Our 56th Annual Swimming Carnival was scheduled for Friday 19th February and again, the weather was amazing with beautiful clear blue skies and a warmish 30 degrees.

For the second time in as many years, we made our way back to Hornsby Aquatic Centre - the spiritual home of swimming for Asquith Boys and all those long standing memories. Like last year, the new H.A.C. was an absolute delight – First class in every way including the Pool Staff who could not have been more helpful on the day.

Our Year 7 and 8 boys are now making some new memories of their own at this great facility. Participation records were shattered by these boys in the 12s, 13s and 14s swimming events – so much so, we were forced to alter the program as we could not get through the scheduled events. Well done to our newest Asquith Boys!

In addition, the Seniors thoroughly enjoyed their private outdoor space on the northern lawn and took it upon themselves to play ‘dress up’ for the day – some photos have been included – you be the judge – either way, it’s clear the boys had enormous fun and engaged in the spirit of the day in the way we expect of them!

Our teachers showed that they still have some life left in their aging muscles and that experience counts for something by winning back the 6x50m Staff v Student Relay Trophy – well done to those six staff for putting their bodies on the ‘physical line’!

Overall, student involvement was great and all students who attended are to be congratulated. The day also served as ABHS selection for the North West Met Zone Swimming Carnival and you’ll be hearing more about some of those boys in the coming weeks.

The battle for Age Champions was fierce with several age groups having dual Champions. Congratulations to our 2016 Swimming Age Champions:

12 years – Conor Ryan
13 years – Ben Moralas and Cooper Robertson
14 years – Jeremy Minto and Mitchell Ferguson
15 years – Jack Cotton
16 years – Aidan Waters & Caleb Alipate
17+ years – Charles Shepherd

As always, however, the competition between the Houses was passionate & the Houses finished up as follows:

4th – Kurrajong (227)  3rd – Wando (247)  2nd – Cooba (263)

.............and congratulations to Myall (465) for winning the 2016 Swimming Carnival.

Yours in Swimming

Mr G Corbett, Carnival Co-ordinator
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Another productive term has come to an end at Asquith Boys High school. I would like to acknowledge the students, staff and wider school community for their efforts.

School Council
I am pleased to announce that at the recent School Council Annual General Meeting, the following office bearers were elected: Mr Rizwan Ali (President); Mr Iain Gorry (Vice President) and Mr Tim Josephs (Secretary). The School Council is the peak representative body in the school that meets each month to “represent the school community and will approve school policy, make recommendations on income and expenditure and the school’s physical plant and facilities, advise and assist the Executive Member (the Principal) and school staff and co-ordinate the activities of individuals and groups to work in a way consistent with the general aims of the school.” (ABHS School Council Constitution).

Swimming Carnival
This edition of Backchat prominently features the successes at our recent school swimming carnival. It was a great day marked by incredible levels of participation. Please see the many pictures and the detailed report on this day for further information. Thanks to Mr Corbitt and his tireless team of staff for organising this day so effectively.

Clean Up Australia Day
Clean up Australia Day was given a major boost this year with the visit of Mr Ian Kiernan to our school. Ian Kiernan started Clean Up Australia Day some 25 years ago and Asquith Boys HS has contributed significantly in that time. I would like to acknowledge the great work of our school environment team, who regularly meet to discuss what they can do to make our environment a cleaner and more sustainably managed one. Thanks also to the staff involved – Mr French and Mr Yates.

Parent Teacher Night
The first of our 2016 parent teacher nights was held on March 21st in the school hall. It was great to see this event very well attended. Many parents remarked that they were able to gain valuable insights from staff into their son’s progress and become better informed about his life at school. The maintenance of an effective home/school partnership is a high priority for our school.

Our Principal, Mr Griffiths, has enjoyed some well-earned leave over the second half of this term. He has journeyed far and wide, and will no doubt regale us with interesting stories upon his return on Day 1 Term 2. My time as Relieving Principal has again reinforced to me how lucky we are as a school to have a Principal with such wisdom, energy and compassion. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of Ms Jessica Schadel, who has acted as Deputy Principal throughout this time. We will return to our regular roles next term.

The events detailed this month are but a snapshot of this great school at work. I commend this issue of Backchat to the Asquith Boys High School community and again thank you for your support in Term 1 2016.

Andrew Skehan, Relieving Principal

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

LOST PROPERTY
Could parents PLEASE label their sons’ uniforms and possessions? We have lots of lost property that we would like to return to the correct person.
We have many lunch boxes, shoes (sport and casual shoes) and even a black sleeping bag! At the beginning of term 2 all lost property either goes to the 2nd hand uniform section for sale or is donated to charity. Please come and collect your lost property first week back!
Deputy Principal’s Report

In the past six weeks I have observed many praiseworthy examples of the good character and ingrained sense of social justice that is the hallmark of an Asquith Boys High School student. Students are to be congratulated on their contribution to the broader community through the Clean Up Australia Campaign, Shave for a Cure and Beyond Blue fundraising. It would be wonderful to see more examples of this altruism throughout the year; as Ghandi famously challenged: “Be the change that you wish to see in the world.” Education remains the most transformative privilege offered in a democratic society and I encourage all boys to avoid complacency with their learning and embrace the challenges that are offered at school. This is particularly pertinent for the senior students.

Year 12 should use the two week break as an opportunity to:

- Reflect on their Half-Yearly Examination results and identify specific areas that need improvement;
- Build a strong set of study notes for each subject that reflects the syllabus outlines;
- Read BOSTES feedback from the marking centre to ensure their conversance with the requirements of Band 6 responses;
- Use their EDROLO access (fully funded by the school) to revise concepts already taught and pre-learn Term 2 topic areas.

Likewise Year 11 should be diligently preparing for their Half-Yearly Examinations in Week 4 of Term 2. This always represents significant academic and organisational challenges and preparedness is the key to success.

Additionally, I remind all students that Term 2 requires full winter uniform to be worn.

Enjoy your break and stay safe.

Jessica Schadel
Relieving Deputy Principal

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UNIFORM POLICY

Please note that the only official supplier of the correct uniform is Lowes at Westfield, Hornsby.

Normal school uniform days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Juniors (summer) Dark grey belt loop trousers/shorts (no elastic waist cargo pants or cargo shorts are permitted), lace up (black laces only) black leather shoes (not suede, cut below ankle) with a black sock (as per picture), green shirt with crest. Shirts may be worn outside the pants. Ties are only required in Terms 2 and 3. Grey long socks with school colours must be worn pulled up to the knee. If a belt is worn, it must be black.

Juniors (winter) Dark grey belt loop trousers/shorts (no elastic waist cargo pants or cargo shorts are permitted), lace up (black laces only) black leather shoes (not suede, cut below ankle) with a black sock (as per picture), green shirt with crest. Ties must be worn, with the top button of collar done up and the shirt must be tucked in. Grey socks with school colours, must be worn pulled up to the knee. If a belt is worn, it must be black. A green pullover with crest or polar fleece with crest may be worn.

Seniors (summer) Dark grey belt loop trousers/shorts (no elastic waist cargo pants or cargo shorts are permitted), lace up (black laces only) black leather shoes (not suede, cut below ankle) with a black sock (as per picture), white shirt with crest. Shirts may be worn outside the pants. Grey socks with school colours, must be worn pulled up to the knee. If a belt is worn, it must be black.

Seniors (winter) Maroon blazer, dark grey belt loop trousers/shorts (no elastic waist cargo pants or cargo shorts are permitted), lace up (black laces only) black leather shoes (not suede, cut below ankle) with a black sock (as per picture), white shirt with crest. Ties must be worn with the top button of collar done up and the shirt must be tucked in. A maroon pullover with crest may be worn, Grey socks with school colours, must be worn pulled up to the knee. If a belt is worn, it must be black.

Prefects (summer/winter) Uniform must be worn as above, with a tie and shirts tucked in. The green blazer is compulsory for formal occasions and must be worn to and from school all year round. Ties must also be worn with the top button of collar done up.

Please note:
- Boys may wear a white “T” shirt under their shirt on normal school days as long as it has no logos and the sleeves are not visible below the school shirt sleeves.
- Rugby or any other form of football tops are not to be worn on sports days. Team jerseys are not to be worn in place of the sports uniforms.
- They are only to be worn when playing sport.
- Any boy who has a variation to uniform on any school day must have a note from a parent/carer giving noting reasons.

All items of school uniform are available from Lowes Westfield Shopping Centre, Hornsby.

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If you have any queries please contact the Deputy Principal.
2ND Hand Blazers

Senior Blazers are compulsory for the winter terms (term 2 and 3) for ALL Senior students. Please see the list below of outgoing Year 12 blazers for sale (both Senior and Prefect Blazers). Contact the person directly if you are interested. Some parents have chosen to donate the senior blazer to the school. They are available for you to purchase from the clothing pool in the Print Room. These range from $30 - $70, depending on the condition and if they have been dry cleaned.

**Maroon Senior Blazers**

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I graduated from ABHS in 1974 after spending my six years of high school here. My connection with the school is both newer and older than that. My father Ellis spent many years at the school from its earliest days, being the School's first Maths Master and later, Deputy Principal. My son Angus is now a Prefect in Year 12, carrying the baton for a third generation.

By the time I was in 3rd or 4th Year (in the old money) I was lucky enough to have already developed a pretty clear idea of what I wanted to do as a career - something in Physics or Maths. Knowing this gave me motivation. This was in no small part thanks to my teachers. So after 1974 I enrolled for a Science Degree at Sydney University, and while having a great time there, discovered a love for radio astronomy. This combined my interest in maths, physics, astronomy and electronics - a perfect fit! It also introduced me for the first time to digital computers, which back in those days had been miniaturized to about the size of a large wardrobe.

In my professional career I've been fortunate to work at some great radio telescopes in Australia and to work with some really clever and inspiring people. Beginning with the Mills Cross telescope, in a freezing frost hollow near Bungendore. This groundbreaking telescope was the brainchild of Professor Bernard (Bernie) Mills, one of the founding fathers of Australian radio astronomy and an international legend in the profession. He was a modest man of great intelligence and vision. As a mentor he didn't talk a lot, but when he did it paid to listen!

In 1990 I joined CSIRO, that wonderful multi-disciplinary research organization of the kind that's getting very rare around the world. CSIRO has come up with all sorts of exciting stuff in different fields- from the plastic banknote to Wi-Fi.

For ten years I was Officer-in-Charge of the iconic Parkes radio telescope, which has been described as the greatest scientific instrument ever built in Australia. And I had the most marvellous time there. We tracked the faint signal of the tiny space probe "Huygens" as it dropped by parachute onto the surface of Titan, the largest moon in the solar system, giving us measurements of the wind speed on this remote icy world. It really is a thrill to pick up a signal about as powerful as a desk lamp, but so far away it takes an hour for the signal to arrive. One of our astronomers, like a latter day Galileo, found an entire new spiral arm of our own Milky Way galaxy. We discovered something called a double pulsar, which has provided the best confirmation yet of Einstein's theory of Gravity. You couldn't ask for a more exciting workplace.

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On Friday 4th March, students in Year 7, Year 11 prefects, Mr French’s Year 10 maths class, along with students from other years, and teachers Mr Yates and Mr French, gathered to clean up Asquith.

We were fortunate enough to be joined on the day, by Ian Kiernan, a keen environmentalist and founder of Clean up Australia Day. Groups were assigned to different areas of Asquith, including the road to Coles and Storey Park.

It was quite hard work being out on such a hot day, however, everyone battled on in the midday sun until the streets were spotless. A lot of litter was picked up including cigarette butts, plastic containers and paper. One of the boys even found a rusty hacksaw.

Though the clean up only lasted one hour, everyone put in a fantastic effort and did a great job. After the clean-up, the environment club boys were lucky enough to meet Ian Kiernan and ask him some questions. He was very interested in the Asquith Boys involvement in the clean-up.

by Thomas Ross (10)
At the recent Formal Assembly the sporting achievements from the 2015/2016 Summer Grade season were acknowledged and celebrated. This included recognising the teams that won a premiership, those that were runners up, and the students who have been identified as the Best and Fairest player’s amongst their peers.

ABHS entered 24 teams across 7 sports. That’s around 300 students involved in Grade Sport alone! At the end of the round robin season we had 13 teams progress to the semi-finals which was absolutely fantastic. From these semi-finalists, we had 5 teams who were successful in advancing to the grand final. This included our 1st grade, 15’s and 14’s Cricket teams, Senior B Futsal, and the 14’s Volleyball team.

**RUNNERS UP TEAMS**

**14’s VOLLEYBALL TEAM** - coached By Ms Maher/ Ms Salisbury
Harry Argent, Nathan Jollie, Tyler Klassen, Xavier Klassen, Thomas Dandie, Aruto Isobe and William Pendrick

**14’S CRICKET** - coached By Mr Blackwood
Mitchell Barratt, Cody Cush-Murphy, Rek Fleming, Mitchell Kissick, Jack Magson, James McLean, Corey Miller, Lachlan Millington, Callum Norris, Joshua Pryde, Lucas Reynolds, Corey Thomson, Jake Truskett-Jones

**15’S CRICKET** - coached By Mr Bolger

**1ST GRADE CRICKET** - coached By Mr Yates
Nicholas Fowler, Travis Vincent, Michael Bennett, Callum Fenech, Matthew Fitzsimmons, Jonathan Fulwood, Samuel Henson, Anthony Sawyer, Oliver Williams, Malik Asghar, Anthony Lake & Adam West

**PREMIERSHIP TEAM**

Now, to win a premiership in any sport in this zone takes amazing commitment, skill and effort. This season we only managed one premiership so the following boys should be very proud of their achievement.

**SENIOR B FUTSAL** – coached by Mr French (a more detailed article on the game follows this report)
Joseph Parry, Nicholas Moors Poiagatule, Matthew Burns, Dominic Jones, Jordan Smylie, Alen Aganovic, Jonah Kuhnke-Barakauskas, Bilal Belkadi as well as Zac Belkadi and Arne Menkhaus

**BEST & FAIREST PLAYERS**

Through participating in sport we learn about leadership, teamwork, fairness and equality and also how to conduct ourselves in a positive manner. The following students have been recognised for their sportsmanship on and off the field and have displayed qualities such as leadership, fairness, co-operation and teamwork. Therefore these boys have been recognized as the best and fairest player in their team. We must all remember that how we present ourselves, irrespective of the scoreboard is important and something that should never be underestimated.

**CRICKET**
Nicholas Fowler
Matthew Jones
Brody Camp
Corey Miller

**BASKETBALL**
Callahan Leyden
David Mays
James Tarte
Elliot Nicolas

**WATER POLO**
Evan Wang
Jeremy Minto

**BASEBALL**
Sean Bell
Marcellan Conte Junior
Excerpts from Harry Frederick’s trackside report

……when the game began the boys seemed to be asleep against a very strong Epping side…minutes passed and Epping broke and no mistake was made in a one on one with Joe and the score went to 3-0 but by half time Jordan unselfishly passed the ball to Alen who slotted it to make the score 3-1…..with only 4 minutes remaining till full time a well placed shot from Jordan found the back of the net to bring the score to 4-3 followed by another superb solo goal equalising the score at 4-4…….Epping made the best of a Asquith mistake scoring again and with only 15 seconds to go Jordan scored another goal pushing the game into extra time 5-5…Only 2 minutes of extra time had passed but it was clear to see that Asquith were the superior team, shown as Jonah quickly passed the ball out to Bilal who was at the halfway line and with 2 quick touches put a great through ball into Jordan who volleyed home the winner!!!!…and just like that the game was over with all the Asquith players running around, jumping about and singing songs in celebration of the great and well deserved win!

Well done to all those boys!

Looking ahead we have plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved in Sport here at Asquith. Right now, our Winter season has begun and it has been very encouraging to see such big numbers of boys who have trialled for a grade sport team. In fact, we are fielding a huge number of teams this season which is fantastic!

I look forward to seeing everyone give their best throughout the upcoming Winter Season.

Mr D Jones, Grade Sport co-ordinator

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The Senior B’s Futsal Report

There was an optimistic outlook as the 2015/16 Futsal season began. The core of the Seniors B squad contained a number of players who won 2013 Winter grade Football competition. That optimism, was confirmed when the B’s won the very first game of the competition, taking apart a strong Randwick side 6-3. Bilal scored 4 goals, which he would go on to repeat several times in the coming months. In the next game, a tight 1-0 win against Ashfield showed that this team could defend as well as attack when required. More wins followed for the Futsal B’s in what was proving to be a sensational start to the season, even our resident goalkeepers, Joe Parry and Nicholas Moors Poigatule got to celebrate scoring. In fact almost every player in the squad managed to score at least one goal during the competition.

The next game up was always going to be tough playing last years winners Epping Boys. They played our boys off the park with their passing movements and classy finishes running up a 5-3 win. It was clear they would again be the team to beat.

We rallied back in the next game against Homebush with a convincing 4-2 victory at Olympic park on the astroturf. A surface which the boys were not familiar with, but nonetheless, showed a great ability to adapt their approach, whatever the circumstances.

With the summer break upon us we had to say goodbye to 2 of our star players, Zac Belkadi, who left school to fulfil an apprenticeship and Arne Menkhaus, who had to return to his homeland Germany. We thank them for their input. We would have been a poorer team without them.

We were now top 2 in the league and a 14-5 hammering of Normanhurst showed that we were determined to stay up there. However Epping had other ideas and once again outdone us with an impressive performance. With this result we were assured of a spot in the semi-finals. The semi-final was a one sided affair, Asquith comfortably putting North Sydney to the sword with a 7-2 victory.

And so it was…..a final versus Epping Boys, the school which for too long has dominated this competition. The enormity of the task was made clearer when we witnessed Epping win 3 of the 4 finals to be contested that day.

We were the only team who could stop Epping Boys from completing the grand slam.

It was a great end to the season and the boys thoroughly deserved the accolade of Futsal B winners for season 2016 - this first team in the history of Asquith boys to be Futsal Area champions.

Congratulations to the Futsal B’s on their highly successful season

One final footnote to add: The B’s would like to thank Mr Kitto (Deputy and Junior coach) for his input in some crucial games. Mr Kitto attributes his expertise to the many hours of playing FIFA 16 on his mobile!

Mr J French, Senior B Futsal Coach
**TAS NEWS**

**Towering Achievements**

As part of their study of Engineering Structures, two classes of Years 9 and 10 students have been designing, modeling and testing water towers. The models were tested to collapse, to determine the weight they could hold compared to the weight of the tower model.

The overall winner of the load testing, and winner of class 2TES, is the group comprising Christopher Beaven, Mariko Tonu-Jiare and Kane Mirabile-Kumar. Their slender, three-sided structure, which weighed in at 80g, held an astounding 58.75kg - a load to weight ratio of over 700!

The winning group from class 3TES is Matthew Carpenter, Adam Farache, John Taylor-Booth and Benjamin C; and the group winning the design and innovation award is Luke Antrim, Tevita Faupula and Tom Dandie.

Congratulations to all the young engineers involved.

*Ms N Jackson, TAS teacher*

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**Kitchen’s Open!**

On Monday 29th February the Year 11 Hospitality students enthusiastically started their day in the kitchen at 9:30am. The students worked tirelessly all day in preparing a range of delicious food for the 300 visitors to the school for Open Night. In the evening, still looking starched and pressed in their new uniforms, the students served the food to a very appreciative audience of prospective families who also saw behind the scenes on their tour of the kitchen.
The night was a huge success for the new hospitality students, however they were looking a little weary when they left the spotlessly clean kitchen at 9:30pm! Congratulations to all the students involved. We are looking forward to this class' catering of future events.

Ms Bird, Hospitality Teacher

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Meet the Keeper

On Tuesday 15th March 10 Year 10 and 11 students headed to Taronga Zoo to ‘Meet The Keepers’. We caught the train and the ferry and arrived at the zoo at 9:30. The Sky Rail took us up to the top, where we listened to a variety of zookeepers talk about their experiences in the zoo industry. It was very interesting to discover the various paths that you can take to enter this industry. After the talks, some of the students had a close up encounter with the giraffes while the others were shown snakes and lizards. After these encounters we were able to wander the zoo at our leisure however wet the weather.

While watching the chimpanzees play and rumble, I was reminded of the ABHS playground.

Ms Bird

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EARTH HOUR was celebrated at school this year with a lunchtime environment quiz organised by Mr Yates and Mr Bonser. Members of winning teams each collected a copy of recent Australian Environmentalist of the year, Aaron Wood's autobiography, "Billabong Boy".

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GAMES GAMES GAMES GAMES GAMES GAMES

Do you want to make some new friends? Come to Games Club! Games Club is held in Room 26 every Thursday and everyone is welcome. See if you can become the next UNO champion.

Colleen Sweeney, Student Welfare Officer
HSIE NEWS...
On Friday the 1st of April, Year 10 History classes embarked on an exciting excursion to the Maritime Museum, where we learnt about how post World War II immigration experiences shaped Australia. Thanks to the organisational skills of Ms Fullbrook, all classes were promptly marked off and arrived at our destination with time to spare. To the enthusiasm of the students, our early arrival allowed us to embark on the ‘HMS Vampire Destroyer’– the last survivor of the country’s big gun ships. Students were engaged in a variety of collaborative activities that included source analysis, role-plays and exploration of museum artefacts led by experienced tour guides. Overall, the excursion was an enlightening experience for all the students as they were introduced to the topic of ‘Migration’ in an interactive manner. The visit highlighted the way that migration has not only changed the face of Australia but also changed the way that we as a nation developed and evolved because of these arrivals. Below are some comments from students who thoroughly enjoyed the excursion and eagerly participated in the activities offered by the Maritime Museum.

Cameron James – I thought the excursion was very educational and all the students were able to learn about the different migration experiences. My favourite part of the excursion was learning about the HMS destroyer, exploring the ship's history was especially fun.

Jack Hanscombe – I really enjoyed going through the battle station ship and looking at all the historical weapons used in the past. This was also pretty relevant to me because my grandfather actually diffused the bombs that were placed on naval ships by the Japanese during World War 2.

Ms Kathy Peng, HSIE Teacher

HORTICULTURE
Boys from Mr Yates' horticulture class attended the Royal Easter Show in Sydney to check out the harvest displays and to taste some of the produce; such as fiery chilli sauces They learnt about the importance of pollination, the problems experienced by the recent drought and the future for genetically modified crops. They watched sheep shearing displays using traditional and modern tools and discovered how cotton is grown. Plenty of time was left to investigate the rides and show bags.

Canteen News - April 2016

Canteen Volunteers
Thank you to those who have volunteered your time to assist in Canteen this year. We still need more volunteers so please consider helping in our school canteen. We are short staffed on several days which means that the boys have to queue for longer periods to be served and preparation of our full menu becomes more difficult. There are vacancies on all days, except Wednesday, at the moment. Please ring us on 9477 3508.
Canteen hours, generally, are 9.30am- 2.30p.m. Tuesday is an early day, finishing at about 1.30pm Wednesday finishing time is about 1pm.

Price Rises from week 1 term 2
- Potato Wedges $2.00
- Sauce Sachets $0.30
- Noodle Snacks $1.00
An updated Price List is included in this issue of Backchat.

Canteen @ Athletics Carnival
Canteen will be operating at the Athletics Carnival, selling drinks, snackfood, cakes, lollies, pies and sausage rolls, and hot noodles at normal canteen prices.

Maryanne Miller, Canteen Manager
## ROLLS & LAVASH
(available daily)
- **Chicken/lett/Mayo** $3.00
- **Lavash ½**:
  - **Chicken & Salad (Mayo)** $2.50
  - Thai Chicken or salad (Chilli Sauce, Coriander, Cucumber and lettuce) $2.50

## ROLLS & LAVASH
(available by order)
- **Buttered** $0.60
- **Cheese** $2.00
- **Chicken** $3.00
- **Chicken & Salad** $4.00
- **Chicken & Lettuce & Mayo** $4.00
- **Egg & Lettuce** $2.00
- **Ham** $3.00
- **Ham & Tomato** $3.00
- **Ham & Salad** $4.00
- **Peanut Butter** $2.00
- **Salad** $3.20
- **Shredded Beef** $3.00
- **Vegemite** $2.00

### Lavash:
- **Chicken/Lett/Carrot/Cheese/Mayo** $4.40
- **Beef/Lett/Carrot/Cheese/Mayo** $4.40

## SALADS
(available by order)
- **Plate/Tub** $4.00
- **With Meat** $4.50
- **Chicken, Potato and Egg Salad** $4.00

## SUSHI
(Monday & Thursday)
- **Tuna/Beef/Chicken** $3.00

## FRUIT
Seasonal Fruit available daily...Price varies

## YOGHURT
$2.00

## CAKES & SNACKS
- **Cheese & Bacon Rolls** $1.50
- **Pikelets** $0.80
- **Banana Bread** $2.50
- **Muffins (Low Fat-when available)** $1.80
- **Fun Buns** $1.80
- **Chips** $1.20

## HOT FOOD
(available daily)
- **Beef Roll - with Tom/Cheese/Tom Sauce** $4.40
- **Chicken Burger - with Lett/Mayo** $3.50
- **Chicken & Corn Roll** $1.80
- **Chicken Chips** $2.00
- **Chicken Wraps: Chilli Chicken Tenders/Lettuce/Carrot/Cheese/Mayo** $4.40
- **Egg & Bacon Roll** $4.00
- **Garlic Bread** $1.50
- **Hot Dogs** $2.50

### Meatball Roll:
- **With Tom/Cheese/Tom Sauce** $4.00
- **Meat Pie** $3.20
- **Pizza Pie** $3.00
- **Potato Pie** $3.20
- **Potato Wedges** $2.00
- **Pizza** $2.80
- **Pizza Rounda** $2.50
- **Noodles** $2.20
- **Sausage Roll** $2.50
- **Sweet Chilli Tenders(2)** $2.80

## HOT FOOD
(available by order)
- **Beef Spring Roll** $2.40
- **Chicken Burger**:
  - **On Buttered Roll** $2.40
  - **With Lett/Mayo** $3.50
  - **With Salad** $4.00
- **Corn Cobbettes** $0.70

## HOT MEALS
(One available daily)
- **Butter Chicken & Rice** $3.40
- **Ravioli** $2.20
- **Spaghetti Bolognaise** $2.20
- **Vegetarian Hokkien Noodles** $2.20

## DRINKS
- **Milk**: Plain 600ml $2.00
- **Flavoured**: 375ml $2.00
- **Juice**: 300ml $2.50
- **Up & Go** $2.20
- **Quencher Flavoured Spring Water** $2.20
- **Water 600ml** $3.00
- **Cans** $2.00
- **Bottles of Diet Drink** $3.50
- **Chill Iced Tea 500ml** $2.50
- **Chill Iced Tea 250ml** $1.50

## HOT Chocolate:
(Before School/Winter Only) $1.50
"Don’t you have any homework?"

How many times have you asked your son that question?

The school has a policy requiring students to use their organiser to record the dates and requirements for all homework and assignments. While this is a good way to organise the students, it sometimes leaves parents wondering whether or not homework has been given.

We have introduced a system last year where staff will post notifications of homework and assessments to an electronically available calendar. Parents are invited to look at this resource to see upcoming work.

**Accessing The Calendar:** The calendar can be accessed by visiting our school website at [http://www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

Then select the “**Useful Links & e-Learning menu**” and then the “**SENTRAL – Homework Calendars**” link. *Once there, you should bookmark it to avoid this procedure in the future.*

Finally, select the appropriate year calendar from the list provided. Each year has their own calendar except for Years 9 and 10 since many of their classes have both Year 9 and Year 10 students enrolled.

**Sample:** An example of part of the calendar is shown below.

The calendar shown here is the Year 7 Homework/Assessment Calendar. Look through the calendar for entries related to your son’s subjects. For example on Feb 23, there are four entries. Ms Zhou’s 7H Maths class has homework set on that day. The details of the homework will appear in a black box when you hover your mouse over the speech bubble.
2017 Scholarships Program

Scholarships are offered to students demonstrating academic, performing and creative excellence.

**Junior Scholarships**

* Year 7 Instrumental Band (4 Year)
* Year 9 & 10 Performing or Visual Arts

**Senior Scholarships**

* Year 11 & 12 Instrumental Band
* Year 11 & 12 Performing Arts
* Year 11 & 12 Visual Arts
* Year 11 & 12 Mervyn Brown Academic

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Enquiries to Scholarship Coordinator Catherine Holder: catherine.holder2@det.nsw.edu.au
ENGLISH
It has been a successful first term for English with students completing their first essays for the year. 

Years 7, 8, and 10 will be studying Poetry next term and can begin to prepare by viewing slam poets on YouTube, reading poetry, and listening closely to the music they play, so that they are able to explore how important messages can be conveyed in succinct terms.

Year 9 - will be exploring the use of Satire in society and would do well to seek out satirical programs and articles.

10E1 and Year 11 Advanced attended a performance of Hamlet in Marrickville at the Greek Theatre. Mr Kennedy and Mrs Hills escorted the students to Newtown train station from where they embarked upon a short stroll down Enmore Road to Marrickville enjoying the cosmopolitan sights of the inner city. Teachers and students enjoyed a short respite from the busy environment with lunch in the park before attending The Greek Theatre. Sadly, some students who had forgotten to bring their lunch money had a new understanding of Hamlet’s statement, ‘readiness is all.’

The performance was engaging and presented new perspectives about possible ways to stage Hamlet. Further knowledge was gained through the Q&A segment at the end of the play with actors explaining motivations and performance.

It was with heavy hearts that teachers and students retraced their steps back to Asquith, pondering what exactly was rotten in the state of Denmark.

Year 11 – would so well to make sure that they have started a regular study routine, which includes reading over notes and writing within time constraints.

Year 12 - are reminded to go over their Half Yearly feedback and use the term break to study in order to be prepared for their upcoming assessments.

Ms Rebecca Kelly
Relieving Head Teacher English

MATHEMATICS
It has been a busy time in the Mathematics Department as we move towards the end of Term 1.

Year 12 have done their Half Yearly Examinations, of which many students have received pleasing results. We hope the students can build upon their successes and learn from mistakes to achieve better results in their Trial Examinations. Years 7-11 have also been busy demonstrating their knowledge in assessment tasks with some commendable results. As you move forward, remember, ‘those who fail to prepare, prepare to fail’.

The Smart Money Seminars once again proved successful. Students learnt valuable information in relation to all aspects of money. Students asked many excellent questions and were actively engaged, which was great to see. The feedback we have received from students and staff was also very positive. Thank you to Mr Johnston for his excellent organisation.

We celebrated International Pi Day on the 14/03/16 by holding 2 competitions. The first competition involved students reciting Pi to as many decimal places as they could. This year, we had 2 students recite Pi to 134 and 100 decimal places respectively. Congratulations to Brendan Greig (134) and Adam Hernon (100). The top six students won a pie from the canteen. Well done gentlemen! Seven other boys excelled in this activity: Zac Howe 56, James Mclean 42, Byron Carruthers & Ethan O’Connor 27, Dominic Tonu-Siare 25, Scott Tyzer 23, Ben Russell 22.

The second competition involved students creating an informative poster about Pi. We received some original and informative posters about Pi and were very impressed. The winning posters will be displayed in the Maths classrooms and the creators will receive a $5 canteen voucher. Well done to all involved. Congratulations to Allochia Jennians for his excellent poster. Other very pleasing posters came from: Ben Russell, Sean Lanske & Jacob Victa.

‘Math Club’ is proving to be a great success. Recently, our scholars have been looking at the Golden Ratio and the mathematician Pythagoras, whilst enjoying a range of different treats provided by Mr Shead. ‘Math Club’ meets every Thursday at lunch time in Room 10. Please note that ‘Math Club’ will move to Tuesday lunch next term (Room 10).
It has been great to see the Year 7 and 8 students taking advantage of the opportunity to have free peer tutoring. We have a number of very academic, enthusiastic and willing tutors to assist the development of our younger minds. Peer tutoring runs on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons for the duration of an hour (3:05pm-4:05pm). To get involved in this free opportunity, fill in a permission slip and drop it into the Mathematics Department.

Please have an enjoyable and safe holiday.
Mr M Miles,
Maths Teacher

A big thankyou to my very competent and hard-working Mathematics Faculty. It is very much appreciated! Have a well deserved holiday! For those students, who have worked very well this term – congratulations! For those who know they could work harder, please change your focus – your future depends upon it!
Mr Shead,
Head Teacher Mathematics

**SCIENCE**

**Year 12 Half Yearly Exams**

Our HSC students have completed their Half Yearly Exams with some excellent results being obtained across all disciplines. This is looking like to the most encouraging Science results in many years which has come from a group of very hard working young men. On saying that, there is many hours of hard work yet to come but a big congratulations to all the boys who achieved above their expectations.

**Year 10 Science**
Mr Robertson’s Year 10 Science class have been studying acids and bases as part of their Chemistry topic. The boys have been making and using a wide range of indicators that can differentiate between acids and bases depending on colour change. The homemade indicator was made from red cabbage and we also used commercial indicators such as methyl red, universal and phenolphthalein.

Mr S Robertson
Head Teacher Science

**CAREERS**

**Recent Events**

**Taronga Zoo” Meet a ‘Keeper” Day**
A number of students who have expressed an interest in pursuing a career within the Zoo Industry attended this event on Tuesday 15th March. They learnt about aspects of zoo keeping including required qualifications, career opportunities, core responsibilities, career structures and wages. The presentations concluded with a mystery "Behind the Scenes Tour”.

**Big Day in @UTS**
A number of students in Years 11 & 12 attended the Big Day in at UTS on Tuesday 1st March to hear leading speakers from companies such as Microsoft, Animal Logic, CBA, Wise Tech Global, TCS,CSC, Google etc talk about the future of technology and how students can get involved in shaping the future. They were also able visit exhibitor stands to learn about where a career in IT can take them.

**Coming Events**

Charles Sturt University is hosting MyDay events in April.
- Nursing & Paramedic MyDay on Thursday 21st April at the Bathurst Campus
- Clinical Science, Dental Science, Pharmacy & Physiotherapy MyDay at the Orange campus on Friday 15th April
- Policing, Law & Criminal Justice MyDay at the Bathurst Campus on Monday 18th April
- Communication & Creative Industries, Wagga Wagga campus on Monday 18th April

See Mrs Fry for Registration forms.
UNSW: Art and Design School Holiday Workshop
12th to 15th April 2016, 10am to 5pm, UNSW Art & Design Campus, Paddington
The different workshops on offer include creative coding, illustrator and your essential design building blocks, creative computing and build the best possible portfolio. Registrations can be made online. https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/art-design-school-holiday-workshops

AIT: Free Digital Workshops
16th April 2016, 9:30am to 4pm
30th April 2016, 9:30am to 4pm
28th May 2016, 9:30am to 4pm
25th June 2016, 9:30am to 4pm
The sessions offered on these dates include intro to game design, intro to concept art, intro to film editing and intro to 3D animation.

Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand
are running the annual Meet the Business Leader on Wednesday 11th May at Luna Park from 5-7pm. This event is for year 12 students and is an opportunity for them to meet top employers and hear from industry experts on topics such as the recruitment process and insights into a career in business.

UTS: Law Undergraduate Information Evening- Wednesday 22nd June 2016 from 6-8pm at the UTS Faculty of Law, cnr of Quay St and Ultimo Rd, Haymarket. Registration is essential.
RSVP at law.uts.edu.au

Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE is holding an Open day at St Leonards TAFE on Saturday 20th August 2016 More details to follow.

Morrisby Report Testing
Oakhill College is offering students in Year 10, 11 and 12 the opportunity to complete a comprehensive career guidance tool called the Morrisby Report. The report is a useful tool in the process of career and educational choices as it provides an objective statement of a person’s underlying abilities, personality and career preferences. The Morrisby Report has been extensively used in the UK for over 20 years and is gaining growing acceptance in Australia in both public and private schools. Oakhill has administered the test for a number of years now, to both students and adults. Students, their families and adult participants, have found the report a useful tool in assisting them in exploring potential career choices and further education choices. Oakhill College will be running Morrisby Report testing, for students from surrounding schools and the general public on Thursday, 21st April 2016. For payment & booking of this test or any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact the Careers Office at Oakhill College on 98992288 or during the holidays contact Marisa Quattrocchi via email marisaq@oakhill.nsw.edu.au

Important Information

Year 10 Work Experience
All students have now been issued with the required paperwork. Any students who wish to do work experience in the construction industry must do a Work Cover approved General Induction course (White Card). This is a one and a half day course and will be delivered at school at a cost of approximately $60. A White card course was held on Thursday17th March 2016. Another course will be held in early term 2. Students who need this qualification must see Mrs Fry to register their interest a.s.a.p.
Students should now be actively approaching employers to arrange a Work Experience placement.

University of Notre Dame Young Achievers Early Offer Program
Applications open mid-March. There are four categories students can apply in, commitment to community and/or Church, commitment and excellence in cultural pursuits, commitment and excellence in sporting achievements and academic excellence. For any further questions email: sydney@nd.edu.au
http://www.nd.edu.au/nav-future-students/young-achievers-early-offer-program

Changes to Police Officer Recruitment Process
The main changes to the recruitment process include no minimum academic requirement, introduction of a University Certificate in Workforce Essentials, the entrance exam is now known as the Police Entrance Exam, copies of transcripts and other mandatory documents need to be certified by a Justice of the Peace, online application via JobsNSW and a case office will contact applicants once applications are received.
Australian Defence Force Gap Year
Applications for a 2017 gap year open in March 2016. The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have finished year 12 or equivalent, aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training & lifestyle whilst gaining new skills over a paid Gap Year.

MIGAS Apprentices and Trainees
MIGAS places students in apprenticeships and traineeships, with various vacancies that can be applied for throughout the year. These are in either Sydney or the Hunter Valley areas include engineering, building and construction, electrical, automotive, administration and air-conditioning and refrigeration.

Apprenticeship Central
Apprenticeship Central advertises full- and part-time apprenticeships as well as a number of opportunities for school-based apprenticeships.

Spotjobs
Spotjobs.com is Australia’s fastest growing online job board, focusing on permanent and flexible employment opportunities. Jobseekers can search and filter jobs by location & working conditions.
Check out the website to learn more: https://www.spotjobs.com/

Smartphone Apps to Help with Studying
This article features some smartphone apps that can help students to improve their study habits.

Canada 2016/17 Ski Instructor Internships – EA Ski and Snowboard Training
EA Ski and Snowboard Training provides ski instructor courses and snowboard instructor courses at the World’s top Resorts. They are currently offering a special offer for interested Australians for internships in Canada.
Find out more by visiting the website: http://www.easkiandsnowboard.com/australian-special-offer/

I Wanna B
This website has video interviews with a range of people from different industries to demonstrate what a variety of different jobs and career paths are really like.

Google Science Fair 2016
The Google Science Fair is an online science competition that invites people aged 13-18 to submit and conduct their own experiments. Prizes include overseas trips, scholarships and more. Submission deadline is Wednesday 18th May.
https://www.googlesciencefair.com/en/

Macquarie in a Day
21st April 2016, 8:30am to 3pm, Macquarie Theatre, Macquarie University
The day offers students a chance to choose which classes they are interested in attending, experience practical sessions and tutorials and ask staff and students about university life.
http://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/macquarie-in-a-day-2/

Mrs J Fry
Careers Adviser
### Open days for 2016

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<td><strong>Western Sydney University</strong></td>
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<td>For more information, call 1300 897 669 or visit the website.</td>
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<td><strong>William Blue College of Hospitality Management</strong></td>
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For information on school visit days, contact individual institutions.
Hello ABHS community,

The ABHS P&C has been busy since the last Backchat. We have held a successful Working Bee (please read separate article for details) and approved funding for a number of great projects.

At the last P&C meeting the members happily approved a **$1000 donation to the Barista Boys Club** which will go towards the purchase of a new coffee machine. Well done to the boys and the teachers involved for doing such a wonderful job by being entrepreneurial and running coffee mornings for staff to help fund your program and also for promoting the school in such a wonderful way by holding morning teas for local Aged Care homes throughout the year.

The P&C this year are running a number of projects. The first of these will involve improving the current broken paving under the two shelters in the **Year 7 area** to provide a nicer area for the boys to sit at and also allow for it to be used as an Outdoor Learning Area. The P&C will use funds from the P&C Garden Levy which are paid by parents each year as part of school fees and from funds raised from our annual Trivia Night.

Another exciting project that is being run by the P&C this year is the **redevelopment of the area outside the school hall**. The main aims of this project are to create level access from the car park/Year 7 area to the hall as well as giving the hall a more appealing and functional entrance. A pathway will be created through the current garden area which will open up to a paved area with seating. This is also where the personalised pavers previously purchased by families will go. This area can then serve as a breakout area for the hall and for numerous other school functions. The funds for this project are coming from money that was fundraised by the P&C as well as parent’s school fee P&C contributions.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENT

On the **21st of May** we will be holding our annual **Trivia Night**. It is a night of friendly trivia rivalry and games with many great prizes to be had. This year’s theme is Mask or Masquerade so book a table and start thinking of costumes and table decorations. Money raised will go towards the purchase of table and bench sets for the Year 7 shelter project. The following are just some of the great businesses that are supporting this year’s Trivia Night; Hilton Hotels, Premium Holidays, Asquith Golf Club, Thairaphy Mt Colah, Sydney FC and Wrigley’s.

If you would like to become involved in any of the above projects or have any ideas please email me at president.abhspnc@gmail.com or come to our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday the 26th of April at 7.30 pm in the Hall.

**Michelle Roscarel**
P&C President

If you wish to email the P&C please use the following email addresses:

- president.abhspnc@gmail.com – Michelle Roscarel
- secretary.abhspnc@gmail.com - Sacha Parker
- treasurer.abhspnc@gmail.com - Jenny Williams
- grounds.abhspnc@gmail.com - Susy Wiley
- fundraiser.abhspnc@gmail.com - Maddi Bailes
- publicity.abhspnc@gmail.com - Di Stoddard
On the 20th of March the ABHS P&C held a successful but exhausting working bee. Everyone worked extremely hard to remove the garden bed from the end of the admin building which was done to make way for a new path and as well as create a new garden bed to close off a pathway that led directly into the car park. We also did a major clean-up of the garden bed near the Year 7 shelter and James Stoddart worked hard gurneying the area outside the front of the hall. Although we didn’t quite finish moving all the soil from the old garden bed this will be completed in conjunction with the improvements at the front of the hall. Thank you to those listed below for your mammoth efforts on the day.

Roger Price
Di, James & Ray Stoddart
Suzy Wiley
Tempe Beavan
Deb Nicklin
Julie Polson
Keith, Lochlan, Nicholas & Callum Roscarel

Thank you also to Steve and Gabe for organising the equipment for us to use on the day.

Michelle Roscarel

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DO YOU SING?
DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?
DO YOU WANT TO ROCK?

Mike Gordon from The Learning Lounge at Turramurra is seeking enthusiastic musicians and singers to join the ABHS Rock Program!

Play music that you like to listen to.
All ages and instruments welcome.

Call Mike on 0413034080 for more info
ABHS P&C 2016 Trivia Night
“MASK / Masquerade” 21ST May

WHERE: Asquith Boys High School Hall

WHEN: Saturday 21st May 2016
TIME: 6.30pm for decoration of table
7.30pm First questions starts

TABLE: Maximum of eight (8) on a table

PRICE: $25.00 per person $200 for the table

THEME: “Mask / Masquerade” What can your table come up with?

Silent auction, instant win games, best costume and best table prizes, raffle

BYO Food and Drinks, light supper served near the end of the night

Please contact the P&C if you are able to donate a prize for the night

BOOKING AND PAYMENT DETAILS

You can pay at the Asquith boys High School Office by cash or cheque (made payable to Asquith Boys High P&C) including slip below with full details completed or directly into the P&C bank account:

BSB : 032-084
Account : 12 0216

P&C Contact:  Linda Stanford Mobile 0408263251
email : j.stanford@bigpond.com

Details : Trivia(surname) (year your son is in)

$25.00 per person   $200 for a table of eight

You do not have to make a table of eight we can organise for you to be allocated at a table for the night.

Table Contact Name:
Table Contact Mobile:
Table Themed Name:
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**Grandparenting Morning**

**Healthy Living Festival 2016**

10.00–11.00am: Workshop presentation discussing practical ways to look after and enrich grandparent’s relationships with their children and grandchildren.

11.20–11.40am: Your choice of break-out sessions on drug support, disability, seniors nutrition, and coping skills.

12.15–1.00pm: Nutrition Australia Info session and cooking demonstration with free samples.

**Parenting Programs**

**Child & Adolescent Parenting**

**WHAT’S ON IN TERM 2 – COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS**

**Tuning in to Teens Course**

Skills to communicate with your teenagers so you understand each other better & are able to deal positively with their issues.
- Understanding teenagers today & communication skills
- Emotional intelligence skills
- How to play out our parenting role in the current environment

Dates: Chatswood 18/5 - 25/5 (7 Wed & 19:30-9:00pm)

**Dealing with Teen’s Bad Chat Workshop**

Learn how to intervene in a positive way and get the most out of your teenager
- Understand what it is like being a teenager today
- Learn how to talk on the internet & how to intervene so that they take responsibility

Dates: Chatswood 21/5, 7.00–9.30pm

**Communicating with Kids Course – Chatswood 17/5 – 6/6**

**Triple P Seminars – Chatswood 17/5, 24/5, 31/5**

**Workshops on Request for Parents/Caregivers of Teens 8877 5152**

- Dealing with Teen’s Bad Chat
- Tuning in to Teens Series
- Triple P Seminar Series (Teen)

**Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 8877 5152**


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**Are proud to introduce the following five session parenting program in Mandarin for Chinese parents of teenagers**

**TUNING IN TO TEENS**

**Emotionally Intelligent Parenting**

Would you like to learn how to:
- be better at talking with your teenager?
- be better at understanding your teenager?
- help your teenager learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teenager?
- teach your teenager to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Teens teaches you how to help your teenager develop emotional intelligence. Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.

Where: Chatswood Community Health Centre

57 Hercules St, Chatswood

When: Tuesdays 3/5/16 – 31/5/16 (5 weeks)

6.30pm–9.00pm

Contact: 8877 5152

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Cost: "$50" SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE
Attention PARENTS who DO NOT received fortnightly Family Tax Benefits Payments
You must now lodge a 2015 Lump Sum Claim Form to receive your benefits

DEADLINE
30 JUNE 2016

ARE YOU CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT TO DO?
Email info@twelve.com.au for a Fact Sheet
www.twelve.com.au info@twelve.com.au

Book, toy and music donations much appreciated. Call 02 9671 1233 or email fundraising@ridbc.org.au

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WATCH OUT CARS ABOUT

JUNIOR SCIENCE ACADEMY

WWW.JUNIORSscienceacademy.com.au

The Junior Science Academy aims to encourage children to develop their understanding of how our world works. Supported by science experts at Macquarie University, the activities are designed to suit all primary school aged children.

Children are introduced to science concepts, participate in science based experiments and make friends in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University where they have access to its learning facilities.

Our programs run four times a year in the school holidays and we add and rotate topics each offering.

Drop off 8:30am to 9:30am (children are supervised)
Activities 9:30am to 4:30pm
Pick up 4:30pm to 5:30pm (children are supervised)
Cost $120 per child per day, including GST

ENROL ONLINE TODAY!

CONTACT DETAILS
Email: juniorsscience@mq.edu.au
Phone: 02 9670 3130
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