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Celebrating in style

The centenary of High's membership in the AAGPS has witnessed two further facility developments...



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A school within a school...

Sydney High is now divided into two self-contained schools structured to optimise our boys' development as scholars, sportsmen and citizens...

With over 1100 boys, High is a large school. This has many benefits but two key problems. First, it impedes close relationships being built within the student body and between the staff and boys. This can be seen in a lack of recognition or acknowledgment of achievements, as well as missed opportunities or late intervention in student development. Secondly, larger organisations are less easily managed and less efficient than smaller units.

Under the school within a school policy High will be divided into discrete senior and junior high schools. Each school will focus upon the growth in character, intellectual capacity and physical development

Junior School Priorities:

- 1. To develop each student as a whole person capable of healthy risk taking.*
- 2. To build a sense of belonging.*
- 3. To support our students in all their endeavours.*
- 4. To foster academic success.*
- 5. To develop future leaders.*



Senior School Priorities:

- 1. To maximise individual academic success at the HSC*
- 2. To support students as they develop into autonomous learners*
- 3. To build self-efficacy through continued co-curricular participation.*
- 4. To provide opportunities for students to lead and serve.*

appropriate for its students.

This policy allows close relationships to be nurtured alongside the benefits that large schools offer, such as an extensive curriculum and extra-curricular programs and first class facilities. Each school will be led by a Deputy Headmaster, supported by Heads of Houses whose focus is the boys' sporting and co-curricular endeavours and by Year Advisers whose focus is student engagement and growth.

High School should be about healthy risk taking as new experiences develop a boy's self image and knowledge of his strengths and weaknesses. These are essential attributes of leaders. High's junior school will encourage its students to engage in healthy risk taking. This lays

the foundations for co-curricular commitments at a senior level.

Independence is essential to excel at university. High's senior school is structured to encourage self-directed learning. This is achieved through our curriculum delivery modes, such as those employing interactive media and web-based modules. It is also achieved through the provision of time and space for quiet study as well as frequent small group interactions. Self-motivated students achieve more in all facets of life in school and beyond.

Two distinct schools permit academic enrichment to be fully implemented. The Junior School (years 7-9) will deliver four years of standard Board of Studies curriculum in three. The Senior School, commencing in year

10, will train the boys to be independent learners, capable of handling HSC level courses and capable of deploying the key concepts and theories they will need to excel in the HSC.

The senior school also mitigates the negative effects of boys, or their parents, focussing singularly on academic life. Senior academic structures leave ample room for co-curricular activities and boys are expected and encouraged to engage in sporting, charitable, service and cultural pursuits.



The Student Awards Scheme encourages extra-curricular pursuits throughout school life.

Facility Developments

As well as the new tennis courts (reported on in the previous edition of High Flyer) High has developed new cricket nets and basketball courts.

Sydney High has celebrated its centenary of membership of the AAGPS by the completion of cricket nets behind the McDonald Wing and two new basketball courts on The Flat.

High can now host more home basketball and tennis fixtures than it could previously and can also train

cricketers on four state of the art retractable cricket nets. Once the cricket season is over and the nets are retracted, an area 30m x 13m is available for winter recreation. Old Boys will note that the old Chicken Wire cricket nets were demolished to accommodate the basketball courts, which also serve as a fine parade

ground for the Cadet Unit.

Funding for this most welcome project came from the Commonwealth Government's Investing In Our Schools program (\$150,000) from the P & C (\$30,000) and from the school (\$50,000). These projects conclude the sporting facility upgrade conducted throughout 2006-7.





Our new cricket nets and basketball courts enable the boys to train and compete on excellent surfaces and increase training time because of their main campus location. The School Within a School policy, by establishing separate sports afternoons for junior and senior students, allows the intensive use of sporting facilities, coaches and equipment, maximising access for all of our students.



High's Giving Schemes

Three convenient ways to donate towards the new library have been established...

Credit Card (tax deductible)

- Our most popular method of donation.
- Go to our website (www.sydneyboyshigh.com), click on fundraising and then library project contributions, and download the *New Library Project Contribution Form*.
- Alternatively, contact the school (9361 6910 ext 114) and the appropriate form will be posted to you.

Monthly Giving Program (tax deductible)

- A convenient method of donation for families who prefer small, regular donations by direct debits from a credit card.
- Go to our website (www.sydneyboyshigh.com), click on fundraising and then library project contributions, and download the *New Library Monthly Giving Form*.
- Alternatively, contact the school (9361 6910 ext 114) and the appropriate form will be posted to you.

Cheque (tax deductible)

- Writing a cheque, payable to 'Sydney Boys High School Building Fund,' before the end of the financial year, is a popular method of donation.
- Cheques should be mailed to Sydney Boys High School, Moore Park, Surry Hills, NSW 2010.
- Alternatively, you can deliver it to the payment desk at the front office.

Towards our new library...

Sydney Boys High is undertaking an ambitious project to build a state-of-the-art library for our boys. The target date to commence building will coincide with the School's 125th anniversary in 2008.

We need to raise deposit capital and regular cash flow to fund a loan, to achieve this. Parents have already generously donated in excess of \$400,000.

This is where you can help by

committing to either a regular monthly or annual donation. These donations are tax deductible and can be easily made using the School's direct debit program.

If each of the 1,200 families donated \$1 a day, we would raise \$1,314,000 over three years.

The cash flow generated in this example would give your son access to a state-of-the-art library within two to three years.

Shortly after May 21st a volunteer

parent will call you to seek your donation. I urge you to help provide this vital resource for your son by donating.

You can help even more by volunteering in this campaign, which will be run over a limited time. Please offer your assistance by sending your contact details, in an e-mail, to high.library.contacts@accs.com.au.

This fund raising campaign is an initiative of the Development Committee and has the strong support of the Principal, Old Boys Union, High Club Ltd and P&C.

Now is the time to give it your support too!



One artist's impression of the future library.

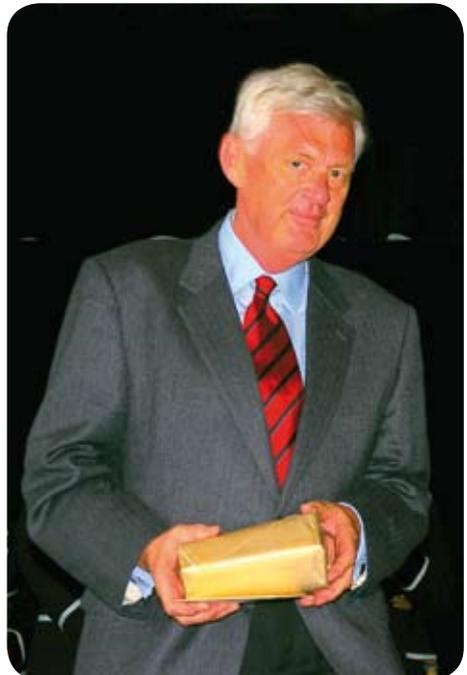


A year 7 boy launches off for the backstroke at the swimming carnival.

Phil Day Trust

A trust has been established in memory of Phillip Day (1965), who died on 19 February 2007. It has so far received in excess of \$12,000. Depending upon the final amount, the proceeds will be used to fund a fitting memorial at the School and a prize and/or scholarship.

Donations should be directed to Sydney Boys High School, Moore Park, SURRY HILLS NSW 2010, with a note to be credited to the Phil Day Trust.



Phillip Day, a teacher and Old Boy.

New Classroom



An air conditioned classroom, (room 801) has been installed on The Flat. The building is being financed jointly by the P & C and the School over three years. When construction of the new library eases the pressure on classroom space, the room may be retained as a classroom, used for other purposes or sold.

Mitchell Seow Prize

The Mitchell Andrew Seow Memorial Trust Deed has now been signed off by the Headmaster. The trust contains \$6300 which will fund the Seow prize in perpetuity, including the cost of replacement honour boards.

The prize will be awarded to: 'a student who is a

caring friend to all, never lets his friends and team mates down and has the admiration of his peers and teachers alike, putting total effort into a diverse range of activities.'

Mitchell passed away suddenly, at the age of 18, in early 2006, after excelling in all facets of school life.



Mitch Seow

Technology in the Classroom

Dr Paul Ganderton explains how he uses interactive media to deliver his classes...

Good teaching requires engaging students with their curriculum and allowing students to develop knowledge collectively. Web based tools, such as Moodle- an interactive classroom, allow boys to work collaboratively under the watch of their teachers to prepare essays and conduct research on social science issues.

Chatrooms are a medium that

students are familiar with. In a school that caters to gifted students, the use of these technologies adds an immediacy to learning, lessening the frustration that bright students sometimes feel with traditional learning modes

Web-based forums are also conducive to teamwork. Students can post their exam notes, essays and thoughts on the web so that others



can challenge, and expand upon them. This is essential in senior years when external HSC exams are scaled according to cohort as well as individual achievement.

Moodle software is supported by the interactive whiteboards, data-projectors and wireless laptops available to all faculties. Hardware such as this allows the internet to enter the classroom, lessons to be exchanged and boys to create and share knowledge.



Every faculty at High now has access to interactive whiteboards, data projectors and wireless laptops.

Anzac Assembly



Alex Vertoudakis plays the Last Post while Warrant Officer Ho lays a wreath below the honour rolls of Old Boys killed in the World Wars.



The cadet unit provides a guard for the official party as it proceeds to the Great Hall.

Summer Sport 2007

Rowing

High performed well at the CHS regatta, winning the Boys Championship VIII, Quad, IV and Double and retaining the Boys overall point score. At the GPS Head of the River the 1st IV pulled a promising sixth place, cheered by a large vocal crowd.

Cricket

With High fielding 18 teams, 2007 was a successful season. The 14Cs were an outstanding team, winning 12 and drawing 1 of 14 games. Both **Mathew Fetherston** and **Dakshika Gunaratne** were selected for the combined GPS 1st XI, with the former's bowling average at 14.24 and the latter's batting average at 55.22.

Athletics

Saxby House were the House Athletics Champions in 2007. **Dakshika Gunaratne** also set a new record in the 17+ 110m, running 14.88 seconds, breaking a GPS record of 14.90 seconds, set in 2001.

Basketball

28 teams fronted to play GPS basketball this season. **Henry Walker** was our outstanding player, being selected for the combined GPS 1st Grade side. Our win rate is continuing to build and professional and progressive coaching policies are clearly paying off.

Tennis

Matt King was selected in the Combined GPS Representative Team, after a strong performance all season. High is well placed to launch a strong challenge for the Stan Jones Trophy with a new team led by Matt King.

Sailing

High performed well in the NSW CHS Sailing Regatta. **Nikita Slinko** and **Ashwin Rudder** won the Pacer Division, retaining the Coal Board Trophy.

2007 Winter Sport Fixtures Now Available Online

@ www.sydneyboyshigh.com or

www.highrugbyfriends.com



Members of the class of 2005 gathered on Moore Park West to celebrate the life of Mitchell Seow, a classmate who passed away tragically in early 2006.

Venue Hire

Built in 1927 and graced with high ceilings and a beautiful garden setting, the School's Great Hall, in the centre of Moore Park, is an affordable setting in the heart of Sydney's East. Seating up to 800 theatre style, 250 for dinner (with dance floor) and 600 for cocktail parties, the Hall opens onto a charming enclosed courtyard, providing an ideal space for pre-dinner drinks



The courtyard is graced by a statue of Apollo.

and ample space for both a cocktail bar and live music. The venue, with ample onsite parking and without noise restrictions, is ideal for large dinners, lectures or seminars.

Support *your* school and book your next event at Sydney High.

Call **0427 070569**
or email **sales@shsfoundation.org.au**.

Rowing the Yarra



Mr Con Barris, Chris Watson and Ollie Wilson escorted the year ten VIII's to compete with Melbourne High School upon the Yarra. The competition was tough, with High's First year ten VIII winning the 4km race, and the 2nd VIII coming in a close second. Sydney and Melbourne High race one another annually. Next year Sydney High will host Melbourne upon the Parra.



At the CHS regatta, held on the Clarence River at Grafton, Ty Linegar and Andrew Pham shared best male rower of the Championship.



The rowers roar the traditional war-cry the day before the Head of the River, concluding the Rowing Assembly. Sydney High rowed well on the day, unfortunately failing to place in the 1st VIII race.

Learn to Row

Wanting to learn the art of rowing upon Sydney Harbour? Then this course of 6 classes is for you. Suited for both complete novices and those with some experience, 6 classes will allow you to learn the art of rowing.



Rowing is an ideal aerobic sport which works every muscle group, at a low intensity and with a very low injury rate. Besides this, messing around in boats and cruising along the harbour are great fun in their own right!

The course is located at the Outterside Centre,

home to High's rowing program, at Abbotsford Point. The picturesque landscape provides a perfect location for exercise, social interaction and a tour of Sydney's waterfront properties.

Ross Bowey, Head Coach, ensures that participants benefit from a social environment, while also learning the professional skills, terminology and safety requirements appropriate for a competition. Often the BBQ is fired up for a tasty breakfast upon the pontoon after the row.



6 week courses beginning in terms 3 and 4.

7.00 - 9.00 am

Reservations or enquiries, contact Judith Shuttleworth on:

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or at sales@shsfoundation.org.au

18+ unless accompanied by a responsible adult.



Higher School Certificate 2006

UAI Breakdown:

- Kaivin Vaidya achieved 100
- 48 students achieved over 99
- The school average was 92.46
- 151 students achieved 90 or better
- Only 8% of students achieved UAI's below 80



The class of 2006 celebrate after graduating from Sydney High.

Thirty-one boys received Premier's Awards for scoring 90 or higher in 10 units of study

Individual HSC Results

The following boys achieved State rankings:

- **Vinh Pham** - 4th in Extension 2 (4 Unit) Mathematics
- **Richard Liu** - 2nd in the Philosophy Distinction Course
- **Wuyi Chen** - 5th in the Philosophy Distinction Course
- **Russell Rahman** - 4th in Classical Greek
- **Evans Wang** - 6th in Software Design
- **Nicholas Ng and Labib Rahman** - 9th in Advanced English
- **Thomas Wang** - 8th in Extension 1 (3 Unit) Mathematics
- **Anthony Morris (Year 11 Accelerant)** - 10th in Advanced Mathematics
- **Paul Pang** - Selected for Music Encore
- **James Mackay and Richard Zu (Year 11 Accelerants)** - Nominated for Music Encore