



From the Principal High Talent

DEBATING

Congratulations to our Year 10 debaters who are contesting the state final of the PDC against Smiths Hill. The team comprises – Abrar Chowdhury, Octavio Carbajal Zapata, Agastya Govind and Landrie Zuo (all from 10F).

End of Term 4

As we come to the end of a very busy, complex and uncertain term at High, I want to thank the teaching and support staff for all their efforts on behalf of our students this term and during this very particular year. Much has been achieved this year, despite all the obstacles thrown in our way. The positive spirit, cooperation and dedication shown by everyone have been inspirational.

The Record 2021

Despite COVID disruptions and cancelled activities and events, Ms May and her team have once again produced an impressive account of the things we did at High this year. *The Record* has a great many photographs of students' projects, participation, art works and activities. It is very comprehensive, despite the limitations imposed by ongoing public health orders. It has significant coverage of COVID related or affected events. It will be an invaluable future resource for what it is like to live through a pandemic. It has been distributed to Years 7-11 and was available for Year 12 to collect at their farewell/graduation assembly. The school is proud to invest \$25 per student so that everyone can have a lasting memento of 2021.



Year 12 Farewell/ Graduation Assembly

Good afternoon Year 12, staff and parents via live stream. Welcome to our Farewell/ Graduation Assembly for the Class of 2021. What a year of disruptions it has been! I congratulate all Year 12 students and their teachers for their resilience and perseverance. We have had again to improvise in this second pandemic year in order to retain some of the customary end of Year 12 celebration activities. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event happen.



One hundred and seventy students completed six years at High. I tried to capture some of the qualities of character and dispositions that Year 12 students showed this year in my *Principal's Message* printed in the Year 12 Farewell Booklet, which you have today, along with some notable results by Year 12 students. Without recounting what I have said there, this year group has been triumphed over ongoing adversity. I will leave you to read the message if you wish.

I want to thank publicly the senior leadership group for their leadership of their cohort. Jivan, Billy and Rhys faced a totally unique leadership challenge – how to inspire 213 students, not on site, for long periods of time, not knowing when things would return to 'covid normal'. I was proud of the way they rose to the occasion with online activities to preserve morale and build companionship. Our Prefects stepped up and upheld their oaths of office. Thank you to all of our departing student leaders – SRC, Community Service, PAWS, Equality, Social Justice, Environment – their volunteers and committees.

I want to recognise and honour the ten scholar-sportsmen who competed in two seasons of GPS Saturday sport and earned 99.5 ATAR or higher in the Trial HSC. Due to the cancellation of the athletics season, nobody was able to achieve three GPS sports in Year 12 (2019-13, 2018-13). I want to thank the 84 Year 12 boys (2020 - 91, 2019-77, 2018-95) who showed such great pride in their school and represented High in at least two GPS sports in their last year. Another 21 played one sport (2019-63, 2018-63). In this COVID-19 year, 49.7% of the cohort showed their commitment to our ethos right to the end (2019-73%, 2018-75%). These statistics again affirm that even in their most demanding and stressful year at school, our students valued participation in school sport and our scholar-sportsman ethos. I applaud them all for their dedication.

Congratulations to the most committed Year 12 students who represented the school at the highest levels in multiple GPS sports this year. There were 28 boys from Year 12 (2019-29, 2018-24, 2017-17) who competed in GPS first or second grade in two seasons of sport this year. Our 'Double Firsts' competitors were Thomas Brcic, Dean Casarotto, Andy Danis, Stanley Hou, Jeffery Lee, Zachary Liu, Justin Lum, Mihir Marathe, Ike Matsuoka, Rhys Shariff, Andrew Tam, Ryan Tan, Adrian Wong and Blair Zong. Our 'One-Two Club' comprised Ghazi Arasyid, Joseph Dar, Sen Giang, James Liu, Andrew Kim, Jivan Naganathan, Justin-Lee Nonis, Alec Ryan, Harry Wu and Daniel Zheng. This year our 'Double-Twos' were Antoine Nguyen, Gilbert Win, Liam Withrington and Lachlan Wu. Thank you all for your commitment to the values of our school – dedication and integrity – combined with the pursuit of excellence.

I wish you all the best in your HSC results and I hope and trust that you will be all successful in gaining entry to your chosen tertiary options. It has been an enduring honour and my great pleasure to serve as your Principal.

Dr K A Jaggar
Principal



HIGH STORE HOLIDAY OPENING TIME

Monday 17 January 2022. Hours 10.30am – 1.30pm

This day is allocated only to current students for purchase of additional uniform & senior uniform.

NEW Students entering Year 7 or Year 9 or Year 11 in 2022 will not be processed on this day

M Gentile
High Store Manager

Meet the Prefect

What does High Spirit mean to you?

High Spirit is a term you would definitely hear thrown about. It's not a clear-cut word which can be defined – rather, it describes the collective experience of determination and perseverance formed through the friendships and challenges at High. The determination to commit to your academics, or the perseverance when you're losing a Saturday GPS game. It means pledging yourself to better your experience at the school. Despite it being an abstract concept, it's a core characteristic that separates students of Sydney High from the rest and guides us to success in the years after high school.



What do you love about waterpolo?

Waterpolo is one of those sports which is less popular than your average basketball or tennis program. However, every team is a close-knit bunch of boys who strive to better each other, during training and games. The camaraderie within the team, the shouts of "1, 2, 3, HIGH!" before games, and the slaps on the back form great friendships among the teammates. Having played since Year 8, I've been able to meet and play alongside many great coaches and players, from the Coogee beach sessions on Mondays to the early Friday morning sessions at UNSW pool. Waterpolo has improved my decision-making process, ability to perform under pressure, and above all, my physical fitness. I would strongly encourage students of all ages to join waterpolo at High.

What inspired you to become a prefect?

For me, the title of "Prefect" labels you as a cornerstone of the school. They are the face of the school, when you think of Sydney Boys High, you think of all the aspects of the school they represent – from wellbeing to publications, from student achievement to the various house prefects. The prefect body exemplifies hard work, perseverance, and selflessness – the values I appreciated when I first came to the school. Becoming a Prefect meant I would be able to reciprocate those values to the younger years, improving their experience at High, and this is what inspired me to challenge myself and go for it.

Matthew Kirkland
Waterpolo Prefect



SBHS P&C

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Another year has passed, and it's been great to see the High Spirit in full display throughout the year. Although it's been a difficult year, our wonderful volunteers have continued to work tirelessly in the background, supporting the school, our students, sports, and co-curricular activities. A special shout-out to the School Canteen as it requires many volunteers on a daily basis. THANK YOU for your contribution!

We have a number of parent volunteers leaving SBHS as their sons graduate Year 12. SBHS P&C would like to thank all Year 12 volunteer parents leaving SBHS for your service and we wish you all the best. Please stay in touch through our social media.

Haven't volunteered yet?

Have a go in 2022. Scan or click this QR Code. For more information, email sbhs.pandc@gmail.com





Sydney High School Cadet Unit (SHSCU) Joined in 23 Battalion End of Year Parade & Awarded Ingleburn RSL Subbranch Trophy

Last Saturday, on the 11th of December, 36 cadets from the Sydney High School Cadet Unit, along with six other units from across NSW, travelled to Holsworthy Army Barracks for the 23 Battalion End of Year Ceremonial Parade. This parade marked the culmination of the incredible efforts that all cadets, especially the NCOs, have made over the course of the last two years, despite the COVID-19 pandemic.



Before the parade, we prepared our ceremonial uniforms and made ourselves presentable. Then, we were instructed on the parade sequence and movements to be carried out. After a couple of practice runs and tired legs, we marched to the beats of the Australian Army Cadet Sydney Band, presented awards, and acknowledged the achievements of the Corp. For instance, SGT Jiya Daga and Nicole Zhang were elevated to the rank of CUO,



becoming the first females to achieve this rank in the 138 years of our unit.

Additionally, Old Boy 23BNCUO Adam Masen, the Parade Commander, received a Bronze AAC Commendation for outstanding service to 23 Battalion.



23BNCUO Adam Masen, 2020 SHSCU Graduate

Though there was the added pressure of LTCOL(AAC) Richard Morgan, 23 Battalion Commander, LTCOL(AAC) Simon Bootle - NSW Brigade Assistant Commander, and LTCOL Andrew Kfoury - NSW Brigade Deputy Commander, inspecting the parade, the battalion executed their first ceremonial parade in almost a decade to perfection. Afterwards, we got to speak to senior members of the Army about their roles and experiences as well as interact with the band who performed outstandingly.

SNCO's stayed back for a formal Dine-In to celebrate the resilience, achievement, and hard work of all members. The graduating year 12s, SGT Adrian Wong and CUO William Cui also made an appearance as well as members of James Ruse Agricultural High School Cadet Unit. This marked an end to a great year in cadets, one filled with many ups and downs while some records were broken.

I would like to thank CUO Masen and other ex-cadets for their support throughout the year and acknowledge the efforts and achievements of CUO Cox, CUO Daga, CUO Zhang and CDTWO2 Chen. We would also like to thank LT(AAC) Ronald Luo, 2LT(AAC) Harvey Luo, LT(AAC) Rachel Fong, 2LT(AAC) Thomas, TOOC Andy Li, parent coordinators Binh Johnsun and Jaime Nyam as well as the school community for their ongoing support to help patch together another amazing year of cadets, as we all look forward to what the next holds.

Kridaya Singh (9R)
Taran Shah (10T)

Sydney High School Cadet Unit (SHSCU) 2021 Training & Activities Report

Over the last year, the Sydney High School Cadet Unit experienced many changes; from Year 12s graduating and new students taking the reins, to transitioning to an online format due to lockdown allowing us to strengthen connections with other units. Through hard times and unease, the unit has stuck together and endured, cadets and NCOs contributing to many firsts and lasts, learning and achieving together.



2021 started with a bivouac, promising a year with many opportunities and field engagement, however, the pandemic hit again, and the state lockdown entailed a return to online cadets. Although challenging, online training proved rewarding with the cooperation of all cadets demonstrating their will and eagerness to engage, allowing SHSCU along with Hurlstone Agricultural High School Cadet Unit and 22/29 Holsworthy to create and continue the application of skills normally taught in the field. The Joint Training Team initiated a slew of online activities, including virtual NavExs and calls with Welsh cadets. Their enthusiasm and dedication were later rewarded at the Battalion Dining-In night with the presentation of the Ingleburn RSL Club Trophy for 2021.



Four cadets from the Unit engaged in CyberTaipan for the first time, an Australian cyber security competition where they ranked 10th out of 132 teams across the nation. Another significant milestone that SHSCU reached in 2021 was the promotion of Jiya Daga and Nicole Zhang to the rank of CUO, becoming the first female Cadet Under Officers in the 138 years of the unit. Last Saturday, the Sydney High School Cadet Unit, along with six other units across NSW, came together for a ceremonial parade and dinner, marking the culmination of the efforts across the last two years, whilst also offering a promising view into opportunities leading into the future.

As 1/2PL commander, I have been thoroughly impressed with the high level of engagement and participation that all cadets have demonstrated through these challenging times. The sheer perseverance of SHSCU serves as a testament to the ongoing prosperity and strength of our historic unit. I look forward to continuing our progress in 2022, with both new cadets and old.

CUO Jiya Daga (Y10 SGHS)

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YEAR 10 WINS PDC DEBATING GRAND FINAL

On Wednesday afternoon, the Year 10 PDC Debating team of Octavio Zapata-Carbajal, Abrar Chowdhury, Landrie Zuo and Agastya Govind won the PDC Debating State Final against Smiths Hill.

The topic was that there should be mandatory retirement age for teachers and Sydney Boys High were on the negative.

The debate was hotly argued at times, but Sydney Boys won clearly, and the three adjudicators agreed.

Thank you so much to the boys for their perseverance with Debating throughout the year and for Ms Jeanette Cook who did so much to organise the last few debates at very short notice.

Looking forward to great things next year!

Madeleine Rigby
MIC Debating



The fourth and final issue of *Light on Literacy* is out now!

Help support SBHS's focus on improving students' results in English and check out the final issue of the parent newsletter *Light on Literacy*. As always, it's full of tips and advice on improving your son's reading and writing. It also provides some great ideas to get him reading in the long summer holidays.

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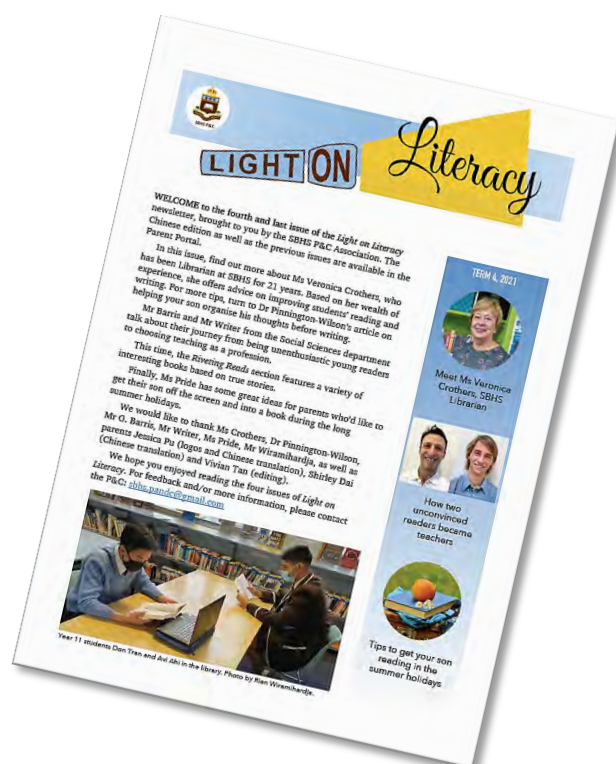
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We hope you have enjoyed reading the literacy newsletter this year and wish you a fabulous festive season!

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2021 Year 7 Chin Up Champion

Congratulations to Oliver Buikema who won the Year 7 Chin Up Championship. There were many boys willing to give the challenge a crack which was great to see. I encouraged all students to keep up their weights training over the holidays.

Holiday schedule below

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	5-Jan	7-Jan
	7-9AM	7-9AM
10-Jan	12-Jan	14-Jan
7-9AM	7-9AM	7-9AM
17-Jan	19-Jan	21-Jan
7-9AM	7-9AM	7-9AM
TUESDAY 25/1	26-Jan	28-Jan
7-9AM	7-9AM	7-9AM



Kurt Rich with Year 7 Chin Up Champion Oliver Buikema
Kurt Rich
Head Strength & Conditioning Coach



2021 NSW All School Athletics Championship

With no GPS Athletics season and CHS finishing at Zone this year, it was pleasing to hear that a few of our boys were able to compete at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championship this year. See below for their results.

Josh Suto (11S)

Long jump boys 16 yrs bronze

High jump boys 16 yrs silver

Max Russell (10T)

2000m Steeplechase boys 16 yrs gold

3000m boys 16 yrs silver

1500m boys 16 yrs silver

Eugene Kwag (10T)

400m boys 16 yrs

A big congratulations to the boys. Looking forward to Athletics being held in 2022. The School Athletics Carnival is Scheduled at SOPAC on Friday 8 April 2022.

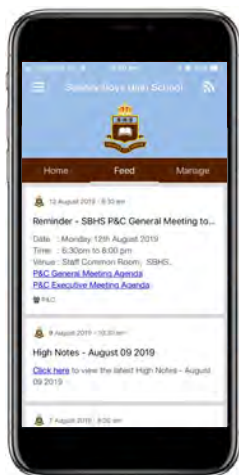
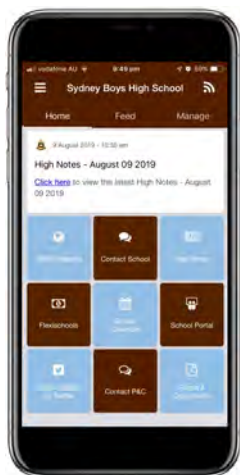


Kurt Rich
MIC Athletics

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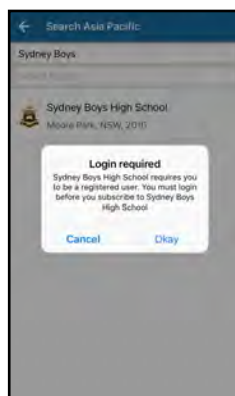
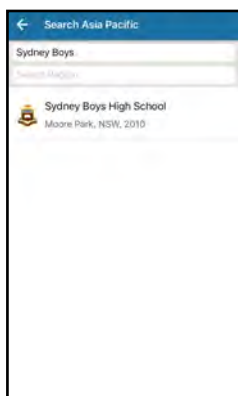
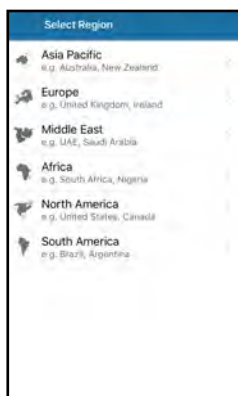
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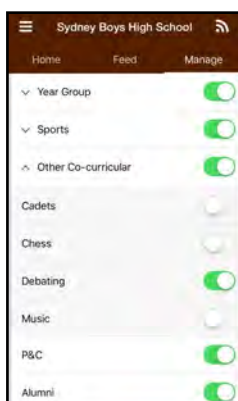
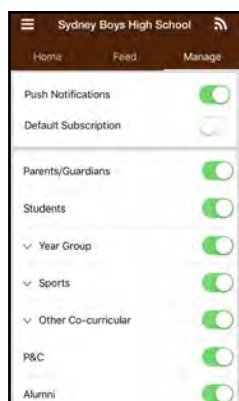


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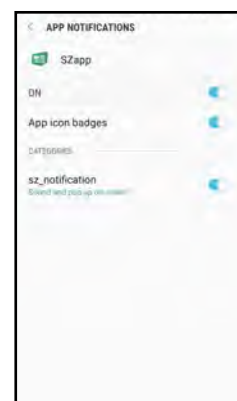
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HIGH SAILING

With sailing this term coming to an end, this week our High Sailors volunteered their Saturday morning to help with Woollahra Sailing Club's biggest regatta of the year. Sail Sydney 2021 began with some harsh conditions, Thursday and Friday throwing some unforgiving conditions at the sailors.

Last Wednesday our senior sailors helped the coaches with boat maintenance an important part of any established sailor. Helping to fibreglass any damage to the boats hull's replacing cleats and cleaning the boats were some of the jobs our boys completed on Wednesday along with the help of Sam and Hugo.

Thanks to all the boys who turned up on Saturday, your attendance was greatly appreciated and noted by Woollahra Sailing Club. Those who didn't turn up please stay on top of your sport attendance, although we didn't Sail on Saturday helping is all part of Sailing as a sport. Thanks, Hugo, and Sam for your coaching expertise this term. We are getting closer to being State champions with your help. See you, boys, next year for a competitive training lead up to States.

Training camps will be on during the holidays. Make sure you keep in contact and communicate with your teammates and captains.

Samuel Ezra (11E)



The indigenous smoking ceremony on Saturday





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