

# SHS flying HIGHER



## Highlights

*Academic and Sporting Achievements*

*USA Technology Trip*

*Back to High Day*

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# From the PRINCIPAL



In the second semester of 2019, many positive things have enhanced the quality of life at High. The Department of Education continued its refurbishment program by painting more classrooms, both our libraries, corridors, offices and even storage spaces. The School purchased and installed two new kilns for the Visual Arts Faculty with the help of \$30 000 from the P & C. New state-of-the-art backboards were installed in the gym. Additional work was carried out on the COLA and an agreement with Hype Cricket Academy for its use was renewed for 2019-20. Moore Park West has been levelled and re-laid with turf, but we will have to wait some months for it to be reopened for use by our students. The Governors Centre Project has reached the end of its tender evaluation stage—the contract funding is now in place and the successful tenderer will be announced soon. The design work for the replacement pontoon at the Outterside Centre has been completed. Tenders have been evaluated and we hope to have a new pontoon back on site by the end of this year.

Things are also moving in teaching and learning. As a first stage in our IT modernisation plan, seven teaching spaces were upgraded with smart short throw projectors and whiteboards (see *Technology Update*, page 13). The School has signed up with CANVAS to roll out a new Learning Management System over the next 12-18 months. We have committed significant HR, ICT and financial resources to this project and have created a new role—IT Pedagogical Skills Leader,

taken up by Mr Brett Jackson—to lead the implementation of CANVAS and to upskill staff in the integration of technology into teaching. Each faculty will have a pedagogical skills lead representative to assist with the implementation of this significant change to our professional practice. We are offering formal training in gifted education to staff. We have concluded the new enrolment process, with 30 students being offered places in Year 9, 2020 and seven new students for Year 11, 2020. Our Bursary Program has been strongly supported by Old Boys this year and we are planning to offer up to 22 bursaries to students in need in 2020. Thank you to Bruce Corlett and Ron Schwarz for leading this campaign and to everyone who assisted.

There were a number of wins in GPS winter sport. In Target Rifle Shooting, High won the All Schools Championship and GPS First and Second Grade competitions—only the second double in the School's history. For the third consecutive year, High won the Stan Jones Cup, the CHS Knockout Competition for Tennis. Our First Grade Volleyball team won the All Schools Knockout competition and became GPS champions, as did our Second Grade team in the inaugural official Second Grade GPS Volleyball competition.

Students, staff, parents, Old Boys and friends of High have many reasons to admire the achievements, programs and future directions of Sydney High School.

**Dr K A Jaggar OAM**  
**Principal**



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# Oklahoma!

Sydney Boys and Sydney Girls High Schools joined together to stage a co-production of the musical *Oklahoma!*, which ran from 30 May to 1 June. The show was produced and directed by SGHS teacher Elizabeth Surbey.

*Oklahoma!* recounts the story of a farm girl (played by Bianca Tzioumis) who is courted by two rival suitors—cowboy curly McLain (Kevin Fernando) and the sinister farmhand Jud Fry (Gabriel Booth). A secondary romance also takes place between cowboy Will Parker (Andrew Smallbone) and his flirtatious fiancée, Ado Annie (Sunny Sharma). Andre Monteiro played the commitment-phobic pedlar who courted Ado. His mastery of body language in the role proved hilarious. Aunt Eller (Natalie Liu) was the rational voice

of experience. William Chen played the judge who made judgements in the backyard rather than the courthouse, and Michael Tran was the disagreeable sheriff. Nithin Raghavan and Julian Waring sang and danced as part of the backing ensemble; Timothy Hanna and Dean Nguyen were tech crew members working the spotlights.

The music of Rodgers & Hammerstein was played by the combined musicians from Sydney Boys' and Sydney Girls' orchestras. The musicians from Sydney Boys were: Daniel Morris (Viola), Ethan O'Young (piano and drums), Yilei Shao (flute) and Toby Wu (clarinet).

Actors rehearsed for five months. Special thanks to Ms Eggleton who helped the parent volunteers to prepare the set and costumes.

## Congratulations Dr Jaggar OAM

In the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours, our Principal Dr Kim Jaggar was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to secondary education. In recognition of this achievement, P&C President Geoff Waring interviewed Dr Jaggar.

### What was school like for you as a student?

I enjoyed many activities—debating, school band, rugby league, Australian Junior Ski School.

### What was your PhD thesis?

Student perceptions of subject acceleration in NSW secondary schools.

### How do schools vary?

In low socio-economic schools, focus is on the personality of the teacher. In academically-selective schools the focus is on the teacher's mastery and love of their teaching area.

### How has your teaching changed over time?

As I studied while teaching, my focus shifted from the classroom to the whole school environment.

### What difference did it make being both a parent and teacher?

I believe I understand the pressures on boys and girls and how these have changed and intensified along with the internet and social media.

### What is your underlying philosophy of education?

I have developed an educational model based on personal enlargement. I believe our role as educators is to help students enlarge their intellectual, physical, emotional and cultural intelligences.

### How does a public school with limited resources perform so well compared to private schools?

High-performing public schools are selective—either intellectually by means of a test or socio-economically by means of a strong community with a belief in resourcing education.

### Where is education headed?

E-portfolios and autonomous, on-demand curriculum delivery and assessment.





## Sporting Highlights

A large number of our Cricketers were selected to representative teams (see page 9).

Our Volleyball teams dominated the season, winning the GPS First (above) and Second Grade GPS titles as well as premierships wins in 3rd grade, 16As, 15As, 15Bs and 14Bs. A number of players were selected to representative teams.

Julian Markworth Scott was selected to the CIS Open Basketball team and then the NSW All Schools team to compete at the national championships.

William Choi, Jevon Somanader, Khalil Youssef, Edward Yoon and Ethan Cusick will represent Sydney East at the NSW CHSSA state championships in Rugby.

Kazi Hasan was selected in the combined GPS U16 Football team.

Our Sydney East Stan Jones Knockout Tennis team won the regional final and did not drop a set in the two-day tournament.

Our Fencing team enjoyed success at a number of competitions throughout the season, achieving medals across all the weapons. At the Senior National School Championships High won medals in the Individual Senior Sabre, Senior Sabre Teams and Senior Epée Teams categories.

Ivan Samsonov won a bronze medal at the Australian National Judo Championships held on the Gold Coast.

High topped the point score at the Zone Athletics Carnival, fielding a number of age champions and breaking four zone records.

The team from High won the CHS Table Tennis Knockout for the fifth year in a row and Alex Yeung and Adam Masen won the NSW Schoolboys Shield Table Tennis Competition.

Nelson Cheng, Mihir Marathe, James Liu, Shangwei Wang, Lawrence D'Mello and Alan Jessup won medals at the U15 and Youth NSW Weightlifting Championships.

Sydney High School Blue team won the All Schools Target Rifle Shooting Competition.

Eric Holmstrom and Kane Shields represented NSW in the All Schools team at the Australian Cross Country Championships.

## Academic and Co-Curricular Highlights

Auguste McNally, Andrew Smallbone, Harry Wu and Anson Chan won the Year 10 FED Debating final and Aman Mohamed and Ryan Borges were selected in the CHS Debating team.

Marcus Nguyen travelled to Tokyo to participate in the 2019 Model G20 Task Force. His group produced an impressive Y20 Position Paper that was scheduled to be presented to the G20 leaders at their conference.

The team of Rayne Fangwu, Martin Lee, Duy Ngo and Chen Zhang were named national finalists in the challenge to model a sustainable population for the earth in the International Mathematical Modelling Challenge.

Ben Kernohan and Etkin Tetik represented Australia in the Open Rescue division of the International RoboCup Competition held in Sydney this year.

Edward Tran and Brian Nguyen qualified to compete at the 2019 Rubik's World Championship for speed cubing in Melbourne.

Jadon Yang achieved four consecutive gold medals in the National Latin Exam and Nathaniel Jones won the Classical Greek competition at the final of the Latin and Greek Reading Competition. The School also performed well in the Year 9 Latin Reading and Art Competition, where Yu Ming Lee earned the People's Choice Award and the group was awarded the 'Orpheus Award' for Choral Reading.

Peter Boylan, Justin Wayne-Lowe, Jack Keating and Toby Huey will represent NSW in the Australian Chess Championships which will be held in Canberra later this year.

At the School's Illuminate festival, Prathik Subbanna won the Judy Cassab Art Prize for his work 'Colonialism'.

Jared Smith received a Deadly Award and performed at the Deadly Kids Awards Ceremony (below).





# News from the Old Boys

Congratulations to the following Old Boys who received Queens Birthday Honours this year:

**Kenneth James Paul (1949)**, OAM for services to architecture and the community. Whilst at Sydney Boys High, Ken became a Prefect and rowed bow in the winning First IV in 1948 and stroked the VIII (runners up) in 1949.

**John Croll (1981)**, AM for his significant service to people with a disability and to Paralympic and sporting organisations. John has always been a strong supporter of the School and the boys, and an active participant in mentorship programs, High Achievers and other Old Boy activities. John is also a successful business executive, including eight years as CEO of Isentia.

**David Waddell (1981)** was recently appointed the acting General Manager of Orange City Council.

Congratulations to **James Han (2000)**, co-founder, CTO and Head of Solutions at Checkbox, who has been awarded the FinTech CTO/CIO of the year. He has been ably supported by **Evan Wong (2010)** as a wonderful business partner and friend.

The library recently had a special visit from Old Boy **Michael Neustein (1965)**, who was part of a DET team evaluating the school for disabled access

on behalf of the Minister for Education. Michael is a Director of Urban Planning and Design at City Planning Works presently commissioned on DET spaces and has supported planning works at the Outterside Centre.



He was pleased to be revisiting the library as he had been a 'student librarian' at High.

**Nikhil Autar (2011)**, founder of Centred Around You, is in the running for a substantial, local community grant. Says Nikhil: 'In Year 12, I was diagnosed with leukaemia and given a 10-20% chance of surviving. Somehow I got through all that, and started on the journey to my dream of studying medicine. Unfortunately, health got in the way. But it was after losing a few friends to preventable illnesses that I founded my company which won *Australia's Student Startup of the Year*, creating medical devices that could save patients' lives, and a company that can also power medical research.' [gettosleepeasy.org](http://gettosleepeasy.org), [caroundyou.com](http://caroundyou.com).

**Actor Simon Burke (1978)** will star in the Sydney Theatre Company production of *The Wharf Revue* 2019 at the Roslyn Packer Theatre in Walsh Bay.

## Memories of McKay

At the recent Back to High Day (pages 10-11), we asked some Old Boys to share their memories of McKay:

**Tewoflos Adegeh (2018)**: Playing football & cricket with my mates.

**Crispin Arnall (1983)**: Scoring the winning try to beat Newington 5ths in 1983.

**Geoff McLaughlan (1964)**: I was coaching 2nd XI in 1983 we were 9 out at 5pm. Danny Wiedler (Channel 9 now) held strike for an hour to draw the game.

**Aditya Shiva (2018)**: Beating Newington in 1st XI cricket.

**Ron Schwarz (1962)**: Farmed the strike for an hour.

**Oliver Slobodetsky (1991)**: My mum walking onto the cricket field when I was batting to say 'Hi'.

**Dr Norman Olbourne (1961)**: Scored a try v Joeys in the 16As in 1959.

**Alan Lewis (1979)**: Beating Joeys in 1st XV in 1979.

**Mike (Wally) Wallcott (1979)**: Scoring 5 tries on Wednesday in the 1sts then getting dropped to 2nds on Saturday.

**Richard Ernster (1991)**: Boys played a rugby league game in year 12.

**George Denny Smith (2010)**: Running out to play Grammar in our last-ever game.

**Paul Harapin (1983)**: Running out through the tunnel in most games and scoring a try v Grammar in 15As to draw in last few seconds.

**Shokan John Pillai (2018)**: Beating Newington in 1st XI cricket.

**Justin Lai (2018)**: Beating Kings in 15Ds Football.

**Warren Lee (1979)**: Playing Joeys in front of a packed McKay in 1979 and beating them.

**Theo Posumah (1988)**: Scored my first ever try in rugby in my first ever trial.



# USA Technology Trip



During the April school holidays, thirty students from Years 9 to 12 with an interest in the technology sector travelled to Silicon Valley in California, an international hub for both existing and upcoming technology companies. Major companies opened their doors to give the boys from High an insightful look into the industry in the United States. They were also fortunate to visit the Australian LiDAR technology startup Baraja.

The first technology company on the itinerary was Twitch, a popular gaming-oriented streaming platform. The boys received a presentation on what it is like to work at Twitch and the roles of employees at the company. The visit to Tesla allowed the boys to experience the famous cars first-hand, while employees explained some of the cars' interesting features such as their self-driving technologies. The presentation at Google provided an introduction to machine learning and its applications. The group was also extremely lucky to be taken on a tour of X (*below right*) and hear some of their employees talk about their experiences working for such an exclusive company. X seeks to create radical new technologies to solve some of the world's hardest problems.

Aside from the technology company excursions, the group also visited Stanford University. At the university they were treated to an informative guided tour by Ward Bullard, a Stanford graduate and current lecturer at the Design School. Their tour of San Francisco included such landmarks as Alcatraz and

the Cable Car Museum. In Los Angeles, they spent two days at Disneyland and one at Universal Studios, which proved an enjoyable end to the trip.

The tour to Silicon Valley was extremely valuable and inspiring. The boys learnt a lot about the way the technology industry operates as a whole, as well as prospective opportunities for the future. The talks from employees about their jobs at each company were eye-opening.

The trip would not have happened without the collection of hard-working individuals who helped organise and coordinate the entire experience. Thank you to Mr Daniel Comben, Mr Dat Hyunh and Mr Andrew Fuller, who helped organise the tour and accompanied the students in the United States. Also thank you to Rebecca Dam, who was instrumental in planning the tour, but was unfortunately unable to attend as initially planned. The School owes a debt of gratitude to Chris Fong (1997) (*below left*)—SBHS Old Boy, former Google employee, entrepreneur and founder of Xoogler.co. Without him, this tour would not have been possible, as he played a crucial role in securing the company visits. He accompanied the group on all the company tours and was able to share engaging and inspiring stories. His inside knowledge of the sector was invaluable and significantly enriched the experience. Thanks also to Angas Travel who worked with the Industrial Arts department to make this trip a reality.

**Matthew Awad and Nicholas Arvanitellis (Year 10)**







## National Chinese Eisteddfod 2019

The National Chinese Eisteddfod is one of the largest annual Chinese poetry recital competitions outside of China, with over 2600 contestants competing in non-native speaker and native speaker categories. What sets contestants apart is their ability to convey the underlying sentiments and feelings of the poems.

Sydney Boys High has traditionally been a formidable competitor, and the 2019 Eisteddfod in May proved no exception. In the non-native speaker category, High's 13-16 year old team (*above left*)—made up of Nathan Yuan, Daniel Lee, Joshua Reid, Jonathan Kurniawan, Jordon Ly and Eugene Han—delivered a classic Tang Dynasty poem to come in second place, and Joshua Reid came second in the individual category for the same age group.

In the native speaker category, High fielded Year 7 and Years 8-10 teams as well as a senior team which came second in the 16-18 age division (*above right*). Congratulations to Oscar Lam, Yuchi Zhang, Yifei Wu, Terry Zhai, William Wang, Matthew He, Xi Liu, Shuyuan Zheng, Richard Zhou and Jeff Ding. In the individual competitions Yifei Wu came first, Neil Ni and Dalong Xing came second and William Wibawa came fourth in their respective divisions.

Congratulations to all the boys involved, who gave up their lunchtimes in the weeks leading up to the competition to work under the guidance of Ms Zhang.

**Joshua Reid, Year 10 & Jeff Ding, Year 12**

## Olympic Flag Presentation

Anthony Vlatko (Year 12) was part of the team representing Australia at the Summer Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires in October 2018. He competed in the 800m track event and finished in 8th place. The Australian Olympic Committee awarded Anthony with an Olympic flag, which was presented to him in a ceremony at the School by the Australian Olympic Mogul Skier Rohan Chapman-Davies.

Following is an excerpt from the speech Anthony gave at the event:

*...I have many fond memories of being involved with athletics, many of which include competing for Australia. However, one of my fondest memories is not of me competing at the highest level but rather competing for this school at the GPS Carnival. There is something special about competing for this school—something which can only be explained as immense pride. To have the opportunity to compete at the GPS carnival while having fellow*

*students and staff cheering me on is a memory I'll cherish forever...*

*...don't let [this] pressure detour you from taking the opportunities presented to you. Because if you miss them you won't get a second chance and the last thing anyone wants is to regret the opportunities you didn't take. If I hadn't taken the opportunities presented to me, I would have never been able to compete at the Youth Olympic Games which is the proudest achievement of my life so far...*





# On a Good Wicket

A record number of students are playing Cricket at High this season, with three grade teams playing in each age group and six open grade sides. In addition, the coaching has improved immensely with Darius Visser Cricket Academy, current First Grade players from the St George Club and Old Boys who have played GPS Cricket at a high level coaching the sides.

Last season was one of our most successful. For the first time in forty years a SBHS 1st XI made the Davidson Shield finals in Bathurst, finishing third in the state-wide competition. This is the first year a SBHS team has made the All Schools Competition, playing vs St Gregory's later this term. The team finished 5th in the GPS Competition, defeating Riverview for the first time in over a decade, and also retained the Joseph Coates Cup by defeating Newington and Grammar. Our 2nd XI defeated Scots and Grammar in the GPS Competition.

We had four junior players reach a pinnacle in the sport when they were selected to the NSW Academy in their age group. Congratulations to Bilal Abbasi, Chris Roussos, Aikaansh Ahi and Cody Robinson. From our 1st XI side, Hunar Verma was selected in the U17 and U19 NSW All Schools Team—an outstanding achievement. Arvin Niranjana and Cameron Pereira were selected in the CHS 1st XI and Menuja Goonaratne was selected in the CHS 2nd XI.

We're looking forward to another great season of Cricket at High and keeping the momentum of the sport going.

**David Smith, MIC Cricket**



# High Performers

The Music Performance Program at Sydney Boys High School offers a variety of ensembles at every level including Concert Bands, Stage Bands, String Ensembles, Orchestras, Chamber Choir, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band and a 2020 European Music Tour Group. There are over 200 students currently in the Performance Program at High who are actively involved in performances within the School and in the wider community.

Students have performed at various venues and events including Government House, School sporting events, assemblies, annual music camps, open days and orientation days. The Sydney Boys High Marching Band performs annually at the Anzac Day March in the CBD, marching with the School's cadets alongside other school and community bands.

The annual off-site Music Camp involves all the members of the performance program, and over three days participants rehearse new repertoire intensively with their tutors and conductors, culminating in an exciting camp concert upon return.

An international music tour is planned every five years for students in the Music Performance Program. We are currently preparing the repertoire for our 2020 European Music Tour to Helsinki, Tallinn and St Petersburg which will involve 50 students from the school and five staff members.





## *Back to High Day*

A sunny yet windy day was the setting as our first large-scale Back to High Day kicked off at McKay Oval on Saturday, 10th August. The day was planned to coincide with many sporting events on our home grounds including the deciders for both GPS Cross Country and GPS Volleyball (High v Grammar at the Gym), junior and senior Football and Rugby across all McKay fields and, of course, the final games for the Year 12 boys in the 1st and 2nd XV Rugby and 1st and 2nd XI Football teams.

Over 1000 people attended, including over 120 Old Boys from the 1950s cohort and every decade since, and a large number of devoted younger Old Boys from the past few years. The canteen was kept busy providing not just the reliable egg and bacon rolls, but also various regional cuisines, and not a scrap was left by half time of the final game.

**Ross King (1959)** arrived wearing his blazer, resplendent with lines for School and Representative Cricket and Rowing and like many of the Old Boys, engaged not only with those from his cohort but current students as well as other fellow Old Boys in attendance.

MIC Volleyball, Mr Michael Kay, reported another great day for SBHS, with the 1sts and 2nds both defeating Grammar 3-0 to win the GPS Premierships, the 1sts going back to back.

**Winston Loke (1989)**, parent, Old Boy and President of the Football support group, rallied the boys in supporting the 1st and 2nd Football teams on McKay 4. Despite both teams not getting the win, the boys presented themselves proudly both on and off the field and enjoyed the opportunity to play in front of the large supporter crowds and former Old Boy football players who had also represented the school so well in earlier years.

**Craig Wing (1997)**, dual international and 1997 NSW Schoolboys 1st XV Representative, rallied the 1st and 2nd Rugby teams prior to their games. His inspirational speech motivated the boys as he recalled his time in their place, and the special memories they would take away from what would be the Year 12 boys' last game. Craig was happy to pose for photos with many of the crowd all afternoon and left with new friendships, a new SBHS blue cap and having caught up with old school mates.

The 2nd XV was led out through the tunnel by the 1sts' 185cm centre carrying the flag-waving newly-appointed school captain on his shoulders, and gave their all to lead for the fully-allotted time, unfortunately going down to a try after time passed but in the last phase of play, 3-7 to Grammar.



After a short symbolic jersey presentation from Craig Wing, the final game of the afternoon saw the 1st XV come down the Fairland Pavilion stairs to a waiting crowd of cheering supporters, who formed the biggest tunnel seen in recent memory at McKay, stretching from the pavilion veranda to the halfway line. The team was led onto the field by the school drum band, with large flags flying the High name and colours. The talk of the 'flat' the following Monday was how that was one of many of the boys' best experiences of their six years at High, and an example of true High spirit.

The game started off with a number of big hits that were felt in the crowd, establishing what would be commonplace throughout the game. Even though the High boys played tough rugby, Grammar scored a lucky try down the left wing. As the half progressed, High's pack gained possession and a matching try to go into the break at 5-all.

As the second half got underway, both teams played in a manner that kept the crowd on their feet and new and old boys alike cheering the effort shown. There was one converted try in it at the end, with High losing 10-17, but walking off with their heads held high. The send-off was emotional as the crowd joined the boys in singing the school song as a sign of respect for the Old Boys in attendance and to celebrate this being the last game on McKay for most of the team.

Overall Back to High Day was an enormous success, and your OBU will look to host more of these events in the future.

The Old Boy community is indebted to the volunteers who helped on the day, including: Angus, Andrew, Leslie, Lydia, Annaliese, Wendy, Edwina, Bridgette, Leslie, Theo, Eddie, Greg, Julie, Nga Win, Niti, Charlie, Tracy, Helen, Hazel, Janet and Donovan.

**Paul Harapin (1983)**

**President, Sydney High School Old Boys Union**





## Smooth Sailing

Sailing is a sport many boys at Sydney High will remember for the rest of their lives. As the members of High Sailing will undoubtedly agree, it is a sport that requires determination, teamwork and the desire to constantly improve. There are currently around 45 students who sail at High. Although this makes it one of the smaller sports on offer at the School, it is a sport that not only keeps boys hooked for their entire six years at High, but for their entire lives.

Beginning as crews in Year 7, boys slowly build up their knowledge of boats and how they interact with the wind and the water (but hopefully not with other boats). As they progress, boys can skipper a boat, learning how to steer and maximise their speed along certain routes through fleet racing and drills. In later years, boys may race, representing High in a team of three boats in either the First, or more recently-introduced Second Grade team, facing off against fierce opponents such as Scots and Cranbrook in fast-paced, logical, team-oriented (and sometimes aggressive) racing conditions.



High Sailing has undergone positive changes over the most recent season, with skilled coaches who have joyfully taught the boys to perform at their best, as shown by High's fifth-place peak in the NSW Secondary Schools Teams Racing Championships back in April.

**Jarrold Khaw (Year 11)**

## Slam Dunk

Basketball is the most popular sport at Sydney Boys High School, and the program caters for boys of all talents and sizes.

The Basketball program has undergone intense development over the past decade and is now competitive in all age groups across 36 teams. There have been several GPS premierships from both the First and Second Grade (our top 2) sides. High has won multiple National All School Championships, and in 2018 finished 7th out of all schools in Australia. To conclude the 2018-19 season Julian Markworth Scott was selected in the NSW State All Schools side. Kwabena Brefo, Eoin Fitz-Gerald, Noah Casacang and Kobe Shannon were all selected to the AAGPS Second Grade side out of all AAGPS schools.

MIC Ben Hayman has helped develop players who have gone on to play at professional levels, including internationally. He continues to work together with the committed support of Old Boys and parents to improve the basketball program

at High. Most recently, all new elite 'lifetime' backboards with Sydney High sky blue trim have been installed in the School's indoor gymnasium. The backboards project was organised from inception to completion by Bruce Gordon with the assistance of Mr Hayman. Donations for the backboards are still required.

To make a tax deductible donation to support your son and SBHS Basketball: <https://asf.org.au/projects/sydney-boys-high-school/sydney-boys-basketball/>





# *Mens sana in corpore sano:* A Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body

The High Canteen is one of very few high school canteens in Sydney to be managed by parents (through the P&C Canteen Subcommittee). It would not be able to function without the ongoing support of over 90 parent volunteers who willingly take time out of their busy schedules to help prepare foods and serve at canteen windows during recess and lunch.

The Canteen provides reasonably-priced nutritious menu options including foods from culturally-diverse backgrounds—the bulk of which are prepared on the premises daily. Fresh food is subsidised to embed healthy eating habits, while marking-up of commercially produced items enables revenue generation. The High Canteen was recently awarded the Healthy Canteen Tick of Approval (a NSW Premier's Priority). The recent introduction of cashless payment and online ordering options has helped reduce wait times.

Canteen supervisors Tracey Trompp and Karen Barry (*right*) have been at the helm for fifteen



Photo courtesy of James Walker (Skywalker Studios)

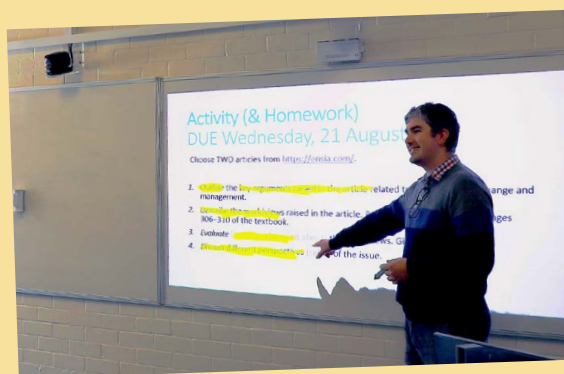
years. The duo, who job share, met at a playgroup nearly three decades ago and have remained best friends since, even travelling together during school breaks. 'We love our job and the students are lovely. Over the years, we have streamlined operations and revamped the menu. But more importantly, we have forged some very strong friendships with teachers and parents,' they reminisce nostalgically.

## *Technology Update*

Students returning in Term 3 will have noticed improvements in seven classrooms in the McDonald Wing. This work is the pilot phase of our Classroom Technology Project. The project's purpose is to enhance the digital learning technologies available in classrooms and other learning spaces.

Sydney Boys High School has traditionally provided a computer and digital display in each classroom for many years. This equipment is both end-of-life and only designed to support a single model of education—lecturing. However, the way our teachers and students use technology has evolved over the years, and all students now have a laptop or similar device at their fingertips. Teachers want to use digital and online resources with their students in interactive and collaborative ways and need to be able to rely on the School's digital capabilities.

The Classroom Technology Project makes rooms bright, ensuring learning content is clearly visible and audible. It standardises the layout of technology



equipment in each classroom—all operate in the same way. Each room allows teachers to wirelessly interact with a projector from their preferred location in the room. Teachers can allow students to use the room display and students can use learning spaces for collaboration without a teacher present. Everyone can interact with the content being displayed in the classroom.

With seven rooms completed and 50 still to go, only through the support of parents and the school community will we be able to bring the project's benefits to all our staff and students.

**David Isaacs, ICT**

# Sydney Boys High School

## PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (P&C) 2019

The P&C is a forum for parents to actively contribute to their sons' school life.

### Meet other parents, help the School

The P&C hosted a parent engagement event on 28 June with Jamie Kay, our new Vice Principal for Junior School attending. Parents met each other by speed networking, then each parent expressed their most important concern and a suggested solution. These were passed on to the school or the P&C for consideration.

### Involving distant parents

One outcome of the parent engagement evening is that the P&C will trial live-streaming the more interesting parts of P&C meetings, so parents who cannot attend in person can be included. We will also try to enable remote parents to interact live.

### Biennial Co-curricular Meeting

Representatives from the co-curricular P&C sub-committees met with the P&C executive to raise issues and share lessons learned. These lessons are being documented and collated into a package which will be made available as a resource on the parent portal.

### Schoolzine Parent Communication App

Over two hundred parents, students and alumni have downloaded the free app so far. We passed the first stage focused on one sport (fencing) and the P&C will now roll this out to other co-curricular activities. Please give us feedback at <https://forms.gle/sokdikhVKNJaJrAW6>.

### Wellbeing

We organised a practical seminar with the Sydney Girls High P&C on Wellbeing in High

Performing Teens. We disseminated the slides afterwards for those who could not attend.

### Volunteers

The P&C has over 200 volunteers. We have committed to treating our parent volunteers with fairness and dignity by signing up for the NSW Government's Statement of Principles for Recognition of Volunteers.

- We recruited new parent volunteers to help in the Canteen and on the Canteen Committee and co-curricular sub-committees. Amy Sim volunteered to be our new Treasurer. We will miss Chuhong Chen's careful management of our finances. Ha Phi volunteered as an internal auditor for our Foundation.
- The Rowing Committee is developing volunteer management processes that will be shared with other co-curricular committees. This includes a statement of expectations of volunteer hours per parent, based on hours required for the activity.
- We will document parking procedures for volunteer parents thanks to Daniel Johnson and the parking coordinators, who have mapped the optimal parking pattern.

### Active and Creative Kids Provider

The P&C is registering as an Active Kids and Creative Kids provider. We will investigate offering more active and creative activities to our sons, such as after-school training and music camps. The main constraint is finding a volunteer parent to lead the administration. If you can help, let us know.

### Geoff Waring

Year 10 Parent and P&C President 2019







# Old Boys Industry Afternoon and Mentoring

The OBU recently supported High students in years 11 and 12 at the Old Boys Industry Afternoon. Over 150 students attended the event, in which they gained insight into a diverse range of career opportunities, including medicine, law, engineering, startup/VC, technology, finance and business. Thank you to the twelve Old Boys who contributed their valuable time: **Paul Almond (1982), Nikhil Autar (2011), Albert Bielinko (2003), Blake Briggs (2002), David Brown (1984), Dan Chesterman (1992), Bohan Deng (2015), Vivin George (2011), John Green (1980), Balraj Hansra (2005), Thomas O'Connor (2001) and Eric Wong (2000).**

The Old Boys Industry Afternoon was a student initiative implemented by Vice-Captain and OBU Prefect Marcus Borscz (2019). The OBU remains supportive of such student-led programs, and hopes that the Industry Afternoon continues for future year groups.

The OBU is in the process of organising mock interviews for prospective High boys looking to study medicine. Should any Old Boys that have

recently succeeded in obtaining placement into Medicine be available on Fridays, please contact **Eric Wong (2000)** on 0405 629 338 or [eric.wong@livmo.life](mailto:eric.wong@livmo.life).

The OBU is also looking for Old Boys to interview about insights into their industry/experience. The interviews will be posted in video format onto a closed Facebook group. This will help expand the reach of Old Boys by enabling them to provide insights without the need to be at a physical location at a specific time. Should any Old Boys be interested, again please contact **Eric Wong (2000)** on 0405 629 338 or [eric.wong@livmo.life](mailto:eric.wong@livmo.life).

For the year 2020, the OBU is looking to upload at least one video interview to the closed Facebook group per month and also the larger format panel interviews annually (Year 11 and 12). We will also conduct two mock interview sessions annually (Year 10 and Year 11/12).

With thanks to all involved

**Eric Wong (2000)**



# Foundation Report



SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL  
FOUNDATION



**Geoff Waring**

The Sydney High School Foundation management committee is made up of eight volunteer parent and Old Boys Union representatives and our Principal, Dr Jaggar. We meet monthly to manage most of

the school's income-earning property assets. We organise their improvements, repairs and maintenance. We also undertake fundraising and administer the many special-purpose charitable trust funds that support the School's high-achieving culture by funding prizes and financially-disadvantaged boys. We hope to be a model for how a public school can unite its community to benefit the School.

Our 2019 Governors Centre appeal raised critical funds, and included a major gift from an anonymous donor. Most of the funds raised in recent years have gone to the Governors Centre. To better serve our donors we set up online donation facilities, so even Old Boys living in remote parts of the world can conveniently donate to the School, either by a lump sum, 10 monthly instalments or via monthly giving. The process for issuing tax deductible receipts for online donations was also automated.

Former Chair Geoff Andrews has been leading the tender process to replace the southern pontoon at the Outterside Centre where rowing boats are loaded and unloaded. The pontoon lost its integrity as a result of long-term use and wave action. We will choose the successful tenderer at the end of September.

School parent Ha Phi has volunteered to be an internal auditor to help us identify risks and improve our governance systems.

We recently committed to a more decentralised sub-committee structure. We formed four subcommittees: risk and audit (Charlie Koh and Kim Jaggar); fundraising (Winston Loke, Geoff Waring, Kim Jaggar); the Fairland Pavilion (Paul Almond, Kim Jaggar, Paul Harapin); and Outterside Centre (Andrew Bowey, Kim Jaggar). If any parents or Old Boys are interested in becoming more involved in those areas, let one of the committee members know you are interested in volunteering on their specific sub-committee.

Our purpose is to assist in providing outstanding educational opportunities for the boys of Sydney Boys High School.

**Geoff Waring**  
**Chair, Sydney High School Foundation**







## From the President of the OBU



Paul Harapin

Since taking on the role of OBU President in April, I have been exploring a new membership system and better ways to connect with Old Boys and engage with our community both through current events at the School,

and opportunities to catch up within the communities we have across the globe, including golf, trivia nights and business events. I've been talking with Old Boys from the 40s and 50s as well as those from the 2000s, all

equally excited to share their memories of their time at High and the mates they still hold close friendships with today. Back to High day (see page 10) involved many people assisting to make it a success and we will endeavour to extend and enhance the event with an OBU dinner next year. As always, keep up-to-date with our Old Boy social media sites and should you wish to share any news or events, please email me at [president@shsobu.org.au](mailto:president@shsobu.org.au).

**Paul Harapin (1983)**  
**President, Sydney High Old Boys Union**

## OBU Reunions

### Class of 1954 and other cohort members

Class members from the 1954 cohort are invited to our reunion at the Aurora Hotel. Wives, partners and carers all welcome.

Date: Tuesday, 22 October 2019  
Time: 12.00 pm  
Venue: Balcony Bar, Aurora Hotel,  
324 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW  
Cost: \$45 includes finger food, soft drink  
and limited beer and wine  
Dress: Casual  
RSVP: 1st October  
Contact: Mick Curley at [curleys@ozemail.com.au](mailto:curleys@ozemail.com.au)  
or 0409 245 861, or Colin Chamberlain  
at [chamberlain37@optusnet.com.au](mailto:chamberlain37@optusnet.com.au)  
or 0423 417 501

### Class of 1969—50 Year Reunion

BBQ with salads and vegetarian options. A casual day with no speeches. Students from leaving years of 68 and 70 very welcome. Bookings are essential for catering purposes.

Date: Saturday, 12 October 2019  
Time: 6.00pm-11.30pm  
Venue: The Field Restaurant at Easts Rugby,  
22a O'Sullivan Rd, Bellevue Hill NSW  
Cost: \$60 plus buy own drinks  
Contact: Col Whelan at  
[nothingbutthepub@gmail.com](mailto:nothingbutthepub@gmail.com)  
[www.shsobu.org.au/event/1969-reunion/](http://www.shsobu.org.au/event/1969-reunion/)

### Class of 1970 Reunion

Planning is about to begin for the Class of 1970's 50th Year Reunion. To ensure we have your correct email could you send it to: [Michael25@bigpond.com](mailto:Michael25@bigpond.com)? Thanks.

Contact: Michael Fischer on 0417 264 084.

### Class of 1979—40 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday, 9 November 2019  
Time: 6.00pm-11.30pm  
Venue: TBA  
Cost: TBA  
Contact: Graeme Anderson at  
[andersonfamily@elders.net](mailto:andersonfamily@elders.net)  
[www.shsobu.org.au/event/1979-reunion/](http://www.shsobu.org.au/event/1979-reunion/)

### Class of 1989—30 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday, 26 October 2019  
Time: 5.00pm-11.30pm  
Venue: Clovelly Hotel, 381 Clovelly Rd,  
Clovelly NSW  
Cost: TBA  
Contact: Jack Singleton at [jack@viajet.com.au](mailto:jack@viajet.com.au)  
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[www.shsobu.org.au/event/1989-reunion/](http://www.shsobu.org.au/event/1989-reunion/)

# Vale

## Alan Grover—Triple Olympian

Alan Grover (1965) was Sydney Rowing Club's principal coxswain in the 1960s and through into the 1970s. He joined the SRC after coxing Sydney High's VIII in 1961.

Grover coxed at the elite level in Australia over an eighteen year period from 1962 to 1980.

Alan was a man of outstanding ability, highly respected by his colleagues and peers. He was a triple Olympian, coxing the Australian coxed four in Tokyo in 1964, the Australian eight in Mexico in 1968 (silver medal) and the Australian eight in Munich in 1972. For NSW, Alan steered two winning Penrith Cup lightweight fours in 1965 and 1967, and the winning King's Cup crews of 1968 and 1972. He steered five King's Cup crews in the period 1968 to 1980. In his business career Alan Grover was a marketing executive and spent many years employed by the Australian Olympic Committee.



been Chairman of the School Council and Life Governor of Sydney High. John was past President of the Australian Computer Society, contributing significantly to the technology industry in Australia, including being a member of the Australian Privacy Committee. He was past President of the NSW Junior Rugby Union and a member of the Australian Junior Rugby Union.

## Geoffrey Waugh

Dr Geoffrey Waugh (1961) passed away on the 21st July 2019. He was Associate

Professor in the School of Economics at the University of NSW (UNSW), teaching

environmental natural resources, tourism and

macroeconomics, worked for over 35 years in various universities, and won the 1999 University

Teacher of the Year award. He held a BSc from Sydney University and a MCom and

PhD from UNSW. He worked as an industrial chemist and taught mathematics at TAFE prior

to commencing full time at UNSW in 1974. At

UNSW, he was researching environmental and resource economics, fisheries development,

and management. He held a number of

external local and international positions

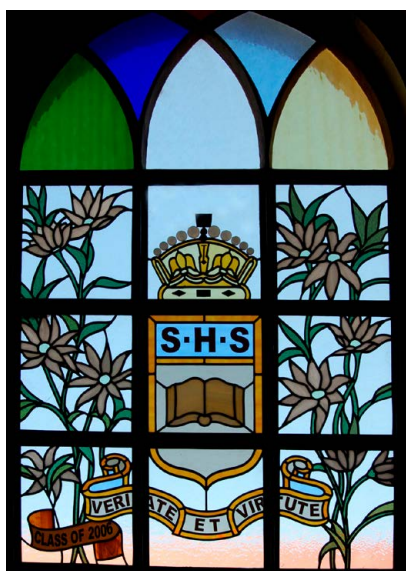
involving fisheries and fishing industry research.

He was a consultant to the World Bank and the United Nations Development Program.



## John Goddard—Life Governor Sydney High School

John Goddard (1953) passed away on the 24th May 2019 at age 83. John had held the position of President of the Old Boys Union, and



## 50th GPS OBU Ecumenical Service

The 50th annual GPS OBU Church Service will be held on 27th October 2019, 2.30pm for 3.00pm at Sydney Boys High School. This year's sermon will be delivered by the Hon. Rob Stokes (Shore), Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and former Minister for Education. Afternoon tea will be provided in the cloisters at the conclusion of the service.

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/BDSHK>

For further information please contact Patrick Flower on 0418468708 or [pflower@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pflower@bigpond.net.au).



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