



ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 9 2023

The next three weeks for your diary

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18 - 22 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 End Course Exams - Hall/SCR Duke of Ed Prep Session 7- 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-9 Debating Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 End Course Exams - Hall/SCR Neighbour Aid Shopping Theatre Appreciation Club - Wicked 7:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Graduation and Formal Year 11 Life Ready Compulsory workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Life Ready Compulsory workshops Last day Term 3
Term 4 Week 1 09-13 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students return Years 7-11 Year 10 exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 exams Bushcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 exams The Visitors - 7:30pm Morris Year 10 Music Excursion to Belvoir Theatre - Morris 11:30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 exams
16-20 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Theatresports- 4pm St Patrick's College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is God Is - Year 11 Drama and Ext 1 Year 8 VALID Practice P3&4 8C,8G,8M and P5&6 - 8S, 8W 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighbour Aid Shopping 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools Spectacular

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Volunteering Award

I had the pleasure of attending the NSW Volunteering Awards Ceremony on Tuesday with Alex Egana, Ethan Luc, Jerry Xu and Zak Ammar. The boys and the larger volunteering group were nominated for a NSW Volunteer of the Year Award for their work with Inner West Neighbour Aid on the intergenerational shopping program. The "shop and chat" program links our students with senior citizens who meet weekly. The boys assist them with their grocery shopping and also provide a valuable social experience that is enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the boys on their well-deserved recognition!

Save the Date

Following from last year's success, the P&C are hosting another Musical Bingo fundraising event on the 4th of November. It's a fun night of music and prizes. No need for teams, but a great opportunity to connect with friends and other parents. Details on how to purchase tickets will be in next week's Ashtag.

Dwayne Hopwood

Principal



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COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Lian Anagnostopoulos and Kohan Kombumerri for achieving great results at the recently held State Athletics championship at Sydney Olympic Park. Lian captured a gold medal in triple jump (13.79m) and a bronze medal in long jump (6.31m), while Kohan finished on the podium for his efforts in the high jump competition (1.84m – a bronze medal).

Mr Calic - Sports Coordinator/PDHPE Teacher



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LET'S MAKE A DEAL



7V students performed the Monty Hall problem. They found out that probabilities are not revised. There is still a $\frac{1}{3}$ chance that the prize is behind the chosen box and now a $\frac{2}{3}$ chance that the prize is behind the unchosen box. The probabilities do not become 50/50. But it is worth making the change!

Mr Tenefrancia
7V Mathematics Teacher



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YEAR 7 CAMP ONLINE

Dear Parents of Year 7,

We are excited to announce an upcoming camp at the Sydney Academy of Sports during Term 4, scheduled for Monday to Wednesday, November 6th to 8th. Please complete the online registration by clicking on the following link:

[Camp Registration Link](#)

<https://officeofsport.ungerboeck.com/prod/emc00/register.aspx?eid=Y2ljVk5UZHNpb1hCQ0RXYU9EMVVyd090>

Thank you for your prompt attention to this registration, and we look forward to an enriching and enjoyable experience for our Year 7 students.

Best regards,

Nazar Kucheruk/ Year 7 Advisor



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R U OK? Day



Last week the SRC and the Wellbeing Team ran an R U OK? Awareness Day to raise awareness about mental health and raise funds for the important work done by the R U OK? Foundation. Students participated in workshops to learn how to maintain their own positive mental health as well as recognise the signs of friends who may be struggling and have a conversation to assist them with seeking help. Students wore yellow to school, had a BBQ lunch and participated in a Teachers vs. Year 11 and 12 Students volleyball game. The day was fun, and the students valued the information and strategies they learnt about this important topic. We also raised \$680 for the R U OK? Foundation.



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YEAR 10 SCHOOLS CUP COMPETITION



On Thursday, Year 10 competed at the regional finals Netball NSW school's cup competition. The boys maintained their competitive streak and finished the day equal first place with St Dominics and Emmanuel School. Despite the challenges of limited training, no available netball court and lack of time playing the sport, the boys remained competitive and finished the day strong. Congratulations to Isaiah Cham, Semisi Tulikaki, Christian Simunic, Valentino Colubriale, Francesco Zaccheo, Mahmoud Zreika, Joshua Pernic, Nikolas Klonis Fuentes and Nicholas Palffy on their representation of the school and their third place playoff.



Mr Ahearne - Teacher



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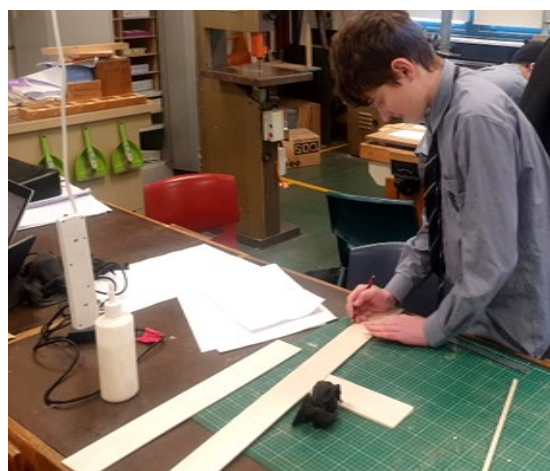
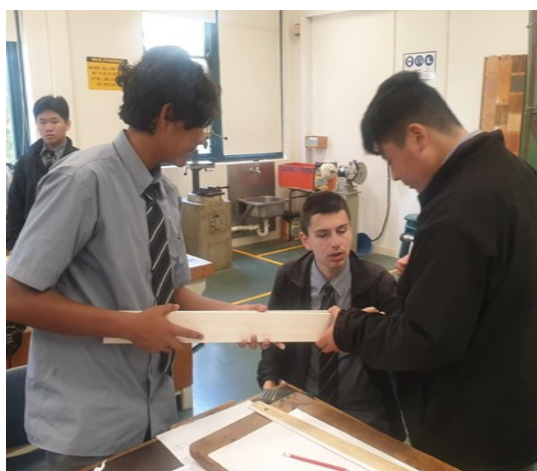
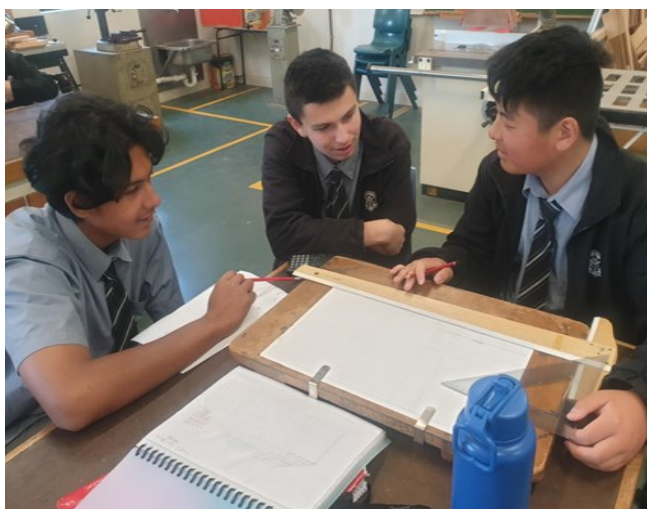


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BALSA BRIDGE CHALLENGE

Year 9 Engineering teams used balsa wood and glue to build their own towers using some of the techniques they learned from the associated lesson. While general guidelines were provided it gave students freedom with their designs, and encouraged them to implement what they learnt about structural engineering. They designed, constructed, and tested the strength of a balsa truss bridge and satisfied certain conditions like span, and strength.



Mr Mahmud - TAS Teacher



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HYDROPOWER PROJECT TESTING

Year 10 Engineering students observed a model waterwheel to investigate the transformations of energy involved in turning the blades of a hydro-turbine. They create models for new waterwheels while considering resources such as time and materials in their designs. Students also learn about the characteristics of hydropower plants and renewable energy sources.



Engineering student teams worked through the engineering design process to build the turbines, analyse the performance of their turbines, and make calculations to determine the most suitable locations to build dams. They learnt how engineers design devices that use water to generate electricity by building model water turbines and measuring the resulting current produced in a motor.



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11th September 2023

Dear Year 8 Parents & Guardians,

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held on **Monday 23th October** (***individual class schedule attached***). A practice examination will be run on **Tuesday 17th October**. Catchup tests will run the following week.

The test takes approximately 75 minutes. The **VALID Science 8** test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus (2018)*.

Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes, and values about science.

VALID Science 8 contains audio, so each student needs to bring suitable **headphones or earbuds** that connect to a device.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact Ms Chen in the Science Faculty to discuss special provisions or exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1, 2024. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personalised electronic report describing the knowledge and skills demonstrated by your child in the test will be available from their school. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test across NSW.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Hopwood
Principal

Yr 8 VALID examinations.

Week 2 Practice Run – Tuesday 17th October

Period 3&4	Class & room allocation	Supervising teacher
	G1 – 8C	D. Markou
	G2 – 8G	T. Owen
	G3 – 8M	I. Pieterse
Period 5&6	G2 – 8S	Y. Chen
	G3 – 8W	R. Ahearne – P5 T. McCusker – P6

Week 3 Examinations – Monday 23rd October

Period 3&4	Class & room allocation	Supervising teacher
	G1 – 8M	J. Darwin
	G2 – 8W	R. Thomas – P3 T. Pham – P4
	G3 – 8S	J. Burford
Period 5&6	G1 – 8C	T. McCusker
	G3 – 8G	M. Prasad

NEW BOOKS

Last semester's book order has started to arrive and is beginning to make its way onto the shelves. The book order includes book replacements and additions to popular series as well as new books in the Renaissance Reading program. The library team continues to keep an eye out for current and relevant Young Adult literature that helps encourage and engage the students to read regularly and widely.



The Library Team

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ALLERGEN ADVICE

A concept that we continually stress at our school is that we are a community and in successful communities people all look out for each other.

We reminded the boys in our daily notices this week about being careful of allergens and of the need to think about others. It would be great if parents could reinforce this at home. We ask that the boys do not share food with their friends because they may be totally unaware of the possible allergic or anaphylactic reactions that may result. We also have reminded the boys that we cannot guarantee that the school is allergen free and they need to take particular care if they have a known condition. While we actively discourage having nuts on site it isn't possible to guarantee this. If you could reinforce this in your discussions at home it would help us immensely.

Ms Brown - HT Wellbeing



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Summer Sport - Round 4 20th September 2023

Grade Sport

Assembly point	Sport	Grade	Opponent	Venue	Coach	Leave class at	Assemble at	Game time
A	Basketball	1st	Dulwich Hill	ABHS Gym	Payne	friendly game	12:34	1:00
A	Basketball	U15/14	Dulwich Hill	ABHS Gym	Kucheruk	friendly game	12:34	1:50
A	Basketball	U15/14	Dulwich Hill	ABHS Gym	Kucheruk	friendly game	12:34	1:50
C	Cricket	U14	Epping yellow	Meadowbank 10/12	Oweis/Safi	11:38	11:40	1:00
D	Futsal	1st	BYE	ABHS Oval	Jakubowski		12:34	
D	Futsal	2nd	BYE	ABHS Oval	Jakubowski		12:34	
E	Futsal	U15	BYE	ABHS Oval	Richardson		12:34	
E	Futsal	U14	BYE	ABHS Oval	Richardson		12:34	
F	NRL Tag	1st	BYE	Ashfield Park	Chatwin/ Darwin		12:34	
F	NRL Tag	2nd	BYE	Ashfield Park	Chatwin/ Darwin		12:34	
G	NRL Tag	U15	BYE	Ashfield Park	Burford/ Darwin		12:34	
G	NRL Tag	U14	BYE	Ashfield Park	Burford/ Darwin		12:34	
H	Ultimate Frisbee	1st	Asquith	Meadowbank	Hathway	11:38	11:40	1:00
J	Ultimate Frisbee	U15	Epping	Meadowbank	Chu	11:38	11:40	1:00
J	Ultimate Frisbee	U14	North Sydney	Meadowbank	Chu	11:38	11:40	
I	Volleyball	1st	BYE	ABHS Canteen	Ahearne		12:34	
I	Volleyball	2nd	BYE	ABHS Canteen	Ahearne		12:34	
K	Volleyball	U15	BYE	ABHS Canteen	Woolley		12:34	
K	Volleyball	U14	BYE	ABHS Canteen	Woolley		12:34	
L	Water polo	U14	Epping 14	Auburn 2	Owen		12:05	1:30

Futsal U15's - 1:00pm / U14's- 1:30pm games (Rounds 1-7)

Futsal 1st- 2:00pm / 2nd- 2:30pm games (Rounds 1-7)

Summer Sport - Week 7 - 20th September 2023

Recreational Sport

Assembly point	Sport	Venue	Teacher	Assemble in Year 7 quad at	Finish time
C	Futsal OP/ABHS	Olympic Park	Y. Chen	12:05	14:31
E	Table tennis OP/ABHS	Olympic Park	Tenefrancia	12:05	14:31
D	Tennis	Pratten Park	Stitt	12:34	14:31
G	Basketball Years 7-8	Bill Peters Reserve	L. Chen	12:34	14:31
K	Basketball Years 9-10	ABHS Outddor 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	Ashfield Aquatic Centre	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	ABHS Quiet Area	Lu	12:34	14:31
B	Touch football	ABHS Oval	Thomas	12:34	14:31

Detention E3 12:34 - 14:31 Markou



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Attention all budding film-makers!

Capture Film Festival

<https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/form/film-festivals-app-2023>



Please see Ms Morris (CAPA staffroom or G14) to get more information.

Open now are 2 exciting festivals to be part of: Film By Online (Kindergarten to Year 8) and the CAPture Film Festival (Years 9 to 11).

To enter Film By Online and CAPture:

1. Submit your completed films via the Hightail upload links provided and scripts via this form by 13 October.

All films submitted should:

- be 3.5 minutes in duration or less, including credits for Film By festivals.
- be between 3 and 5 minutes in duration for CAPture Film Festival
- be age appropriate and conform to a G rating
- be appropriate to the skill level of the participating students
- only include students' first names in the credits
- be original works created in accordance with copyright laws
- represent the department's values and beliefs
- be created by NSW Department of Education teachers and/or students
- have a script submitted
- include a poster to advertise the film that has been made
- include the signature item '**window**' (CAPture only).

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 - samuel.muthiah1@det.nsw.edu.au





SCHOOL EXCURSION/ INCURSION NOTIFICATION

Dear Parent/Caregiver, an excursion/activity has been organised for your child.

Excursion/ Incursion	Life Ready
Date	Thursday 21 st September – Friday 22 nd September 2023
Year/ classes involved	Year 11
Location	Ashfield Boys High School
Purpose	The Life Ready Course is a Mandatory Stage 6 for Year 11. All students
Start time	9:00am
End time	3:10pm
Transport	N/A
Cost	No cost
Dress requirements	Full school uniform or full sports uniform
Food	Normal recess and lunch
Equipment	N/A
Organising teacher	Tania Brown
Teachers attending	Tania Brown, Sianne Durand
Additional information	N/A
Consent Form due to Office by	NIL

General Information Concerning Excursions /Incursions

1. Excursions and Incursions form an integral part of the curricula by providing enriching experiences which cannot be provided in the classroom.
2. Students must wear full school uniform unless otherwise instructed above. Students who are not in uniform will not be allowed to attend.
3. A standard of behavior is expected of all students representing the school in the greater community.
4. Please note the time and place of departure and return, as advised above.



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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.

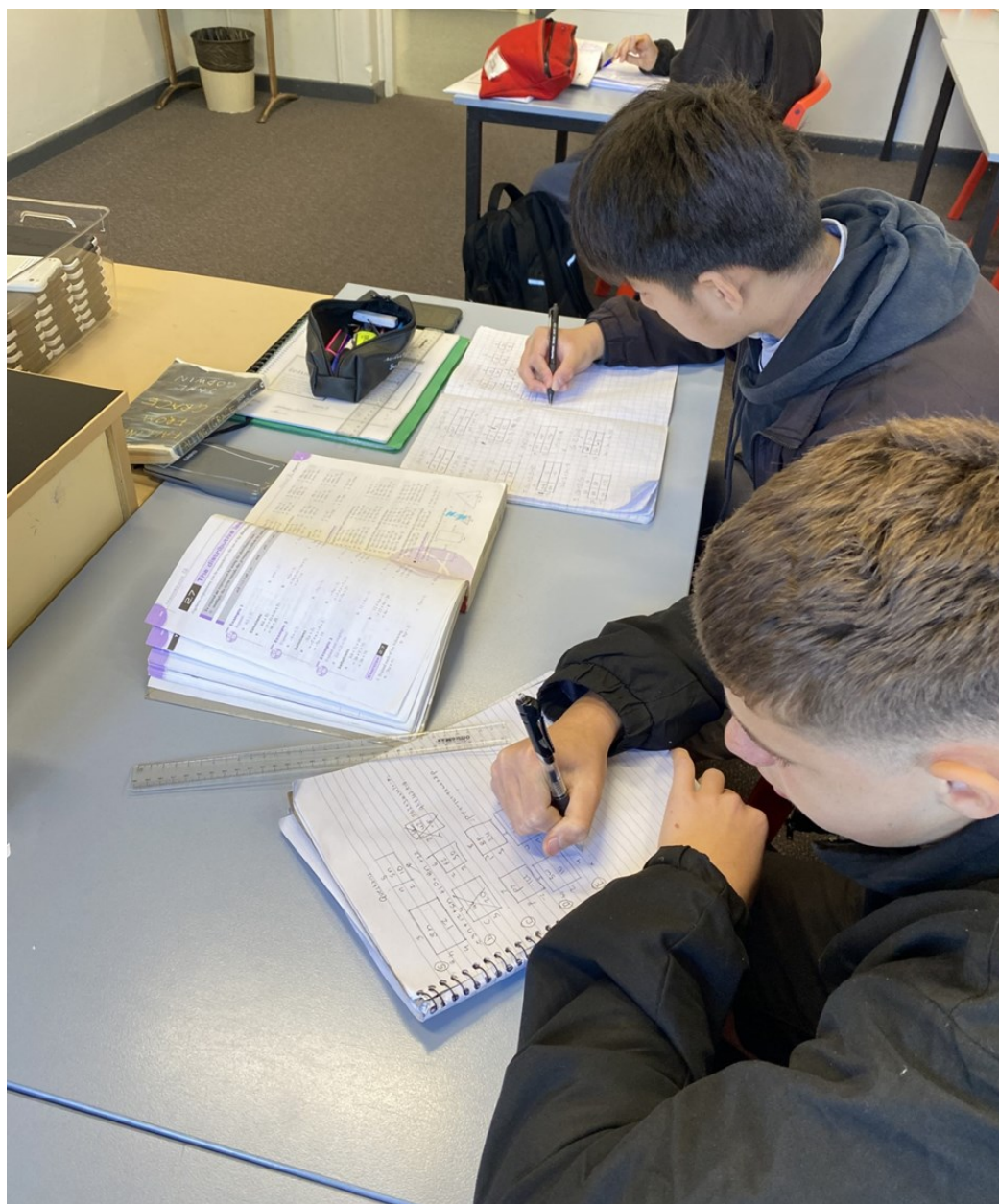
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School Administration Manager



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HOMework CENTRE



Homework Centre has closed for Term 3. 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 Term 4.

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After School Homework Centre Application Form

Name: Year & Class:

Please list the type of help you would like to receive at the Homework Centre.

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Please tick which days you would like to attend the homework Centre.

- ☐ Monday only
☐ Tuesday only
☐ Both Monday and Tuesday

Subject	Teacher



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I give permission for my son..... of
Year..... to attend the Homework Centre. My son will attend on the day/s written below.

I understand the following conditions apply to my son's attendance.

- Places are limited. Accepting a place requires my son to attend every week for at least one term.
- If my son is repeatedly absent his place may be given to another student on the waiting list.
- The Homework Centre operates Monday and Tuesday from **3.15pm-4.15pm**. Students are expected to arrive promptly. Parents are responsible for their son's supervision and travel after 4.15pm.
- Normal school rules and behavioural expectations apply to the Homework Club.

Parent signature:

Date:

Student signature:

Date:

Expectations for Homework Centre

Your son will enter Homework Centre with an attitude to work on assessment tasks or assigned homework task.

If no assigned work, we advocate that your son acquires the skills and habits of priority study. We see this as a worthwhile investment providing the foundation for achievable study practices for his Senior Year.

For that reason, could he quietly choose one of the following:

- Revision of Subjects covered that day.
- Online English help using WordFlyers or Mathematics using Mathspace.
- Silent Reading for Renaissance Accelerated Reading Program and complete the quizzes.
- Complete one or more of the tasks as mentioned in the success planner.

