



The Weekly Newsletter of Sydney Boys High School

From the Principal Week 4 of Lockdown



I hope our families are coping well with the routine of extended lockdown. I appreciate that anxiety is rising about how and when we may come out of the tight restrictions under which we live. I am pleased with how the combination of CANVAS conferences and zoom sessions are delivering well over two hundred synchronous lessons each day. Our teachers are continuing to approximate the usual routine of school. I want to thank our Year Advisers for their compassion for their students. Their weekly morning 'catch ups' have been well received.

Being online can pose temptations and distractions which most students are responsible enough to avoid during school time. However, some students are either not logging on or are disengaging during the lesson. Our SASS staff are monitoring attendance records regularly and telephoning families to keep them apprised of the missed learning opportunities for their sons.

Year 12 and the Trial HSC

On Monday this week I talked to Year 12 students about the *COVID-19 Special Consideration Program* which operates for students who have oral and performance examinations, major projects and submitted works. (NESA home/COVID-19/Coronavirus advice/HSC exams and major projects/ COVID-19 Special consideration Program). I explained how practical and performance students who were severely impacted by the Level 4 restrictions could seek redress through the program. For avoidance of doubt, these procedures are confined to those students who have oral or performance requirements or have to submit major works or projects.

I also addressed the illness and misadventure process. If students are under NSW Health orders and have been directed to self-isolate as a close contact or unwell at the time of an HSC examination, they can seek redress in the usual way through the submitting the *Illness and Misadventure Form*.

Updated Advice from the Secretary of DoE (6/8)

'No return for HSC students or those completing Year 12 in the identified LGAs of Blacktown, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield, Georges River, Liverpool, and Parramatta at this time.



Students from these LGAs will have the opportunity to receive their first Pfizer vaccination between 9-14 August.

From 16 August, all other high schools across Greater Sydney (including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour) will be able to bring Year 12 students back to school for essential curriculum and student wellbeing sessions. These will operate under strict guidance of a COVID-safe plan and guidance will be made available today to support individual school plans to be developed.

High schools in Greater Sydney are asked to provide any and all trial examinations from home and where necessary, adjust their outstanding school assessment tasks to be completed from home.

All students will have the opportunity to complete their HSC. Planning is underway to ensure that the final examinations can occur in a COVID-safe way. NESA has provided details on the COVID special measures that schools can provide and will provide further advice on the impact of these changes on oral and performance examinations in Greater Sydney in the coming days.'



HSC Advice For Parents

Interested parents can read the current advice in full at the link below. Attendance by HSC students at school is no longer expected from 16 August.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-forfamilies/hsc-exam-advice?deliveryName=DM16972

Dr K A Jaggar Principal



School Values - Integrity

As one of our core school values at Sydney High, integrity embeds many ideals in the development of character. The school's motto of Veritate et Virtute (With Truth and Courage) embodies what the school has historically stood for, with integrity at its core.

When students are asked what integrity means, many concepts arise including, honesty, openness, responsibility and being true to one's self and others. Put simply, it's doing what you know is right simply because it's the right thing to do, without the need for recognition or reward. Whether others are watching or not, here at High we believe that everyone should be guided by their own strong moral compass. This is where true character is shown.

For society to function at its best, integrity and the trust that comes with this is essential. In challenging times, such as the current pandemic, this has come to the fore more than ever. On a daily basis we must place our trust in everyone from scientists, politicians and the media, all the way to our fellow citizens in order to work through the challenges we face. Demonstrating integrity is something that should be a reward in and of itself. Research overwhelmingly indicates internal motivation has a larger impact than external drivers across all fields. If we incentivise helping others instead of being guided purely by moral principles, then our society becomes less cooperative and in turn, less compassionate. Whether it's gaining academic, financial, social benefits or status from one's actions, these methods of recognising integrity are always less powerful than the satisfaction coming from our internal sense of what's ethically and morally right.

Individuals who present themselves publicly with the same values they privately follow have a clear understanding of their ideal self and embody integrity at its finest. It's shown in the student completing tasks and following rules because he knows it's right, by the sportsman who acts honestly on the sporting pitch regardless of how this may impact him or his team, in the peer who finds an item and helps return this to its rightful owner, or within the boy having the courage to stand up to another to intervene when needed. In each of these circumstances and in many others including our current online learning structure, students at Sydney High demonstrate this value on a daily basis.

By consistently acting with integrity as students, staff and leaders, together we can continue to build a collaborative, positive and ultimately strong school community with trust and honesty at its core.

Jamie Kay Deputy Principal Junior School





CHESS NEWS

We are happy to announce that Vladimir Feldman will resume the coaching of our players online this week. All students who were attending classes on Monday mornings in terms one and two, have been issued an invitation via their school e mail and will be able to participate in a lesson at 8 am on either Monday or Friday morning for as long as the lockdown continues in Sydney.

We were regional winners in the NSW Junior Chess League Inter-Schools' Competition last term in Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions. Unfortunately that competition has been suspended but we are hoping that we may be able to resume in term 4.

We miss our students and hope that you will enjoy the online coaching until we are able to see you face again, Rowena Barr MIC Chess



Philosophy News

Congratulations to Yu Ming Lee whose two thousand word essay On Friendship was rewarded with an A grade



in the competition run by the Philosophy in Schools Association. Ming drew upon his passion for the works of Cicero and he spent some time with our tutor Robert Sternhell to establish the framework and parameters of his response. Beyond this, Ming worked independently to explore the topic and to meet a tight two

week deadline. He embarked on this task amid preparation for an assessment block but once committed, Ming prevailed, and he is to be admired for his discipline and commitment. Sadly, we bid farewell to our wonderful Old Boy tutor, Robert Sternhell who has moved to ACT to pursue career opportunities. He has been the stalwart and mainstay of our program for many years, generously offering his time and support to our students in their endeavour to explore BIG ideas in simpatico communities of inquiry. Robert has been a great ambassador of Philosophical thought and the humanities in general. We all wish him future success and look forward to catching up with him should he have the opportunity to visit.



Tournament of Minds

This competition has transformed in 2021. It now exists in the Virtual Realm. Meetings are in Zoom and the Longterm task must be converted to a 10-minute visual presentation uploaded on 27 August.

SHBS has 4 teams entered.

Language/Literature Team1: Fynn Hopkins, Ric Hou, Jeff Tse, Eric Scholten, Luc Tran, Arnav Gupta.

Team 2: Vishruth Anand, Andris Dang, Ryan Fang, Aarav Gandhi, Adhrit Mitra, Hafiz Ayaan, Nayani Abhinav.

Social Sciences Team 1: Kridya Singh, Daniel Nguyen, Patrick Nguyen, George Mermelas, Felix McAllen-Yem, Benjamin Nithanthan- Balasingh, Vihaan Ragit.

Team 2: Balhar Athwal, Abhishek Clement, Abhinav Inala, Siddharth Memon, Kabir Mudgil, Abithan Vithuran Kumaraval, Ayaan Wangde

These students have been developing skills in communication and organisation as they overcome the difficulties presented by the Challenges while abiding the Health restrictions. Adapting their solutions to suit the new submission scenario has required imagination in overcoming technological limitations. They are to be congratulated on prevailing under the difficult circumstances. The meetings have been a wonderful distraction and a chance to 'socialise'. Good luck with meeting the deadline and with your final product.

Julie Eggleton English Teacher



SBHS P&C – Notice of General Meeting 6.30pm, Monday 9 August 2021 Online via Zoom Meeting

All parents and friends are invited to our next P&C meeting on Monday 9 August at 6:30pm. Please register in advanced at the following link:

https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5lvdumorD8gHN1dlr8APY5aG-WCtIzxO5VM

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

At this P&C meeting school principal Dr Kim Jaggar will provide his regular update as well as information on the school's COVID response. You are encouraged to post your questions in advance of the meeting on slido using the following link: https://app.sli.do/event/riaac9ub

A presentation by Cassandra Pride and Dr Lynda Pinnington-Wilson on *Clearer Writing Closer Reading - How SBHS is targeting this objective* will follow.

The agenda, last minutes and other documents for this meeting are available on the school portal under "P&C Association".

Other reminders

Please consider putting your name down on our volunteer expertise register (link below). When we know your expertise if a need arises for that expertise we can contact you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_er0oH4byqyGCPWL5I2F6Adzjc8oykjg9IbwPPm8IZzO8qA/viewform?usp =sf_link

The canteen has some vacant spots on their roster (for when school goes back). If you would like to help in the canteen, please put your name down on the below link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScH26t4TMfJr8jBZhFvozuMWz1uxMrObMExGUGM4OuZKPj-hQ/viewform?usp=sf link

SBHS P&C follows the NSW volunteer management principles (click here).

SBHS P&C Association sbhs.pandc@gmail.com



Sydney Boys High School P&C have a page on Facebook. Please like our Facebook page to view updates on the latest news and events of interest to the High community: <u>https://www.facebook.com/sbhspandc</u>



SBHS Sports Council is a subcommittee of the School Council and its remit is to review Sport Policy, discuss Sports issues and report to the School Council. The Sports Council includes the Head of Sport, all Sports MIC's, a nominee each from the Old Boys Union and the SHS Foundation and four nominees of the SBHS P&C.

The administration of Sport at High is quite complex with the School's commitment to a range of sports in the AAGPS (of which it has been a member since 1906) and non-GPS sports, and participation in the CHS (State Schools sporting competitions). SBHS P&C nominees can make valuable input from the point of view of a parent/carer.

Expected Commitment per Month:

- 3-4 hours per Term.
- The Sports Council Meets once per Term usually before School on a Thursday in the middle of the following months: February, May, August and November in the morning from 07:30-08:45, so any interested person must be available to participate early on those Thursday mornings.

Skills & Experience Required/Desired:

- The nominee must be enthusiastic about sport and will probably already be active in one or more of the cocurricular sports subcommittees that works with High sports and the MIC's.
- Where possible we hope to have nominees with experience and interests covering a range of different sports.

Interested or have any queries? Please email <u>charles@appletonlawyers.com.au</u>



Term 3 Music Performance Program

All music ensemble rehearsals are suspended until further notice.

Private Instrumental lessons are to continue online.

(Please note: Private Lessons can not be scheduled during school hours during the school week as students must attend academic online lessons. Exception: free periods for senior students)

Updates regarding the Music Performance Program will be notified to parents and guardians via **SZapp** and High Notes. Students will be notified via the Music Performance Canvas page.

Parent/Guardian/Student Communication

<u>Parents and Guardians</u>: Please download **SZapp** from the Apple App Store or Google Play and subscribe to 'MUSIC.' Installation guide can be found in the school's High Notes. <u>Students</u> will be notified of any music news and notifications via the Music Performance Program CANVAS page, school's daily notices and High Notes. Students are responsible to read and keep updated of any Music Performance Program related events/material on a regular basis.

<u>Attention Music Ensemble Students:</u> If you are in the Music Ensembles Program and have not yet received a Music Performance Program Canvas invitation, please email the Music Department: <u>music@sbhs.nsw.edu.au</u> Please note: Students will also be notified of any music related events during ensemble rehearsals.

Sydney Youth Orchestra (SYO)

Auditions for the SYO 2022 program are open. Applications close on Wednesday 1 September 2021. The SYO is the leading orchestral training and education programs provider in New South Wales. This is a comprehensive system that ensures musicians progress through the orchestras, developing individual and ensemble skills under the careful guidance of SYO's artistic staff.

For more information, please visit: <u>https://syo.com.au/</u>



ALL Music Ensembles are <u>SUSPENDED</u> until further notice 2021 Music Ensemble Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Intermediate Concert Band 7.45am – 8.45am Room 201	Senior Concert Band & Symphony Orchestra 7.45am – 8.45am Room 201	Junior Stage Band 7.45am – 8.45am Room 101	Intermediate Stage Band 7.45am – 8.45am Room 101	Senior Strings Ensemble 7.45am – 8.45am Room 101
Guitar Ensemble 7.45am – 8.45am Room 202		Senior Stage Band 7.45am – 8.45am Room 201	Philharmonic Orchestra 7.45am – 8.45am Room 201	Chamber Choir 8.00am – 9.00am Room 201
			Junior Strings Ensemble 7.45am – 8.45am Room 203 Terms 1 & 2 only	Marching Band 8.00am – 9.00am MPW Terms 1 & 4 only
Guitar Ensemble 3.20m – 4.20pm Room 201	Marching Band 3.30pm – 4.30pm Great Hall <i>Terms 1 & 4 only</i>	Percussion Ensemble 3.20pm – 4.20pm Room 201		Jazz Ensemble 3.30pm – 4.30pm Room 201

WEEK	DATE	EVENT	MUSIC STUDENTS INVOLVED		
Week 6B	Monday 16 August	HSC Music 1, 2 & Extension Trial Practical Examination, Great Hall	HSC Music 1, 2 & Extension Students		
Week 8A- 9B	Monday 30 August – Friday 10 September TBC	HSC Music 1, 2 & Extension Practical Examination TBC-NESA to release dates	HSC Music 1, 2 & Extension Students		

2021 Term 2-Term 3 Music Events Calendar

Music Events are continually added and/or are subject to change







Open Day

Thursday 2 September 2021 4.30pm - 5.30pm Please register https://sbhs.co/openday



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The Phillip Day Memorial Scholarship Closing Date: **30 November 2021**



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Stop COVID-19 Break the chain of infection



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STAY HOME if you feel unwell



COVER coughs & sneezes with a

coughs & sneezes with a tissue or your inner elbow



DISPOSE used tissues in bin immediately



CLEAN frequently touched surfaces



PRACTISE social distancing



WEAR a mask as recommended

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August/September 2021

06-08-2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 A	9 P+C Executive Meeting, Zoom video conference, 17:00 P+C Meeting, Zoom video conference, 18:30-20:00 Year 12 Presentation, UQ, 15:45	10 ICAS Science Competition, online (tbc) School Council Meeting, Zoom, 17:30-19:00	11 Winter sport Reports to be submitted to W drive winter sport record reports Preliminary HSC Mathematics assessment - P1, P2	12 Sports Council Meeting, Zoom, 07:30 Australian Informatics Olympiad, selected students Years 10-12 (tbc) The Great Hall: Entrance Test for 2022 Enrolment Applicants, 16:30-17:30	13 Debating: SHS v TKS	14	15
б В	16 Year 10 Meeting, subject selections, P1	17 Foundation meeting, 18:30-20:30	18	19	20 Debating: SHS v SJC	21	22
7 C	23 HSC Visual Arts Body of Work Completion and Hand In Date Trial HSC, 09:00-15:15 Co-curricular photos	24 Trial HSC, 09:00-15:15, Economics, 09:00-10:30	25 Trial HSC, 09:00-15:15	26 Trial HSC, 09:00-15:15 Australian Informatics Olympiad 9:00-12:30 (selected students) (tbc)	27 Trial HSC, 09:00-15:15 Debating: SIC v SHS GC event: 16:30-21:00	28	29
8 A	30 Prefect Record reports to be submitted to W drive Prefects Trial HSC, 09:00-15:15 Music: HSC Practicals, Great Hall, room 201 (tbc) HSC Assessment: Drama written exam, Room 204	31 Trial HSC, 09:00-15:15 Music: HSC Practicals, Great Hall, room 201 (tbc) Parent Information Evening on Subject Acceleration for Year 10 2022, Great Hall, 18:00-19:00	1 Music: HSC Practicals, Great Hall, Room 201 (tbc) Trial HSC, 09:00-15:15, Geography, 09:00-10:30 Rowing: Committee Meeting, zoom, 19:00	2 Open Day, virtual, 09:30-12:00 Trial HSC, 09:00-15:15 Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad (AIMO) (selected 7-10 students) (tbc) Music: HSC Practicals, Great Hall, Room 201 (tbc) Sport photos, outdoor basketball courts + gymnasium	3 *** Year 12, References meeting, 14:30 Co-curricular, Outdoor Education, Community and Leadership teams, Gifted and Talented to be submitted to W drive 2021 Record Reports P+C, OBU, School Foundation and Canteen Reports to be emailed to mayj@sbhs.nsw.edu.au Music: HSC Practicals, Great Hall, room 201		5 Fathers' Day Basketball: Annual Old Boys Game and Coach Co-ord day (tbc)