultural, and emotional context of the human body—inspiring a sense of wonder and awe at the ways in which all humans experience their time on this earth.

The students reiterated just how amazing the day was, being that it was a unique insight that can not be gained via the technological world that we live in today.



HEAD TEACHER TAS

Mr Nikolai Liu

Term 3 has been a fantastic term with so much excellent work happening in TAS. Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to...

HT Awards

Congratulations to the following students for excellence in TAS during Term 3:

Year 9

Sasha Bloomfield IT-Timber

Mikhail Zenkov IT-Robotics

Simranjeet Singh Information and Software Technology



Year 10 Malik Pane Food Technology Year 11

Ajay Arudselvam Engineering Studies



And congratulations to the following students for excellence in TAS during Term 2:

Year 7

Akilesh Sivanthas Technology

Year 9

Rishabh Patel Information and Software Technology

Manjit Singh IT-Timber

Year 10

Senwei Tan Food Technology

Tahir Khawaja

IT-Electronics

Year 11

Kayaan Udachia

IT-Multimedia

Keep working hard in TAS everybody and you might be selected for Term 4! Each student is awarded a bonus 25 Vivo points and



an Achievement Award on assembly. Well done!



ICAS Digital Technologies

Congratulations to all of our students who sat the 2018 ICAS Digital Technologies Examination in Term 2 in the hall. It was our biggest group ever sitting the examination in the hall and out of all of the students I would like to congratulate the following two students who received Distinctions in the examination:

Mikhail Zenkov

Year 9

Samirali Ami

Year 7

Both students were awarded a bonus 25 Vivo points and received their certificates on assembly.

Year 12 IT-Multimedia Major Projects

I would like to congratulate
Mr Hartley and 12ITM01 for
completing and submitting their
Major Projects in Week 4 of
Term 3. This is our first ever ITMultimedia class at BBHS and the
level of hard work and effort has
been outstanding. Good luck with
the HSC marking and your final
examination Gentlemen.

Farewell to Year 12 2018

I would like to farewell the Year 12 class of 2018 and wish them all the very best of their final HSC examinations and the future beyond school. I would like to wish a special good luck to our Food Technology, Engineering Studies and IT-Multimedia students in their HSC examinations and hope that their hard working studying and preparing for the examinations pays off with some excellent results – go get 'em!

Mr Liu - HT TAS



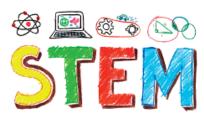
BBHS Robotics Team: FRC Duel Down Under 2018

On Friday 27th of July to Sunday 29th of July, BBHS' FRC Robotics team competed in the Duel Down Under robotics competition held at Macquarie University and experienced firsthand engineering, computer programming, and problem solving accompanied by Technology teacher Mr. Hartley. Students who participated in activities, such as Jora Singh, Ahmet Numan, Cooper Pron, Gurnoor Brar, Neeladri Chakraborty, Bharath Gudupally, Jawad Hussain, Manavdeep Singh, Daniel Tan, and Michael Zenkov gave up their weekends to experience this important event in STEM and engineering. The team were under pressure to build a robot that could lift a milk crate to a goal, and through their teamwork and problem-solving skills they achieved a qualification ranking of 7th. The three days also included communicating with representatives in robotics such as the BBHS mentors from Macquarie University Mel Blake and Joey Diamond, and leaders in the field of robotics from all around the world.

Mr Hartley – BBHS Robotics Team Coordinator

STEM

Our STEM classes have been busily redesigning Blacktown Boys High School in an exciting and challenging STEM project that asks students to come up with a sustainable off-grid high school that produces no net emissions. Could



you do it? Students will them be learning how to use Arduino-based micro-controllers in a unit called Crack the Code in Term 4.

Mr Liu – STEM Coordinator



The BBHS Environment Group continues to meet every week at lunchtime in C3 to work on a range of projects. New members are always welcome. Our major development over recent weeks has been the rolling out of two green bins in the school to collect organic waste to feed our worms in our worm farm on the school farm. The bins are located in the TAS staffroom and in Kitchen 1 and students and staff are welcome to deposit any food scraps that exclude dairy, meet or any plastic packing. The green bin in the kitchen allows for food waste to be captured from our bustling Food Technology practical lessons as well as our beloved Coffee Club each Thursday (the worms love coffee too!). A roster has been developed for students each Friday to collect the bins, empty them on the farm and the rinse them out for the following week. Thank you to Bunnings Blacktown for kindly donating to BBHS the two green bins for us to use as well as our wonderful worm farm!

Mr Liu – BBHS Environment Group Coordinator



YEAR 7 YEAR ADVISER

Ms Jessica Shields

'Participate, participate, participate!' It's awesome to see so many Year 7 students taking on this advice and involving themselves in school life, creating many memories with their peers and creating a strong sense of belonging within the school community. Over the past couple of terms students have participated in many activities, events and competitions including the Ultimate Frisbee Gala Day, the Panna House Soccer Competition, the Premier's Reading Challenge, academic competitions, Premier's Sporting Challenge, chess competition, Premier's Debating Challenge, Zone Athletics, Zone Cross Country, Sydney West Athletics, Sydney West Cross Country, Dance Group and Tournament of Minds' Training. Students should be proud of their personal bests and achievements, no matter how small. Continue to set goals and students will see progress!

Ultimate Frisbee Gala Day

On the 31st May, I had the pleasure of taking 3 ultimate Frisbee Teams out to Granville Park in Merrylands. Students learnt valuable skills and

techniques to assist them with passing and catching the frisbee. All 3 teams participated in a number of games, with many students showing great talent and sportsmanship on the day.

Parent Teacher Evening

Thank you to all parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend Parent Teacher Evening last week. Parent Teacher Evening gives you the opportunity to meet your son's teachers and learn of his progress in his studies across each of his subjects. These meetings are only scheduled for once a year, and are important in ensuring your son is achieving all learning outcomes. If you were unable to attend this year, we are looking forward to meeting with you in 2019 at our next evening. Bookings are made online in the parent portal. If you do not have access to this, update your email address at the front office to receive an access pin. If you require an interpreter on the night, this can be arranged through the school.

Reports and Progress Reports

Progress reports are handed out in Term 1 and Term 3. Year 7 and 8 students complete a piece of work for each subject which is displayed in a portfolio, illustrating their progress throughout the term. Progress reports are handed out at our Portfolio Pick-up BBQs. The next BBQ is scheduled for Monday 24th September.

Half-yearly and Yearly reports are handed out in Term 2 and Term 4. These are given to students during homeroom. Keep an eye out in your son's school bags for each of these.

Immunisations!

Students who have not received their 1st or 2nd dose of immunisations will have another chance to receive one in Term 4 2018. All students

who have not received vaccinations, have been reissued with forms for their parents. If you have not signed an immunisation form this year, then it is likely that this form has not been given to you by your son. If you require another form, please contact the school.

Dates for the Diary

Portfolio Pick-up BBQ Monday 24th September

Year 7 assessment week

Term 4. Week 5

Year 7 Achievements Term 2, 2018

Student of the Term



Congratulations to Gunbir Singh of 7A!

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements this term:

- Nosike Ukachi-Nwata
 Sydney West Athletics
- Ajaydeep GillSydney West Athletics
- Himadri Chakraborty
 Sydney West Athletics
- Reuben PerezSydney West Athletics
- Rishit Chand
 Sydney West Athletics
- Avilash Tharmanesan
 BBHS 12yrs Athletics
 Champion
 Sydney West Cross Country

• Pavithran Thushiyendra

BBHS 12yrs Cross Country Champion

Sydney West Athletics

Sydney West Cross Country

• Peter Ferguson

Distinction in ICAS Science

· Samirali Ami

Distinction in ICAS Science

• Shiva Bhatt

Distinction in ICAS Science

• Prabesh Ojha

Distinction in ICAS Science



YEAR 8 YEAR ADVISER

Mr Andy Franjic

Junior Subject Selection Evening was held at the end of Term 2 and this was a highly successful evening. There were a large number of students and their parents in attendance which was extremely pleasing and demonstrates the importance placed on the selection of subjects for 2019. Each faculty had a display with staff on hand to answer questions in relation to the subject choices available. The feedback from both students and

parents was positive.

Parent/Teacher evening was held in Week 3 of Term 3. This is a valuable fixture of the school calendar where parents/carers have the opportunity to discuss the progress of their son's in each of their respective subjects. It was encouraging to see that this event was well attended. The successful education of our students relies upon the positive impact of both parents and teachers through constructive communication and it was great to see the hall full of parents keen to obtain feedback from staff. If you were unable to attend the evening it is always possible to contact the school by either phone or email if you wish to communicate with one of your son's teachers.

The Year 8 meeting was held in Week 3. A number of items were discussed at the meeting including the positive rate of attendance for the Year 8 cohort. I reminded the students that a high rate of attendance contributes to positive learning outcomes and it is important that this is consistently maintained. Students were reminded of the goal setting process in which they are to derive their own academic and personal goals that they would like to achieve in the remainder of the year. Goal setting is something that is often ignored and not taken seriously. It is imperative that students use the time that has been provided in homeroom towards this process and set themselves some meaningful and achievable goals for the rest of the year. Each student should now have received their Semester 1 report. I discussed the importance of implementing the suggested strategies for further improvement and enhancing learning outcomes in Semester 2.

Drama performance – 'Into the Woods'. I would like to commend

the students from the Year 8 cohort who took part in the drama performance. The students were well prepared by Miss Fuller and did themselves proud in the way they came together and worked as a team on the night. Well done boys.

Mr Franjic

Year 8 Advisor

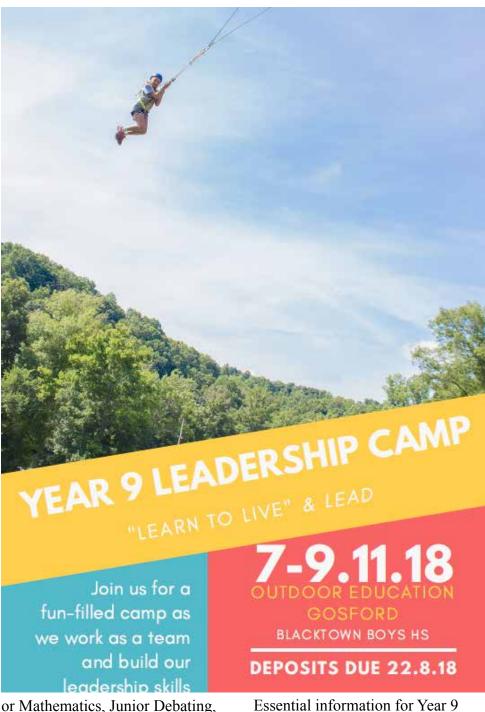


YEAR 9 YEAR ADVISER

Miss Victoria Zaw

A warm welcome back to Term 3 to all the students, parents and carers of Blacktown Boys' High School community. I am pleased to announce that I will be the relieving Year 9 Year Advisor. I am honoured and very excited to take on this challenging yet rewarding role. I am committed to listening to our students and helping them with any questions or concerns about their school lives. I would also like to thank Miss Pembe Hussein who has so graciously helped me to transition into the role, ensuring a great experience for our cohort.

Congratulations to all Year 9 who have participated and excelled in a number of extracurricular activities such as ICAS Science, English



or Mathematics, Junior Debating, Australian Geography and the Alcohol Awareness presentation organised by the PDHPE faculty. Your engagement and effort in these school wide activities are greatly appreciated.

In our Term 3 Year 9 Year Meeting, the following was discussed:

- Key Dates in Semester Two
- Reminders of PBL Learning, Respect and Safety & Attendance
- RoSA requirements
- Year 9 Leadership Camp

Essential information for Year 9 beginning Term 3, includes the commencement of the Record of School Achievement (RoSA).

What is RoSA?

- awarded to students who leave school after Year 10 and before completing the HSC
- a cumulative credential it records academic achievement up until the date a student leaves school
- based on moderated, school-based assessments.
- The RoSA can be used to show potential employers or places for further learning.

For more information, see http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.
au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/
leaving-school/record-of-school-achievement or I will be happy to answer any questions or concerns.

Also coming up this term, students' progress reports are underway and delivered at the Portfolio Pick Up BBO on Monday, September 24. All of Year 9 has also been notified of the Peer Support Leaders Camp set for November 7, 8 and 9. The camp is a great opportunity for students to develop further personal organisational skills including time management, goal setting and motivation. It will also include leadership development activities designed to be used in Year 10 Peer Support and team building exercises. Limited spots available so get in fast!

Victoria Zaw



YEAR 10 YEAR ADVISER

Mr Daniel Dibbs

Term 3 is always an exciting time for Year 10 at Blacktown Boys' High School. With many events on in the school, as well as the opportunity to make major decisions about their



exuded confidence in participation, and Citibank staff complimented how mature and respectful the boys were as visitors to the operations office.

This term's Year Meeting was a celebration of leadership, maturity,

As the weather is due to warm up, remember that uniform is an important way in which we can represent the school community. Please ensure that all correct uniform items are worn.

Wishing everyone a safe and productive Semester 2,

Daniel Dibbs

senior schooling; as a Year Advisor, it is always humbling to see students rise to the occasion and display maturity within their learning and respect for one another.

Senior Subject Selection was an opportunity for students to make these decisions in choosing subjects for Stage 6, also known as Year 11 and 12. These subject selections were the most crucial, as the boys will be making their final choices which will shape their Higher School Certificate learning. Thank you to everyone who allowed this selection and submission to run smoothly.

Our Year 10 boys were able to represent the school as they attended ABCN @ Citibank, at the Citibank head office in Rhodes. Those who attended learned the daily operations of some of Citibank's key corporate staff members and participated in problem solving and communication activities, including a dramatic construction site scenario with drinking straws! The boys

learning and respect within the school community. Congratulations to those boys who were involved with Peer Support throughout 2018 and receiving leadership

awards in recognition of these achievements, as well as the Year group as a whole for demonstrating organisational ability to participate in a smooth running Year Meeting.

As we continue to fly through yet another year, Year 10 students should be ensuring that they are continuing to submit their assessment tasks on time to avoid N Award warnings. If any students have concerns about any outstanding N Award warnings, there are many people in the school who can assist them in clearing overdue work, including their classroom teachers and Year Advisor.





YEAR 11 YEAR ADVISER

Ms Chantell Fuller

Important key dates

Week 9 Exam Week - Please ensure all students are aware of the exam timetable and have all relevant equipment.

Payments for Year 12 Jerseys have been collected and should arrive



early Term 4.

This is a busy and exciting term for all Year 11 Students, as they finalise their preliminary courses and become our senior students in Term 4.



YEAR 12 YEAR ADVISER

Mr Evan Shiel

A last welcome back to Year 12 in what is their final Term of school. This term sees the completion of 13 years of schooling and promises to be very busy indeed.

During the Year Meeting held in Week 4, I went over the remaining items that need completing before the written HSC Examinations start in Term 4. This Term, students are completing and submitting practical works for Visual Arts, Industrial Technology and Music.

Two students, Arun Puri and Brindan Somalingam, have nominated themselves to put together the final Year 12 Presentation to be shown at the Graduation Ceremony, which is always a humorous and great way to remember their past 6 years here at Blacktown Boys.

During homeroom students will be receiving a 'save the date' invitation

for the Year 12 Formal outlining cost and location, designed by Lachlan Klingberg.

I want to wish all Year 12 Students the best of luck in their Exams and congratulate them on completing High School, which I know at times can be very challenging,

both academically, physically and socially. I have had a fantastic time being your Year Advisor.
All the very best

Evan Shiel
Year 12 Year Advisor



SRC CO-ORDINATOR

Miss Cindy Tang

SRC Panna House Soccer Challenge

Following a successful basketball competition in Term 1, a soccer challenge was held in Term 2. Nine teams participated from year 7 to year 9 with the Year 7 team "Panna All Stars" winning the competition. I would like to give special thanks to Yuvraj Singh, Rayaan Tanvir, Manavdeep Singh and Kush Prajapati for helping to organise the event and umpiring the games.



Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans for Genes day was held on August the 3rd and was SRC's first external fundraising event of the year. Students were allowed to wear jeans for a gold coin donation towards the Sydney Children's hospital and research in children's genetic diseases. Overall, Blacktown Boys High School raised over \$160 for the cause. A massive thank you from the SRC to the staff and students who participated in the event.





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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.



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Contribution Schedule 2018

	FACULTY	Subject Levies - cover the purchase of materials in certain key learning areas.	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	English	Drama			\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
	Ind Arts	Agriculture			\$40	\$40		
	Ind Arts	Engineering Studies			\$40	\$40	\$15	\$15
	Ind Arts	Food Technology			\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80
	Ind Arts	Industrial Technology Electronics			\$70	\$70		
	Ind Arts	Industrial Technology – Engineering			\$40	\$40		
	Ind Arts	Industrial Technology – Engineering - Robotics			\$40	\$40		
	Ind Arts	Industrial Technology - Multimedia	• ·	<i>,</i> ,			\$40 + own folio printing	\$30 + own folio
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	Ind Arts	Information & Software Technology	•.		\$20	\$20		
	Ind Arts	Software Design & Development					\$10	\$10
	Ind Arts	Technology	\$40	\$40		ų		
	Vis Art	Music	\$10	\$10				
	Vis Art	Music (Elective)			\$25	\$25	\$30	\$30
	Vis Art	Visual Arts	\$30	\$30				
	Vis Art	Visual Arts (Elective) Visual Arts Life Skills	-		\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
	Vis Art	Visual Design (Elective)			\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50

Contributions	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11 Year 12	Year 1
General Contribution – cover services such as library, textbooks and curriculum-related resources and to cover costs associated with sports or excursions.	\$45	\$45	\$50	\$50	\$65	\$65
Sport Levy – This ensures that the school is registered for all Zone, Regional, State and National Competitions.	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	ı	
Total – Full or regular part-payments accepted either via Effpos or Online on our websile. http://www.blacktownb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au	\$140	\$140	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable

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BLACKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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