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



PRINCIPAL
Mr Shaun Addy



Welcome to our first newsletter for 2019

New school years are always an exciting time for me. After a long break, it is wonderful to see genuine enthusiasm for the upcoming Term amongst students and staff. In particular, I would like to make mention of the positive way in which Year 7 (our latest additions to the Blacktown family) have settled into the routine of High School. These boys make up the largest

year group in the past 15 years and are proof that more than ever we are the school of choice for boys in western Sydney seeking a single sex education.

Transition from Primary School can often be a stressful time for students and we are mindful of our role in assisting boys make the move as smoothly as possible. I would ask all parents and carers to talk to their sons about their experiences so far and please pass on to us any comments both positive and negative, that may help us provide the best possible learning and social experiences for all boys.

The year began with the announcement of our 2018 HSC results, which were by far the best in the 11 years that I have been Principal. It was wonderful to see so many of our students successful in gaining entry to the university of their choice, with a number of ATAR's in the 90's, but equally pleasing to see those entering

Term 1 2019

Important Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

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| 18th | Year 7, 12 & new students photographs |
| 19th | P&C meeting 10am |
| 20th | Year 11 Biology Field Trip
Presentation Evening 6pm |
| 21st | Zone Swimming Carnival |
| 26th | GTi Entrance Exam 2020 |
| 28th | CAPA camp - Canberra |

MARCH

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| 1st | CAPA camp - Canberra |
| 5th | Year 6 2020 Parent Information Afternoon 4pm |
| 8th | International Women's Day |
| 12th | Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 Cross Country during sport
Year 7 Welcome BBQ 4pm |
| 13th | Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 Cross Country during sport
Year 11 & 12 Cross Country period 1 & 2 |
| 14th | Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 Cross Country during sport
Selective High School Placement Test 2020
Pi Day |
| 15th | Whole school photographs |
| 21st | Harmony/Multicultural Day |
| 26th | P&C meeting 10am |

- 28th Year 7 to 12 Stage Meetings
- 29th School photographs - catch ups

APRIL

- 1st Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
Year 7 Camp
- 2nd Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
Year 7 Camp
- 3rd Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
Year 7 Camp
- 4th Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
- 5th Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
- 8th House Meetings
Portfolio Pickup BBQ
- 9th Athletics Carnival
- 11th ANZAC Day Ceremony
- 12th Last Day Term 1

Term 2 - 29th April 2019

the workforce or embarking on traineeships and apprenticeships via TAFE. Exit surveys indicated that almost every student has successfully followed the career plan that they had developed during our senior STEP UP phase.

School Improvements

The renovation of our learning spaces continues. The school is now fully air-conditioned in terms of learning spaces. This has been very well received by all stakeholders! The project came at quite a cost, however I believe that it is money well spent as it means that students can work in a comfortable environment and achieve their personal best.

Refurbishment of all outdoor artificial surfaces was also completed during the holidays, with continued attention to general beautification.

Projected works for 2019 include a cover for the basketball courts and a

new roof and guttering for the hall.

New Staff

Given our continued growth in student numbers (we are now well over 600 students in total), there has been a need to take on more staff.

This year we welcome :

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| Ms Kaur | Head Teacher
Science |
| Mr Singh | Class Teacher Maths |
| Ms Turner | Class Teacher Maths/
Science |
| Ms Scarcella | Class Teacher
English |
| Ms Kaur | Class Teacher TAS |
| Ms Sleiman | Class Teacher TAS |

All of our new staff are excited about working here. I am sure that they will all quickly become part of the BBHS family and contribute positively to the learning experiences of our boys.

Uniform

It makes me proud to be Principal of a school that places such importance on uniform. Our boys are ambassadors when they are in the public arena and their presentation goes a long way to ensuring that our school is seen in the best light. It is great to hear members of the general public and colleagues from other schools comment on how good our boys look.

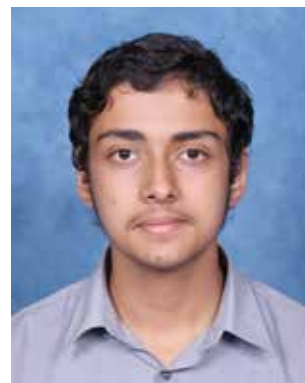
Car Park

A reminder to all parents and carers, that the school car park cannot be used to drop off or collect students. Given the amount of movement, it can become very dangerous, and as the person responsible for staff and student safety, I am obliged to remind everyone that the site is only for staff parking and delivery vehicles. Senior students should also note that they are not permitted to use the school carpark.

Senior Continuers Scholarships



Benny Muyambo



Ishaan Sharma



Samir Singh



Nathan Wong

Congratulations to this year's award recipients.

These scholarships are valued at \$1000 each, and are provided 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 \$1000
- Most improved performance Year 9/10 \$1000
- Principal's (Blacktown Boy) award \$1000

These scholarships are in addition to our existing \$1000 dux award; won this year by Cameron Heydeman with an ATAR of 96.55 (also selected for the prestigious Art-Express). Dux was a hotly contested award, with a number of students within 10 marks of the top score.

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

Regards

Shaun Addy

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Mrs Trish Matthews



Welcome, and welcome back to all of our new and returning students and their families. It is always an exciting time for staff to meet their new students and get to know them, and their learning needs and aspirations, so that they can differentiate programs that assist them in achieving learning

outcomes. Our Term 1 calendar is already filling with opportunities designed to enhance your son's academic and social growth, in and outside of the classroom environment. (Speaking of which, I know that our boys are grateful for the rollout of air conditioners, which has finally been completed, that allows them to focus 100% on their learning in the tropical conditions that we are currently experiencing!)

We are very fortunate to have such a dynamic staff, who you will be reading about further in our newsletter, who go beyond the classroom to engage students so that they can meet their full potential.

We have already had the opportunity to meet many of our new families and look forward to our Term 1 Progress report and Portfolio pickup which is always held on the last Monday of the last week of Terms 1 and 3.

Some of you may be wondering what staff are doing on School Development Day, which is sometimes referred to as a 'pupil free day'. Whilst there are no students attending on that day, they are not far from our minds and our structured Professional Learning activities.

Ongoing and linked to our current School Plan 2018-2020 is engaging with the Wellbeing Framework. The five areas of wellbeing are listed below and sum up our approach to students at our school and the importance of teaching the 'whole' child.

Cognitive wellbeing is associated with achievement and success. It includes how information is processed and judgements are made. It is also informed by motivation and persistence to achieve. Cognitive wellbeing is important for attaining knowledge and experiencing

positive learning.

Emotional wellbeing relates to self-awareness and emotional regulation. It includes how well we cope, and is often reflected by the level of a person's resilience. Emotional wellbeing is in part informed by our capacity for self-reflection.

Social wellbeing includes the extent to which we experience positive relationships and connectedness to others. It is important for pro-social behaviour and our empathy towards others.

Physical wellbeing is associated with the extent to which we feel physically safe and healthy. It includes nutrition, preventative health care, physical activity and physical safety and security. Physical wellbeing enables positive health outcomes.

Spiritual wellbeing relates to our sense of meaning and purpose. It can include our connection to culture, religion or community and includes the beliefs, values and ethics we hold.

Addressing these areas individually and collectively ensures that we are creating a community that supports academic learning. Without this, students are not able to achieve their potential, and we believe that as a Partially Selective boys school we are able to meet these needs.

I am looking forward to working with our parent/carer community again this year and would encourage you to contact me at the school on 9622 1558 if you have any concerns or questions. I can often answer queries over the phone or put you in touch with staff who can answer specific questions, or schedule a meeting with you.

Trish Matthews

**HEAD TEACHER
ADMINISTRATION
Mr Christopher Pace**



Dear Parents,

As we all should be aware, school uniform is compulsory at BBHS. I would like to encourage all students to wear school uniform every day. We have a uniform pool which is made up of second hand clothes donated by students for students who have damaged their uniform whilst at school.

If a student is unable to be in full school uniform on any particular day, parents need to write their son a note. That note is to be then brought to me in the morning between 8:00am and 8:10am. I will stamp their note and this can be their pass for the day or days.

Together we can send a strong message that BBHS is a great school. We can do this by looking our best and by being the best citizens we can be. Maintaining

a great image of BBHS in the community is a great benefit for all our students' future.



**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
MANAGER
Mrs Jane Sampson**



Welcome to all our incoming Year 7 students, and welcome back to our returning students. Blacktown Boys High School administration team is happy to be of assistance to all students, parents, staff and visitors to the school.

Please note that our office opening hours are from 7.45 am to 3.00 pm. 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.

Parent/Carers also please note that Invoices for student Subject Contributions and General Contributions will be emailed during week 4, 18 – 22 February 2019. If you do not have an email address these will be mail to you. Payment of these Contributions may be made in full or in regular small instalments at the front office using *eftpos* or *cash*. There is a link with the email that will take you directly to a payment page for easy payment. Alternatively payments may be made on line using the parent portal "\$" on our website. When paying online please allow 2 days for processing. If there are 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.

Families who pay their son's entire Subject and General Contributions before the end of Term 1 will receive a free Science/Maths calculator (valued over \$20) as our way of saying thank you for your support.

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

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. Included in every newsletter is a "Change or Update Details" form for your convenience.

We look forward to meeting all our new families and sharing your school experience with you.

J Sampson

School Administrative Manager



HEAD TEACHER ENGLISH

Mrs Renae Bystrzynski



It has been an exciting start to the year in English at BBHS!

Firstly, welcome back to all of our students. We hope that the summer break was enjoyable. This year, we welcome a new teacher, Ms Scarcella, to our faculty. Ms Scarcella is trained in English, History and Aboriginal Studies and we look forward to working together over the years to come.

Year 12 have continued with their Year 12 course content, moving through Module A in both the Standard and Advanced courses. The English Extension 1 students are continuing their exploration of Literary Worlds, while our solo English Extension 2 student has

devoted time and energy to the Major Work process. At the half-way point in the course, it is a great time to take stock of all English content covered so far, and to consolidate this learning with revision and the creation of effective study notes.

Year 11 have had a strong start to their senior English studies. The Standard and Advanced students began the year with the common module, Reading to Write: Transition to Senior English. This allowed students to examine a variety of texts around the topic of dystopias and to refine their writing skills.

Year 10 have explored poetry that has shaped the world this term, as they work towards the completion of their RoSA. Year 9 are studying Shakespeare and Gender, beginning by looking at gender roles in society on a broad level, then using this as a basis for studying a Shakespearean play. Year 8 are studying the role villains play in texts, while Year 7 have had a fantastic start to their high school careers by exploring the concept of heroes.

Year 8 are also studying drama and making great use of the refurbished performance studio. We look forward to building some interest in

elective drama in Stage 5 as the year continues.

A reminder to all parents and students that assessments must be handed in on time and that these must be the students' own work. If you have any concerns about the rules regarding assessment, please do not hesitate to access the Assessment Booklet for Years 10-12 (available on the Parent Portal), or contact Mrs Bystrzynski (Monday-Wednesday) or Mr Martin (Thursday-Friday).

Coming up, we have debating for Years 7 & 8, and for Years 9 & 10 with Ms Johnson. There will also be opportunities for students to participate in public speaking competitions, so students need to keep their ears and eyes open for details. ICAS English, Spelling and Writing competitions are also coming up. Year 11 students are invited to participate in the What Matters? writing competition and will compose pieces in their English classes.

If you have any questions regarding your son's progress in English, please do not hesitate to call his classroom teacher or myself on 9622 1558. Alternatively, you may email me: renae.devlin@det.nsw.edu.au.

We look forward to a productive and invigorating term!

Creating Effective Study Notes in English

- Refer to the relevant syllabus for your course for specific details about Modules
- Consider using a visual organiser, such as a table, mindmap, flash cards or Venn diagram to organise information
- Use dot points/short phrases, rather than long 'chunks' of text
- Colour code for easy visual access (use this in moderation)
- Seek help/feedback from your English teacher
- Start early so you have time to refine if needed
- **STEER CLEAR of previous HSC English exam papers** – this is the first year of the new syllabus, and the exam design and content has changed. Your son's classroom teacher will provide more advice about this in class.

Best Start Year 7 Assessment

Our school will participate in Best Start Year 7, an online literacy and numeracy assessment available to secondary schools at the start of Term 1, 2019.

Best Start Year 7, undertaken within the first five weeks of the school year, assesses key literacy and numeracy skills of Year 7 students. It is designed to assist teachers to identify students who may require additional support in developing



their literacy and numeracy skills.

Best Start Year 7 is just one of a range of assessments the school uses to assess students.

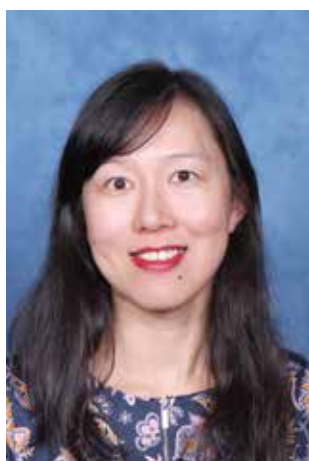
Please inform the school if your child has special needs requiring support to complete an online assessment.

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB. These were provided as part of the student book pack at the beginning of the year.

HEAD TEACHER

MATHS

Ms Xiao Chirgwin



Welcome to another fantastic year of Mathematics!

2018 HSC Mathematics Results

Again, our boys achieved strong results in the 2018 HSC Mathematics courses.

2018 HSC MATHEMATICS HONOUR ROLL

EXTENSION 2 MATHEMATICS

Vaibhav Bhandari
Cameron Heydeman
Longkai Li
Yi Fan Shen
Jia Yi Wang

EXTENSION 1 MATHEMATICS

Vishaal Amaranandham
Vaibhav Bhandari
Cameron Heydeman
Longkai Li
Nitya Patel

Utkarsh Sharma
Yi Fan Shen
Niroshan Uthayakmar
Jia Yi Wang

MATHEMATICS

Elan Saif Kabir
Jaimejose Paje
Pandya Atri
Nitya Patel

Utkarsh Sharma
Aabhii Taneja
Niroshan Uthayakumar

MATHEMATICS GENERAL 2

Nicholas Wright



In the Mathematics Extension 2 course, 83% of our students have achieved a Notional Band 6, with the rest achieving Notional Band 5. Cameron Heydeman ranked first in this course, gaining 91 as his HSC mark, followed closely by Longkai Li with a mark of 90. These are outstanding results for the fourth year that Mathematics Extension 2 course has been offered at Blacktown Boys' High School.

In the Mathematics Extension 1 course, 75% of the students have achieved the top two bands. Cameron Heydeman ranked first in this course, gaining 94 as his HSC mark. Longkai Li came

second with a HSC mark of 93, followed closely by Vaibhav Bhandari with a HSC mark of 90.

In the Mathematics 2 unit course, 32% of the students have achieved the top two bands. Utkarsh Sharma ranked first in this course with a HSC mark of 88. Nitya came second with a HSC mark of 87.

In the Mathematics General 2 course, Nicholas Wright ranked first in this course, gaining 95 as his HSC mark.

We are extremely proud of all of our students whose achievements are the direct result of their hard work, dedication and determination throughout the

whole course. We expect to see these fantastic results to continue with our Year 12 cohort for the 2019 HSC.

Our Team

Mrs Xiao Chirgwin (Head Teacher)

Mrs Jyoti Chhabra

Mr Sateesh Kumar

Mr Gurpearl Singh

Ms Ingrid Turner

Ms Kathleen Villanueva (Year 7 Year Adviser)

Mr Singh and Mrs Turner have joined us at the beginning of this year. Mr Singh graduated recently from university and Mrs Turner is an experienced teacher who has taught in different schools around Western Sydney. Mrs Turner specialises in both Mathematics and Science. Both Mr Singh and Mrs Turner are very excited to join our school community and are looking forward to teaching your son.

If you have any concerns about your son's learning throughout the year, please feel free to contact their teacher or Mrs Chirgwin.

Mr Singh

Hi, my name is Mr Singh and I am a Mathematics teacher. Prior to teaching at Blacktown Boys' High School, I



completed my Masters of Teaching to specialise in Mathematics. While completing my Masters, I worked in the School Academic Committee at Western Sydney University School of Education. This committee allowed me to gain insight into the learning needs of students from different cultures and students of different abilities. As a result, I was

included in the Dean's Merit List. Now that we have commenced this year at BBHS, I believe that I am ready to apply my knowledge and skills to cater for my students.

Mrs Turner

Hi, I am Mrs Turner, and I have more recently been teaching at the Hills Sports High School.



I am very excited to join Blacktown Boys High School and share my passion for Mathematics and Science. I love seeing how both areas have led to our current understanding of the world and enabled the technological advancements that we use and rely on each day. I also love seeing students mastering new methods of solving problems by creatively applying their new skills in understanding to new situations. I look forward to participating Blacktown Boys school "life" and joining the community on their learning adventure.

Textbooks

Like previous years, students in Year 7 – 10 will use the Cambridge Mathematics textbook in class. Students will not be issued with an individual textbook but will need to bring in a USB drive at the beginning of this term to get an electronic copy of their textbook in order to complete homework and any extra study to improve their results.

If access to a computer at home is an issue, please contact Mrs Chirgwin as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements.

Calculators

It is extremely crucial that every student have their own calculator

and they bring their calculator to each lesson. We recommend the CASIO FX82 or CASIO FX100, as they are NESA approved calculators. Students will need NESA approved calculators for NAPLAN and HSC examinations. Having their own calculator and practising the functions regularly helps students to build their fluency, and improve their ability to respond to problems quickly.

NESA does NOT accept mobile phones as calculators for NAPLAN and HSC examinations and the Mathematics Faculty at Blacktown Boys High School will also follow the same requirements to make sure your sons are prepared for these important examinations.

Homework and Mathspace

Students will have Mathematics homework after almost every lesson. This usually consists of individual practice including the completion of exercises from the textbook or worksheets.

This year, Year 7 will also be utilising an interactive online program called Mathspace. Subscription to Mathspace is \$10 per student.

It is important that students attempt homework every day. Homework helps students to review and consolidate their understanding of the concepts taught in class. It is also a great self assessment tool for students so they can identify their own areas of weakness. We encourage your sons to seek help from their teacher with any issues from their homework.

Assessment Tasks

All formal assessment tasks will be notified with an assessment task notification which would be given out at least 2 weeks prior to the due date of the task.

Parents can help the students prepare for each assessment task by:

- Ensuring that all homework is up to date
- Seeking help from the teacher
- Promoting a regular study and revision regime at home
- Encouraging thorough revision before the assessment task
- Being vigilant about attendance so that your son doesn't miss out on essential information
- Ensuring that students bring all necessary equipment including a NESA approved calculator to the assessment task

Year 12 students are already well into their courses with their most of their first assessment tasks completed in Term 4 last year. The next HSC assessment task for most courses will be in the second half of Term 1.

Mathematics Competitions

We have had great enthusiasm from our students participating in the APSMO Mathematics Olympiad Competition last year as our introductory year. This year, our students from Year 7 and 8 Selective classes are going to continue their journey with this competition.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop flexibility for problem solving, foster creativity, and stimulate enthusiasm for mathematics.

All students are invited to participate in these two competitions.

- Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is held on Thursday 1st of August, 2019
- ICAS Mathematics Competition is held on Thursday 19th of September, 2019

Luna Park

The Annual Mathematics Reward Day to Luna Park was held on 14th of December, 2018. This day is a chance for our faculty to say thanks to all those students who work consistently throughout the year, and make teaching such a rewarding experience; they don't only go to those students with the highest marks. Invitations for students who consistently try their best in Mathematics are sent to parents early in Term 4. We hope to see more students joining us on this special event this year.

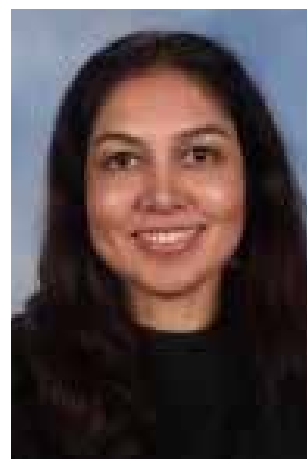


Fun Fact: International (Pi) Day

(Pi) Day is celebrated on March 14th around the world. The Greek letter (Pi) is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant, which is approximately 3.14. It is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. (Pi) continues indefinitely without repetition or pattern, its infinite nature makes it a fun challenge to memorise.

HEAD TEACHER SCIENCE

Mrs Maninder Kaur



I am really excited to have joined Blacktown Boys' High School as the Head Teacher Science and I look forward to working with all staff and students.

OUR TEAM

Mrs Kaur (Head Teacher)

Ms Hussein

Ms Winata

Ms Tang

Ms Sun

Mrs Ingrid Turner

The start of the year has been really busy for both staff and students. This year we would also like to welcome the new member of our Science

Team – Mrs Ingrid Turner, who joined us at the beginning of this year. She specialises in Mathematics and Science and is very keen and passionate to teach students both subjects.

The Science laboratories are buzzing with enthusiastic junior and senior students. Year 7 students have been welcomed into the Science laboratories, studying the safe use of Science equipment. We have four Year 11 and five Year 12 Science classes this year. As part of the Biology syllabus, students are participating in a field trip to Penrith Lakes, to study factors affecting the survival of species. This will form part of their first assessment task.

It is important that both junior and senior students attempt homework on a regular basis. It helps students to review and consolidate their understanding of the concepts taught in class. It also assists them to identify their areas of weakness. We encourage your sons to seek help from their teacher with any issues from their homework. If you have any queries or concerns regarding your son's learning or well-being in Science, please contact the class teacher or Head Teacher.

HEAD TEACHER

HSIE

Mrs Gina Jackson



The HSIE faculty would like to welcome back our students from Years 8-12, and extend a very warm welcome to our new students in Year 7. We hope that their transition from primary school to high school will be stress free and that they immerse themselves in their learning. We also hope that all of our students will eagerly take up opportunities to extend their knowledge through their participation in the numerous extra-curricular activities that have been designed for each cohort to extend and enrich their classroom learning.

The benefit of extra-curricular activities is evident from the recent

Year 12 Geography excursion organised by Miss Shields see photographs below.

Year 12 Geography Nepean River Excursion

Year 12 Geography is currently studying the topic 'Ecosystems at Risk'. As part of their unit of work, students are required to undertake fieldwork at a local ecosystem and investigate the functioning of the ecosystem. This year the boys visited the Nepean River to conduct their investigation. Students went kayaking on the river to observe the threats to the ecosystem and the ways in which these impacts were being managed. Students also conducted water tests to further understand how the ecosystem was being affected by the threats. Our outdoor classroom was a great start to the year and was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Asia Connexions

In 2018 as part of our commitment to real life learning the HSIE faculty eagerly took on the invitation by Dr Myung-sook Auh, Senior Lecturer at the University of New England and became one of 70 schools to be part of the Asia Connexions program (AKC).

Miss Shields' Year 7 Geography class participated in a fortnightly video conference with a Year 11 class from GeumDang High School in South Korea. Our students during these linkups talked to their Korean peers about Australian culture



and about famous Australian landforms and landscapes, whilst Korean students educated our students about Korean culture and geography.

Our school was honoured to host afternoon tea for the Korean delegates who were in Australia visiting participating schools. The delegation, from the Gimcheong Office of Education, consisted of Ms Shin the Korean Superintendent, Ms Park, Supervisor in School Education, Mr Kim, who was assisting the delegation's visit to Australia and Dr Myung-sok Auh the program director of the Asia ConneXions program.

The Korean delegates were greeted by our Vice Captain Eunny Choi who was eager to talk to our guests and learn more about his home country. After spending time with our Principal Mr Addy and the Deputy Principal Mrs Matthews, the Korean delegates were taken to see the videoconferencing system in our school and to participate in a link up to the university.

The visit resulted in a greater understanding of our respective education systems and a greater commitment to the program. We look forward to a productive partnership into the future.



Left to right: Miss Shields (HSIE teacher), Dr Myung-sok Auh, Ms Park (Supervisor in School Education), Mr Addy (Principal), Ms Shin (Korean Superintendent), Ms Matthews (Deputy Principal) and Ms Jackson (Head Teacher HSIE)



Right to left: Dr Myung-sok Auh, Ms Park (Supervisor in School Education), Eunny Choi (Vice Captain), Ms Shin (Korean Superintendent), Ms Jackson (Head Teacher HSIE) and Miss Shields (HSIE teacher)



Chatting over afternoon tea

TEACHER/LIBRARIAN
Mr Patrick Everingham



BBHS Library: Welcome to New Students

Welcome to all those new students who have just started at Blacktown Boys High particularly the newly enrolled Year 7 students and their parents.

All new students are welcome to visit the library during Recess or Lunch. They will find many students either reading the books, working on assignments, using the library computers or enjoying a game of chess.

Junior students can borrow two fiction and three non-fiction books while senior students can borrow three fiction and four non-fiction books for a period of two weeks. Printing is available to all students from the library computers and print stations.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is made available to students each year with many students usually completing the challenge, and a chess competition for Year 7 students is run each year during Terms 1 and 2.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is open again for 2019. 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.

All boys from BBHS from years 7, 8 and 9 are invited to enter the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2019, and continue the recent history of attainment at Blacktown Boys High in this area. Those students who successfully undertake the challenge will read 20 books before 11.59pm on 30th August 2018. The official starting date for the Challenge is the 4th of March 2018.

Students who achieve this will be awarded a *Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate*. If they have completed the challenge 4 times they will receive a *Gold Certificate* and if they have completed the challenge 7 times they will receive a *Platinum Certificate*. If a Year 9 student has completed the challenge every year from Year 3 to Year 9 they will receive a Medal from the Premier's Department.

See the librarian Mr Everingham if you have any questions about the **Premier's Reading Challenge 2019**.

BBHS Chess in the Library

Chess is a popular pastime at Blacktown Boys High Library and

this year it is more popular than ever. The library has a dedicated area where chess boards remain set up all day. This enables many students to immediately start playing chess during their recess and lunch breaks. Every day this area of the library has many students from all age groups, from beginners to very good players, playing chess.

The library generally runs a Chess Competition for Year 7 during the year. The competition will be a knockout tournament to establish the top five players followed by round robin finals to decide the overall winner. Certificates are awarded to all the students who participate. Notifications of these competitions are usually by posters in the library and by Daily Notices in Homeroom. So if you are interested in chess watch out for these notices.

HEAD TEACHER CAPA
Mrs Katrina Burne



WELCOME BACK from CAPA & LOTE 2019

As part of a dynamic and forward thinking faculty our students join with staff to congratulate

CAMERON HEYDEMAN of Year 12 HSC Visual Arts 2018, who has achieved a Band 6 in this course, and was also selected to exhibit his digital





artwork at ART EXPRESS 2019, at the Art Gallery of NSW. We also wish Ms Zaw and Mr Shiel and their Year 12 Visual Arts and Year 12 Music classes a highly effective year in the classroom, and excellent results in the HSC 2019.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Get on board and make this a great year. All learning is important and attitude and participation are powerful contributors to enjoying the school year, and all that is on offer. Students will need to know:

WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS

- check your timetable the evening before and check you have books, diary pens, pencils, erasers, sharpener, and homework completed.

WHAT TO WEAR - apron etc. for Visual Arts to protect clothing.

WHAT TO PAY

Visual Arts

Years 7 & 8 \$30

Years 9 to 12 \$50

Music

Years 7 & 8 \$10

Years 9 & 10 \$20

Year 11 & 12 \$30

WHAT NEEDS TO BE SIGNED

- Always check you have any tasks, diary, music and Visual Literacy

books, excursion notes read and signed by parents/caregivers

WHAT TO READ - Check all assessment schedules, school calendar, take home notices

CANBERRA TRIP / CAPA CAMP

This will be held on Thursday 28th February & Friday 1st March with the faculty taking the opportunity to move our students forward in their individual artmaking plans through access to country, exhibitions and contemporary approaches to artmaking. The trip also provides access to the Institute of Sport for tutoring sessions, Questacon, The War Memorial, The Galleries, Civic Architecture and viewing the layout of the city and design inclusions. Advanced Notice was given in 2018 to allow students and parents time to prepare for this trip should the student wish to attend. CAPA camps are popular and places fill quickly, so inclusion will be based on the order of payment and excursion note returns. Payment is to be made to the office only.

HSC ARTWORKS 2018

These have already been collected by most students in that calendar year. As storage space is limited, the remainder can only be kept at school until the end of Term 1, 2019.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Please make yourself known to

your Music teacher if you play an instrument and have a desire to perform. Mr Shiel, Mr Conley and Ms Zaw are waiting to hear from you, so as to make a register of our talented students in this course for potential inclusion in events and performances.

CAPA & LOTE FACULTY

HEAD TEACHER

Mrs K. Burne

VISUAL ARTS TEACHERS

Mrs K. Burne

Mr D. Conley

Ms M. Hunter

Ms V. Zaw

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Mr P. Taylor

HEAD TEACHER

PDHPE

Ms Tahnee Lovering



This year sees more exciting change and opportunity within PDHPE. Term 1 sees the start of the implementation of an exciting new syllabus for the year 7 & 9 PDHPE units of work. Students are reminded to make sure they are prepared for lessons by bringing their PDHPE workbook and pens for

every theory lesson.

Provided below is the outline of both the practical and theory units for term 1 in PDHPE Year 7-10, PASS elective 9 & 10, SLR 11 & 12 and PDHPE 11 & 12.

PRACTICAL LESSON EXPECTATIONS

For PE Practical lessons, students must come prepared with their sport uniform packed ready to change before and after the practical lesson. The sports uniform consists of the school's maroon polo shirt, black shorts or tracksuit pants, school hat and appropriate footwear (runners). If students are unable to wear the school's nominated sports uniform, another change of appropriate clothing may be worn accompanied with a note from parents/carers, explaining the reason why the student is out of uniform. This ensures your son can still

participate in the practical activities and further his sports related skills. Please remember sports uniform is only to be worn on sports day or during the designated PE practical lessons. Otherwise regular school uniform is needed including black leather shoes. The article "Dress for Success" (page 14) shows the importance of having the PE prac uniform prepared for each prac

SPORT 2019

2019 is upon us as another year of sport gets underway, with some changes occurring to how School Sport is running. With Year 7 and 8 sport remaining generally the same, the big change is with how Year 9 and 10 sport is run, with students now having the option to select outside venues for sport or to stay at school for house sport. These venues include Zone Bowling, Laser Skirmish and UFC Gym. Students

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		
Week	Theory	Prac	Theory	Prac	Theory	Prac	
1	Change & Challenge	Athletics	All About Health	Athletics	Real Connections	We're All In This Together	
2							
3							
4							
5							
6		Net & Court	Cross Country				
7							
8							
9							
10							
11							
	Year 10		PASS	SLR		Senior PDHPE	
Week	Theory	Prac	Theory B	Year 11	Year 12	Year 11	Year 12
1	Party Without Pain!	Athletics	Body Systems & Energy for Physical Activity	Athletics	Individual Games & Sports Application 2	Better Health for Individuals	Health Priorities in Australia
2							
3							
4							
5							
6		Lifelong Games					
7							
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DRESS FOR SUCCESS



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DRESS FOR SUCCESS & BE HEALTHY

As you exercise, your clothes become soiled with things like sweat, oil, and dead skin cells that rub off due to friction. When left in clothes, these body soils can form bacteria that can cause odour, blocked skin pores, and skin rashes.

Although it is important to wear athletic clothing when being active, it is also important to change out of those clothes once you are done (washing them is a good idea too!)

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DRESS FOR SUCCESS & BE FREE

One of the joys of living a healthy, active lifestyle is the opportunity to experience and enjoy movement in all kinds of new environments.

When we wear clothing that is appropriate for physical activity, we get to move as freely as we can without worrying about our clothes limiting our movements.

Don't let your clothes slow you down!

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DRESS FOR SUCCESS & BE SAFE

Being active requires us to be able to quickly change levels, speed, direction, and force at a moment's notice.

Clothing that is not appropriate for physical activity can cause slips, trips, and limited movements. In turn, this can lead to injuries that could keep you sidelined from your favourite physical activities. Be safe by wearing appropriate clothing & footwear when being active!

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DRESS FOR SUCCESS & BE READY

Leading a healthy, physically active lifestyle means that adventure might come knocking at your door when you least expect it. When it does, you want to make sure that you are ready for it! This involves having the competence, confidence, and clothing that will allow you to be a part of the adventure!

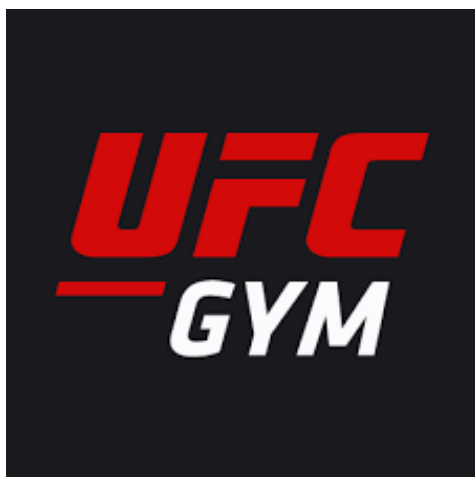
When you bring your clothes to P.E. class, you're building a habit that involves planning ahead so that you're ready to include as much physical activity into your day as possible!

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have received their sports survey via email and their selections are now being finalised. Just a reminder that if any Year 9 or 10 student has selected to go to another venue for sport they are required to return the permission note and payment to the front office.

Knockout sports are approaching quickly; students are urged to keep up to date with sporting opportunities that are announced via school assemblies, daily notices during homeroom and the Sports noticeboard allocated next to the PDHPE staffroom.

ZONE
BOWLING



BBHS Opens Boys Tennis Vs Baulkham Hills

On Tuesday the 19th February, BBHS took on Baulkham Hills High School in various Tennis matches. With over 50 students trialling, a massive congratulations to the following 4 boys for their hard work and effort during the games; Henry Win, Agnik Podder, Bojan Petkovic and Anoop Mann. Also big thank you to the boys on the sideline who were ready to take the courts at any given time. Unfortunately we were up against a team which came 6th in the entire state last year and fell short of the win. I look forward to what next year holds for us with such amazing, young talent. Well done!!

Mrs Leitch



2019 Swimming Carnival

The 2019 Swimming carnival was the biggest carnival BBHS has had yet! It was our first full day carnival and there were more events than ever. The large number of students who attended, participated and cheered made for a great atmosphere.



Congratulations to the Swimming Age Champions

12 years	Nityam Shah	70 points
13 years	Vishal Puvanrajah	55 points
14 years	Hasala Uyane Hewage	53 points
15 years	David Petkovic	68 points
16 years	Kaveesha Alahakoon	30 points
17+ years	Daniel Chavez	50 points



Swimming Carnival House Champions

1st Bradman

2nd Macquarie

3rd Waugh

4th Hall



House Points Update

Bradman 462 pts

Macquarie 427 pts

Waugh 425 pts

Hall 340 pts



HEAD TEACHER

TAS

Mr Nikolai Liu



The new year is in full swing and I would like to welcome the following new teachers to the TAS faculty:

Mrs Sleiman is our new Food Technology expert and is replacing Mrs Pascalis who has made a move to work closer to home this year.

Ms Kaur is our latest computing expert to join our faculty and is now a permanent member of the BBHS TAS team after working in 2017 and 2018.

Mr Yousif has also joined our team for this term on a temporary basis.

Please make our new staff feel welcome to the BBHS community.

I had the pleasure of being involved in selecting and presenting of the 2018 TAS Curriculum Award at the Presentation Evening earlier this term. The award was given to Kayaan Udachia from this year's Year 12 for his outstanding work in Industrial Technology – Multimedia and Engineering Studies in Year 11. Best of luck Kayaan for your HSC this year and to all of our Year 12 students. Congratulations also to all of our award winners at presentation night.

Speaking of the HSC I would like to publicly congratulate all of our Year 12 students from 2018 who did so well in the HSC. Of particular

note, was Cameron Hydeman who received a Band 6 for his Industrial Technology – Multimedia work with Mr Hartley. This is a fantastic outcome from our first IT-Multimedia class. Well done to all Year 12s and best of luck for the future.

Continuing on with meritorious mentions, I would like to give a big thank you to our Food Technology students and Ms Hussein for continuing our Thursday morning Coffee Club program. This is a great opportunity for students to refine their barista skills whilst providing one of those little weekly things, for want of a better word, that make our work environment pleasant and social for the staff at our school. So on behalf of all the caffeine-enriched staff at BBHS, thank you!

A reminder to all students and parents that it is the expectation at BBHS, in line with the school and Department of Education policy, that all students in kitchens and workshops wear enclosed leather footwear. I will be asking TAS teachers to make contact with home if this expectation is not being met by students. This is due to the higher risk of these environments where heavy and sharp objects can be dropped. Enclosed leather shoes give us greater protection. The shoes I see the most on students' feet are mesh runners across the toe box at the top of the shoe, particularly on sport days. Students need to be aware that if you have a lesson timetabled into K1, W1, W2, W3 or MW1 you still need to have enclosed leather footwear for these lessons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ending on a more positive note. I would like to wish all of our students, parents, families and staff of the BBHS community a fantastic year ahead. Keep working hard

students of TAS! And I look forward to more adventures throughout the year.

Mr Liu – HT TAS

YEAR 7

YEAR ADVISER

Miss Kathleen Villanueva



A warm welcome to Year 7!

It has been an exciting first few weeks for Year 7. All students have been excited to attend their timetabled classes, meet their teachers, and enjoy the new environment and responsibility that comes with being a high school student. So far, they have learnt all about Blacktown Boys', its classrooms, its values and its opportunities during their Step Up lessons. During Peer Support, led by Year 10 students, the boys were able to get to meet older students who were able to give them some advice about day to day high school life. The boys were also able to get to know each other a little more through some fun ice breaker activities.

Upcoming for Year 7 are a few events. Yr 7 Vaccinations are on the 19th Feb for HPV and dPta, and students are required to return the forms that have been distributed to them during homeroom. The Yr 7 Welcome BBQ is also coming up on the 12th of March. The BBQ will be a great way to get to know your son's teachers and find out



find a missing exercise book in the morning. Finally, the last strategy on how to improve organisation is through using the diary to keep track of homework and assignments. By writing down the task a teacher has set

in a diary, students are guaranteed to not forget which activity they need to complete for homework.

how your son is progressing in each of his subjects. On the 1st to the 3rd April, Yr 7 will be going on a 3-day Camp at Wyee/Morriset. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the boys to make great friends, good memories, and try out unique activities like archery and high ropes.

With high school, comes more responsibility. For many students it might mean travelling on public transport on their own, or being in charge of carrying all the appropriate school equipment for the day. One of the most important things for students to have is a Plan B for their travel home. Circumstances like having a phone with no battery, losing an Opal card, or missing the bus, are all events that we hope don't happen, but sometimes do. In these cases, having a Plan B, such as having change for a pay phone, keeping emergency money for a bus/train ticket, or knowing the schedule for the bus/train, can help ease the anxiety that may come from experiencing such situations.

To be well prepared for school, a tip for students is to pack the necessary equipment for the next day the night before. This strategy will not only help students have the right materials for their classes but also ensures that no student will be running late to school after trying to

YEAR 8 YEAR ADVISER Miss Jessica Shields



Students were welcomed back from their holidays with a year meeting and new timetables. Year 8 classes this year are 8H, 8D, 8N, 8A, 8E and 8T. All students would have new classes and should work towards

developing and maintaining positive relationships with their peers during class time and in the playground.

This year our Sport Day is Tuesday. Student are to come to school dressed in the correct sports uniform every Tuesday. If your son has PE prac on their timetable they must come to school in their regular school uniform, with their sport uniform in their bag and get changed in the changerooms before class.

Now that Year 8 are settled into high school, they are encouraged to involve themselves in extra-curricular activities at school. The school offers a variety of extra-curricular activities to suit various student interests, including sport teams, school bands, dance group, Tournament of the Minds and debating.

To complement these activities, if your son is interested in participating in sport or creative activities outside of school, the NSW Government is currently providing active and creative kids vouchers worth \$100 each. These vouchers can be used for registration and fees at various sporting clubs and other activities at various venues. For more information about how to redeem these vouchers go to the following websites:

Sport: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>



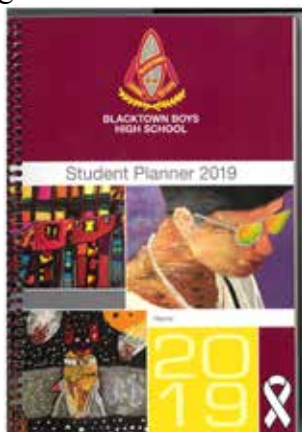
Creative Activities: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

Parent Portal Key

Ensure you have access to the Parent Portal to access your son's timetable and to keep up with important school dates. The Parent Portal also allows you to book in your parent interview times online. Parent teacher evening will be held early in Term 3 for the junior school.

Study Tip~ Use a Diary

Students had the option to purchase a BBHS diary this year (there are limited numbers still available to purchase), and are also encouraged to buy their own. Using a diary throughout junior years sets students into a routine for their senior year. Diaries help students to keep track of homework, assessment due dates and upcoming events for the school year. Being organised in your daily life sets you up for success in the outside world after school as well.



Key Dates for the Diary

28th February- 1st March: CAPA Camp

12th March: Cross Country- during sport

15th March: School Photos

8th April: Portfolio Pickup

12th April: Last day of Term 1

I look forward to seeing parents at the Portfolio Pickup afternoon and Parent Teacher night later in the year.

YEAR 9 YEAR ADVISER Mr Andy Franjic



A warm welcome to 2019 to all our students and their families. It is sure to be an exciting year ahead with many opportunities for students to engage in the broad range of activities in the school community here at Blacktown Boys. We have had a large number of new students start at the school this year which is an extremely positive endorsement of the many fantastic things that are happening at our school. We started the first day with a year group meeting in which the following important information was provided to the students;

- 1. Principal's Address** – Mr Addy welcomed the students back and gave the students a very clear message. To learn from the mistakes of the previous year and look to make improvements in the areas that it is needed. He spoke about the importance of not cheating yourself by being late to class, not engaging in learning or not giving your best efforts to the relevant task. The key message was to establish some high expectations for the coming year.
- 2. Year Advisor's Address** - I spoke to the students about the fundamentals of having a successful year and getting into good habits early. This begins

with getting to school on time for Homeroom each morning and being punctual to all lessons, particularly after break times when many students are engaged in sporting activities around the school. Once again, I emphasised the importance of attending school each day to maximise your learning opportunities.

- 3. Assessment Booklets** – Each student was provided with an 'Assessment Booklet' which is an important document that I encourage all parents and carers to read. It contains all the relevant information for students including the necessary requirements for the successful completion of RoSA (Record of School Achievement). It also contains the assessment schedule for each subject so that students can go about planning and organising themselves so that all tasks are submitted within set timeframes.
- 4. Cyberbullying Presentation** – Cyberbullying is a problem that has been widely reported upon in the media in recent times and because of the modern forms of communication this issue is likely to be encountered by our students from time to time. The presentation was a reminder on what cyberbullying is and that it will not be tolerated at Blacktown Boys. Students were also provided with some strategies on how to deal with cyberbullying if they or their peers ever experience any problems. At Blacktown Boys we are committed to providing an inclusive school community where every student is provided with the opportunity to be successful.

YEAR 10
YEAR ADVISER
Ms Pembe Hussein



these, your organisational skills, interpersonal skills, self-confidence and your profile within the school will continue to develop.

Welcome back!

Congratulations on entering Year 10 at Blacktown Boys High School. This year you will continue to grow and mature into young men, with the support of the dedicated staff at BBHS. I recommend that you immerse yourself in all of the curricular and extracurricular opportunities provided for you here, at BBHS. This is the year to follow your passion and to reflect on, and learn from your mistakes. We will focus on developing your organisational skills, to help you to get ahead of your work, and avoid N-award warnings.

We have already had a fantastic start to 2019, with Peer Support and Coffey Club underway. Peer Support Leaders have aided in the smooth transition of Year 7 students into their new school environment. Year 10 have continued to raise the level of school spirit and brotherhood, within the school. Through your involvement in programs like



All Year 10 students have received their Year 10 Assessment booklets. This is an important booklet that will help you to plan assessment tasks, and it will provide details on the school assessment processes. Please keep this booklet somewhere you can easily access, so you can continually refer to it for guidance.

Across the school, students will be partaking in Goal Setting. I will be visiting your sons in Year 10 Homeroom to help create goals to work towards. I encourage parents to talk with your sons regarding their vision and interests, so we can work together in managing their goals.

Important dates to note in Term 1 include the SRC Leadership Day, the Swimming Carnival, Presentation Evening, Cross Country and Harmony Day. I look forward to seeing you all at the end of the term, during the Portfolio BBQ, on Monday the 8th of April.

I wish you a merry Term 1, and I

will see you all very soon!

Kind regards,
 Miss Pembe Hussein.

Year 10 Year Adviser

YEAR 11
YEAR ADVISER
Mr Daniel Dibbs



Year 11 have been encountering an exciting transition during this time of the year. They have started new subjects in the Stage 6 syllabus; subjects that they had the power to select and participate in to begin achieving their Higher School Certificates. These young men have been wearing their senior uniforms with pride, with their white shirts a beacon, as representatives and leaders of the Blacktown Boys' High School Community. A mature approach to Learning, Respect and Safety has been demonstrated from both returning and new students to Year 11.

While on the subject of safety, it is important to remind Year 11 students and parents that as they enter their final schooling years, the boys will begin taking on more responsibility in their lives, including some who will get their driver's licences. Sadly, car accidents account for one of the highest causes of death in Australia – it is imperative that a driver operates a vehicle in a safe manner. According to the Bureau of Statistics, 34% of car accident fatalities occur in large urban areas. The Blacktown Boys' School Community sits in the largest urban metropolitan area in Australia, and the 8th largest in the Southern Hemisphere. If you and your son decide that he can safely drive to



YEAR 12 YEAR ADVISERS Mr David Martin & Ms Chantell Fuller



and from school, please remember to fill out and return the permission to drive slips featured in the Step Up Commitment Booklets which were handed out on the first school day of 2019. And remember, if you and your son decide to drive to and from school, they will be doing so during the busiest peak times on our roads. Please drive safely for all of us.

Year 11 students have been participating in school events as they settle into their Stage 6 subjects. Year 11 students have ensured that they have made incoming Year 7 students feel welcome in the school community. Their participation in subject based excursions (including Year 11 Biology) have allowed them to further their knowledge of content in new and exciting ways. Their participation in the school Swimming Carnival, including participating in swimming events as well as leading crowd cheers from sports houses, was commendable.

As we continue progressing through Term 1, remember to continue submitting your work on time, and ensure that a home study schedule is well and truly established to assist with study, homework and assessment tasks.

Have a wonderful, safe and productive Term 1!

Welcome back to 2019! The message this year is constant: constant effort is required to achieve the desired result. Every student in Year 12 has their future in their own hands. Whatever they decide they will try to achieve, it is up to them to work hard enough to achieve it. Students are encouraged to discuss their aims with their teachers, and especially their families, so that we can all work together to support them in making their goals a reality.



I will be meeting with them early this term to discuss their plans, and from there will continue to work with them for the rest of the year.

There are also a wide range of areas that need to be covered this year aside from the subjects and HSC exams. Students will need to spend time going through a range of processes involved in transitioning out of school. This may involve completing UAC or TAFE applications, as well as scholarship applications. Additionally, students will need to also consider other parts of life that may affect them, such as enrolling to vote and learning to drive. This year will also keep them busy between planning the graduation and formal, all in addition to the main focus that is their schoolwork.

I am pleased to see the leadership team working hard already, supporting students in all grades and making plans to lead students effectively, as well as contribute to the community. Other students have also begun contributing in other ways, such as engaging in fundraising planning or involving themselves in programs and activities throughout the school. I expect all students in Year 12 to contribute towards fundraising, which will go towards a gift for the school as well as their formal and graduation.

Between all of us, we should be aiming to do our best and help the

students in Year 12 do their best. Remember, hard work will make all the difference in the end.

David Martin
Year 12
Advisor

Extra Curricular Activities

SRC CO-ORDINATOR

Miss Cindy Tang



Blacktown Boys High School takes pride in their Student Representative Council (SRC) and ensures that a student's voice is heard within the school community. This is reflected during the SRC elections, where one student from each homeroom is elected to form part of the SRC. The elections held during Week 2 of Term 1 generated 75 nominations from Years 8-11 with 19 students gaining a place on the SRC. These elected students have been recognised as responsible and positive role models by their peers.

These students will join the School Captain, Vice Captain and Prefects to form the SRC for 2019. A massive thank you to the students who have nominated themselves and have shown an interest in leadership roles within the school. The elections for Year 7 SRC will be held during week 7 of Term 1.

The new SRC 2019 team will partake in a Leadership Training Day where the students build on their communication and problem solving skills, and decide on their goals for 2019. Parents of SRC members will also be invited to the SRC Induction Ceremony which will be held later in Term 1. We look forward to an exciting year of fun, opportunity and leadership shared by our Blacktown Boys.



We had a very successful Go Green Day during Term 4 2018 where students wore green mufti and donated money to the BBHS Environment Group. We raised enough funds to sponsor the Sumatran Tiger in 2019 with the Taronga Foundation's Adopt An Animal program. This animal was selected by a vote in Homeroom by students and teachers. Let's hope that our Go Green Day is even bigger in 2019! News just in: The tigers have had three baby cubs! How exciting! I am sure this is 100% because of our recent sponsorship.

In Term 1, 2019 we have Clean Up Schools Day on 1/3/19 where students will give up their lunchtime to collect rubbish around the school. I am proud to say that in 2018 there actually wasn't that much rubbish to collect because students use the bins so well during recess and lunch. But there is always some room for improvement. Remember, recycling can be taken home and put in your recycling bin. Most major supermarkets also collect soft plastics that are clean. And we also have paper and green waste collections around the school. The green waste bins are currently located in the TAS staffroom and K1 where students and teachers can deposit food scraps that are free of any packaging, citrus, bread, meat or dairy – and these are emptied by the BBHS Environment Group every week and go towards feeding our hungry worms in our school farm

worm farms. But don't forget, it is Clean Up Schools Day on Friday 1/3/19 at lunchtime. We'll meet in the Quad.

Keep an ear out on assembly for when the BBHS Environment Group will be meeting in 2019.

Mr Liu – BBHS Environment Group Coordinator

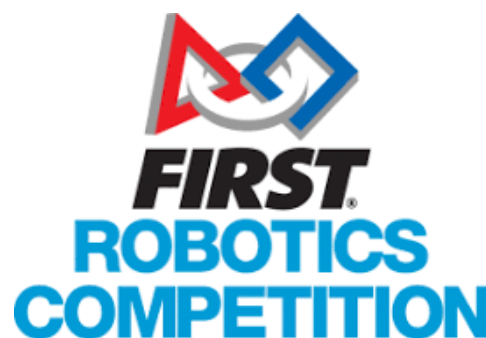


STEM@BBHS Report

The Year 8 STEM@BBHS program is under way for this year and Year 8 students have been busy completing a range of engaging STEM activities including designing and making marshmallow towers, water wheels, and marble runs. Next term the challenges get bigger and better with students attempt to cook a marshmallow using mathematics. It is possible!

Good luck to all of our Year 8 STEM students and to our BBHS robotics team (mostly from Year 10) which will be competing at the FIRST Robotics Competition in March, Term 1.

Mr Liu – STEM Coordinator



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klhcsecretary@gmail.com

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To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go online to www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

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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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TROUSERS: GREY COLLEGE LONG BAGGIES	\$55.99
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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
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JACKET: MAROON MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.	From \$50.99
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Contribution Schedule 2019

Subject Contributions - cover the purchase of materials in certain key learning areas and to cover costs associated with sports or excursions.	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Drama			\$20	\$20		
Engineering Studies			\$40	\$40	\$15	\$15
Food Technology			\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80
Industrial Technology – Electronics			\$70	\$70		
Industrial Technology – Engineering			\$40	\$40		
Industrial Technology – Engineering - Robotics				\$40		
Industrial Technology - Multimedia					\$40 + own folio printing	\$30 + own folio printing
Industrial Technology - Timber			\$50	\$50	\$80 + special project costs	\$40 + major project costs
Information and Software Technology			\$20	\$20		
Music	\$10	\$10				
Music (Elective)			\$25	\$25	\$30	\$30
Technology	\$40	\$40				
Visual Arts	\$30	\$30				
Visual Arts (Elective) Visual Arts Life Skills			\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Visual Design (Elective)			\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50

General Contribution – cover services such as library, textbooks and curriculum-related resources.	\$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		

Total – Full or regular part-payment accepted. Eftpos facility available. Phone payments accepted.	\$140	\$140	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable
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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's absent) (Reason)

Signed: Date: / /
(Parent's Signature)

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