



The Hills Sports High School

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The Hills Sports High School Newsletter

From the Principal

November 2018

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOODBYE TO YEAR 12

The Higher School Certificate ended last week and, at the time of writing, most of our Year 12 students are now completing sign out procedures at the school. I wish Year 12 well in completing this final step in their Secondary Education.

The presentation assembly held to farewell our students and to issue documents last term was again a great success, I thank Mrs Jameson and her staff for organising such a wonderful send off for our students.

I would also like to congratulate the dux of our school; Jason Culhane. Jason was awarded this honour based on his results in his subjects at school which indicate that he is expected to be placed in the top bands for most (if not all) of his subjects. This is an outstanding result for a very talented student.

The formal function was also held at the end of last term and was a most enjoyable occasion in a beautiful venue – Novotel Norwest. Mr Gadow worked tirelessly for the Year 12 students in order to ensure that this function was memorable and a fitting farewell to the students after reaching this important milestone in their lives. I thank Mr Gadow on behalf of Year 12, the school staff and the community for an excellent job. Year 12 were truly wonderful ambassadors for the school on this occasion and should be very proud of the way in which they conducted themselves.

The manager of the venue again complimented our students at the conclusion of the evening for their behaviour and respect throughout the night inviting the school back at any time for future functions.

Later this year, once the exams are over and HSC results are known we will have a chance to enjoy the company of Year 12 one last time as they are all invited back for lunch with the staff to tell us all about their HSC experience and the results they achieved. This is planned for Thursday 13 December 2018.

END OF YEAR

I remind all students and parents that **every student apart from Year 12** is expected to attend school up until the last day of the school year which is December 19th this year. There is no early finish date for students in any year apart from Year 12.

END OF YEAR EXAMS AND ASSESSMENTS

Exams and assessments have been and are being conducted and marked over the next few weeks. Reports will then be written and teachers are preparing for some of our end of year functions such as Presentation Day (14 December, 9 am) and Sports Presentation Night (29 November 2018)

Once exams are concluded, normal lessons and class work continue until all reports are finalised. The yearly result is a combination of exams, assessments and class work. I wish all students well in their exams and hope that the results they receive are truly reflective of their work and effort in classes.

NEW SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND VICE

CAPTAINS

Our new school captains and vice captains have been elected and have taken up office. Monique Clifton and Kenneth Tuala are our captains, Katie-Lee King and Jai Nanavati are our vice captains. I congratulate these four students for being elected to this role and look forward to their contribution in running our school.

The prefects were also announced and we have now held elections for the rest of our Student Representatives from the other years.

GOODBYE MRS KENNON

Friday 16 November 2018 will be the last day that Mrs Kennon works in our school. We congratulate her on her successful promotion to Deputy Principal at Model Farms High School (where she will commence on Monday 19 November 2018).

Mr Kennon has devoted more than 12 years of her career to the students and the community at The Hills Sports High School and has been instrumental in introducing many programs to support the learning of students and also the staff.

Goodbye and best wishes Mrs Kennon.

P&C MEETING

Our last P&C meeting for 2018 was held on Wednesday 14 November 2018. We had a dinner together to celebrate a year of working together

CAPA/TAS HSC EXHIBITION

I encourage all students, parents and friends to visit our HSC CAPA/TAS exhibition of student major work for the HSC. The artworks, TAS projects and performances from students across the school in all years will also be showcased in the exhibition.

This exhibition, held in our school hall, is truly spectacular and awe inspiring. The work done by our students from the HSC right down to the Year 7 students is exceptionally good.

The exhibition will be open straight after school (from 3pm) on Wednesday 21 November 2018 and will stay open until approximately 6.30pm.

Refreshments will also be available, capably prepared by our hospitality students.

I wish all parents and students a successful and pleasant month ahead.

Regards

Mitchell Struyve

Principal

Online Payment System 2018

The Hills Sports is pleased to advise that an Online Payment System is available.

Secure payments of fees and excursions can be made via the schools website.

On the schools website, there is a payment option which is easy to navigate for prompt online payments.

Introducing.....

SRC Leadership Team for 2018/19

Please congratulate the following students who have been successfully nominated to represent The Hills Sports High School student body for the next 12 months.

Captains – Monique Clifton, Kenneth Tuala

Vice Captains – Katie-Lee King, Jai Nanavati

Year 12 Prefects - Bridget Bell, Brinley-May Castelli, Annie Dazko, Lachlan Foley, Micheal Alwyn

Year 10 Representatives - Lanu Cross-Taato, Phoebe Wilson, Mitchell Chester, Samuel Pinomi, Accelia Morgan

Year 9 Representatives - Sheylese Haldane, Kyah Vaeila, William Jarman, Blake Metcalfe





Children's Parliament Week

On the 22nd of October Parliament House in Macquarie Street, Sydney was opened to our youth, years 7 - 10 from around NSW. Our youth were invited to speak freely amongst their peers on a topic of their choice and important to them. The Hills Sports High School was represented by Johny Gymellas of year 8. Johny not only represented the school, but also the electorate of Seven Hills.

The forum began with an introductory speech by an host, followed by introductions by all the representatives from schools around the state. Various Members of Parliament joined the forum, answering questions from the floor. The individual members were then invited to give a brief speech to the forum. Johny spoke eloquently on "Opportunity" focussing on academic and sporting achievement.

Johny was given the opportunity to experience the 'bear pit' and to experience being a mini politician for the day. MP's from both houses of government introduced themselves to the group during the forum, outlining how government worked and their daily schedules and responsibilities. Johny truly enjoyed himself and represented The Hills Sports High School with poise and aplomb. A great day and a great experience. Well done Johny!

David Calleja

NOTES REGARDING STUDENT ABSENCES

Dear Parent/ Carer,

If your child is absent from school or late to school, a note must be submitted within 7 days of the 1st day of absence. You can either send an email to The Hills Sport High or the note must be given to the Roll Call Teacher during Roll Call

If a reason has not been received within 7 days of the absence, the absence within remain UNJUSTIFIED.

Australian Science Olympiads 2018

The Australian Science Olympiads are a national program for top performing secondary science students that culminate in the International Science Olympiads.

This year, Lachlan Foley (Year 11) and Jason Culhane (Year 12) participated in the Australian Science Olympiads. Both students achieved outstanding results in the competition as shown below:

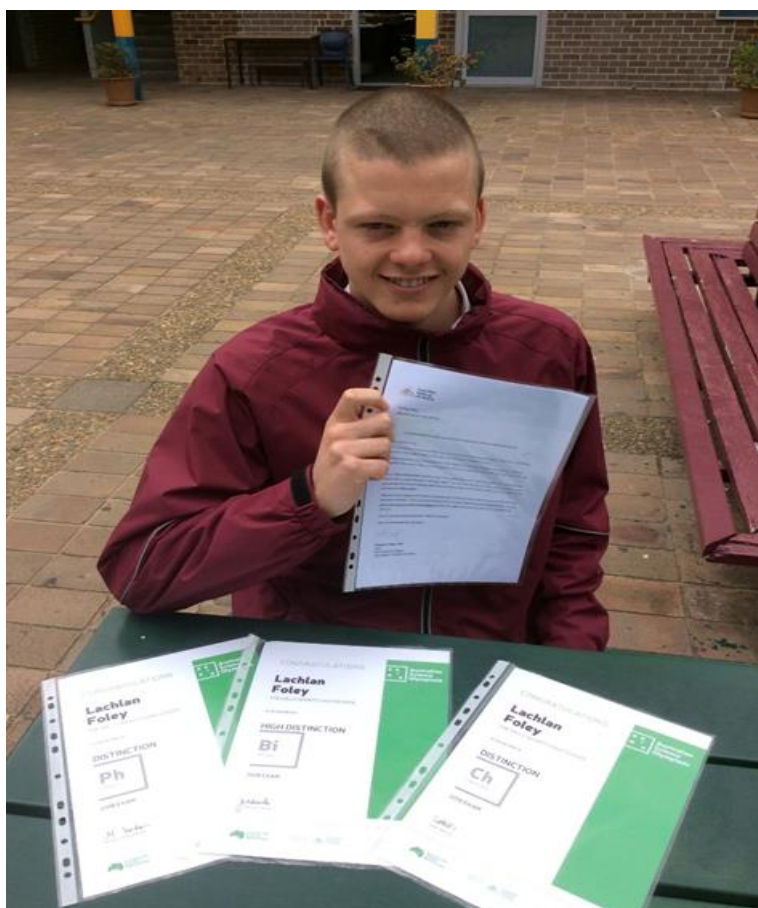
Lachlan Foley – Distinction (Chemistry)

Lachlan Foley – Distinction (Physics)

Lachlan Foley – High Distinction (Biology)

Jason Culhane – Distinction (Chemistry)

Lachlan Foley also received a congratulation letter from The Dean of The Australian National University (ANU) and request Lachlan to study at ANU.



The Science department would like to congratulate both students on their achievements.

WWI HISTORY INCURSION:

As part of our **Australians at War History unit**, all of **Year 9** recently participated in an interactive World War One presentation entitled ***Life for diggers in the frontlines of The Western Front – a hands on approach to studying WWI***. It involved a trench display presented by Shane Blackman from WWI Living History. Students learnt about the daily life of soldiers and had the opportunity to handle WWI artefacts including uniforms, tools and training weapons, giving them an understanding of the difficulties faced by soldiers during the war

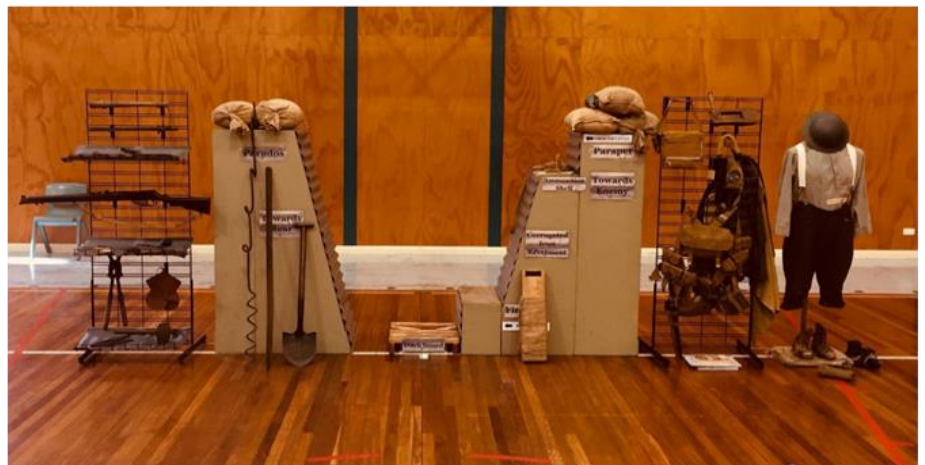




Photo credit: Hollie Aarons & Emily Kendall Yr 10 Photography

Drama News

Theatresports

Our Theatresports participation has continued this term as our Junior team takes part in the Schools Theatresports Challenge. The amazing Junior team members are **Cooper McWhirter, Dylan Wilkie, Rahul Lal and Aiden Holmes**. All these students are in Year 7 and have shown great skills and confidence whilst competing in the first round which took place at The Scots College. Our school placed fifth in the first round and have a second chance coming up on November 12th where they will perform in front of an audience at Sydney Girls High School. A big congratulations to these students and good luck for the next round.



Our ensemble cast consisted of students from Year 7 and Year 9: **Ellenor Koch, Shanelle Toleafoa, Lana Champion, Jamal Matallah, Nirujan Kanthy, Craig Thway, Marcus Lo, Cooper McWhirter, Dylan Wilkie, Rahul Lal, Aks Sharma, Dehon Lal and Dakota Jackson**. These students helped to create and rehearse the piece titled, *Is It Game Over?* Which questioned how much time we spend on our phones in a virtual reality world.

Lights Up!

Drama Festival

The Lights Up Drama Festival is a Department of Education initiative that showcases outstanding Drama works in NSW Public Schools. This year THSHS were successful in gaining a place in this prestigious festival for the second year



Improvisation workshop with Improve Australia

At the beginning of Term 4 talented Drama students were invited to take part in a workshop that was run by the team at Improve Australia. This workshop helped students to be spontaneous and to learn the foundational skills of improvisation. It was great to see so many students showing enthusiasm in this area. The feedback from the tutor was that we had some really great talent and she was excited to work with such a great bunch of kids.



Drama Club

Drama club is continuing to run every **Wednesday from 1.54pm – 2.45pm**. This is a chance for students from year 7-10 to participate in extracurricular drama activities, meet new friends and enhance creativity.



Please contact Miss Jacqueline Diaz or Miss Ellyn Heard if you would like to enquire further about any extra-curricular Drama activities within the school.



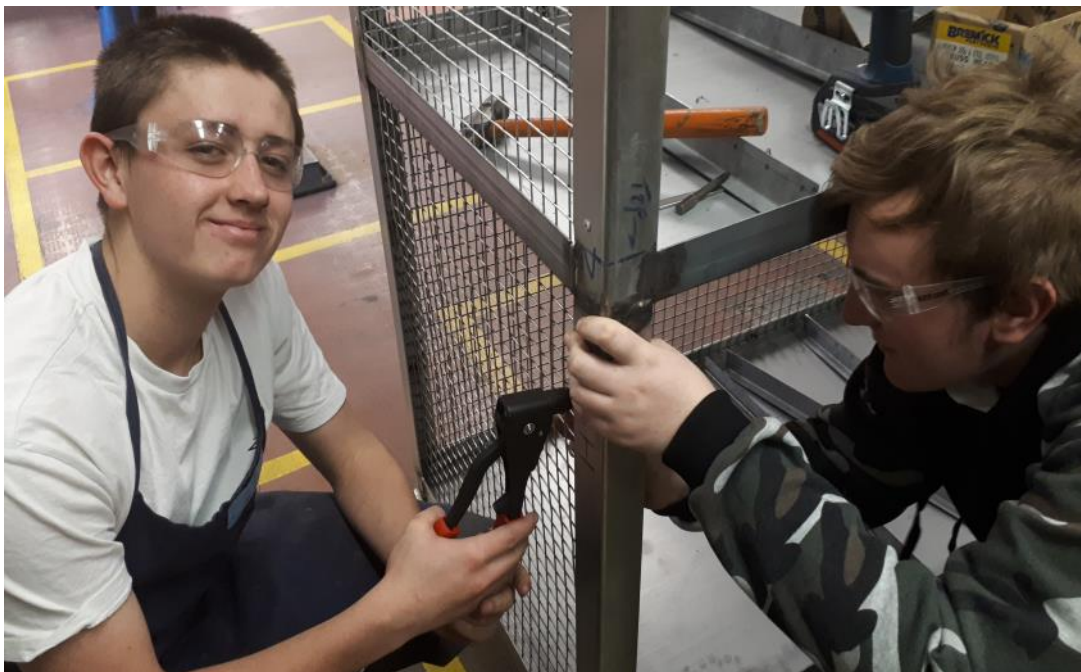
VET Metals Chess Cabinet

The Hills Sports High school now has a permanent home for a student chess set. As part of the VET Metals course students completed a Chess Storage unit for the school community, whilst developing industry skills and competencies for Certificate 1 in Engineering. I would like to publicly acknowledge the following students, Andrew Backhouse, Jesse Cam, Mitchell Mifsud – Slack and Jordan Rigney on their effort and commitment to the school and course.

Peter Buhagiar

VET Metals Teacher

TAS Faculty





BLACKTOWN AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP



The Autism Community Network provides free support during school terms for families living with autism conditions. If you would like to meet other carers who understand you or find social opportunities for your ASD child and their siblings, please contact us or come along to our free support group meetings

When: First Wednesdays 10 am to Noon
Venue: Westpoint Blacktown - in the Food Court, Coffeeland café

For more information :
www.autismcommunity.org.au | info@autismcommunity.org.au | 9543 9036

2018 Term Calendar Dates

Term 1 – Tuesday, 30 January to Friday, 13 April 2018 (11 weeks)

Term 2 – Tuesday, 1 May to Friday, 6 July 2018 (10 weeks)

Term 3 – Tuesday, 24 July to Friday, 28 September 2018 (10 weeks)

Term 4 – Monday, 15 October to Wednesday, 19 December 2018 (10 weeks)



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Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Blacktown and Penrith by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

What is Saver Plus?



A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.



Participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.



Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community organisations.



Offered in communities across Australia in every state and territory.

A Saver Plus Participant's Journey



Goal

Talks to a Saver Plus Coordinator from a community organisation and, if eligible for the program, sets a goal to save a regular amount of money over 10 months



Saving

Opens an ANZ Progress Saver account and makes regular deposits



Education

Completes the MoneyMinded financial education program with support from a Saver Plus Coordinator



Matching

Reaches savings goal and receives matched funds, up to \$500, for their own or their children's education costs

Who can join?

Participants must meet all of the below criteria:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education themselves.

Benefits for participants¹



87%

continue to save the same amount or more up to three years after completing the program



81%

were better equipped for unexpected expenses



93%

reported increased self-esteem



85%

had more control over their finances

How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 268 participants in three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

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\$17.3m - total amount saved by participants



\$14m - matched funds paid by ANZ



\$753 average amount saved per participant

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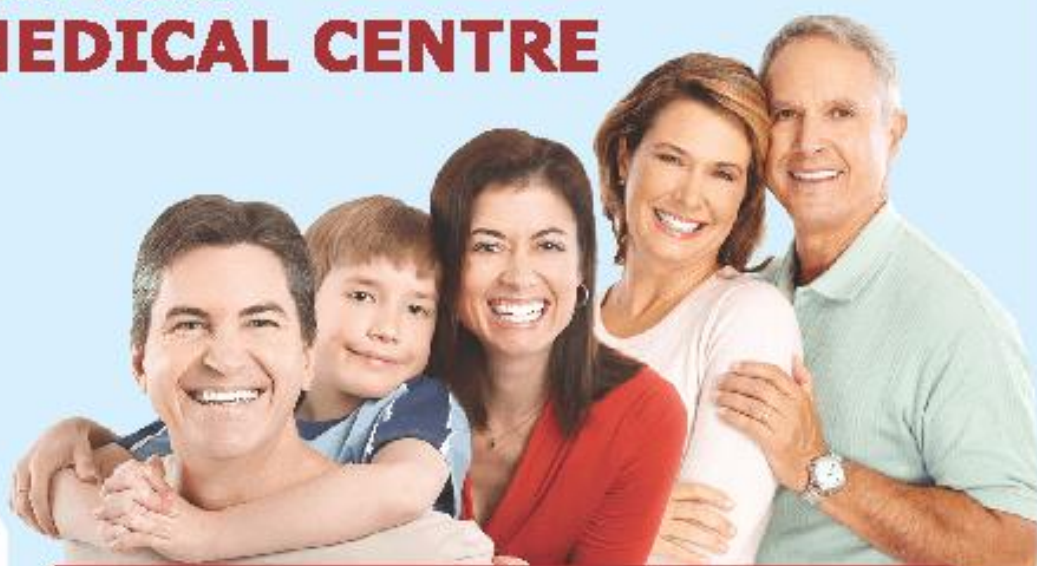


¹ RMIT University, 2016. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2004. For more information see anz.com/saverplus

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.



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To make an appointment for an interview or school tour, contact our main office on 02 9011 5335 between 9am and 2.30pm.

www.blacktownyouthcollege.nsw.edu.au

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SECOND HAND UNIFORM

SHOP

Uniform Shop Opening Times 2018

1ST Wednesday of each month during 2018

8.00AM -8.30AM

7th March

4th April

2nd May

4th July

1st August

5th September

17th October

7th November

5th December

Second Hand items available are:-

Junior girls blouse - \$10

Grey pants - \$25

Sports polo shirt - \$10

Skirt - \$30

Grey shorts - \$20

Jumper - \$30

Junior boys shirt - \$10

Sports jacket - \$30

Also available at the shop are:-

- The Hills Sports High socks in various sizes and styles can be purchased for \$9.
- The Hills Sports High Jacket for \$95.



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