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PRINCIPAL
Mr Shaun Addy



Welcome everyone and thanks for taking time to read up on what is happening at Blacktown Boys' High. Sadly I have to begin by reporting that the Blacktown Boys family lost two of its most valued and loved past teachers last week.

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. Given that the afore-mentioned teachers would both have had contact with our current Year 12, I would remind all parents and carers that our school welfare team is always just a call away, if you believe that your sons need some extra support.

THE DROUGHT

Last year the BBHS community made a commitment to raise funds for drought relief. Although other events have tended to push the drought off the front pages, it is still a real problem, and one that may continue for some time. I include a thankyou from a family of farmers who were most grateful for our support. As the year goes on, we

Term 3 2019

Important Dates to Remember

August

20th	P&C meeting @ 10am
21st	Cafe d' Art APSMO Maths Olympiad
28th	Year 11 Team Work Skills Camp Year meetings
29th	Year 11 Team Work Skills Camp
30th	Year 11 Team Work Skills Camp
31st	Tournament of the Minds

September

2nd	Year 7 Korean Conference
3rd	UNSW Genetics & Disease Workshop ICAS Digital Technology
5th	ICAS Science Competition
6th	Year 7 vaccinations
10th	ICAS Writing Competition
12th	ICAS Spelling Competition
13th	ICAS Mathematics Competition
16th	Year 11 Yearly Exams
17th	Year 11 Yearly Exams ICAS English Competition P&C meeting @ 10am
18th	Year 11 Yearly Exams APSMO Maths Olympiad
19th	Year 11 Yearly Exams
20th	Year 11 Yearly Exams
23rd	Year 11 Yearly Exams Portfolio Pickup BBQ
24th	Year 11 Yearly Exams
25th	Year 7 Korean Conference
26th	Year 12 Graduation
27th	Last day of Term 3





will continue this support for our “country cousins”.

Hi Everyone

Well the arrival of a truck load of Hay to our property at “Belfield” Upper Horton, Barraba NSW caused a great deal of excitement. Our two neighbours who are sharing in the load were also ecstatic to hear that it had arrived. It is the first lot of Hay that this area has received from any organisation. I would like you to know how much this means to us, as it is indeed a terrible struggle for us here at the moment. We are so excited to hear that Queensland may receive some drought breaking rain in the coming days but equally devastated to know that it isn’t going to reach much of drought effected NSW. After the horrific expense of enlarging dams, desilting dams, running copious amounts of poly and the cost of feed it all mounts up. Know that just the fact that you have done this for us is just....well so darn appreciated. Every bit helps!

Thanking you most sincerely

Bruce and Sue

VALE PATRICIA AND QAMMAR

Mr Qammar Cheema left our school last year after 8 years of dedicated

service to the Maths faculty in particular, but also the wider school community, with his role as a cricket coach and student mentor. Mr Cheema told me on leaving that he really didn’t want to go, but his new school was much closer to home and it allowed more time for him to dedicate to his young family. Sadly after a very short and unexpected illness, Mr Cheema passed away last week.

Only one day later we received the news that another of our ex-staff had passed away after a long battle with breast cancer. Mrs Patricia Bou-Khalil had been part of our Science faculty for 14 years and had also played an enormous role both as Year Advisor, teacher mentor and student mentor. Mrs Bou-Khalil



took medical retirement only when it became clear to her that her illness would prevent her from giving the 100% commitment for which she was famous. She fought on for almost three more years, but finally succumbed surrounded by family and friends.

Our hearts and thoughts go out to all impacted by the passing of two fine educators and wonderful people. The closeness of our community was evident in the large number of current staff and past students who attended services to say goodbye to Qammar and Patricia.

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 2020.

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 Yr9-Yr10
- Principal’s nomination award

These scholarships are in addition to



our existing \$1000 dux award, won last year with an ATAR of 98.05

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



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 is in week 3, and we look forward to the opportunity to meet with you. The Senior (Year 10, 11 and 12) Parent Teacher Evening was held at the end of last term and it was encouraging to see numbers up on last year. 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 was 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 2020, and we had a strong attendance at our Junior and Senior Subject Selection Evenings to support this. It was a great opportunity to meet with so many parents.

This term parents/carers of Year 7 and Year 9 students will receive a report on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy Online (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.

At our recent School Development Day, day 1 of Term 3, part of our focus was on the use of technology in the classroom to enhance learning, with the Google Drive platform. This is being used increasingly, along with Edmodo to enhance communication and ensure that students have the opportunity to discuss work online outside of the scheduled class time, submit and edit group and individual tasks and explore and add to relevant links. We also reviewed use of the green screen for creating enhanced videos. This technology allows your son to be creative in fun and surprising ways, linking ideas to language and visual media. Additionally, we also engaged in the guidelines for a digital data survey that BBHS is involved in, that ensures that royalties from material created by individuals and published on the web, are paid to authors in the same way that it is paid for hard copy texts.

Finally, please also visit our website regularly, (I know that some families like to the use the language option on dashboard – available in over 100 languages) and use the Parent Portal to keep informed. As always, 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,

As we begin Term 3, I would like to thank all our parents who have supported our boys to be at school each and every day in Terms 1 and 2. Our job is however only half done and 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 have a better chance of completing 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 three full terms 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.

**THINGS YOU CAN DO
TO SUPPORT SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE**

- Talk positively about attending school and learning
- Help your son get into the routine of getting ready for school that is stress-free
- Help your son, if they need it, to get ready for school in the morning
- Make sure that they go to bed at a reasonable hour the night before
- 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 goals and dreams.

**SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION
MANAGER**

Mrs Jane Sampson



Welcome back to Term 3, I hope all our students had a happy holiday and are ready to throw themselves into school life again. This is an exciting term for our Year 12 boys,

who will graduate on Thursday 26th September 2019. I would like to wish all our boys the very best of luck in their HSC exams and also in whatever life holds for them after BBHS. This is a new chapter in your book of life make it a good one!

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 5, 19 – 23 August 2019. If you do not have an email address these will be mailed 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.

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 an enjoyable and educational Term 3.

J Sampson

School Administrative Manager

HEAD TEACHER

ENGLISH

**Mrs Renae Bystrzynski
& Mr David Martin**



Welcome back to Term 3! I hope all students had an enjoyable and restful break. We were sad to farewell our EAL/D teacher, Ms Dayal, at the end of Term 2, who has moved on to a new school after many happy years at BBHS. We wish her all the very best in her new school. We are also happy to welcome Ms Lee, who will be taking over the role for Term 3.

It is a busy term for all of our students. Year 12 are currently sitting their Trial HSC exams, which has provided them with a valuable opportunity to reflect on their knowledge to date and have a practice run before the real

exams in October. Year 11 students are studying their final module as they work towards finishing the Year 11 course this term, with Standard students studying the poetry of Wilfred Owen and Advanced students studying William Shakespeare's King Lear.

Year 10 have made their course selections for 2020 and the English faculty has spent time discussing the options for all students in senior English, which include both ATAR and non-ATAR pathways. I strongly encourage students to seek out guidance regarding this important choice if they have any questions or concerns.

It is also busy in our junior classes. Year 7 have begun a novel study and Year 8 are beginning an introductory unit on Shakespeare. Year 9 are studying the genre of science fiction, with a focus on how it relates to our world. We hope that students find this an engaging term of learning in the English faculty.

Several extracurricular activities have also occurred recently which allow students to extend themselves more holistically.

DEBATING

Both our junior and middle-school debating teams have participated in the Premier's Debating Challenge this term, taking on opponents from the Nirimba Learning Community. This allowed our teams to develop their critical thinking skills and confidence in public speaking. Ms Johnson passes on her congratulations to all students who have participated, representing their year groups with distinction:

Swapnil Dey 9H
Akash Venkatraman 9H
Rayaan Tanvir 10D
Seena Malak 10D
Kritik Paudel 10H

MACQUARIE MENTORING

Our close relationship with Macquarie University continues with the guidance of our new EAL/D teacher, Ms Lee. Mentors from Macquarie University visit the school regularly, helping students prepare for their senior studies and meeting the demands of future study. The program continues this term with selected students from Year 10 and will culminate with a Macquarie University visit later this term.

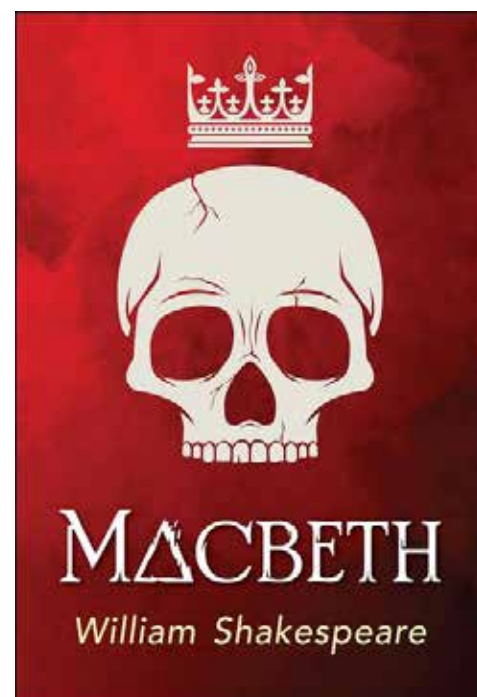
ICAS ENGLISH

The ICAS English tests will be taking place soon. This will allow students to practise their skills in comprehension, spelling and writing. We hope the students find this opportunity worthwhile and put in their best efforts.

YEAR 10 EXCURSION TO MACBETH

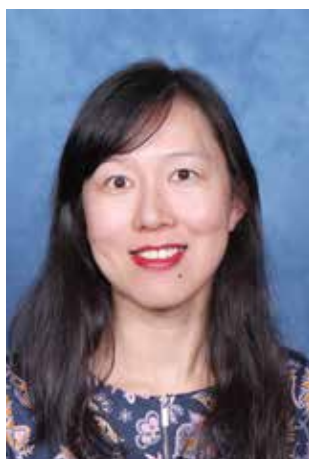
Students have been invited to attend a live performance of William Shakespeare's play, Macbeth in Week 4. We hope that this is an enjoyable event for all who attend.

Stay tuned for more exciting activities happening in the English faculty!



HEAD TEACHER MATHS

Ms Xiao Chirgwin



2019 HSC

Our Year 12 students are completing their Trial HSC Examinations and finalising their HSC courses. HSC 2019 will be the first year where the new Mathematics Standard 1 and 2 courses are examined. The new courses have a reading time of 10 minutes rather than the previous 5 minutes, and these two courses have a common reference sheet. 2019 begins new examination structures for the new courses, but also means the end of the long-standing Mathematics, Mathematics Extension 1 and Extension 2 courses. 2019 is the final year where the HSC examinations will run for these three courses on the old syllabus. Our Year 12 students are preparing the last leg of their race with assistance from their teachers.

There are also new specifications for approved calculators that will apply from the 2020 HSC examination. Casio fx-100AU and Casio fx-100AU PLUS models will not be approved for use in HSC examinations after 2019. This will not affect our current Year 12 students, but will certainly affect our Year 11 students as well as those in the junior year groups. We would advise parents and students to use Casio fx-82AU PLUS or Casio fx-82AU PLUS II models when choosing a calculator. Please see

link for more details on the NESA approved calculators.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes/approved-calculators>

MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

- 2019 AMC (Australian Mathematics Competition) is held on Thursday 01/08/2018. If you would like to access AMC Practice Problems, please use the following link.

https://competitions.amt.edu.au/index.php?action=user_competitions

- 2019 ICAS Mathematics Competition will be held towards the end of Term 3. This year it has changed its format from paper to online. There is an online practice test using the following link.

<https://unswglobal.janisoninsights.com/auth/onetimecode?sessionCode=KFGSJDZQ&otc=GCBYYTV&isSampleTest=true>

- The final three rounds of the 2019 APSMO Mathematics Olympiad are happening this term on the 31st of July, 21st of August, and 11th of September.

PUZZLE TIME

Four people are travelling to different places on different types of transport. Their name are Rachel, John, Mr. Jones and Cindy. They either went on train, car, plane, or ship. Given that Mr. Jones hates flying, Cindy has to rent her vehicle, and John gets seasick. How did they each travel? How many solutions are there?



HEAD TEACHER SCIENCE

Mrs Maninder Kaur



Term 2 has been really busy as well as exciting for all year groups. Science faculty aims at expanding students' learning beyond the classroom by providing them a range of opportunities in the field of science and technology. Students expanded their knowledge in various areas of their interest by participating in the following enrichment activities.

STEAM

On the 6th of May, twenty Year 8 students attended the Full STEAM Ahead excursion at the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS). This was Phase One of a total of four related excursions for the students to enrich their understanding of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and how they are all related through STEAM. The day involved many fun-filled activities in which students learnt about the different aspects of STEAM-related jobs, including the design of a video game, the programming and robotics involved in operating the Mars rovers, and the importance of coding and design for Virtual Reality applications and 3D printing. Follow up excursions attended by these students involved a 'Design Thinking' workshop at the Commonwealth Bank and 'Hackathon' at MAAS.

TITRATION COMPETITION

On the 15th June, our very keen and passionate Stage 6 Chemistry students competed in the Quantitative Chemical Analysis competition held at University of New South Wales. It provided them with an opportunity to enhance their understanding of analytical chemistry, and experience working in a university science lab. This is the largest competition of its kind in Australia with over 1200 entrants every year. Students worked extremely well in their teams and are eagerly waiting for their results which will be announced soon.

SYDNEY OBSERVATORY

In week 10, thirty very enthusiastic Year 10 students attended the Sydney Observatory "Space is Big" excursion at the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS). This excursion was designed to further enhance their scientific knowledge of the physics principles incorporated in the Space and Universe topic that year 10 students covered in Term 2. During the excursion, students used telescopes to observe the stars and other planetary bodies in the sky, explored constellations and used technology to model the planets. Students were delighted to hone their skills by participating in the interactive activities provided at the venue. Teachers received a very positive feedback as students behaved respectfully and demonstrated their extensive knowledge about the Universe through actively participating in discussions coordinated by the instructors at the Observatory.

CRYSTAL GROWING COMPETITION

Students from Years 7-12 worked tirelessly through weeks 4-9, by competing in the 'Crystal Growing

Competition' coordinated by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. This was a unique educational opportunity for students to expand their confidence and responsibility along with instilling competence in science and technology. It provided a self-directed learning experience which allowed students to acquire scientific knowledge and skills and develop understanding about phenomena within and beyond their experience. Students created their own crystals within six weeks and these crystals have been sent to RACI to be judged. The results will be published during National Science Week in Term 3.

Term 3 sees the continuation of many wonderful things happening in the Science faculty, starting with the preparation for **Science week**, which will be held in week 4. This will provide opportunities for students to participate in a range of activities and challenges during the week. Boys are excited about competing with our neighbours 'BGHS' in the bridge building competition and Science Trivia.

In week 7, Stage 4 students will be attending the Planetarium incursion. This experience will allow students to understand more about the night sky and movement of the Earth.

Year 12 Biology students are looking forward to participate in the 'Genetics and Disease' workshop at University of New South Wales in week 7. They will

participate in informative sessions based on Module 5-8 from the Year 12 Biology syllabus. These workshops will consolidate the key concepts from the syllabus such as genetics, the nature of inheritance, biotechnology, infectious and non-infectious diseases.

In week 8, Year 12 Chemistry students will be attending the 'Kick start program' at the University of Sydney. They will attend a workshop based on HSC Chemistry and conduct first hand investigations using various sophisticated techniques and devices that are not accessible in a high school laboratory.

As senior students complete their course work, we encourage them to make the most of all available opportunities, and to utilise their class time wisely so they can benefit from the expertise and feedback provided by their teachers.

Congratulations to all students who worked well over the first semester. All students should have received the feedback on their progress, and are encouraged to pursue the revision plans to further improve in the second semester.



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Units covered in Term 2 and Assessment Schedule

Year	Unit	Assessment
7	May the force be with you	Research Task - Week 7
8	What's the buzz?	Student Research Project Stage 4 - Week 8
9	Balance of the Living World	Skills Assessment - Week 9
10	The Clone Age	Student Research Project Stage 5 - Week 9

HEAD TEACHER HSIE Mrs Gina Jackson



Another busy term in HSIE with staff working hard to ensure students learning is continuously enriched by real world experiences, high order thinking skills, and 'hands on' activities designed to deepen and extend their understanding of course work.

In Term two, we once again participated in many of the annual competitions and events such as the Model United Competition (MUNA), Mock Trial and the ASX competition. Our year 9 History students enjoyed the WW1 Living History incursion and our Geographers explored urban growth, whilst our Ancient History students visited the Nicholson University located at Sydney University where they participated in an archaeological workshop. In Commerce, our Year 9 students completed their unit on Consumer Choice by testing brand items of food and comparing them with their generic counterpart. During the controlled food taste test, students were surprised to learn that on a number of occasions they had selected the cheaper product over the more expensive brand. Both Year 9 and 10 Commerce classes enhanced their understanding of building wealth through their participation in the ASX Sharemarket Game and participating in the Commonwealth

Bank workshop

Mr Dibbs and Miss Shields continued their videoconferencing with our Korean partners.

WESTERN SYDNEY MUNA COMPETITION

This year Blacktown Boys sent two teams to the Western Sydney MUNA competition at Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June. Our year 10 team represented the nation of Ireland and enjoyed networking with like-minded students from all over western Sydney. Our students enjoyed working on their public speaking skills and knowledge of current, global issues. Our year 12 team came away with a pleasing result in their final year of MUNA, achieving 4th Place overall and taking out the peace Prize, representing New Zealand. Once again, we thank Blacktown City Rotary Club for their continued support and



sponsorship of our teams.

AUSTRALIAN-KOREA CONNEXION (AKC) PROGRAM

We continue to be proud of our participation in the Australia-Korea ConneXion (AKC) program.

Currently two of our HSIE classes regularly video conference with their respective Korean high school partner. Miss Shields has reported



how enthusiastic her year 7D students have been in the lead up to each of the scheduled conferencing sessions with Bitgaram High School. Mr. Dibbs' 10N students have been conferencing with Haenam High School and they too have developed a strong connection with their Korean peers.



Students have presented on a number of topics including: government structure, cultural history, customs and traditions, high school life, teenage interests and famous landmarks. This cultural exchange has allowed students to gain an insight into the similarities and differences of Australian and Korean lifestyles.

Two staff and 10 students from Haenam High School are currently planning a visit to Australia in mid Term 3, and we look forward to hosting an a day where students and participating staff meet face to face to further foster an understanding of our school systems and respective cultures.

URBAN DYNAMICS

Year 12 Geography visited the Green



Square precinct during Term 2 as part of their study of Urban Places. Students attended Sydney Town Hall in the morning where they were able to view city and Green Square models and were presented to by a Sydney City Planner. This was followed by a presentation at the Green Square town centre by a representative from Urban Growth NSW. Guided fieldwork activities were then undertaken throughout the precinct, studying the various buildings, architecture and street life that the development has brought about. Students were able to make a comparison of the changes from an industrial area to an ecologically sustainable residential precinct. This allowed students to gain an understanding of the urban dynamics of urban renewal and urban consolidation.

START SMART WORKSHOP 2019

On 3rd June, Students from years 9/10 Commerce class participated in the Start Smart Workshop which was organised by the HSIE faculty.

This interactive workshop motivated our students and gave them more confidence and skills to make smart decisions about money.

A big thank you to Brandon from Start Smart for running this

workshop at our school.

NAIDOC WEEK

Blacktown Boys held another successful week of NAIDOC celebrations this year. Students participated in activities throughout the week during homeroom, class time, recess and lunch breaks throughout the week to enhance their understanding of issues

affecting Australia's Aboriginal people. Students opted in to activities such as: traditional Indigenous Games run by the PDHPE faculty; a writing competition facilitated by the English faculty; a screening of blockbuster documentary-film 'Mabo'; a poster competition; Indigenous History Trivia; and the history of the Didgeridoo, or Yidaki with the HSIE faculty. Students enjoyed learning about various aspects of Aboriginal history and culture and accepted the challenge of testing their knowledge and understanding of Indigenous issues. We look forward to another great NAIDOC celebration next year that is bigger and better!



CAREERS ADVISOR Mr Trevor Hodges



On Thursday 28th June 2019, Year 12 students from Blacktown Boys' High attended the Careers Expo

at Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush. 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. Many of the students used their free tickets to return to the venue over the weekend and attend additional seminars. Feedback from students was very positive.

Trevor Hodges
Careers Adviser



TEACHER/LIBRARIAN Mr Patrick Everingham

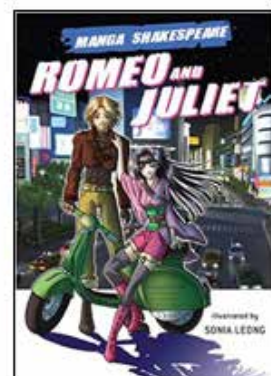
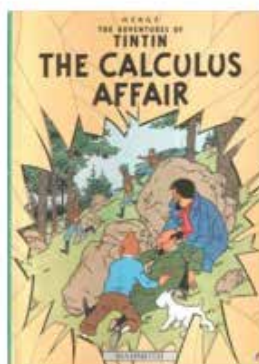
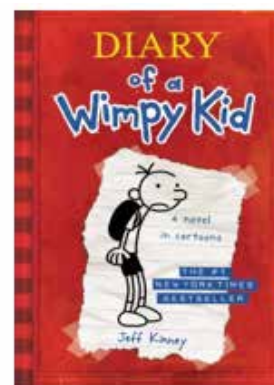
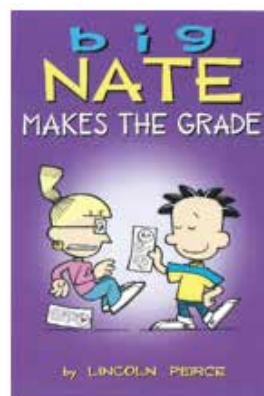
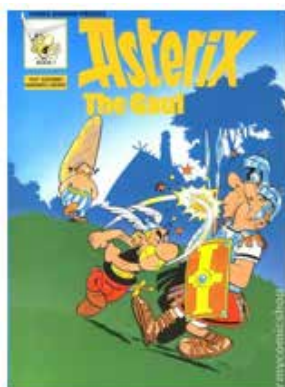


PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE BOOK LIST

Past participants of the Premier's Reading Challenge will know that they are required to read 20 books between the 5th of March and the 31st of August 2019. Of those books 5 are free choice and the remaining 15 are from the PRC 7-9 Booklist.

Students often imagine that many of the books from the 7-9 Booklist are difficult and demanding. This is true in that the booklist does contain some books by authors like Mark Twain or Charles Dickens or Tolkien which will challenge the great majority of Year 7 students. But there are also many books which are humorous and based on illustrations which many students can and will read for pleasure. In this way all the students in Years 7, 8 and 9 can participate in the Reading Challenge if they wish.

Some examples of these humorous illustrated books in the BBHS Library from the PRC 7-9 Booklist are:



Premier's Reading Challenge 2019 – Closing Soon

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will end on Friday August the 30th 2019 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.

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.

Last year 68 students at Blacktown Boys completed the challenge. These students received a certificate from the Premier's Department during a school assembly in Term 4. This continues the recent history of high attainment at Blacktown Boys High in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

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

BBHS YEAR 7 CHESS COMPETITION 2019



The entry form for the Year 7 Library Chess competition is now available in the library.

The competition has been run in the past as a Knockout for the initial games with a Round Robin competition for the group finalists.

All the participants receive a certificate for participating in the Chess Competition.

Any student from Year 7 who would like to participate in the BBHS Library Chess Competition should see the librarian to enter or to get further information.

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



SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday 21st August 2019- Café d' Art

Come and celebrate our students Creativity, Business Acumen with Visual Arts, Design Potential and Musical Performance.

BBHS Hall – Doors Open 4.00 p.m. with pre-show & exhibition 4.45p.m. Opening & Café d' Art-Awards, Digital Work & Musical Performance. Admittance free – refreshments served. Show finishes at approximately 6.15 p.m.

For all parents and community that have not attended Café d' Art before, it is the annual exhibition, musical performance, and creative awards evening. It is short, purposeful and engaging because the community is involved. Students and staff determine its direction and we feature faculty programs, individual, and collaborative works including dance. It forms the basis of assessment for Semester 2 practical work in Visual Arts, Music and Visual Design. It also showcases exemplary thinking, projects, and writing pieces from the year 7 Visual Literacy course. The CAPA faculty NAIDOC Week contribution will also be

showcased along with the efforts, trials and tribulations of the piano club who are to be congratulated on their resilience and determination to perform.

NAIDOC WEEK IN CAPA

CAPA engaged in collaboration and shared space learning inclusion for NAIDOC WEEK 2019. Students in Yr. 11 Homeroom, and at recess, and lunch breaks, plus in some Visual Literacy classes, looked at the everyday events of sharing food, and in particular a look at the concept of a kitchen midden which formed the basis of the 'BOGANGAR' project. Students listened and then created their own pipi shell out of DAS clay making a shared artwork through the collaboration. We all thought it to be great and the work will be exhibited at Café d' Art.

ART GALLERY NSW ARTIST & ART EDUCATORS VISIT TO CAPA & 7, 8, 9T

The AGNSW sponsored project PATHWAYS PLUS was held on June 25th for Year 7 Visual Arts students in the art studios. The gallery sent 8 Artist educators to work with the Visual Arts staff on a full program for the day. All materials were provided and the students benefited from being able to share with such a valuable resource on the day. The CAPA faculty have been invited back to the gallery with our year 7 students and 7, 8, & 9 T, with coach transport being provided





free of charge in September. All students attending will need to comply with the school code of conduct and excursion policy in order to attend. It should be a great two days viewing the gallery collections and introducing our student to the Art Gallery of NSW. The PATHWAYS PROJECT is about making the gallery accessible and to broadening student's perspective of creativity and artmaking in a contemporary world.

CRONULLA EXCURSION IN NOVEMBER 2019 – A SELL OUT!!

Thanks to the students who are attending this event we are fully booked. This is the faculty WELLBEING inclusion, and is attached to our summer programs. It is all about surf and sun safety awareness. We have a great day as a community and enjoy photography, construction, line drawing and a talk by the life guard, as well as a swim in the cement swimming pool called the Rock Pool. Lunch is shared before departing for school, and then students being dismissed at 2.30 p.m. We aim to have a very rewarding day.

Mrs Burne – Head Teacher CAPA Visual Arts, Visual Design & Music

HEAD TEACHER PDHPE Ms Tahnee Lovering

Welcome to term 3. The PDHPE faculty is looking forward to an exciting term where all students are working hard in PDHPE. Please read the following for guidelines on units of work for the term and assessment due dates.



Class	Theory Component	Practical Component	Assessment Task & Due Date
Year 7 PDHPE	Identity and Wellbeing Weeks 1 - 10	Games of Culture Weeks 1 - 10	Games of Culture Week 9
Year 8 PDHPE	Alcohol, Tobacco & Mental Health Weeks 1 - 10	Gaelic Football (Invasion Games) Weeks 1 - 5 Physical Fitness Weeks 6 - 10	Fitness Week 9
Year 9 PDHPE	The Choice if Yours Weeks 1 - 10	Greatest Hits Weeks 1 - 10	Greatest Hits Week 9
Year 10 PDHPE	Use it or Lose it Weeks 1 - 10	Create a Game Weeks 1 - 5 Slide Hockey (Invasion Games) Weeks 6 - 10	Create a Game Practical Week 6
Year 9/10 PASS	Issues in Physical Activity and Sport Weeks 1 - 10		Issues in Physical Activity and Sport Week 10
Year 11 PDHPE	First Aid Weeks 1 - 5 Fitness Choices Weeks 6 - 10		Yearly Examination Week 9/10
Year 11 SLR	Individual Games and Sports Applications 1 Weeks 1 - 10		Coaching Week 5
Year 12 PDHPE	Term 3 - Improving Performance and Revision Term 4 - HSC		Trial HSC Week 2
Year 12 SLR	Term 3 - Fitness and Revision		Yearly Exam Week 1

PREMIERS SPORTING CHALLENGE

The flagship program of the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge is a 10 week challenge that is currently underway for all students at Blacktown. Key facts about the Challenge:

- **A PSC Facilitator**

coordinates the 10 week event - setting up the school registration in the **PSC Tracker** and encouraging students and colleagues to work toward a higher level of physical activity.

- Students track and record their daily physical activity levels onto either their logbooks during roll call or via the PSC sports tracker app. Please see Mr Franjic for login details for this app.

- Award levels for the 10 week challenge reflect a daily activity time commitment - either as part of a class or team or as an individual. All types of moderate to vigorous physical activities can count toward an award. Activities may include time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, before or after school and on weekends.

Award Level	Daily Activity Level
Bronze	30 mins/day
Silver	45 mins/day
Gold	60 mins/day
Diamond	80 mins/day



YEAR 10 BLUE DATTO ROAD SAFETY INCURSION

On Thursday the 13th June, Year 10 students participated in an award-winning road safety education workshop that targeted 'pre-drivers'. Over the course of the day students were a part of an interactive analysis of travel safety risks and they examined the influence of family, friends and the social environment on the choices young drivers make. Students learnt safe behaviours, were encouraged to have self-belief and were empowered to make better choices on the road as drivers and passengers. The program was outstanding. It is imperative to assist in saving our young children's lives and to help reduce the social, financial and emotional burden that road trauma places on families and the wider community.

Mrs Leitch & PDHPE Staff

HEAD TEACHER TAS Mr Nikolai Liu



Term 2 was an ultra-busy term for teachers and students and Term 3 promises to be the same.

I would like to welcome two new teachers to TAS this term!

First we have Mr Loughnan who has become our new Timber specialist and comes to us with a wealth of experience from Saint Andrews Cathedral College in Sydney. I know the boys in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Timber are excited to have a new woodwork teacher and all of the students and staff will join me in

making his welcome feel warm. I would like to thank Mr Makkar for his work during Term 2.

I would also like to introduce Mr Mueller who is our new Engineering Studies, Industrial Technology-Engineering and all-things-computing expert who is joining us from Kellyville High School just up Sunnyholt Road. We are excited to have him join our team and hope that all staff and students will join me in making him feel welcome to BBHS. I would like to provide a big thank you to Mr Yousif for his work and wish him the best of luck with his upcoming overseas travel.

I would like to congratulate our achievement award winners for TAS in Term 2, 2019. The following



students received certificates presented on assembly during week 5 of Term 2 and were awarded an additional 25 Vivo points by Mr Liu:

Year 8

Dhruva Yellampalli Kidambi

Technology

Year 9

Turrall Nathan

Industrial Technology - Electronics

Year 10

Drashy Bhavsar

Industrial Technology - Electronics

Zawaar Ahmed

Industrial Technology - Information and Software Technology

Aaditkumar Nizama

Food Technology

Gurkirat Chahal

Information and Software Technology

I had the pleasure of taking Mrs Helen Flint, a professional photographer from the Blue Mountains, around the school during Term 2, to take photos for next year's school diary. The photos have turned out amazing and here is a sneak peak at one of the photos taken in TAS in my 9 IT-Electronics 2 class.



YEAR 7 YEAR ADVISER Miss Kathleen Villanueva



Welcome back to Term 3! It's great to see Year 7 getting involved in the life of the school through their participation in events, competitions and the many extra-curricular activities offered at the school. Some of the activities that the boys have been partaking in are the SRC Soccer Competition, the Crystal Growing Challenge, NAIDOC week activities, Tournament of Minds, and the Maths Peer-tutoring program. It's wonderful to see the boys sharing their talents with the school, exploring their own interests, or trying something new. Participation in these activities not only provide worthwhile learning experiences, but also gives the opportunity to build new friendships and create lifelong memories. I encourage all of Year 7 to get involved and to be proud of all their achievements whether big

or small.

Reports and Parent Teacher Evening

The Year 7 Half-yearly reports have been handed out to students at the beginning of this term. It is a good idea to go through the report with your son to help him identify his strengths in each subject, and to guide him to see where improvements can be made.

Parent Teacher Evening is a great opportunity to meet all of your son's teachers and learn of his progress in his studies in each of his subjects. These formal meetings are scheduled for once a year, and are important in ensuring your son is achieving all learning outcomes. It will also give you a chance to clarify and discuss any questions you might have regarding his Half-yearly reports. 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.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports are handed out in Term 1 and Term 3. Year 7 will be completing a piece of work from each subject to demonstrate their progress throughout the term. Progress reports are handed out at our Portfolio Pick-up BBQs, which are also a good opportunity to meet your son's teachers to briefly discuss his growth in his subjects. The next BBQ is scheduled for Monday 23rd September.

Vaccinations

Students who have not received their 1st or 2nd dose of immunisations will have another chance to receive one during this term. Students who have not received their vaccinations are encouraged to return a signed permission note to school. If you require another form, please contact the school.

YEAR 8 YEAR ADVISER Miss Jessica Shields



JUNIOR SUBJECT SELECTION

All students should have by now made their choices for subjects to undertake in 2020. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Junior Subject Selection evening. It is awesome to see that our students are so well supported in their educational opportunities. It was also announced on this evening that Year 8 will have the opportunity to travel abroad with school in Year 11 (2023). This is a great opportunity to look forward to, so students should start to put money away now.

I look forward to seeing each of you at Parent Teacher Evening later in a couple of weeks time (see date below).

U15S KNOCKOUT BASKETBALL



A number of our Year 8 students were selected to participate in the U15s Knockout Basketball team this year. Students progressed to Round 2 and came up against the Ponds High School, getting defeated 35-23. Congratulations to Benedict, Christian, Reuben and Justice who were each valuable players in the team.

DANCE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to Kunwardeep, Victor and Rishikesh who participated in the Synergy Public Schools Dance Festival at the Evans Theatre in Penrith. Each of these students have been practising their dance techniques and routines every Tuesday afternoon, and their hard work ethic definitely showed in their performance on the night.

SRC SOCCER COMPETITION

The SRC hosted a soccer competition this year which was very popular students around the school, particularly with Year 8. This competition was held over a number of recess and lunch breaks during Term 2. Duchamp FC, a year 8 team, were the champions of the competition. Congratulations to Pavithran, Rahul, Hasala, Joshua and Piratheep on your win!

STUDY TIP

Find a study buddy

Find yourself a study buddy or friend who will help you stay on track with your school work and assist you in building summary notes for topics studied. Sometimes creating terminology cards together or playing kahoot games with one another can help build and develop knowledge, whilst also having fun.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday afternoons - 2.30 to 4pm
Ultimate Frisbee Training

Thursday afternoons
Tournament of Minds Preparation

21 August Cafe d'Art

31 August Tournament of Minds Competition

23 September Portfolio Pickup BBQ

STUDENT OF THE TERM

Congratulations to Raj Khan of 8N!



YEAR 9 YEAR ADVISER Mr Andy Franjic



Welcome to Term 3. I hope all students had a pleasant break and are ready for another busy term ahead.

FUTURE THINKER'S PROGRAM

25 students attended a workshop organised by ABCN with whom the school has had a successful partnership for a number of years now. The workshop consisted of the processes involved in thinking through a problem and coming up with the best possible solution. Students were encouraged to share their thoughts and learned about

the importance of sharing ideas and working through all the possible solutions before deciding on the best possible one. Students were given school focussed issues to work on such as reducing littering, strategies to tackle bullying, designing a modern classroom work space and smooth transitioning of Year 7 students to the school. Students worked in separate groups and delivered a presentation on the solution they came up with as a group. The presenters of the workshop were particularly impressed with the level of maturity, enthusiasm and engagement of our students which was very encouraging. I must say the quality of the work they produced on the day was outstanding.

YEAR MEETING

Our Police Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Megan Williams delivered a presentation that consisted of useful information for students on the topics of 'bullying' and the type of behaviours that would be considered to be 'assault'. There were a lot of questions asked by our students which I am sure gave them a greater awareness on the expectations of themselves not only here at school but in the broader community.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Reports have been issued to students and parents/carers will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers at the 'Junior Parent Teacher Evening' which will be held on Tuesday, 6th August. Students are encouraged to read their reports carefully and take note of the suggested strategies for improvement. In saying that, it is also important that students are commended for the positive results they have achieved during the semester to reinforce those good habits they have already developed.

JUNIOR PARENT TEACHER EVENING

As mentioned above this event will be held on Tuesday, 6th August commencing at 3:30pm until 7:30pm. Bookings can be made on the portal. If you cannot attend but would like feedback from your child's teachers, please contact the school by phone or email and this will be arranged.

Year 9 Adviser

Mr Franjic

YEAR 10 YEAR ADVISER Miss Pembe Hussein



Term 2 ended with Parent Teacher Night, and students receiving Semester 1 Reports, and also Subject Selection Night. Thank you to everyone who attended each of those evenings; it was

fantastic to see familiar faces and to discuss your son's interests and his future. Some of our Year 10 students interviewed Year 12 regarding their reflections on the Subject Selection process. I wish to acknowledge Krish, Yuvraj, Neeladri, Manavdeep and Kaveesha for interviewing Year 12 and for Shaon, Keerthi, Isaac, Daniel and Angad for giving us their time and valuable feedback on the process.



A special mention to our Year 10 Student of the Term for Term 2, Neeladri Chakaraborty. Neeladri has consistently worked well in all areas and continues to demonstrate the qualities of a Blacktown Boy. Continue to strive for your best gentlemen, and you too can be in the running for Student of the Term.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Frisbee Competition, the Game Changer, Debating and the Macquarie Mentoring program. Game Changer was a Department of Education competition run for Education Week, where students produced a one minute video that explored the theme "How might we humanise technology?". While we were unsuccessful, the students produced a video that was entertaining, thought-provoking and it included high quality computer animation skills. Congratulations to Kaveesha, Samarth, Daniel, Neeladri, Kirisothe and Jawad. Seeing all of the students participate in extracurricular activities and

developing their social, thinking, motor and technological skills is a rewarding and proud experience as a Year Adviser.

Vaccinations were also completed during Term 2, and thank you to the students and parents who brought back their vaccination notes. Meningococcal is a serious disease and we appreciated the great job the nurses did in making our students



feel comfortable with receiving an injection. Catch up vaccinations will be completed on September 6 for all students who missed out on the first day. If this includes you, please see Miss Hussein for a vaccination letter and have it signed and returned as soon as possible.



Now with Subject Selection completed, it is time to develop our study skills and refine our study practices. In Semester 2 of Year 10, we will be participating in a number of programs to further develop our study skills, including the Year 10 Study Skills Camp, the All My Own Work program and Work Experience. The Year 10 Study Skills Camp will be a 3 day camp where

students develop their leadership, communication, resilience and study skills in time for the next senior stage of the schooling career. The deposit needs to be paid by

August 19, so please secure your place now. Our Careers Adviser, Mr Hodges is working closely with Year 10 to ensure their placement in a Work Experience program. Many students have already spoken to and have organised their Work

Experience, so please continue communicating with Mr Hodges to organise your work experience placement.

All My Own Work is a mandatory NESA requirement designed to familiarise students with ethical practices for accessing and applying information they acquire during the HSC.

Students will participate in the program in Term 4. For more information on the program, follow this link:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-all-my-own-work> .

I had the pleasure of taking 18 Year 10 students to the ABCN Future Leaders excursion, held by IAG. The students learned first-hand from experienced media and technology advisors about the processes of design thinking. The students produced realistic solutions to issues surrounding sustainability. Thank you to ABCN and IAG for hosting such a valuable program for our students.

A reminder that students in Year 10 are eligible for N-Awards (Non-completion Awards) if they plagiarise their work, do not complete their work or do not complete the work to the best of their abilities. If a student receives an N-Award Warning, they will receive a Zero for the task, and are still expected to complete the task to demonstrate they are completing the Stage 5 curriculum. I will be following up on students who have received an N-Award to help them in clearing the award, and I will be working in partnership with them to develop their organisational skills to ensure they are reaching their academic potential.

If there are any inquiries, please contact me at the Front Office with a name and subject, and I will get back to you.

All the best,

Miss Hussein

Year 10 Year Adviser



**YEAR 11
YEAR ADVISER
Mr Daniel Dibbs**



Welcome back to Term 3! We are on the tail end of the colder months, and we will before long be approaching the warmer weather once again as we enter spring. Year 11 students should still remember to ensure that they are wearing uniform items when arriving at school in jackets and jumpers during the colder weather.

One exception to the uniform rule was the mufti fundraiser day for the Indigenous Literacy Fund at the end of Term 2. Students got into the spirit of dressing up and standing out, all in the name of Literacy and Equality in Education. Year 11 students took the memo literally, and dressed up in high visibility style for the occasion.

Term 3 brings a number of exciting events for Year 11, including the Teamwork and Leadership skills camp; a fantastic opportunity for students transitioning into Year 12 to learn vital leadership and teamwork skills to assist students with Year 12 and beyond.

Year 11 students are officially in their last term

as Year 11 Preliminary students. Term 4 will be their first term as Year 12, Higher School Certificate students. Remember to keep up the home study schedules, submitting assessment tasks on time and seeking assistance from teachers if there are N Award Warnings that require clearing. Being up to date with study is a NESA requirement for completing the Preliminary Year 11 courses.

Further to the Year 12 responsibilities, there will be opportunities to further display leadership within our local school community. Nominations and voting for school captains will be taking place soon, and students with a drive for leadership and representation of the Blacktown community are encouraged to apply. Additionally, we will be trialling designs and fits for Year 12 Senior Uniform Jackets, which will be available to order soon.

Well wishes for a safe and successful Term 3!



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

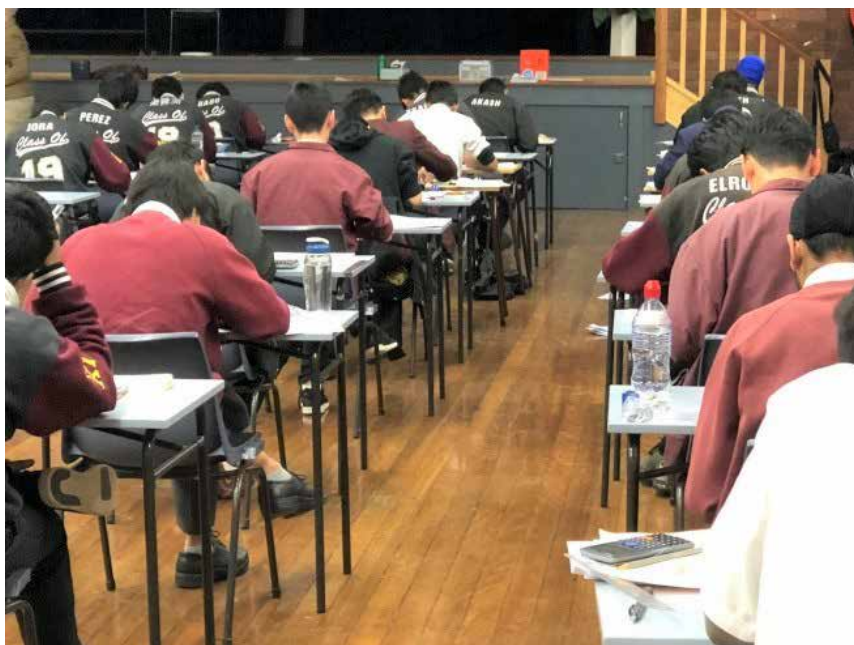


While they may have begun their final Term of High School, Year 12 students haven't crossed the finish line yet. Students have completed their assessments and Trial exams, but there is plenty of work to be done. With all eyes on the final HSC exams, students should make the most of the time they have remaining to ask questions and seek feedback from teachers. Students can still revise and make improvements. The only mistake now would be to relax entirely, and think everything is done.

In the meantime, there are plenty of other activities that students will be involved in to occupy themselves. There is planning to be done for Graduation, as well as further fundraising for the Formal. Students with practical subjects are about to submit their Major Works. All students have also been given their

reference packages, and should be working on completing those by the middle of this term.

I would also like to say how proud I am of the maturity and attitude shown by Year 12 students. Students are taking more responsibility for their learning, and they are beginning to prove that they are adults prepared for the world beyond school. Congratulations to all students on their success and achievements so far, and I also wish to extend my congratulations to the parents for their role in getting students to this point. With several weeks to go, we all have a bit of work to do, but we are nearly there.



Extra Curricular Activities

AI FOR GOOD

On the 14th June, one hundred students from Year 8-10 attended the AI for Good Challenge incursion. This event, sponsored by Microsoft and ABCN, involved a day of learning and fun around the topic of Artificial Intelligence.

Students learnt about the ethical use of AI, current uses of the technology and thinking frameworks for problem-solving. Students then applied these skills to develop a concept for a prototype that could use AI to help solve problems surrounding humanitarian, environmental or accessibility

issues.

Many of these ideas were submitted to the challenge officially for the chance to progress to the state and (hopefully) national level of the competition, where the winning group would be assisted to make their concept into a reality through entrepreneurial skills and funding.

We have recently received confirmation that some of our boys' submissions have made it to the next stage.

All in all, our students very much enjoyed the day and learnt many new things. The free pizza lunch was simply a bonus.



In Term 2, students worked on a project that aims to answer “Can we cook on the moon?” This is a very successful project that ran last year in STEM@BBHS linking together Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics with a project that is out of this world. In Term 3 students will take on a bigger project redesigning BBHS to make it more sustainable in a project called ‘Blacktown High’. Good luck to all students in STEM@BBHS. Have a great term!

Mr Liu



BBHS DANCE GROUP

Our dance group has been busy at work throughout Term 2 and are looking forward to a busy Term 3. Dance group have had a range of performance opportunities and experiences including Blacktown City Festival, Synergy Public Schools Dance Festival in Term 2 and Doonside Village Festival at the beginning of Term 3, as well as our in-school performances. Students have enjoyed the challenges of performing and learning complex routines to perform for a large audience and have represented our school with pride each time. Well done boys!



Students in the environment group have been planning events coming up during the year based on a variety of international and national days around the theme of the environment. Our most recent event was a Homeroom activity for World Environment Day on the 5th of June based around the theme this year of Beating Air Pollution. The Homeroom event was a great success in raising awareness of this issue and how it affects us in Blacktown. We are also continuing our cash-for-cans program at BBHS which involves students and staff depositing their uncrushed cans, bottles and juice containers in maroon tubs placed around the school. These containers are traded for money (10 cents per container) which the Environment Group is using to purchase more maroon cash-for-cans recycling bins or green food waste bins to place around the school and upgrading of our worm farm on the school farm. If you wish, you could donate your containers to school and help our school become more sustainable. Please make sure that they are clean, uncrushed, and no glass please. Thank you for your donations to the BBHS Environment Group!



FULL STEAM AHEAD

PHASE 1-4

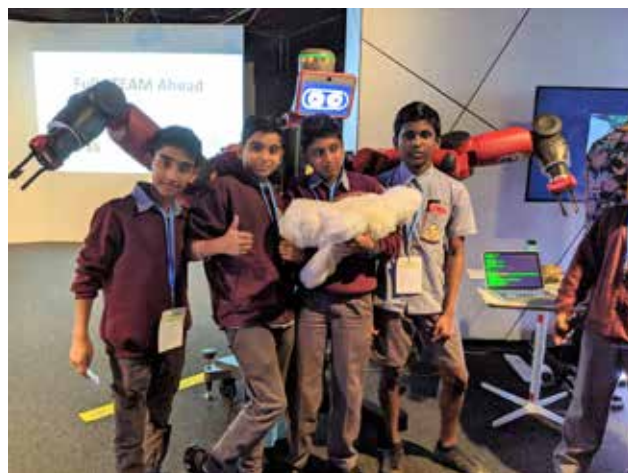
During Term 2, twenty Year 8 students attended the Full STEAM Ahead excursion at the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences.

Phase One Involved many fun-filled activities in which students learnt about different aspects of STEAM-related jobs, including the design of a video game, the programming and robotics involved in operating the Mars rovers, and the importance of coding and design for Virtual Reality Applications and 3D printing.

During Phase Two, students attended a physical computing workshop in the Hall, where expert educators from MAAS helped students learn and apply their knowledge of programming to program tasks using Arduino kits.

During Phase Three, students attended a 'Design Thinking Workshop' at the Commonwealth Bank, where they learnt all about aspects of effective teamwork and creative thinking to achieve goals in group settings.

Lastly, the students returned back to MAAS for Phase Four, where they worked in groups and applied all that they had learnt to create a prototype of a device that would help solve a world problem. This included a 'Trash in a Box' device where students could earn points on a rewards card by correctly disposing of trash, and a communication device to facilitate communication between students and the teacher in a classroom involving RGB Led lights and buttons.



MAAS

SRC participated in various activities this term to represent the school. Shaon, Austin, Daniel and Minn from the year 12 Leadership Team, along with Rionne and Nibodh represented the school during the Blacktown Festival. They engaged in various conversations with the community and discussed their learning experiences at Blacktown Boys High School. Year 7 and 8 SRC students also attended the Senior Parent Teacher night held in week 8 and were responsible for the refreshments

and drinks during that time. They interacted with the parents and received positive feedback from both staff and parents.

The Year 12 Leadership Team delivered a powerful presentation on leadership to the Year 11s as they are preparing for transition into Year 12. A massive thank you to Shaon, Austin and Daniel who spoke about their experiences as School Captain and Prefects and gave advice and suggestions to the year 11s who are thinking of being a part of the Year 12 Leadership Team for 2020.

SRC also held a soccer competition this term to raise funds for a new noticeboard. These games were held during recess and lunch and fourteen teams from years 7 to 11 participated in the competition. Rahul, Piratheep, Hasala, Pavithran and Josh from Year 8 won the Junior division and the Senior division continues in Term 3. I would also like to give special thanks to Yuvraj, Rayaan, Manavdeep, Ravjot, Agnik and Kush from year 10 who organised and refereed the games.



Cricket News

Last term Nithusan Kulendran represented the Parramatta Cricket Academy in a trip to England. Nithusan played at Eton College where Prince William and Prince Harry attended college. He also played at Emanuel School and Merchant Taylor's, both venues where Australia and England trained for the World Cup.

A special congratulations for Nithusan's '4 wicket' man of the match performance!



Open Boys Touch Football

On Thursday the 2nd May, the Open Boys Touch Football Team went head to head against Rooty Hill High School. A gallant effort by all of the boys!!! The scores were locked at 4-4 at full time and the game went into a drop-off situation where a player from each side was taken off every two minutes until a try was scored. Unfortunately, Rooty Hill scored a try when it got down to 3 players on each side. Great effort boys! Your coach is very proud and looks forward to what next year has to offer.

Mrs Leitch

Zone Athletics

On the 30th and 31st May, students from Blacktown Boys High School represented the school at the annual Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival held at Blacktown International Sportspark. With cold and frosty weather predicted for both days of the carnivals, the boys were extremely eager to get their events under way and get out of the cold. Our Under 12's 4x100m Relay team managed to grab a prestigious Sydney West spot as well other notables, Shiran Kumar, Avilash Tharmanesan and Favour Ogie

securing qualification into multiple events at the Sydney West Carnival.

The Sydney West Carnival will be held Thursday 1st August and Friday 2nd August at Blacktown International Sportspark. All students are reminded to return their note to Mr Fabricato in the PE staffroom and to make sure they have purchased a Blacktown Zone singlet.

Goodluck to all competitors at Sydney West!



Zone Cross Country

On Friday 10th May students from Blacktown Boys High School competed at the Blacktown Zone Cross Country. With the weather a bit colder than anticipated the boys were eager to get racing to get warm. We had some fantastic results on the day with a lot of students in each age group progressing to the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival, which was held at Sydney Motorsport park, Eastern Creek on Wednesday 12th June. We wish all the participants the best of luck!



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For current Hillsbus school and route services visit www.cdcbus.com.au or call 02 8889 7000.

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BLACKTOWN BOYS HS

Bell Times

Morning: 08:10

Afternoon: 14:30

Effective 29/07/2019

MORNING BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
711	07:26	EX SEVEN HILLS STATION via Vardys Rd and Lalor Park Shops to Sackville T-Way
661	07:39	EX ABBOTT T-WAY via Kings Langley to Sackville T-Way
711	08:01	EX BLACKTOWN STATION STAND K to Sackville T-Way

AFTERNOON BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
8529	14:40	EX PRINCE ST via R>Third, L>Richmond to Blacktown Station
711	14:41	EX SACKVILLE T-WAY to Seven Hills
661	14:52	EX SACKVILLE T-WAY to Abbott T-Way
711	14:53	EX SACKVILLE T-WAY to Blacktown Station
705	15:00	EX SACKVILLE T-WAY to Seven Hills



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Stuart Rd, Dharruk
5.00pm - 8.30pm
\$35.00 per person

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The evening will commence with a school tour from 5.00pm followed by dinner and a trip down memory lane in the school hall. This is a NON-ALCOHOL 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.

Blacktown Boys High School
Cnr Sunnyholt Rd & Fifth Ave Blacktown

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Item	From
Junior Boys All Seasons Uniform	
SHIRT: GREY SIS DELUXE WITH EMB.	\$30.99
SHORTS: GREY COLLEGE BAGGIES	\$43.99
POUS: MID GREY	\$25.99
TROUSERS: GREY COLLEGE LONG BAGGIES	\$46.99
SLOPPY JOE: MAROON WITH EMB.	\$30.99
JACKET: MAROON MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.	\$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 SIS DELUXE WITH EMB.	\$30.99
SHORTS: BLACK COLLEGE DELUXE	\$43.99
TROUSERS: BLACK COLLEGE DELUXE	\$53.99
SLOPPY JOE: MAROON WITH EMB.	\$30.99
JACKET: MAROON MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.	\$50.99
TI: MAROON WOVEN TE	\$28.99
SOCK: MAROON WITH 2 WHITE STRIPES	\$8.99
SHOES: BLACK	
CAP: BLACK BASEBALL WITH EMB.	\$18.99
Boys Sports Uniform	
POLO: MAROON POLOBLACK COLLAR WITH EMB.	\$33.99
SHORTS: BLACK LILE MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.	\$31.99
TRACAPANTS: BLACK MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.	\$32.99
SOCK: MAROON WITH 2 WHITE STRIPES	\$8.99

ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Westpoint Blacktown
Shop 200/1, 17 Patrick Street, NSW 2148
(02) 96723025

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Please shop instore at **LOWES** or online at www.lowesschoolwear.com.au

LOWES
will pay a commission to the school on every item of school uniform sold in our local store.

WITH YOUR LOWES ZERO CARD YOU WILL RECEIVE 5% DISCOUNT ON EVERY PURCHASE, RECEIVE 5% IN REWARDS POINTS TO REDEEM, PLUS GREAT FEATURES AND BENEFITS.
For more information please contact Ezy-May on 1300 156 937 or zero@lowes.com.au

BLACKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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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BLACKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

CHANGE/UPDATE OF STUDENT DETAILS

Student Name: _____ Year Group: _____

☐ New Address: _____

Post Code: _____

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

☐ New Home Number: _____ ☐ New Work Number: _____

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

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

☐ Change of Student Family Name: _____

☐ Change of Student Parent/Guardian Details

Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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

☐ Change of Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only

ERN: _____

Staff Initials: _____

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

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

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

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

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