

# ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#### TERM 4 WEEK 8 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 Nov 03 Dec	<ul> <li>HSC Exam</li> </ul>	• HSC Exam	• HSC Exam		<ul><li>HSC Exam</li><li>Year 12 Graduation</li></ul>
06 - 10 Dec	<ul> <li>Year 12 Biology</li> <li>Depth Study</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Year 8 Activity Day Ashfield Park</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>HSC English</li> <li>Extension 1 Task</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Year 12 Maths Task 1</li> <li>History Ironman</li> </ul>
13 - 17 Dec	<ul> <li>Reports</li> <li>Published</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Presentation Day Ceremony - time to be advised</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Last day students</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>School Development Day</li> </ul>

# **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Congratulations to the P&C - and special thanks to P&C Secretary Nicola Harrison - who were successful at winning a Community Development Grant from Wests Ashfield. The funding will be used to expand the fantastic collaboration with Dr Kirsty Goodwin who presented the webinar this year for parents about teenagers and the digital world. Dr Goodwin will present seminars to the boys in February next year about the safe and healthy engagement with the internet and devices.

Dwayne Hopwood Principal





### **INVESTIGATING MARINE MOLLUSCS**



As part of their study of marine animals, students in the Year 10 Marine and Aquaculture Technology class have been investigating a variety of marine molluscs. They have learnt about their adaptations and their role in ecosystems. To explore their anatomy and function first-hand, students also performed dissections of mussels and sea snails, identifying their organ systems and unique features.









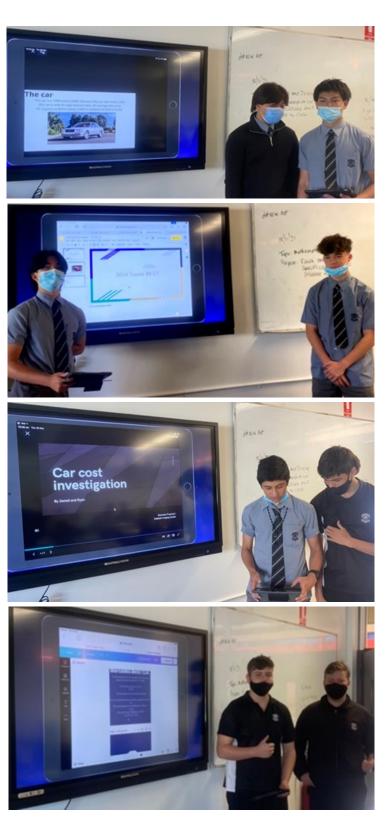


Ms M Prasad Marine Teacher





# # A S H F A G



MATHEMATICS AND DRIVING

Our Year 10 students are getting ready to go into their senior courses or out into the world. We thought it would be helpful to get them to look at some of the mathematics around driving. After investigating calculations to estimate blood alcohol and costs of registration and insurances, Year 10 were asked to choose a car that they wanted to buy, find the size of its engine, its boot and storage capacity, its fuel efficiency per 100km and the cost of petrol for driving an average 12,000km per year based on that cost, cost of tyres and replacement frequency, cost of servicing the car, a quote for comprehensive insurance and, if they had time, find the cost of repaying a loan for the amount of the car over five years. Lots of technological challenges, and very diverse choices of cars - from Mr Bean's Mini Cooper to high end Mercedes to the popular Lexus/GTR/ Skyline varieties. Thank you, boys, for some entertaining presentations on your cars of choice.

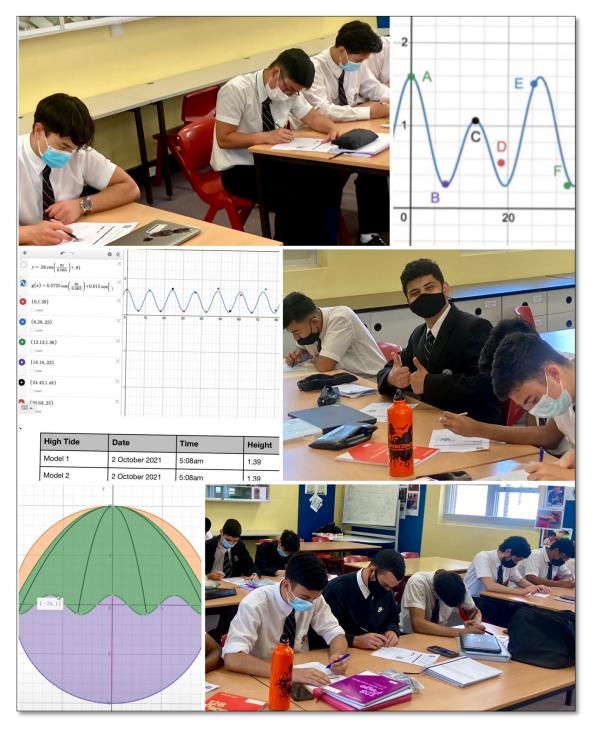
> Ms M Marks Mathematics Teacher





# MATHEMATICAL MODELLING

The new HSC Mathematics Advanced cohort have completed their first assessment task by undertaking an investigation into how mathematical functions and technology can be used to create graphic designs and to model real life phenomena such as ocean tides. The students created different models and explained their work in a screencast presentation.



Mr M White - Mathematics Teacher



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# **OPTIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

1. Launch article – publish on or soon after 17 November

#### Parent and carer survey on consent education

Students across NSW, both past and present, have called for improved consent education following a petition by former Sydney student Chanel Contos.

Consent is saying yes to something happening or agreeing to do something freely; without fear, force or pressure.

In response to the voices of young people, the heads of the three education sectors signed a <u>Statement of Intent</u>. In this Statement, the NSW Department of Education committed to a number of actions – including partnering with parents and carers to improve consent education.

There is now an opportunity for parents and carers to **have their say by completing a** <u>short survey</u>. The anonymous survey will help the NSW Department of Education to understand the kinds of resources parents and carers would find helpful in having important conversations about consent with their children – so that we can continue to work together to make sure every student has the knowledge and skills they need to form respectful relationships.

This survey is available in 10 languages other than English and will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

The results will be shared on NSW <u>Department of Education website</u> later this year. More information, including answers to frequently asked questions, is also available on <u>the website</u>.

The survey will close on 15 December 2021. Parents and carers of NSW Public School students of all ages, from all communities, are encouraged to participate in <u>the survey</u>.

2. Closing soon reminder – publish before 15 December 2021

#### Survey closing soon! Parent and carer survey on consent education

A reminder that the <u>parent and carer survey</u> on consent education is still open, and will close on 15 December 2021.

This <u>anonymous survey</u> is available in 10 languages other than English and will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

It will help the NSW Department of Education plan how it can best support consent education in school communities: including supporting parents and carers to talk about consent with their children and young people at home.

#### This is your last chance to complete the survey and have your say.

Parents and carers of NSW Public School students of all ages, from all communities, are encouraged to participate in <u>the survey</u>.

The results will be shared on NSW <u>Department of Education website</u> later this year. For more information about the Department's work on consent education, please <u>click here</u>.





# Vaccinations

#### Updated Information

#### NSW Schools Vaccination Program – Year 7 and Year 10 Students

I can confirm that the school vaccination program clinics in Term 4 will not be running. The HPV, dTpa, and meningococcal vaccination program will recommence in 2022 for both Year 7 and Year 10 students.

Below is advice from NSW Health

"In the interim, parents may choose to take their eligible children to their GP for a free HPV or dTpa vaccine (Year 7) or Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (Year 10), noting that GPs may charge a consultation fee. In these circumstances, parents should contact the school to withdraw their consent for vaccination at school to ensure that a child is not vaccinated twice".

"NSW Health have updated their website to reflect these last minute changes, further information can be found here www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination".

For any Year 10 student to be caught up for vaccination next year (when the student is in year 11) they need a parent/caregiver to sign a consent card this year when they are eligible for government funded vaccines.

Your son would have received their 2021 Year 10 cards this week and are required to return them to school prior to the 1st December 2021. These cards will be picked up by a representatives from the NSW School Vaccination Program and kept until 2022. A date will be arranged in 2022 for your son to receive their vaccination.

If you wish for your Year 10 son to receive their vaccinations at school in 2022, you must complete the 2022 form and ask them to return it to their Year Adviser who will collect them during Roll Call.

Vaccine	Who is eligible?	Number of doses?
Human Papillomavirus - HPV *	All Year 7 students	2
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (Whooping cough) – dTpa *	All year 7 students	1
Meningococcal ACWY *	All year 10 students	1

If you have any questions, please call Ms Brown during school hours on 9798 6620 (Extension 120).

Regards

Ms Brown Head Teacher Welfare





# **SPORT ORGANIZATION WEEKS 6 – 10**



Ashfield Boys High School 117 Liverpool Road, Ashfield NSW, 2131 Telephone: 9798 6620 / 9798 5520 Fax: 9716 8004 Email: ashfieldbo-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au ABN: 16 166 341 254

3 November 2021

Dear Parent or Caregiver,

This is an information letter regarding Wednesday afternoon sport. Due to some of the recent COVID safety protocol restrictions being eased students are now able to participate in Wednesday afternoon recreational sport at local sporting grounds/ovals. We are still providing additional safety measures (students will still stay within their year cohort) and will be on a rotation between four sporting sites for weeks 6-10. These sites are: Ashfield Boys High School, Ashfield Park, Hammond Park and Centenary Park. Boys will rotate between the grounds on a weekly basis and be offered a variety of team sports.

Date(s):	Wednesday 10, 17, 24 November Wednesday 1, 8 December
Location:	Ashfield Boys High School, Ashfield Park, Hammond Park, Centenary Park.
Travel:	Travel to any park off site park will take place in class groups (classes will walk with a designated sport teacher)
Time of Departure and Return:	Start: 12:34 pm Return to school: 2:30 pm
Payment Due Date:	Nil
Equipment:	Full School Sport Uniform (please bring water bottle) All sports equipment will be provided

Yours sincerely

Mr. W. Tyler Sports Organiser Mr. D Hopwood Principal



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# School Travel for 2022



#### 2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can <u>apply</u> now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should <u>renew or update</u> their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new <u>eligibility criteria</u>, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.





#### School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

#### Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the <u>Student code of conduct</u> and <u>Opal terms of use</u>.



Further information can be found at <u>transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel</u> Enquiries can be submitted at <u>transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback</u>





# **STUDENT ADMINISTRATION UPDATES**

Dear Families,

Please keep your contact details with the school current.

If you believe that your contact details need updating, please use the "Change of Address" form on our website to update and return the form to the school via email or post.

#### **Reminder**

Change of Address and or details Late or Absent Forms Travel Exemption Forms

Are available on our website to download, hard copies are available at the Student Service Desk.

#### **Emails**

If you are not receiving emails from the school, please check your SPAM/JUNK mail folder as emails maybe going into this folder.

Thank you for your understanding.

https://ashfieldbo-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/

Poppy Sotiriou School Administration Manager







# #ITSINTHE Bag

Help women and girls spending Christmas in a domestic violence refuge, experiencing homelessness or poverty by donating a bag



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