



ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 10 2023

The next three weeks for your diary

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18-19 Dec	• Staff Development Day				
29 Jan 02 Feb		• Staff Development Day	• Staff Development Day	• Years 7, 11 & 12 return	• Years 8, 9 & 10 return
05-09 Feb					

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2023 HSC Results

Congratulations to the Year 12 class of 2023 who have yet again performed incredibly well in the HSC! Despite some of my concerns this year, this group has performed better than last year's exceptional results. Our 2023 Dux is Louie Comitogianni with an outstanding ATAR of 99.4 placing him in the top 0.5% of the state. Overall, the 103 candidates achieved 14 ATARs over 90 with 7 of these over 95. There were also a large number of young men who achieved ATARs between 88 and 90 meaning that almost 25% of the cohort achieved ATARs above 88. Our percentage of results in the top two bands increased again to 30.6% and 66.35% were in the top 3 performance Bands.

Obviously, I am incredibly proud of these results. I am equally as proud of every young man who achieved the HSC credential, many of whom experienced personal hardship to get there. While the destinations of the boys are as varied as they are themselves, university is the overwhelming pathway of choice. At this stage university offers are still in flux with multiple rounds still to come.

Of course, none of this happens in isolation and the boys are well aware of this. It takes our whole village to make such success happen. Thank you for the overwhelming parent support that we enjoy in our school community. It is very much appreciated by our staff.

The Million Word Man competition

There were 114 Million Word Men this year which is another increase. The ultimate winner was Liam from 8C who racked up an incredible total of over 19 million words! Thanks to our wonderful P&C for their very generous support of the program and for providing the gift cards as prizes. I started distributing the gift cards to the winners yesterday. If your son is due to receive a reward, he can collect this from me when he is next at school.



I hope that everyone has a restful and relaxing summer holiday. It would be great if the boys could spend some of their time over summer relaxing with a book...

Dwayne Hopwood
Principal



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2024 APSMO MATHS OLYMPIAD RESULTS

Students from 7V and 8C mathematics recently received their awards for taking part in the 2024 Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad (APSMO) competition. The Maths Olympiads are a set of highly competitive region wide competitions focusing on mathematical thinking and advanced problem solving skills that run throughout the year. Congratulations to all of our students in both classes who generally achieved great results. Special prizes were also awarded to Jaden Kuruvilla (7V), Weil Yin (7V), Liam Brotherson (8C), Luke Dintignana (8C), Jonathan Silberman (8C), Lachlan Hilder (8C) and Roger Xue (8C) who all achieved results in the upper bands of the senior competition.



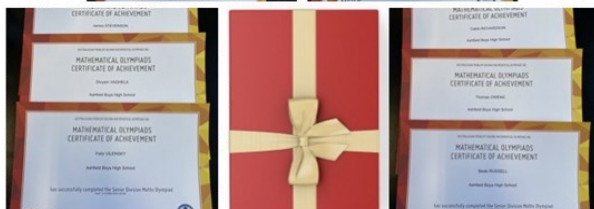
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MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIADS



Congratulations to all 7V students who participated in the Senior Division Maths Olympiad. The competition stimulated enthusiasm and enjoyment of mathematics. Special mention to Jaden and Weili who were awarded a patch for being in the top 25% of participant scores.

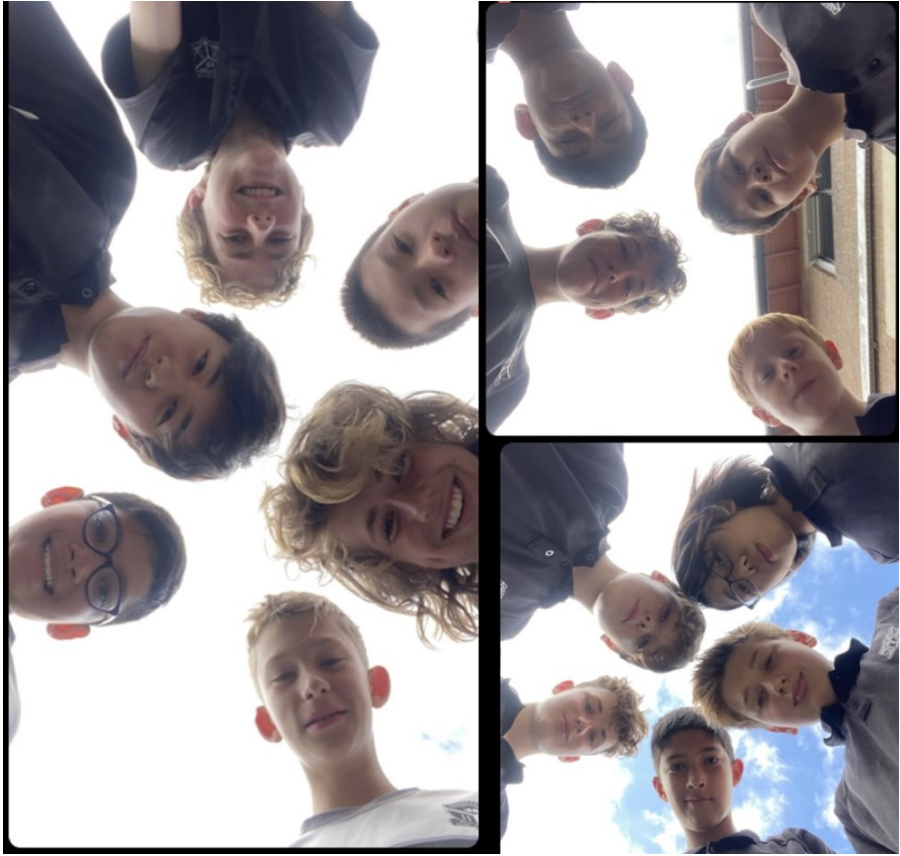
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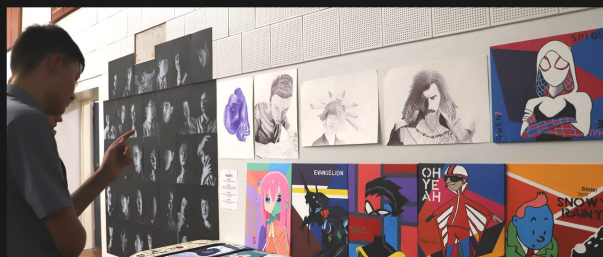


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CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT



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BIG SCIENCE BIG FUN

Thanks to the ingenuity and enthusiasm of one of our own students, Darcy Buckle from Year 8, we were able to experience an unforgettable science extravaganza known as the "Big Science Big Fun Show" brought to us by Fizzics Education.

Darcy was the winner of the National Science Eureka Prize! Darcy's winning short film about chlorophyll resulted in the school also receiving a generous grant of \$1500 to use for our Science students. This prize money was used to reward our students in years 7-9 with an exhilarating Science incursion.

The event commenced with an electrifying science show that had our students on the edge of their seats. From mind-boggling experiments showcasing the principles of physics to dazzling displays of chemical reactions, the Big Science Show left our students in awe and wonder. The presenter from Fizzics



Education expertly combined humour, excitement, and hands-on activities to make science come alive. Our very own Head Teacher of Science, Ms Arya, and SLSO, Mr Small, also participated in demonstrations exciting many of our students.

Darcy's initiative not only showcases his dedication to science but also reflects the sense of community and shared enthusiasm for education within our school. We extend our gratitude to Darcy for his forward-thinking and generosity, making this extraordinary learning experience possible for all of our Year 7-9 students. We would also like to commend students this term for taking the time to participate in our Science competitions. We will return next year with even more exciting Science Club activities!



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Ms Pham - Science Teacher



BIDDING ADIEU TO PHIL THE TURTLE AND JAMES POND THE AXOLOTL



In the past few years, Phil has been an integral part of our community here at Ashfield Boys High. Each morning, his cheerful turtle dance served as a warm welcome, expressing his joy at seeing everyone. The students and staff, particularly those in the Science Club, marine club, and marine class, have forged a special connection with Phil at Ashfield Boys. Under their care, Phil has flourished into a well-fed and nurtured turtle, now ready for a larger and more suitable environment.

While it's difficult to say goodbye to Phil and James, we understand that they are embarking on a journey to a place that promises greater care and freedom. Phil is set to make his new home at the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary.

On the bright morning of December 11th, our students came together to bid a heartfelt farewell to Phil, the cherished turtle of Ashfield Boys High, and James Pond, the beloved axolotl. During the farewell, Kaleb took a moment to acknowledge the traditional owners of the Wangal people of the Eora nation, extending gratitude to any Aboriginal individuals present and honouring the elders of the past, present, and future. Kaleb expressed thanks to everyone at Ashfield Boys who had cared for Phil and James, bidding them goodbye with the words, "Farewell Phil and James, enjoy your new life." Year 9 students formed a guard of honour for Phil and James.

As Phil embarked on his journey to the next destination, an unexpected moment of excitement unfolded. Phil leaped out of his container and onto the driver's seat! Fortunately, Mr. Curran ensured Phil didn't take the wheel, and the turtle is now awaiting transportation to the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary at Kellyville Pets.



We conclude with the poignant words of E.B. White, "You have been our friend. That, in itself, is a tremendous thing." Farewell, Phil and James, may your new adventures bring you joy and fulfillment.

Science Faculty



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THE BEST OF THE BEST!

Congratulations to Lian Anagnostopoulos for becoming the Australian U17s all schools triple jump champion! Lian comprehensively won the event with a result of 14.73m.



Mr S Calic - PDHPE/Sports Coordinator



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THE BEST WHEN IT MATTERS THE MOST!

Our best open basketball team has finished the last game of calendar year the best possible way, defeating the Zone's top rank team North Sydney 41-35. This was the do or die game, as a win would almost guarantee the semi final spot, while the defeat would definitely eliminate our team from the semi final contention. All players stood as one, played smart and gritty.



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BUS SERVICE CHANGES FROM SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

From Sunday 10 December the timetables of some Inner West buses operated by Transit Systems are being adjusted to improve reliability and reflect customer demand.

Changes to route bus timetables

Timetable adjustments will occur on routes **389, 428, 431, 433, 437, 438X, 440, 441, 442, 445, 461X, 464, 466, 469, 470, 502, 503, 504 and 504X.**

Changes to school bus timetables

To better match traffic conditions there will be timetable adjustments on some school routes. Note that some services will operate earlier than they currently do, so students are requested to plan their trip before travelling.

In addition to the timetable changes, please note that the following route change will occur:

- **681s (Fort Street High School to Strathfield via Ashfield Boys High School):** this route will no longer operate. Students can use Route 480 for travel towards Ashfield and Strathfield.

Trip planning

The best way for students to confirm departure times of buses from their bus stop is by planning ahead on Trip Planner transportnsw.info/trip before travelling or to download the Opal Travel app. To ensure dedicated school services appear as a travel option for students, click 'refine' and select the 'school bus' option.

School timetable summaries are also available at transitsystems.com.au.

Feedback

To provide feedback on any Transport for NSW service, please visit <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/bus-feedback>.

Students are reminded to tap on and off with their Opal card on all trips.

We hope this information assists, and appreciate you informing students, parents, carers and staff of these upcoming bus service changes.

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Summer Sport - 7th February 2024

Grade Sport

Assembly point	Sport	Grade	Opponent	Venue	Coach	Leave class at	Assemble at	Game time
A	Basketball	1st		ABHS Gym	Payne		12:34	
A	Basketball	U15		ABHS Gym	Kucheruk		12:34	
A	Basketball	U14		ABHS Gym	Kucheruk		12:34	
C	Cricket	U14		Centenary	White/Safi		12:34	
D	Futsal	1st		Hammond	Jakubowski		12:34	
D	Futsal	2nd		Hammond	Jakubowski		12:34	
E	Futsal	U15		Hammond	Richardson		12:34	
E	Futsal	U14		Hammond	Richardson		12:34	
F	NRL Tag	1st		Ashfield Park	Darwin		12:34	
F	NRL Tag	2nd		Ashfield Park	Darwin		12:34	
G	NRL Tag	U15		Ashfield Park	Chatwin		12:34	
G	NRL Tag	U14		Ashfield Park	Chatwin		12:34	
H	Ultimate Frisbee	1st		Hammond	Hathway		12:34	
J	Ultimate Frisbee	U15		Hammond	Oweis		12:34	
J	Ultimate Frisbee	U14		Hammond	Oweis		12:34	
I	Volleyball	1st		ABHS Canteen	Ahearne		12:34	
I	Volleyball	2nd		ABHS Canteen	Ahearne		12:34	
K	Volleyball	U15		ABHS Canteen	Woolley		12:34	
K	Volleyball	U14		ABHS Canteen	Woolley		12:34	
L	Water polo	U14	training	Ashfield pool 2	Cameron		12:34	

Futsal U15's - 2:00pm / U14's - 2:30pm games (Rounds 8-14)

Futsal 1st - 1:00pm / 2nd - 1:30pm games (Rounds 8-14)

Summer Sport - Week 18 - 7th February 2024

Recreational Sport

Assembly point	Sport	Venue	Teacher	Assemble in Year 7 quad at	Finish time
C	Futsal OP/ABHS	ABHS Oval	Thomas	12:34	14:31
E	Table tennis OP/ABHS	Olympic Park	Tenefrancia	12:05	14:31
D	Tennis	Pratten Park	Belle Page	12:34	14:31
G	Basketball Years 7-8	Bill Peters Reserve	L. Chen	12:34	14:31
K	Basketball Years 9-10	ABHS outdoor b'ball court	Pham	12:34	14:31
O	Active D&D	Library	Phillips	12:34	14:31
Q	Multi Sport Years 7-10	Year 7 Quad	Curran	12:34	14:31
S	Swimming	TBA	McCusker	12:34	14:31
U	Power Walk Years 7-8	Local Area	Mahmud Apostolopoulos	12:34	14:31
V	Power Walk Years 9-10	Local Area	Durand Mai	12:34	14:31
14/15	Outdoor Fitness	Ashfield Park	Jovicic Wang	12:34	14:31
Y	Theatre Sports	D11	Whitting	12:34	14:31
A	Badminton/Table tennis ABHS	Olympic Park	Tenefrancia	12:34	14:31
B	Touch football	ABHS Oval	Thomas	12:34	14:31

Detention E3 12:34 - 14:31 Rego



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Dear Parents

We have been working on ways to keep you informed regarding your son's high school journey. At Ashfield Boys High, we use two web-based software programs to deliver communication to you regarding your sons.

Sentral Parent Portal and App features

Newsfeed and Daily Notices - Receive newsfeed and daily notices about important events that relate to your child.

Absence Notifications – You will receive and can send absence notifications to the school quickly and easily from within the app.

Sick bay - SMS sent when student is in sick bay.

Academic Reports – View student reports

School Bytes Portal features

Event Management – Information regarding excursions or variations of routine are available here, including permission notes and excursion payments.

Sport Selection – Twice a year students from years 7 to 10 select sports that they would like to participate in. This is all managed in School Bytes including sport selection, parent permission and payment if applicable.

Finance – View your Statement of Account and make a payment.

We have noticed that a number of parents have not accessed or are not using the parent portals /apps. To keep up to date with school events, please make sure you have access to these, as we will be posting valuable information on them next term.

If you require assistance with passwords or access keys, please email -

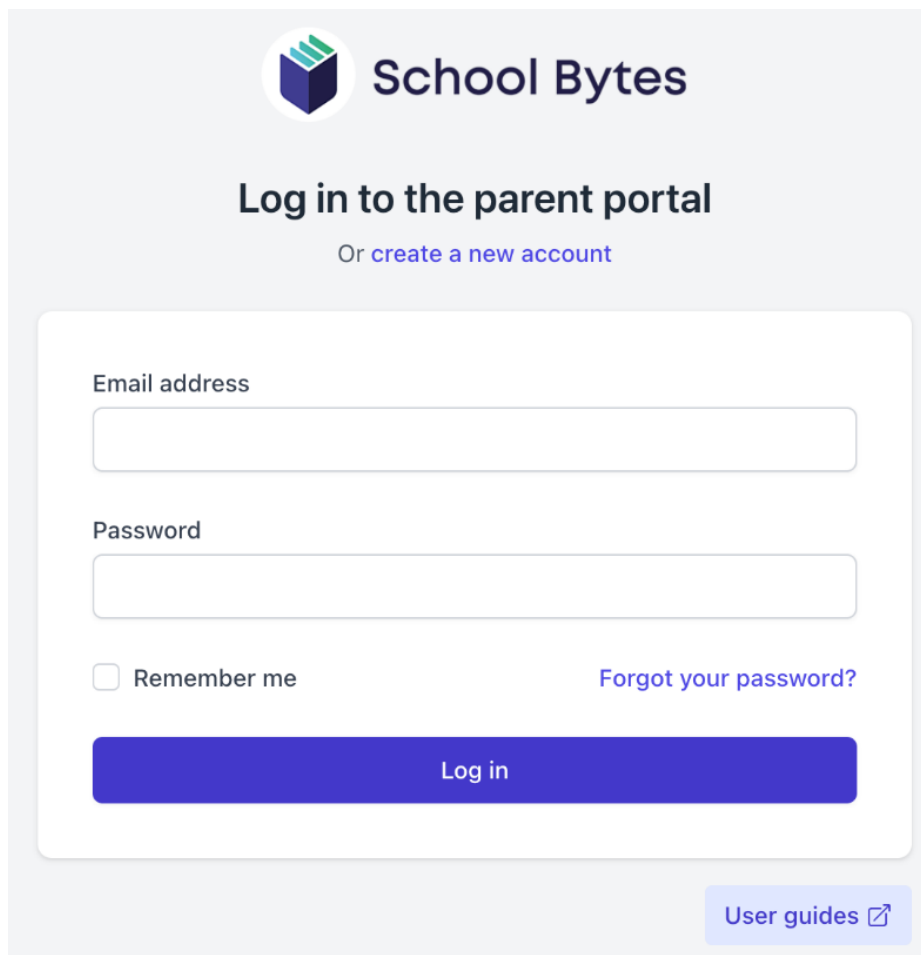
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Student Payments

During the last week of school (11 – 15 December 2023) please make payment online through School Bytes. Please log into the parent portal and follow the steps and instructions.

Log into the parent portal – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>



The screenshot shows the 'School Bytes' login interface. At the top is the School Bytes logo, which consists of a blue cube icon with green and yellow layers, followed by the text 'School Bytes'. Below the logo is the heading 'Log in to the parent portal' in bold, with a link 'Or create a new account' underneath. The login form is a white box with a light gray border. It contains two input fields: 'Email address' and 'Password'. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember me' and a link 'Forgot your password?'. A large blue 'Log in' button is at the bottom of the form. In the bottom right corner of the login area, there is a link 'User guides' with an external link icon.

Further assistance: If you have any questions relating to this article, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your understanding.

Roslyn Todd
School Administration Manager



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Dear Families

Student Administration Updates

1. 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.

2. Reporting your son’s absence from school.

To ensure your son’s absence from school is as smooth and efficient as possible we kindly request that you use one of the following methods:

- Sentral Portal – Access your account on the Sentral website or app and submit the necessary information under the Absence tab.
- Via email: ashfieldbo-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au). In the email, include your son’s name, grade, date of absence and a brief reason for the absence.

By using one of these methods, you will help streamline the attendance process and minimise any potential miscommunication.

3. **Extended Leave:** When your son is taking extended leave, please complete the “Leave Application and Leave Certificate” form on our website. *This must be completed and returned together with a flight itinerary for Principal approval prior to departure.*
4. **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.

Roslyn Todd
School Administration Manager



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HOMEWORK CENTRE



Homework Centre has closed for Term 4. Thank you to all teachers, tutors and student volunteers who have provided practical targeted support to a number of students over this term.

The centre will re-open in 2024.

Mr Tenefrancia



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JOIN THE P&C IN 2024

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Invitation to students of Italian, Greek, Polish and Spanish background to study any one of these languages at Ashfield Campus of the Secondary College of Languages (SCL)

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

I wish to inform you that **Ashfield Campus of the SCL** which operates on the premises of **Ashfield Boys High School** in Liverpool Road Ashfield will be offering the following languages in 2024. These classes are held on Saturday mornings from 8.30am.

Italian – Years 5 to 12

Modern Greek – Years 7 to 12

Polish – Years 7 to 12

Spanish – Years 7 to 12

Please note that our classes are taught by Department of Education trained teachers and these classes are **free of charge** to all our students.

N.B. Students can enrol if the language is not offered in the day school and if the student has a background in the language.

Please contact the Ashfield Campus Supervisor Marco Man on 0415397066 if you have any queries.

Students interested in studying any of these languages must complete the application form which can be found at: <https://sclanguages.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Kind regards,

Marco Man

Supervisor, Ashfield Campus SCL

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Secondary College of Languages (SCL) is the leading provider of face-to-face languages education in NSW. The College provides a pathway for students to learn a language when it is not offered at their day school.

Classes in 22 languages are held on Saturday mornings at 13 Campuses across Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

Students from public schools and other educational providers are eligible to enrol at the College.

All courses follow NESA syllabuses and contribute towards the HSC and ATAR.

There are no enrolment fees for students at the SCL.

Languages offered:

Arabic	Italian	Polish
Armenian	Japanese	Portuguese
Bosnian	Khmer	Punjabi
Chinese	Korean	Russian
Croatian	Macedonian	Serbian
Filipino	Modern	Spanish
Hindi	Greek	Turkish
	Persian	Vietnamese

Languages are available to selected year groups and Campuses, and are subject to enrolment numbers and teacher availability. For more information, please visit our website.

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