



# The Hills Sports High School Newsletter

## From the Principal

August / September 2019

### EXTERNAL VALIDATION

Our school has just completed our first External Validation. This process is where we stop and check our work against guidelines called the School Excellence Framework to make decisions about how well we are doing (similar to giving ourselves a mark or grade).

Once we have marked ourselves, two principals from other schools come and check why we gave ourselves the grading we did and confirm whether they would agree with (or validate) our decisions.

This External Validation was extremely successful, with all of our decisions validated, including where we rated ourselves as Excelling (the categories of Resources and Student Wellbeing).

23 staff members and 4 students presented our evidence to the visiting principals.

This external validation will only occur once in any five year cycle so the next time we are checked is anywhere from 2021-2025 which is the next five year cycle of the process. In the meantime, we continue to “mark” ourselves every year and make adjustments and improvements where possible.

### 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 2020

Planning has commenced for 2020 with a subject selection evenings held earlier this term. Mrs Middleton and Mr Gadow will provide further subject selection information as the need arises.

Year 10 students will make final decisions in individual interviews about their subjects to be held on 4 September 2019. The first round of elective sheets are now coming in for all years as planning for a new timetable commences.

### 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.

Best wishes for the weeks ahead to all students and their families.

M.Struyve  
Principal

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our school values of Safety, Tolerance, Achievement and Respect are the core principles which should guide both students and staff at The Hills Sports High School.

Tolerance is the recognition that everyone is different and that we are conscious that all differences are valued.

The Hills Sports High School

Be a STAR

Listening to others

Acknowledging others

Be tolerant of others' differences

**Tolerance**

SAFETY. TOLERANCE. ACHIEVEMENT. RESPECT.



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Dear parents, guardians and carers

**Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)**

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards,

Nicole Gadow

NCCD Co-ordinator



**NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM YEAR 10 NEWSLETTER PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

**NSW Health 2019 Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination**  
**Year 10 students**

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2019 all Year 10 students are being offered a single dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

*Parent Information Kits* for parents/guardians will be sent home from school with your child. Kits include a Parent Information Sheet, Consent Form and a privacy statement.

To consent to the *free* vaccination of your child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- **Read** all the information provided
- **Complete** and sign the Consent Form
- **Return** the completed Consent Form to school
- Ensure that your child **eats** breakfast on the day of the School Vaccination Clinic

Please note if students are absent on the day of the School Vaccination Clinic an SMS will be sent advising you the vaccine will be provided later in the year at school.

**For further information, please visit:**

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/meningococcal-w.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/meningococcal-w.aspx)

[www.science.org.au/news-and-events/news-and-media-releases/meningococcal-disease-spike-prompts-vaccination-call](http://www.science.org.au/news-and-events/news-and-media-releases/meningococcal-disease-spike-prompts-vaccination-call)

[Meningococcal ACWY vaccine – animation for students](#)

[Meningococcal ACWY vaccine – personal story video for parents](#)

Or call the Public Health Unit on 9840 3603

For translated information in 26 languages, please visit:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/schooltranslations](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/schooltranslations)



### **PARENT/CARER IDENTIFICATION:**

All parents/carers who are wanting to make contact in person with student or picking up student early from school for any reason early leave, sick bay, etc. will be kindly asked to produce photo identification. (Driver's Licence or Photo Identification card)



### **SMS ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION:**

After attendance information has been entered, the information is 'polled' by an external SMS system that sends SMS messages to parents of absent students, informing them that their child has not yet attended school today, or is late. Parent/Caregivers are able to contact the school indicating whether they are aware of their child's absence and if it is legitimate. **PLEASE NOTE the SMS system does not support SMS replies. Parents/Caregivers are required to contact the school, by email to [hillssport-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hillssport-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au), or by letter which is to be given to your child's Roll Call Teacher upon students return to school.**



### **SCHOOL CARPARK:**

Parents/Carers are reminded the School Carpark is not available for Parent/Carer parking, or for drop off or pickup of Students. There is no pedestrian access through the carpark and into the school for safety precautions. Parents/Carers who require an exemption, please contact David Calleja, Deputy Principal for information on application requirements





## **STUDENT LEAVE:**

### **Absence**

If a student is absent from school, the parent/caregiver should provide an appropriate explanation within 7 days of the absence. This can be in the form of a letter, email or phone call to the school. In each case the information provided should include the date, student's name, Roll Call class, the days and dates the student was absent, the reasons for the absence and, for letters, a parent signature. If the student is going to be absent from school for more than three days, parents need to notify the school.

### **Early Leave**

A letter from parents is required and should show the date it is written, student's name, Roll Call class, the time and date when the student wishes to leave, the reason for the request and a signature of a parent or guardian. This letter needs to be handed to the Roll Call teacher. Students are then issued with an early leaver pass. Students must report to the student office with the pass at the required time before leaving the school grounds to sign out officially.

### **Emergency Early Leave**

Parents/Carers who are unable to come to the school to collect their child from the school for an emergency early leave would need to email the school ([hillssport-h.school@det.nw.edu.au](mailto:hillssport-h.school@det.nw.edu.au)) indicating the reason for leave and the time needed to leave. The child would be sent from class to come to student office to collect the emailed note to have it signed by a Deputy Principal before being signed out of school at the time required.

### **Participation in Sporting Events (outside of school)**

An Exemption from Attendance form needs to be obtained from the Student Office or downloaded from the DET website. Sufficient notice is required along with documents to support the request.

### **Holiday Leave**

An Application for Extended Leave (Travel) form for absences of 5 days or more can be collected from the Student Office or downloaded from the DET website. Sufficient notice is required along with documents to support the request.

# Bus service adjustments in Sydney's North West



Extra services have been added to key bus routes in Sydney's North West.

The changes build on the opening of the Metro North West Line and provide more frequent services in the local area to cover the new stations, shopping and medical precincts.

New and enhanced bus services will provide connections to Sydney Metro services in Rouse Hill, Kellyville, Bella Vista and Castle Hill throughout the day as well some growing residential precincts, including Arnold Avenue and Foxall Road.

Since Sydney Metro opened there has been reduced demand on buses travelling to destinations like Macquarie Park, Chatswood, North Sydney and the Sydney CBD via the M2. Some M2 bus services will be adjusted to reflect the reduced demand.

Regular M2 buses will continue to run between the North West, Macquarie Park, North Sydney and Sydney CBD, but if you are travelling to areas like Chatswood you will be able to access turn-up-and-go Sydney Metro services with extra local services to connect to your nearest station.

You may need to travel by local bus to a metro station to complete your journey.

Further improvements to the local bus network will ensure that services are available when and where they are needed.

View the new [bus network map \(pdf 2.3MB\)](#) effective 28 July 2019. Trip planner will be available from Saturday 13 July 2019.

Find out more about the [service adjustments](#).



# UNIFORM DONATIONS

We are accepting donations of school uniforms for the second hand uniform shop.

We kindly ask that the pre-loved uniforms are clean and in good condition.

Our second hand uniform shop is  
open on the first Monday of  
each month.

8.00am—9.00am

Donations can be dropped off to the front office, Monday—  
Friday between school hours.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

*Many thanks*





# The Hills Sports High School

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP



Open on the first Monday of each Month

8am – 9.00am

**2/9/2019, 14/10/2019, 4/11/2019, 2/12/2019**

Junior girls blouse - \$10	Grey pants - \$25	Sports jacket - \$30
Junior boys shirt - \$10	Grey shorts - \$20	Jumper - \$30
Senior girls shirt \$10	Skirt - \$30	*Maroon School jacket \$40
Senior Boys shirt \$10	Sports polo shirt - \$10 Sport Shorts - \$10	*limited stock available
The Hills Sports High School Socks - \$9.00		

Requests can be emailed to the school if you are unable to attend during this time for urgent uniform items only. Please advise student name, uniform item required and size, we will advise availability and make arrangements for payment

# REGISTER NOW!

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information

## 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](http://www.autismcommunity.org.au) | [info@autismcommunity.org.au](mailto:info@autismcommunity.org.au) | 9543 9036

## 2019 Term Calendar Dates

Term 1 – Tuesday, 29 January to Friday, 12 April 2019 (11 weeks)

Term 2 – Tuesday, 30 April to Friday, 5 July 2019 (10 weeks)

Term 3 – Tuesday 23 July to Friday, 27 September 2019 (10 weeks)

Term 4 – Monday, 14 October to Wednesday, 18 December 2019 (10 weeks)

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**WEBSITE** [innovativedance.com.au](http://innovativedance.com.au)



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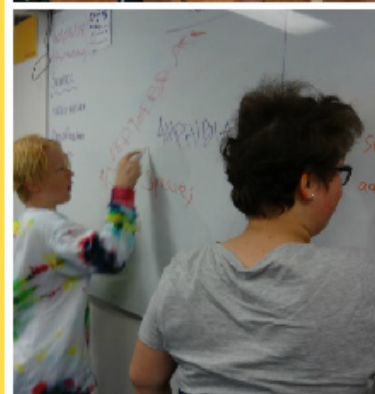
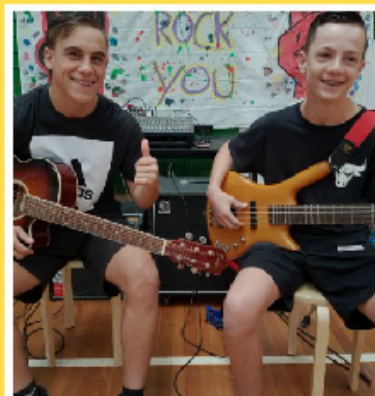
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- Fully registered and accredited with NESA
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- No uniforms
- Small school environment
- Fulltime Wellbeing Coordinator
- Work education and work experience



**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](http://www.blacktownyouthcollege.nsw.edu.au)**

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