

The Hills Sports High School

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The Hills Sports High School Newsletter

From the Principal

August 2017

NEW SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE SYSTEM IS NOW LIVE

On 24 July this year, our school was switched to the new system that the Department of Education is introducing across all schools to manage all student records and all finance transactions. This changeover followed 15 days of training for two office staff members and 5 days of training for me.

I congratulate Mrs Teasdale and Ms Bailey from our office in successfully switching the school over. The whole administration staff are now training in the new system and we are moving our records to the system over the coming days/weeks.

The finance section of the system is called SAP, while the Administration side of the system is called EBS Central. Most of the hurdles we are jumping at the moment are in the SAP system and I apologise in advance for any frustration this system may cause while we set it up and train our staff

All financial transactions are now preferred to be in an electronic format such as EFTPOS. I encourage all parents to use our school website for online payments – a link can be found there which takes you to the secure payment facility.

We are still experiencing some teething problems, please speak to an administration staff member if you need assistance with making payments and/or adjusting records such as contact details, addresses etc.

NAPLAN ONLINE FROM 2018

At this stage the Department of Education is planning that all future NAPLAN tests will be conducted online. This will result in a quicker timeframe for the receipt of results and an overall more efficient way of recording student progress. All states of Australia are moving towards the online version of the test.

Later this term, current students in Year 7 & 9 will undertake an online version of NAPLAN to test the online system. This process is called NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing. No results will be available from the readiness test but it is important that all students participate so that the system can be tested in readiness for next year. Every school in NSW will conduct the readiness test this term.

NAPLAN RESULTS

NAPLAN results will arrive shortly and will then be forwarded to parents. The Head Teachers will again analyse the results and adjust teaching plans accordingly to help our students to improve. Preliminary analysis shows an improvement in writing and numeracy skills amongst our students.

SUBJECT SELECTIONS FOR 2018

Planning has commenced for 2018 with a subject selection evening held earlier this term for Year 10 into 11 and another one scheduled for Year 8 into 9 (Wednesday 16 August 2017). Mrs Middleton and Mrs Kennon will provide

further subject selection information as the need arises. Year 10 students will be able to ask questions and make final decisions in individual interviews about their subjects for Year 11 2018 during our interview day on Wednesday 30 August 2017.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 16 August 2017 starting at 7pm in the library where we will discuss changes to the HSC, the effect of the new NAPLAN requirements on the HSC and some initial plans for 2018.

FINAL PHASE FOR YEAR 12

As we enter the final phase for students in Year 12, I encourage all students to seek feedback from their teachers on their recent Trial Examination results, make plans to improve these results where necessary and commence a determined approach to preparing for the HSC Examination.

Some final assessments are now falling due and staff will soon calculate final results to be sent to NESA (NSW Educational Standards Authority formerly known as The Board of Studies). It only takes "one more mark" each time a piece of work is submitted to change a final result quite significantly. Look for ways to improve as the feedback from exams is distributed by the teaching staff.

Only about 5 teaching weeks left before Year 12 officially leave us to make final preparations for the HSC exams!! I encourage all students to work hard, enjoy their education and seek the help of teachers to ensure that improvements are achieved.

FINAL PHASE FOR YEAR 11

Year 11 Students are now also approaching the completion of the Preliminary Courses which also end at the end of term 3. Students are reminded that these courses are graded and staff will assess student achievements, determine a grade and forward these to the NESA.

It is a condition that students satisfactorily complete 12 units of study in the Preliminary Course as a part of the HSC. Students receiving N notifications (a warning that courses are not complete) must address these, catch up and submit work urgently so that the result can be calculated and permission to enter Year 12 can be granted.

Mrs Middleton is working with any student in danger of not completing Year 11 and helping them to get their work done. I encourage all students to take advantage of the help that Mrs Middleton is offering at this crucial time of the year

THANKS TO THE RELIEVING EXECUTIVE STAFF

I was privileged to work in the role of Relieving Director Public Schools for the Nirimba Network of schools (our network) for all of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. During that time I saw magnificent schools in our area and fabulous students working on a range of projects and learning experiences. It was indeed a privilege to be allowed to work with 33 schools, their principals and

teachers over this 13 week period.

Meanwhile, back here at our school, Mr Calleja was Relieving Principal and Mrs Kennon and Mr Murie each took some time in the role of Relieving Deputy Principal. Mr Gadow and Ms Frost were Relieving Head Teachers during this time as well.

I sincerely thank all of these teachers for moving up into higher roles in our school and managing their work with efficiency and professionalism. Best wishes for the weeks ahead to all students and their families.

M.Struyve

Principal

2017 Term Calendar Dates

Term 3 – Tuesday, 18 July to Friday, 22 September 2017 (10 weeks)

Term 4 – Monday, 9 October to Friday, 15 December 2017 (10 weeks)

TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT SURVEY

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 21 August and 13 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 18th August**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents.

Further information can also be found from:

http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/TTFM Student Survey FAQs Parent and Carers T12017.pdf

PEER MEDITATION

The following students successfully completed their Peer Mediation training on May 15th



Congratulations

TECHNOLOGY METAL STUDENTS SHINE

Last semester students in 14.1 and 14.2 hammered out their results to produce a range of unique House Numbers. Students used stainless steel, copper and a wide range of hand tools to design and produce these amazing projects.

Well done to all the students and a special thanks to the SLSOs involved.



Drama News



2017 has been a big year for the performing arts at The Hills Sports High School! Throughout the past two terms there have been a variety of performance opportunities for talented students.

Theatresports Schools Challenge

This year we entered the Intermediate (Years 9/10) Theatresports Schools Challenge for the first time. Theatresports requires students to create a performance on the spot by competing in a variety of different 1, 2 & 3 minute games. They are given points by a panel of 3 judges and the overall score for the night determines who goes through to the next round.

We had a team of 5 students; Aedan Pilch (year 9), Dyson Vollmer (year 9), Medha Naudiyal (year 10), Jasmine Burns (year 10) and Taylor Guy (year 10) who performed in their heat at Tara Anglican School for Girls. After a very entertaining evening we were told that we were going through to the Semi Final which was an amazing feat as we were only one of two schools who were competing for the first time.

Our semi final was played at St Andrews Cathedral School and although we did not make it to the grand final we did our school proud, being the first team to get a 5/5 in the entertainment category. A big congratulations to our team! Miss Diaz and Miss Heard are both outrageously proud of your achievements.

We are hoping to enter a year 7 & 8 team in the Junior division that will compete in Term 4 and will be on the look out for team members in the next few weeks





Drama Festivals

The Hills Sports High School was also successful with our auditions for two major Drama Festivals in Term 3; the Arts Alive Festival at NIDA's Parade Theatre and the Lights Up Festival at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. Our ensemble of performers have shown commitment throughout the rehearsal period and their performance skills and confidence are continuously developing. The piece that is being performed is called, 'The Cult of Happiness' and discusses ideas such as consumerism and the pressure to always present a happy exterior. The performers in these festivals are: Lana Champion, Maddisyn Annen-Buckley (year 8), Katie Munday, Naina Uppal, Madison Tucker, Aedan Pilch, Dyson Vollmer (year 9), Medha Naudiyal, Jasmine Burns (year 10), Lailah-Mae Bevan McInnes and Brittany Hughan (year 11).







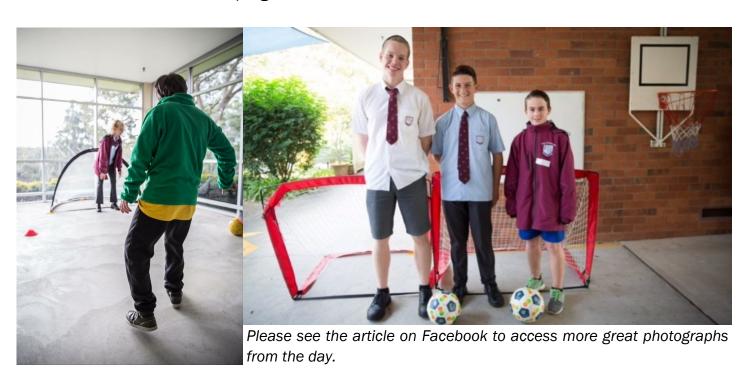
Drama club is on Monday afternoons from **2.45pm** - **3.45pm** in the Drama room (F4) if you would like to attend we will welcome new members from week 4 onwards. Please see Miss Diaz or Miss Heard in the English staffroom if you would like any further information.





SRC News

On June 14th six S.R.C members volunteered at the 'Royal Institute of Deaf and Blind Children.' They helped assist the teachers of the school and the students on their sports day. Students were taken around the school in a circuit formation to participate in each of the sports offered. Soccer, bike riding, tennis, ping pong, croquette and lots more. The students had so much fun and so did we. It was a great opportunity for the SRC student members as it helped them to understand how important it is to give back. The students loved it so much and are hoping to return in the near future.

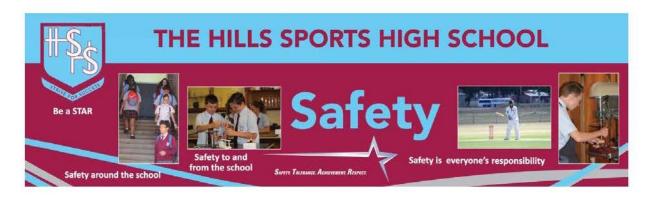


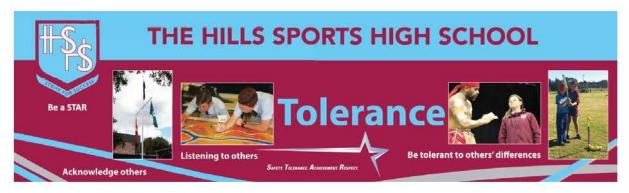


SRC are participating in boots for all, an organisation that accepts re-usable sport equipment and sports apparel as a donation for players across Australia that are disadvantaged.

Please donate your reusable sports gear to SRC today!

Introducing our new STAR mesh banners installed on our basketball court fence...









Regards, Alison Pritchard on behalf of the PBL Team

Signs of bullying

Each individual student who has been bullied or is bullying others will respond and act differently. A student's behaviours and moods can also change for a variety of reasons. However, the following are some signs that may indicate a student is experiencing bullying:

Signs a teacher may notice:

- · becomes aggressive and unreasonable
- starts getting into fights
- · refuses to talk about what is wrong
- school grades begin to fall.

Sometimes bullying can be less obvious. Signs can include:

- student is often alone or excluded from friendship groups at school
- student is a frequent target for teasing, mimicking or ridicule at school
- change in the student's ability or willingness to speak up in class and appears insecure or frightened.

Signs a parent may report:

- doesn't want to go to school
- changes their method or route to school or are frightened of walking to school
- changes in sleep patterns
- changes in eating patterns
- frequent tears, anger, mood swings
- unexplained bruises, cuts, scratches
- missing or damaged belongings or clothes
- arriving home hungry.

Students who are more likely to be bullied are also more likely to:

- feel disconnected from school and not like school
- lack quality friendships at school
- display high levels of emotionality that indicate vulnerability and low levels of resilience
- be less well accepted by peers, avoid conflict and be socially withdrawn
- have low self-esteem
- be relatively non-assertive
- be different in some way.



United as 1 Multicultural Week

Just a reminder to all students that week 7 this term The Hills Sports High School will be holding its annual Food Stalls and Concert.

In order for your child to participate in our food fest they pre-purchase a wristband from the front office at a cost of \$11.00. The wristband will allow them a choice of 3 dishes and a can of soft drink.

Students will be able to choose from:

Indian: Butter Chicken and Naan Bread

Dutch: Poffertjes (Pancakes) with icing sugar and strawberries

Italian: Pizza

Mexican: Tacos

Japanese: Sushi

Pacific Islands: Steamed Taro with Coconut cream

Lebanese: Chicken/Beef Kebabs with garlic sauce and Lebanese bread.

Wristbands will be on sale from Term 3 (Tuesday July 18th to Friday August 18th)

There will be a great selection of performances.

Years 7 - 9 periods 3 and 4 and Years 10 - 12 periods 5 and 6

Performances include: Teachers act, Music classes, singing/dancing, Pacific islander dancing and lots

more.

Stay Tuned...



Take part in the MESSI Survey Managing Ethical Studies on Sensitive Issues

Researchers from the Institute of Child Protection Studies are inviting young people, parents and teachers to participate in an online survey about children and young people's participation in social research about sensitive issues.

They need help from:

- Young people aged 12-17 years
- Parents of children aged 7-14
- Teachers, school counsellors, teacher aides and Principals of children aged 7-14

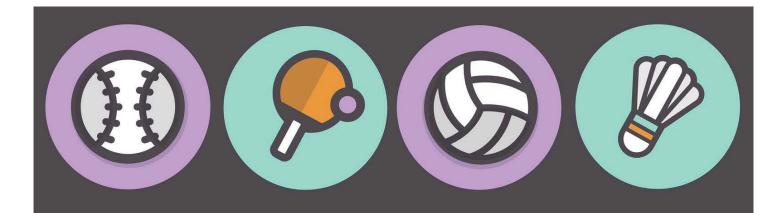
The 10-minute survey is voluntary, anonymous and you can go into the draw to win a \$200 voucher.

For more information and to complete the survey, visit: www.acu.edu.au/messi



Due to a new system these are the only options available for payment of school fees, excursions etc

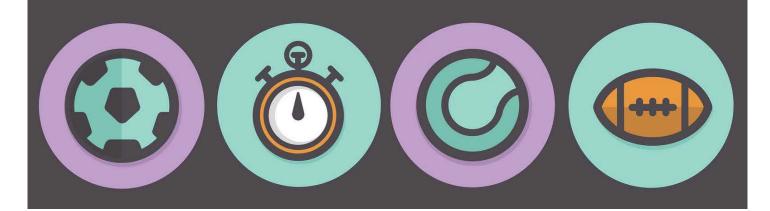
- Cheque made payable to The Department of Education
- Cash via schools reception
- EFT calling the school office with credit card details
- Parent Online Payment (POP) access "\$Make a Payment" from the school website



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Registration Day for the 2017/18 summer season:

Date: Sunday, 20th August 2017

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Where: Stanhope Gardens Softball Fields (Stanhope Pkwy, Stanhope Gardens)

Feel free to come on down and meet the club's Executive Committee and register in a team for the upcoming season!

All newly registered players 12 years and under receive a FREE glove and ball pack before the start of the season!!

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the club or head to our website (full season information can be found here with our online registration form):

Enquiries: Aimee Sutton (CHSC Registrar)



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A REMINDER ABOUT ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent from school, we require written explanation via a note or email within 7 days of the absence. Late arrivals are recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents in writing via email or a note. Please note replying to absent and late Text messages will not be accepted.

Blacktown Station Upgrade

Community Notification – August 2017



Transport Access Program

Blacktown Station Upgrade

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

AUGUST 2017

The Transport Access Program is a NSW Government initiative to provide a better experience for public transport customers by delivering accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure. The Blacktown Station Upgrade includes:

- · a new pedestrian footbridge connecting the Richmond Line concourse with the main concourse
- a new lift and stairs connecting platform 3 with the new footbridge
- new stairs and weather protection canopies to platforms 1 and 2.

Over the coming weeks, to maintain the safety of workers and the community, there will be several periods of out of hours work, including:

- weekend work from 6am Saturday 5 August to 10pm Sunday 6 August 2017
- night works from Monday 7 August to the morning of Friday 11 August 2017
- weekend work from 6am Saturday 12 August to 4am Monday 14 August 2017.

Due to these periods of work, there will be a temporary closure of the Boys Avenue car park and temporary changes to bus services and bus stops. This will mean disruption to how you travel to and from the station. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Temporary closure of car park - Boys Avenue

The car park on Boys Avenue will be closed from 8pm Tuesday 1 August to 10pm Sunday 6 August 2017 and 6am Saturday 12 August to 4am Monday 14 August 2017 to enable preparatory works to be carried out for the weekend works. During the weekend a crane will be assembled in the car park to assist with the lifting and installation of the structural steel and canopies. This will mean a loss of approximately 64 parking spaces. We recommend that you factor in additional travel time during this period. We apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result of this car park closure.

Weekend work – Saturday 5 August to Sunday 6 August 2017

From 6am Saturday 5 August to 10pm Sunday 6 August 2017, works are planned during a Sydney Trains scheduled track work weekend on the Richmond Line (for information regarding rail services during weekend works, kindly contact the Transport Infoline on 131 500).

Work activities will include installation of structural steel and canopies on platforms 1 and 2, installation of safety screens and removal of hoarding.



Night works – Monday 7 August to Friday 11 August 2017

From Monday 7 August to Friday 11 August 2017, night works will occur at the following times:

- 6pm Monday 7 August to 7am Tuesday 8 August 2017
- 6pm Tuesday 8 August 2017 to 7am Wednesday 9 August 2017
- 6pm Wednesday 9 August to 7am Thursday 10 August 2017
- 6pm Thursday 10 August to 7am Friday 11 August 2017.

The George Street T-way leading to the roundabout will be closed to buses. A crane will be assembled to assist with lifting and installation of structural steel and canopies for the new footbridge.

Temporary changes to bus services

Diversion routes will be in place and buses will access the Blacktown bus interchange via Third Avenue. The following changes to bus services will be in effect:

- Stand L bus services 611 and 630 will be relocated to Stand H
- Stand K bus services 705 and 711 will be relocated to Stand H
- Hillsbus services 705 and 711 will be temporarily suspended from Devitt and Sackville T-way bus stops. To access services 705 and 711, please use the bus stop at Sackville Street before Peter Street.

Signage will be been installed to notify users of these changes.

Weekend work – Saturday 12 August to Monday 14 August 2017

From 6am Saturday 12 August to 4am Monday 14 August 2017, works are planned during a Sydney Trains scheduled track work weekend on the Richmond Line (for information regarding rail services during weekend works, kindly contact the Transport Infoline on 131 500). Work activities will include lifting and installation of structural steel and canopies on the new footbridge.

Temporary changes to bus services

As a crane will be used during the weekend works, the George Street T-way will be closed to buses. Diversion routes will be in place and buses will access the Blacktown bus interchange via Third Avenue. The following changes to bus services will be in place:

- Stand L bus services 611 and 630 will be relocated to Stand H
- Stand K bus services 705 and 711 will be relocated to Stand H
- Stand N bus service 743 will be relocated to Stand G
- CDC HillsBus services 705 and 711 will be temporarily suspended from Devitt and Sackville Tway bus stops. To access services 705 and 711, please use the bus stop at Sackville Street before Peter Street.
- Sydney Trains buses replacing trains will operate from Stand N (for full details regarding rail services during the weekend works, please contact the Transport Infoline on 131 500).



What equipment will be used?

The following equipment will be used for use during construction:

- power and hand tools
- elevated work platforms
- excavators
- grinders
- crane
- vacuum truck
- tree mulcher

- franna crane
- pilling rig
- traffic control vehicles
- concrete truck and pump
- light towers
- semi-trailers
- sucker truck

- generators
- construction vehicles
- fork lift
- jackhammers
- rattle gun
- chainsaw

Some of the works may be noisy. Every effort will be made to minimise the impact to commuters, nearby residents and businesses. Where required, traffic controllers will be on site to facilitate safe pedestrian and vehicle movements.

Construction hours

All other work will continue to be carried out during standard constructions hours which are 7am to 6pm

Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm Saturday. The community will be notified of any works outside these hours

prior to the works commencing. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your cooperation
during these important works.



This document contains important information about public transport projects in your area, if you require the services of an interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450** and lask them to call Transport for NSW **(02) 9200 0200**. The interpreter will then assist you with translation.

Arabic

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Hindi

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Chinese

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Filipino

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REMINDER

Parents/Carers are reminded when picking students up from school during the school day, photograph identification is requested.

PARKING

Parents/Carers are reminded the School Car park is not available for Parent/Carer parking, or for drop off or pickup of Students.

Parking is limited, therefore we ask you to comply to this procedure.

Parents/Carers who require an exemption, please contact David Calleja, Deputy Principal for

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