



From the Principal High Talent

Thank you to High parents who have acted as coaches, managers or referees during the winter sports season. In particular, thank you to Messrs Robertson and Sheldon for their assistance with 13s football. We appreciate your efforts and hope more parents will become involved with the school sports program next season. Congratulations to the open tennis team for making it to the Stan Jones knockout final for state schools. Although under prepared and lacking match practice, our boys gave the professionals from Endeavour a good contest in the final played on our courts this week. Well done to Mitchell Kelly, Matthew King, Hai Le, Michael Prior and David Cao. Congratulations to Andrew Leung who will represent Australia in the junior team for the World Karate-Do championships on August 17th.

Plain English Speaking Awards State Final



It was a privilege once again to be able to attend the final of PESA to support a High contestant, Kelvin Yu. He started the program with a nearly word perfect rendition of his prepared speech on the topic "Out of sight, out of mind". His exposé of the 21st century slavery of 27 million people worldwide was framed ironically at its introduction and conclusion by anecdotes about the great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. His speech was informative, well constructed and articulate. David, from Blue Mountains Grammar, spoke wittily in the aphoristic mode of his idol, Oscar Wilde, about "the importance of being facetious". He differentiated sarcasm from irony in an appropriately clever speech, averring that 'sarcasm sells'. Acerbic satire was a weapon of social change, even though it is perceived as the lowest form of wit. Rosie, from SCEGGS Darlinghurst, cautioned "Just don't assume" through the rather amazing story of the Hubble telescope's initial failure to focus after deployment. Its difficulties were

caused during design by American and European measurement systems being different and each side assuming that their system was standard. She investigated the effects on our lives of assumptions which she characterised as 'opinions that feel like facts'. Daniel, from Smiths Hill, claimed "My GI Joe is broken". He used the extended metaphor of the unreality of the appearance of toy soldiers and their use in games to critique the falsely clean, indestructible and heroic image of the ADF and of US imperialism. He argued that we need to redefine our paradigm of war and stop romanticising things military. Mihajla, from Cecil Hills, used the "Not Happy, John" slogan to lampoon the AWB wheat scandal, government misconduct and the apparent lack of ministerial accountability. Vickram Joshi from Grammar humorously satirised his Indian culture to extrapolate from the personal to the universal in his portrayal of the multicultural experience in Sydney. He used the Cronulla riots slogan "We grew here, you flew here" to pinpoint the shock of separateness suddenly felt by many Asian Australians in the aftermath of the crisis. He linked his dream of playing cricket for Australia to his desire for interracial harmony built upon the foundation of individual action, inclusiveness and tolerance.

The impromptu speeches were on the topic "the good life". After just three minutes of preparation, the standard of the speeches was impressive, with most contestants able to produce a sustained coherent speech on demand. Kelvin linked experience of the good life to the isolation of the nuclear family and the social problems associated with the consumerist society. Others talked about those who could and could not share the benefits of the good life – children in poverty, baby boomers getting it all at the expense of their children, third world economies as Nike slaves for western consumption or politicians endangering the future for today's youth. I enjoyed the experience and thought the Grammar boy deserved his win. Kelvin represented us with style, flair and intelligence.

Centennial Parklands Meeting

A productive meeting at Centennial Parklands last week sorted out some deed of Licence issues and established several areas for discussion about improvements to facilities and access. Our suggestions about parking provisions on Moore Park West have been included in the new Master Plan. We are negotiating on a range of issues. Thanks to Laurie Heil, our Liaison Officer, the relationship between the school and the Trust is progressing more amicably than it did in the past.

The Future for our Electricity



After a meeting this week with the School Education Director and the Properties Team Leader, it was agreed that the refurbishment of the electricity supply to the SBHS-SGHS site should be made priority 1 for 'minor capital works' for 2007. Unfortunately, if the project is approved, tenders won't be called until July next year. We will have to be patient and try to reduce peak hour power consumption in the hottest and coldest periods next year until the problem is fixed.

Investing in our Schools

A tender has been chosen to lay the concrete slabs for the basketball courts and the cricket nets. Starting in a couple of weeks, the Flat will have major areas fenced off for construction work. I trust everyone will cooperate during this period of major upgrade.

Dr K Jagger

Bisley 2006



During the end of term holidays, members of the Sydney High School Cadet Unit (Sgt Anthony Ho, Cpl Chris Lam, Cpl Denis Stojanovic, Cdt Ishan Nadkarni and Cdt Phil Wu), Knox Grammar Cadet Unit and 323 Air Cadet Squadron formed the 2006 Australian Defence Force Rifle Team and participated in an international shooting competition against cadet units from all over the United Kingdom. Members of the

Royal Canadian Army Cadet Rifle Team also made an appearance in the Inter Services Cadet Rifle Meeting, School's Meeting matches as well as various sightseeing tours.

The team stayed two nights at Randwick Barracks where everything from final preparations to new friends were made. A farewell reception was held at Sydney High followed by a flight lasting 20 undesirable hours.

Activities in England involved a full day of sightseeing London, a visit to the Fleet Air Arm museum, tour of the Royal Marines Commando Training Facility where we were given a demonstration of the strenuous obstacle course Royal Marine recruits are put through and an introduction to the weapons of the Royal Marines followed by the weapons handling of the British Standard Infantry rifle (SA-80). Last but not least, an educational trip to the historical dockyard, Portsmouth.

In terms of shooting, Australia performed exceptionally well against the foreign cadets. A total of seven gold medals and one silver were won, raising Australia's reputation as excellent marksmen to a new level. Sgt Ho and Cpl Lam each won a gold medal while Cdt Wu won a silver.

Competitive shooting may have been the major event, but there were also optional shoots like shotgunning, gallery shooting and air pistol shoot outs.

The 2006 Bisley trip was an overall success and wouldn't have happened without the effort and time of Major Knowles (Commanding Officer, Sydney High), Captain Billingsby (Commanding Officer, Wollongong) and our coach Justin Hill (former High student).

Any individual interested in the Bisley trip are advised to join cadets and rifle shooting today. More information maybe obtained from Senior cadets.

Sgt Anthony Ho

SHS Old Boys Bowling Association Needs YOU!!!



If you are a current student, Old Boy, parent of a student or teacher at the school, you are eligible to play.

The next match is Sunday, 13 August at Warringah Bowling Club located near Taronga Zoo at Mosman.

Please contact Phil Lewis on 9416 9627 for further information.

Fencing News



The NSW Schools Fencing League at Newington started well for Senior Division A, even though the SBHS-A team went into the competition severely weakened. Jeffrey Chan

had to withdraw because of a shoulder injury and my ankle is still nowhere near fully recovered.

However, SBHS-A defeated St Andrews-A 8:1 and Newington-B 6:3. The best performances were by Amadeus Klocker (83%, +13) and Yu Lin (83%, +11) and we should be well placed in this competition providing there are no further injuries.

SBHS-B fenced well against Newington-C and won 5:4, but were then defeated 3:6 by a strong St Aloysius-A team. Best performance was by Kevin Lee (67%, +4).

In the Senior Division B, SBHS-D won 7:2 against Newington-F and was then narrowly defeated by Trinity-B. Best performance was by Samuel Sathiakumar (83%, +11) and congratulations to Patrick Tang and Zenghui Lu for their first wins.

SBHS-E had an unexpected but narrow loss against SGS-D, however they recovered to defeat St Andrews-B 7:2 and Trinity-C 8:1, with the best performance by David Tran (83%, +14).

SBHS-F was narrowly defeated by SGS-C 4:5, and then suffered a clear 2:7 defeat at the hands of Newington-D. SBHS-G was defeated by Newington-F 2:7, with Harry Zhuang and Andrew Wu each winning one bout.

Thank you to all of the team Captains who have sent in their reports.

It was great to see that all teams arrived on time and very encouraging seeing so many parents supporting High. A special thank you to our MIC, Ms May, for her presence on the day.

The Minis will have their first matches this Saturday and should arrive at Newington no later than 11.15. Please report to me immediately so that I can help you to get started.

REMEMBER: All fencers should regularly check the fencing noticeboard and the NSWFA website: http://www.nswfencing.org.au/juniors/comps_league.htm for any late changes.

Amadeus Klocker (Captain)

VOLLEYBALL

Will High Remain Undefeated ?

The last round of GPS Volleyball this Saturday sees High play Grammar in our Gym. High goes into this match to defend the Premiership won last year and come away with both the CHS and GPS titles for the second consecutive year.

Games start at 10 am.

Coming up...

19th August: Sydney High Junior Invitational Volleyball tournament. 8.30 to 4.30 pm

26th August: Volleyball Awards Lunch 12 to 3 pm . Outterside Centre.

M.Kay

MIC - Volleyball

Volleyball Report # 4



The fifth of August was a very, very rainy day. The under sixteens made their way through the cats and dogs to Riverview, competing with St Ignatius. The match itself was very ordinary, with High winning in solid sets. Matt Chan

once again passed the balls well, allowing Shorson and Thomas to set accurately. Nishan and Ritam scrambled the balls excellently, whisking shanks back in the right direction. And as usual, everyone did their jobs well, except for those who did their jobs extremely well. Many attempted and succeeded in producing backcourt spikes, which zoomed at our opponents at an incalculable speed. The speed of Daniel Shan's spikes was that incalculable speed times ten to the power of forty-two. Danny's jump serves were packed with the oomph of a very hard jump serve. However, some of the serves hit the back of players ... on the same team. On the last set, Mr Kaye, re-inverted and reinvented our playing scheme, placing players into a position other than the one they are used to. It started off rockily, but we eventually found the foothold we were looking for, winning the final set with a close 20-25.

Sam Wan

A Sydney Boys High School Parent/Carer Survey
National Framework for Values Education in Australian Schools
Engaging the School Community – a School Audit

The purpose of this survey is to discover the opinions of parent/carers, teachers and students. Results will be published in the High Notes, distributed to P & C, will guide Values Education curriculum planning and assist with future directions for student welfare and other school/community initiatives.

Responses can be left at the Main Office or emailed to me at mayj@sydneyboys-h.schoolsn.sw.edu.au Please respond before 1 September to allow time for results to be compiled for the High Community Convocation at Abbotsford on Saturday 9 September.

Thank you for your valued insight.

1 What values are important to you?

2 What values do you think your child should be taught at school?

3 Does the school support the values that you try to encourage in your child at home? Please explain how/how not.

4 Look at the list of the nine *Values for Australian Schooling* below. Comment on the extent to which you feel that the school promotes these values.

The Nine Values for Australian Schooling are:

Care and Compassion	<i>Care for self and others</i>
Doing Your Best	<i>Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence</i>
Fair Go	<i>Pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society</i>
Freedom	<i>Enjoy all the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others</i>
Honesty and Trustworthiness	<i>Be honest, sincere and seek the truth</i>
Integrity	<i>Act in accordance with principles of moral and ethical conduct, ensure consistency between words and deeds</i>
Respect	<i>Treat others with consideration and regard, respect another person's point of view</i>
Responsibility	<i>Be accountable for one's own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contribute to society and to civic life, take care of the environment</i>
Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion	<i>Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others</i>

SBHS Debating 2006

ALL GPS RESULTS are NOW ONLINE at
<http://www.sydneyhigh.org.au/debating/results.shtml>

COACHES GIFT CONTRIBUTION

A contribution towards the gifts for coaches of at least \$10 is required from ALL BOYS who are debating this year. This includes those who are not debating in teams but have attended training sessions on a regular basis and is regardless of whether you are attending the dinner. This year approx. 20 weeks of coaching have been offered to debaters- a donation of \$10 towards a coach's gift makes the training sessions 50 cents per week. Please take your contribution to the office by August 25th marked as a "Debating Coaches Contribution".

DEBATING SUPPORTERS GROUP- MEETINGS

The next meeting is Tuesday September 12th at 6.30pm
in the Teachers Common Room.

We will be discussing and planning this year Debating Dinner so please come along and share your ideas with us! We encourage all debating parents (especially those with sons in year 7, 8 and 9) to attend and to become involved in supporting your sons debating "career"!

HOME SUPPERS

This term there will be four home debates and we're looking for volunteers to help with these suppers. 6pm is the early shift (parents of years 7-10), followed by the late shift (parents of years 11 and 12). The schedule is:

- 18 August 2006 SBSH v Scots Year 10 (and year 12 late shift)
- 25 August 2006 SBSH v St Josephs Year 7 (and year 11 late shift).

Please email Alice Paul, the supper coordinator at sbhdsdg@gmail.com

<http://www.sydneyhigh.org.au/debating>

Ms Jocelyn Brewer- MIC Debating



The 2006 Debating Dinner

Traditionally the Debating Dinner is held on the Saturday after the final GPS debate and celebrates the strength of debating talent at High- 2006 will be no exception.

This years Debating Dinner is being held on **Saturday September 2nd in the Great Hall at 6pm.**

Last year the dinner at the Outterside Centre was so successful it sold out! So this year we have moved (back) to the Great Hall in order to ensure everyone is able to attend.

The cost of the dinner will be **\$30 per adult and student.**

A special price for siblings under 10 years of age has been negotiated at \$20.

Payment for the dinner can be made at the main office from **until Friday August 25th.**

Detach the form below → pay your money at the main office → take the slip to Miss Brewer

2006 DEBATING DINNER

Student Name _____

Year/ Roll class _____

Number of adults attending _____ @ \$30 = _____

Number of U/10 attending _____ @ \$20 = _____

TOTAL Number of people _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Do you have any special dietary requirements? Vegetarian?

YES! I can you help on the day with setting up the hall, table decorations etc.

THE ONION BAG



Yet again the wet weather caused all but the first and second grade games to be cancelled. Both games had to be relocated to Weigall Sports Ground, which was in surprisingly good condition considering the rain.

First grade's hopes were boosted with the late inclusion of Burak Akinci. However, this was balanced out with the late withdrawal of Nick Hannon, forcing Alvin Leung to back up immediately after a tough second grade game. Alvin is another year 10 student who has handled the step up in class with aplomb this year. His efforts in this game belied the fact that he had already played a full game prior.

The initial exchanges were tough to say the least. Jeremy Luscombe came off second best after a heavy collision and was forced to sit out the rest of the game, thus further depleting the High's reserve stocks. Ritchie Xu and Tom Castleton were adroitly rotated with Leung to shore up the depleted right hand side. All three played starring rolls, displaying impressive fitness and commitment.

High had by far the best chances of the first half, but were unable hit the target from several promising positions. Nil-nil at half time. There was a noticeable steely determination about the boys in the huddle. Captain Blaxell led the half time talk, coach Gifford could hardly get a word in, constantly being interrupted by a clearly pumped up Blaxell and co.

The second half saw High constantly making the play. Their efforts to get to the loose ball and harass the Grammar ball carriers resulted in several turnovers of possession. This pressure finally told on Grammar and High's efforts were finally rewarded with a well deserved goal to Ed Curran. Several further chances to seal the game went begging, resulting in a tense last few minutes. Pleasingly, High hung on to clinch a thoroughly deserved and moral boosting victory.

Second grade put in one of their most polished displays of the season, with a convincing 3-0 victory. Coach Apoifis shuffled the line up around looking to find the strongest combination, with a view to next year.

D'Arcey Blaxell scored a brace of goals and had a strong game in general. Pat Locke bagged the other and displayed some very encouraging skills, importantly controlling the flow of possession in and out of the midfield.

Other strong performances included Captain Kevin Kim, who set up a brick wall of defence, giving very little for the Grammar forwards to get excited about. The 'Safety net' of Daniel Champion and Chong Shao at the back made sure that any danger that did get through was quickly defused. Tom Castleton and Ritchie Xu were both outstanding in attack and defence.

All games this week are against Newington College.

GPS Round 7 NEWINGTON 12/8			
Team	Opponent	Venue	Time
1ST	Newington	Buchanan 1	1.15
2ND	Newington	Buchanan 1	12.00
3RD	Newington	Buchanan 1	11.00
4TH	Newington	Buchanan 1	10.00
5TH	Newington	Buchanan 1	9.00
6TH	Newington	Buchanan 1	8.00
16A	Newington	Steel Park	8.00
16B	Newington	Steel Park	11.00
16C	Newington	Steel Park	10.00
16D	Newington	Steel Park	9.00
15A	Newington	McKay 4	8.00
15B	Newington	McKay 4	9.00
15C	Newington	McKay 4	10.00
15D	Newington	McKay 4	11.00
14A	Newington	MPW 16	12.00
14B	Newington	MPW 16	11.00
14C	Newington	MPW 16	10.00
14D	Newington	MPW 16	9.00
14E	Newington	MPW 16	8.00
13A	Newington	Steel Park	12.00
13B	Newington	Buchanan 2	11.00
13C	Newington	Buchanan 2	10.00
13D	Newington	Buchanan 2	9.00

Wet weather numbers: SBHS - 9361 0027

Centennial Park - 9339 6670

Newington - 9432 6460



Quote of the Week

'I can see the carrot at the end of the tunnel.' - Stuart Pearce



OPEN DAYS IN 2006

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Canberra campus	26 August
North Sydney campus	9 September
Strathfield campus	9 September

AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE

Newnham campus	27 August
In addition, tours can be arranged by appointment.	
For further information Freecall 1800 030 277.	

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY 26 August

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY Open Day / Every Day
For campus tours/appointments Freecall 1800 334 733

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Albury-Wodonga campus	20 August
Mildura campus	13 August

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY 9 September

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY

For campus tours and special events contact SCU on 1800 111 890

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA 26 August

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND 8 September

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Courses and Careers Day	2 September
Australian Defence Force Academy	26 August

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

Callaghan campus – Information Day	9 September
Ourimbah campus – Information Day	16 September
Port Macquarie campus – Information Night	12 September

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Camperdown & Darlington campus, Nursing (Mallett Street campus), Sydney College of the Arts (Rozelle campus) and Sydney Conservatorium of Music (Macquarie St campus)	26 August
For campus tours call 1300 362 006	

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY

UTS Information Day, Broadway campus	26 August
UTS Information Evening, Kuring-gai campus	6 September

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY 20 August

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

For campus tours and special events contact UoW on 1300 367 869

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Results and Achievements

Our under 15's lost to the Endeavour Sports High School Basketball Team (who may go on to win the competition) by 1 point! The point was obtained as the opposition drew a foul in the last few seconds of the game as they chucked the ball 3 quarters of the court (which obviously missed) and got all his free throws in. If the foul shots weren't given, High probably would've went on and won the competition! Better luck next time guys.

Our 14A's Basketball team made a mockery of Reddam's attempt to play basketball last week in our gym. Winning by a large margin every boy contributed to the score. We have several dominant players in this age group and the score sheet can be found on the basketball notice board. Winners play basketball.

Mr Hayman defeated his brother in the Hayman vs Hayman game. Stats can be found at the Waratah ABL website.

Trials Coming Up

Reminder that SBHS 1st grade trials are coming up in a fortnight only!

To be held on Friday the 25th of August and 1st of September from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

Second grade trials to be announced the week after.

A possible third grade trial may be the case this year.



~Brought to you by Francis Wong, Johny Shih and Justin Liang.
~Thank you to Mr Hayman for all his contributions to basketball and information

“Simply Hoopin”



Professional B-Ball Instruction



Hank Foster, current coaching mentor here at SBHS is conducting sessions for all aspiring B'Ballers!

- Private Intuition \$60/hr
- Group Sessions \$10/player

Focus on improving your skill base to give you the confidence to become a better player.

For session times and further info contact Hank Foster on 0433414175.

Coming soon- **“The Sky High Challenge”** A shootout competition for the whole school to be involved in with prizes.

Rules of the comp!

It is like a normal game of 'around the world'(ATW) except for the following:-

1. If you miss the first shot you must make 2 consecutive shots to advance to the next spot.
2. If you miss after going back to the initial spot you must make two consecutive to advance.
3. You go back one spot every time you miss
4. There is a 5 minute or 30 shot limit which ever comes first
5. There are 13 spots for year 10 and 11. 12 spots for years 7,8,9. The 3 point shot is for years 10 and 11.
6. The times for the shootout are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 8:40-8:50am. Monday and Tuesday Lunch 2(1:14pm)
7. Scores to be posted weekly on the basketball notice board!
8. There will be monthly winners. There will be prizes for each winner of your year group. You can only win one month between August and March.
9. Monthly winners will qualify for the 'Challenge play-offs' in March.
10. Rules of the play-offs will be available in March '07.

Basketball at SBHS - Be a winner!

SBHS International Family Night



Join us on Saturday 9 September at 6pm in the SBHS Great Hall for a fabulous night of food and entertainment for your whole family.

The Price: **\$22** per head for adults
 \$12 per head for children 12 years and under.

This price covers the cost of your meal - no fundraising margin is included in the ticket cost. To keep costs down the event is BYO.

The evening will feature:

- a fabulous three course meal including foods from different countries
- dance exhibitions from different countries
- games
- insights from former students on the importance of family involvement to their time at High and beyond
- a raffle with a generously donated artwork as first prize

Tickets are available from the front office

Student name: _____ Roll call : _____

Telephone contact (daytime) : _____

Number of adult tickets:

Number of child tickets:

(12 years and under)

Type of payment: cheque* cash credit card

Card type: Bankcard Mastercard Visa

Card number: _____ Expiry date: ___/___

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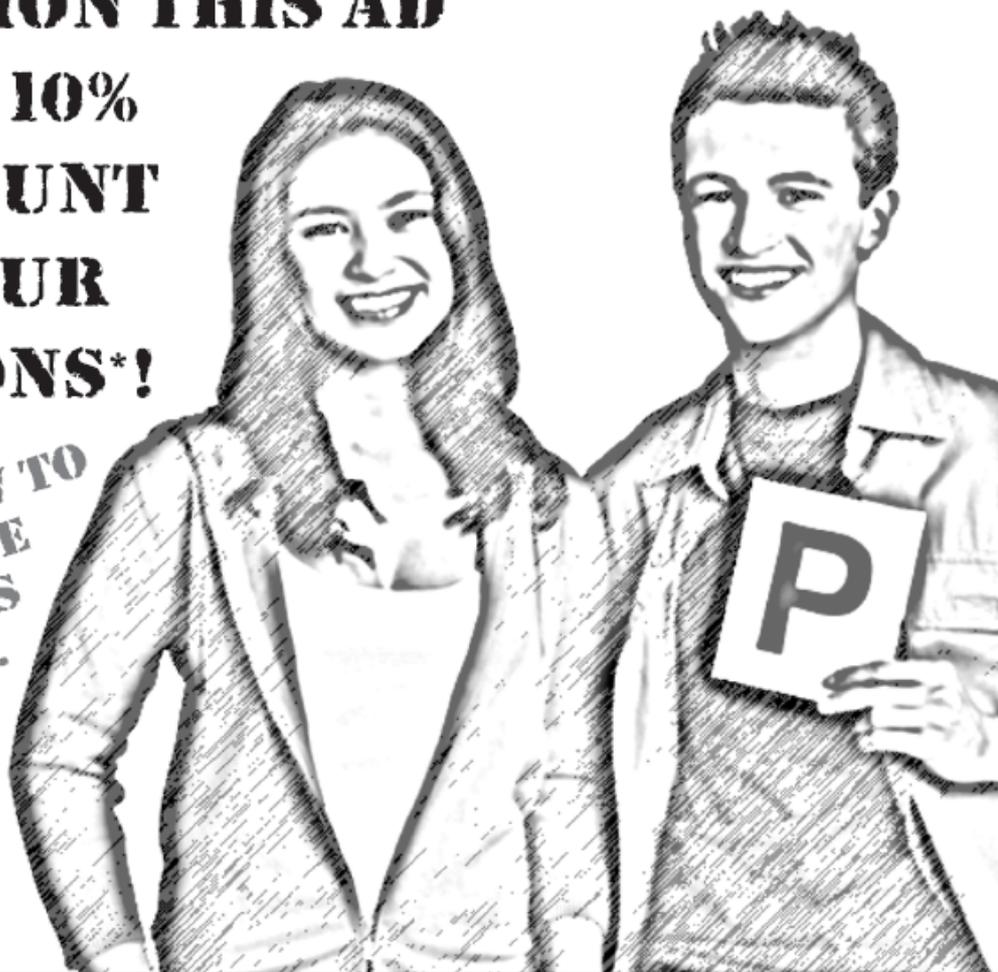
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