

Blacktown Mail

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



PRINCIPAL
Mr Shaun Addy



Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020

It has been a very busy but exciting start to the school year, with a number of changes and successes already recorded at Blacktown Boys' High. I would firstly like to welcome back all students and staff, but in particular, make mention of the positive way in which Year Seven (our latest additions to the Blacktown family) have settled into

the routine of High School.

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. We are already working to implement some of the great suggestions made at our Year 7 welcome BBQ.

With the new school year now well and truly under way, I have had the pleasure of visiting a number of classrooms and it is evident there is a very positive and productive atmosphere across the school. Students have settled into their new classes and new courses and everyone is busily engaging in our core business of teaching and learning. For Year 12, the next

Term 1 2020

Important Dates to Remember

March

- 3rd 2021 Parent Information afternoon
- 5th CAPA Camp - City to Coast Explorer
- 6th CAPA Camp - City to Coast Explorer
Sydney West Baseball Trials
- 17th P&C Meeting @10am
- 20th Sydney West Swimming
- 27th School Photo Day

April

- 1st Year 7 Camp
- 2nd Year 7 Camp
University Shield Rugby League
- 3rd Year 7 Camp
- 7th Athletics Carnival
- 9th Anzac Day Ceremony
Last day of Term 1

three terms will be ones of hard work in class and assessment tasks at home. As teachers and parents, it is important that we support the boys in achieving balance in these endeavours. A quiet space to study, as well as a healthy diet and a friendly ear are a good start.

NEW STAFF

Our school population has increased every year since 2008, and as a result, so has the need for extra teachers. Our new teachers for 2020 are:

TAS Mr Prasad (Head Teacher)

Mr Esposito

English Ms Hakim

Ms Arnold

Science Ms Wu

HSIE Mr Brooks

Ms Marsh

PDHPE Mr Mills

The increase in numbers this year is significant. We now have over 720 boys enrolled at BBHS. This is important as it results in the school qualifying for a second Deputy position and an extra Head Teacher. I would like to congratulate Ms Jackson and Mr Martin who will be filling these roles during 2020.

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. As a parent I recognise that uniform can on the surface seem expensive, however the quality of the uniform supplied by Lowes is very good, and it avoids the potential for competition if students were allowed to wear non-uniform items. In the long run, fashion items would be far more costly.

ABCN

Once again our link with the Australian Business Community Network organisation is bearing fruit. So far for 2020 we have in place:

Year 8 Full Steam Ahead @ CBA & Powerhouse

Year 9 Design Thinking workshop @ Lendlease, Barrangaroo

Year 11 Aspirations @ J.P. Morgan

Each of these projects aims to engage students in activities that will help develop problem solving skills, teamwork, and improved confidence in public speaking, together with career preparedness. There will no doubt be more courses organised as the year goes on.

Please enjoy the rest of your newsletter, and feel free to call me about any matters regarding your son's education.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL Mrs Trish Matthews



Welcome back to 'old' families and welcome to the 'new' families. With record numbers wishing to pursue a quality education at Blacktown Boys in 2020, it promises to be another exciting year of innovations in academic learning to meet student needs and high expectations, driving decision making.

Even though the academic year has only just started, there has been a whirlwind of activity (despite the very welcome rain) at Blacktown Boys' High. This means lots of opportunities to meet with parents, an endless list of opportunities for student to engage with, in and beyond the classroom, and most of all a real community spirit, where we can all work together to make Blacktown Boys an even greater place to be.

Year 7 boys are already feeling a part of our community by engaging in a range of academic and social pursuits, which address the needs of the whole child. Peer Support is continuing with our trained leaders in Year 10 students guiding them on their journey through high school. The welcome barbecue for Year 7 is a great opportunity to meet with other parents as well as your son's teachers.

We look forward to Year 7 SRC representatives joining our very active SRC, which is not only working hard to give students a voice in the school, but also planning a lot of fun events for students. The SRC provides a great opportunity for students to demonstrate leadership and organisational skills.

We believe that communication between the school and the community is essential to the academic growth and social wellbeing of our boys, so parents are reminded to update their email addresses so that they can access our Parent Portal, which gives them access to their son's timetables, attendance and relevant documents as well as online bookings for Parent Teacher evening. We welcome suggestions from parents about information that they would like to access on this portal.

At the forefront of a lot of parents' minds, and certainly an active topic in the media, is cyber safety. Every student at their first year group meeting viewed a Digital Safety presentation, a copy of which has been placed in the Parent Portal so that you can view the introductory message given to students and the links that they can use for support. Year Advisors have also been working with resources on the e-safety Commissioner site, to continue to inform students about

their rights and responsibilities and what constitutes criminal activities in terms of usage of social media. Many students are surprised about what they are allowed and not allowed to do as part of Digital Citizenship, as they come to terms with harnessing the power and recognising the potential risks of using this resource.

We recognise that many parents are 'navigating uncharted waters' in managing the use of devices at home, quite often with children who have had use of a device since they were 18 months of age, where parents controlled what was used and purchased. This is particularly difficult when children in the families sometimes range from pre-schoolers to university students. If you would be interested in attending a parent session on Digital Citizenship, please contact the school and register your interest by providing your name and email address.

We look forward to working with you so that he can achieve all that your son wants in life, and more.

HEAD TEACHER ADMINISTRATION Mr Christopher Pace



Dear Parents,

As we all should be aware, the school community has decided that uniform is compulsory at BBHS. I

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL Mrs Gina Jackson



Welcome back to all our returning students and I extend a warm welcome to our Year 7 cohort, new enrolments and their parents. This year the increase in the school population has provided me with the opportunity to 'step up' from Head Teacher HSIE to work alongside Mrs Matthews in a Deputy Principal capacity.

One of my main areas of responsibility, in my new role, is looking after Years 7, 9 and 11. Whilst all year groups have their own unique challenges, it can be argued that the three significant milestones in a student's school journey is transitioning from primary to high school, transitioning from the junior school into the senior school and then making the ultimate transition into the world outside school. Class Teachers and Year Advisors have worked hard to get the year off to a good start.

As the year progresses, I look forward to forming strong links with students and their families to ensure a safe, and respectful learning environment for all.



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 that may be of assistance.

If a student is unable to be in full school uniform on any particular day, parents need to write their son a note. The note is to be then brought to my office 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 of a great benefit to all our students.

Thank you
Mr Pace

Students need reading, writing and numeracy for everyday life after school



This is why students need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC from 2020.

ONLINE READING, WRITING AND NUMERACY TESTS

- ✔ Students need to achieve Level 3 or 4 in short **online tests of skills for everyday life**.
- ✔ Schools will help students to decide **when they are ready** to take each test.
- ✔ Students get **up to four times per year** to sit each minimum standard reading, writing or numeracy test.
- ✔ Students **do not need** to sit the reading, writing or numeracy test(s) if they achieved Band 8 or above in the respective 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN test(s).

PROVISIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

Provisions for the minimum standard tests are available for some students with disability. Some students with disability studying Life Skills courses may be exempt from meeting the minimum standard to receive their HSC credential.

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NSW Education Standards Authority

educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard

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HEAD TEACHER

ENGLISH

Mrs Renae Bystrzynski



Welcome back to another year of exciting learning opportunities at BBHS! With the new year comes new teachers, and we wish to welcome both Ms Hakim and Ms Arnold to the English faculty. We hope they have a wonderful time teaching at BBHS.

As always, it is great to hit the ground running across all of our year groups. Our Year 12 students are working away on their respective modules and preparing to submit their second assessment tasks (due Monday 16 March for both courses). Being almost at the halfway point of the Year 12 course, it is strongly advised that students begin to collate study notes for course content to date and ensure that they are familiar with all texts and concepts studied so far. If there are any questions, please ask your English teacher sooner rather than later.

Year 11 have had a great start to their senior studies, with students working diligently on their first module: Reading to Write. We are impressed with the early demonstrations of commitment across the courses and hope that this trend continues as the year goes on.

Year 10 have begun exploring their poetry unit, 'Poetry that Shaped the

World'. This has involved exploring the issues of the world through poetry, both in today's society and in the past. Students have also been invited to participate in the Passion Project, an initiative to prepare students for the demands of English Advanced in Year 11, should they wish to undertake the course. More information for parents and carers will be available shortly.

For Year 9, the students have been exploring the idea of gender in society and texts, as well as studying a Shakespearean play through this lens. We highly anticipate their presentations which will take place later in the term. Year 8 have been exploring the topic of Villains and how they are presented in a variety of texts. Their first task is a narrative, so it is a great opportunity for the boys to get creative!

Last but not least, a heartfelt welcome to our new Year 7 students, who have made a great start to their high schooling years! We have the Year 7 students in our classrooms for Home Room each morning and they are on time and in uniform, ready to learn each day. In English, they are learning about heroes and the reasons why they can be considered heroic. The Year 7 teachers are looking forward to some fantastic heroes speeches later in the term!

Please ensure that you're looking out for opportunities to get involved in extracurricular offerings by the English faculty this term. Ms Scarcella and Ms Hakim are currently running try outs for debating and will be looking for confident public speakers later in the term. Stay tuned for a writing competition early in Term 2 as well!

Here's to a productive and energetic Term 1!

HEAD TEACHER

LEARNING SUPPORT

Mr David Martin



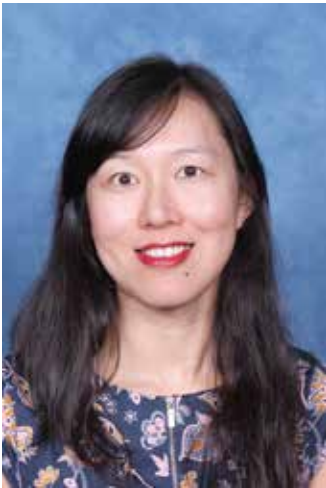
Welcome from HT Teaching and Learning

With 2020 underway I am happy to say welcome back to everyone, and am introducing myself in my new role. As the new Head Teacher of Learning Support, I have several areas of responsibility that will assist students in their learning, as well as the professional development of staff. Chief among these is managing the Learning Support Team, which consists of our new English as an Additional Language/Dialect teacher Ms Semerci, our Learning and Support teachers Ms Josan and Mr Dibbs, Careers Advisor Mr Hodges, and School Counsellors Ms Del Duca and Mr Tse. The Learning Support Team is responsible for providing support to students in a variety of ways, including in their study skills, transition to life beyond school, and language development. The Learning Support Team also works with our Welfare Team and entire school staff to address student needs in multiple ways.

Further to this, another area I am overseeing is the National Minimum Standards Tests. All students are required to achieve a Level 3 or Level 4 result across tests in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

NESA has determined that students who do not meet these requirements will not receive a HSC. Students in Year 12 in 2020 had the opportunity to achieve a Level 3 or 4 equivalent in their Year 9 NAPLAN, while all students in Years 11 or below must sit the tests regardless of their NAPLAN results. More information about these tests can be found at <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard>

**HEAD TEACHER
MATHS
Ms Xiao Chirgwin**



Welcome to another fantastic year of Mathematics!

2019 HSC MATHEMATICS RESULTS

Again, our boys achieved amazing results in the 2019 HSC Mathematics courses!

In the Mathematics Extension 2 course, all of our students have achieved a Notional Band 6. Ajay Arudselvam ranked first in this course, gaining 92 as his HSC mark, followed closely by Farhan Mostafa with a mark of 91. These are outstanding results for the fifth year that the Mathematics Extension 2 course has been offered at Blacktown Boys' High School.

In the Mathematics Extension 1 course, 75% of our students have

achieved the top two bands. Ajay Arudselvam ranked first in this course, gaining 96 as his HSC mark. The following students all gained a mark above 90; Shaon Ahmed, Keerthivasan Gopalraj, Farhan Mostafa, David Song, Birananvan Srikumar, and Jesse Tay.

In the Mathematics 2 unit course, more than 58% of our students achieved the top two bands. Birananvan Srikumar ranked first in this course, with a HSC mark of 96. The following students all gained a mark above 90: Rahul Jose, William Luu, Hai Xin, Ben Thomas, and

Austin Tsai.

In the Mathematics Standard 2 course, Baljosh Gill ranked first, gaining a Band 5.

In the Mathematics Standard 1 course, Warwick Senjak ranked first also gaining a Band 5.

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 great results continuing with our current Year 12 cohort for the 2020 HSC.

2019 HSC MATHEMATICS HONOUR ROLL

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2

Khondoker Ahmed
Ajay Arudselvam
Keerthivasan Gopalraj

Yitao Li
Farhan Mostafa
Jesse Tay

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1

Khondoker Ahmed
Ajay Arudselvam
Keerthivasan Gopalraj
Rahul Jose
Yitao Li
William Luu
Farhan Mostafa
Nikhil Paul

Roswell Perez
Sehajdeep Singh
Hai Xin Song
Biranavan Srikumar
Jesse Tay
Ben Thomas
Austin Tsai

MATHEMATICS ADVANCED

Rahul Jose
William Luu
Nikhil Paul
Roswell Perez
Prathik Shivashankar

Angad Singh
Jorawar Singh
Sehajdeep Singh
Minn Soe
Hai Xin Song

Biranavan Srikumar
Ben Thomas
Autin Tsai
Kayaan Udachia

MATHEMATICS STANDARD 2

Baljosh Gill

MATHEMATICS STANDARD 1

Warwick Senjak



OUR TEAM

Mrs Chirgwin (Head Teacher)

Mrs Chhabra

Mr Kumar

Mr Singh

Ms Villanueva (Year 8 Year Adviser)

Miss Alfonso (English/Mathematics)

Mrs Leitch (PDHPE/Mathematics)

Ms Turner (Mathematics/Science)

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

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 Plus II 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 GOOGLE CLASSROOM

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. Some teachers may keep the record of homework on Google Classroom, and other resources may also be uploaded on there. This is a virtual learning space where students can work collaboratively.

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 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 PEER TUTORING

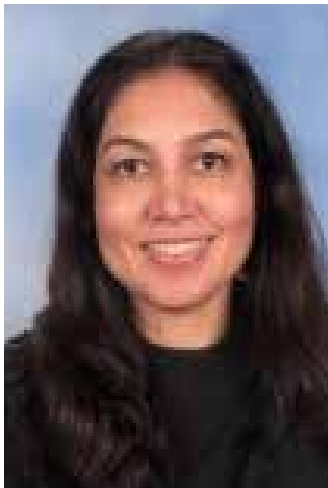
Maths Peer Tutoring Program is running again this year. This program is dedicated to helping our Year 7 to Year 10 students. It is running every Tuesday and Thursday recess and lunchtime. Year 11 and 12 Mathematics student leaders have volunteered their time to be the tutors. The feedback from our students in the last two years has been really positive. If you think your son would benefit from joining this program, please ask them to see Mrs Chirgwin or Miss Alfonso in the Mathematics faculty.

MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

We have had great enthusiasm from our students participating in the APSMO Mathematics Olympiad Competition in the last two years. Last year, our Year 8 selective class has achieved top 25% as a team in the NSW state. 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 the Australian Mathematics Competitions (AMC) is held on Thursday 30th of July 2020.

**HEAD TEACHER
SCIENCE
Mrs Maninder Kaur**



Welcome to another wonderful year of Science at Blacktown Boys High School. The start of the year has been busy for both staff and students. The Science faculty has dedicated teachers who are passionate about teaching, and each brings a wealth of experience to their roles. This year, we have created a Year 9 Accelerated Science class, in which students will be working at an accelerated pace to complete the Stage 5 Science outcomes.

We would like to welcome the new member of our Science Team – Ms Joyce Wu, who joined us at the beginning of this year. She is very keen and passionate to teach students at Blacktown Boys High



School.

JOYCE WU

“Hello, I am Ms Wu and I am a

Science teacher. I am excited to join Blacktown Boys High School this year, as I share my passion and enthusiasm for Science. As a teacher, one of my many goals is to see students grow their knowledge and understanding of different areas of Science during their years of schooling. It has motivated and inspired me to see how students learn and develop deep knowledge for themselves. I look forward to being part of this community, learning more about the school culture, and how I can assist students to make the most of their learning opportunities at BBHS.”

OUR TEAM

Mrs Maninder Kaur (Head Teacher)

Ms Lisa Sun

Ms Cindy Tang

Ms Pembe Hussein

Ms Michelle Winata

Mrs Ingrid Turner

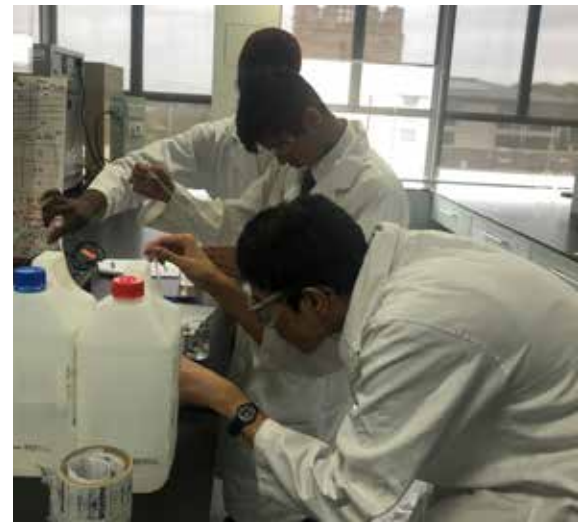
Ms Joyce Wu

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

six Year 11 and four Year 12 Science classes this year. As part of the Biology syllabus, Year 11

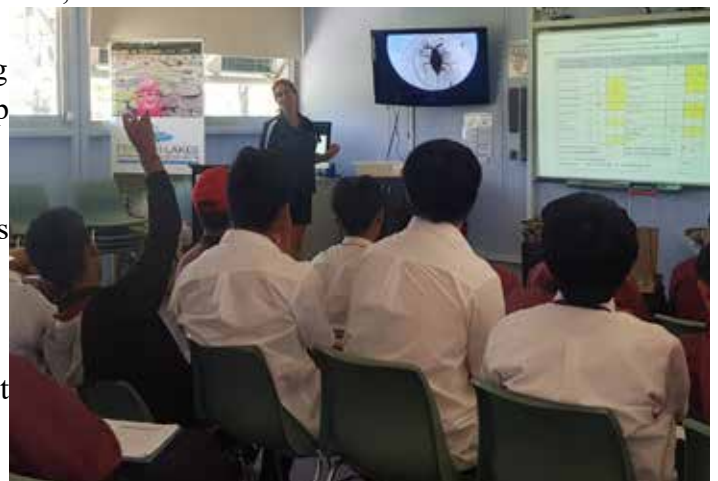
students are participating in a field trip to Penrith Lakes, to study factors affecting the survival

of species. This will form part of their first assessment task: the Depth Study. Year



12 students attended an excursion to Sydney University where they had the opportunity to carry out chemical analytical techniques using very sophisticated and advanced equipment, which is otherwise not available in high school laboratories. Students had a very informative session on understanding the instrumentation of spectroscopic techniques, which is part of their HSC Chemistry syllabus.

In order to consolidate the concepts learnt in class and master the ‘working scientifically skills’, it is very important that both junior and senior students attempt homework on a regular basis. It helps students to review and reinforce their understanding of the work covered in class and assists them to improve in 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



**HEAD TEACHER
HSIE
Ms Jessica Shields**



Welcome to another wonderful year of HSIE at BBHS! This year looks to be particularly exciting and energetic. We have a number of programs and projects planned for students throughout the year which will help the HSIE Faculty in their continued dedication to inspire students in their understanding of the world around us.

The end of 2019 saw us bid farewell to Mr Lee Dewane, who has transferred to Epping Boys High School. We wish him all the best at his new school and thank him for his service over the past 10 years.

We would like to welcome and introduce two new permanent members of staff:

AIMEE MARSH

Hi BBHS community. I am Aimee Marsh and I am delighted to be the newest member of the HSIE faculty at BBHS. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business with a major in Marketing. I completed additional study in the areas of Economics and Law and went on to complete a Master's degree in Education, making me a teacher of Economics, Legal Studies, Business Studies and



Commerce. I am passionate about teaching young people vital life skills such as managing finances, budgeting and investing; skills every young person needs before becoming independent adults. I thoroughly enjoy teaching and am excited to show the students at BBHS that a strong knowledge of finance, law and economics can assist them in many aspects of life.

RAYMOND BROOKS



I haven't always been a teacher. I started off in the business world as a Chartered Accountant where I helped big and small businesses with accounting, tax and business related matters. Over the past few years I have worked at a number of schools in Western and South-Western Sydney. The challenge of a teacher is to take into account the various learning styles that students present with and to prepare lessons that are interesting, engaging and appropriate. I read recently that education is the "art of enlightenment" - and it is up to the teacher to guide the student through their existing knowledge base to consolidate, extend and expand their experiences. I am very much looking forward to teaching this year at Blacktown Boys High School!

ASIA CONNEXIONS

In 2019 7D and 10N participated in the Asia ConneXions program with Bitgaram High School and Haenam High School. At the

end of the year they wrapped up the program, by exchanging hand-written cards and small gifts for Christmas. In 2020 7N and 7H will be participating in the program, in which we look forward to maintaining our relationship with Haenam High School.

SPOTLIGHT ON 9N HISTORY

This term, 9N have learnt about the transatlantic slave trade. A part of the unit of work, they conducted a



Historical Inquiry about one of the most significant slave ships, the Brooks Slave Ship. The conditions of this ship and experiences of the people, were directly involved in the abolition of the slave trade. Students





also participated in an empathy task, whereby they measured out the size of a slave ship and the space that people had whilst onboard. This gave students a visual and practical concept of learning, whereby they were able to lay in the space allocated to them. This was followed by a written empathy response.



TERM 1 ASSESSMENT TASKS			
Stage 6			
Year 12		Year 11	
Subject	Due in week	Subject	Due in week
Ancient History	3 & 9	Business Studies	8
Business Studies	8	Economics	9
Economics	7	Legal Studies	10
Legal Studies	9	Modern History	8
Stage 5			
Year 10		Year 9	
Subject	Due in week	Subject	Due in week
Commerce	10	Commerce	9
Elective History	10	History	8
Geography	8		
History	7		
Stage 4			
Year 8		Year 7	
Subject	Due in week	Subject	Due in week
History	7	History	7

TEACHER/LIBRARIAN Mr Patrick Everingham



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 receiving a Certificate from the Premier's Department.

My name is Mr Everingham and students and parents are welcome to contact concerning advice about book choices, library services or research advice.



The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is open again for 2020. 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 2020, 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 Friday 28th August 2020. The official starting date for the Challenge is Monday 2nd of March 2020.

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 **PRC Medal** from the Premier's Department.

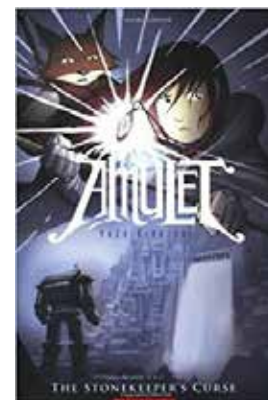
See the librarian Mr Everingham if you have any questions about the **Premier's Reading Challenge 2020**.

POPULAR GRAPHIC NOVELS IN THE LIBRARY

The library purchases all types of books for the enjoyment of students including many graphic novels. These books with a mix of images and text appeal to very many students who not only enjoy reading the story but can appreciate the artistry of the illustrator as well.

Graphic novels come in all shapes, styles and subjects and they form a very popular part of the BBHS library collection.

Amulet: A very popular series by Kazu Kibuishi. The 7 books in the series have been very popular with the incoming Y7 boys. It is a fantasy adventure set in another world involving someone called the 'Stonekeeper' and the adventures of a family of children battling robots and monsters in order to save the real world.



Marked by very imaginative storytelling and great art, Jeff Stone the creator of the graphic novel Bone has commented "Five, no three pages into Amulet you will be hooked."

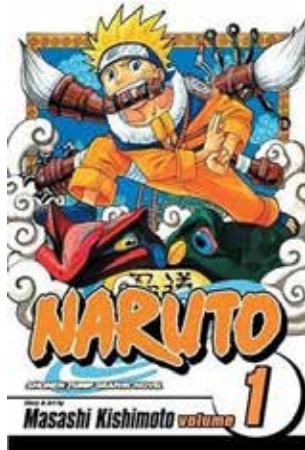
Bone: The first volume of the series (Bone: Out from Boneville) follows Bone Bone and his two cousins, Phoncible P. "Phoney" Bone and Smiley Bone.

The nine graphic novels in the series tell of their

adventures in a mysterious valley they wander into by accident after they are chased out of their hometown Boneville after a campaign for “Phoney” to become Mayor goes awry. Doesn’t sound like much does it? But you will be surprised, it is a very funny series with great characters and many twists and turns in the storyline.

Naruto:

What can you say about “Naruto” by Masashi Kishimoto.



This series has 72 individual volumes.

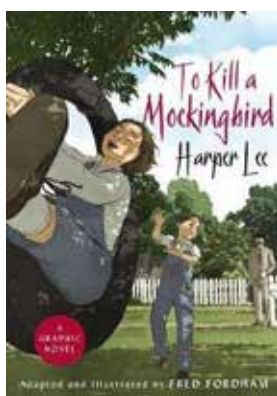
The BBHS library has the series up to volume 30 at present.

The story involves Naruto a ninja-in-training with a need for attention, a knack for mischief and, sealed within him, a strange, formidable power.

Students love these books, they are easy to read and wonderfully illustrated. One of the most popular series in the library.

Classics in Graphic Novel Form:

This has become quite a trend over the years with many classic and popular novels being put into a graphic novel form.



Some of the best in the library collection would be Graphic Novel adaptations of “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee, “Animal Farm” by George Orwell,

“The Hobbit” by J.J.R.Tolkien, “Beowulf” a traditional Scandinavian folk story, “The Illiad” by Homer, “The 9/11 Report”, “The Portrait of Dorian Gray”, some “Twilight Zone” episodes and various H.G. Wells stories and of course, Shakespeare plays.



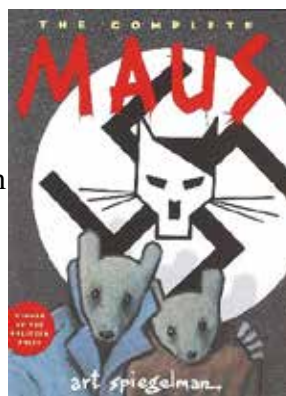
Superheroes: Perennially a favourite with many students

We have many copies of different “Superhero” style graphic novels with many of the most popular being “Spiderman”, “X-Men”, ‘Batman” and “Guardians of the Galaxy”

Like superhero genre films these have a wide appeal to many different students. The illustration is nearly always outstanding and the stories are usually full of drama, complexity and conflict between good and evil.

Maus:

Probably the greatest Graphic Novel of them all. This two book series based on real events tells the story of the author’s father during World War II when he was a young Jew in Hitler’s Germany.



In a stroke of pure brilliance Art Spiegelman draws the Nazi’s as cats and the Jews as mice.

A Graphic Novel series for older students.



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 in the school playing chess from beginners to very good players.

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
PDHPE
Ms Tahnee Lovering**



Welcome to another exciting year for PDPHE education at BBHS!

We would like to welcome and introduce our new PDHPE staff member Mr Mills.



I am extremely happy to be the newest member of the PDHPE faculty here at Blacktown Boys. I have a love for most sports however, I am most passionate about basketball & rugby. Aside from sport I also have a passion for helping others and trying to get better every day! I look forward to my time here at BBHS and hope I get a chance to have a positive impact on the students, as well as the culture of the school.

Thank you and I hope to meet you at upcoming school community events
- Mr Mills

TERM ONE INFORMATION

All students are reminded that practical lessons are an important part of their learning, and that they are required to bring their sports uniform to get changed into before and after PE practical lessons. The sports uniform includes the Maroon polo shirt with a black collar, black shorts and running shoes. Students should only be wearing their sports uniform all day if it is their grade sport day. Year 7 Thursday; Year 8 Tuesday; and Years 9 and 10 Wednesday.

Term 1 topics and assessment tasks

Year/ Course	Topic name	Assessment Task	Week
7PDHPE	Prac - Net/court Theory - Health literacy	Net/Court	8
8PDHPE	Prac - Invade & Conquer Theory - Health literacy	Invade & Conquer	8
9PDHPE	Prac - We're all in the together Theory - Real connections	We're all in this together	7
9PAS1	Event management	Event management	10
9PASC	Event management Cricket	Event management Cricket	10
10PDHPE	Prac - Fitness Games Theory - Relationships	Fitness Games	10
10PAS	Event management	Event management	10
11PDHPE	Better Health for Individuals	Better Health for Individuals	10
11SLR	Resistance Training	Resistance Training	8
12PDHPE	Health priorities in Australia & Factors affecting performance	Factors affecting performance	10
12SLR	Sports administration	Sports administration	7



'SMASHED' ALCOHOL EDUCATION

YEAR 9 INCURSION

Smashed is a global education programme by Collingwood Learning, educating young people on the dangers of underage drinking.

Smashed is delivering behavioural and attitudinal change around the world, engaging young people in a uniquely creative way.

The following link is a guide for parents in talking about underage drinking with teenagers

<https://www.wearegibber.com/schools/breaking-underage-drinking/smashed-parents-guide-nsw/#brochure>



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students on being elected House Captains for 2020!

Bradman

- Junior Vice Captain
Aadil Patel
- Junior Captain
Kristian Bukasa
- Senior Vice Captain
Kaleb Aduse Poku
- Senior Captain
Daniel Chavez



Waugh

- Junior Vice Captain
Taha Moussa
- Junior Captain
Victor Qin
- Senior Vice Captain
Manavdeep Singh
- Senior Captain
Nathan Wong

Hall

- Junior Vice Captain
Chris Lee
- Junior Captain
Avilash Tharmanesan
- Senior Vice Captain
Faraazuddin Syed
- Senior Captain
Jonathan Loulanting



Macquarie

- Junior Vice Captain
Musa Zahid
- Junior Captain
Max Pondal
- Senior Vice Captain
David Petkovic
- Senior Captain
Heritier Penekatamba





BBHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 11th February, Blacktown Boys High School held their annual Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. The students turned up in their house colours supporting their houses and cheering on their fellow classmates. The day saw a lot of great swimming with some emerging talent in the pool in particular from the boys in Year 7 and Year 8. The last event of the day is always a popular choice, the staff vs students relay. After holding the title for a few

consecutive years now the teachers have finally been defeated by a strong student team. A big congratulations to our Age Champions as we wish them well and all other qualifiers at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 19th February.

The following students were Age Champions in their age groups:

- 12 yrs Alessandro Elemento
- 13 yrs Nityam Shah



- 14 yrs Ezekiel Aviles
- 15 yrs Hasala Uyane Hewage
- 16 yrs David Petkovic
- 17 yrs+ Daniel Chavez

Congratulations to **Bradman** on Winning the BBHS Swimming Carnival finishing on 562 points. In 2nd place were **Macquarie** on 437 points, 3rd place **Hall** with 369 points and **Waugh** finishing in 4th place with 290 points.



ZONE Swimming



On Wednesday 19th February, 25 students made their way to Blacktown Aquatic Centre to represent Blacktown Boys High School at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival. The boys were eager to get in the water right from the start with the first event being breast stroke followed by backstroke, freestyle and everyone favourite 4x50m freestyle relay. Congratulations to BBHS 12 years 4x50m relay team for finishing first in their race and moving on to compete at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival on the 20th March. Other notable qualifiers are Alessandro Elemento, Ezekiel Aviles and Hasala Uyane Hewage. We wish them well on the next stage!



Baseball

On Tuesday 24th February the BBHS baseball team played against Rooty Hill High. It was an exciting game where all students played well, especially considering a lot of our players had either little, or no experience.



The students in the team included:

- Daniel Tan
- Dhruv Mali
- Krish Patel
- Neeladri Chakraborty
- Justice Pinono
- Agnik Podder
- Kritik Paudel
- Eknoor Dhaliwal
- Onirban Julovi
- Hirang Patel
- Vraj Patel
- Mahd Khan
- Aadit Nizama

Dhairya Bhatt
 Unfortunately we lost to Rooty Hill by 1 run, which was scored in the very last inning!
 Final score 10-9.
 Well done boys!

Touch Football

On Wednesday 25th February the opens touch football team travelled to Angus Park to face Rooty Hill in the knockout Tournament. The game started well with BBHS scoring in the first minute, only to concede five consecutive tries. The second half was a different story as the BBHS team left their opposition in the second half scoreless. The teams attack looked promising scoring two second half tries. Unfortunately BBHS did not come up with the win. Final score 5-3.





After multiple washouts, the Opens Knockout Cricket team finally managed to play their first-round match on 26th February in Week 5 against Rooty Hill High School.

We won the toss and elected to bowl. While we held Rooty Hill to 125 runs from their 40 overs, there had been missed opportunities with multiple dropped catches and a few missed run-outs, as well some close umpiring calls. The boys came off the field optimistic about chasing down the runs, but disappointed that we hadn't taken the chances to keep the score even lower. With plenty of sundries also given away, there was further room for improvement in the field.

With rain clouds moving in, we were in a race to either get the runs quickly or keep our run rate high in case the match was not completed. The openers, Kaveesha and Dhairya, put on close to 80 runs in the first 12 overs, before both were out, playing aggressive shots. However, after a brief rain delay, our captain and vice-captain, Agnik and Vraj, returned to the crease in the 16th over needing 25 runs. In the space of 8 deliveries they had scored the required runs, and we were moving on to our Round 2 match against Plumpton High School.

Congratulations to the entire squad for a dominant win, but with a clear focus also for improving our bowling attack in the next round.



Congratulations to Ali Yuldashev who participated at the Judo “Anytime Fitness Sydney International” which was held on the 21-23 February. He received a Silver medal in Cadet men under 60 kg (15-18 years old) and also Bronze medal in Junior Men (18-21 years old) under 60 kg division.

**HEAD TEACHER
TAS
Mr Satendra Prasad**



I am delighted to address the schooling community through this newsletter. After being the head teacher of the TAS faculty at Homebush Boys High School for 14 years, I have joined Blacktown Boys in the capacity of Head Teacher TAS at the beginning of this year. Due to the rapid changing of the curriculum and the growth at the school, I believe I made a choice to make my contributions to Boys education in a new setting and incoming school plan. I am fortunate to have a strong and dedicated team of TAS staff, with lots of experience and enthusiasm to ensure the best education for all the students. Alongside me, Paul Esposito has joined Blacktown Boys

as a TAS /Computing expert. With diverse learning opportunities and courses in TAS faculty, I am happy to report that I have well trained and experienced teachers teaching appropriate courses in the faculty. It has been a pleasure meeting several parents at the Year 7 BBQ evening and have felt the warm welcome and sense of belonging already. I am looking forward to meeting several more parents and community leaders in coming school events.

On Friday 23rd February, Year 12 Industrial Technology Timber students accompanied Mr Gerard Loughnan to Trent Timbers in Windsor to do their mandated Industry Studies for the course. The students were totally astonished to see the broad range of plant, equipment and facilities at the site. The students also selected timber and fittings for their HSC major projects and are about to embark on construction of their projects. The students are encouraged to see their class teacher or Head Teacher for advice and construction schedules. It has been encouraging to receive feedback from the venue, transit offers and members of the public on the behaviour and attitude of the students on the day. Well done Mr Loughnan and the boys.

From Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd March, the Robotics club/ team will be joining other enthusiasts in South Pacific Regional competitions at

Sydney Olympic Park. We wish the team best of luck and Mr Hartley will be reporting on this exciting venture in near future.

As we progress in the year, more and more students seem to be faced with learning challenges. I encourage all students to be consistent and keep on schedules for assessment tasks and other learning outcomes. Students are encouraged to look at the assessment task schedules and plan accordingly. Staying safe in workshops and kitchens during practical classes is our primary goal and I must emphasise that all students need to have their black leather school shoes for this purpose. Should a student have a sports or PDHPE lesson on the day, they must bring in their leather shoes for TAS course for the day. Anyone facing financial difficulties needs to see head teacher TAS for options. All TAS subjects do have subject so that we can pay for consumables and so that we can provide necessary resources to run the courses effectively. The upside of this is that students get to take some great projects home or eat their culinary creations.

**YEAR 7
YEAR ADVISER
Ms Victoria Zaw**



Greetings Year 7 students and parents/ guardians,
Year 7 are off to a phenomenal

start to their high school journeys. Slowly but surely, students have been warming up to high school life and are getting used to their classes, timetables and peers. It is great to see students building new friendships during Peer Support Sessions and supporting one another in class. We appreciate the patience and support from parents/ guardians with their son's transition to high school thus far.

Just a reminder of some important events in Term 1:

- Peer Support sessions run weekly. This is a great opportunity for Year 10 Peer Support leaders to support Year 7 students in getting to know the school, build friendships and of course, have fun.

- The Swimming Carnival took place on Tuesday 11th February. Year 7 students were welcomed to their first major school wide event as well as welcomed into their new sporting houses – Hall, Waugh, Bradman and Macquarie. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in races on the day and those who cheered from the grandstands. Special congratulations to Alessandro Elemento and Kai Kim who broke Blacktown Boys records! Their performances were extremely impressive and exhilarating to watch. We would also like to thank the parents/ guardians who were able to join our event and support their sons.

- Year 7 Vaccinations 18th February - 1st dose HPV and dTpa vaccine. Vaccinations are lifesaving and we urge students to return their consent forms in a timely fashion. The second dose of HPV will take place on 4/9/20.

- Year 7 Welcome BBQ 18th February - 3:30pm we invited all Year 7 students and parents to join us at BBHS to celebrate their start

to high school and have a chance to chat to our teachers about their progress thus far.

- Camp 1st to 3rd April - Permission notes with further details will be released shortly. Thank you to the advanced payments and those who have committed to a payment plan over the term. We look forward to Year 7 student participating in a variety of activities that build encourage team-building skills and develop their self-esteem and confidence.

For further questions please do not hesitate to contact me via the school phone number.

Kind Regards,
Victoria Zaw
CAPA faculty

**YEAR 8
YEAR ADVISER
Ms Kathleen Villanueva**



Welcome back Year 8! This year, we are now settled in to the high school environment, are able to confidently navigate our way to our classes, and organise ourselves for the work and activities that are coming our way. Being in Year 8 is an exciting time, as we are given many opportunities like learning a new language, and later in the year we will also be able to choose the electives we would like to do during Year 9.

Classes this year are 8A, 8D, 8E, 8H, 8M, 8N, and 8T. Our sport day

is on Tuesday. Students are to come to school dressed in the correct school uniform every Tuesday. If your son has PE practical on their timetable, they must come to school in their regular school uniform, with their sport uniform in their bag to get changed in the change rooms before class.

During our Year Meeting early in the term, we came up with a brainstorm of some the expectations the school, and they themselves have for each other as Year 8 students. Expectations were:

- **Be a Blacktown Boy** - to wear the uniform with pride and demonstrate the values of learning, respect and safety in all of their actions
- **Be the best learner you can be in the classroom** - to stay focused, avoid distraction, to listen, and give everything their best shot
- **Stay organised and use a diary** - to make sure to hand in homework and assessment tasks on time, attend meetings for clubs and other commitments, and to remember other important dates
- **Try new things!** - join clubs, competitions, sport teams, and more!

By using this set of expectations as a guideline, Year 8 are on the way to having a great year filled with opportunity, growth, and fun moments with friends.



YEAR 9 YEAR ADVISER Ms Amie Cookson



The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time, but this year especially. I am Miss Cookson and I am happy to introduce myself as the Year Advisor for Year 9 2020. I am very much looking forward to getting to know students better throughout the year and working on some exciting projects together.

Getting off to a Good Start

Students were welcomed back on their first day with a year meeting, where they received their new timetables and their assessment booklets. The room was buzzing as students carefully examined their timetables and assessment booklets for information about their new electives and core subjects. Now that students are settling in for the year, they are encouraged to look out for extra-curricular opportunities that will complement their studies as well as their wellbeing. Some of the opportunities available for Year 9 students include debating, dance group, knockout sports teams and academic competitions.

Parent Portal

Please ensure you have access to the Parent Portal to access your son's timetable and to keep up with important school dates throughout the year. The Parent Portal also

allows you to book in your parent teacher interview times online later in Term 2. Parent teacher evening will be held late in Term 2 for Year 9.

Innovation Nation

We've already started our year with a bang, kicking off our Innovation Nation project in week 2. Students participated in a full-day workshop with representatives from the Foundation for Young Australians completing activities targeting teamwork, problem-solving, creativity and social awareness. Students worked in groups to brainstorm solutions to pressing social issues in the local community and presented insightful, carefully thought-out initiatives to create positive change. I look forward to seeing students move through the next phase of the project throughout the remainder of Term 1.

Study Tip – Use a Diary

As students move forward in their education, being organised is crucial to their learning and success and by now, all students should have purchased one for the school year. Diaries help students to keep track of homework, assessment due dates and upcoming events for the school year, including excursions and extra-curricular events. Diaries will also be useful for keeping students, parents and teachers working collaboratively to assist students in

INNOVATION NATION



YEAR 10 YEAR ADVISER Mr Andy Franjic



Welcome to 2020 to all our students and parents. A warm welcome also to the many students and parents that have joined our school community this year. This an important year for our cohort as it is their final year in the Junior school before making the transition to Senior school next year. Later in the year the students will be required to make their subject choices for Year 11. It is imperative that they dedicate sufficient time towards their studies this year and implement the suggested strategies for improvement that would have been provided in the 2019 Semester 2 Reports.

Year Meeting

At the first year meeting of the year the students were provided with some important information. Our Principal, Mr Addy addressed the meeting and spoke to the students about three awards that will be given to Year 10 students at the end of the year at our annual 'Presentation Evening'. Each award comes with \$1,000 that the students can use towards paying for educational needs. The three awards are:

1. High Achiever's Award

This award is given to the best performing academic student over the course of the year.

2. Most Improved Award

This award is given to the student who makes the most significant improvement from Year 9 to Year 10.

3. Blacktown Boy Award

This award is given to a student who exemplifies all the values of a student at 'Blacktown Boys' and displays our core school values at all times.

The students were given a presentation on 'Cyberbullying' which is becoming a more prevalent issue in today's society with the number of people using various social media platforms to communicate and post images. For advice on helping your children maintain a safer, more positive experience online you can visit the website esafety.gov.au. This is an excellent resource that contains valuable information for both parents and students. Click on the 'Parents' tab for some essential information on the issues that can potentially impact our students.

Fundamentals to Success

I have spoken to the cohort previously on these issues but I think it is important to remind them once again on the things they can all do to ensure the best possible learning outcomes are being achieved:

a) Attendance – It is no secret that a high rate of attendance leads to better results. Students should attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell or have a legitimate reason for not attending school.

b) Timetables – Each student has been issued with a timetable. I have encouraged all students to take an image of their timetables and store them on their phones. There is no excuse for not having a timetable. New timetables can be obtained

from the front office if required.

c) Prepared for lessons – This includes having the equipment required for the lesson, coming to class with an attitude to learn, and leaving the classroom with more knowledge than before you walked in.

d) Technology Policy – Mobile phones and other devices have become an embedded part of most of our lives. Students need to ensure that these devices are not compromising their attention span in class or contravening the school policy which can lead to disciplinary action. Devices **should not** be used during class time.

Assessment Booklets

All students were issued with 'Assessment Booklets' which is an important document that I encourage all parents to read. The booklet contains the relevant assessment task dates and their value for each Year 10 course. There is also essential information on the procedures and policies that must be adhered to if absent on the date an assessment task is due or if course requirements are not met.

Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to the following students who have been endorsed by their peers to represent them as part of the 'Blacktown Boys Student Leadership Team'. I look forward to seeing their contributions to our school community throughout the year.

10D	Ernest Kizito
10H	Mahd Khan
10J	Kishoban Maheswaran
10N	Nibodh Alahakoon

Mr Andy Franjic
Year 10 Advisor

**YEAR 11
YEAR ADVISER
Miss Pembe Hussein**



Greetings Year 11 and family!

Welcome to the senior years of your high school experience!

We started the year off strong and informed with various teachers sharing their expertise and advice.

We began with a Year Meeting, where we received quality life advice from Mr Addy, Miss Winata spoke to us about dealing with Cyberbully and we were informed about the school's BYOLD policy by Miss Alfonso. This was followed by a Step Up Continuers meeting, where we received our Year 11 Assessment Booklets, the Year 11 Step Up booklet and a rewritable Term Study Planner. Year 11 were taught skills and knowledge surrounding the assessment processes of the HSC courses and they extracted important information from the booklet, including N-Awards and preparing for the timing of assessment tasks. Mr Dibbs walked us through vital details of organisation and NESAs details. At the back of the Step Up booklet, there is a 'Drivers' Permission slip. If you wish to drive to school or to be driven to school by another student, please submit this form to Mrs Matthews, with a parent's signature.

Very shortly, Year 11 students will receive their 'Confirmation of Entry' slips from NESAs. Students are required to ensure their personal details and subject choices are correct, and are to hand that back to me signed and dated. If any personal details are incorrect, students can correct this when they log into Students Online. However, if there are any subject errors, please correct the form and hand it back to me, so I can adjust your details accordingly.

Year 11 supported their peers during the very exciting Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to the Sports Captains and Vice Captains for leading their team mates through various competitions. A special congratulations to David Petvokic for qualifying for the Sydney West Swimming Championships.

Special congratulations to our newly elected Year 11 SRC members, Kaleb, Kaveesha, Eknor, Viliami, Tayeb, Kritik, Ahmed and Rayaan. Year 11 have elected strong and wise Blacktown Boys Representatives and we look forward to celebrating your achievements during the formal SRC Induction Assembly.

Continuing with the achievements of our amazing Year 11, congratulations to our Opens Cricket team, Opens Soccer team, Knockout Touch Football team and Knockout Baseball team. You have demonstrated the definition of a Blacktown Boy and have made your school proud.

This year, Year 11 will be receiving their Transition Reports on April 6 (Monday Week 11) after the Week 11 Monday Assembly. Transition Reports are personalised reports for each individual student based on their progress in Year 11, indicating

their strengths and offering areas of improvements. Ensure that you carefully read the Transition Report and seek additional feedback from your teachers to work on.

The School Photo Day 2020 will be on March 13 (Friday Week 7). Year 11 students are required to wear their white shirts with their ties and black pants with black leather shoes. Please fill in the personalised envelope you have received in Homeroom and hand it into the photographer on the day.

Year 11 is going on the Amazing Race! That's right, on April 8, Year 11 will be going into the City to participate in a team bonding experience, where they will be solving puzzles and

Students will be wearing their sports uniform, and please ensure you have a packed lunch and plenty of water for the day.

Please remember to pay for the excursion and form your groups of 8 by March 23.

Some last advice for Year 11; be sure to keep the Year 11 Assessment Booklet in an easy to reach location in your study area. Refer back to the booklet when you are planning and preparing your assessments and organise your term using your rewritable Term Study Planner.

I look forward to working together with you to make the most of your Year 11 journey.

Kind regards,

Miss Pembe Hussein



**YEAR 12
YEAR ADVISER
Mr Daniel Dibbs**



Welcome back to 2020! I hope everyone has had a fulfilling and safe summer holiday break. Year 12 returned to their second term of HSC units, and the message being told to them this year is consistent: 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. There are also a wide range of areas that need to be covered this year aside from the subjects and HSC exams. These may range from UAC and TAFE applications, to Careers options and plans for after high school, as well as life skills focuses such as enrolling to vote and learning to drive. Our leadership team has done a fantastic job in promoting fundraising for Year 12, including lolly competitions and barbecue fundraising plans. We have also witnessed an increase in participation in whole school events, including our Swimming Carnival, which had a record senior turnout. 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!

Extra Curricular Activities

BBHS DANCE GROUP

Dance group is back up and running for 2020 and we are looking forward to a big year. Some performances we are excited about include Seven Hills Festival, Blacktown Festival, Synergy Public Schools Dance Festival and Schools Spectacular to name a few. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday afternoons in the school hall from 2:40 – 3:40 pm. No experience is necessary, so all students are welcome to join in the fun.

Please see Miss Cookson in the HSIE staffroom for more information.





**SRC Co-ordinator
Ms Cindy Tang**

The Student Representative Council (SRC) consists of a team of students from year 7 to 12 who have been elected to represent their homerooms, and to ensure that student voice is heard within the school’s community. The SRC team attend weekly recess meeting to discuss issues that are of concerns to their grade and propose solutions to those issues. The SRC team also propose, organise and implement events that they want to see occurring at school. Term 1 was a busy yet exciting start for SRC with the induction of year 8-11 SRCs as well as the leadership Training Day held in week 3. The year 12 SRCs also hosted an afterschool cluster in week 5.

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC students for 2020. These elected students have been recognised as responsible and positive role models by their peers and will join the year 12 captains

and prefects to form the Student Leadership Team.

- Year 8 : Dev, Luis, Sharman, Abdullah, Dihen & Zakar
- Year 9: Raj, Kunwar, Bren, Abhijeet & Maximus
- Year 10: Nibodh, Mahd, Ernest & Kishoban
- Year 11: Kaleb, Eknoor, Tayeb, Kaveesha, Rayaana, Ahmes, Villami & Kritik
- Year 7s elections will be held towards the end of Term 1.

“inclusive school culture” in week 5. Over 60 students attended from 10 schools, and participated in a series of activities and workshops to help build their cooperation, communication and leadership skills. Well done to School Captain Senwei, Vice Captain Alfred, and Prefects Jalib, Maulik, Zubin and Ishaan and BGHS’s leadership team for planning such a fantastic event. This event was planned over two terms and involved afterschool



The new SRC 2020 team partook in a Leadership Training Day held in week 3 to build on their communication and problem solving skills, and decide on the SRC goals for 2020. The year 12 leadership team hosted workshops on public speaking and networking, time-management and tying ties. Students also brainstormed and wrote up proposals to SRC events that they would like to see implemented this year including competitions, fundraisers, extra-curricular programs and infrastructure improvements.

meetings with BGHS and consistent communication through the January break. It was empowering to see such a diverse group of youth leaders working towards a common goal of building an inclusive school culture!

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, communication and leadership shared by our Blacktown Boys.

The year 12 leadership team from Blacktown Boys and Blacktown Girls hosted an after school leadership event with the theme





School Opal Cards for bus travel

As part of our campaign against fare evasion, and our on-going commitment to provide the level of service needed to transport students to and from your school, Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal card.

All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a fare.

Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.

This is important, because the Opal data collected determines the level of service we are able to provide to your school. If students don't tap on and off, the services will appear under utilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

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/

Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.



www.busways.com.au

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM – SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2020 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to you by your child's school. To consent to the vaccination of your child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided;
- complete the consent form, including signing your name next to each of the vaccine/s you would like your child to receive;
- return the completed consent form to your child's school;
- ensure that your child eats breakfast and has food available to eat on the day of the school vaccination clinic

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phone the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdrawal_consent.aspx.

Students who return a consent form to school but are absent on vaccination day, will be caught up on subsequent school vaccination clinics, during Year 7 or 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccines) and during Year 10 or 11 (for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine).

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. You should ensure that this record is kept for future reference. Please do not assume that your child has been vaccinated if you do not receive this Record of Vaccination. Vaccination records will be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories.

For further information:

Australian Government Department of Health website

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/getting-your-hpv-dtpa-vaccinations-at-school-what-to-expect>

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/getting-your-meningococcal-acwy-vaccination-at-school-what-to-expect>

NSW Health website <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

Contact Parramatta Public Health Unit on 9840 3603



High School Canteen Menu



FRESH HEALTHY FOODS

EVERYDAY

SANDWICHES

CHEESE & TOMATO (l)	\$3.5
HAM & CHEESE (l)	\$3.5
EGG & LETTUCE (l)	\$4.0
CURRIED EGG & LETTUCE (l)	\$4.0
SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN (l) LETTUCE, SWEET CHILLI MAYO	\$4.0
HAM, CHEESE & TOMATO (l)	\$4.0
CHICKEN, LETTUCE & MAYO (l)	\$4.0
SALAD (l) LETTUCE, TOMATO, CARROT, CUCUMBER, BEETROOT	\$4.0
CHICKEN, CHEESE & TOMATO (l)	\$4.0
TERIYAKI CHICKEN (l) SWEET TERIYAKI SAUCE, LETTUCE	\$4.0
HAM & SALAD (l)	\$4.5

CHOOSE FROM OUR SELECTION OF SAUCES

SARLIC AIOU	PER PERI	BURGERJUICIOUS	BBQ
SWEET CHILLI	HOT CHILLI	MAYONNAISE	TOMATO
CAESAR	MUSTARD		

EVERYDAY

WRAPS

SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN (l) LETTUCE, SWEET CHILLI MAYO	SGL	DBL
SALAD (l) LETTUCE, TOMATO, CARROT, CUCUMBER, BEET	\$3.0	\$5.0
CHICKEN, LETTUCE & MAYO (l)	\$3.0	\$5.0
LEG HAM (l) LETTUCE, TOMATO, CARROT, CUCUMBER, BEET	\$3.0	\$6.0
TERIYAKI CHICKEN (l) SWEETTERIYAKI SAUCE, LETTUCE	\$3.0	\$6.0
CHICKEN CAESAR (l) CHICKEN, COS LETTUCE, EGG, CHEESE	\$3.0	\$6.0
SALADS	REG	LGE
WATERMELON (l) WATERMELON CHUNKS	\$3.5	\$4.5
FRUIT (l) FRESH SEASONAL FRUITS	\$4.0	\$5.0
SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN (l) LETTUCE, TOMATO, SWEET CHILLI	\$6.0	
CHICKEN CAESAR (l) CHICKEN, COS, EGG, CROUTONS, CHEESE	\$6.0	
GARDEN (l) LETTUCE, TOMATO, CAPSICUM, CARROT, BEET	\$5.0	
CREAMY PASTA (l) WITH CHICKEN	\$4.0	
SWEET CHILLI NOODLES (l) CHICKEN, VERRICELLI	\$4.0	

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

SUSHI

SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN (l)	X 2	EACH	\$6.0	\$3.5
TERIYAKI CHICKEN (l)			\$6.0	\$3.5
VEGETARIAN (l)			\$6.0	\$3.5

EVERYDAY FRESH DEAL



GRAB A \$2 WATER WHEN YOU BUY ANY OF OUR EVERYDAY RATED FOODS

BREAKFAST

BEFORE 9:30AM

COLD & FRESH

SEASONAL FRUIT (c)	\$1.0
YOGHURT (l)	\$3.5
WATERMELON BOWL (l)	LGE \$4.5 REG \$3.5
FRUIT SALAD BOWL (l)	LGE \$5.0 REG \$4.0
BANANA BREAD (c)	\$2.5
MUFFINS (c)	\$3.0
BANANA BREAD (c)	\$2.5
MUFFINS (c)	\$3.0

HOT FOODS

HASH BROWN (c)	\$1.7
CHEESE WRAP (l)	\$3.0
HAM & CHEESE WRAP (l)	\$3.5
HAM, CHEESE & TOMATO WRAP (l)	\$3.5
BACON & EGG ROLL (c)	\$4.0
SALISAGE & EGG ROLL (l)	\$4.0
BIG BREWY WRAP (c)	\$5.0
BACON OR SALISAGE, EGG, HASH BROWN SAUCE	

\$1.5 BREAKFAST MEAL DEAL

ADD YOUR CHOICE OF

OAK MILK 300ML OR WATER 600ML

WHEN YOU SPEND \$3 OR MORE ON ANY BREAKFAST MENU ITEM

COLD DRINKS

POPPER JUICE (l) 250ML	\$2.0	PUMP WATER (l) 750ML	\$4.0	OAK MILK (l) 300ML	\$2.5
WATER (l) 600ML	\$2.5	PUMP FLAVOURS (l) 750ML	\$4.5	OAK MILK (l) 500ML	\$4.2
MINERAL WATER (l) 475ML	\$3.5	SOFT DRINK (c) 375ML NO SUGAR	\$2.7	ICE BREAK COFFEE (c) 500ML	\$4.5
ICE TEA (l)	\$3.8	POWERADE (c) 600ML NO SUGAR	\$4.5	UP N GO (l) 250ML	\$3.0
ALOÉ VERA (l)	\$3.8	SOFT DRINK (c) 600ML NO SUGAR	\$4.5	HOT CHOCOLATE (l)	\$2.5

FRESHLY MADE HOT FOODS

EVERYDAY

BURGERS

CHEESE BURGER (l) BEEF, CHEESE, TOMATO SAUCE	\$5.0
ALUSIE BURGER (l) BEEF, LETTUCE, TOMATO, BEETROOT, BBQ SAUCE	\$5.0
CHICKEN BURGER (l) WITH LETTUCE & MAYO	\$5.0
CHICKEN & CHEESE BURGER (l) WITH YOUR CHOICE OF SAUCE	\$5.0
HOT N SPICY CHICKEN BURGER (l) DEVIL PELET & LETTUCE	\$5.5

HOT BITES

SPICY CHICKEN WINGS (l) x4	\$5.0	EACH	\$1.4
SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN TENDERS (l)			\$2.0
GARLIC BREAD LOAF (c)			\$2.5
CUP OF NOODLES (c) TOM YUM, BEEF, CHICKEN			\$3.0
CHICKEN BREAST NUGGETS (c) x5			\$3.0
HOT DOG (c) WITH SAUCE			\$3.5
POTATO WEDGES (c)			\$3.8

TOASTED WRAPS

SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN (l) CHEESE, SWEET CHILLI SAUCE	\$5.0
BBQ CHICKEN & CHEESE (l) WITH BBQ SAUCE	\$5.0

MEXICAN NACHOS

BEEF (c) BEEF MINCE WITH CHEESE - SOUR CREAM SOC	\$5.0
VEGETARIAN (c) SALSA, LETTUCE, TOMATO, CHEESE, SOUR CREAM	\$6.0
THE LOT (c) BEEF MINCE, LETTUCE, TOMATO, CHEESE, SOUR CREAM	\$6.0

EVERYDAY

RICE - PASTA

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE (l) RICH BEEF SAUCE	REG	LGE	\$3.8	\$5.5
BUTTER CHICKEN (l) OUR FAMOUS RECIPE & RICE			\$3.8	\$6.0
FETTUONE CARBONARA (l) WITH CHICKEN			\$3.8	\$6.0
SINGAPORE NOODLES - CHICKEN (l)			\$3.8	\$6.0
SINGAPORE NOODLES - VEGETARIAN (l) <small>PRE ORDER</small>			\$3.8	\$6.0
LASAGNA (l) HOMEMADE BEEF <small>PRE ORDER</small>			\$6.5	
PASTRIES				
SALISAGE ROLL (c)			\$3.5	
MEAT PIE (c)			\$4.0	
SPINACH & RICOTTA ROLL (c) <small>PRE ORDER</small>			\$4.2	
CHILLI BEEF & CHEESE PIE (c)			\$4.5	
POTATO PIE (c) POTATO & BEEF			\$4.5	

MONDAY

HOMEMADE PIZZA

CHEESE (l) CHEESE & FRESH TOMATO PIZZA SAUCE	\$4.0
PEPPERONI (l)	\$4.5

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TUESDAY

DONER KEBABS

DONER KEBAB & CHEESE (l) AUTHENTIC MEAT & BBQ SAUCE	\$5.0
DONER KEBAB & SALAD (l) CHEESE + SOC	\$6.0

WEDNESDAY

SNACK PACKS

DONER KEBAB MEAT (l) SAUAD OR WEDGES - CHEESE + \$1	\$7.5
SPICY WINGS & WEDGES (l) 2X SPICY CHICKEN WINGS	\$6.0

THURSDAY

DONER KEBABS

DONER KEBAB & CHEESE (l) AUTHENTIC MEAT & BBQ SAUCE	\$5.0
DONER KEBAB & SALAD (l) CHEESE + SOC	\$6.0

FRIDAY

SNACK PACKS

DONER KEBAB MEAT (l) SAUAD OR WEDGES - CHEESE + \$1	\$7.5
SPICY WINGS & WEDGES (l) 2X SPICY CHICKEN WINGS	\$6.0



CARD FEES : 21c
EFTPOS, DEBIT, CREDIT (NO AMEX)
MINIMUM SPEND \$2

COUNTER SNACKS

MUFFINS & CAKES

BROWNIE	\$1.0
BANANA BREAD	\$2.5
BROWNIE BREAD	\$2.5
MUFFINS	\$3.0

ICE BLOCKS

SOUR SNAP APARTS	\$1.0
FROZEN JUICE CUPS	\$1.5
NILO CUP	\$3.5
MAXI DON	\$4.5

QUICK BITES

CHIPS 28GM	\$2.0
CHIPS 45GM	\$3.0
CHOCOLATE BARS	\$3.0
ASSORTED BITES 3 FOR	\$1.0

OTHER

SAUCE PORTIONS	\$0.4
DRESSING PORTIONS	\$0.4
BUTTER MENTHOL	\$1.5
EUCALYPTUS DROPS	\$1.5

STAY IN THE LOOP

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FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS, STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENTS AND SCHOOL EVENTS



Share the care with schools

Changes in your child or young person's mental health can affect their schooling and relationships, however support is available for school students experiencing mental health concerns.

Please let your school know if your child or young person has presented at or been admitted to hospital for mental health issues so they can discuss further support.

You or an advocate can talk to the Principal, Deputy Principal, Year Advisor, Head Teacher Welfare or School Counsellor/Psychologist to develop a plan.

Ask your school for help with:

- Keeping your child or young person safe.
- Returning to school following a mental health crisis.
- Identifying school staff your child or young person can talk to.
- Developing an individual support plan to help stay connected with school during tough times. This might include flexibility around school hours, homework or catching up with school work.
- Accessing support from the school and outside agencies.



Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District



NSW School-Link
Health and Education Working Together

JT-002.056519



TAFE NSW AMEP VOLUNTEER TUTOR PROGRAM

BE CONNECTED

Would you like to help adult migrants and refugees learn English and become part of your community?

- TAFE NSW trains volunteers as part of the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP).
- Tutors complete an online course at their own pace and receive on-going support once they start tutoring.
- Tutoring is conducted at a mutually convenient location such as a library

Volunteers are urgently needed in your area.

PHONE 9942 0644

EMAIL AMEPhts@tafensw.edu.au

VISIT tafensw.edu.au/amep

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. TAFE NSW - CRICOS 00591E RTO 9,0003



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The BITE BACK 6 Week Challenge helps you take control of your mental fitness. Each week we'll send tips, info and weekly activities to help you on your journey. Track your progress on our website throughout the challenge to see the full impact!

Week 1 Gratitude

Week 2 Mindfulness

Week 3 Social Connections

Week 4 Strengths

Week 5 Meaning and Purpose

Week 6 Mental Fitness Plan

Plus, every entrant has the chance to go into the draw to win a \$250 voucher for their favourite brand!

BITE BACK and sign up at:

www.biteback.org.au



Black Dog Institute



Blacktown Boys High School

CNR SUNNYHOLT RD & FIFTH AVE , BLACKTOWN

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Junior Boys All Seasons Uniform

SHIRT:	GREY S/S DELUXE WITH EMB.	From	\$34.95
SHORTS:	GREY DELUXE COLLEGE SHORTS		\$44.95
TROUSERS:	MID GRY PQS TROUSERS		\$59.95
TROUSERS:	GREY COLLEGE LONG BAGGIES		\$59.95
SLOPPY JOE:	MAROON WITH EMB.	From	\$37.95
JACKET:	MAROON MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.		\$62.95
SOCK:	MAROON WITH 2 WHITE STRIPES		\$10.95
SHOES:	BLACK		
CAP:	BLACK BASEBALL WITH EMB.		\$21.95

Senior Boys All Seasons Uniform

SHIRT:	WHITE S/S DELUXE WITH EMB.	From	\$34.95
SHORTS:	BLACK COLLEGE DELUXE		\$44.95
TROUSERS:	BLACK COLLEGE DELUXE		\$59.95
SLOPPY JOE:	MAROON WITH EMB.	From	\$37.95
JACKET:	MAROON MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.		\$62.95
TIE:	MAROON WOVEN TIE		\$29.95
SOCK:	MAROON WITH 2 WHITE STRIPES		\$10.95
SHOES:	BLACK		
CAP:	BLACK BASEBALL WITH EMB.		\$21.95

Boys Sports Uniform

POLO:	MAROON POLO/BLACK COLLAR WITH EMB.	From	\$39.95
SHORTS:	BLACK L/LEG MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.	From	\$34.95
TRACKPANTS:	BLACK MICROFIBRE WITH EMB.	From	\$38.95
SOCK:	MAROON WITH 2 WHITE STRIPES		\$10.95

ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

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/Campus_Categories.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 below for further details.

Westpoint Blacktown

Shop 2060/1, 17 Patrick Street, NSW 2148
(02) 96723025

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BLACKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Contribution Schedule 2020

Subject Contributions - cover the purchase of materials in certain learning areas.	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Agricultural Technology			\$20			
Drama						
Engineering Studies					\$15	\$15
Food Technology			\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80
Industrial Technology – Electronics			\$70	\$70		
Industrial Technology – Engineering			\$40	\$40		
Industrial Technology – Multimedia			\$40		\$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		
Information Processes & Technology					\$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
Sport Levy – This covers venue and equipment hire for school carnivals and also ensures that the school is registered for all Zone, Regional, State and National Competitions.	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
General Contribution – this covers services such as library, textbooks and curriculum-related resources.	\$45	\$45	\$50	\$50	\$65	\$65
Total – Full or regular part- payment accepted. Eftpos facility available. Phone payments accepted.	\$155	\$155	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable

PLEASE CHANGE OR UPDATE STUDENT DETAILS

STUDENT NAME _____

New Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

New Home Phone Number: _____

MOTHER/CARER

New Mobile Number: _____

New Work Number: _____

New Email Address: _____

FATHER/CARER

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New Work Number: _____

New Email Address: _____

Comments: _____

<i>Office Use Only</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entered in ERN	Staff Initials: _____

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ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please excuse my son _____ of roll class _____

For being absent on _____ because _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: / /

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