HIGH NOTES

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From the Principal

Winter Sports Assembly 2012

Special guest speaker, Mr Mark Hughes, Canterbury football great and current Recruitment Manager for South Sydney Club, spoke of his mentors and his membership of great teams. He urged the boys to set goals, be passionate and persistent in what they do and always have fun at sport. My speech to the assembly is reprinted below:

Special guest Mr Mark Hughes, players, coaches, staff, parents, students – welcome to our Winter sports assembly for 2012. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land where we gather, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation, and pay our respects to them and their elders past and present, and to any Aboriginal people here today.

I am pleased to come to a winter sports assembly with a feeling that as a school we are slowly coming to terms with the changed environment of GPS competition. The whole organisation of sport in our member schools has shifted up a gear. The Corinthian days are over. The culture change has permeated from as down as far as Es and Fs in some GPS schools. We can no longer just attend Wednesday or Thursday sport and turn up on Saturday for our games. Such an attitude just won't do. Our chances of being competitive in any match, in any sport, at any level will be diminished by the amount of the training gap between us and our competitors. The Sports Council, as a committee of the School Council, has developed a draft SBHS Sports Policy for discussion by school governance groups, staff, students and parents. It is my hope that the directions of the policy are embraced by the wider school community and that its details are discussed in a public forum over the next few weeks so that its philosophy and purpose are understood by our community.

Cross country running has become quite a high participation sport I am pleased to see. A selection policy applies and only 100 students can be accepted. It is a welcome boost to the demanding activity. Thank you to Rebecca Dam for her organisation of the sport and to Messrs Kesting, Bigelow and Elliott for their involvement in its operation. Fencing is becoming stronger and more diversified with the benefit of its own base in the COLA, the availability of intensive training at UNSW and due to the influence of elite coach Antonio Signorello. More of our boys seem to be medalling now with the added disciplines of epee and sabre. Thank you to Jenni May for her ongoing management of fencing and to Ben Wilcock and Cheryl Chan for their assistance with coaching.

Volleyball is continues to be very strong, as showcased by its recent CHS Knockout win and unbroken string of GPS victories. Thank you Michael Kay, his coaching staff and Marina Trompetter, for making the program such an icon of High winter sport for the last decade.

Thank you to Cathy Meaney, Daniel Comben, Sam Kremer, the SBHS Rifle Committee and the Sydney High Rifle Club Inc for the continued success of the High target rifle shooting program. Given the disruption to our program occasioned by the closure of the range at Malabar, our recent co-premiership is a tribute to the resilience of our boys and the strength of the organisation of the sport.

Our rugby program has been strengthened this year with the appointment of Simon Kacimaiwai as Head Coach and George Barris as MIC.

I want to thank staff managers of teams: Messrs Cipolla, Pavone, Hannon, Barris, Scrivener and Stein. The coaching support for our boys is impressive. Mick Aldous and David Knox bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the program, backed up by the efforts of a dozen Old Boys coaches. Spare a thought today for Marco Stojanovik who suffered a serious injury late in the 2nd XV trial game last Saturday and is still in a High Dependency unit in hospital. His experience reinforces how much we have to stick to routines of looking after each other in team sports – before, during and after the game. Let's hope his recovery is rapid and complete.

Association Football has seen some changes this year. Under new MIC Matt Mulroney, the GPS competition program has moved to UNSW's David Phillips complex with the advantage of an all-weather synthetic pitch. Mehdi Hazrati has returned to coach the first XI with Ian Robinson taking major responsibility for second grade. It is a shame that football and rugby cannot all be at McKay but we have had no luck in our ongoing attempts to have McKay 4 refurbished to an appropriate standard. Thank you to our football staff, including Victor Jauregui-Fernandez as Junior Football coordinator / Assistant Coach, Julie Eggleton, Evan Higgins, Jamie Kay, Mine Genias and Ingrid Hybler for their commitment to Football.

Today I want you to consider how teams are built and tested. In the 2006 World Cup, Australia played very well against tournament favourites Italy in their round of 16 game and were gearing up for extra time when Grosso penetrated the box and Lucas Neill tried to block his cross but left his feet in doing so, allowing Grosso to fall over and gain what was a very controversial penalty. Australia's loss was hard for the team to bear, particularly because it had built up so much momentum. Lucas Neill recounts: "We put in unbelievably passionate performances and other supporters were saying they wished their team had that much pride and enthusiasm for the game, and no fear, and enjoyed being there". The lesson here is that even obvious underdogs can overachieve if the team develops self-belief, passion and a fearless desire to compete. I know the building blocks for such spirit are hard work and mutual support. Play hard, play in the spirit of the game, but above all, be there for your team. Congratulations to all boys selected in GPS teams this season.

Dr K A Jaggar

CLASSICAL GREEK READING COMPETITION, held annually at SYDNEY UNIVERSITY:

On Tuesday 25th July, 2012, Tim COLLIER, of Year 11, won first prize, (shared with another student-competitor). He read aloud two texts in the original Classical Greek, a passage from Homer's Odyssey, which he had diligently prepared, and one by the ancient Greek medical scientist Hippocrates (which he had to prepare in c. 20 minutes).

Mrs Werner & LOTE

DIE DEUTSCHE FRAGE

Der Koenig von Wien? So far, no correct answer. Tipp zwei: Wau, wau!

As we are already in Week 3 and I am not quite sure for how many more weeks I'll be on my "knee-scooter", here is another DEUTSCHE FRAGE: ein Spitzname fuer mein Vehikel, bitte. Einen Schokoriegel fuer den Koenig und einen fuer den Spitznamen.

Frau St Leon

A FAIRY TALE IN GERMAN …

… was the title of the Goethe Institut competition for Year 10 students of German. Sagar Nagaraj wrote a new version of "The Frog King" in which the princess kissed the prince and he turned – into a frog and as with all fairy tales, they lived happily ever after. Sagar did not win the first prize (a trip to Germany), but the jury liked his story very much and he was presented with a highly commended award. We wish him better luck for his application for a SAGSE scholarship next year.

Frau St Leon

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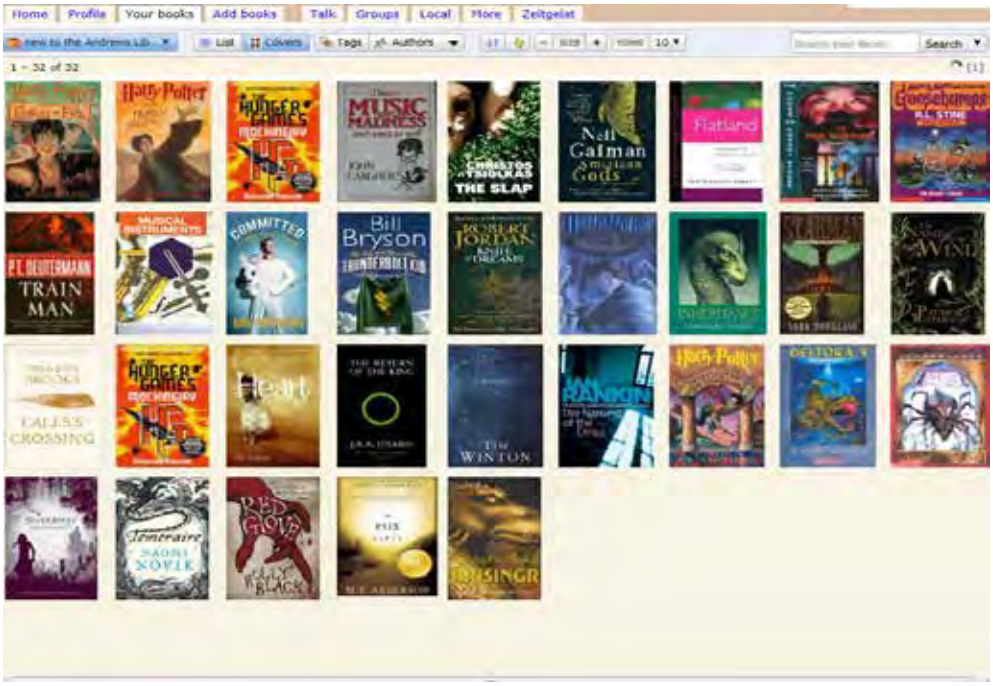
NEW BOOK RESOURCES – BOTH FICTION AND NON FICTION



FROM THE ANDREWS JUNIOR LIBRARY

OLYMPICS DISPLAY

Thanks to Julie Maddocks, who is interning as a Teacher Librarian at the Andrews Library, we have mounted a display of Olympics Resources on our Newspaper Table and our Noticeboard this week.

INTERESTING DVDs (FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF)

This is a reminder to students and staff that the Junior Library attempts to offer a non-fiction *learning related DVD collection* which boys and teachers can borrow. We have just processed and put out some interesting DVDs about the impact of the Web on many aspects of our lives. These DVDs would suit TAS, Social Science, Values Ed and perhaps Science.

As the Library processes DVD resources related to a particular faculty we advertise by sending a photocopy of the cover to Head Teachers. We would appreciate it if these could be temporarily put on a wall or noticeboard as a visual reminder to teachers to check out our Library Online Catalogue for teaching resources. All resources relating to Science for example will come up under the search terms "Science-DVD" or teaching related web applications under "Science and L4L" (Links for Learning).

The DVDs we have just processed are:

Introducing Microsoft One Note
Data: Ethical Use and Storage (Hacking)
The Great Levelling (Has the Web empowered the ordinary man?)
Enemy of the State (Social Networks and Government Secrets??)
The Cost of Free (Has our privacy been compromised by the Business Web?)
Homo Interneticus (Too much information for our wiring?)

Young Person's guide to the Orchestra Music
Spherical Geometry and Navigation Maths
Being Chinese LOTE

YEAR OF READING

CONGRATULATIONS to Library VIP $50 book voucher winner Arthur Chao. It is really great to see such a dedicated reader win the lucky draw.

DONATION : Big thanks to Mrs Mari Escribano mother of Carl Luiker 12S who went to the trouble of coming in to give us 6 Anthony Horrowitz books.

Any clean out donations of newish resources are a really big help to our Library as the attrition rate of our resources is high – the boys are good library users.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE: Year 7 are reminded that I am entering all of you in the challenge. Please go into the website and enter the books you read immediately. Please see me if you read 20 books that are not on the official list! ENTRIES ARE NOW DUE IN.

SBHSDEBATING

This week we are hosting our first GPS debate for the season. The debate is against Riverview. We will have a very busy night with two debates for Years 7 – 10 and then four Senior debates. There are new arrangements for GPS debating this year. As follows:

Topic Allocation- Years 7-10 at 6pm and to Seniors at 6.45pm. Years 7-10 only 45 minutes prep and Seniors 60 minutes

Reduced speaking times to the following:
Years 7/8: 3 to 4 minutes; Years 9/10: 4 to 5 minutes; Senior: 5 to 7 minutes.

It has also been resolved to abolish panel conferences in Seniors and instead ask the most senior adjudicator (the more senior adjudicator in a majority decision) to announce and explain the result.

It is important to understand that these changes have been made by the GPS Debating MICs in response to concerns raised by the Principals of the GPS schools. In particular they have been concerned about overly long speeches and adjudications which have an impact on the finishing time of the evening (which as you know can often be 9.30 – 10pm for Seniors, their Parents and MICs. This is a compromise which prevents us having to run all debates at the same time. High Parents, coaches and I were particularly against this proposal, as we encourage Juniors to watch seniors debate AND this is something I am encouraging you to do this week. The best way to learn to debate is to watch the Seniors.

Ms Powell
MIC Debating

Last Friday was the first week of the GPS debating season where we took on Newington. The topic area of sport is often one of concern for many debaters, but we managed to achieve some great results with the 7A, 7B, 8B, 9A, 10B, 4ths, 2nds and 1sts all winning. The 1st grade team managed to get their season off to a great start, negating the rather unexpected topic "that high earning athletes should pay a special tax to fund the development of sport" that tested our ability to recall (and at some points make up) examples of highly paid athletes in Australia. It was great to see a large crowd watching us (including some junior debaters), and it would be great if we could repeat that next week in our first home debate against Ignatius!
Christopher Chiam
Captain of Debating/Debating Prefect

Debates
This week: PDC Year 12 Hume Barbour final
GPS SHS v SIC
Next week: Shore v SBHS

More information can be found at www.sydneyhigh.org.au/debating and will be emailed to you on a weekly basis.
Please CHECK YOUR EMAIL regularly and ensure we have current contact details for both students and parents. PARENTS: If you are not receiving weekly emails about debating please email us at sbhsdebating@gmail.com and ask to be added to the parent group for your child's year.

MUSIC NOTES

HIGH PROFILE OPPORTUNITY FOR AMATEUR SYDNEY MUSICIANS

An opportunity for boys who would like apply for a Westfield Night Music talent showcase. To become involved in this great community event and for further enquiries please contact Annie Cooper 0401302590, nightmusic@premiummedia.com.au. More information will be provided at the music staffroom. It would be a great performance opportunity for boys to perform in front of a live audience!

HSC MUSIC TRIAL

The HSC music trial performances will be held on the 3rd & 6th of August. Good luck to all the boys and best of luck with your preparation. Make sure you keep focussed over the next four weeks guys!!!! All the best from the music staff!!! =)

TERM 3, ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL TIMETABLES

There have been a couple of adjustments for ensemble rehearsal times in Term 3. Please check the timetable and arrive ON TIME! There are NO EXCUSES for not attending or arriving late to ensemble rehearsals. ALL ENSEMBLES START AT 7:45AM. Remember a ROLL is TAKEN, and 80% of ATTENDANCE is required.

PLEASE REMEMBER to pack up after rehearsals (tidy up the room/and stands back on rack). EVERYONE needs to help and not left to one or two boys. THANK YOU boys for your co-operation!

PLEASE REMEMBER FOR BOYS IN THE CHAMBER CHOIR, REHEARSALS ARE ON TUESDAY LUNCH TIME!!!

The 2012 ensemble rehearsal timetable is provided below:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning rehearsals 7.45am unless stated otherwise	Intermediate Concert Band Room 201	Chamber Choir (LUNCH TIME) Room 201	Junior Stage Band Room 201	Senior String Ensemble Room 101	Symphony Orchestra Room 201
	Senior Stage Band Room 101		Intermediate Stage Band Room 101	Senior Concert Band Room 201	Saxophone Ensemble Room 201 8:45am
	Training Concert Band Room 202 Terms 2, 3, 4		Philharmonic Orchestra Room 208		Marching Band TERM 1 & 4 MPW
	Junior String Ensemble Room 208		Woodwind Ensemble Room 202		
Afternoon rehearsals Start @ 3.30pm		Marching Band TERM 1 & 4 3.30 - 4.30pm			Jazz Ensemble Room 201
		Percussion Ensemble Room 201			

SBHS RUGBY High Rugby = High Spirit
Rugby Website
http://www.sydneyhigh.org.au/rugby/.

First GPS game – High vs. Newington

The first GPS game proved successful for all teams who played Newington College. The 1st XV started their GPS season very well with a 19-7 victory over Newington 3rd XV. The success of all Senior grades gave confidence to the Rugby program and the crowd support for the 1st XV saw them lift to see two unanswered second half tries, courtesy of Jasper Garay.

Team reports – Each week one team/age group report will feature in the High Notes with the rest going on http://www.sydneyhigh.org.au/rugby/.

Last Saturday the 13Cs had a comfortable win against TSC 13Is. There were many highlights including the devastating running and try scoring ability of the experienced players Corey Won, Lucas Wong and Daniel Wang. These boys showed the team the way forward.

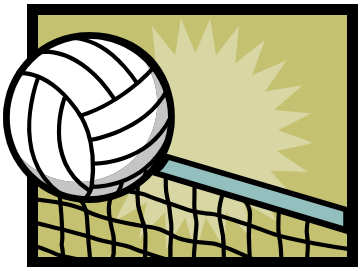
Other pleasing aspects for me were:

- the solid lineout wins by Hamza Mulla, Matthew Whitaker and Daniel Wang;
- the quick and accurate passing of halfback Raymond Huang which kept Scots on the back foot;
- and the hard running and strong tackling of the newcomers, Eric Shen and Harry Yio.

Congratulations to all players for a great start to the GPS season. Now the challenge for us is to play the same way against 13H and 13G teams.

Mr G Stein

Upcoming games –4/8/12 vs. Riverview at Riverview, 11/8/12 vs. Shore at McKay, 18/8/12 vs. Kings at Kings, 25/8/12 vs. Joeys at Joeys



Volleyball Notes

GPS Volleyball Results

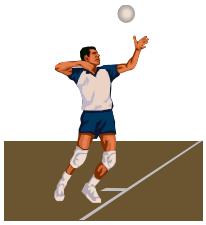
	Date: 28/7/12	**Opposition: Scots**
Results:	**1sts: WON (25-10, 25-8, 25-16)**	**2nds: WON (25-14, 25-11, 25-13)**
	Best Performances	
Skill	**First Grade (%)**	**Second Grade (%)**
% of Serves in play	Ivor (100) Patrick (94) Jun (88)	Jason (100) Sunchit (100) Ennes (90)
% of Serves that were kills	Harry (67) Jun (60)	Max (66) Gordon (50) Sunchit (50)
% of spikes and blocks kept in play	Ivor (100) Jeffrey (100) Patrick (84)	Sunchit (100) Gordon (88)
%of spikes and blocks that were kills	Pinyan (86) Harry (78)	Gordon (88) Yu Peng (88)
Serve Reception Passing accuracy	Patrick (100) Justin (75) Jun (75)	Jason (81) Ennes (75)
Freeball Passing accuracy	Jun (92)	Shawn (100) Jason (90)

GPS Volleyball Results - Junior competition

Round 1	**14As SBHS**	**v**	**14Bs SBHS**	**16As SBHS**	**v**	**16Bs SBHS**
	26		**24**	**25**		**8**
	25		**9**	**25**		**14**
Round 2	**Grammar A**	**v**	**15A SBHS**	**Grammar B**	**v**	**15B/C**
	18		**25**	**11**		**25**
	9		**25**	**2**		**25**
Round 3	**Grammar A**	**v**	**16B**	**Grammar C**	**v**	**16A**
	25		**16**	**6**		**25**
	25		**23**	**18**		**25**

On Saturday 26th July the 14A and 14B volleyball teams played against each other. The first game was extremely close, but in the end it was the 14As who won marginally with a score of 26-24, an unfortunate loss for the 14Bs. In the next game, the 14As won yet again and were the winners of the day. Both teams put in a huge amount of effort but there could only be one winner. Congratulations to the 14As.

Peter Hua and Ray Zhang



Michael Kay
MIC Volleyball

From the Canteen

The Canteen Committee meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 2.45pm in the boardroom. We are always looking for more parents to become involved. The next meeting will be held on 10 August. Please feel free to come along and become part of the team.

Thank you to our volunteers last week.
MON: Rebecca Tsai, Rachel Fowler, Sam Guo, Shannon Hickey,
TUES: Agnes Leo, Jade Ni and Dean, Jade's nephew
WED: Helen Kon, Vikki Angell,
THURS: Ming Lee, Lin Jin, Xing Ping Zhang, Jian Ping Li,
FRI: Emily Yang, Sharon Wang, Maria Nguyen, Li Yang

And our Samson for his help as always.
The Canteen Team

FROM THE HIGH STORE

The High Store will be closed the last two weeks of Term 3 from Monday 10th Sept through to last day of term.
The shop will open for one day only on Friday 14th Sept. 10.30-1.30.
No blazer orders, braiding & lines will be done on this day.

ROWING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday 21 August 2012
Venue: Staff Common Room
Time: 7.00pm

Come and find out about new developments for the upcoming season.

Rowing is a great sport that High provides for your boys. It also relies on parents to help facilitate the program. Every year we need new parents to become involved.

All Office Bearer positions will be declared vacant and available for nomination and election.

All parents of rowing students are encouraged to attend the annual general meeting.

Julie Blomberg
Rowing MIC

High Family…

The Bulletin Board for Sydney Boys High P & C.

If you would like to have any parent community news or upcoming events included in *High Society*, please contact Ian Sweeting P&C President isw@gscw.com.au

Parent Volunteers Needed

Sydney Boys High Open Day

Thursday 6th September
9.30am to 12.00pm

Can you come and help the P & C to welcome prospective parents to the School?
We need volunteer parents to help serve morning tea and
chat to visiting parents, answering their questions, such as:
"How did your son settle in?"
"What sport does your son play?"
"Is your son involved in music?"

It's a very enjoyable morning and all you need bring is your friendly smile.

Please contact Sachiyo James on
sachiyojames@gmail.com or 0403 482 530
if you are able to help out.

Cyber Seminar

Rachel Powell, Head of History at Sydney Boys is organising a seminar for parents presented by Cyber expert Robyn Rishani on Thursday August 30. The presentation will be held in the Great Hall starting at 6:30pm.

Robyn's presentation is aimed at helping parents understand the cyber world that our sons inhabit and will address issues such as, alternate online identities; cyber bullying; gaming addiction and its prevention; online security and parental monitoring. These are live issues for many school families and we strongly recommend it to all parents.

Term 3 P & C General Meeting

The next general meeting of the SBHS P&C will be held on Wednesday 15 August in the Staff Common Room. Please mark the date in your diaries.

Upcoming Parking Events

Friday 3 August–Roosters v Dragons (Debating Supporters Group)
Saturday 11 August–Tigers v Dragons (Sailing Supporters Group)

Upcoming Meetings & Events

P&C Executive Meeting: Board Room– Monday 6 August 6:00pm.
P&C General Meeting: Location to be confirmed– Wednesday 15 August 7:30pm.

Ian Sweeting

Parent Seminar - The Cyber Playground

Sydney Boys High School – Great Hall
Thursday night - August 30th 2012
Tea / coffee @ 6.30pm
***Start* 6.45pm – *Finish* 8.15pm**
Presenter: Robyn Rishani - Your Kids Online

What is it you're thinking when your children's noses are in their iPhones, iPad's, Facebook, chat rooms, forums, online games and Xbox? Do you know what they're up to and who with? Do you get frustrated at the amount of time they spend on their computers? What are the dangers they face and how can you protect them?

Come along to this free 90 minute presentation where Robyn Rishani - Cyber expert will guide you through the online world that your children play in. We'll touch on issues such as alternate online identities and how criminals and paedophiles use them, cyber bullying, gaming addiction and how to prevent it, Facebook, online security and parental monitoring. By the end of the evening you'll walk away with fresh ideas and an insight into your child's Cyber Playground!

"Thank you for a well worth while opportunity to attend the "Your Kids Online" Information Evening. I found the evening very informative and I was certainly able to take away some useful reminders about Internet safety. Personally, I found the presentation well delivered, hovering over many chapters of potential dangers outlining what to look out for. I would like to congratulate Robyn on a fantastic presentation!" ***Daniela Folini - parent***

August/September 2012

View Online

03-08-2012

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 B	6 Year/Class Photos Years 7-12, 9:40-12:30 Year 8 PDC Debating v Rose Bay SC, 1pm-3pm P and C Executive Meeting, Board Room, 18:00 Football: SSA All Schools Championships Yr 12 Trial Music Performance , Great Hall, 17:00-20:00	7 *** Year 12 Study Day ALC Language Certificate Test 1 8MaB class test, P1 Year 7 House Basketball, lunchtime 10MaA class test, P6 Football: SSA All Schools Championships Consult Australia Bridge Building Challenge, Great Hall, All day (tbc in week) Studio Practice Master	8 Trial HSC High Resolves Year 9 School Service Project, Room 301, 13:00-15:10 ALC Language Certificate Test 2 Football: SSA All Schools Championships	9 Trial HSC ALC Language Certificate Test 3 Football: SSA All Schools Championships	10 Trial HSC Debating: Shore v SHS Football: SSA All Schools Championships	11 Sport: SHS v Shore Cross Country: TKS Invitation, Gowan Brae (10:00) Fencing: Schools Championship U/13 Boys' Foil Team HSC Japanese Oral Examination	12
5 A	13 Trial HSC Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) Sports Council Meeting, Board Room, 16:00	14 Trial HSC Study Day for Year 11 HSC accelerants (Bus St, DT, Geog, Mod Hist, Music) Year 7 House Basketball, lunchtime Studio Practice Master class 2 all day Yr 10 VA accelerant and yr 11 VA students OCMC meeting, Board Room, 17:00 Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 18:30	15 Trial HSC School Council Meeting, Board Room, 17:30 Meet the Music Concert, SOH, 18:30 P and C Meeting, Staff Common Room, 19:30	16 Trial HSC	17 Trial HSC Debating: SHS v TKS HSC English Extension 2 Project Completion Date	18 Sport: TKS v SHS Cross Country: SGS Invitation, Centennial Park (10:00)	19
6 B	20 HSC Drama Project Hand-In Date Trial HSC Football: Committee meetings, Staff Common Room 17:30	21 Trial HSC Year 7 House Basketball, lunchtime Rowing: Committee AGM, Staff Common Room, 19:00	22 Trial HSC Rugby Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room, 18:00	23 Trial HSC High Resolves Year 10 Community Action Project, Room 301, 13:00-15:10 HSC Music Composition Recording, Room 201	24 Trial HSC 10MaC class test, P3 Debating: SHS v SJC Water Polo: Sydney East Trials Daffodil Day - External Collection (Years 10, 11 and 12) HSC Music Composition Recording, Room 201	25 Sport: SJC v SHS Cross Country: Shore Invitation, Macquarie University (10:00) (CIS Selection Trial) Fencing: School Championship U/ 13 & U/15 Epee, Sabre Teams HSC Japanese Extension Oral Examination Parking: Sydney Swans v Hawthorn (16:40)	26
7 A	27 Summer Sports selections Visual Arts Exhibition (setup), Great Hall, 09:00-15:20 HSC Des + Tech Major Work Hand-In Date HSC Visual Arts Body of Work Completion and Hand In Date	28 Year 7 House Basketball, lunchtime HSC Showcase Concert and Senior Visual Arts Display, Great Hall, 17:00-20:00 Excursion: Year 11 Biology-Evolution of Australian Biota, Australian museum (tbc)	29 Basketball: Sydney East U15 KO Final 4, Sutherland Engage China: Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Chinese classes, Great Hall, P 1 and 2	30 Cyber Safety Presentations, Great hall, Year 8 P3 & 4, Year 10 P 5 & 6 Cyber Safety Information Session for Parents, Great Hall, 18:00 to 19:00	31 Year 12 Meeting re References, Great Hall, 09:40-10:30 Studio Practice Master class 3 all day Yr 10 VA accelerant and yr 11 VA students Debating TSC v SHS	1 Sport: SHS v TSC Cross Country: TSC Invitation, Centennial Park (10:00) Fencing: School Championship Senior Boys' Foil Teams HSC Spanish Continuers Oral Examination	2 Fathers' Day