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FROM THE EDITOR

Publishing a school magazine takes many hours, over many weeks and months: to gather all the contributions and place them on the pages that you see here. I have had two stints at publishing the magazine: from 1993-97 and from 2004-2009 - 11 years all up.

As editor and desktop publisher I have decided to pass the baton. Next year the magazine will have a new editor and publisher.

I would like to thank the many students and staff who have helped me in my job over the years. The magazines would not have been possible without your contributions. I would especially like to thank Mr Bill Hilliard and Ms Jenelle Horiatopoulos for their support and hard work, and of course the ESL staff who have provided backup whenever needed.

Kerry Meucci

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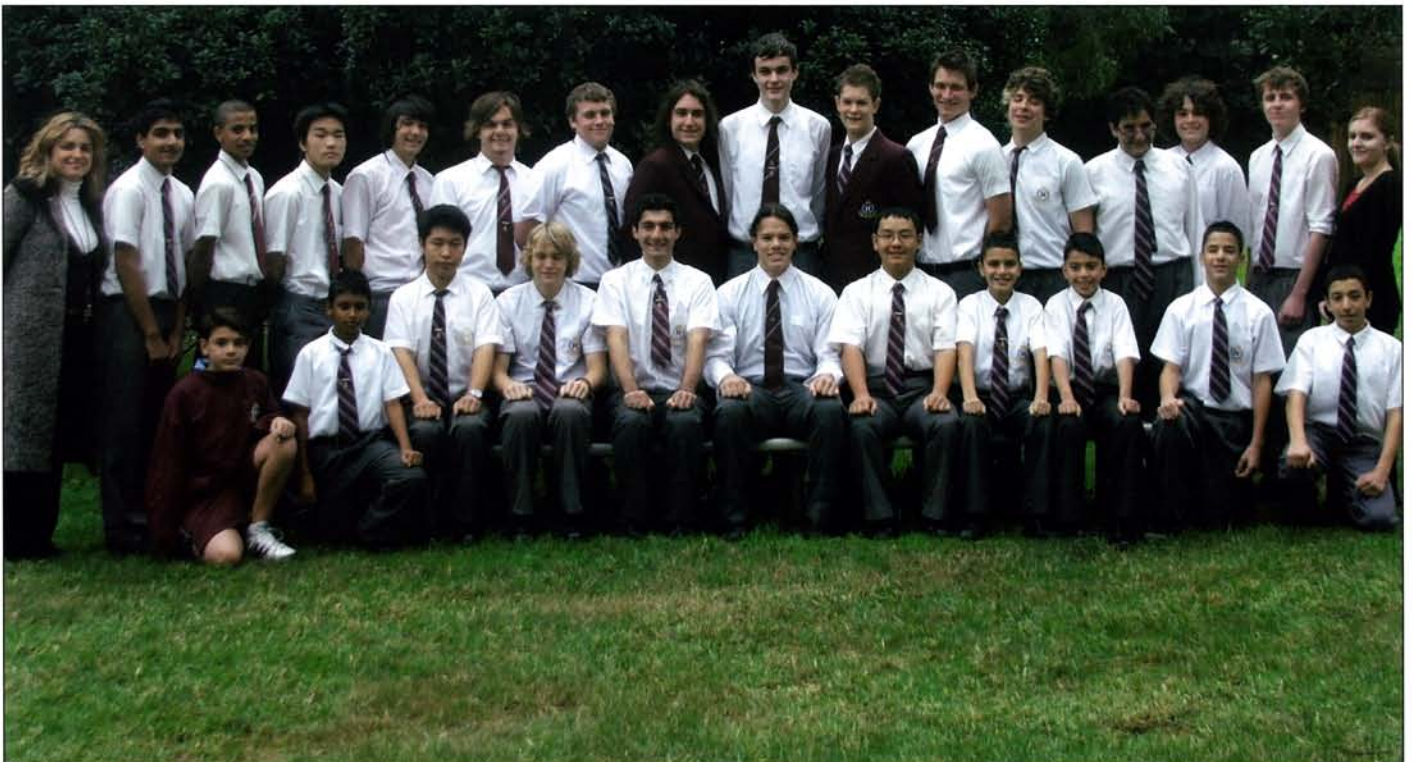


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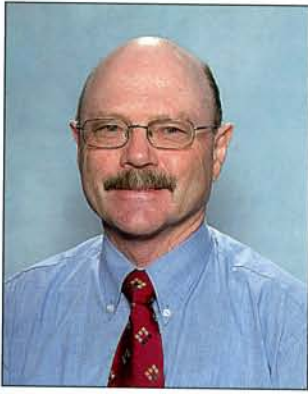


Front Row : Emilio Milo McFarland, Suthangan Thanabalasingam, Tyson Parcell (Vice Captain), Thomas Stefoulis (Captian), Lachlan Jenson (Senior Prefect), James Yoon, Richard Amarasingham Second Row : Imran Maarabani, Aaron Russell, Ali Latash, Asritha Chintamani, Jake Imer, Tom Gallagher, Sajeeb Roy Third Row : Taylor Di Val, Gus Rosser, Peter Jackson, Omar Noori, Mohammed Holali Absent :Tom Kopecny Teachers: Mrs J. Horiatopoulos (Prefect Advisetr), Dr I. Paterson (Principal)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



The SRC plays an important role in developing leadership capacity within the student body. Representatives from Year 7 to Year 12 assist in the decision-making processes within the school.



A warm welcome to the 2009 edition of the Homebush Boys High School magazine. As with recent years the magazine captures the major, and in some cases unique, happenings at the school over the period extending from Term 4, 2008 to Term 3 2009, inclusive. I have no doubt that you will find with just a quick glance that the magazine sustains or even surpasses the previous year's quality in terms of interest and presentation. Any feedback is always welcomed by our hardworking editorial team of Ms Meucci, Mr Hilliard and Ms Horiopoulos and the many other staff and student contributors.

Term 4 in 2008 included many exciting programs and the culmination of HSC studies for Year 12 and School Certificate courses for Year 10. The announcement of the HSC results drew great excitement as the aggregate trends were well above previous performances and a record eight students were granted NSW Premier All rounder Awards for scoring 90 or above in 10 HSC units. The general results indicated average results well above state means for the vast majority of courses. Many students achieved their first preference for university entrance and over 135 students actually received offers to these tertiary institutions. Jing Shun Ma achieved an outstanding UAI of 99.75 which made him a very worthy Dux of Homebush Boys High School for 2008. Jing also collected the Academic Achievement Award from the University of NSW valued at \$15,000. Other awards were gained by Li Chen and School Captain Emre Mehmet who received scholarships to the University of NSW (Coop scholarship, worth, \$15,000) and the University of Technology (worth \$13,000) respectively.

The new Gymnasium was completed at the start of term 2 and is being actively utilised by the PD/H/PE faculty and for a great range of sporting activities including basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, netball, badminton and European handball. The school this year has been allocated security fence funding and support for painting of the main buildings and classrooms. During Term 4 the science laboratories will be gradually refurbished and the result will be modern state of the art teaching and learning environments for scientific education at the commencement of 2010.

As a follow up from the earlier research in 2008, the Positive Behaviour Intervention Support program was reinforced through a series of special assemblies and DEAR sessions. The common expectations for positive behaviour were defined and published on the Safety, Quality Learning and Respect matrix (SLR) which is displayed in each of the classrooms and main learning areas. Guest speakers from the Police and various charities such as World Vision have further reinforced the important values associated with respectful behaviour and quality learning processes. A key objective of the program is to develop leadership skills and to use the considerable talent within the student body to demonstrate, model and discuss community involvement and the underlining values. I am indebted to the team of teachers who have led this major initiative and look forward to seeing the program evolve over term 4 of this year.

Connected Classroom technologies have been further advanced this year after the initial year of operation. We have seen links with well known authors such as Peter Fitzsimons, conferences with leading international computer entrepreneur Michael Dell, outstanding scientists such as Andrew Smith (an expert on climate change), plus many other students from schools in NSW both metropolitan and rural. The arrival of the Federally funded Laptop computers at the end of Term 3 has created great interest in the enhancement of learning through these modern devices. The associated software is magnificent and presents some efficient ways to research, present, share findings and understandings both within a class at our school and further afield.



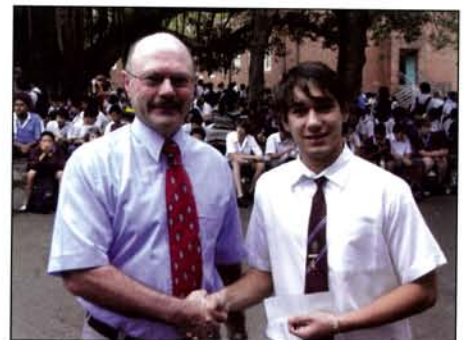
Samed and William smile for the camera.



Dr Paterson is always pleased to present awards.



Dr Paterson regularly joins the boys for sporting events. Here he is running in the school Cross Country.



Thomas Stefoulis School Captain presents Dr. Ian Paterson with a cheque from the Homebush/Strathfield RSL Sub-branch. This is the twenty second successive year that the sub-branch has supported the schools Excellence Fund.

Parents of Year 9 have enthusiastically supported the introduction of the laptops and we value their continued endorsement through encouraging the students to use the laptops in an agreed manner.

A feature of the sporting section will be the consistent participation of the students in a variety of pursuits, both in the summer and winter seasons. The first grade football team has demonstrated enormous talent and determination to win the Errea Cup which represents supremacy within all NSW comprehensive high schools and is a great reflection of the values underpinning public education and sport in this state. Special thanks to Mr Doenau for his outstanding coaching of the squad and this is a wonderful reward for an outstanding educator in his final year of service to public education in NSW.

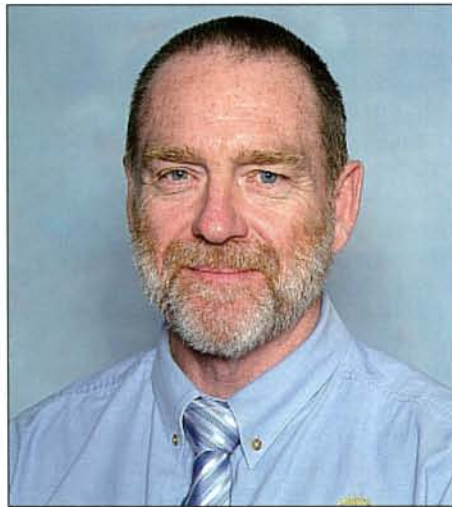
The annual Band Camp, organized by Mr Albertson and Ms Gobel was held at Naamaroo, Lane Cove during Term 1 and included the All Star Stage Band, Ensembles and Drum Corps altogether for a combined 3 day workshop. A highlight was the visit by "Little Pattie" on the Wednesday for voice workshops with Thomas Stefoulis, Christopher Yoon and Rio Kang who were able to successfully perform their songs with support of the Band. Rio Kang has since been selected in the SW Sydney Talent Identification Program which consisted mainly of senior students.

An innovation this year is the link with Birrong Girls HS and the commencement of the "Battle of the Brains" competition each term. The students either visited each school site or communicated with the assistance of the connected classroom technology to conduct a literacy based trivia quiz. Ms Dwyer, Ms Kumaralingham and Mr Elaro are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and commitment towards this project.

This is my tenth report within the annual school magazines and it is sometimes difficult to limit recollections of past events and achievements by our wonderful students this year and in previous years. This year however, more than previously I am dwelling more on the significance of the magazine features as it will be my last report as I will be retiring from the Department of Education at the end of term 4. This magazine will certainly be kept as a tangible reminder of 2009 and when necessary prompt me to reflect on our magnificent comprehensive boys high school and the outstanding teaching and support staff which underpin the teaching and learning programs. I look forward to reading more about the school and the student achievements in the future.

Dr I. PATERSON

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENT:



Mr Tim Jurd

2009 has been an extraordinary year in that the new Australian Government decided to inject much needed funds into schools across the country. Regardless of which side of the political fence you sit, no one could deny the real benefits that Homebush students have reaped from this construction bonanza.

We now have a wonderful new security fence which will reduce vandalism and enhance the security of our site.

The magnificent gymnasium is not only an excellent addition to our school facilities but the gym has been recognized by Strathfield Council as the winner in the design category of Public or Institutional Buildings. It is an enormous structure but the blend of brick and colour bond enables it to blend in with the streetscape. It looks like it has always meant to be there. Maintenance has continued with a meticulous painting project carried out throughout a number of areas of the heritage block A. This older building has been suffering wear and tear and showing its age. This beautification was much needed and one only has to look inside the assembly hall to see what a worthwhile activity the painting project has been.

Many of the projects incorporated environmental perspectives including installation of rainwater storage tanks and energy efficient lighting. In the new gym, huge louvres control the light and air flow cutting down on the use of electricity for lighting, heating and cooling.

Most of these projects were part of the Australian Government's B.E.R. (Building the Education Revolution). It was the D.E.R. (the Digital Education Revolution) which has left many staff amazed at the changes to learning conditions and pedagogy in the average classroom in our school.

The Department of Education started the "Connected Learning" program in 2008 in which magnificent "connected classrooms" were installed throughout New South Wales' public schools providing teleconference facilities with a interactive whiteboard (IWB). This technology has proved very popular. IWBs are an excellent aid to teaching and connected learning. We have now seven IWBs in classrooms throughout the school and in 2010

we hope to increase this number to 20, funds permitting.

The D.E.R. injected funds into one of the most ambitious programs many of us "old hands" have ever seen. The Australian Government wants to put a laptop computer in the hands of every student in year 9 to 12 within four years. The first phase of this program started this year with 32 staff receiving computers and all year 9. Two support staff have been appointed and wireless has been installed in 13 learning spaces. The pace of change is mind boggling as with this new technology the D.E.T. has offered many training courses to staff to allow them to learn the applications and develop innovative lessons using the new technology. Coordinating all of this furious activity have been many fabulous members of staff. Mr Greg Sheath coordinates the Connected Learning team. This team does a sensational job managing the breathtaking scope of change happening in technology and pedagogy. Greg has introduced staff to on-line learning using Moodle. This enables students to collaborate and interact with the Homebush learning community via the web using forums, Blogs and Wikis.

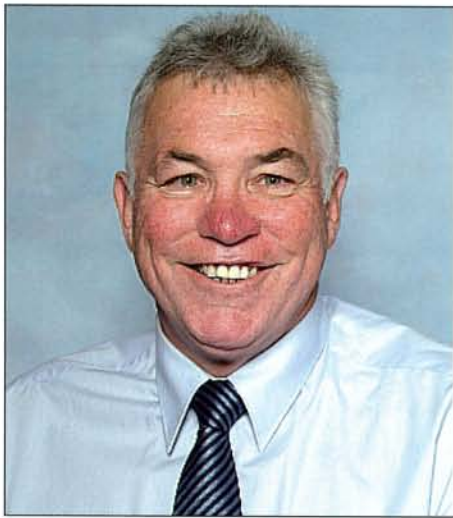
Many of these innovations are due to the outstanding work of our visionary network 'gurus' Ramana Kirubakaran and Ryan Chadwick. These two young men run our school network and assist in planning IT maintenance and more importantly the expansion of our network. We are very lucky to have these 'sleek geeks'.

Another tireless worker is Careers Adviser Mr Tom Pinkey. Tom not only shepherds students on their life paths, he is also our school web master. He spends many hours maintaining this excellent display of student achievement and effort.

Literacy continues to take deserved priority in our school's priorities. Mr Chabes Elaro leads a dynamic team as they coordinate the explicit teaching of literacy in all programs. Moreover, Chabes ensures that all literacy programs are well publicized and supported. For example Ms Sathya Kumaralingham and Ms Jenelle Horiatopoulos run the very successful Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). Sathya, along with Ms Caitlin Dwyer, has established an effective linkages program with Birrong Girls High School called "Battle of the Brains" which is a trivia quiz based on subject matter from the P.R.C. This has become embedded in the school calendar. Caitlin has also coordinated the W.A.G. (Writing Action Group) in which a team of staff use Action Research to trial innovative lessons which combine explicit teaching of writing texts with the use of I.C.T. So far the research indicates the W.A.G. is successful in melding these two school priorities.

Staff throughout the school work extremely hard and extremely successfully. An example of this success is found with Mr Roger Doenau, who has combined a passion for History with an obsession for football. 2009 has been a successful year for both interests with excellent results in both 'areas'. As he and other members of staff "draw the curtains" on their careers. I can only say that it has been a privilege to share the same "stage".

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL WELFARE



Mr Bill Hilliard

"Are you working hard... or hardly working!" The question is often asked, in a laconic American accent, as Mr Enthusiasm, our hard working Sport Co-ordinator, Ron Tedford strides the corridors and playgrounds of Homebush Boy's High.

School is about kids, so much of my report will focus on kids. I recently had the opportunity to catch up with several Old Boys, both of whom pursued a career in professional Rugby. Rodney Blake (2002) became a Wallaby and Tommy Hikila (1999) represented Tonga in the last Rugby World Cup. Both boys were physically imposing young men with natural ability. In discussion they emphasised the point, their size and natural ability were only the foundations. They had to build the training blocks and develop rigorous personal discipline to avoid the exit doors that abound in professional sport. When I asked them Mr Tedford's question their response was "working hard!..... the harder we work the luckier we get!" School is like that. I see boys 'working hard' and some boys 'hardly working'. Our job is to make 'the hard work' enjoyable, fun, relevant and satisfying. Our job is to make all the kids want to do the 'hard work'.

The 2008 HSC year had outstanding results with 183 mentions on the Merit List and 8 Premiers All Rounder Award winners. Our desire is to see all aspects of the students developed. The school year began as we witnessed the devastation of the Victorian Bush Fires. The S.R.C. organised a fund raiser which sent a

Mr Jurd's report continued

Our Principal, Dr Ian Paterson, also concludes a long, successful career in education this year. Since I was appointed in 2001 I have found his energetic leadership inspirational. Ian is passionate about teaching and learning and embraced the quality teaching model with open arms. All his mentoring of staff uses the QT framework as a structure for guidance. If one could combine QT with cricket Ian would have found Nirvana.

I wish Ian every success as he moves into the next phase of his career. All the best and thanks. To the staff, well done, from the fantastic front office to the most far flung demountable. You are all fabulous.

Mr T. JURD
Deputy Principal Development

record \$3,300 to help fellow Australian's affected by the bush fires. "Now that's Education in action!" Year 7 were off to Coolendell for their High School Orientation Camp. The rest of the School underwent Study Skill's Programs. The Drum Corps joined the Stage Band and the Ensembles for the first time at the Music Camp.

Just to illustrate that "boys can do anything", Rio Kang was off to a Talent Identification Camp. Previous top performers in Connor Martin (Australian-All Schools Water Polo), Joel Harris (NSW U/18 Softball) & David Paterson (C.H.S. 1st X 1 Cricket) received Sydney North Blues presented by Beijing Gold Medalist Matthew Mitcham, OAM. Alex Patrulescu was selected in the Australian Youth Olympic Team. In addition, David Wang, Nick Taylor, Peter Totidis Serge Houlias and Joshua Rogers were our own age champions.

Several other Old Boys were in the news as Phillip Hughes (2006), was selected to tour South Africa & England with the Australian Cricket Team, Mitchell Starc (2007), represented the NSW Sheffield Shield Cricket Team & John Symond (1965), was repeatedly asked his predictions on the Australian Economy, in the light of the Global Financial Crisis. Year 8 student Bavi Indrakumar was presented with a cricket bat on assembly by Australian Cricket Vice -Captain Michael Clark. Tom Gallagher, Ben Worthington & Robert Polec leading the way, the Drum Corps participated in their 11th consecutive Anzac Day March.

Over 120 boys gave up their Sunday morning to assist in raising over \$24,000 for the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal. Year 11 student Ashvin Ashok, led a team from Year 7, 8 & 10 in the Tournament of the Minds. They were placed third in their region, which was a PB for the school. Henry Liang, Anthony Phan, Joseph Zheng & Steven Guo had their art work selected at The Westmead Children's Hospital for 'Operation Art'. Scott Worthington was the Junior Public Speaking Champion in the "John Symond All Boys Public Speaking Competition" while George Choi won the senior division. Ben Eiskovich became the school Cross Country Running Champion.... now he was working hard!!

After years of fund-raising, the vision became a reality as Dr Paterson handed the keys to the New Gymnasium to the visionary Ron Tedford.

I never thought I would hear it! As I walked the playground, I heard several students arguing about 'who was the fastest touch-typist'. This interest was obviously generated by the typing course completed by all Year 9 students as a pre-requisite to receiving their 'Laptops For Learning'. The technology revolution continues as more classrooms are fitted with Interactive Whiteboards & Conferencing Equipment. The NAPLAN & ESSA results continue to be well above state averages. A Behaviour Expectations Framework was introduced which attempts to outline consistent appropriate behaviours in a variety of school environments. We work closely with the Community Liaison Police in the implementation of these expectations. They have been of the forefront of educating students regarding use of mobile phones, internet & social networking sites, with the message 'think before you click'. A

team of 50 boys gave up hours of their time to assist these police & the NRMA in a community service program where they replaced the number plate screws on motor vehicles with a non-removable variety.

Year 9 enjoyed the activities and frolicked in the snow on the Snowy Mountains excursion while the Years 7, 8 and 9 attended the Science Exhibitions in Canberra. Each faculty had a plethora of excursions and incursions to enhance the experiences for the students. Each Friday, four Year 8 students worked in the community with the "Meals On Wheels Program".

The All Star Stage Band was outstanding in their performance at the Sydney Opera House. Over the years I have accumulated a few qualifications and accreditations. The most useful has been my "Bus Driver's Licence". In 2009 I drove the First X1 Cricket Team to Armidale where they played the quarter final of the prestigious "Alan Davidson Shield". I drove the First Grade Football Team to Tamworth for their match in the "Errea Cup". This team ultimately won this competition to be State Champions. I enjoy the company of so many talented, disciplined and motivated team members and their coaches. They were working hard.

Schools are made up of people. The nature of the boys is a strength. The experience and quality of the teaching staff is a strength. The positive, 'can-do' approach of the ancillary staff is a strength. The support of a committed parent group is a strength. The vision and hard work of the school leadership team is a strength. It is with a sense of satisfaction that I acknowledge the outstanding contribution of two staff members who will be retiring at the conclusion of 2009.

Roger Doenau has been History Head Teacher since 1987. His outstanding contribution was acknowledged with a 'Pride in Workmanship Award' from the Strathfield Rotary Club. Roger's intellect enabled him to fulfil many roles within the school. Of more importance was the esteem in which the boys held him. The 'coach' played 'strong'.

Ian Paterson was appointed principal in 1999. As an ethical, hard working visionary, with the students at the forefront of his actions, he drove development & improvement in Teacher Quality. If Ian's name had have been 'Bob', I would have called him 'Bob the Builder'. Under his principalship, the Gymnasium was built, the school refurbished, Computer Laboratories & Connected Classrooms established, the grounds landscaped, the Science laboratories rebuilt, the PBIS framework introduced, Study Skills implemented & Teacher Quality developed. School enrolments increased from 960 to 1,250 with many applications declined. This reflected the academic reputation of the school. The 'bush became the dominant performer in the Metropolitan North-West Sport Zone. Both Ian & Roger have 'worked hard'.

It has been my professional pleasure to have worked with both of these fine men. To each I say "A job well done, mate!"

To everyone else I say, "Good manners & courtesy will get you everywhere".

Mr Bill HILLIARD
Deputy Principal Welfare

PRESENTATION EVENING

15th December 2008

ENGLISH

Year 7	First in English Second in English Third in English	Jin Sheng Wong Serge Houhlias Scott Worthington
	Outstanding Efforts in Wide Reading Program	Dean Bardas Burney Wong Onur Fardaver Ambrose Hill
Year 8	Equal First in English Third in English	Keshav Bhrugubanda Frank Day Cameron Kopecny
Year 9	First in English	Youssef Latash
Year 10	First in English	Jackson Hua
Year 11	First in Standard English First in Fundamentals of English First in ESL English First in Extension 1 English First in Advanced English	Yogesh Bhasale Kyu-Chang Chung Mohammed Wasef Sajeeb Roy Sajeeb Roy
Year 12	Equal First in Extension I English First in English (ESL) First in Standard English The Rhonda Roberts Memorial Award for First in Advanced English	Li Yuan Chen James Filippoy Jing Ma Prajesh Shrestha Elison Furneaux-Bate

HISTORY

Year 7	Equal First in History	Kallen Doong Vindesh Nadan Qi Wei Henry Liang
Year 8	Equal First in History Third in History	Joshua Chen Frank Day Cameron Kopecny
Year 9	First in History First in History Elective	Joel Todd Aaron Kwok
Year 10	Equal First in History	Jackson Hua Vignesh Iyer
Year 11	First in Ancient History First in Modern History The Ian W French Memorial Award for Excellence in Preliminary HSC Ancient & Modern History	Ali Latash Ali Latash Thomas Stefoulis
Year 12	First in Ancient History First in History Extension First in Modern History	Prajesh Shrestha Elison Furneaux-Bate Elison Furneaux-Bate

CREATIVE ARTS

Year 7	First in Visual Arts Equal First in Music	Victor Tam Kai Tommy Ng Koray Cetindag
Year 8	First in Music First in Visual Arts	Shinoy Jacob Hassan Koussan
Year 9	First in Music	Peter Brimfield

	Equal First in Photo, Digital Media	Jack Jones Lachlan Clement
	First in Visual Arts	Kwon Myung Stone
Year 10	First in Music First in Photo Digital Media First in Visual Arts Excellence in CAPA	Kai Lin Zachary McCowage Yu Wang David Wang
Year 11	First in Music 1 First in Visual Arts First in 1 Unit Photography, Video & Digital	Aaron Russell Wenqi Zhang Emre Aral
Year 12	Equal First in Visual Arts First in Music 1	Donald Chung Joseph Giannone Joshua Ho

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Year 7	First in Geography Equal Second in Geography	Michael Au Adrian Talevski Zaheer Ebrahim
Year 8	First in Geography Equal Second in Geography	Aleks Wynne Anthony Yao Saif Ali Phillip Zhang
Year 9	Equal First in Geography First in Commerce	Peter Brimfield Christopher Chiang Nabil Edelbi
Year 10	First in Geography First in Commerce	Kai Lin S.Saravanapavananthan
Year 11	First in Business Studies Equal First in Economics Equal First in Legal Studies	James Yoon James Yoon Yogesh Bhasale Fredrick Xiao Sheharyar Hamayan
	First in Studies of Religion First in Geography	Victor Lin Adrien Mardaga
Year 12	First in Business Studies First in Legal Studies First in Studies of Religion First in Economics First in Geography The John Taggart Memorial Award for Excellence in Social Sciences	Paul Kim Jeff Wong Deepak Chand David Paterson Ibrahim Kerem David Paterson

LOTE

Year 7	Equal First in Languages	Michael Au Dean Bardas
Year 8	First in Italian First in French First in Chinese (Back'd Speakers) First in Chinese (Non-Back'd Speakers)	Phillip Siomos Achintya Chavan Calvin Cheung Keshav Sharma
Year 9	First in French First in Chinese (Back'd Speakers) First in Chinese (Non-Back'd Speakers) Equal First in Italian	Rui Xiao Sha Yi- Lung Chen Michael Zhang Beau Russell Matthew O'Neill

Year 10	First in French First in Italian First in Chinese (Back'd Speakers) First in Chinese (Non-Back'd Speakers)	Divyesh Nambiar Joshua Natale Chi Yu Lu Andy Chun
Year 12	Equal First in French (Begin's)	Elison Furneaux-Bate Steuart Macallister

MATHEMATICS

Year 7	Equal First in Mathematics Third in Mathematics	Nayan Bhatthela Zaheer Ebrahim Jin Sheng Wong
Year 8	First in Mathematics Equal Second in Mathematics	Phillip Siomos Kelwin Tang Anthony Yao
Year 9	First in Stage 5.3 Mathematics First in Stage 5.2 Mathematics Equal First in Stage 5.1 Mathematics	Da Bin Song Hansol Lee S. Ramachandran J. Tharmakulasingam
Year 10	First in Stage 5.3 Mathematics First in Stage 5.2 Mathematics First Stage 5.1 Mathematics	Owen Huang Phillip Stapleton Erik Borrelli
Year 11	The UNSW Prize for First in Extension 1 Mathematics First in Mathematics First in General Mathematics	Omar Noori Kasim Ayikol Emre Aral
Year 12	First in General Mathematics First in Mathematics First in Extension 1 Mathematics First in Extension 2 Mathematics Mathematics Student of the Year	Nicholas Siomos Jimmy Zhao Roger Liu Tony Lee Jing Shun Ma

SCIENCE

Year 7	First in Science Second in Science Third in Science	Galen Feng Qi Wei He Liang Zaheer Ebrahim
Year 8	First in Science Second in Science Third in Science	Phillip Siomos Anthony Yao Frank Day
Year 9	First in Science	Joel Todd
Year 10	First in Science	Kai Lin
Year 11	First in Biology First in Chemistry The UNSW Prize for First in Physics	Mohammed Holali Sajeeb Roy Omar Noori
Year 12	First in Chemistry First in Biology First in Physics	Tony Lee R. Shanmugasundaram Peter Ayre

COMPUTING STUDIES

Year 9	First in Computing Studies Excellence in Computing Studies	Rui Xiao Sha Christian Iacullo David Zou
Year 10	First in Computing Studies Gifted and Talented Award in Robotics	Ashvin Ashok Oliver Buckley Umair Awan
Year 11	First in Software Design & Devel. TVET Achievement Award Excellence in IPT First in Inform. Tech. VET 4 Unit First in IPT First in Inform. Tech. VET 2 Unit	Matthew Iwanczuk Matthew Iwanczuk Matthew Iwanczuk Matthew Iwanczuk Emre Aral Emre Aral

Year 12	First in Software Design & Development Information & Comm. Technology First in IPT First in IT (VET)	Ronald Pai Samuel Che Matthew Sheath Donald Chung
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PD/H/PE

Year 7	First in PD/H/PE Equal Second in PD/H/PE	A. Thirunanthakumar Charlie Brian James Burton Onur Faydaver
Year 8	First in PD/H/PE Equal Second in PD/H/PE	Anthony Yao Phillip Siomos Aleks Wynne
Year 9	Equal First in Physical Activity & Sports Studies First in PD/H/PE	Matthew O'Neill Omar Ibrahim Benjamin Eisikovich
Year 10	Equal First in Physical Activity & Sports Studies First in PD/H/PE	Faisal Khan Thomas Burton Fletcher Rowe
Year 11	Equal First in Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation 1Unit First in PD/H/PE	Ben Green Peter Jackson Daniel Speed
Year 12	First in PD/H/PE	Ibrahim Kerem

TECHNICAL AND APPLIED STUDIES

Year 7	Junior Craftsman Award	Niruban Sivendra
Year 8	Junior Craftsman Award	Hassan Koussan
Year 9	Equal First in Graphics Technology First in IT (Metal) Equal First in IT (Timber)	Tony Li Yi- Lung Chen Thomas Barrett Thomas Barrett James Lewington
Year 10	First in Food Technology First in Industrial Technology (Electronics) First in IT (Timber) Junior Craftsman Award First in Food Technology First in IT(Electronics)	K. Jeyamanokar David Zou Ken Ko Ken Ko Benjamin Yoon Fahim Zaman
Year 11	First in IT(Graphics) First in Hospitality Operations First in I/T – Timber & Furniture Senior Craftsman Award First in I/T – Multimedia Industries First in Engineering Studies	Michael Talarico Adem Kolar Daniel Armitage Daniel Armitage Brandon Chang Brandon Chang
Year 12	First in Hospitality Operations First in I T (Timber Products & Furniture Industries) Most Outstanding Design Project in Timber & Furniture First in IT(Multimedia) Most Outstanding Design Project in Multimedia First in Engineering Studies	Camryn Cooper James Shute James Shute Matthew Lucis Matthew Lucis Roger Liu

YEAR 7 AWARDS

Principal's Medals	Pavithran Sivakumar Michael Au Niruban Sivendra	Harshardeep Singh Kiieren Sritharan Gagan Jalandhra
Gold Awards	Leonardo Pane Dean Bardas Michael Au (2) Bavi Indrakumar Pavithran Sivakumar (2) Ansaf Ahmed Nayan Bhatela Ibrahim Al-Atyyia Athithan Thirunanthkumar Michael Xu Martin Stepho Zaheer Ebrahim Khaled Allazze Vindesh Nadan Taranjit Singh Kang Min Choi Daniel Kim Ameen Ramadan-Jradi	Harry Kim Niruban Sivendra (2) Burney Wong Gagan Jalandhra (2) Hassan Faour Scott Worthington Harshardeep Singh (2) James Burton Koray Cetindag Adrian Talevski Trae Chamma Ambrose Hill Sung Min Kim Kiieren Sritharan (2) Robert Lopes Abishek Naidu Vijay Narayana
Literacy Award	Henry Liang Cheng Zheng	
Academic Excellence	Qi Wei Henry Liang Zaheer Ebrahim	
Dux of Year 7	Jin Sheng Wong	

YEAR 8 AWARDS

Principal's Medals	Myat Minn Omer Cenk Shinoy Jacob Hassan Koussan Cameron Kopecny Sarankan Suresh-Kumar Joshua Chen Kelwin Tang	Simran Singh Raghav Sareen Reece Ilolahia Krishneil Kumar Kogulan Ramachandran Joel Perik Jiacong Xu Frank Day
Gold Awards	Hassan Koussan (2) Jude Johnpeter Daniel Collis William Wu Nicholase Zeng Jacob Hill Omer Cenk (2) Sidney Yi Reece Ilolahia (2) Martin Lee Ali El Kheir Kenan Kolar Jiacong Xu Steven Rosen Omar Hosny Najee Roude Justin Perkins Joel Perik (2) Timothy Mitry Jiacong Xu Kelwin Tang Matthew Truong Bilal Zreika Simon Xin Thomas Goth-Towney (2)	Cameron Kopecny Myat Minn Ibrahim Bardouh Kogulan Ramachandran (2) Raghav Sareen Simran Singh Nathan Waipouri Daniel Parkee Andrew Truong Matthew Kuruvilla Shinoy Jacob (2) Krishneil Kumar Karim Alkadmani Tony Huang Mohammed Abdul-Rahman Sarankan Suresh-Kumar (2) Yianni Spathis Joshua Chen Jeremy Chung Rio Kang Sam Zhang Frank Day (2) Phillip Zhang Jason Luo
Excellence in the Even Start Program	Tyler Neilsen	
Academic Excellence	Aleks Wynne Frank Day	
Dux of Year 8	Phillip Siomos	

YEAR 9 AWARDS

Principal's Medals	Michael Zhang Paul Lee Mathew Fishbeck Doo Ho Park Nabil Edelbi Damian Lam Andrew Mo	Patrick Gallagher Dhuva Nades Parathan Yi-Lung Chen David Zou Andrew Cocks Sion Hatgifotis Andrew Depta
Gold Awards	Michael Zhang (2) Doo Ho Park Dilan Khalil Matthew O'Shea Dhuva Nades Parathan Yi-Lung Chen (2) Benjamin Eisikovich Lachlan Clement Thushan Yogendra-rajah Andrew Mo	Nabil Edelbi (2) Eric Lam Patrick Gallagher (2) Paul Lee (2) David Zou (2) Andrew Depta (2) Erkan Altun Andrew Cocks Sion Hatgifotis (2) Albert Ta (2)
Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal Studies		Justin Kim Doo Ho Park
Academic Excellence	Peter Brimfield Patrick Gallagher	
Dux of Year 9	Joel Todd	

YEAR 10 AWARDS

Principal's Medals	Phillip Stapleton Thi Ha Kyaw Michael Talarico Naveed Chowdhury	Vimalan Kanagalingham Yu Wang David Wang Benjamin Yoon
Gold Awards	Phillip Stapleton Vimalan Kanagalingham (2) Colin Tse Yu Wang Ashvin Ashok Naveed Chowdhury (2) Benjamin Yoon (2)	Roberto Speranza Awais Nisar Shivayan Saravanapavananthan Michael Talarico David Wang Steven Grasion
Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal Studies		Zhi Yuan Ma Owen Huang
Excellence in the Junior School		Michael Talarico
Academic Excellence	Jackson Hua Zhi Yuan Ma Shivayan Saravanapavananthan	

University of Sydney Academic Excellence and Dux of Year 10 Kai Lin

YEAR 11 AWARDS

Principal's Medal	Kapilan Arunthavanathan Thomas Pelchen	Mohammed Holali Jibraan El-Ahmad (2)
Gold Awards	Kapilan Arunthavanathan Mohammed Holali (2)	Max Little Thomas Pelchen
Third in Year 11		Ali Latash
Second in Year 11		Omar Noori
UWS Outstanding Year 11 Award And Dux of Year 11		Sajeeb Roy



All Star Stage Band

YEAR 12 AWARDS

Principal's Medal & 3 Gold Awards	Alex Burjan	
Principal's Medal & 2 Gold Awards	Duncan Trinh Partha Sarker Tharan Arunthanathan Joshua Ho	Christopher Parkee Elison Furneaux-Bate James Sun Jeff Wong
Principal's Medal & 1 Gold Award	David Xiang Bhirajan Yogarajah	Hao Ni
Principal's Medal	Ian Banerji	Afnan Fazli
Gold Award Most Improved Student	Patrick Chow Thomas Ng Kenny Lloyd	Matthew Lucis Michael Hua
Third in Year 12	Jing Shun Ma	
Equal First in Year 12	Tony Lee	
Equal First in Year 12	Elison Furneaux-Bate	

CHESS AWARDS

Eric Zhang	Year 7
Keshav Bhrugubanda	Year 8
Sai Abhishek Bhonsale	Year 9
Brent Xie	Year 10

JUNIOR DEBATING AWARD

Shivayan Saravanapavanathan

TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS AWARD

Scott Worthington
Koray Cetindag

Services to Drum Corps

Tom Gallagher
Alexei Bernard
Ashvin Ashok
Surya Venkatesan

SCHOOL BAND MERIT AWARDS

Luke Dassaklis
Oliver Buckley

Paul Avery

SCHOOL BAND AWARD

David Brimfield

STAGE BAND MERIT AWARDS

Mitchell Boyd
Perrin Tasker
Rory Peters
Joel Samways
Jared Wee

STAGE BAND AWARDS

Richard Kim
Aaron Russell
Aidan Kirvan
Daniel Speed

BANDSMAN OF THE YEAR

Peter Brimfield

CAPTAIN OF THE BANDS AWARD

Daniel Armitage

Excellence in Supported Learning

Jibraan El-Ahmed

Chess Awards

Jeff Wong
Gordon Tan
Duncan Trinh

Bandsman of the Year

Elison Furneaux-Bate

Senior Public Speaking Award

Elison Furneaux-Bate

Senior Debating Award

Elison Furneaux-Bate
Li Yuan Chen

Old Boy Prize for All Round Merit

Andrew Brimfield
Peter Ayre

Churton Family Shield Best All Rounder

Nicholas Siomos
Joseph Giannone

Exemplary School Performance

Tony Lee
Jing Shun Ma

Soros Family Award for Public Relations

Mehran Modasser

Outstanding Contribution to the School

Thomas Ng
Donald Chung

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Donald Chung

Strathfield Rotary Citizenship Prize

Joshua Ho

Caltex Best All Rounder Award

Alex Burjan

P & C AWARD

Most Outstanding Boy in the School

Emre Mehmet

MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

Eric Au
Michael Hua
Ibrahim Kerem
Kenny Lloyd
Kailin Moodley
William Parker
David Paterson
Harichandra Rajaji
Kaan Sozen
Giorgio Speranza
Gordon Tan



The string section



Rio Kang singing



Mr John Murphy & Christopher Chiang



Mr John Murphy & Zaheer Ebrahim



Mr John Murphy & Saif Ali



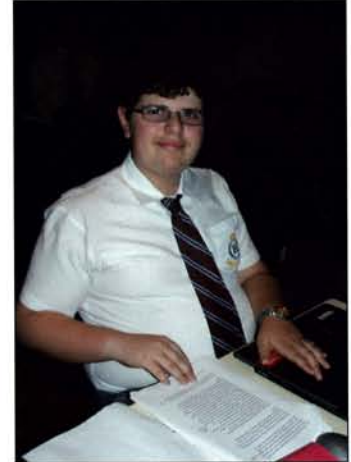
Mr John Murphy & Aleks Wynne



Ms Diane Dunn & Jin Shen Wong



Lachlan Jenson-MC



Reece McFarlane



Social Science Awards



Co-Curricular, Citizenship & School Service awards



Creative Arts Awards



Sporting Awards



English Awards



Sporting awards



History Awards



Year 9 Awards



Sporting Awards



Dr Paterson



School Captain elect - Thomas Stefoulis



Robert Rafael



Tyson Parcell



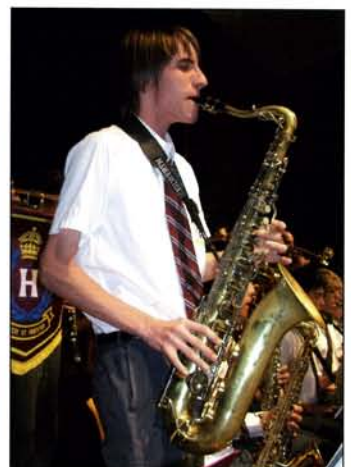
Daniel Armitage



Ian Albertson - Bandmaster



Richard Kim on drums



Aidan Kirvan



Science Awards



Mathematics Awards



PDHPE Awards



Technical & Applied Studies Awards



Year 8 Awards



Year 7 Awards



Computing Studies Awards



Sporting Awards



Year 10 Awards



Year 11 Awards



Good on you guys!



Red shield Fund-raising



Boys under tree



Michael Clarke, Australian cricket Vice-Captain at the school assembly



Messrs Doenau, Martin & Wilson

Jing Shun Ma achieved a UAI of 99.75 to be awarded Dux of Homebush Boys 2008. The Dux was strongly contested by four other students Tony Lee, Li Yuan Chen, Samuel Che and Rajit Gilhotra. Principal Dr. Ian Paterson stated that the Year 12 of 2008 achieved some remarkable results "Many students achieved their personal bests with high UAI's that allowed them to gain their academic goals in a variety of courses and universities throughout Australia". Students were also successful in gaining a number of scholarships.



Jing Shun Ma was awarded the UNSW 2009 Academic Achievement Award (AAA) with the corresponding scholarship of \$15,000, Emre Mehmet the UTS Co-Op scholarship in Bachelor of Accounting, Li Yuan Chen the UNSW Co-op scholarship in Engineering and Thomas Ng and Suat Ozcan were awarded Teaching scholarships. A record 134 students were offered places at university – the highest number in the last thirty years.



Above: school assembly is held each Friday morning.



NAPLAN: National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy.



Assembly for Old Boys visit.



Elison Furneaux-Bate receives Sydney Uni Scholarship



Emre Mehmet UTS B.Acc Coop



Ben Eisikovich- Laptops for Learning



Part of the audience at a presentation.



The audience

LANGUAGES FACULTY REPORT

The year started on a high note as three students in Mrs Gabor's French Beginners class achieved outstanding results in their 2008 French HSC exams. Elison Furneaux-Bate, Janis Lucis and Stuart MacAllister received Band 6 as well as achieving High Distinction and Distinction results in the National Assessment of Language Competence Tests in October 2008. In fact, the overall performance of this class in their French HSC exam was well above the state average for this course. Well done to Mrs Gabor and her students!

In January we also learned that the 2009 Italian Study trip for Year 10 had passed the first stage of approvals with final approval granted in May. Seven students, along with Mrs Gilchrist and Mr Jurd, travelled to Italy during the September/October vacation to do a language course in Rimini followed by a mini-tour of Italy and a side trip into Switzerland to visit the UNESCO Heritage listed city of Bellinzona. As the group will not have finished the trip by the time

this goes to print only an early diary entry and a few pictures have been included in this issue.

Mrs Gilchrist was invited to participate in the NSW DET Laptops for Learning Project during Term 2 as one of three LOTE teachers in the state-wide project. The aim of the project was to investigate how laptops could be used in a unit of work and sample lessons were trialled with Mrs Gilchrist's Year 9 Italian class. These lessons were evaluated and the results forwarded to the NSW Curriculum Support Unit for use in designing professional development for LOTE teachers in preparation for the rollout of laptops to Year 9 students this year.

Ms Lay has been busy with her Year 11 class which is a composite Continuers and Background Speakers class. She has also been attending inservices to access the many new prescribed texts for the Chinese HSC Background Speakers Course.

Mrs Gabor, Mrs Gilchrist, Ms Lay

DIARY ENTRY - 2009 ITALIAN STUDY TRIP

7th October 2009
Finally had a good sleep – all I needed was some rugby*! Went to school for 30 minutes then Sara, our teacher, took us to the markets that we saw on Saturday, this time they were absolutely packed. She explained a few things to us and taught us the names of many things.

Later we got to go off by ourselves and explore the markets. Bought gifts for myself and others. In the afternoon went to Ravenna, quite a long train trip from Rimini.

The main attractions in Ravenna are the Byzantine mosaics that were made so long ago and are in almost perfect condition and found throughout the city in various locations. Most are found in the church of San Vitale, which has been declared a world heritage site. Beautiful ancient art. We visited three major monuments and then it was time to head off to the train station to return to Rimini. Went past the red rugby field on the train.

Still amazes me, plus the red dirt is so hard to get out of the clothes,

not to mention the amount you get on your face, ears and in your eyes. Really fun though.

Sam HAYWARD

*Sam attended three rugby training sessions with the Rimini Rugby Club



Beau Russell in Bellinzona



Shopping for food in Rimini.

RECITAL NIGHT 2nd JULY



Music ensembles are thriving at Homebush Boys High School.

At Recital Night Concert this year, 30 talented students impressed an appreciative audience of fellow students, parents and friends. Items included 'The Enzymes', a rock group led by School Captain, Thomas Stefoulis.

Singing has become very popular at the school in recent years. Three of this year's HSC Music class, Thomas Stefoulis, Max Little and Chris Yoon will sing for their performance exams. Rio Kang, from Year 9, impressed music staff so much last year that he was selected to participate in the Voiceworkz and Talent Identification Program run by the Department's Arts Unit.

As music teacher and Bandmaster Ian Albertson commented "There has been a steady increase in the number of students participating in music activities in recent years. The standard of performance has also steadily improved during this period. This is reflected by the impressive results achieved by last year's HSC Music class where four students gained a Band 6 grading. If you are keen on music now is a good time to be at Homebush Boys"



PREFECT AND SRC INDUCTION - There was a camera malfunction on the day and we apologise for not having photographs of everyone.



Thomas Stefoulis - Captain



Tyson Parcell- Vice Captain



Lachlan Jenson- Senior Prefect



Asritha Chintamani - Prefect



James Yoon Prefect



Tom Gallagher - Prefect



Emilio McFarland - Prefect



Mohammed Holali - Prefect



Tom Kopecny - Prefect



Jake Imer - Prefect



Peter Jackson - Prefect



Thomas Burton - SRC



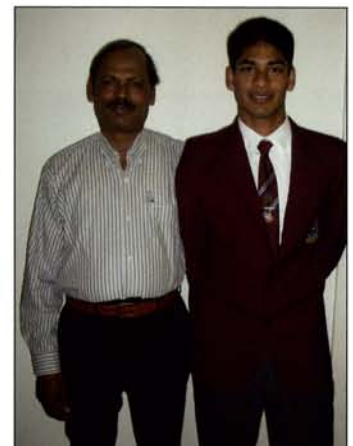
Michael Talarico - SRC



Daniel Speed - SRC



Patrick Le - SRC



Sajeeb Roy - Prefect



Victor Lin - SRC



As usual, the Hospitality team provides a great feast.



Taylor Di Val - Prefect



Ayman Hill - SRC



Dimitri Tourta-Alegounarias - SRC



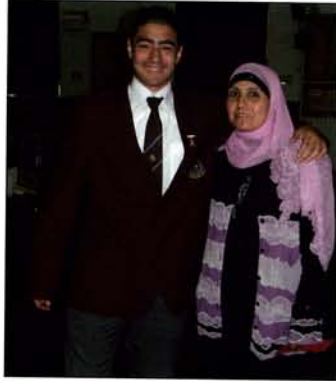
Erkan Altun - SRC



Sam Hayward - SRC



Bassam Alam SRC



Selem El-Helou - SRC



Rory Peters - SRC



Frank Day SRC



Dennis Griffin- Colls - SRC



Thomas Burton - SRC



Daniel Armitage - SRC



Omar Holali - SRC



Trae Chamma - SRC



Hassan Koussan - SRC



Jibraan El-Ahmad - SRC



Paul Cho - SRC



Patrick Gallagher - SRC



Vimal Sivakumar - SRC



Scott Bunch SRC



Luke Dassaklis - SRC

ANZAC DAY & DRUM CORPS



Tom Gallagher leads the Drum Corps through the audience.



Vice-Captain Tyson Parcell

Dennis Griffin-Colls - MC

Principal & School Captain

Daniel Collis at a solemn moment



A minute's silence

David Brimfield plays the Last Post

Dennis and the flag



Mr Doenau and the speakers.

Sajeeb Roy & Peter Jackson



At the memorial

Peter, Asritha & Sajeeb

Peter Jackson



Peter & Sajeeb

Sajeeb Roy

David Brimfield



Burwood Commemorative Service 19th April



Our Drum Corps in the March



Anzac Day March 25th April



Burwood Commemorative March

Drum Corps Mentor-Jim Batch



DRUM CORPS REPORT

This year was another exciting one for the Drum Corps. We began with a camp to consolidate drumming and marching skills. Under the guidance of our senior drummers – Rob Polec and Ben Worthington – our new members had the opportunity to practise drills and learn the basic cadence sequences. We were also fortunate to have input from an experienced drummer, Tyler, who was here on a visit from America. We left the camp a stronger group and we had also learnt a new cadence.

Our first performance was Open Day early in Term 1. This was followed by our most important time of the year - ANZAC. Firstly we participated in the school ANZAC Commemorative Service on 9th April and then the Drum Corps marched in the Burwood ANZAC Commemorative Service on Sunday 19th April. The highlight for the Drum Corps was the Sydney ANZAC Day March on 25th March.

In August we attended the annual Sandakan Remembrance Service in Burwood Park on 22nd August. It was once again a moving service in memory of the 2,000 Australian POWs who died on death marches from Sandakan to Renau.

In July we opened the Recital Night performance and in Term 4 we also performed at Orientation Day and Presentation Evening.

We are extremely grateful to our mentor Mr Jim Batch who is a member of the Strathfield Drum and Pipes. He coaches the group in his own time on Fridays and we are truly lucky to have the benefit of his expertise and support.

Sadly we farewell Tom Gallagher (Drum Major) Rob Polec and Ben Worthington who have served the Drum Corps for six years. We wish them all the best.

Ms HORIATOPOULOS



Ms Horiatopoulos with Drum Corps mascot George
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Ashvin leading the march



Tyler at the camp.



Marching practice



Rob Polec and Jack Jones



Ragav at the camp



Luke on cymbals



Rehearsing in the gym



Rehearsing



Opera House excursion



The corps drum out of the service



Ben and Luke Dassaklis



Tom Gallagher



Danton and Sathyajeet



Sandakan Service



Ben Worthington



During the service



All the corps



The corps is dismissed



Oliver Buckley and Daniel Collis



During the service



We farewell Ben and Rob



Mr Philip Morehouse has taken several trips on his beloved steam trains this year. Here are some of the photographs!



Peer tutors are a community spirited group who give up their time to help those student readers who need some extra support and encouragement.

DRAMA IS ALIVE AND WELL AT HBHS

"Drama is an art form that explores the world through enactment. It is a collaborative artform that involves the creative interaction of individuals using a range of artistic skills. Drama is an important means of understanding, constructing, appreciating and communicating social and cultural values; interpreting, valuing and transmitting the past and traditions; exploring, celebrating and challenging the present and imagining the future."
- from the Board of Studies Drama Syllabus.

During 2009 the subject of Drama has continued to go from strength to strength at H.B.H.S. With Mr. Koff taking the Year 11 Preliminary class and Ms. Carrasco the Year 9 Elective class, the boys have been involved in some exciting work designed to develop and extend their creative talents and knowledge of various aspects of theatre studies.

The boys have been involved in various activities throughout the year including attending performances and workshops.

Next year for the first time we will have a select Year 12 group attempting the rigorous HSC Drama course. Though it is a demanding course it is also highly creative and we look forward to some exciting and challenging work from the boys involved.

This year's Year 9 Class will be moving on to Year 10, the second year of their two year elective course, while an enthusiastic new group of Year 9 students will begin the first part of their course. For the first time in many years Homebush will be able to boast of Drama running across three different year groups.

All in all the future looks bright for Drama at Homebush!



Above: Drama students at work

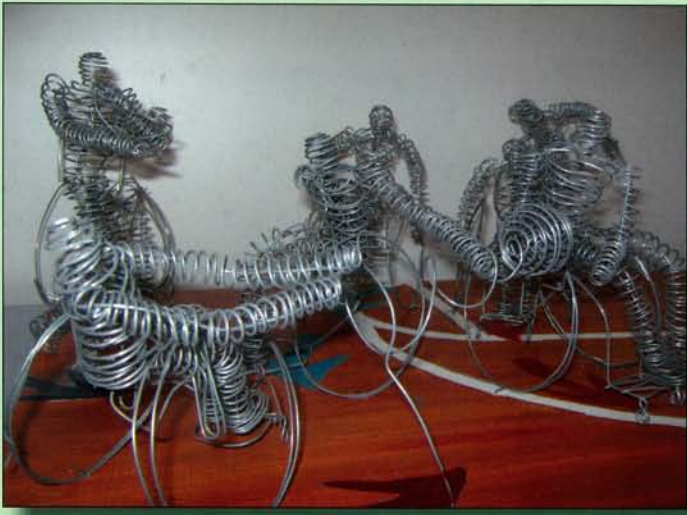
OUR OWN POET



Above: Yr 12 listen to poet Peter Skrzynecki.

YEAR 12 ARTWORKS





HARMONY DAY



Nicholas White won the senior division and Christopher Chiang and Henry Liang the junior division of the Harmony Day writing competition.

Harmony week is about recognising and respecting the differences in mankind, be it racial, cultural, religious, or language-based and accepting values, beliefs and people from different parts of the world.

We all belong. Each and every one of us; whether you are of English or Chinese descent, Lebanese or South African. Christian or Muslim. Black or White. We are all of equal stance and all belong in a unified society. One where the differences in culture, beliefs or practices do not form into superficial and ignorant prejudices, but are accepted by one another. Where these differences are not condemned and forcibly removed, but respected and acknowledged. It's this acceptance of differences and hospitality towards people of other cultures that will create a harmonious society, as Australia is a prime example of this multiculturalism.

We have people from many countries across the world; Pakistan, Serbia, Greece. All showing respect for one another and all living in harmony. I also have a foreign background, Thai. Much like Australian society, Thai culture revolves around the indisputable respect that should be shown to each and every person; irrespective of whether you disagree with their personal beliefs or not. Most practices are performed with respect for another person in mind. Simple things; for example, it is imperative that you greet each other with respect and kindness, especially to your elders and superiors or when entering someone else's house, you would take off your shoes beforehand as a sign of respect to the state of their household. This respect and hospitality shown

through social interaction, extends even to the way people eat. In contrast to western dining etiquette, Thai dining is a communal experience of ceremonial exchange. Dishes are not passed from person to person as it is in the West. Rather, the Thais would only help themselves to a small serving of each dish one at a time as otherwise, is deemed as rude and greedy. Even the predominant religion in Thailand, Buddhism, teaches tolerance and respect to all living creatures and their ways of life.

Harmony is the oil coating the cogs of our society, keeping it running smoothly. It brings peace, equality and stability to our way of life. But this harmony can only come from mutual respect shown to each and every person despite any differentiation in cultural or personal beliefs. Both the Thai and Australian societies are prime examples of how courtesy and respect for one another can create a safe, harmonious country, where we all belong.

IT SUPPORTS OXFAM



Oxfam Trailwalker is the world's greatest team challenge. And it's also one of the toughest. The challenge is to get your team of four across 100km of Australian bush in less than 48 hours - and, collectively, to raise at least \$1,000 to help to overcome poverty and suffering around the world. Ryan Chadwick and Ramana Kirubakaran our two tireless IT Support Staff joined forces with two friends from university to take up the challenge.

Each team committed to raising at least \$1,000 to support Oxfam's work in 26 countries including Indigenous Australia. Oxfam Australia makes a tremendous difference to people's lives.

TALENTED HBHS STUDENT



Zhi is at front left.



Zhi is at right.

ZHI Ma, an ESL student who arrived in this country only a few years ago, is not only a talented student but is also a talented accordionist.

Zhi was introduced to the accordion at the age of five by his granduncle who was an accordionist. He started learning accordion in China and performed regularly at his school. However he was forced to quit when he was ten because his parents came to Australia and he was left to live with his grandparents.

When Zhi came to Australia to join his parents several years later, he found an Australian accordion teacher and since then, he has competed in the Australian International Accordion Championships three times, in the New Zealand International Accordion Championships twice and he performed with his accordion ensemble "Funkordion" at the Coupe Mondiale International Accordion Championships in August this year.

As well as competitions, Zhi also performed with his group at many community concerts, including the Sydney Italian Festival in Leichardt, Salvation Army concert in Petersham and Scalabrini Retirement Village in Austral.



SCHOOL CAPTAIN 2008 ON YOUTH COUNCIL

In April this year, our School Captain for 2009 was one of 12 young people from across NSW to be appointed to the 2009 Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

The NSW Minister for Youth, Graham West said the Rees Government was committed to listening to young people, increasing their participation and involving them in the decisions that affect their lives.

He said, "The 12 new council members represent a diverse range of cultural backgrounds, geographical areas, ages and life experiences, and I congratulate them on their selection.

"Throughout the year, these Youth Advisory Council members will consult with community groups, Government authorities and other young people. The information they receive is then relayed back to the NSW Government for consideration and action.

Our congratulations are sent to Emre and the other young council members.

CHANGE OVER 60 YEARS

This title signifies those who, sixty years ago, completed the New South Wales Leaving Certificate in 1949, having enrolled in 1945, thus being the first to do so in order to complete a five year curriculum. This had the effect of making Homebush Boys the ninth 'full' high school in the Sydney metropolitan area. However the honour of being the first Leaving Certificate year goes to 1944 whose students were able to continue their studies after the Junior high school three year/Intermediate Certificate, in line with the longer term planning for the school.

We have attended special functions in 1988, 1995, 1999 and 2006 and we have contributed to special prize awards. Other 'years' have of course done similar things and we are sure that they, like us, are delighted with the co-operation and mutual interest shown by the school over the years.

After 1949 we entered many of the professions such as law, medicine and engineering, and developed careers in public service, com-



Geoff Vaughan

merce and industry that required good levels of secondary and tertiary education. Particularly outstanding careers were by Geoff Vaughan AO who became Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the Victorian College of Pharmacy and later Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) at Monash

University. Jeff Stinson became Associate Professor of Architecture at Toronto University, Canada with design engagements in several parts of the world.

Later sporting achievements included Frank Jordan who represented Australia in Water Polo at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. Frank had been the Australian Open 440 yards swimming champion while still at school. Geoff Vaughan was in the Wallabies front row during their tour of England in 1957/58. He played in six tests, being Vice Captain for three of them.

Our gatherings really commenced after 1990 when Ralph Harris OAM, John Emery, Trevor Grenenger and Hugh McCubben started the painstaking and lengthy job of contacting the rest of us. Sadly, Ralph, Trevor and Hugh are no longer with us, but the Rev. John Emery is as keen and vigorous as ever. A fifth 'pioneer' was Denis Solari who soon entered the project with invaluable administrative support through his solicitor's office, which he continues today from his home.

We met formally as a large group from 1993 to 2002. Now we meet annually. Our numbers are slowly dwindling but then we are all 76 years old or more. We expect to issue greetings in 2014 when we will have gone 65 years since leaving and are 81, and hopefully for 2019 and 86 years old. After that we believe the last man standing will do his duty.

At our meetings we look back on our school days with pleasure and appreciation for the quality of the teaching we received. We got on well with the first Principal, William Roberts, with us for our initial year, who was a most likeable man. Andrew Watson replaced him and retired in 1949 after forty-eight years of

service to Public Education. Watson had been a Geologist to Base 2 in Sir Douglas Mawson's first Antarctic expedition during 1911-14. He was a first grade cricketer for Sydney University and North Sydney and played baseball for New South Wales and for Australia against visiting American teams. He is memorable for his courtesy to all and his considerable 'presence'.

The immense development of the school (and so many other schools) measured in terms of new building and equipment, greatly increased staff and much more complex programming and time-tabling than in our day and demonstrates society's need for wide-ranging education programs. Over the last 60 years Australia's population has grown from seven million in 1949 to 21 million and with this growth so has our outlook necessarily become more international and this adds to the demands on the education system. In our final year the Leaving Certificate for our particular year covered 14 study areas. Sixty years on it has risen to 31 for Homebush Boys' H.S.C. (2007 examination). We played four sports against other High Schools (champions Water Polo and Tennis, medium performers Cricket and Rugby). We had a big advantage in the Water Polo – the team included a future Olympian, a future Wallaby front-rower, and the future World famous swimming coach from the class of 1950, Don Talbot. Currently it is 28 sports. There is also the practice of valuable skills like chess, music and public speaking. Our year debated against other high schools and there were inter-school athletic and swimming carnivals but generally the school was to be more restricted until money became available together with more students throughout the State, and more teachers. It is a real pleasure to learn that some students become blood donors – among the greatest of all public services.



John Emery

When we enrolled World War II was still being fought, with the first atomic bomb still to destroy Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. Although this year saw a final declaration of peace, the world was still to be affected by the 'Cold' War with its nuclear stand off, and the Berlin Blockade. The threat of nuclear conflict was to cause world tension over the next four decades. We had finished our schooling before the Korean War was fought, between 1950 and 1953, but the years following us completed their education in its shadow. In 1951 the young men of our and succeeding years on turning eighteen were 'called up' for compulsory military service. This scheme of 'National Service' was to continue until 1958. Students of the sixties were confronted by the possibility of 'call up' to a 'hot' war in Vietnam.

Today's students have studied through times of harsh conflict in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Middle East and other parts of the globe and more briefly, but very near to home, East Timor. A sometimes forgotten flash point for violence remains in the Demilitarized Zone in Korea where North and South troops face off with grim expectation of treachery by one side against the other. This is a point where the

shadows of war persist and where history could repeat itself.

Clearly, despite the 60 years between our studentships, we have much in common.

Major differences and benefits to humanity



Denis Solari

arising between then and now – involving 60 years of change – could be argued forever. We didn't have TV, computers, electronic calculators, mobile phones, digital cameras and many other items. Today's homes are bigger, with more bedrooms, bathrooms

and living space. It is arguable whether or not these things have increased our level of happiness.

Against a list of technical changes lie questions of social and personal change. These are huge topics also and in concluding this article we would mention just one change – migration. The Australian program got underway in the late forties but with huge strides in philosophy and management still to be made. It is now a major benefit to this country and was to eventually make a positive difference at Homebush Boys High School. We didn't see this kind of change when we were students but later as responsible and caring adults we applauded its value.

Finally, another thing we share with today's High School students is the competitive and demanding environment in which we must spend our long post-school years. We believe that a modern state high school like Homebush offers its students a stimulating and intellectually challenging program, with a requirement of objective and creative thinking. We believe that this sets them on the path to success and happiness, in a way that can't be surpassed.

Go to it, H.B.H.S!



The plaque and honour board presented to the school by the Old Boys of 1949. Their very interesting story is on this page.

Model United Nations Assembly



On 20th and 21st June, two teams, one of Year 11 students, Shivayan Saravanapavanathan, Vignesh Iyer and Ashvin Ashok, and another of Year 10 students, Youssef Latash, Patrick Gallagher and Sam Hayward had the opportunity to participate in Rotary's district 9690 Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) under Mr. Elaro's guidance. However Ashvin was unable to participate in person due to illness, but he assisted with the preparation and proposed the team's successful 'resolution from the floor'. Rotary Model United Nations Assembly or MUNA aims to 'build bridges of goodwill for world peace and understanding in the minds of our youth'. It encourages the youth to absorb the lessons from two great world wars and numerous lesser conflicts in order to avoid repeating the mistakes of history.

This year, senior team represented Canada and won the Frank & Pat Totenhofer Peace Prize shield, \$100 book voucher and certificates. This was the second time that Homebush won this prize, the first time being in 2004 and Homebush is the only school to win this prize twice in district 9690. The junior team was not less competitive representing Iran and provided a strong debate with strong arguments and statistics, in particular in a resolution on Palestine which won them accolades from the audience.

Throughout the course of the weekend, the participants representing nearly 70 countries debated on various international and humani-

tarian resolutions. We, "Canadians" proposed many amendments to the resolutions - most were passed but a proposed amendment for international troops to be withdrawn failed to be passed. In addition, we had a heated debate on P5's veto nations; and moved the amendment for eradicating Al-Qaeda and Taliban in Afghanistan. Our from the floor was our highlight where we proposed for humanitarian aid, assistance and social security to be provided to Tamil civilians in Sri Lanka and worldwide following the Sri Lankan civil war. It was successfully passed with little opposition and a video was created by Ashvin on the impact of the Sri Lankan War in order to strengthen our position and demonstrated to the Security Council, who appreciated us for extensive commitment to MUNA and decided to consider Ashvin as having participated in MUNA despite his physical absence. The video was not shown to the General Assembly for its disturbing content but it definitely won the hearts of the Security Council.

At the end of the weekend, Russia had been chosen as the Best Debating Team and Israel was chosen as runner-up. We however secured the Peace Prize for our humanitarian concerns demonstrated throughout the weekend through the resolutions, amendments and arguments. In addition, the judges stated that we were overall the fourth best team. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to participate and we are proud to have been honoured for the second time with the peace prize and not returning to school empty-handed. We would recommend MUNA to our junior debaters presently in Year 9 next year along with the present juniors as their experience and expertise in debating will ensure their victory. Furthermore, we would wish to extend our thanks to Concord Rotary Club for sponsoring us and paying for us to participate in MUNA this year.

by: Ashvin Ashok, Vignesh Iyer and Shivayan Saravanapavanathan



UGANDAN STUDENTS SAY THANK YOU

In August 2008 the Homebush Boys Prefects launched the Kawempe Homecare Website which one of the prefects Kaan Sozen built. The Prefects were so moved by the project that they decided to do a fund raiser and together with support of the Rotary Clubs of Concord and Silverwater were able to provide education for thirteen students for a year.

Recently the 2009 School Captain, Thomas Stefoulis and Career Adviser, Tom Pinkey received an email from Dr. Sam Guma the Executive Medical Director of Kawempe with a report on how the students were progressing.

The 2009 Prefects will be working with Rotary Clubs later this term to fundraise to not only continue sponsoring these students but hopefully add another one or two from the waiting list. To find out more about the Education Support Program at Kawempe click here. Read a half yearly report on each of the individual students sponsored.



Year 12, 2008 return to the school on Study Skills Day to share their knowledge.

RYPEN

RYPEN was a camp experience which was so memorable to us; Erkan Altun, Patrick Gallagher, Damon Clarkson, David Zou and David Baek. Throughout this experience we have gained so many skills which have had a significant impact on our lives. This experience has developed our confidence, co-operation, leadership, and the ability to understand each other.

To start our journey we arrived at school towards the beginning of recess. Everyone got to school with the smallest amount of luggage except for Erkan who had two whole bags full of stuff. Later on the Rotarians arrived. After a few photos with our sponsors we were on our way to face the experience of a lifetime.

The trip to Springwood was fairly long though enjoyable with all the talk in the cars. Once we arrived at Blue Gum Lodge we sat down at tables to have lunch. Tortillas were on the menu and we agreed it was a great 'camp' meal.

After lunch, we sorted out our cabins, then elected our group leaders. Luckily enough one of our Homebush boys, Erkan, became a group leader. Afterwards we had our first speaker Fiona Keane who enlightened us with her diverse knowledge and shared her experience of her life and decisions and where they have led her today. After Fiona's motivational talk we had a session where everyone stood up in front of the whole group to talk about themselves for a whole minute. It was a very interesting session and allowed everyone to get to know a bit about each other.

We then had session with Graeme Canty, the Police School Liaison, who made us aware of our choices in our life and where they can lead us, and how to deal with the various factors. During afternoon tea various friendships were in the making. Following afternoon tea we had a session on camp rules, then we got into our groups and made up a group flag which represented each group. The group leaders selected a skit for their team to be performed the following evening. After that we free time, during which we bonded with other fellow Rypennians and had stacks of fun. Friendships had already formed and new ones were in the making.

Later on we were all herded back to the dining room where we had our dinner. Then, we were reminded of what was coming up next... the Bush Dance "Ned's Revenge". We had so much fun and danced with people we just met, and the atmosphere in the room was set with a friendly tone.

Later on supper consisted of all you can eat cookies and cordial which wasn't weak at all. During supper we had another round of sixty seconds which entertained many of us with all the unusually weird sense of humour with everyone's pet hamster facing a tragic death. With all that fun and experiences the day came to a close with free time so we could have our late night showers and fun. Unfortunately for Erkan he smacked his face into the trampoline, entertaining onlookers. Damon on the other hand enjoyed this time by playing a newly created version of ping pong. Pat and the two David's had lots of fun in the recreation room. Finally it was an end to everyone's day with lights out at midnight and Pat's greatest fear faced - going into room six with all the Granville boys. The night was fun for many in the rooms but not for the mentors who had to keep guard on all the rooms, especially room six. What a freezing night!

The next day was just as exciting with 'rise and shine' at six forty-five in the morning. We all woke up at the sound of the bell except for Erkan who was woken by Damon playing a prank on him by shaking the bed and yelling out earthquake!!! Some people went for their quick early morning showers whilst the others were an orchestra of yawns.

Half of the groups went for a bushwalk along the Creek walk whilst the rest went for an early morning aerobics. After that early morning session we went for breakfast. Breakfast consisted of a variety of choices starting from eggs and toast all the way to cereal and canned fruits. Next on the list of activities was the communication and conflict resolution. This session showed how someone's opinion can convince you to change your views. Then came the mother of all activities... "The Tower". Each group had to build a tower to support a water tank with the most cost effective and most stable tower. Some groups triumphed with the activity whilst others failed, though we all learnt many skills and bonded with our groups. Next was morning tea which was some good old ANZAC biscuits.

We then had another session of sixty seconds which was then followed by a very emotional talk by Ken Buttrum. He talked to us about the abuse and trauma many children our age and younger face in everyday life, be it at home or school. He shared with us the many tragic experiences he had heard of and the great emotion of it all which was, overall very touching. Then came the meeting of the group leaders to talk about the skits and other duties for the camp. As well as this the group leaders discussed with their groups their skit to be performed that night. We had free time after the meetings and went to lunch.

Guest speaker, Richard Eastmead, the owner of Good Guys Penrith shared the many insights of business life and how to go out of our comfort zone. He enlightened us with various topics and told us how moving out of our comfort zone could make us achieve even better. His talk was followed by afternoon tea which was delicious puff pastry deserts. Then we had games that built up bonds among team members and saw individuals and groups shine and conquer.

Each group then had a Team dinner discussion about their skits and how they were going to go about it. We were then given some more free time which was one of our last. Many people took the opportunity to exchange contact details and prepared for the very important dinner with the Rotarians and sponsors. Later at dinner we had another motivational speaker who was very inspiring for many, Imara Djumapili. She inspired many of us with all her achievements and showed how when you set your mind to something you can do anything.

The most nerve-racking event of the night was the group skits. To start the night the mentors treated us to one of their own little performances. They placed buckets on a table with an object under each. Three randomly selected students were ushered out to not know the hidden secret in this performance. Under one bucket was the head of a mentor popping out of the table where they were sitting. Each person was sent in one at a time. It was a very hilarious scene which got everyone in the room laughing contagiously. Then came our turn to perform. Each group presented their skits in various ways. Many groups used comedy in their performances and absurd props. Between each a mentor would perform a

skit so that the group next had time to prepare. After all that enjoyment came supper. Supper consisted of cookies and any choice of drink you could think of. Everyone prepared for bed after supper and exchanged a few more contact details. The atmosphere was set and nobody wanted the camp to end. We faced our last night at Blue Gum Lodge which was freezing. Pat actually got along with the boys in room six and became good friends. They even nicknamed him Mahmood.

We all woke up in the morning the very next day with Erkan waking up first in room five and Pat dragging his bed sheets along with him to the showers due to the freezing cold mornings. Then, following a bushwalk and aerobics was our well earned breakfast. Everyone then had to clean out their rooms and pack their bags which were placed in the common room ready for our departure. Before our first guest speaker of the day we had a session to reflect our time at RYPEN.

Then followed our first guest speakers Fran Ralph and Natasha Dowson. Fran and Natasha were from the internet monitoring department from the police. They talked about the many problems and hazards there are of using the internet, how easily people can be caught doing illegal stuff on the internet and how to avoid becoming a victim on the internet. We then had our morning tea where everyone was warmly chatting away to each other. Morning tea was then followed by Colin Greenway who was from the Violet Foundation. He talked to us about the foundation and showed us a slideshow of people who get meningococcal. It showed how quick the bacteria can affect someone, how easily it can be treated and prevented, the people who died and the great stories of those who survived. As the day was coming to an end we had our seminar evaluation and went off for the BBQ lunch with all the Rypennian families, friends, guests and Rotarians. To Sum up our wonderful experience we were presented with our beautiful certificates and extras from Past District Governor Bill Little. We had some final group photos and went home with so many great new skills and knowledge both influential and beneficial.

The experiences we had at RYPEN were precious and memorable with all the skills and knowledge we developed very likely to help us in the future. We started off only knowing each other but now are left with making friends with everyone. We **strongly recommend** anyone to go to RYPEN as it is a very worthwhile experience and a great step in life.

A collaborative effort from the whole team.



Year 7 student Anuraj Talati recently won two junior tennis championships in Parkes and Canberra. This gives him a National Tennis Ranking of about 1700. Leyton Hewitt is ranked no. 1.

BAND CAMP

The All Star Stage Band, Ensembles and Drum Corps of Homebush Boys High School joined forces for a combined Band Camp at Naamaroo Conference Centre, Lane Cove. Organised by Bandmaster Ian Albertson this was the sixth successive annual Camp for the school's talented musicians.

The Leader of the Sydney All Star Big Band, Ralph Pyl, was Guest Conductor for the Stage Band workshops. Ralph's expertise saw several new charts mastered during the Camp.

A major goal for 2009 was to introduce Vocal/Big Band works to the Stage Band repertoire. Three student vocalists, School Captain Thomas Stefoulis, Christopher Yoon (Yr 12) and Rio Kang (Yr 9) attended Camp on the Wednesday for Voice Workshops with Ms Patricia Amphlett ("Little Pattie"). The soloists later successfully performed their songs backed by the band.

Rio Kang was selected for participation in last year's Voiceworx program and also this year's South Western Sydney Region Talent Identification Program. Rio spent six days working with industry professionals to improve his vocal performance skills.

The Drum Corps rehearsed their routines for the Anzac Day march. They had the assistance of a young bandsman who was visiting from the USA.

The All Star Stage Band has featured in the Granville District Our Spectacular Concert over the past three years. Once again this year they were a big hit.



Twistin' by the pool



The next Ian Thorpe



Younger Band members enjoy a swim.



Thomas Stefoulis entertains Little Pattie.



Rio Kang, Chris Yoon, Thomas Stefoulis.



Rio Kang sings for Little Pattie at Band Camp



Ralph Pyl conducts stage band workshop.



Ralph Pyl checks out the 'bones



Ralph Pyl and Little Pattie



Oliver at Band Camp



Luke at Band Camp



Frank Day on Keyboard

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness

On Tuesday the 17th March 2009, 190 of our year 11 students attended a driver awareness day conducted by the Rotary Club of Concord. The day proved to be a great success as they were involved in a series of presentations and workshops surrounding the core issue of safe driving. This counted towards 30% of their Cross-roads curriculum, which looks at issues such as road education.



The day was pertinent for these boys as it is at this developmental and social stage that our students begin to get their drivers licenses and/ or become passengers in beginning drivers' cars. Statistics show that the amount of injuries and fatalities on the road are still made up of younger drivers, so it is days like this that aim to reduce the risk involved with the driving of vehicles by our youth.

The day involved students being placed into several groups and dealt with the following issues;

Safe celebrations; The students learnt about the ways to minimise harm to themselves and others when

involved in celebrations, such as knowing alcohol content in drinks and what that actually means for drivers.

Your Choice; A seminar delivered by a Police liaison officer dealing with the legal issues surrounding having a license and driving. A graphic video presentation was given showing real-life accident scenes and the impact on all involved.

The real cost of wheels; Perhaps the most sedate of the presentations, looking at the cost of owning a car- including insurance, car prices, finance and unscrupulous dealers. This was conducted by the Office of Fair

Trading.

Hazard Perception; A presentation that ran through on road scenarios looking at driving skills and cues relevant to good driving. L-Trent conducted the presentation.

Stopping distances; The most hands on workshop where L-Trent driving instructors showed the students the stopping distances at 40km/h, 50km/h, 60km/h and 80km/h. This session involved some of the

students riding in the car during the demonstrations; giving them a practical look at safe stopping distances.

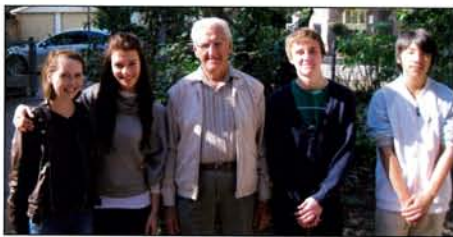
Accident Survivor; Pat, a person who survived a motor bike accident several years ago, but acquired a brain injury and is now in a wheelchair, spoke to the students about his accident and subsequent experiences. Photographs documenting his life and the presentation from Pat gave a confronting look at the outcomes of a motor vehicle accident.

Student's accounts for the day have been positive, with many taking different things away from each of the presentations. The stopping distances session proved to be most enjoyable, but the student's response was favourable for all the presentations.



If this excursion makes our students better road users and prevents an

accident to one of our boys, then it was a success. The whole experience demonstrated the impact a motor vehicle accident can have not only on the victims in the accident, but to the loved ones of the victims and those involved in dealing with the accident.



The Year 10 boys who wrote the article on the facing page were sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Burwood, Concord and Strathfield to attend the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment(RYPEN) in the Blue Mountains. All three Rotary Clubs have been very supportive in providing our students with opportunities to enhance their skills and talents through leadership, science and debating programs. Students over the years have benefited greatly from their participation in the programs and as a result have become leaders within the school and scholarship awardees.

ALL STAR STAGE BAND



Front Row : Mitchell Boyd, Rory Peters, David Wang, Thomas Stefoulis, Jared Wee, Beau Russell, Frank Fangwu Day
Second Row : Christopher Wale, Daniel Speed, David Brimfield, Aaron Russell, Peter Brimfield, Perrin Tasker, Eric Zhang
Third Row : Oliver Buckley, Aidan Kirvan, Gus Rosser, Joel Samways, Daniel Armitage, Abraham Jack
Absent : Luke Dassaklis
Teacher: Mr I. Albertson

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



Mr Standen and Peter 9.35 am.

Downhill section 10.15 am.



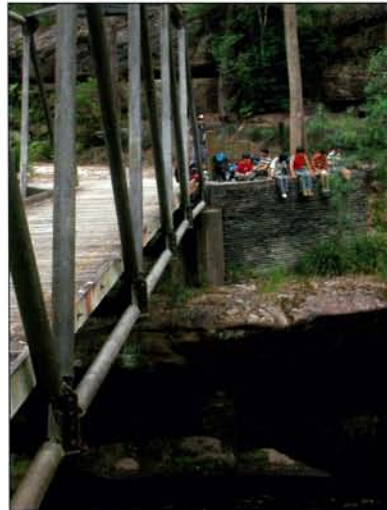
At the Quarter Sessions Rd track junction 10.04 am.



Ashvin, Zain and Peter at the Fishponds track junction 10.59 am.



Peter, Jared, Zain and Varunan on the stepping stones 11.07 am.



Lunch 11.57 am.



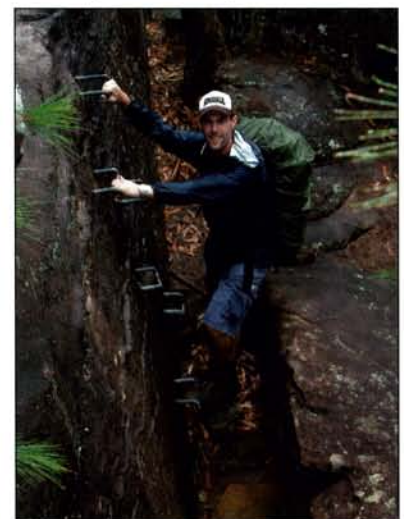
At Tunks Ridge Rest Area after a tough climb 1.38 pm.



Goanna 2.14 pm.



Vignesh 2.53 pm



Mr Standen 2.54 pm



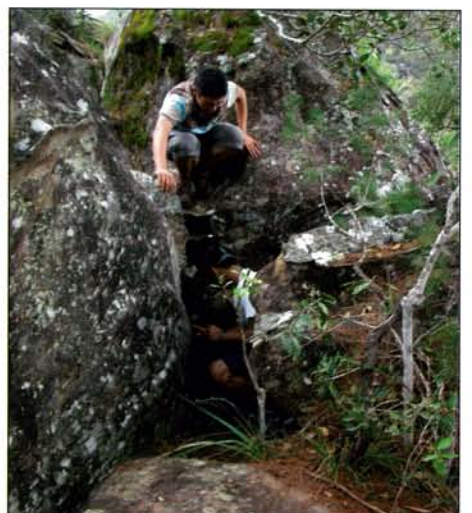
Alexei crosses Berowra Creek at Galston Gorge 3.03 pm.

Cooking at 6.02 pm.



8.14 am

DJ checks the map 8.43 am



Rest spot 10.01 am

Jared and Surya explore the cave 10.16 am



Berowra Creek and Sams Creek confluence 10.18 AM

At Berowra Station 12.47 PM



Jared and David at the finish 11.49 AM



Surya, Peter and Alexei 11.51 AM

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD BUSHWALK

Another epic journey was undertaken on Sunday 7th and Monday 8th December, last year. This 27 km hike was the second bushwalk undertaken by the 13 participants. Track work on the rail line meant we had to travel by bus from Strathfield Station to Thornleigh, to meet Mr Standen at the start of the walk.

Our adventure was on the Benowie Track, a section of The Great North Walk, in Berowra Valley Regional Park. This track starts just a few blocks from the station and follows Berowra Creek. Although the suburban sprawl on the ridge-tops was never far away, we soon descended into picturesque bushland, which felt much more remote and isolated. One or two leeches and some minor backpack repairs were the only impediments to the morning's walking. We crossed the seemingly idyllic cascading waters of Waitara Creek and were horrified to discover its source was the outfall from the Hornsby Sewerage Treatment Works: the pristine environment was nothing more than a pipe dream!

Next, we used the cement stepping stones to cross the creek to reach Fishponds Pools, a short way further on. A break for lunch was taken at the Steele Bridge, a prefabricated military structure erected to connect fire trails that service the area. Then it was a hot and steep climb up the fire trail to Tunks Ridge, just above Galston Gorge. Here we met Alexei, who had travelled up with his dad, so he could join us for the rest of the walk. While refilling our water bottles from the 40 litres that had been dropped there the afternoon before, we decided to press on to a better campsite some three and half kilometres downstream. This decision proved fortuitous, as our gear would have been drenched by the inconvenience of a sudden heavy downpour. Instead, it was only our clothes that received the soaking, as we negotiated the steepest downhill section of the walk to the road bridges below.

The storm soon abated and we quickly

dried off, as we made our way to the campsite. While setting up camp, we were invaded by legions of leeches, which some found very threatening. As a diversion, a few braved the water for a quick swim, before fighting off further leech raids while attempting to cook dinner on our fuel stoves. Many had a sleepless night worrying about our unwelcome blood-sucking tormenters.

More leech encounters provided an added incentive to get moving in the morning and we were soon on our way. We re-filled our water bottles at Crosslands Reserve and then proceeded past the Aboriginal shell middens beside the widening river estuary. It seems their oyster was their world, or at least a large part of their diet. Next, we crossed the Calna Creek Bridge and then continued on a section of boardwalk, which skirted a swampy area leading to Sams Creek. We boulder-hopped across this a short distance upstream, before enduring a very steep ascent to reach the fire trail, just 2 km short of the finish.

We were now in the home straight – our weariness forgotten, as we tackled the last steep climb before the final three quarters of a kilometre to the station at Berowra. We had time for snacks at the neighbouring shops before catching the train back home. One last leech encounter on the train was a final reminder of the epic adventure we had all shared. While we will cherish the memories and the photographs – a written report of the journey from each participant would complete the experience and meet all the award requirements!

Michael THOMSON
DEAS Co-ordinator and friendly tour guide



Mr Jurd and Mr Elaro help out with SRC fund-raising.



Blood donating is an important community service and is well supported by students and teachers alike.



Mr Pearson and his crew are environmentally aware and do their bit to make things more beautiful for everybody.



Creating a work of art the indigenous way with help from our experienced and knowledgeable visitors.



Mufti Day at school is an important opportunity for fund-raising and celebrating excellence.



Visual Arts students Peter Kumar, Erkan Altan and Varun Bapat from Yr 10 and Rulin Huong and Victor Le from Yr 9 attended Campbelltown Arts Centre for the annual Artsmart workshop. The students were also successful in having their artwork chosen for the prestigious 'Director's Choice' exhibition that was held in October at Homebush Olympic centre.

ROBOCUP SOCCER Robotics Competition Report



Mr Sheath with Oliver, Thomas and Lachlan.

The competition is a teams event where each team designs builds and programs two robots, one a defender, the other an attacker or goal shooter. The field is about the same size as a table tennis table. The ball is covered with infra red leds which the robots detect and try to knock/push/shoot into the opposing goals. Troubleshooting skills are keenly tested during this competition.

At the NSW State soccer titles held at the Uni of NSW new members from Year 9, Thomas Goth-Towney and Lachlan Foster joined with Oliver Buckley Year 11 to place 2nd whilst Umair Awan placed 3rd and Harish Vellamalai and Nicholas Alley came 5th. This follows on from last year where the boys came 2nd and 5th.

This is the first year that we attended the Australian National Soccer Robotics competition. This year they were held at the Uni of NSW where Thomas, Lachlan, Oliver and Harish placed a very creditable 9th out of 40 plus teams from every state. They were knocked out by the eventual winner of the competition. The organizers of Robocup asked our team if they would like to compete in the next Asia Pacific Robotics Titles.

Oliver BUCKLEY

PODCASTING PROJECT Competition



Mr Wills, Mr Sheath and the podcast team.

This year three Year 7 students and six Year 11 students entered the South West Sydney podcasting competition as part of the Literacy and Numeracy week activities. Students had to design a 60 second podcast based on a rap, sonnet or poem format genre.

Students used Audacity sound editing software to record their voices and additional sounds and original music.

All the boys really enjoyed working in the different genres and learning to use Audacity.

William Poulos, Dylan Owen-Taylor and Grant Bunch from 11IPTB and Awais Nissar, Sidaswar Krisnan and Vimalan Kanagalingam from 11IPTA worked on the project.

Thoughts from Yr11 Podcasting

Our task was to construct a sonnet, rap or poem about computers and technology. Awais and Sidaswar constructed the lyrics and used Fruity Loops to make a beat which would support our lyrics, and Vimalan was our rapper. We used two software packages - Audacity to record our lyrics and Fruity Loops to make a beat. We worked on this task for three weeks and we started off firstly by brainstorming ideas and bit-by-bit we started constructing our lyrics. This competition has been a great experience. We have learned how to use our computer knowledge and implement our ideas into a rap - the IPT rap.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS



The TOM team gets into the act.

On 29th August 2009 Homebush Boys was represented by 'The Bush Boys' at the South West Sydney Region Tournament of Minds competition at UWS Bankstown.

The boys took part in the Language Literature Challenge, developing a script based on the idea that books had disappeared and the significance of oral storytelling.

The team composed a script in which books had been phased out by technological advancement and it was up to a school teacher bearing a striking resemblance to Dracula, to teach the importance of storytelling by summoning characters from past books. Through interaction with the characters, the students were able to learn lessons of morality such as self sacrifice and the concept of never judging a book by its cover.

The team was greatly praised for their mastery of accents, language choice and use of humour.

The team consisted of: Aleks Wynne, Raghav Sareen, Hamish Campbell, Danton Servatious, Koray Cetindag, Bassel Rana and Grant Choi.

The boys took part in both a long term and spontaneous challenge.

Miss CARRASCO

NSW VISION CAMP



Jamie Szelid having a great time at the camp.

This year saw two Homebush Boys High students attending the NSW State Vision Camp. Although this is the 23rd time that the camp has been run, it is the first time that our school has sent along any students.

Jibraan El-Ahmad and Jamie Szelid, both from Year 12, joined 65 students from around New South Wales for a week long residential camp at Narrabeen Lakes Sport and Recreation facility. Although it was held in winter, the weather was wonderful; with clear blue skies and warm temperatures greeting every day. Jamie and Jibraan took full advantage of the surroundings and participated in a range of activities including the high ropes course, abseiling, kayaking, goalball, cricket and archery. There was no rest for the wicked and the evenings were just as busy as the days. The students participated in a trivia quiz and disco and Jibraan really shone as a solo performer at the talent quest on the last night of the camp. Both students hope to follow up the offered sporting opportunities after they finish school.

To keep up the energy levels needed for the full range of activities, the students were treated to delicious all day meals from cooked breakfasts and barbeque lunches to tasty gourmet dinners, not to mention the in-between snacks. Jibraan enjoyed the variety of meals and was seen leading the long line for seconds on more than one occasion! Jamie and Jibraan took advantage of the opportunity to extend their network of acquaintances and enjoyed the company of many new friends both male and female. I'm sure they look forward to continuing these friendships in the future.

The young men thoroughly enjoyed the camp and derived great pleasure from the social and sporting opportunities it offered. Their only regret was that, as they are in Year 12, they will not be able to attend in the future. Along with Ms Leong (Assistant Principal - Vision), it was a pleasure to accompany Jamie and Jibraan on this delightful adventure.

Ms Margaret ALLAN
Vision Support Teacher



Year 9 students receive their Laptops for Learning.



Ms Gabor and her hard-working class.



The Tournament of the Minds team & Ms Carrasco.



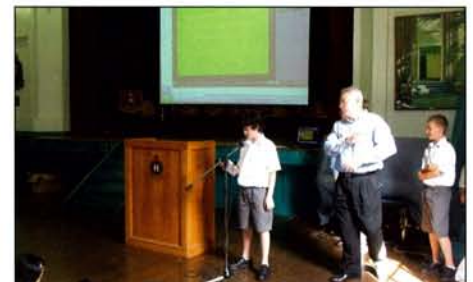
Ms Kumaralingam and boys in video conference.



Boys help with the Exodus collection



The Drum Corps stirs up the crowd on Open Day.



Mr Hilliard and Year 7 boys on Open Day.



Ms. Porteous and the fabulous Yr 11 debaters.



The Carter netball boys.



Thomas Stefoulis and Stuart Mansfield.



MUNA Award winners.



Ms Cox becomes acquainted with her new laptop.



Mr Tedford and friend.

FACULTY REPORT

Another fantastic year for computing studies. Our students once again competed in the Uni NSW Computer skills and Sydney Uni programming competitions this year. This year we had three teams compete in the NSW open division state titles of Robocup Robotics competition finishing 2nd 3rd and 5th in the state. The boys then joined forces and went on to compete in the Australian National Robotics Titles and were placed a very creditable 9th out of 40 plus teams from every state. The organisers of Robocup asked our team if they would like to compete in the next Asia Pacific Robotics Titles.

This year the school had four classes in Year 9 and four in Year 10. Senior classes are still strong with two Information Processes & technology (IPT) in both Years 11 & 12, we also have a software Design & Development (SDD) in both Years 11 & 12 with Information Technology still offered as an on-line course delivered concurrently by our teachers and Tamworth TAFE. Overall, this is a net increase in classes and student numbers in all courses.

The U NSW computer skills competition results this year were pleasing, with the boys receiving 7 distinctions and 17 credits from 44 entries. Distinctions went to Daniel Collis Year 9, and Andy Chu, Nabil Edelbi, Abdullah Hadi, Mohamed Omran, Johnson Pang and David Zou from Yr 10.

Once again Year 11 and Yr 10 Software classes competed in the Syd Uni Python Computer Programming problem solving Challenges. In this our second year in this challenge our boys were once again placed on the top 10 leader board across Australia and the Pacific. Overall Awais Nissar and Charles Zhang from Year 11 remained on the leader board and both finished in the top 10 of the competition with Charles placing 5th overall. Year 10 boys David Zou 5th and Jimmy Chen 7th also placed on the top 10 leader board. Special thanks to Mr Arundavarajah for his organisation and time.

The junior (9 & 10) program is very strong with robotics still being very popular. This year we bought more lego robots (new NXT robots) to allow teaching of concurrent classes. Computer programming using Crocodile ICT (new software program from England) has again been extremely popular. This software teaches the boys to create computer programs in flow chart method by dragging objects on to the screen and setting variables and values. The software has a large amount of in built functions and sequences and is designed for 1st time computer programmers. A highlight of the software is the pre-programmed dance routines for two dancers to perform. Python language was added to the program to assist in the boys participation in the Sydney Uni challenges.

A new topic on games and artificial intelligence was taught for the 1st time last year to Year 10. The use of expert systems, game maker software and a Nintendo wii proved very popular with all boys. This will be extended this year to hopefully allow programming of games for the Wii .

The continued and extended use of Moodle on-line learning environment offering a virtual classroom has allowed some computing classes to be taught as a

mostly paperless classroom. Moodle allows all classes the ability to have content, tests and assignments accessible at all times 24/7, thus allowing all boys easy and extended access to learning material. All junior and a lot of senior courses are available via moodle.

At the time of writing the laptop rollout to Year 9 has just concluded. These laptops from the DET and Federal government will be put to good use with the boys going straight into Flash cs4 and starting preparatory programming using Actionscripting 3.0 for gaming once they have mastered basic graphic handling

I hope that next year our boys access the learning opportunities that Computing Studies has to offer as much and more than the boys have this year.

Greg Sheath
Head Teacher Computing Studies

See photos and articles elsewhere in the magazine. Staff photo in Mathematics section.

WHISKEY CIRCUS ROCKS HBHS

It's not often Australian students can say they've been visited by an up and coming US rock band, but that's exactly what happened at the end of term one this year, when three members of L.A. band Whiskey Circus came to Homebush Boys.

While band members Mitch, Phill and Dean spend all their time these days playing, recording and promoting the increasingly popular band back home in the United States, it's a little known fact that all had previously been members of a performance group called the Young Americans, and toured the world gaining a wealth of valuable experience as both performers and teachers in the field of both Music and Drama.

When asked by Drama teachers Mr.Koff and Ms Carrasco, they jumped at the chance to give the Year 11 and Year 9 Drama classes a two hour workshop. The boys gained invaluable experience, learning a whole series of practical games and improvisational exercises designed not just to entertain but to challenge them in their growth as drama students. Not only did the boys have fun, they enthusiastically joined in all the activities, no matter how difficult – revealing the kind of co-operation and teamwork essential for successful engagement with Drama as a subject.

By the end of the workshop all agreed it had been a resounding success. Mitch, Phill and Dean were impressed with the boys' enthusiasm and sense of humour, while the boys on their part were certainly thrilled by the knowledge they'd gained and the time they spent with these L.A. rockers!

Below: Members of the band with students.





FACULTY REPORT

This year has again been a very productive and successful one for students in both Visual Arts and Music where they have strived to attain their personal best in continuing to achieve high standards. There have been some outstanding efforts from the students, which continue to demonstrate the depth of talent in our school. There have also been a variety of activities in Music and Visual Arts where visiting musicians and artists have given demonstrations and performances that have inspired the students to promote and develop their technical skills and understanding within the creative and performing arts. These visits are essential in providing the students with a unique educational experience that they would not normally have and I would like to thank parents and carers for supporting the students for this to take place.

There were many outstanding achievements during the year. One in particular was the excellent results by several Yr12 students in both Music and Visual Arts who were awarded band 6 results in the 2008 HSC exams.

Another outstanding achievement for the year occurred on Tuesday, 25 August, when 20 members of the *All Star Stage Band* performed on stage at the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House for this year's Our Spectacular. This was the third year in a row that our school's premier ensemble has been selected to perform at this prestigious District event. The band performed *The Final Countdown* which tied in perfectly with this year's theme: *Out of this World*. This was the culmination of months of preparation. The Band under Mr Albertson's guidance has built a strong reputation for putting on a very professional performance and again was received by the enthusiastic capacity audience. The band performed from memory and without conductor. The sound was tight and Tenor saxophonist David Wang played a superb solo. Rio Kang (Yr 9) debuted at last year's Recital Night as a vocalist with heaps of potential. He has since taken part the Voiceworx and the Talent Identification Program. These opportunities allowed Rio to receive training and advice from industry professionals. Add to this special workshops taken by Little Pattie (Patricia Amphlett) and multi Mo Award winner Stephen Fisher-King and it is clear that the School is supporting Rio's potential future career prospects 150%.

The annual Recital night concert and Visual Arts exhibition was again a very successful event that highlights the many gifted and talented students within the creative and performing arts in the school. The last event of the year was the performance and exhibition of the Yr12 students work in Music and Visual Arts. Parents, family and friends were invited along to view some stunning artworks from Ms Juska's students and then watch some very talented musicians from Mr Albertson's class perform. An appreciative audience gave their seal of approval on the hard work put in by the students with many favourable comments. This event continually unearths the hidden talents within the school, which gives students the opportunity to freely

express their musical and artistic talents. Special thanks to Mr Smith for all his work with the sound and lights and also to our photographer Mr Thomson. Not only does this event manage to harness the talent within the school but it also gets together a keen and dedicated working crew of students that assist with the lights and sound to help make this night a complete success.

Visual Arts has also had some exceptional achievements this year with a number of students being involved in regional art activities. Five students attended Campbelltown Arts Centre for the annual Artsmart workshop. These students had the experience of working with practicing artists in a studio like environment. The artwork that was produced from this workshop was outstanding and resulted in the following students, Ercan Altan, Peter Kumar, Varun Bapat from Yr 10 and Rulin Huong and Victor Le from Yr 9 having their artwork chosen for the prestigious 'Director's Choice' exhibition that will be held in October at Homebush Olympic centre. Also Yr 11 Visual Arts student Aiden Kirvan was selected to participate in a three-day studio workshop at the National Art School where he was taught by professional artists. The artwork that was produced will be exhibited at the National Art School gallery. There was also success some our Yr 8 students that had their artwork chosen for the annual Operation Art exhibition for Westmead Children's Hospital. For this year students Henry Liang, Anthony Phan, Edwin Guo and Joseph Zheng had their artwork selected for the annual exhibition which is held at Penrith Regional Art Gallery. Special mention must go to Henry Liang who had his artwork chosen to be exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW, which is an accomplishment and an honour as there is only 50 artworks selected from 50 over 700 artworks throughout the state.

Many of the student's artworks as well as photos from music performances can be viewed on the school website in a gallery format. And finally this year has also seen a complete revamp of all programs and assessment tasks so that they include many of the aspects of Quality Teaching and ICT especially with Yr 9 students about to receive their new laptops.

Mr K. ATTWOOD
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts.



HSC students work on their major works.



Musical talent



Artistic talent





English Staff

FACULTY REPORT

The English Faculty saw the return to the teaching fraternity of Gin Ball after her time away on maternity leave. With Ms Ball's part-time return, the opportunity to share the position was made available and Ms Kim Coroneos was welcomed to the school. I thank them both for their contributions throughout the year. Mr Fernandez left us upon Ms Ball's return. Otherwise, the faculty staff is the same as the previous year.

With a great deal of hard work and perseverance, 2009 continues the success of recent years. Whilst the Stages 4 and 5 programmes have been stable in their implementation, the faculty is well into meeting the challenges of the significant changes in the HSC English courses. As a Faculty, we all welcomed the challenge and the enthusiasm that is often associated with processes of renewal. Every HSC teacher is teaching new texts in at least half their course for the first time. Further change is taking effect in the implementation of ICT activities in all our teaching programmes. In supporting the whole school ICT initiatives, the faculty enthusiastically embraced the use of various software to create lessons that can be used with IWBs and the students' laptops. These changes to the programme are exciting and all staff have taken their first tentative steps in using the various software programmes for the first time. I am sure everyone will be off and running with these initiatives within 12 months.

The proud tradition in debating has continued with the usual large number of debating teams in the various debating competitions. We had 6 teams represent the school and congratulations to Ms Porteous' Year 11 team for reaching the regional finals – a just reward for 3 years of hard work by both the team and the coach. All students involved benefited enormously from their experiences in the various competitions. It takes a colossal amount of time and energy to organise and coach each team. I am grateful for every coach's patience and the organisational skills in ensuring the debates were scheduled smoothly and their team was ready. Thanks to Ms Ball (Year 10 coach); to Ms Porteous (Year 11 coach); to Mr Wills (coached the Year 12 team); to Ms McGuinness (Year 8 coach); and to Ms Mirkova (Year 7 coach) for their continued hard work and commitment to debating. Yours truly had the honour of coaching the Year 9 team.

The 2008 Higher School Certificate and School Certificate results were outstanding, being well above the state averages. In the HSC Advanced English course, the results were 4.5% above

the state average. 8 students were placed in Band 6, which was some 5% above the state average. 34 students, nearly 70% of the candidates in the course, achieved a Band 5, which was nearly 30% above the state average for the band. This translates into nearly 80% of the students achieved a mark of 80% or more in their HSC – a phenomenal result. Results in the HSC Standard English course were breathtaking with 4 students attaining a Band 6 (mark over 90%). This is remarkable considering there were only 77 Band 6 in the state in Standard English. 30% of the students attained a mark of 80% and over – the state average for this is some 7%! This excellent trend in the HSC results was maintained in the extension courses. All 8 students in the Extension 1 course achieved results in the top 2 bands, with the overall course average being 3% above the state average. The extension 2 student achieved the top band in the course, which was 6.67% above the state average. Congratulations to all the students for sustained efforts and application.

The overall School Certificate results were also excellent. There were 5 students who performed at Band 6 standard. This was on par with the previous year's results. Over 48% of the cohort was in the Band 5 and 6 range compared to 32% in the state. This was a big improvement for the school on the previous year's results. As well, 39% of the year cohort attained Band 4, which was on par with the state average of 38.5%. Thus, over 77% of all the students achieved a Band 4 or better, or a mark of 70 or above. This was an improvement on the previous year, indicating further strong development of the students' literacy skills in Year 10.

The fantastic support for the English and Writing Competitions, and the Year 7 Spelling Competition continued in 2009. Nearly 350 students participated in these international competitions. Unfortunately, the results were not released before the publication of this magazine.

The annual English Week was held in the middle of term 2 and as per usual, it lasted much longer than a week. All activities during English Week were well received by both staff and students. The activities associated with English Week in 2009 continued the success of our faculty initiative. Year 7 students saw a highly entertaining play called *Hot Pies and Potato Chips*; Year 8 watched a wonderful production of *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta; Year 9 experienced a variety of drama methods in a production called *Tricks of the Trade*; Year 10 watched a hilarious mixture of Shakespearean plays; and Year 11 were again entertained by the nationally-renowned satirist Tug Dumbly in the school hall. Thanks to you, the parents, for supporting the school in widening your son's perceptions of the world.

I would like to thank all members of the English staff for their commitment to the students and for continuing to embrace change with enthusiasm. I thank each and every one of them for their continued patience and for their professionalism. I am proud and privileged to work with such professional and hard working teachers.

Cheiban ELARO
English Head of Department



PUBLIC SPEAKING



The annual John Symond All Boys Public Speaking Competition was held in School Hall on Thursday 2nd April. This event created a lot of hype for the 22 contestants and hundreds of students who were lucky enough to have English in the morning and their teachers were willing to bring them to witness this major Annual event. Once again the Adjudicator was very impressed with the quality and the different angles the contestants took towards interpreting the topics. This, in fact became one of the discriminators which helped determine the outcome. Congratulations to the following students who won both cash prizes and a trophy. Special thanks to Sam Hayward & Patrick Gallagher for sharing the role of Chairperson and Erkan Atun for being the timekeeper.



I take this opportunity to thank Mr John Symond for his generous sponsorship which helped pay for the gourmet pizza, the cash prizes and the Adjudicator's fees. Thanks to Mr Hilliard for dipping into the Excellence Funds which covered for the payment of the trophies.

We are looking forward to this competition again next year. A big thank you to all your support.

Ms Gyan SAHAY
Public Speaking Coordinator.



PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNERS

Junior: Scott Worthington	Senior: George Choi
Runners up: Pete Upatising Alex Filippoy	Runners up: Richard Amarsingham Satyajeet Marar
Highly Recommended: Omar Hosny	Highly Recommended: Erkan Altun



FACULTY REPORT



The History staff with special visitor.

2008/2009 has seen a continuation of history as a thriving discipline within Homebush Boys High School. Results at the School Certificate and the HSC continue to be most impressive, as the efforts of a fine body of students have been justly rewarded.

The past twelve months have been most stable in the area of staffing as there has been no movement at all. Ms Caramancion, Ms Carrasco, Mrs Degney, Mr Koff, Ms McGuinness, Ms Porteous, Mrs Symonds and Miss Tsouloukidis remain key players in the life of the School and its students. They are a most talented and dedicated group of teachers, ever willing to make time for their students and to offer a little bit more to enhance the learning of all those under their care. They all care and share.

2009 has been a year of further consolidation in the curriculum area following the successful implementation of new syllabuses in all subjects at the 2006 public examinations. The School Certificate is now based strictly on Australia in the post-war period and is essentially the units covered in Year 10. Ancient History includes a core area on Pompeii and Herculaneum for all HSC students while the Modern History course has made all units of study examined worth 25% and narrowed some of the parameters with one class studying Conflict in Europe 1935-1945. Ancient and Modern History have some minor changes in line for the 2010 HSC with the introduction of 15 'objective' marks. History Extension remained unchanged. Results in these subjects were most impressive.

Students have embraced the Elective History course in Years 9 and 10 in a most emphatic fashion as interest in the study of history at Homebush increases impressively. In 2010 there will be elective classes in both years 9 and 10. This course offers students more variety in their junior studies as it moves away from Australia into the wider world.

Students have enjoyed many and varied activities in 2009 with Year 7 enjoying James Adams' Ancient show and Year 8 participating in his Medieval program. Year 9 were enthusiastic in their response to a show on World War I. Year 10 vis-

ited the Rookwood Necropolis as their site study and attended a show on Australia and the Vietnam War. Senior students have been to the movies and HSC Study Days. Ancient historians also enjoyed an afternoon with a practising archaeologist who spends much of her year digging at Pompeii.

The 2008 School Certificate results were very good as 68% of candidates secured Band 4, 5 or 6 compared to the State results of 50%. Band 6 awards were achieved by 9.67% of our students (state 5.47%). The successful students were: Zain Ansari, Jackson Hua, Owen Huang, Vignesh Iyer, Michael Lam, Patrick Le, Kai Lin, Zhi Yuan Ma, Satyajeet Marar, Zach McCowage, Yannick Milligan-Saville, Bilal Muzaffar, Dhananjay Pandya, Daniel Rosen, Shivayan Saravanapavanathan, Sunthertheeran Suntheradas, Patrick Tat, Dinesh Thiruchelvam, Jared Wee, Fahim Zaman and Charles Zhang

Ancient History results at the HSC were excellent with six (20.68%) students achieving a band 6 and a further seven (24.13%) a band 5. the bands state wide were 11.27% and 26.05%. these results must be attributed in no small part to the dedication, perseverance and deep knowledge of Ms Caramancion and Ms Porteous who devoted many hours to encouraging all 29 students. Congratulations to James Filippoy, Elison Furneaux-Bate, Charles Gray, Josh Lott, Steuart MacAllister and Prajesh Shrestha on their achievement.

Modern History results were excellent with Li Yuan Chen, Camryn Cooper, Brandan David, James Filippoy, Elison Furneaux-Bate, Kerim Kedicioglu, Ibrahim Kerem, Paul Kim, Janis Lucis, Steuart MacAllister, Thomas Ng, and David Paterson all gaining a Band 6. This represents 23.08% of HBHS candidates (state 9.61%). Overall 75% of Modern Historians scored 70 or more at the HSC.

James Filippoy and Elison Furneaux-Bate achieved a Band E4 and James Sun and Emre Yanar a Band E3 in History Extension. 100% of students were in the top two bands.

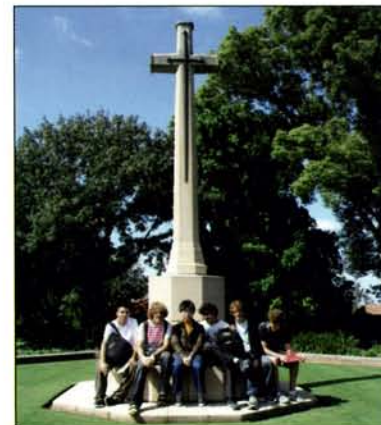
The 2009 HSC results look

promising with the talents of Tom Gallagher, Ben Green, Ali Latash and Patrick Turbit in Ancient History, Daniel Armitage, Yogesh Bhasale, Tom Gallagher, Ben Green, Peter Jackson, Tom Kopecky, Ali Latash, Victor Lin, Stuart Mansfield and Tom Stefoulis in Modern History and Daniel Armitage, Tom Gallagher, Peter Jackson, Adem Kolar, Tom Kopecky and Ali Latash in History Extension all completing outstanding work. In my first report for this publication back in the last century (1987!) I wrote that history is "the investigation of events of yesterday, lit up by the insights of today, hoping to shed light on tomorrow". Now as my ultimate year of full time, permanent teaching nears its end I see no need to revise this. Time marches on and so does history.

To quote Robert E Lee: 'With an unceasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to [Homebush], and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration for myself, I bid you an affectionate farewell.'

Roger Doenau
Head Teacher

At Right: Medieval Day
Below: Rookwood Cemetery







The ESL staff

The ESL Department has had a very busy and productive year with many satisfying moments.

One exciting time for the Year 12 students and teachers alike was when we received the results of the 2008 HSC. From a cohort of 36 we had 11 students receive a Band 6 in their English (ESL) course and 13 students receive a Band 5. Two thirds of the cohort received Bands 5 and 6. (80% and above.) The Dux of the school was one of our Band 6 students and three of our students were in the top ten of the State for the course.

While it is personally and professionally rewarding to see such wonderful HSC results, I know that every cohort is different and that such results are not the only measure of success. For some students success will be measured in smaller increments, and not always in the academic arena. The support staff works to ensure that all students get the opportunity to experience success.

Mrs Edwards and her volunteers, both teachers and students have worked behind the scenes to ensure that all those students who need a helping hand get one.

Mrs Churchill, Mrs Avery, Mrs Talarico and Mrs Michaels have worked tirelessly without fanfare to enrich the learning of our integrated students who have all achieved success in their own way. Ms Allan, our support teacher Vision has made a huge contribution to the learning experiences of her two charges. The efforts of these hard working professionals are greatly appreciated by students and teachers alike.

Mrs Lacek's special group are her Year 7 students who are encouraged to produce their best by the use of Bronze Awards, her personal stamp and a serious approach to the writing of texts. This has a profound effect on the boys who still remember her efforts in Year 12, as mentioned in the School Captain's Speech.

Mrs Altundag returned to us three days a week this year from maternity leave. She still puts in a full-time effort with her teaching and her involvement in the School to Work Program. Mrs Kumaralingam is also part-time this year with four days per week. She enthusiastically promotes the Premier's Reading Challenge and all associated activities, as well as working with individual students who respond to her encouraging manner.

Ms Horiatopoulos has been of enormous support to all ESL staff this year, as both acting Head Teacher and mentor. We all rely on her expertise and experience, particularly in the senior classes.

Thanks to each and every one of the support staff who have all made a contribution towards the education of ESL students and others across the school. I could fill pages in this magazine with details of students and teachers who have worked together to once again show what a great school this is.

K. MEUCCI
Head Teacher



TOP AWARD

Early in the year, Ms Marianna Lacek was awarded the Gold Cross of Merit by the President of the Republic of Poland. This is a very prestigious medal and we are all very proud to have such an honour bestowed on a member of our ESL staff.

Mrs Lacek has been busy all year with her school duties as well as her translation work. She has translated several works from the oeuvres of Peter Skrzynecki, well known Australian poet of Polish origin.

She has also had over a hundred articles published in various Polish publications, most of which deal with educational matters.

MULTILIT ROLL CALLS and

Out of Hours Literacy Program

Many thanks to the wonderful student volunteers who have worked hard to help fellow students with their skills.

The students staffing roll 35 this year were Simon Bull, Nabil Edelbi, Advait Junnarkar, Sidaswar Krishenan, Zhi Ma, Awais Nisar, Dhananjay Pandya, Sanjeevan Ramachandran, Alan Rawcliffe, Kishor Sirikrishnabala, Ryan Sutton, Stephens Thomas and Chris Yoon.

The peer tutors from roll 32 were Nicholas Alley, Abraham Baek, Erik Borrelli, David Brimfield, Peter Brimfield, David Hristoforidis, Shyamasundar Javakhar, Aiden Kirvan, Bhrat Kochar, Simon Kumar, Michael Lam, Emilio McFarland, Rakibur Rhaman, Phillip Stapleton, Burhan Waizir and Nicholas White.

The well-attended out of hours literacy program would not survive without the help of dedicated peer tutors willing to give up their free time. During this year our school has been fortunate to have a long list of tutors: David Ho, Scott Worthington, Joshua Chen, Kevin Song, Andy Chun, Rory Peters, Calvin Cheung, Frank Day, Ashvin Ashok, Timothy Mitry, David Baek, Victor Lin, James Yu, Vernon Lam, Manovarmann Selvanathan, Aswin Shanmugalingam and Shivayan Saravanavanathan.

Teachers have also been involved in tutoring and helping to supervise these out of hours sessions. Thanks to the support of Ms Dwyer, Ms Khadem, Mr Sculthorpe and Ms Catalano the program can continue flourishing.

The boys who turn up week after week to improve their own skills should also be applauded. It is a pleasure for the volunteers to work with such keen students!

Peer Tutoring by Awais Nisar roll 35
Peer tutoring this year has been a great experience not only for me but also for my tutee.

At the beginning my tutee had difficulty with pronunciation of words and reading. Every day during roll call I assessed my tutee's recognition and pronunciation of words using a well structured book funded by the school. As he got better and better he could move up level. To boost his reading ability he would each day read a passage to me out loud and I would help him where he was stuck.

Day by day he improved from 50 words per minute to more than 150 words. He is able to recognise and pronounce words with ease.

This program funded by the school is a great opportunity for students who face difficulty with reading and writing. It also helps the tutor because he learns new skills.

Mrs Judith EDWARDS
STLA



HBHS V BIRRONG GIRLS

6th JULY

The sun was out, the air was fresh, it was the perfect day to have a competition. It was the 6th of July and we were going to challenge Birrong Girls in the 'Battle of the Brains'. We were all very excited and were confident in winning this competition.

At the first sight of the school it was quite spectacular. The school was colossal and very neat. Once we got inside, the principal welcomed us in a respectful and kind manner. We were guided to the school library and we were split up into 6 different teams. There were 5 rounds: Geography, Maths, Simpsons, Music and Fairy tales. We began with Geography. It was mostly General knowledge questions. After that we had Maths. In Maths we had topics including: subtraction, addition and division. Everyone enjoyed maths. Next we had Simpsons. Well if you're a Simpsons fan it would have been quite easy and very enjoyable. Then we had a short 20 minute break and had small snacks such as biscuits and apples.

After the break we had Music. Most of these questions were from the 18 & 1900s. So no one actually knew many of them. Finally we got to Fairy tales. It was quite hard but both teams tried their best. Then it was down to the conclusion where the Epsilon team won the competition. Unfortunately Homebush Boys lost but we were still very close to winning it.

Every one congratulated the winning team in a respectful manner. After everything had finished we went back to Birrong station and caught the train to Flemington. Even though Homebush lost everyone had fun and that was the most important of all.

INTEGRATION SUPPORT



Ms Allan Mrs Michaels Mrs Talarico

Absent: Mrs Avery and Mrs Churchill



Mrs Lacec enjoys some of her famous apple pockets with our own poet laureate Mr Peter Skrzynecki.

Below: Year 12 ESL students visit the staffroom to take photos as mementos of their time at school - both a happy and sad occasion for all.



THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

It is a known fact that Homebush Boys High School works hard to improve the literacy needs of our students. One such initiative is the *Premier's Reading Challenge*. The *Premier's Reading Challenge* is run by the New South Wales Government. Any student from Year 3 to Year 9 can participate in this challenge. To complete the *Premiers Reading Challenge* each student has to read twenty books from the stipulated list.

Students who participate in the *Premier's Reading Challenge* are rewarded by the opportunity to become involved in various activities. One of the major activities is the *Battle of the Brains*. In this friendly competition, students from Birrong Girls High School and our boys take part in a quiz. The questions for the competition are derived from the list of books recommended for the *Premier's Reading Challenge*. This is an initiative by Ms Caitlin Dwyer Head Teacher of Teaching and Learning and Deputy Principal from Birrong Girls High School Ms Sandra Crossan.

Another reward was that students from our school along with many others were involved in a video conference with Peter FitzSimons.

The Premier's Reading Challenge Promotion Student Group which involves Scott Worthington, Trae Chamma, Gagan Jalandhra, Raghav Sareen, Sarankan Suresh-Kumar and Denis Sylvester has worked efficiently making it possible to reward those participating in the PRC with interesting activities throughout the year. I am also pleased to announce that this year we have had a record number of students participating and completing the *Premier's Reading Challenge*.

The Premier's Reading Challenge Organisation in NSW was approached by OPSM and Dymocks to collect used prescription glasses to help people in developing countries. Our school was involved in this charity program and we collected more than eighty used prescription glasses.

Mrs. Kumaralingam
(Premier's Reading Challenge Coordinator)



Mrs Kumaralingam and her team of helpers display their collection of donated glasses for OneSight.



Above: Students at the Battle of the Brains



Mrs Kumaralingam and her team of helpers enjoy the video-conference with Mr Peter Fitzsimons.

MATHEMATICS



The Mathematics and Computing Staff

This year has a touch of déjà vu as Mrs Fattouh, who went on maternity early in term one last year, once again went on maternity at the end of term one. Mr Wilson replaced Mrs Fattouh last year and once again replaced her for the rest of the year. The rest of the teaching staff has remained the same.

One of the aims of our faculty is to make mathematics more relevant to our students so that they can see its applications in the “real world”. To help us achieve this, the school once again participated in the “Maths in Surveying Day” at Bicentennial Park. In August, our top year 10 class, with Ms Gobel, met surveyors from the NSW Institute of Surveyors to complete a variety of tasks. The organisers praised our students for their knowledge and their involvement throughout the day. We were also quite fortunate to have Dr Leanne Rylands, Associate Head of School of Computing and Mathematics at the University of Western Sydney, speak to a large group of year 12 on the benefits of studying mathematics at university.

The use of the Mathletics package continues to expand and it is good to see the ever increasing number of students taking advantage of the material this package provides. It is hoped that next year this package will form a more integral tool of our teaching and assessment, particularly as the faculty now has more access to interactive whiteboards and data projectors.

Our students continue to perform very well in the State wide examinations. The faculty’s School Certificate results for 2008 were extremely gratifying with marks well above most of the other subjects in the school and well above the State’s averages. 56% of the year gained a band 5 or 6 and only 5.5% of the students were in the lower bands 1 and 2.

The table below summarises our results compared to other schools in the State.

Band summary on a 6-band scale

Band	School	%	State	%
6	44	20.3	6036	7.3
5	78	35.9	15102	18.1
4	60	27.7	19877	23.9
3	23	10.6	24660	18.82
2	12	5.5	606	0.7
N			1269	1.5

Last year’s HSC results were very pleasing as they were above the past two years’ results and above the state’s mean in all courses.

In the General course the average mark for the school was 72.04 compared with the state’s average of 70.13. Six students were placed in band 6 compared to none last year, and 12 students out of 58 gained a band 1 or 2 compared to the 17 of the 54 candidates in 2008. It seems clear from this, that our policy of encouraging students to choose a more appropriate course is showing signs of success. In the Mathematics course we reversed the trend of the past three years as our mean was 2.25

above the State’s mean. Ten students achieved a mark of 90 or higher and 53 of the 85 students gained bands 5 or 6, while only 17 of the 85 students gaining bands 1, 2 or 3. In the Extension 1 course, the results continued last year’s improvement on the previous three years’ results as we managed to score 1.79 marks above the State Mean. Twenty-eight students achieved a mark of 90 or higher with Hao Ni and Chris Shin gaining a mark of 98 in the exam while 63 of the 74 candidates gained bands E4 or E3. The best improvement was in the Extension 2 course where we were above state average for the first time in the past four years and also showed a significant improvement on last year’s results. The school to state variation was 0.24 compared to the disappointing -8.27 of 2007. 17 of the 41 students achieved a mark of 90 or higher with John Ayre and Jing Shun Ma gaining a mark of 95 in the exam. 20 students gained a band E3 whilst only 4 gained a band E2.

All students and their teachers need to be congratulated on their efforts in last year’s HSC. These results reveal that students are beginning to choose more appropriate courses. Out top students are achieving very commendable results but our overall performance is generally undermined by a decreasing (thankfully) number of students who do not chose wisely.

This year also marked the second anniversary of the NAPLAN exams which involve all year 7 and 9 students. Again results showed that most of our Year 7 and 9 students have a good understanding of basic mathematics and displayed an above average level of numeracy skills when compared to the rest of the Region and State. The tables below summarise the percentage of students in each band for both years:

Year 7		Number, Patterns & Algebra	Measurement & Data, Space & Geometry	Numeracy
Band 9	State	14	14	14
	School	35	30	34
Band 8	State	20	16	19
	School	30	32	31
Band 7	State	24	27	23
	School	15	20	15
Band 6	State	22	27	25
	School	11	13	12
Band 5	State	13	13	14
	School	7	6	7
Band 4	State	6	3	4
	School	4	1	2

Year 9		Number, Patterns & Algebra	Measurement & Data, Space & Geometry	Numeracy
Band 10	State	11	13	12
	School	23	11	18
Band 9	State	20	15	18
	School	26	23	26
Band 8	State	26	24	26
	School	34	32	32
Band 7	State	25	26	26
	School	15	24	20
Band 6	State	15	18	15
	School	2	10	4
Band 5	State	4	4	3
	School	0	0	0

I wish to thank all mathematics students and the members of the Mathematics faculty for their cooperation and support throughout the year. The success the school enjoys in this subject is a reflection of the students’ positive attitude towards mathematics and the hard work of their teachers.

G. Carrozza Head teacher

MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS 2007-2008

The students at Homebush Boys continue to participate in many mathematical competitions and enjoy great success in these. Here is a summary of our achievements in the past year.

The Australian Mathematics Competition

On the 1st of August just over 500 students from our school participated in the largest mathematics competition in the world, the Australian Mathematics Competition. I would like to thank Mr Halkidis and Ms Gobel for organising this competition and all students and staff for their cooperation ensuring that the day runs smoothly. The table below summarises our results.

	Year	Sat	Prize	High Distinction	Distinction	Credit
Junior	7	98			8	47
	8	118			14	48
Intermediate	9	93	1		14	32
	10	78			10	33
Senior	11	81		2	15	31
	12	43			5	12

Although it is disappointing to see the number of students drop, particularly in year 7 and year 12, it is heartening to see that our students still achieve commendable results.

The following students (in order of merit) need a special mention as they were recognised as the top students in our school:

Year 7: Francis Shin, Andrew Chau, Nathan Nguyen
 Year 8: Henry Liang, Abobaker Sadiqi, Justin Cheng, Keni Pan
 Year 9: Jiacong Xu, Nicholase Zeng, Manovarman Selvanathan
 Year 10: Tian Zhang, Shijie Zhan, Ruixiao Sha
 Year 11: Charles Zhang, Ken Ho, Kang Ning Xu
 Year 12: Wenqi Zhang, Jun-Kyu Kim, Chun Liu

Jiacong Xu was awarded the only Prize received by the school. This places him in the top 0.3% of his year, an enviable achievement!

The Prudence Award winner was Burney Wong of year 8. This is awarded to the student who has the highest number of consecutive questions correct, starting from Question 1 (independent of which year the student is enrolled).

The following students received merit certificates. The names appear in order of merit.

Year 7

Distinction: Francis Shin, Andrew Chau, Nathan Nguyen, Grant Choi, Faisal Abdul, Dillon Halder, Bassel Rana, Ramanan Srirathan

Credit: Peter Lee, Isaac Zhong, Jai Tamta, Harshan Karthikeyan, Jack Luo, Paul Habashy, Vincent Christy, Anuraj Talati, Jimmy Gao, Adithya Sriram, Brendan Li, David Gajic, Krishnath Maharasa, Lawrence Trinh, Martin Perkins, Patrick He, Hao Yin, Kevin Dao, William Nguyen, Donald Ye, Raymond Zhou, Henry Prentice, Sohaib Awa, James Koungoulos, Jordan Lin, Tayzar Naing, Vidhushan Paheerathan, Alex He, Dominic Huynh, Nour Hajar, Bahil Bhandula, Jovan Tanu, Pete Upatising, Edmond Ma, Se Hun Lee, Ali Baddah, Cameron Shir-King, Jathurson Subachandran, Kent-Chun Chan, Ryan Cuthel, Tim Han, Adam Zong, Danny Lee, Dilawar Gill, Sungboh Stone, Arrnav Karnik, John Lee.

Year 8

Distinction: Henry Liang, Abobaker Sadiqi, Justin Cheng, Keni Pan, Burney Wong, Sam Wu, Leonardo Pane, Kangmin Chot, Zaheer Imraan Ebrahim, Jun Xin Kha, Hardik Patel, Ainharan Subramaniam, Cheng Zheng, Leonard Shen,

Credit: Kieren Sritharan, Jaeung Choi, Kai-Wai Ho, Dennis Kim, Edmond Vuong, Gary Le, Michael Xu, Geoffrey Ta, Moiz Mohammed, Kai Ng, Kallen Doong, Sheng Wong, Daniel Kim, Danny Shao, Vindesh Nadan, Henry Tran, Stivy Tran, Gagan Jalandhra, Min Kim, David Jesuthasan, Victor Tam, Harshardeep Singh, Aathi Thirunanthakumar, Arun Mahendran, Edwin Guo, Prahshanth Sivapalan, Simon Huang, Akshay Sajeev Menon, Galen Feng, Songlin Wu, Adrian Tang, James Ford, Mitchell Boyd, Sai Dixit, Kevin Yin, Mark Shen, Nayan Bhatthela, Niruban Sivendra, Steven Luo, Tony Tran, Benjamin Chiu, Keith Huynh, Rowan Castro, Dylan Kang,

Year 9

Prize: Jiacong Xu

Distinction: Nicholase Zeng, Manovarman Selvanathan, Frank Jiang, Neel Sengupta, Joshua Chen, Jason Luo, Frank Day, Richard Wang, Tyrone Chen, Aswin Shanmugalingam, Kelwin Tang, William Wu, She Hyun Brian Jun, Sean Dowdall

Credit: Stephen Park, Jay Kaushik, Cameron Kopecny, Michael Wu, Mohammed Abdul-Rahman, Philip Siomos, Mahmoud Ayish, Ambrose Hill, Dean Bardas, Luke Feng,

Year 10

Distinction: Tian Zhang, Shijie Zhan, Ruixiao Sha, Brandon Vi Lam, David Baek, Dean Ren, Minhyug Hong, Dhruva Nades, Bohan Yu, John Wu

Credit: Doo-Ho Park, Shinoy Jacob, Raghav Aiyer, Kevin Le, Martin Lee, Victor Le, Andrew Truong, Leo Liang, Senthortan Thangavel, Hamish Campbell, Keshav Sharma, Alan lam, Brian jo, Kieren Tran, Kurstan Hu, Andrew Zhang, Abdullatif Holali, Anthony Tang, Brian Lee, Omer Cenk, Saif Ali, Calvin Cheung, Aleks Wynne, Johnny Chen, Keshav Bhrugubanda, Shubham Goyal, Alex Bui

Year 11

High Distinction: Charles Zhang, Ken Ho

Distinction: Kang Ning Xu, Robert Rafael, Tue Truong, Umair Awan, Yang Jiang, Zhi Yuan Ma, Haeun Song, Satyajee Marar, Peter Pak, Ivan Chen, Jackson Hua, Tony Lai, Kabill Kulane

Credit: Gordon Guo, David Zou, Soohon Lee, Christopher Chiang, Vernon Lam, Yi-Lung Chen, Jason Qiu, Krishekan Subramaniam, Dabin Song, James Cheng, Kokulnath Puvanendra, Nabile Edelbi, Hareesh Karunanithy, Gursagar Singh, Andrew Depta, Justin Kim, Kan Lin Lu, Tony Li, Abhishek Bhonsle, Akshay Sudarshan, Dinesh Kunasegaran, Andy Chu, Amman Morgan, Andrew Mo, Michael Zhang, Venkatesh Sritharan, Aaron Phan, Damian Lam, Albert Ta, Paul Cho, Joel Todd, Johnson Pang

Year 12

Distinction: Wenqi Zhang, Jun-Kyu Kim, Chun Liu, In Woo Park, Omar Noori

Credit: Abraham Baek, Haowei, Alex Lu, Zhe Jiang, Me Seong Lee, Kyuchang Chung, Mingyang Zhou, Stanley Nghi, Simon Wong, Alex Tong, Sheharyar Hamayun, Intesar Ali, Ji-Ho Park

All of the above students deserve our special congratulations.

MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

The Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians is the next stage after the Australian Mathematics Competition and I am happy to announce that of the 23 competitors this year, 9 were awarded Credit certificates and 2 received Distinction certificates.

This is a summary of the results:

Participants: Year 7 -Pete Upatising, Krishnath Maharasa

Year 8 - Nayan Bhatthela, Kallen Doong, Henry Liang, Michael Xu, Zaheer Ebrahim, Gagan Jalandra, Koray Cetindag

Year 9 – Richard Wang, Nicholase Zeng, Jason Luo

Credit: Kieren Sritharan (yr 8), Frank Day, Alan Lam, Manovarman Selvanathan, Raghav Aiyer, Calvin Cheung, Keshav Bhrugubanda, Kelvin Tang, Andrew Truong (yr 9)

Distinction: Burney Wong (yr 8), Jiacong Xu (yr 9)

High Distinction: Owen Huang, Zhi Yuan Ma

Following the Challenge, Burney Wong was asked to sit for the Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad. This comprises a four-hour paper containing 10 questions, with fewer than 1000 participants Australia-wide.

As can be seen our students continue the fine tradition the school has in mathematics competition. We hope we will be able to improve on these results in 2010.



CHESS REPORT

Mr Alan Doolan for Mr John Evans (Head Teacher Mathematics and Chess 1975-2005)

Four teams - Senior A (Years 12,11), Intermediate A (for years 9,10) and Junior A and B (for Years 7,8) were entered in the Secondary Schools Chess Competition in Term 2.

Further details of competitions conducted by the NSW Junior Chess League can be found on www.nswjcl.org.au.

This year's competition was played after school on Friday afternoons for seven weeks from the 8th May to the 19th June.

All competitions consisted of eight teams. The boys' entry fees were paid out of the school welfare fund – thanks to Mr. Hilliard.

The teams and the results for the competition were as follows-

Senior A :

The Senior A team, consisting of Jun Kim, Wilson Chan (captain), Vitin Duong, Muntasir Shams, finished sixth on 11.0 points. The Senior team defeated Ascham C (4-0), drew with Newington C (2-2), defeated Ascham F (4-0), was defeated by Trinity (0-4), forfeited to Fort Street (0-4), lost to Sydney Grammar (1-3) and was defeated by Newington A (0-4).

Intermediate A

The Intermediate A team consisting of Sai Abhishek Bhonsle, Keshav Bhrugubanda, Jiacong Xu, Tyrone Chen and Frank Jiang finished fifth on 17 points. The Intermediate team defeated Leichhardt (3-1), defeated Trinity A (2.5-1.5), lost to Newington (0-4), lost to Alexander Park (1.5-2.5), had a bye (4-0), drew with Sydney Grammar C (2-2) and had a bye (4-0)

Junior A

The Junior A team consisting of Eric Zhang, Hardik Patel, Henry Liang, Jovan Tanu and Ali Baddah finished third on 17.5 points. The Junior A team had a bye (4-0), drew with Leichhardt (2-2), defeated Trinity B (2.5-1.5), defeated Fort Street (4-0), defeated Sydney Technical B (3-1), was defeated by Sydney Boys A (0-4), and drew with Newington C (2-2).

Junior B

The Junior B team consisting of Wilson Ou, Dominic Mak, Anthony He and Alex He finished third on 17 points. The Junior B was defeated by Newington B (1-3), had a bye (4-0), defeated Meriden (3-1), defeated Sydney Grammar D (3-1), lost to Trinity A (0-4), defeated St Patrick's (4-0) and drew with Fort Street A (2-2)

Miss Chan, Mr Hilliard, Mr Sivasothy and Mr Doolan miss Mr Evans and his excellent organisation but we enjoyed looking after the chess teams; visiting other schools and hosting chess teams at Homebush. We look forward to an even more successful competition next year.

Members of the Chess Club meet at lunchtime except Wednesdays, in Room 52 for practice. Interested boys are most welcome.



HBHS v Meriden



Junior B Chess Team



Junior A Chess Team



HBHS v Trinity



Senior Chess Team



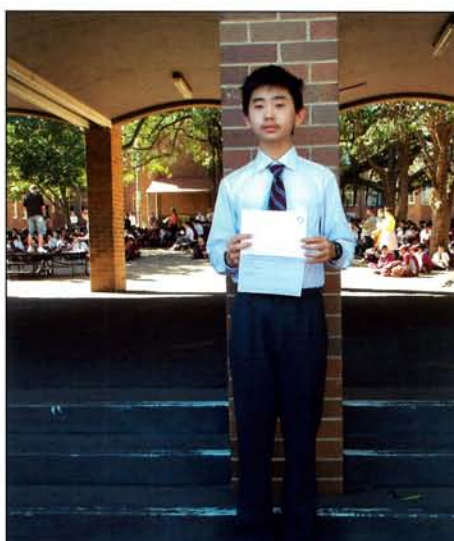
MathsWork



Some of the Maths Competition winners



Deputy Principal Mr Tim Jurd and Mathematics Teacher, Ms Kaur congratulate Mohamed Noor Hajar & Andy Chen on assembly for their excellence in the Mathematics program.



Jia Cong XU, Year 9 with his Maths Prize.



Mr Tom Pinkey

Parents play a great part in the development of their son's decision making process about their career pathways. As such it is important that the school keep parents and caregivers up-to-date with all forms of career development.

The first way that the parents can be informed is by registering with Homebush Boys High school's 'caeralerts'. Parents can do this through the school website or going directly to the 'careeralerts' website <http://www.homebush-boys.careersalert.com>

'careeralerts' is provided for the benefit of the students and their parents at Homebush Boys' High School. It is the main method that the Career Adviser can inform the school community about career information sent to the school from Universities, Private Providers, TAFE, Employers, Group Training Organisations, and government departments

The primary features of this service are:

- Career Alerts - by simply, adding your details to the Email List you will receive the Career Alerts daily via your email address. Subscription is free and you may remove your address whenever you wish. Career Alerts can also be viewed on the Careers Noticeboard
- A database of past notices is available to you at Alerts and can be searched using the "Search database" option.
- Links - to other careers sites are also a feature of this service. The links are organised into categories to help you find what you are looking for.

As well parents are also able to see what their son is doing in Career Education from Years 9 through 12 by going to the school website and clicking on Careers under Curriculum.

The school over the years have used outside organizations to run courses that will assist students in getting 'work ready'. The first such course run six years ago was the Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) course and two years ago this was complemented with the Responsible Conduct of Gambling (RCG) since both courses are now necessary to work in the hotel industry. Thirty Year 12 students undertook these courses in 2009 and some will use the certification to help them in their chosen career within the Hospitality Industry while others will use it to do part time work while undertaking further study at TAFE, University or with Private Providers.

Also this year twenty students from years 10, 11 and 12 successfully completed the Occupational Health & Safety Construction Induction Course, commonly known as the "Green Card". This certification is essential for anyone wanting to follow a career in the building industry from architects, bricklayers, carpenters, civil engineers, electricians through to tilers, since no one is allowed on a build-

ing site without the qualification.

As an adjunct a number of Year 10 students through the school's STWP Transition Program undertook "The Work Ready" program which as the title suggests assists students in preparing for work. Ms. Dwyer Head Teacher Teaching and Learning and Year 10 Adviser Mr. Seddique Martin were responsible for making this program a success while a number of teachers throughout the school gave up their time to act as Mentors to these students.

Year 12 students spent a successful day at the Inner West Tertiary and Career Expo held at MLC Burwood in May. This was the twelfth year that Year 12 has participated and the Prefects, sponsored by the University Of Notre Dame, played a big part in the organisation of the event.

Mr Tom PINKEY Careers Adviser



Prefect volunteers help set up the Expo with their sponsor The University of Notre Dame.



Students show off their "Work Safely in the Construction Industry" certs.



Mr Doenau encourages students doing the RSA & RSG courses



PD/H/PE staff.

FACULTY REPORT

The PDHPE faculty had a great year, highlighted by a move of office from the old PDHPE staffroom to the new gymnasium. The transition has progressed smoothly and the staff is now comfortable in their new surroundings. The new gymnasium has many advantages and has given us a wonderful resource to teach and nurture the students in health and an active lifestyle. It has several sets of markings for a variety of games; basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton and indoor soccer (Futsal). We have been able to host several presentations in the new gymnasium in relation to personal development, safety and an active lifestyle.

Year 7:

The focus for year 7 in PDHPE is very much on finding out who they are, how they are going to change and how they can be better people. We looked at many subject areas, ranging from fitness, relationships and challenges through to support, bullying and resilience. The students were exposed to a variety of teaching styles, with the use of the excellent teaching resources now available to us, such as the interactive whiteboards.

In practical classes, year 7 began with team games, and then moved into perhaps their biggest challenges of their short high school careers- fitness testing. The Beep- tests and 1.6km runs were completed, with improvement sought in the repeat performance at the end of the year. Term 1 and 2 had the classes participating in different sporting and skill activities, such as basketball, Oztag, Walla-rugby and cricket. Term 3 has seen the students use their skills and fitness to raise money for the National Heart Foundation through the Jump Rope for Heart program. This has proven to be a great success and will no doubt be implemented again in 2010. Term 4 has allowed the students to participate in activities that have similar characteristics; allowing skill development over a range of areas, not just specific sports. This is known as the Game Sense approach and has the students participating in sports such as Net/court games, Striking and fielding games, Invasion games and Target games.

Year 8:

For 10 weeks of this year, our year 8 boys were involved in the Premiere's Sporting Challenge (PSC). This involved the students forming teams of 5-12 and participating in regular physical activity. The time accrued by each team allows the team to gain a bronze, silver, gold or diamond award at the end of the 10 weeks. On average, our students achieved a silver medal. This translates to an average of 45 minutes of physical activity per day or 315 minutes per week. A great effort when considering the diverse skill levels possessed by each student and the

myriad of other influences each student is exposed to. This was an excellent program that had the desired effect of increasing the student's physical activity levels, but also increasing the awareness the students have of their physical activity habits.

Year 9:

This year has seen a big effort placed into developing the literacy levels of the students, while educating them on the various health and personal development issues faced by young men. Issues such as planning to improve fitness, drug use, relationships and bullying were covered in depth.

There is currently a great emphasis on the issue of bullying in society. The PDHPE department has aimed to educate the students about the different forms of bullying, including cyber-bullying, and developing strategies to combat bullying. This could include enhancing the students resilience and increasing their support network. We have also sort to put greater responsibility on those not directly involved in bullying, but are bystanders or witnesses. They too have a responsibility for stopping the bullying behaviour.

Year 9 PASS have had many experiences throughout the year that have strengthened the link between physical activity and the theory behind movement and sporting performance. Coaching has been a major focus, with the students learning about what it takes to be a good coach and have had the chance to put it into practice.

Year 9 have experienced world games and had the chance to participate in wheelchair basketball- giving them a new perspective on sporting participation.

They also had a fantastic trip to the snow and the AIS. Learning about sport and how the nation strives to improve our performance was an enjoyable and memorable experience.

Year 10:

Year 10 has been a hard-working, enthusiastic and enjoyable group of students. They have had an in-depth look at mental health and how it affects them, along with the complex art of making decisions. They have had a great focus on personal health, with excellent patience in participating in extra theory lessons in order to prepare them for the yearly examination.

The year 10 PASS group has followed on from the previous year in learning about sport, physical activity and exercise. They have give their all to learning about drugs in sport and developed strategies to combat the use. They have enjoyed many extra activities, such as rugby league coaching clinics and a surf school excursion.

Year 11:

The year 11 cohort this year showed that they are capable of producing excellent products. Consistently, they have displayed a willingness to achieve through in-class work and in assessment tasks.

The group has used technology in various means to display their understanding of health, the human body and how to improve fitness. Websites have been developed, pamphlets and posters made, along with fantastic presentations; all showing the increasing maturity and commitment of our students. The students have also come away with a first aid certificate.

Throughout the year, the whole year 11 group experienced Crossroads- a welfare based program developed by the NSW Department of Education. They involved themselves in two major activities. The first was a driver education day hosted by the Concord Rotary Club and the

second a brilliant presentation about what it means to be a man in today's society.

The year 11 Sports Lifestyle and Recreation classes under the guidance of Mr Tedford have successfully assisted in the running of all our school carnivals and went further to assist at Zone, Regional and State level. A massive effort from all concerned.

Year 12:

Our year 12 students have proven that they are capable of big things in the future. They have come away from the last two years with an in-depth knowledge of Health and its various dimensions and how it can be improved for individuals and the community. Congratulations to Ryan Haq and Aaron Russell- 1st and 2nd in the year.

The PDHPE faculty continues to lead the way in promoting physical activity and health with morning fitness classes and running groups, along with the open gym for basketball several times a week. A big thank you goes out to all the students for all their hard work this year and to the PDHPE staff for their massive efforts throughout 2009.

Jon SCULTHORPE
Head Teacher PDHPE



RYDA Driver education day.



Hazard perception at RYDA



Year 10 Wheelchair basketball.



Jibraan and friends



Demonstration of CPR in the First Aid course.



Students take their turn.



Stopped just in time!



The new Gymnasium.



Sticks and Stones presentation.

SERVICE TO ZONE SPORT

At the recently held North West Metropolitan Schools Sports Presentation Homebush Boys Career Adviser, Tom Pinkey, was presented with a plaque in appreciation for He has been involved with Zone Sport on the Zone committee either as a Sports President. Mr. Pinkey has long believed students who may not necessarily other-as President he stated that "Sport devel-to their well-being and gives them students from different social and cultural behaviour as they travel to and from sport success and how to handle disappoint-and can produce life long friendships not also with students from other schools



Ron Tedford Vice President of NWMZ School Sports presents Tom Pinkey with his Appreciation Plaque.

his service as Zone President from 1995-2008. since 1975 and from 1977 until 2008 has been Coordinator, Sports Convener and/or Zone that sport establishes areas of enrichment for wise be recognized. In his final annual report ops in students' good self-esteem, contributes the opportunity to come into contact with backgrounds. It teaches them correct social and it allows them to experience the joy of ment in defeat. It teaches them independence only with students from their own school but they play against."

Homebush teachers are well represented in the organization of North West Metropolitan Schools Sports. Ron Tedford as well as representing the Zone Executive as a Sports Coordinator is also the Vice-President and Basketball Convener. Roger Doenau was Football Convener for 10 years and is replaced this year by Scott Belgre. Chabes Elaro is Oz Tag Convener, Caitlin Dwyer is Table Tennis Convener, Jon Sculthorpe is Cross Country Convener, Adrian Harrison was the Golf Convener and Stephan Madycki is the 2009 Point Score Secretary and Hockey Convener.



FACULTY REPORT

A successful year in many respects:

- Outstanding HSC results with Chemistry achieving 64% in bands 5 or 6; Physics with 60% in bands 5 or 6; Biology with 49% in bands 5 or 6.
- Outstanding SC results with 60% of students achieving bands 5 or 6.
- A highly successful Science Festival to Canberra with Ms Catalano and Ms Brown
- A multiple week science festival which included excursions and activities for years 7 to 9 as well as science quiz challenges won by Dillon Halder (yr 7), Vindesh Nadan (yr 8), Frank Jiang (yr 9), Ruixiao Sha (yr 10).

The most exciting aspect the science year is still to come-RENOVATED SCIENCE LABS to be built over term 4 and the Christmas vacation. So 2010 will begin six completely revamped Science labs complete with interactive whiteboards. How exciting!

Alan EVERETT
Head Teacher

NATIONAL CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

This is a “small entry” competition as it is mostly relevant to those students of senior chemistry. Outstanding results nonetheless:

Yr12 high distinctions awarded to Patrick Chen, Zhe Jiang, Jun-Kyu Kim, Sajeeb Roy, Mohammad Wasef, Wenqi Zheng. Distinctions were awarded to Daniel Armitage, Asritha Chintmani, Thomas Kopecny and Omar Noori.

Yr 11 high distinctions awarded to Abraham Jack, Zhi Yuan Ma, Peter Pak, Tue Truong, Charles Zhang. Distinctions were awarded to Chentduren Aumkaran and Haeun Song.

Yr 10 high distinction went to Ruixiao Sha and distinctions awarded to Yi-Lung Chen and John Wu.

Year 9 Distinction to Manovarman Selvanathan.

Year 8 Distinction to Koray Cetindag

Special mention to Dr Balan’s 7ScA class who entered this competition as a whole with credit award going to Jordon Lin and Bassel Rana.



Year 7 at the Zoo



Faces at the Zoo



Year 7 at the Zoo



Cool Chemistry in Science Week



Science Competition Distinction awards

SCIENCE AWARD



Omar and Mr Baggaley

My interest in the field of science has definitely escalated since the early years of school. From the questioning infant in the front row of my very first science lesson, the world around me through the eyes of a kid seemed almost too fascinating. From there grew my desire and aspiration to learn, to discover and to understand the overwhelming phenomena of the complex world. And like the many scientific spectacles of the globe, to me, being awarded the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute (VCCI) Science Award was a phenomenon in itself.

Science has definitely been one area where I have consistently excelled in and always shown great interest for. In retrospect, there is no doubt that my forthcoming future would revolve around science and its branches. As a senior science student, the passion I have is at its greatest yet ever growing, and the world of science has never seemed more intriguing or consuming, especially as my knowledge within the field deepens. It is no doubt that excelling in the subject of science has its rewards, whether it encapsulates the pure joy of learning or its opportunity to earn prestige awards of recognition.

Omar NOORI





Australian Science Festival Camp

It all started on the morning of Wednesday the 27th of May. I think I speak for everyone when I say we all arrived drowsy at 6:30 am at school, no rest for the wicked. We jumped aboard the coach and John the driver made the announcement: we will be stopping in a while for food. At that moment a loud and raucous cheer filled the bus. It could only mean one thing Macca's.

On the bus we watched movies which kept us entertained for the drive. When we arrived at the golden arches the bus emptied very quickly. Before too long we saddled back up into the coach and proceeded on our journey to Canberra.

Our first stop was the Science Exhibition. We enjoyed learning about everything from environmental issues to making a circuit board. Everyone had the chance to create a decision maker, along with a few others I failed miserably. We then set off to the Australian Institute of Sport, where we saw some of Australia's future athletes in the making. We all headed off to the dinosaur museum after that, we had a great tour guide who was funny and very knowledgeable.

After the tour we were allowed to play some games in the arcade (when two students who shall not be named almost got left behind) but thanks to the teachers they made it on to the bus. After a long day we drove back to our hotel, the Canberra Carotel, where we had a delicious dinner of schnitzel and salad.

After we had time to revitalize we went to play Zone 3 laser tag. I think I speak for most of us when I say it was great fun. Michael Papallo was champion on the night averaging 20,000 points a game, Congratulations!

After laser tag we decided to call it a day so John drove us back to the Carotel and we all went to bed at a respectable hour.

The next morning was a killer for everyone a 6.45 breakfast and then off to Questacon (the Australian National Science and Technology Centre). That was very entertaining! We hung vertically and dropped down a 6 metre slide, sat in an earthquake room and saw a lightning bolt. After that we all went for a bike ride around Lake Burley Griffin, which was also enjoyable, no one was competitive either.

After a fun filled afternoon we headed off to CSIRO to learn about how the great mysteries of the medical and scientific world were solved. One particularly interesting thing that we learned was how scientists are developing a cure for cancer using shark cells. After learning so much we felt that we had to let off some steam so we headed to indoor rock climbing, where we climbed up vertical walls with out hands and feet.

The last morning (another early start of 6.30 a.m.) and we were off having filled up on a delicious brekkie. We got to the Wollondilly caves, and explored them for a couple of hours. It was interesting to look around the caves and find out how they have been formed over hundreds of thousands of years.

After several hours of exploring the caves, John our bus driver said that we better get a move on. We filed into the bus and were on our way. On the way back we saw a herd of emus. As we were approaching Sydney the heavens opened and we were rained on, a welcome back gift I suppose. After all of that we all got home safely. I would like to say a special thank you to Ms Brown and Ms Catalano who were great teachers and got us all home safe and sound!

Charlie Brian
Year 8



The boys.

SUBURBAN SCIENCE

"Science in the Suburbs" was a fun way of experiencing science outside a classroom environment. For our Year 10 top science class group we enjoyed most of the activities during the day as we were entertained and amused. We learnt many particularly fascinating facts and information on the day that cannot always be taught in a classroom. We were amazed by some of the demos presented (especially the lighter under the balloon with water and the plasma lamp) and inquisitively observed each presentation.

The Heritage train ride was factual and informative and very interesting when we came towards the armoury museum section where we saw real life ammunition (disarmed obviously).

The cornflour experiment was one of the highlights of our day. Many of us enjoyed playing around with the fascinating mixture and some even attempted the experiment on their hands.

Another enjoyable activity was the "Energy Australia" session. We enjoyed playing around with the equipment and learnt facts in how we can reduce our energy usage and we even beat the record in the water wheel activity.

To finalise our day was the science show with Ruben aka "The Surfing Scientist". We enjoyed the performance even with the little accident with the liquid nitrogen.

As a whole the day at "Science in the Suburbs" was a very fun memorable excursion.

PHOTOS FROM SCIENCE IN THE SUBURBS



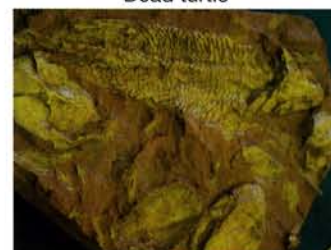
Dead platypus



Dead turtle



Exploding tap



Fossil



Me & Christian



Crystals



Water wheels



Which one is the scientist?

FACULTY REPORT

2009 has been another active year of teaching and learning for both staff and students. Some highlights include

Curriculum Learning

All students have been involved in the Study Skills Program, with an emphasis on effective diary use and encouraging the development of organisational skills. A large team of teachers are involved in the program each year – many thanks to their commitment and persistence. Follow up study skills programs, through groupwork and individual support, are offered throughout the year. Ms Lauren Riley from MTC Solutions continues to provide valuable support for students from Years 9 to 12. The Year 10 Work Ready Program (WRP) was introduced this year to supplement our well-established School to Work (STW) Year 9 program. Mr Tom Pinkey, our wonderful Careers Adviser, has worked tirelessly to develop a huge range of extra curricular opportunities.

Professional development for staff focussed on the implementation of the Digital Education Revolution (DER), integrating technology effectively into the classroom. The arrival of the DER laptops created a steep learning curve for many – students and staff. Improved student learning, particularly through enhanced engagement, was the key. Developing boys' writing skills continued to be a focus this year. The Writing Action Group (WAG) developed action research using scriptwriting and making movies as the basis of our cross-curricular project. The Year 9 students involved responded enthusiastically to the creative demands of being mini-Steven Spielbergs (and improved their punctuation skills in a quite painless way!)

Enterprise Learning

Our Year 10 students have learnt first hand about the demands of business in a challenging and fun way. Australian Business Week (ABW), held in November, gives our students the opportunity to run a hypothetical hospitality business. Working in teams, they have to draw on skills and knowledge from a wide range of curriculum areas. Strategic thinking, problem solving, decision making, and communication skills are all developed over the course of the week, as teams strive for the honour of winning Champion Business. Congratulations to all participants for your enthusiasm and thank you to the wonderful staff who made ABW happen, particularly Ms Louise Swanson and Mr Adrian Harrison.

Reading and Learning

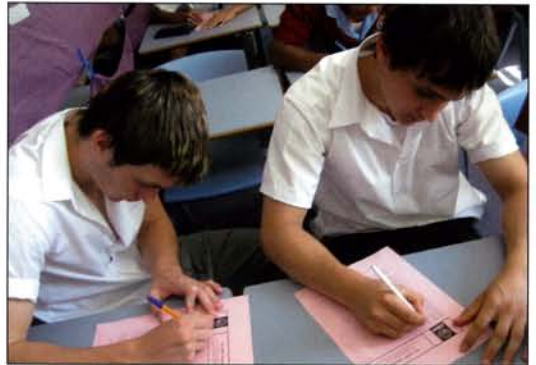
The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) experienced a boost this year, with more Homebush Boys students participating than ever before. An exciting reward for our keen PRC readers is the Battle of the Brains (BOB) competition with Birrong Girls High School, held at the end of each term. BOB is a challenging quiz based on books from the PRC list. The depth of knowledge of these enthusiastic readers is quite inspirational!

It has certainly been a year of progress, with many exciting developments. Clearly it has also been a year for acronyms!

ATB* (All The Best)

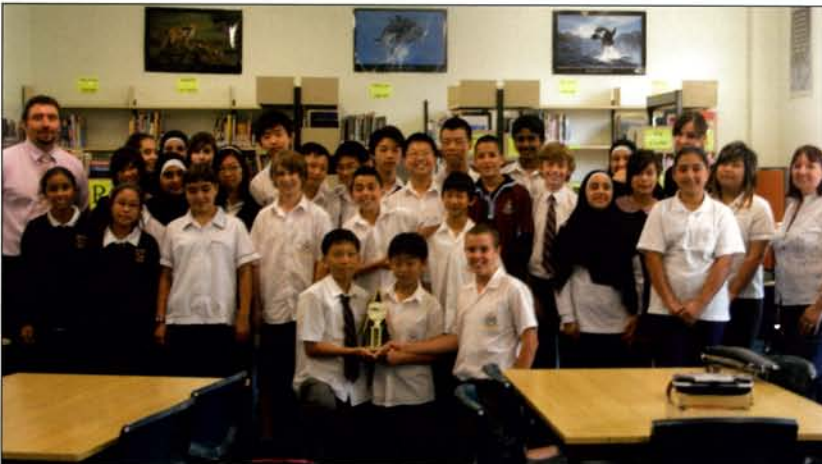
Ms Caitlin Dwyer
Head Teacher Teaching & Learning

Below: The Battle of the Brains gang.



Above: Teachers and students have had some fun learning this year.

Mr Harrison - we miss you.





Social Science Staff

FACULTY REPORT

2009 was another successful and rewarding year for all teachers and students involved with activities associated with the Social Sciences Faculty.

Again the Social Sciences Faculty achieved excellent results in the 2008 HSC with Legal Studies achieving the best results of 57% of our students achieving either a band 5 or 6 in the HSC (10 out of 31 students achieved band 6). With Business Studies over 40% of the students sitting for the HSC Examination achieved a band 5 or 6. With Economics 46% of the students achieved either a band 5 or band 6. With Geography 49% of the students achieved bands 4, 5 or 6 in the HSC. While with Studies of Religion 75% of our students achieved either band 5 or band 6 in their HSC. Therefore all subject areas achieved excellent results and were above the state averages. Congratulations to the teachers and their students for all the hard work, especially over the last two years.

The School Certificate results in 2008 were also excellent with 40% of our students achieving a band 5 or 6 in the School Certificate Geography Examination (the state average for achieving band 5 or 6 was 29%). Congratulations to all year 10 teachers and their students, for achieving this outstanding effort.

There have been a few staffing changes to the Social Sciences Faculty staffing over the last 12 months. Ms Anton returned to Homebush Boys High School after taking all 2008 off on maternity leave. Ms Anton will be teaching Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, and as usual, she is again heavily involved in SRC, Representative tennis and the School to Work program. Mr Connell, who replaced Ms Anton while she was on Maternity leave in 2008, is continuing his university studies this year. Ms Dixon comes in on Thursdays & Fridays and is a very competent teacher. Unfortunately Mr Harrison left this year, when he took up a position at a private school, he will be sadly missed by all who have been associated with him. Replacing Mr Harrison has been Mr Hughes (for one term) and then Ms Dalglish for the rest of the year. Ms Dalglish has been teaching in England for the last 4 years and brings with her a wealth knowledge and experience with ICT in teaching. The rest of the Social Sciences Faculty consists of Mr Hilliard (Deputy Principal), Ms Dwyer (Head Teacher Teaching & Learning, Success For Boys Coordinator & Intrepid traveller, protector of orang-utans and coach of the school's representative table tennis teams), Ms Swanson (Success For Boys Committee & ICT Committee), Ms Tawbe (SRC Coordinator), Ms Legge & Ms Uhlen. All members of the Social Sciences Faculty work hard together as a highly professional team, continually coordinating assessment tasks, excursions and other extra curricular activities.

Excursions are important enrichment activities, that we offer students taking our subjects. Year 7 Geography studied World Heritage Areas and had a field trip to Katoomba. Year 8 Geography looked Global Issues, Threatened Habitats and Endangered Species, their field trip to cover these issues involved visiting Sydney Aquarium and Imax. Year 9 Geography visited the Homebush Bay Mangrove Wetlands to study the effects of human impact on these fragile environments. Year 9 Commerce visited Lunar park to study company organisation and marketing. Year 9 also had an opportunity to go on the Goulburn, Canberra, Cooma & Thredbo excursion (see separate report). Year 10 Geography visited Cronulla Beach to study coastal ecosystems. Year 10 Commerce visited State Parliament and The Police and Justice Museum, while studying government and Law & Order. Year 11 Legal Studies visited Burwood Local Court, while Year 12 Legal Studies visited the Parramatta Drug Court. Year 12 Economics visited the Reserve Bank, while Year 12 Geography toured the Metropolitan area studying urban change and renewal.

There has also been a number of other extra curricular activities that have been organised to enrich student outcomes. University lecturers from UWS have been invited into the school in Geography (Dr Peter Phipps), Economics (Dr Wayne Dwyer) & Studies in Religion (Dr Steven Drakely). Students also successfully entered into the Australian Geography Competition, the Australian Business Competition and the Australian Economics Competition.

With the issuing of laptops to all Year 9 students and the installation Interactive White Boards into a number of classrooms, has meant that our professional development goals are now very well focused on developing teacher competence in using all this fantastic technology with teaching.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Social Science teachers for doing an excellent job throughout 2009. Also congratulations to all our students for their hard work and enthusiasm and finally to all the parents, thank you for your support.

Homebush Boys High School is a great school, with an academic, sporting and cultural reputations which has been enhanced through the activities and efforts of all concerned in 2009.

Mr John PEARSON
Head Teacher



GTA Comp Award Winners



10 Geog Field Study



12 Geog Field Study



Cronulla Geog Field study



Cronulla Exc



Yr 10 Geog on the Beach



YR 10 Geog on Cronulla Beach



YR 10 geog at Cronulla Beach



Yr 10 Cronulla Exc



Yr 10 Geog Cronulla Field Study



Yr 10 Geog Field work at Cronulla



Yr 10 Geog Field work



Wind speed checks Cronulla Beach

Snowy Mountains, Goulburn & Canberra Excursion August 2009

The Year 9 Snowy Mountains Excursion has been run at Homebush Boys High School successfully for the last 4 years. The excursion provides students with experiences that further enrich their understanding about Australian civics and democracy. It exposes city students to issues experienced in rural environments & helps students further develop their independence skills. Finally it allows students to experience new environments as well as develop new skills in a range of sports. We would like to thank the Commonwealth Government PACER program for its subsidy of \$20 per student to visit the Australian Electoral Commission, Federal Parliament and the Australian War Memorial.

The student report on this excursion follows:-

FIRST DAY

On 12th August, 5:45 am, the bags were loaded onto the bus. There were three teachers attending: Mr Pearson, Mr Belgre and Mr Madycki. We left school at 6:00 am, on our way to the Motel in Cooma. Before we arrived at the motel, we stopped at three places. Our first stop was the Pelican Sheep Station at Goulburn. The owner of the farm was Phillip Sykes. He demonstrated the shearing of sheep and told us about running a farm as a business.

We then departed Goulburn and continued our journey to Canberra. Our next venue was the Australian Electoral Commission at Old Parliament House, we had lunch in the rose gardens, and then we entered the Old Parliament House to learn about the Australian voting system. Finally we visited the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and played three sports, "Basketball, Le

Crosse, Sock Wrestling". We left Canberra at 5:30 pm and reached the motel at 7:30 to have dinner. Every night there was a curfew at 9:15. The lights had to be out at 10:15am. Everyone was so excited about being on camp and knowing that we would all be skiing or snow boarding the next day.

SECOND DAY

We were all woken up at 6am in the morning to eat breakfast. We left the motel at 7:00 am on our way to Thredbo Alpine Resort in the Snowy Mountains. We arrived at 9:15am and after hiring equipment, all of us had a two hour lesson. Some of us did skiing, while others snow-boarded. Although it was exhausting, everyone had fun. Following the lesson, we ate lunch and then had ½ and hour of free time. We then continued our lessons for another two hours. Later we had about 1 ½ hours free time... WOOOHO!!! The fun of the day was expressed by one student with this report "We were all excited because some of us have never been to the snow before. We then split into our groups for the lessons. There were many people on the ski field, as well as many lessons taking place. Our instructor Tyge (strange name!!) was a pro. He extremely liked Dimitri because he supported Liverpool. Tyge showed us how to snowboard as well as how to use a chairlift. After our first session we then had lunch. While we were on our break people went to the donut shop. Many of the boys agreed that they were the best donuts that they have had in their life. As soon as we finished eating we had half an hour of free time. Then we got down to the real stuff. Our instructor took us to a jump we he showed off doing back flips and front flips. We all got the hang of it really quick, the skaters were the best, as

they had similar experiences". After the good times on the snow fields, we went back to the motel to have dinner. We then slept very well that night, although played some played pool and others enjoyed some karaoke before hitting the sack at 10pm.

THIRD DAY

On the third day, it was up at 6.15am and our final breakfast at 7 am, we had to clean our rooms, pack up and load the bus for a 8am departure. Firstly, we visited the Snowy Mountains Authority Display and the Snowy Mountains Hydro Schemes to learn how important this scheme is to Australia. Then it was onto New Parliament House in Canberra and with a tour guide. We were there for one and a half hours. Everybody was not very enthusiastic about spending that time there because every body was tired from three exiting days of activities. We started off with a tour of parliament house. We visited the house of Reprs and the Senate. We answered many questioned and learned many interesting things that we didn't already know. We then did a mock passing of bill. Everybody had different jobs like someone was the Prime Minister and others the Speaker of the House. We learned all about how the Government System works and how laws are created and abolished.

We then ate lunch at a park outside the Australian War Memorial. Lunch was followed by a tour of the War Memorial, student comment "This by far was the most exciting trip for me on the camp. We mainly learned about what happened in World War 2, but we also looked on other aspects, such as fighter jets and courageous stories of our troops.

Following the War Memorial, we went to the AIS again. Although we had an hour and a half tour booked on day three we had to be cut down to an hour because we had 3 huge days behind us and everyone was starting to feel the effects of 3 solid days of activities. At the AIS, we went into the "interactive sports zone" and tried out some of the cool things in there. There was rock climbing, basketball, virtual soccer shots and lots more. We had about 30 minutes in there to try out these activities and we all had an awesome time. After we were all done with that, we had a guided tour of the facilities at the AIS. We went to the gymnastics area then the AIS gym and then the volleyball section. We watched the National Volleyball Junior team train and we learnt that to play volleyball you have to be no shorter than 6 foot 5 inches tall!! That is huge. We all had an excellent time at the AIS both days and learnt a lot of new and interesting things and we were all grateful for the time we had!!.

One of the best parts of the excursion was stopping at...Macdonalds! When we sadly left we all cried.... (jokes) and finally arrived back at Homebush Boys' High School to be reunited with our families and go home.

We had so much fun on this camp and if we all could do it again, we would pay double (...except for the motel food...)! Thankyou to Mr Pearson, Mr Begre, Mr Madycki, The PDHPE Faculty and the Social Sciences Faculty for making this excursion possible.

COMPLETED BY: Raghav Sareen, Raghav Aiyer, Jack Zhang, Joel Perik, Jack Codd-Miller, Yacob Hill and Dimitri Tourta-Alegounarias.



Yr 9 Snowy Group



Yr 9 ready to to ski



Ski lessons



Evan descending.



Snowboarding made easy.



Learning to ski



Rowing machine at AIS



Raghav assisting with shearing



YR 7 at Katoomba Scenic railway



Yr 9 at Federal Parliament



At the AIS



Dimitri -Speaker of the house



Sergeant of Arms -Parliament



Shearing Demo



Yr 9 at AIS



Danny tree-planting



Year 9 Commerce - Share Market Game



Success at the sharemarket game!



12 Business Studies Connected classroom



Mr Pearson's 8GH Tree planting day



William tree-planting



Munro tree-planting



Dane and his tree-planting gloves.



Scott & Dulakshan planting trees.



Ms Tawbe's class helping with Clean Up Australia Day



Mr Pearson's Year 8 planting trees

FACULTY REPORT

2009 has been an exciting and rewarding one for TAS faculty in many aspects. After a long term of absence, Ms. Hamide came back to teaching. We welcome her back and would like to take the opportunity of thanking Ms. Kaul who filled in the position. Ms. Kaul carried out her duties professionally and had been actively involved in implementation of new Hospitality syllabus. We wish her well in future endeavors. The rest of teaching staff has been stable and transition from one year to another has been a smooth one.

One of our challenges for the year was lodging the application for Hospitality Trade Training Centre, a Federal government initiative for vocational education. With assistance from P&C, School Council and numerous well wishers and hospitality related business partners, we were able to lodge the application on time. This was the second stage of the application, following expression of interest process. We are happy to announce that we were one of the four schools in the region greenlighted to proceed to formal application process after successfully demonstrating the need and prospectus of the facility. At the time of writing, we are still awaiting the announcement of the outcome from the Federal government. We thank all the individuals, schools P&C, School Council and various organizations for their support rendered in this initiative. In particular Maria Allan, who was seconded to assist in the application process, was extremely helpful and her working knowledge and expertise in VET education was fundamental in getting the application completed in a timely and detailed fashion. Hopefully a positive outcome of the application will see vast improvement in the learning environment of the hospitality subject at the school and open up more avenues of curriculum access, especially with increased school leaving age.

It was rather unfortunate that we could not display HSC major projects for Industrial Technology Timber and Furniture Industries as well as Multimedia industries studies this year since the external HSC markers made their visit after the variety night performance. As a consolation and not to disadvantage the boy's, pictures of their professional work have been included in this issue of the magazine and some links on schools website given to appreciate their work. On a positive note, the Industrial Technology courses in HSC have been formally given the recognition of Category "A" status, a significant issue for ATAR calculation and implication for subject selection. For further information please refer to Board of Studies, UAC or contact the school.

As an extension of Hospitality course to cover full spectrum of the industry, Year 12 hospitality classes have been flying to Gold Coast Sea World Nara Resort to gain first hand experience in dealing with hospitality experiences in a five star resort. This opportunity not only gives the working knowledge and lifetime experience, but is formally recognized in terms of meeting competencies and the students gain certificates after successful completion of the course for one week.

2009 has been a great year and we thoroughly enjoyed the year as well as fully engaged in developing resources for Digital Education Revolution initiative. The implementation of success for boys writing strategies have shown a positive bearing as reflected in NAPLAN results and we have been extremely happy with 2008 results from school certificate and HSC. Details of this are in the school's annual report.

On behalf of TAS faculty staff I would like to thank the senior executive, parents, staff (teaching and ancillary) and students for making our stay at the school a memorable one. A very big thank you to all those businesses that supported our students in providing opportunities for work experience and excursion venues. Finally we wish all the students every success in their external examinations and future endeavors.

Satendra Prasad
Head Teacher TAS Faculty



Two delicious meals ready for eating.



The TAS Staff.



Hospitality Boys ready for Service



Function Catering by Hospitality Students



Boys busy with practical work.



French Starters called Canapés



HospitalityYear -12.



A special dish.



A package designed for food



Diaroma of a cafe



A shake and a salad meal.



Boys having fun cooking & eating.



Boys learning about healthy food



Designer Cafe Yr 8



Design your own food-Yr 7.



A mystery dish.

YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY

Hospitality – it's everything you expect and yes ... there is cooking and cleaning too. It packs in things you will never learn in your everyday life..... Trust me.

The experience of waking up at 6.00 am to get to work placement and coming home at 7 pm, gives you a real piece of the world that you are going to journey into. Remember Hospitality is not all about eating; it's about service and human relationships.



Deputy Principals' Meeting.



Practical Class

Mathew Nguyen /Jae Song Lee

In Hospitality we learned a whole range of techniques on how to produce food properly. Work placement is part of the Hospitality course as it is fun and you learn how to behave and work properly, that in turn helps to develop your personal skills. We also learned to work in a large kitchen environment like Novotel Darling Harbor and City Extra Restaurant, and also in the various subsections of the hotel industry. Work placement also helped us to connect to people and learning.



Sydney Tower - boys having a meal.



William Gao, Andrew Saliba and Itender Jot Singh.

Due to the guidance and dedication of Mr Madakasira, Ms Faust and Ms Kaul and all the other Hospitality staff during our work placement, we can all say that we have gained extensive and useful knowledge from our time spent here. For this, we thank you.



Sydney Tower



Ross d'Aspromonte and Emilio Mc Farland.

HSC WOODWORK



BEN



MATT



NICK



MEHMET



ANDREW



HILAL



OLIVER



DANIEL



Soaking up the carnival atmosphere.



Another terrific effort.



HBHS is lucky to get the best venue.



Get ready, get set, go!



David Wang & Peter Maxwell.



Thumbs up for the helpers.



I need air.



Thumbs up for a great swim.



Joshua gives his all.



I wear a star on my heart.



Mr Madycki at the ribbons table.



Excitement in the marshalling area.



Having fun on the dias.



Mr Carrozza smiles for the camera.



SUMMER SPORTS

2008-2009





Mr Koff is quite pensive.



Ms Carrasco enjoys the carnival.



More fun at the carnival.



Where are the others?



This is fun, this racing!



Mr Tedford and Dennis chat.



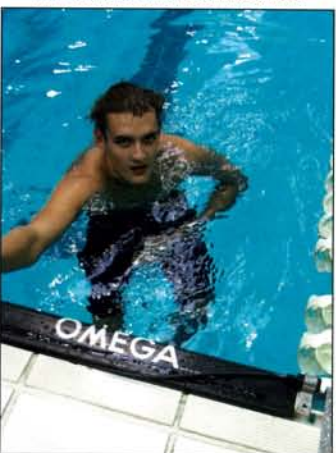
Another excellent effort.



Peter Totidis



A terrific swim!



Alex is a champ.



Also a good waterpolo player - Milan



Time for a broad smile.



A great bunch of swimmers!



Some of our winning swimmers.



The audience





A top swim!



Mr Albertson and Co.



The behind-the-scenes team.



A valiant effort!



Ready, set,..



The Maths staff hard at work



Under the cool water.



That was a tough swim.



Tosh and friend help out.



Good on you!



It seems a long way into the water.



All in!



About to race.



A creative way to celebrate.



Peter Maxwell



Hayes supporters.



The fun race.



A different perspective.



Good on you for a great effort!



I'll have a little rest here for a while.



Where's your big smile?



Another big swim.



Another successful swim.



There is a good view from here.



There is a good view from here.



It feels good in the pool.



Another bunch of young sportsmen.



More of the spectators.



Cheers for the team!



At the end of the day.



The School Swimming Team wins the North West Metropolitan Zone Swimming Championship.



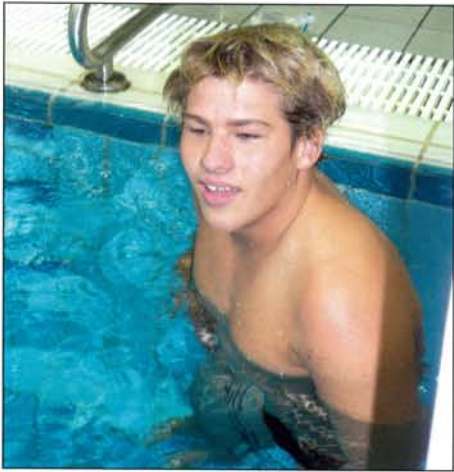
CHS Water Polo Champs Sydney North Region



Homebush Senior Oztag make it 5 Premierships in a Row!



1st XI Cricket – Davidson Shield



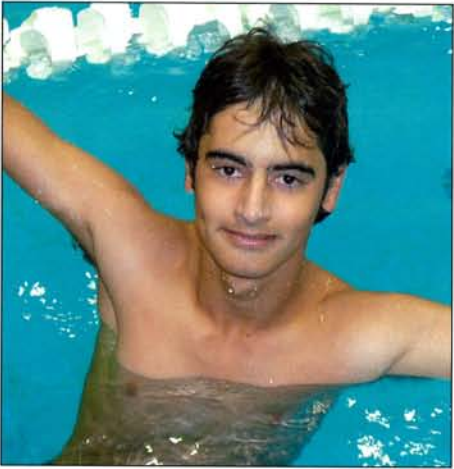
Bradley Parker



Connor Martin



David Wang



Nick Taylor



Matt Hay



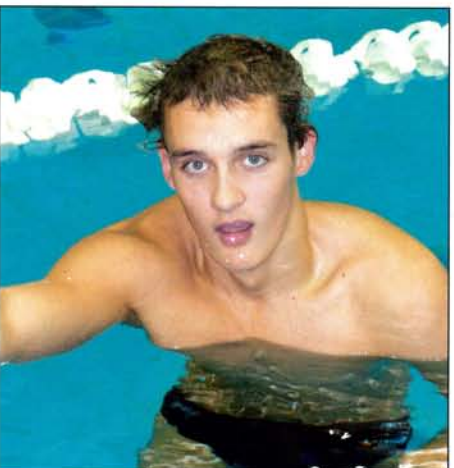
Peter Totidis



Blake Watkinson



Serge Houhlias



Alex Patrescu

The school is proud of its champions in the pool. We are especially proud of Alex Patrescu's efforts during the year. He had a great time at the Australian School Swimming Championships in Perth from September 13-18. He won 5 Silver Medals and 3 Bronze Medals, recording his personal best best of 1.55.75 in the 200 Metre Freestyle event. Alex swam in the Boys 17-19 years age group and recorded the following results:-

3rd 400 Metre Freestyle All Age Relay	3.37.80
2nd 200 Metre Medley Relay	1.49.76
2nd 200 Metre Freestyle	1.55.75
2nd 400 Metre Freestyle	4.13.93
3rd 50 Metre Freestyle	24.82
3rd 100 Metre Freestyle	52.60
2nd 4x100 Metre Relay	3.34.34





Blake Watkinson



Nathan Sorrenti



Lining up for the final.



Connor Martin



Bradley Parker



Matt Hay



Matt Hay



Before the final.



Sydney North Region Combined High School Champions 2008 - Connor Martin, player of the series and Australian team member, accepts the shield.



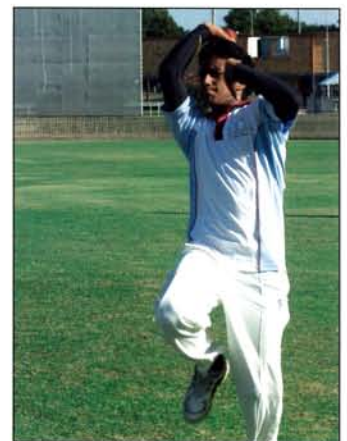
Patrick Tat



Kabil Kulane



Vignesai Thamaraju



Anokshan



Kevin Pathirane



Ross D'Aspromonte



Suffan Hassan



Nick White



Before the game



The Alan Davidson Shield.



Play is on.



Taking strike.





Junior Oztag



Junior Baseball



Senior Baseball



14 Grade Basketball



14A Cricket



14B Cricket



15A Cricket



15B Cricket



15s Basketball



2nd Grade Basketball



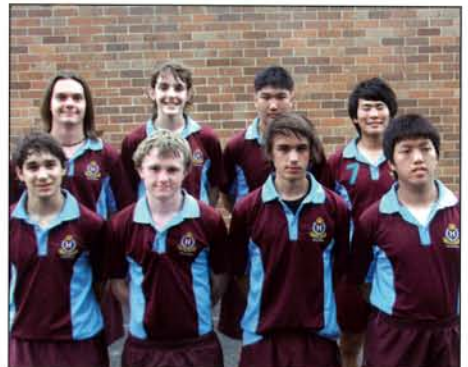
1st Grade Volleyball



1st Grade Basketball



14 Years Volleyball



3rd Grade Volleyball



Junior Futsal



Senior Futsal



2nd Grade Tennis



14 Years Tennis



1st Grade Tennis



15 Years Tennis

14's GRADE TENNIS

Throughout the season we were victorious and we won the final. Not only had we won, but we also had a great time. In the semi-finals we defeated Normanhurst 5 sets to 1, but it was a different story in the finals. It was a long and tiring match against North Sydney. It came down to reverse doubles, the score was 4 sets all, but we beat them on games.

Thanks to Daniel Yao, Jason Ou, Burney Wong, Ben Chiu

Simon HUANG (Captain)

15's GRADE TENNIS

The 2008 team consisted of Sean, Aaron, Siddarth and Desmond. We battled many challenging teams and Ashfield. We made it to the finals but we lost to Normanhurst. It was a great experience.

Misha BURJAN (Captain)

JUNIOR BASEBALL

The 2008-9 Junior Baseball Season was one in which a team of enthusiastic young players displayed a desire to improve their on-field achievements, in both batting and fielding.

Their devotion to the game culminated in a season, in which many players demonstrated improved skills and a deeper understanding of the game.

Homebush was defeated in the Grand Final by Epping 10 - 15.

The team consisted of I. Al-Atyyia, O. Cakir, K. M. Choi, D. Collis, J. Lim, S. Madycki, C. Maybury, M. Papallo, M. Penfold, A. M. Rahman, P. Siomos, B. Zreika.

MR J COSKERIE (Coach)

UNDER 14 YRS VOLLEYBALL

A very successful season for this group of fine athletes. The team won the competition with a strong win in the final against Ashfield High School.

The Team consisted of Brendan Leong & Fadi Alameddine as the captains of the team, and their other team members were:- Edie Bacic, Hussam El Madbouly, Jacob Hill, Cameron Parcell, Najee Roude, Youssef Sarakbi and Nathan Waipouri. The coach of this team was Mr Pearson.

The teams match record was:
Defeating Ashfield High School

2 games & losing 1 game, Losing one game to Epping & Winning one game, losing to Asquith, Beating Normanhurst 2 games to nil.

Congratulations to all team members for their success and being great ambassadors for the school.

SECOND GRADE CRICKET ZONE Runners up

This was nearly a successful season for a team of enthusiastic young cricketers. The results for the season were

The team was Steven Grasion, Hammad Iqbal, Lachy Irvine-Brown, Arslan Khalid, Zeeshan Khalid, Farhan Khan (wicket-keeper), Patrick Le, Ragavan Pahirathan, Shakti Rathore, Thajee Raveendran (captain), Shivayan Saravanapavathan, Avinash Singh, Pranavan Sivalohan, Piresath Sivapatham,

A major feature of the season was the rain and the washed out games which made continuity of team work very difficult.

Some of the features of the season were Lachlan Irvine-Brown's fast and aggressive bowling combined with his explosive batting and Avinash Singh's accurate bowling and quality batting.

During the season Guy Smith scored 32 and 42 not out, Thajee Raveendran scored 80 not out against Epping. Lachlan Irvine-Brown scored 82 against Asquith in the competition game but was sadly missed for the final when he was absent.

Shakti Rathore hit a solid 58 not out against Asquith in the competition game.

Pranavan, Ragavan, Patrick and Zeeshan bowled and fielded well throughout the season.

Hammad Iqbal dominated the semi final against Epping with 4 astonishing catches.

Unfortunately the team managed to have their worst bowling and fielding performance in the final when near misses and missed chances allowed the Asquith batsmen to dominate and score what proved to be an unreachable score.

In the final Guy Smith scored 27 and the highly competitive and tidy wicketkeeper Farhan Khan scored 23. Hammad was stumped on 19 going for the runs.

I thank the boys for their commitment, their excellent behaviour and good sportsmanship.

MR A DOOLAN (Coach)

See results table on facing page.

THIRSTY THIRDS 3rd grade Cricket

Faheem Khan (Captain), Arham Soomro (Vice Captain), Inteasar Ali (General Manager), Ibad Ur-Rahman (Good batsman), Darusan Nagaratnarajah (Bowling Captain), Vimalan Sivakumar (Opening batsmen), Theeran Sundaradas (agile fielder), Ellis Curran (Wicket keeper), James Sinclair (Leg Spinner), Alex Aerfeldt, Alfred Balachandran (Retired manager), Quazi Manjir E-Shafi, Sobidan Sivakumar, Kevin Vuong, Richard Amarasingham (Motivator), Nakeeran Parathy, Kabilshanth Suntharsanara, Dinesh Thiruchelvam, Branavaan Raveendran and MR SIVASOTHY (Coach)

Our first game was against committed North Sydney Boys, whom we rapidly took control and claimed an easy victory, thanks to our most powerful strikers Ibad Ur-Rahman and Vimalan Sivakumar, 52 runs partnership.

All the matches we played afterwards, we struggled at the beginning due to lack of confidence, but at the end we were where we wanted to be, in the winning position.

In our semi-final game we knocked out Ashfield Boys, for the second and final time, by 69 runs with Arham Soomro (75 runs). Darusan Nagaratnarajah clouts the ball through cover for four, takes a single and then watches Somro smash a six over long-on, which has directly elevated us to the finals.

Our final game was perhaps the first time in history where we had to play against our schools' skillful 4th grade cricket team. Our team started off bowling, when suddenly the 4th grade abruptly began striking their best shots as they were determined to win the cup, crush us in to pieces and determined to be the heroes. The 4th grade scored 125 runs for three-wickets.

Farheem, our opener seemed to be playing more of an anchor role, having made only few runs for several overs. Wickets were falling at faster rate.

Ibad strolls to the crease and showed strength by scoring 42 runs off 30 balls and Darusan scoring an unbeatable 38 runs. However, once that partnership was broken, again wickets fell regularly. We needed 4 runs off 6 balls to win with one wicket in hand.

Our leg spinner James Sinclair (has never been at the crease) slowly walks in with full of confidence and connects a beamer to a boundary through the cover. Finally, a big thank you to the entire team and the most successful 3rd grade coach Mr. Sivasothy for his continued guidance, support and expert coaching.

Congratulations to the Thirsty 3rd grade cricket team which displayed excellent sportsmanship on and off the field. Here we are again the **premiers of 2009**

Inteasar ALI General Manager

1ST GRADE BASKETBALL

Congratulations are in order for both the 1st and 2nd grade teams for the summer 2008-2009 season.

Both teams performed well and has come along in 'leaps and bounds' to show tremendous improvement through the course of the season.

This in turn shows good promise for next season as the majority of first grade players will be returning to seek revenge on their semi-final final loss against Normo.

In saying that, Normo and Nth Sydney will still be forces to be delt with, as both schools have excellent junior B Ball programs.

Credit to Boys like Michael D - with his 3 point shooting, Josh C - for his key workand rebounds, Mitch B, - for his well rounded ball skills, Zhi G and Abir A, Allen K for dribbling and shooting skills. A special mention to, Abraham B, Jack B and James L, whom contributed as a strong support team when called upon.

Everyone in first and second grade had shown good improvement through their development of skills and knowledge of the full-court game as the season progressed. In particular, Jack Barrett and Daniel Zhang.

A special thanks to the managers, Zachary M and Fletcher R, who did excellent work as managers, ensuring that both teams were

organized and ready to produce their best.

Other players on the team are listed below with most keen to 'produce the goods', in the 2009-2010 season.

Aiden K, James L, David H, James I, Manik S, Michael L, Tim B, Daniel Z, Henry W, Varuna B
Next season...

We have a new secret weapon that is sure to amaze all. 'A new gym'. A place we can call a, 'Home Court'.

This is the kind of stuff that inspires boys to become the next, MJ or LJ.

Let it be know that Homebush Boys High will be a force in 2010, and our one and only goal is, 'The Grand Final'.

I hope you guys enjoyed the season as much as I did. It was an absolute pleasure.

Mr MARTIN (Coach)

SENIOR OZTAG

The Homebush Boys High School Senior Oztag team has set some kind of record by completing its fifth season as zone premiers. This is a remarkable achievement and a wonderful testimony to every player who has taken the field during the past 5 years.

The team did not have it all its own way when compared to the previous four premierships, in which the team did not lose one game. This year the team lost 2 games in the regular season and had to come from behind to win both the semi-final and the grand final, both times outplayed by the opposition, Epping BHS and Asquith BHS respectively. These enormous challenges were both met with tenacity and valour.

The win over Asquith in the Grand Final, 8-7, in extra time drop-off, with both teams playing with 6 players, was by far the closest win the team has ever had in the history of the competition. It was both the tireless defensive efforts and some of the boys' Oztag experience that won us the close games, as the Grand Final stipulated!

The team was lead magnificently by Lachlan Jensen who, along with the experienced Selem El-Helou, organised the middle very efficiently. Both players also figured prominently in being amongst the leading try scorers. The efforts of Scott Mackay, Emilio McFarland, Ben Green and George Lassithiotakes were exemplary throughout the season. Scott and Ben set up and scored the winning try in the Grand Final and both were tireless participants throughout the season. Claude Tasker was one of the stars of the finals with his straight running and deceptive pace. He was the difference between winning and losing by the end of the finals! Tyson Parcell came of age in the finals when he was needed most and showed us what he can really do. Alan Rawcliffe, Michael Tran Nasir Barud, Mathew Hatzi, Shyamasunder Javakhar and Aydin Agar bamboozled the opposition with their pace and agility all season. Shyamasunder's defence, particularly in the semi-final, was a revelation. As were the attack and poise of Alan, Michael, Nasir, Mathew and Aydin. Patrick Turbitt and Tim Delai-Vulaca's roles as managers/water-boys were much appreciated. Tim even filled in as a player when we were short. Conrad Iolahia contributed enormously with his change of pace and fancy footwork before leaving the school for greener pastures. Ghassan Elhelou showed his experience in some important

efforts in the limited appearances at the games.

Every player contributed in their own way throughout the season. Congratulations to every player for his contributions on the field and the exemplary way every player conducted himself off the field. Every player should be proud with his involvement and the success that came with it. Well done, men!

MR ELARO (Coach)

15's WATER POLO

It was an interesting year with a group of 10 swimmers to make up the team. Unfortunately, only one swimmer, Nick Taylor, was experienced with the rest having one season's experience or none at all. This meant that the team was able to win matches all through the season relying on Nick's strengths but by the time the final came around they met a North Sydney team that played together well as a team and narrowly defeated Homebush 7 - 6.

Mention should be given to Sam Hayward, Luke Gabrielli, Scott Bunch and Thomas Goth-Towney for their sportsmanship and enthusiasm through the season.

MR SMITH (Coach)

2nd GRADE BASKETBALL

The second grade basketball team of the 2008-2009 season consisted of Michael Lam, James Ip, Henry Wang, Varunun Balaraju, Jack Barrett, David Hristoforidis, Tim Barrett, Manik Sharma, Victor Mu, Daniel Zhuang, coached by Mr. Martin, and managed by Fletcher Rowe. The team performed excellently throughout the year. Homebush managed to beat every team in the competition except for North Sydney Boys. Most games resulted in

convincing wins by Homebush, with occasional scores as impressive as 55-18, against Ashfield Boys. The co-operation, teamwork, and skill demonstrated by Homebush's 2nd grade squad gave them a spot in the semi final, to be played against Randwick. Although Randwick played a strong game, they were no match for the mighty Homebush, winning 36-26. This placed us in the grandfinal, to be played against North Sydney Boys. Although a gallant effort was put in, Homebush were defeated, making them the runners up for the 2008-2009 season.

Overall the season was quite enjoyable. Unfortunately the boys couldn't go all the way, however a valient effort was put in. congratulations go to Jack Barrett for most valuable player, and thank you to Mr. Martin for coaching.

Zac McCOWAGE

1st GRADE BASKETBALL

The 1st grade basketball team of the 2008-2009 season consisted of Joshua Carter, Mitchell Beattie, Michael Dubos, Alan Ke, Abraham Baek, Abir Aftab, Aidan Kirvan, Zi Hui Gu, and James Lin, with Zac McCowage as team manager, and Mr. Martin coach. During the season Homebush competed against Epping Boys High School, Normanhurst Boys High School, Ashfield Boys High School, Randwick Boys High School, and North Sydney Boys High School.

The season started slowly with Epping Boys failing to show up in the first game of the season. The boys appeared slowed by the week off, being defeated by Normanhurst Boys the following week. Despite the previous weeks loss the team stood strong defeating Ashfield the following game for the first win of the season. The next round against Randwick we developed a rivalry from the first game. The team was aggressive, had annoying coaches, but most significantly had a skill level not dissimilar to ours. In the first game Randwick came out on top, however it was evident that this was the team to beat. The final game of the first round was against North Sydney. This team proved far too strong for Homebush, winning convincingly.

Round two started on a positive note, with a win by Homebush for double points against Epping Boys. However, the boys couldn't pull through against Normanhurst Boys the next week, being defeated by the better team on the day. Homebush were in excellent form the following week, beating Ashfield

NORMANHURST 3/9/08 and 10/9/08	First Innings Win Rain reduced	Homebush 8 for 85 To 16 overs a side	Normanhurst 4 for 59 1 st week washed out
NORTH SYDNEY 15/10/08 and 22/10/08	Washout	North Sydney 7 for 103	2 nd week washed out
EPPING 29/10/08 and 5/11/08	First Innings Win 1 st week washed out	Homebush 5 for 192	Epping 8 for 129
ASQUITH 12/11/08	First Innings Win	Homebush 2 for 176	Asquith 4 for 146
Semi Final v EPPING 25/2/09	Win	Homebush 3 for 107	Epping All out 106
FINAL v ASQUITH 4/3/08	LOSS	Asquith 1 for 172	Homebush All out for 142

Boys convincingly, leaving the team in excellent form for Randwick the following week, the game which would prove the pinnacle game of the season.

Due to a lack of preparation by Randwick boys, only one referee was hired. As no one else was available to referee, Mr. Martin had to step in as the second referee. This left the team without a coach, until team manager, Zac McCowage stepped up to coach the team. The first half of the game ended with Homebush Boys up by 3 points, the score 19-16. The second half saw another close competition, however the Homebush boys out played Randwick again, the final score 34-30, Homebush's way. The win came predominately down to the unforeseen tactics used by acting coach Zac McCowage, and furthermore the responsiveness by the team towards these tactics.

The last game of the second round was against North Sydney Boys. Although Homebush was in very high spirits from the Randwick game North Sydney proved far too strong for the Homebush line up, crushing us to end the second round.

The last two games of the 2008-2009 1st grade basketball competition were against Ashfield boys, and Epping Boys. Homebush won both games placing us through to the semi final. The semi was against Normanhurst. Although a gallant effort was put in by Homebush, Normanhurst once again were the better team on the day, putting an end to the season.

Overall quite a good season. Congratulations to Joshua Carter for the Peter Lichfield Memorial Best and Fairest Trophy, Mitchell Beattie for the Captain's banner, and the rest of the team for an exceptional season. Thanks go to Mr. Martin for his coaching and support.

Zac McCowage



2nd Grade Cricket

UNDER 14 WATERPOLO

Wow! What a team! Every so often a group of people can get together and do something fantastic and that is exactly what this group did. Week after week the opponents turned up to face us and week after week they were sent flying to the wall. The closest anyone ever got was 8-5 and 8 was our lowest score of the season. Interestingly, it was North Sydney, our competitors for the flag, who the 8-5 score was against but in the fight for the flag we defeated them soundly with a 12-1 score line. Everyone played an important role in this team – the boys were able to make space and they passed the ball around to whoever was free – in other words, they really played as a team and this is why they were successful.

A big thanks to our very talented and capable Captain, Milan Stojkovic, the super shark Peter Totidis (he literally circled the pool and his opponents – very scary stuff!), Michael Parker who was ever ready to scoop up the ball in front of goal and shoot, Brian Dowling and Serge Houhlias – both of whom just got in and worked and worked as did Henry Tran and Dennis Kim; the amazing twins, Perrin and Riley Tasker who have the natural skills of all great athletes and who could score goals, jump in as goalie and generally create confusion amongst our opponents, Ambrose Hill – a very handy fish with a hidden talent found late in the season of being a super goalie, Hamish Campbell who has an amazing ability to read the game – he could make space and be just where he needed to be and last, but by no means least, Dane Kennedy – our main goalie for the season before we discovered his huge ability and strength in the field. Once again, thanks guys – bring on season 09/10!

Miss Gobel



3rd Grade Cricket



4th Grade Cricket



15 Years Volleyball



1st & 2nd Grade Tennis

NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN ZONE SUMMER PREMIERSHIP WINNING TEAMS 2009

1st Grade Cricket

Kabilan Bascaran
Ganan Bupalashinka
Ross D'Aspromonte
Suffan Hassan
Kabill Kulane
Divyesh Nambiar
Anokshan Paheerathan
Kevin Pathirane
Einstein Rajaratnam
Sachinpal Singh
Harsh Tamta
Patrick Tat
Suthangan Thanabalasingham
(Captain)
Vicgnesai Tharmarajah
Nicholas White
Dr B Thanabalasingham (Coach)

Ricky Fradel
Eddie Kadayifci
Enver Kerem
Rustam Mia
Ms J Carrasco (Coach)

Najee Roude
Youssef Sarakbi
Nathan Waipouri
Mr J Pearson (Coach)

Senior Futsal (Indoor Soccer)

Kasim Ayikol
Erik Borrelli
Thomas Burton
Mitchell Davidson
Eren Demiroz
Steven Gabor
Rueben Rajkumar
Roberto Speranza
David Von Dinklage (Captain)
Mr A Fairley (Coach)

14's Water Polo

Hamish Campbell
Brian Dowling
Ambrose Hill
Serge Houhlias
Dane Kennedy
Dennis Kim
Michael Parker
Milan Stojkovic
Perrin Tasker
Riley Tasker
Peter Totidis (Captain)
Henry Tran
Ms B Gobel (Coach)

3rd Grade Cricket

Alex Aerfeldt
Inteasar Ali
Richard Amarasingham
Alfred Balachandran
Vimalan Kanagalingam
Faheem Khan
Quazi Manajir-E-Shafi
Darusan Nagaratharajah
Parathy Nakeeran
Branan Rajendram
Prashant Sapkota
James Sinclair
Sobidan Siva Kumarad
Arham Soomro
Theeran Suntheradas
Kabilshanth Suntharsanara
Dinesh Thiruchelvam
Ibad Ur-Rahman
Kevin Vuong
Mr T Sivasothy (Coach)

Senior Oz Tag

Aydin Agar
Nasir Barud
Tim Delai-Vulaca
Ghassan El-Helou
Selem El-Helou
Ben Green
Mathew Hatzl
Shyamasundar Javakhar
Lachlan Jenson (Captain)
George Lassithiotakis
Scott Mackay
Emilio Milo McFarland
Tyson Parcell
Alan Rawcliffe
Claude Tasker
Michael Tran
Patrick Turbit
Mr C Elaro (Coach)

1st Grade Water Polo

Taylor Di Val
Matthew Hay
Jake Imer
Peter Jackson
Travis Lavdaras
Connor Martin
Bradley Parker
Robert Polec
Andrew Sorrenti
Blake Watkinson
Ms A Chapman (Coach)

Junior Futsal (Indoor Soccer)

Anoush Abdaly
Nathan Carter
Omer Cenk
Tim Davidson

14's Volleyball

Fadi Alameddine
Edie Bacic
Hussam El-Madbouly
Jacob Hill
Brendan Leong
Cameron Parcell

2nd Grade Water Polo

Jack Avery
Jackson Burian-Hodge
Matthew Chong
Liberto Iraci
Vernon Lam
Max Little
Stuart Mansfield
Peter Maxwell
Daniel Rosen
Nathan Sorrenti
Ms A Chapman (Coach)

Below: CHS Volleyball Knockout Round 16



HBHS SPORT REPRESENTATIVES/NW METROPOLITAN ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

Joel Harris	Baseball/Softball	Connor Martin	Water Polo
Bradley Parker	Swimming/Water Polo	Matthew Hay	Swimming/Water Polo
Nathan Sorrenti	Swimming/Water Polo	Nick Taylor	Cross Country/Swimming/Water Polo
Blake Watkinson	Swimming/Water Polo	Aaron Costa	Baseball
Daniel Sit	Volleyball	Umair Awan	Volleyball
Dennis Griffin-Colls	Athletics/Volleyball	Edwin Pike	Golf
Taylor Di Val	Hockey/Swimming	Jake Imer	Hockey
Jacky Tran	Hockey	Michael Tran	Hockey
Jack Codd-Miller	AFL/Athletics	Alex Patrulescu	Swimming
Scott Madycki	Hockey	Shakti Rathore	Athletics/Hockey
Zac McCowage	Hockey	Peter Totidis	Swimming
Matthew Gu	Athletics/Swimming	David Wang	Swimming
Justin Cheng	Athletics/Swimming	Blake Watkinson	Swimming
Arun Mahendran	Swimming	Daniel Rosen	Swimming
Joshua Rogers	Swimming	Steven Gabor	Football (Soccer)
David Von Dinklage	Football (Soccer)	Mitchell Davidson	Football (Soccer)
Roberto Speranza	Football (Soccer)	James Lee	Swimming
Mitchell Taylor	Cross Country	Leonardo Pane	Cross Country
Reece McFarlane	Lawn Bowls	Dylan Fuller	Athletics
Angus Armstrong	Athletics	Yousef Iqbal	Athletics
Tim Xin	Athletics	Hamish Campbell	Athletics
Victor Le	Athletics	Brendan Leong	Athletics
Kelvin Luong	Athletics	Dominic Furneaux-Bate	Athletics
Kane Potoru	Athletics	Brian Griffin-Colls	Athletics
Ali El-Kheir	Athletics	Hammad Iqbal	Athletics
Claude Tasker	Athletics	Peter Maxwell	Athletics

SYDNEY NORTH REPRESENTATIVES

Connor Martin	Water Polo	Bradley Parker	Swimming/Water Polo
Nathan Sorrenti	Swimming/Water Polo	Nick Taylor	Swimming/Water Polo
Matthew Hay	Swimming/Water Polo	Blake Watkinson	Water Polo
Daniel Sit	Volleyball	Aaron Costa	Baseball
Jack Codd-Miller	AFL	Taylor Di Val	Hockey/Swimming
Jake Imer	Hockey	Michael Tran	Hockey
Jacky Tran	Hockey	Alex Patrulescu	Swimming
Mitchell Davidson	Football (Soccer)	Roberto Speranza	Football (Soccer)
Matthew Gu	Swimming	Joshua Rogers	Swimming
Gussan Tabikh	Swimming	Robert Rafael	Swimming
Serge Houhlias	Swimming	Peter Totidis	Swimming
David Wang	Swimming	James Lee	Swimming
Brendan Jenkins	Sailing	Robert Polec	Sailing
Reece McFarlane	Lawn Bowls	Dylan Fuller	Athletics
Dominic Furneaux-Bate	Athletics		

NSWCHS REPRESENTATIVES

Matthew Hay	Water Polo (Opens)	Connor Martin	Water Polo (Under 17's)
Bradley Parker	Water Polo (Under 17's)	Nathan Sorrenti	Water Polo (Under 17's)
Nick Taylor	Water Polo (Opens Reserve)	Roberto Speranza	Football (Soccer)
Mitchell Davidson	Football (Soccer-Shadow squad)	Matthew Gu	Swimming
Serge Houhlias	Swimming	Peter Totidis	Swimming
Nick Taylor	Swimming	Nathan Sorrenti	Swimming
Alex Patrulescu	Swimming		

NSW REPRESENTATIVES

Aaron Costa	Under 18's Baseball
Joel Harris	Under 19's Boys Softball
Matt Hay	Under 18's Water Polo Squad/NSW All Schools Water Polo Team
Connor Martin	Under 18's Water Polo Squad/NSW All Schools Water Polo Team
Bradley Parker	Under 18's Water Polo Squad
Alex Patrulescu	Swimming
Nathan Sorrenti	Under 18's Water Polo Squad

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

Alex Patrulescu	Swimming
Connor Martin	Water Polo (All-Schools)



Three students from Homebush Boys High School were the recipients of the Sydney North Regional Sport Associations 'Blues Awards'. The Awards were presented by Beijing Olympic Diving Gold Medalist Matthew Mitcham OAM. Connor Martin received his Blue for the sport of Water Polo. David Paterson captained the Sydney North Cricket team resulting in his selection in the Combined High Schools First XI and being named Sydney North's Most Valuable Player. Joel Harris captained Sydney North in the sport of softball gaining selection in the CHS Open Team and also being named Sydney North's Most Valuable Player.

WINTER SPORTS 2008-2009





Celalcan and Kieran



Mohamad Al-Abdallah



Raed Ibrahim moves forward,



Who will win the race?



Ouch! Did I make it?



It is not as easy as it looks.



Mitchell Davidson



Having fun at the carnival.



Where does that last bit of energy come from?



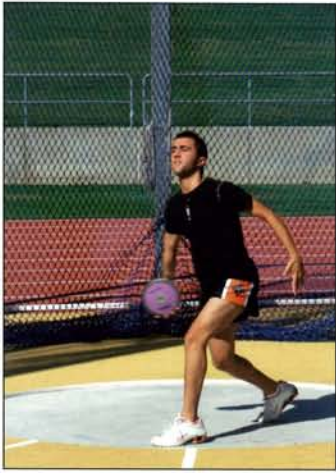
We can see some good runners here.



Measuring the distance.



Clearing the bar.



Mathew Hatzi



Dominic Furneaux-Bate



Tim and Tom Barrett.



Up...



Up...



And away!



Jack Barrett



We are the champions...



Ready...set...go!



Lachlan Irvine-Brown



Shot putters



At the marshalling.



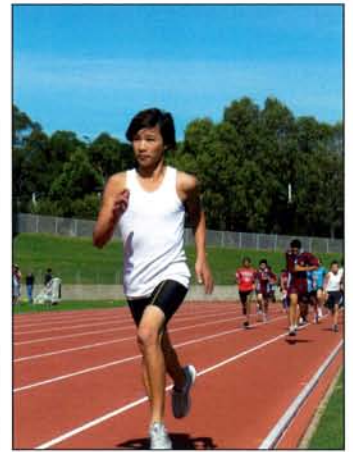
Kane Poturu



Mr Rodi



Lachlan Irvine-Brown



Justin Cheng



Max Altman



Adam Ali



Leonardo Pane



Peter Maxwell



Boys just love Athletics Carnival day...



Nick and Michael



The relay



Rocket Rodi



Handover



High Jump



Jibraan El-Ahmad in the 800m



It is a great track.



A long jump!



High Jump



Fletcher Rowe



Linden Talbot



Ryan Pasfield



Mr Sculthorpe and Lachlan



A young jumper.



Another young jumper.



Tyson Parcell



Brian Griffin-Colls



Ms Sahay



Lachlan Irvine-Brown



Mr Harrison



Kevin Li



The start



Mrs Parcell



Erkan Altan



Daniel Rosen



Fletcher and Mr D



Such concentration.



Aaron Ilohia, Riley Tasker, Peter Toditis, Perrin Tasker and Tim Davidson were strong performers in the 14'a Rugby.



First Grade Rugby continued their strong form in the 2009 season. The team reached Round 5 in the Waratah Shield and were Grand Finalists in the Zone Competition. Emilio McFarlane, Lachlan Irvine-Brown and Tyson Parcell were representative players.



Bradley Parker feeds the scrum.

Tyson Parcell with Bradley Parker is support.



Tyson strides out.



The second 'pod' outjumps the Northern Beaches lineout.





SENIOR HOCKEY A

14's RUGBY PREMIERS

The 14 season got off to a flying start with a handful of wins under their belts. The team was guided by a few players with some match experience, who helped pave the way to the semi-finals.

The semi-final was against Epping who were fierce opponents. The boys were looking to come out on top after this confrontation. With a slow start the boys looked like they were in it for the long haul, but came out victorious.

A great day for finals rugby and our season looked almost over against Randwick pulling out in front 12-0 at half time. After one of the Randwick players was sent from the field we posted 3 more converted tries. The final score was 37-19.

What a great season for the 14's. I am really proud of their effort and determination throughout the season.

Team members: Adam Alley, Edie Bacic, Charlie Brian, Hamish Campbell, Nathan Carter, Jack Codd-Miller, Tim Davidson, Celalcan Eyvaz, Thomas Fletcher, Aaron Ilohia, Dane Kennedy, Hassan Koussan, Steven Luo, Yousef Morgan, Cameron Parcell, Michael Parker, Steven Rosen, Justin Shon, Linden Talbot, Perrin Tasker, Riley Tasker, Peter Totidis, Nathan Waipouri

Ms A. CHAPMAN
Coach







1st XV Rugby



2nd Grade Rugby



3rd Grade Football



4th Grade Football



13 A Rugby



13 B Rugby



13A Football



13B Football



14s Rugby



14A Football



14B Football



15A Football



15B Football



15s Rugby



1st Grade Hockey



13C Football



NSWCHS Lawn Bowls



Senior Lawn Bowls



14s Table Tennis



2nd Grade Table Tennis



1st Grade table Tennis



15B FOOTBALL

Coach: Mr. S. Prasad

Captain: Sharmarke Ahmed
The 15 B soccer team had a very successful season without a single loss in the season. The team showed true sportsmanship with their personalised jerseys and skills displayed were above the expectations of the age group. Team spirit has been the key factor in the success and under close supervision of the captain, there has not been any incident. All the reports received proved that once again the boys had been true ambassadors while travelling on public transport to various venues and been excellent hosts for the home games. Homebush went into the final and celebrated joint premiers with Epping Boys High School, being unbeaten throughout the season and a one all draw after extra time in the finals secured the title for us. Simon Xin had an outstanding performance in all the games and received the award of best player in the category. Many players showed their full potential as often we had all the players on the field with one or two subs. Dr. Balan and some parents who came in as spectators were always giving the extra encouragement and strategies for such a lovely finish to the season. I personally thank Mr. Tedford for his excel-

lent organisational skills and he kept us well informed about the progress and changes to games and venues.

13A FOOTBALL

Coach: Mr McFarlane

Captain: Ayman Hill

The 13A's had a successful season despite the wet weather washing out half the matches. They made it through to the semi's but on the day struggled to penetrate the stacked defence of North Sydney. The final score was 1-nil. Ayman was a superb captain, always injecting enthusiasm and spirit into each match. Matthew Cook was the top scorer and Dylan Fuller also deserves a commendation for his efforts in a number of positions. Cameron Holmes was outstanding in his debut season as goalie. All in all a great team effort. The boys always gave one hundred percent right up till the final whistle and were great ambassadors for the school.

13C FOOTBALL

We had a fantastic season. We won most of our games with the scores 9-0, 7-0, 5-0, 1-0, 3-1, 1-2, 2-2 and 1-4. We lost 1-2 and 1-4 because Normanhurst were very good. Our best game was against North Sydney when we won 9-0. Aaron and Leandros assisted with

four goals each. Edmond scored four goals and Rhys did lots of good passes.

Aaron COUGHRAN

3rd GRADE FOOTBALL

This was an enjoyable season, made by an outstanding effort from all the boys in the 3rd grade team. The team finished 3rd after the all the round games were completed only two points from 1st place North Sydney. Unfortunately we were unable to make the grand-final, being narrowly defeated 2-1 by Epping Boys in the last minute of the game. A big thank you to the 15/A boys who filled in for the final since we had nine players on the day of the final due to sickness and students on holidays. Fantastic year from Alex Burjan and Faisal Khan who played with great determination every week. Congratulations to those year 12 students in the side that have represented Homebush for the last six years and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. To the rest of the team well done, we will be bigger and better next year.

Mr BELGRE

15's TABLE TENNIS

The 2009 season was a very successful one for us. Our team consisted of Siddharth (co-captain), Jai, Raghav, Joshua (captain), Nickolase and Jordan. From day one, we played with guts and determination. All our players put in the goods and we had enduring wins against Normanhurst, North Sydney and Ashfield. Yet Epping was the team to beat. We stormed into the semis, losing just three games. And with the support of fellow team-mates and displays of amazing skill, we beat North Sydney 4-2. In the championship finale we played Epping, a very tough opponent. The matches went down to the wire; with the highlights being the doubles decider (went to five sets!). We lost 3-4 overall. At first we were in disbelief of the close loss, yet we were extremely proud of ourselves for coming this far. Overall we had a memorable season.

Junior A HOCKEY

The season for the Junior A hockey was a very enjoyable season. We had lots of fun, learnt new skills, and won plenty of games. Our season had its ups and downs as we made it to the semi-finals, but lost 3-1 to Epping. It was a fun game. Our captain Scott Madycki loved shouting at our winger Ambrose and our defender, Michael. They had

many chances to make Scott happy, as our powerhouse half, Lachlan Foster pumped the ball, zooming up the field, with all the players shocked at the speed of the ball.

Liam HERON

HOCKEY

The Homebush boys' hockey teams have had a mixed year with four teams entered into the grade sport competition. The junior B team finished last but had a great season. Managed by first time coach Ms Carrasco they had a blast and really enjoyed their time on the field and we can see future stars coming from this year 7 team. Thank you boys, keep playing and thank you Ms Carrasco

(See above for the Junior A team - And thanks to Mr Standen.)

The senior B team coached by Mr Halkidis had its best ever finish making the semi finals only to come up against Homebush A. They played exceptionally well and the boys showed great leadership in mentoring the Year 7 team and even scored a few goals every time they played the Senior A team. Well done to each of the boys especially the boys who had never played before and played as a social team. You make the difference. Well done to Mr Halkidis.

The Senior A team was a strong team and only continued the tradition of good quality hockey at Homebush Boys High by going through the season undefeated and took out the Grade championship 5-0. This team has been the culmination of good junior development and the boys played the game with the greatest of sportsmanship. Thank you for all of your effort this season.

The Homebush Knock-out side which comprised players from the Junior A, Senior B and Senior A teams and is the strongest team that the school has fielded with all the boys except one playing club hockey. Convincingly the boys won the zone and regional finals and have placed in the top 8 teams in the NSW CHS. The boys have performed exceptionally well scoring 67 goals for and 1 against showing their dominance in our region.

Results:

- Round 1 Homebush 18 St Ives 0
- Round 2 Homebush 10 North Sydney 0
- Sydney North final Homebush 12 Cherrybrook 1
- Regional Final Homebush 9 Erina 0
- NSW Round 20 Homebush 10 Castle Hill 0
- NSW Round 16 Homebush 8 Keira Tec 0

Finals to be played at Moorebank on the 23rd and 24th of September where we are pitted up against Westfield Sports High.

Win or lose the state finals, this

years team will be the best team that Homebush has fielded and possibly will field for quite a while.

Representative duties were placed on Captain Michael Tran (Sydney U'21 rep), Jacky Tran (also represents at NSW level), Jake Imer, and Taylor Di Val who all represented the Sydney North region. Zac Mc Cowage and Shakti Rathore were unlucky not to make the team and young Scott Madycki of Year 8 performed well at trials.

Six year twelve boys lead the team Michael Tran, Jake Imer, Aaron Russell, Taylor Di Val, Stuart Mansfield and Andrew Maxwell. In Year 11 we have goal keeper Phillip Stapleton, Shakti Rathore, Zac Mc Cowage, Luke Dassaklis, Joel Samways and David Hristoforidis with other goalkeeper Varun Bapat and superstar Jacky Tran in year 10, Lachlan Foster year 9 and youngster Scott Madycki in year 8.

Well done to all of the boys and good luck to the boys in year twelve who have performed so well for the school over the years.

Stephan MADYCKI
Head coach

Homebush and Zone Convener

(Homebush lost 1-2 to Westfield Sports High School to finish 5th in the State Knockout.)

LAWN BOWLS

Season 2009 was outstanding for Lawn Bowls at Homebush Boys High School. Our first assignment was in the CHS State knock-out tournament, where our Senior Squad of Fredrick Xiao (captain), Ben Worthington, Robert Polec and Reece McFarlane proved to be our most successful team in over a decade. The team defeated Asquith in round one, won with a forfeit in round two, defeated Ashfield in round three and in the regional finals, defeated Kuringai Performing Arts High School.

The boys then progressed to the State finals with the 16 Regional Winners competing over two days at the Ryde/Eastwood Bowling Club. Winning two and losing three games the boys finished tenth in the State. This was an outstanding performance. All of the team, including our other senior team member Guy Smith, were in Year 12, except for young gun, Reece McFarlane. A new squad will need to be formed in 2010.

The Wednesday Zone competition was also successful. The Senior Team won 5 games and lost 2 with an amazing 5 washouts. The team made the Semi-Final where they defeated Epping but lost to a brilliant North Sydney in the finals.



2nd Grade Football

The Junior team of Wilson Ou, Vincent Pike, Joshua Stoodley (captain), Jovan Tanu and Scott Worthington made the Semi Finals. They defeated Asquith 8 - 5 to reach the finish against Normanhurst. Our boys were a young squad of 3 year 7 and 2 year 8 boys, but were outclassed in the final. They have a lot of potential.

We look forward to another successful year in 2010.

Baron GOLD
Coach

13A RUGBY

The 2009 season proved to be a very successful one for the gallant men of the 13A's Rugby squad. For many, this was their first season of competitive Rugby. There was a sprinkling of experience, an abundance of raw talent, and the desire to learn the tactics and discipline of the game.

The semi-final was a springboard to the finals with a resounding 50 - 12 victory over Epping. The final, against Normanhurst, was our best game. Normanhurst had defeated us 24 - 12 during the season. This result was reversed with a resounding 30 - 10 victory in the final. The win was based on strong, constructive forward play by Robin Hwang, Bilal Abdul-Rahman and Phillip Maxwell who controlled possession. Strong back-rowers Brian Dowling and Kirk-Stephen Tuivai made plenty of metres. Tony Lee, Vincent Christie and Lachlan Mackintosh won the ball at the breakdown.

Given an abundance of possession, half-backs Aydin Cochran and Khaled Allazze fed their eager backline. Strong running 5/8 and captain, Brandon Vuong, made many breaks and scored two tries. Fleet footed centres, Tim Xin and Gus Tabikh, continued the attack, with pacy wingers, Amin Chami and Serge Houhlias finishing many raids.

Fullback, Tevita Moeakiola,

returned the ball well. The defence of the team was excellent. The appearance of Siosifa Afu, Omran Allam, Nabil Bardouh, Billal El Sayed, Sam Itaoui and Ramon Kordy added determination to the squad each time they took the field. Eight of the boys were selected to represent South Harbour in the annual representative clash.

The season was very enjoyable and successful with many parents watching the games, players learning skills, and everyone discovering the railway network around Sydney as we travelled to a variety of venues.

JUNIOR HOCKEY B

This year saw a new group of Year 7s join the team. The aim for this season was to build on the skills previously developed last season, and for the Year 7s, on their hockey development days.

Travelling with the Senior B team proved to be an encouraging experience, a constant cheer and whoop from the sidelines urging on the juniors.

Although encountering defeat, bar one friendly game against Epping which included some senior players, the team's skills and team work progressed quickly and was demonstrated in narrow defeats against teams such as Normanhurst whom we were able to hold off from scoring in an entire second half.

Well done guys: Alex Rawcliffe, Nat Lea, Sai Ng, Jun Xin Kha, Raymond Cai, Darren Zhang, Anthony Zhu, Farbar Siddiq, Michael Napoli, Ibrahim Al-Atyyia, Anuraj Talati and Athithan Thirunanthakumar.

See you all next year

Miss CARRASCO

13B FOOTBALL

In 2009, the Homebush 13B soccer team was one in which a number of enthusiastic young players came together to demonstrate a high level of achievement and sportsmanship.

Although playing the season without losing a game and finishing minor premiers, they were to lose in the finals to North Sydney 0-1 in what was a close game.

The team consisted of N. Brodie, K. Dawson, O. Holali (C), A. Keskis, F. Knox, A. Kumar (VC), A. Mahmood, N. No, M. Penfold, H. Prentice, N. Sivendra, M. Taylor, T. Tran, J. Walker, (Mr Coskerie - Coach)

SENIOR B HOCKEY

The 2009 season was to be the best season ever for the senior B team. The team was led by the new captain Asriha Chintamani taking over from Craig Ford who was still playing. The first game was against Epping and we scored a 1-1 score line which was as close to a win as we had got all previous year, so this was a good sign for the rest of the season.

The team was strengthened by 7 new players this year Oliver Buckley playing a strong mainly defender at half, Luke Dassaklis who would play both defence and attack with many man of the match performances, Aaron Russell who played mainly fullback with really good defence and a strong clearing hit, Sobidan Siva Kumarad who played fullback and Joel Samways who played both half and attacking forward scoring a few goals this year. Fletcher Rowe was the reserve goalkeeper to Phillip Stapleton the regular keeper who had only taken up hockey as a sport the previous year for the first time. Matthew Piper was the manager who managed a couple of games when we were short of players and even scored a goal.

The other regular players from last year were Simon Bull who played forward mainly on the left, Lachlan Heron who played mainly forward(inner), but still played a solid and dependable defender at half, Shivayan Saravanapava who played an often nervous but reliable defender and sometimes also played forward, Thomas Stefulis who played a very fast half defender and sometimes an attacking goal scoring forward and finally last years goal scoring machine Daniel Speed who mainly played centre forward.

In the end we made the semi finals finishing fourth with 5 wins 5 loses and two draws. Scoring 27 goals for and 24 against. Unfortunately we would play the first place and undefeated homebush A team who would eventually win the competition for the zone.

I would like to thank all the students for making this season so exciting and fun. Well done to all and keep smiling.

Mr Chris HALKIDIS
Coach

13 OVERAGE RUGBY

This was a team that was a departure from the normal situation. During the trials it became clear that there were not enough players to form a 13B's Rugby team. Most important of all, there was a shortage of players suitable to play as forwards.

Also, there were some small in size, (but not in heart), extra 14's and some extra 15's.

Ever the problem solver, Mr Hilliard conferred with Mr Tedford and an overage team was entered into the 13's rugby competition.

The competition began and Karim Alkadmani, Gavin Cheng, Riley Curran, Daniel Fielding, Kevin Le and Kieran Tran became the core of the forwards. The team had a good win against Ashfield, were soundly beaten by Asquith, managed a hard fought win against Epping 13A's and then managed to win against Mr Hilliard 13A's team with Mr Pinkey as the able referee.

At this point the six players above, who were slightly older than the other players, were no longer allowed to play. Even though they had made up the majority of the scrum none of them had been playing in the front row.

Chris Curry, Youssef Iqbal and Ali Baddah were the front rowers and William Dowsley was the excellent hooker. The old, timid and frightened coach had been asking the referees for uncontested scrums but as it turned out there was little power in the scrum and this aspect of the game proved to be completely safe.

The team now lost to Epping 13B's, had a good 27-12 win against Normanhurst, had games washed out against Randwick, beat Ashfield, lost to Epping 13A's (0-25), had a good win against Epping 13B's (44-7) and was permitted to play a semi final against Asquith where the score was 37-0 against Homebush.

Some good wins were gained by the team when they were allowed to play exciting and quality rugby. Lucas Chao, Dylan Kang, Andrew Suamili and Alex Weregola ran as free spirits with all the speed and determination they possessed. The team always played hard and fair.

At various times most players had their share of glory. Aydin Cochrane-Salman, the ever reliable captain, never stopped at halfback. Cameron Murray, Anthony Phan, Youssef Sarakbi, Andrew Simpson, Harrison Smith, Joshua Rogers, Anil Bhandari, Bassell Rana and Vikram

Rajaji all played their parts.

I was proud of this team. A team that played every game hard but fairly, who finished on top in the penalty counts and who played the game with adventure and spirit - Referees enjoyed having our games!

FIRST RUGBY

A truly great season yet again for Homebush who made it to the final, but unfortunately could not get over the line after dominating the game for the first 15 minutes.

The team was optimistic but eager with anticipation after there 2008 season. They were quick to realize that they did not carry the experienced enjoyed in previous years after their first game loss to RBHS at Randwick.

The game was played in poor spirit as Randwick once again showed their true form in playing the man and not the game with numerous late hits, scuffles and an early end to the game after an exchange of blows which would later result in a RBHS student being band from sport all together.

Not to worry, the Bush Boys would reaffirm their superiority over Randwick rugby on more than one occasion through the course of the season. Results: HBHS 31-12 ABHS, HBHS 12-17 EBHS, HBHS 22-39 RBHS, HBHS 10-24 EBHS. A convincing win in the semi-final, as Homebush outclassed Randwick in every aspect of the game. HBHS 24-15 RBHS

Sound victories over Ashfield left us in a good good position to challenge Epping for the top position. Unfortunately, the final did not go our way which is always going to be a tough ask at the oppositions home ground. I did have the utmost confidence that this team could have got 1 over Epping, but a broken leg 15 minutes into the game quickly changed the momentum which seemed to be in our favor as Lachlan I-B was carted off in a stretcher. Lachy had on numerous occasions put his body and head on the line to take a catch and on the odd occasion save a try. (You can stop faking that injury mate, the final is over.) A truly great effort, Lachy.

Without a doubt, the most memorable moment of the season was an extraordinary move by new recruit and future wobbly, Pat Tat. First receiver of clean ball from a breakdown he majestically weaved and stepped his way around not 1 but 3 Epping players like a 'flat footed Gassel', dove for the line and with an Alberstross like stretch place the ball over the line in celebratory fashion jumping to his feet in anticipation of numerous pats on the back, only to realize that it was the 22.

Yes, a truly, memorable season and fun had by all - especially, the coach. Well done and thanks to you all.

Mr MARTIN
Coach



James Lin



Ryan Pasfield



Jordan Fuller



Jai Ivelja



Hammad Iqbal



Hammad Iqbal





Yousef Iqbal



Brian Lee



Dominic Furneaux-Bate



Dennis Griffin-Colls



Jack Codd-Miller

HOMEBUSH VICTORIOUS IN ERREA CUP FINAL

At Seymour Shaw Stadium on Thursday August 27 Homebush Boys High played resolute football to score a solid 2:0 win over Warners Bay High in the final of the statewide knockout competition. More than 250 schools have now comedown to one, Homebush.

In a display of tight, close marking, attacking football Homebush dominated the match for the first fifteen minutes of each half, opening the scoring in the seventh minute through Jack Avery and adding the second after 30 seconds of the second half through Steven Gabor. However, Warners Bay refused to concede defeat and the Homebush defence found itself hard pressed to hold out against quick breaks and long balls.

Homebush did not try to close the match down and also threatened the Warners Bay goal on many occasions. As it happened there was to be no addition to the score mainly through the efforts of the goalkeepers. Travis Lavdaras of Homebush in a man of the match performance pulled off three outstanding saves while James Maierhoffer of Warners Bay was always well positioned to intercept Homebush attacks.

The well drilled Homebush team held out for a well deserved victory mainly dueto the efforts of Roberto Speranza in defence, David von Dinklage (voted player of the finals series) and Mitchell Davidson (grandson of cricket legend, Alan Davidson) in mid-field and Steven Gabor and Jack Avery up front. Overall this match and all matches throughout the five months of the Errea Cup campaign was based on emphasising playing as a team and supporting each other.

Results were: Manly (a) 7:2; Killarney Heights (a) 3:0; Hunters Hill (a) 8:1; Davidson (h) 6:0; Armidale (a) 4:0; Swansea (h) 7:0; Kingsgrove 8:0.

The members of the squad are: *Travis Lavdaras, Daniel Gabrielli, Rustam Mia, Kook Bo Stone, Imran Maarabani, Ben Green, Scott Mackay, David von Dinklage [c], Mitchell Davidson, Roberto Speranza, Tariq Atchan, Eren Demiroz, Thomas Burton, Andrew Depta, Jack Avery and Steven Gabor.*

FIRST GRADE FOOTBALL Undefeated Zone, Regions and NSW Champions

The Magazine report for 1990 mentioned that there was no recollection of first grade having ever won the zone competition. This was rectified in 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2008 and 2009. There may even be one not mentioned here as a fading memory takes over. However, this year was the most spectacularly successful season in Homebush Boys football history, not only triumphing in the zone with a win in every match played but also victory in the state wide Errea Cup involving more than 250 comprehensive schools.

On an emotion charged evening at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda the culmination of many years effort finally arrived. This time there was to be no grief, no recrimination, just the sheer joy of a magnificent team achieving justice for their tireless effort and belief in themselves. All modesty aside this team was virtually unbeatable.

The campaign started with a bye earned through the heroics of 2008 and was followed by what was thought to be a difficult task against a highly rated Manly. This was not to be the case as Manly were overwhelmed 7-2 and they were lucky as their goals came from a penalty and a spectacular clearance by Eren Demiroz that gave Travis Lavdaras no chance. A highlight was Kook Bo Stone scoring on his first grade debut.

The eager and confident team prepared for the NWM zone competition. In a novel twist the first round was deferred at our request to allow four players to trial for the Sydney North region team. Mitchell Davidson and Roberto Speranza were successful with Robbie progressing to the CHS 2s.

Round 2 was against Ashfield at Powells Creek and while they were able to hold out for much of the first half before succumbing 4-0 courtesy of a Jack Avery hat trick and a Robbie Speranza scorcher.

Round 3 was at the dreaded Asquith Boys High oval where most of the squad had never played before. When the score went to 7-0 the match was cut by twenty minutes in the interests of tact and diplomacy. Scott Mackay proved that he was no goalkeeper by letting in two soft goals to match the two he had already scored while Jack Avery added another four in the 10-2 thumping.

Now back to the Cup as we continued our grand tour of the northern suburbs. Last year the team was talking the opposition

up, this year it was a matter of mentioning one or two opposing players as an observation but not being overawed. Round 3 was at Killarney Heights on a wide open pitch. Three quick goals in the first twenty minutes were enough to see them off and the confidence level was raised another notch. Daniel Gabrielli had the dubious distinction of being responsible for all six fouls committed by Homebush in the first half. Gabie's other claim to fame is that he was the only player not to score, not for want of trying mind you!

If Homebush has a bogey team it would have to be Epping, always difficult to break down and ruthless in punishing mistakes. While they showed some signs of resistance they were eventually overcome 5-2 with Travis Lavdaras and Imran Maarabani scoring their first goals for first grade. This was followed by the inevitable washout against Normanhurst but we had come through the first section of the zone unscathed.

Round 4 introduced us to the other world of school football with the match against Hunters Hill being played on the billiards table surface of St Josephs College. David von Dinklage opened the scoring with a 25 metre screamer before Jack Avery and Scott Mackay added hat tricks and Thomas Burton rounded the match off to make it 8-1. We were now in the regional final.

North Sydney visited for the double points match from round 1 and left on the wrong end of nine. Tariq Atchan, Eren Demiroz and Ben Green all scored their first (and only) first grade goals in the rout. The match against Ashfield was washed out before we entertained Asquith who had somehow turned their season around and were beaten by the odd goal in five. Asquith holds the distinction of being the only team to have led us all season. They were also the last team to score against what was to become an impregnable defence.

The next match showed the true character of the squad in confronting adverse conditions. Everything was against them – a shortage of players, a wet pitch, refereeing, a dogged defence and the dismissal of two players. The worse the situation got the more determined the team became as debutant, Rustam Mia and Scott Mackay scored in the 2-0 triumph.

Normanhurst was again a washout which was to our advantage as we were now fresh for the regional final against Davidson. This was played on the synthetic surface of Seymour Shaw Park as the lads ventured into The Shire. The team revelled in the true playing surface after the bumpy ride on most pitches and six goals later we were on our way out of the region. This match marked the first start for goalkeeper Andrew Depta who

acquitted himself most admirably.

Our next destination was Armidale where the predicted 10 degrees was actually a pleasant but windy 18. Mr Hilliard provided an uneventful ride on the bus and we enjoyed a pleasant evening as a team before playing on the Wednesday morning. Armidale used their crowd and their tall players to some advantage and their defence was hard to breach. Many chances went begging before Scott Mackay took on the keeper and skilfully lobbed him just on half time. Scott added a second and Steven Gabor and Robbie Speranza made it 4-0. An even more cheerful journey home was enjoyed by us all.

We must thank North Sydney who helped our cause by agreeing to grant us a draw in the unplayed zone match. The final round of the zone against Ashfield was yet another washout.

The zone semi final against Ashfield was a hard fought affair as they defended resolutely and occasionally attacked. A slightly under strength Homebush eventually prevailed via goals from Jack Avery and Mitchell Davidson and some fine saves by Travis Lavdaras.

The eagerly anticipated Errea Cup quarter final against Swansea soon arrived and they were swept aside in a brilliant display of attacking football as Scott Mackay (3), Jack Avery (2), Andrew Depta and Steven Gabor demolished a reluctant defence. This was truly total football as all 16 players excelled themselves.

The ever confident squad lined up for the zone final against arch rivals Epping and thumped them 4-0 without really getting out of second gear. At last we were no longer pretenders, but rightful holders of the zone shield.

Success in the Errea Cup no longer seemed to be some sort of dream; it was becoming reality as we fronted a strong Kingsgrove in the semi final. This was the most emphatic performance by a Homebush team in the last twenty years as they set about demolishing their fancied opponents to the tune of 8-0 with a crisp passing style of play utilising the width of the pitch and the speed of the strikers and midfield. While Kingsgrove threatened on the odd occasion they were never in the match as Jack Avery (4),

David von Dinklage (2) and Scott Mackay and Robbie Speranza scored. Jack's goal from an acute angle, David's two rockets from outside the penalty and Robbie's long range free kick are all candidates for goal of the year. Fortunately there was to be no let down as the now super confident team fronted to lay their claim to the holy grail of CHS football, the Errea Cup. Homebush dominated for long periods but whether it was stage fright, fear of the unknown or just plain bad luck the ball would just not go in. Jack Avery scored a neat goal after five minutes to open the scoring and Steven Gabor took the opportunity to add to the score in the first minute of the second half to finish the scoring at 2-0. Travis Lavdaras and a hard working defence held on to assure the greatest victory in Homebush football history. Travis was deservedly named player of the final and captain David von Dinklage player of the finals series.

I must pay tribute to our loyal and dedicated band of supporters, the families and friends of all players who braved the wilds of Narrabeen, Erina and Lambton in 2008 and the more pleasant surroundings of 2009. Without you much of this would not have been possible. I would

like to thank Gas Carrozza who was able to dispense calming words when matters became a little tense and above all my wife, Sue who has assisted in the administration of teams and soothed a bruised ego with her encouragement. But above all I pay tribute to all the boys who have played for me, in good and not so good times. However, I assure you the 2009 team is the best. Was the emotion of the last twenty years worth it? YES.

Awards.

Players of the year: Roberto Speranza and David von Dinklage
The Malcolm Brown Trophy for Summer Grade and Football: Steven Gabor
Most improved: Tariq Atchan and Eren Demiroz
Goal scorers: Total 84 (Cup = 45/zone = 39)
Goals against 10 (3/7)
28 (16/12) Jack Avery; **17 (10/7)** Scott Mackay; **9 (7/2)** Steven Gabor; **6 (3/3)** Roberto Speranza; **6 (1/5)** Mitchell Davidson; **4 (4/0)** David von Dinklage; **3 (2/1)** Thomas Burton; **2 (1/1)** Kook Bo Stone; **2 (0/2)** own goal; **1 (0/1)** Tariq Atchan; **1 (0/1)** Eren Demiroz; **1 (1/0)** Andrew Depta; **1 (0/1)** Ben Green; **1 (0/1)** Travis Lavdaras; **1 (0/1)** Imran Maarabani; **1 (0/1)** Rustam Mia.

Roger DOENAU



1st Grade Football

RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result (HT)	Scorers
3 April	Manly (EC)	Manly	7-2 (4-1)	Avery 2, Gabor 2, Burton, Speranza, Stone
29 April	Ashfield	Powells Creek	4-0 (2-0)	Avery 3, Speranza
6 May	Asquith	Asquith	10-2 (7-0)	Avery 4, Mackay 2, Burton, Davidson, Speranza, Stone
12 May	Killarney Hts (EC)	Killarney Hts	3-0 (3-0)	Avery 2, Gabor
13 May	Epping	Powells Creek	5-2 (3-1)	Avery, Gabor, Lavdaras (pen), Maarabani, Mackay
20 May	Normanhurst	Powells Creek	Wash out	
26 May	Hunters Hill (EC)	Hunters Hill	8-1 (4-0)	Avery 3, Mackay 3, Burton, von Dinklage
27 May	North Sydney	Powells Creek	9-1 (5-0)	Avery 2, Davidson 2, Mackay 2, Atchan, Demiroz, Green (double points)
3 June	Ashfield	Ashfield	Wash out	
10 June	Asquith	Powells Creek	3-2 (2-1)	Avery, Speranza, own goal
17 June	Epping	Epping	2-0 (0-0)	Mackay, Mia
24 June	Normanhurst	Normanhurst	Wash out	
25 June	Davidson (EC)	Seymour Shaw	6-0 (3-0)	Avery 2, Davidson, Gabor, Mackay, von Dinklage (pen)
1 July	North Sydney	North Sydney	Not played	Declared a draw
1 July	Armidale (EC)	Armidale	4-0 (1-0)	Mackay 2, Gabor, Speranza
8 July	Ashfield	Powells Creek	Wash out	
29 July	Ashfield (semi final)	Powells Creek	2-0 (0-0)	Avery, Davidson
31 July	Swansea (EC)	Seymour Shaw	7-0 (3-0)	Mackay 3, Avery 2, Depta, Gabor
5 August	Epping (final)	Powells Creek	4-0 (2-0)	Davidson, Gabor, Mackay, own goal
13 August	Kingsgrove (EC)	Seymour Shaw	8-0 (3-0)	Avery 4, von Dinklage 2, Mackay, Speranza
27 August	Warners Bay (EC)	Seymour Shaw	2-0 (1-0)	Avery, Gabor

An exhibition match was also played against Hills Sports.

Matches 16	Name (EC/zone: 8/8)
16	Tariq Atchan, Jack Avery, Mitchell Davidson, Eren Demiroz, Steven Gabor,
15	Thomas Burton (7/8), Scott Mackay (8/7), Roberto Speranza (8/7), Kook Bo Stone (8/7)
14	Daniel Gabrielli (8/6), David von Dinklage (8/6)
13	Travis Lavdaras (7/6), Imran Maarabani (8/5)
11	Andrew Depta (7/4)
10	Ben Green (7/3)
5	Rustam Mia (4/1)
1	Ben Eisikovich (1/0), Omar Gebara (0/1), Dennis Griffin-Colls (1/0), Andrew Sorrenti (0/1)

NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN ZONE WINTER PREMIERSHIP WINNING TEAMS - 2009

<p>Senior Hockey Varun Bapat David Hristoforidis Thi Ha Kyaw Stuart Mansfield Adrien Mardaga Andrew Maxwell Zachary McCowage Jonathan O'Connor William Poulos Shakti Rathore Jacky Tran Michael Tran Coach: Mr Madycki</p> <p>14A Football Alexander Bui James Burton Rowan Castro Trae Chamma Justin Cheng Joseph Croguennec Hassan Faour Mehmet Inak Victor Le Brendan Leong Stephen Park Tamer Soufy Adrian Talevski William Tran Coach: Mr Wilson</p> <p>15B Football Sharmarke Ahmed Munther Al-Hinti Osman Allam Goni Cela Achintya Chavan Andrew Foster Christian Iacullo Desmond Ngo Jason Ou Sen Thangavel Dimitri Tourta-Alegounarias Giordano Verrelli</p>	<p>Raymond Xian Simon Xin Coach: Mr Prasad</p> <p>2nd Grade Football Mohamad Al-Abdallah Jack Avery Kasim Ayikol Andrew Depta Youssef Dib Omar Gebara Ben Green Dennis Griffin-Colls Suffan Hassan Mathew Hatzi Liberto Iraci Faheem Khan Faisal Khan Imran Maarabani Andrew Sorrenti Kook Bo Stone Coach: Mr Carrozza</p> <p>1st Grade Football Tariq Atchan Thomas Burton Mitchell Davidson Eren Demiroz Andrew Depta Steven Gabor Daniel Gabrielli Ben Green Travis Lavdaras Imran Maarabani Scott Mackay Roberto Speranza Kook Bo Stone David Von Dinklage (Captain) Coach: Mr Doenau Jack Avery</p> <p>13A Rugby Bilal Abdul-Rahman Siosifa Afu Khaled Allazze Amin Chami Vincent Christy Aydin Cochrane Salman</p>	<p>Billal El Sayed Serge Houhlias Robin Hwang Housam Sam Itaoui Ramon Kordy Tony Lee Lachlan MacKintosh Philip Maxwell Tevita Moeakiola Gus Tabikh Kirk Steven Tuiavii Brandon Vuong Tim Xin Laughin Nelson Brian Dowling Omran Allam Coach: Mr Hilliard</p> <p>14A Rugby Adam Alley Edie Bacic Charlie Brian Hamish Campbell Nathan Carter Jack Codd-Miller Tim Davidson Celalcan Eyvaz Thomas Fletcher Aaron Ilolahia Dane Kennedy Hassan Koussan Steven Luo Yousef Morgan Nick Papanicolaou Cameron Parcell Michael Parker Steven Rosen Justin Shon Linden Talbot Perrin Tasker Riley Tasker Peter Totidis Nathan Waipouri Coach: Ms Chapman</p>
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2nd Grade FOOTBALL

Team: Benjamin Green, Omar Gebara, Andrew Sorrenti, Liberto Iraci, Faheem Khan, Faisal Khan, Youssef Dib, Mohamad Al-Abdallah, Andrew Depta, Mathew Hatzi, Suffan Hassan, Kasim Ayikol, Mathew Hatzi, Imran Maarabani, Andrew Sorrenti, Kook Bo Stone, Dennis Griffin-Colls.

The 2nd grade football side has been the undefeated zone champion for the past two seasons and so this year's team had a pretty tough tradition to maintain. Although the boys were unable to win every game they still managed to make it to the final and share the champion trophy against very difficult opponents.

The team's first loss, to Asquith, made the boys realise that to win the competition they had to play as a team and to support each other at all times. The wins started to come as Ben, Omar, Dennis and Youssef took control of the defence and made sure few shot reached our goal, safely guarded by Kasim. Kook Bo, Andrew and Imran caused havoc in the midfield while our strikers, Andrew Depta and Mathew, kept the opposition's defence quite busy. Liberto proved to be the "super sub", scoring in every game he played.

The boys finished third at the end of the normal season but managed to beat Epping in the semi-finals to earn a place in the final match against Ashfield. The final proved to be a spiteful game with many heavy knocks and illegal fouls. Our boys kept to their game plan and refused to be involved in the opponent's tactics. The game finished 1-1 and both teams were declared joint champions.

This proved to be a very successful season where all players, reserves included, should be proud of their efforts and the way they played each game.

G.CARROZZA - Coach

14 A FOOTBALL

The season was hampered due to a lot of wet weather forcing the cancellation of 5 matches. We remained undefeated throughout although building combinations was difficult due to a lack of continuity. We finished Minor Premiers after 4 wins and 2 draws and powered over Normanhurst 4-0 in the Semi Final and moved into the Grand Final.

Throughout the season we played some entertaining football and never really looked like losing- even on our off days. Our defence led by Abdul-Malek, Victor and Tamer was confident and strong, out wide Alex and William were very safe. Our midfield sparked attacking raids and controlled the play - marshaled by Adrian and James. Joseph, Rowan and Trae displayed good from in the middle of the park as well. Up front Mehmet was dominant while the speed of Justin, Stephen and Brendan was damaging. Hassan had a great season in goals keeping a clean sheet for most games.

The Grand Final was a tight contest vs Epping and despite many chances we couldn't find the back of the net and had to settle for a 0-0 draw.

Playing Squad- Alex BUI, James BURTON, Rowan CASTRO, Trae CHAMMA, Justin CHENG, Joseph CROGUENNEC, Hassan FAOUR, Mehmet INAK, Victor LEE, Brendan LEONG, Stephen PARK, Abdul Malek RAHMAN, Tamer SOUFY, Adrian TALEVSKI and William TRAN.

Players of the Year Adrian Talevski and James Burton.

FIRST GRADE FOOTBALL

The photos on this spread were taken by Mr Ian Davidson.



David vs KHHS



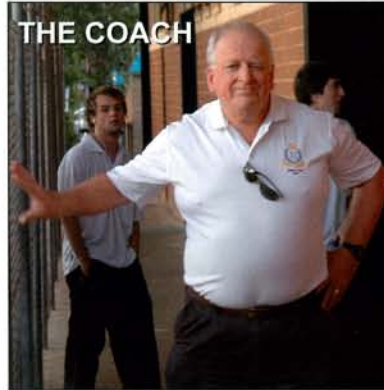
After the final



Tariq and Robbie vs KHHS



Mitchell Davidson vs Davidson HS



Doenau pre final



DvD speaks



Imran



DvD vs Davidson



Jack vs KHHS



Final warm up



Eren and Gabi



Mitchell Davidson



Steven Gabor



ERREA CUP GRAND FINAL CHAMPIONS 2009



Mitch vs KHHS



Mitchell vs Kingsgrove



Tom Burton



Rustam Mia



Tom vs Epping



Robbie vs Ashfield



Tom and Mitch vs KHHS



Steven vs KHHS



Jack Avery



Tariq Atchan



Travis Lavdaras



Jack, Scott & Steven

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The annual school cross country championship was once again held on the footpaths of Airey Park and Homebush (the course at Mason Park, Powell's Creek & Bicentennial Park was out of action) on a humid and overcast autumn afternoon on Friday 3rd April.

The 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's, 16's, 17's & 18+ age groups all ran the same course which was approximately 2 kilometres in length (the 12's - 15's ran 2 circuits while the 16's - 18+ age groups ran 3).

There was a very good turnout with over 200 runners participating. Most of the runners completed the course.

Ben Eisikovich won the overall championship. Age winners were as follows: Nabil Bardouh (12 Years), Matthew Yu (13 Years), Leonardo Pane (14 Years), Ben Eisikovich (15 Years), Tim Barrett (16 Years), Shyam Javakhar (17 Years) & Tyson Parcell (18+ Years).

The Champion House was: 1st Howe (80 points), 2nd Vaughan (66 points), 3rd Hayes (48 points) & 4th Greening (43 points).

Special thanks go to Mr Hilliard, Dr Paterson & Mr Sculthorpe and the 11A & 11B Sport/Lifestyle & Recreation classes for assisting with the officiating and organising of the championships.

The following are the top ten runners in each age group.

12 Years

1st Nabil Bardouh 2nd Mitchell Taylor 3rd Gus Tabikh 4th Joshua Rogers
5th Semi Agca 6th Donald Ye 7th Jason Kim
8th Matthew Lee
9th Vidhushan Paheerathan 10th Alex Chong

13 Years

1st Matthew Yu 2nd Jai Ivelja 3rd Serge Houhlias 4th Ayman Hill 5th Deren Mehmet
6th Fergus Knox 7th Harry Lee 8th Harrison Smith 9th Alex An
10th Aydin Cochrane

14 Years

1st Leonardo Pane 2nd Hamish Campbell 3rd Rowan Castro 4th Max Altman
5th Krishneil Kumar 6th Mehmet Inak 7th Jayden Rapisardi 8th Brian Lee
9th Hyeonuk Shin 10th Haider Sumrain

15 Years

1st Ben Eisikovich Eq2nd Matthew O'Neill
Eq 2nd Nick Taylor 4th Dominic Furneaux-Bate 5th Karim Alkadhmani 6th Adam Alley 7th Brian Griffin-Colls
8th Jason Sung 9th Christian Iacullo 10th Rany Hassan

16 Years

1st Tim Barrett 2nd Brendan Jenkins 3rd Shakti Rathore 4th Omar Ibrahim
5th Kabilan Bascaran 6th Suffan Hassan 7th Paul Avery 8th David Baek
9th Johnson Pang 10th David Zou

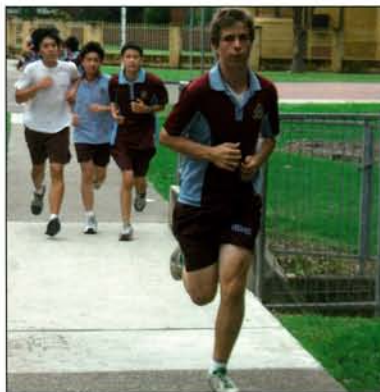
17 Years

1st Shyam Javakhar 2nd Thi Ha Kyaw 3rd Safwat Hossain 4th Daniel Rosen
5th Michael Lam

18+ Years

1st Tyson Parcell

Mr R. TEDFORD
Sports Organiser



Lachlan



Ambrose



Adam



Tim



Matt and Mick



Dane and Winston



Ali and Mohammed



Jason



Adem



Jad



Andy



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Jacob Trae



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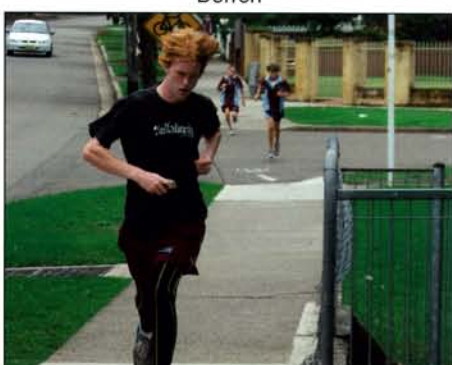
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James



Linden



Brendan



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SPORTS REPORT

2009 has been one of the most successful years ever for sport at Homebush Boys' High School. In the two seasons we contested a total of 58 semi-finals and 40 grand finals. We won a total of 16 North West Metropolitan Zone Premierships. The premiership winning teams were:

- 1st Grade Cricket
- 3rd Grade Cricket
- Junior & Senior Futsal (Indoor Soccer)
- Senior Hockey
- Senior Oz Tag
- 13A Rugby
- 14's Rugby
- 1st & 2nd Grade Football
- 15B Football
- 14A Football
- 14's Volleyball
- 1st Grade Water Polo
- 2nd Grade Water Polo
- 14's Water Polo

We had over 100 North West Metropolitan Zone representatives, over 30 Sydney North Regional representatives, 22 NSW/CHS representatives and 2 Australian representatives. In addition the school awarded over 1000 Sportsperson of the Week certificates throughout the year.

On behalf of the school, I would like to extend my congratulations to all the players and coaches for their outstanding efforts and successes.

OTHER SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

- Vade the quarter finals of the NSWCHS Knockout Competition)
- HBHS named Champion OZ Tag School
- HBHS named Champion Football School (won the NSWCHS Errea Cup Knockout Competition)
- HBHS named Champion Water Polo School (finished 2nd in the NSWCHS Dave Woods Shield Opens Knockout Competition)
- HBHS named NW Met Zone Champion Sports School for 2009

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank the following people for all of their assistance during the year: the clerical staff for all the typing, collating, phone answering, message taking, money collecting, complaint handling, etc.; Dr Ian Paterson for his support; Mr Bill Hilliard for the 'positive' press in the local papers, the handling of the more 'delicate' issues and for being the team manager for the Zone Athletics carnival; Mr Tom Pinkey for his 'shoulder', computing skills, advice, guidance and assistance; Mr Seddique Martin for the gathering, collating and compiling of all the statistics, Mr Kim Attwood & Mr Bill Hilliard for the professional sports photography; Mr Chris Halkidis, Mr Gaz Carrozza, Mr Seddique Martin & Mr Greg Sheath for their computing skills; Ms Kerry Meucci for the school magazine; Mr Kim Attwood for the Bush Bulletin; Ms Kerrie Ray & Ms Audrey Juska for dealing with the rolls and sports truants; Ms Annabel Chapman, Mr Stephan Madycki and Mr Brett Wilson for the smooth organisation and running of the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals; Mr Scott Belgre for being the team manager for the Zone Swimming and Zone Cross Country Carnivals and Mr Brett Wilson for being the team manager for the Athletics Carnival; Mr John Sculthorpe and the rest of the PDHPE staff for their support and collegiality; and last but by no means least, the fabulous staff and student body of the school for all their efforts, support, long hours and participation during the course of the year.

Mr RonTEDFORD
Sports Organiser



At right: This is how Luna park looked on the dust storm day.



A dust storm that blew into Sydney from the west pushed air pollution levels to 1500 times their normal levels - the highest on record, as reported by the media. Conditions in the inner west were not as severe - as can be seen by these photographs taken on the day - 23rd September.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS 2008-2009

Joel Harris	Selected to the NSWCHS Softball team for the 2 nd consecutive year and the NSW Under 19's Softball Team.		NSW 13 – 18 Years Swimming Championships in Sydney January 4 – 8, 2009. Gold in the 4 x 100 metres & 4 x 200 metres relays; Silver in the 200 metres freestyle (1:53.44) & 400 metres freestyle (4:04); & Bronze in the 100 metres freestyle (51:74). He also finished 5 th in the 50 metres freestyle (24:20).
Emilio McFarland	Finished 3 rd (69 kg Division) at the Australian Junior National Weightlifting Championship in Melbourne. Finished 10 th in weightlifting (69 kg Division) at the 2008 Youth Commonwealth Games in Pune, India.		
Edwin Pike	Wins the 2008 Carnarvon Golf Club Championships. Finishes second in the Junior Division of the 2009 North West Metropolitan Zone Golf Championship.	Jack Codd-Miller	selected to the NSW/ACT AFL Academy.
Patrick Chow	Finished 3 rd (62 kg Division) at the Australian Junior National Weightlifting Championship in Melbourne.	Mitchell Starc	Former student (Class of 2007) selected to the Australian Cricket Academy. Selected to the NSW Sheffield Shield Team.
Charlie Gray	Finished 4 th (69 kg Division) at the Australian Junior National Weightlifting Championship in Melbourne.	Joel Harris (Softball), Connor Martin (Water Polo) & David Paterson (Cricket)	awarded Sydney North Regional Blues for their respective sports.
David Brimfield	Finished 1 st in the Men's D Grade 1000 metres Single Scull & Men's D Grade 1000 metres Double Scull and 5 th in the Men's C Grade Quad Scull at the NSW Rowing Association Spring Regatta.	Lachlan Irvine-Brown	finishes 30 th in the 2009 NSW All Schools Road Cycling Championships.
Peter Brimfield	Finished 1 st in the Men's D Grade 1000 metres Double Scull & 5 th in the Men's C Grade 1000 metres Quad Scull at the NSW Rowing Association Spring Regatta.	HBHS	wins 2009 North West Metropolitan Zone Summer Sport Championship, Swimming Carnival & Winter Sport Championship.
Aaron Costa	Selected to the NSW Under 18's Baseball team.	HBHS	reaches the quarter-finals of the NSWCHS Davidson Shield Knockout Cricket Competition.
Matt Hay, Connor Martin, Bradley Parker & Nathan Sorrenti:	Selected to the 2009 NSW Under 18's Water Polo Squad.	12 Years Relay Team	wins the North West Metropolitan Zone, the Sydney North Region & the NSWCHS Swimming Championships in the 4 x 50 metres relay. The team: Matthew Gu, James Lee, Joshua Rogers & Gussan Tabikh.
Matt Hay & Connor Martin	selected to the NSW All Schools Water Polo Team.	All Age Relay Team	wins the North West Metropolitan Zone (zone record), the Sydney North Region & NSWCHS Swimming Championships in the 6 x 50 metres relay. The team: Matthew Gu, Serge Houhlias, Peter Totidis, Nick Taylor, Nathan Sorrenti & Alex Patrulescu.
Connor Martin	receives the 2009 Pierre de Courbertin Award.	HBHS	reaches the Final of the NSWCHS Dave Woods Shield Knockout Water Polo Competition and is narrowly defeated by Alstonville 7 – 6.
Phillip Hughes	Former student (Class of 2007) selected to the Australian Cricket Team to tour South Africa. Becomes youngest player in cricket history to hit a century in each innings.	HBHS	wins the Final of the NSWCHS Errea Cup Knockout Football Competition defeating Warners Bay High School 2 – 0.
Alex Patrulescu	Won a Gold Medal (Opens 200 metres freestyle relay) & a Bronze Medal (3 rd in Opens 4 x 100 metres medley) at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney January 14 – 18, 2009. Won medals in the following races at the	Dominic Furneaux-Bate	wins a bronze medal in the 15's 400 metres at the NSWCHS Athletics Championships and is selected to compete in the NSW All Schools Track & Field Championships 5-8/11/2009.

YEAR 7 REPORT

Year 7... what a year! At times, it was stressful and filled with anxiety. With some tears and moments of successes, we have made it. This is a year which will remain as strong memories in the minds of students, and I am privileged to have share this important time with them. It has been an eventful transition. We started from Orientation day in December 2008, to first day at school full of excitement; big maroon school bag and bright white school shirts. We started with 202 Year 7 students coming from more than 30 different Primary Schools. Throughout the many challenges of the year, the boys' enthusiasm for opportunities offered to them has remained.

We have strong tradition of academic and sporting success at Homebush Boys'. Congratulations to the many students who have tried their best in various academic and sporting achievements, and those involved

in grade sport, swimming and athletics as representatives of our school. Participation in extra-curricular activities has also been impressive: chess, debating, public speaking, community services and various competitions on offer.

The students have enjoyed a very wide range of experiential learning this year. One of the great highlight is the Year 7 camp at Coolandell in just the second week of High School. It was great introduction to other students and teachers. Students blend in with Mother Nature, sharing spaces with wombats, goannas and all. Other highlights included Taronga zoo, Blue Mountain, Medieval, Musical and dramatic events.

As we approaching the end of Year 7 and whether it has been a great journey or one of discomfort, know that it will only get better. In Year 8, you know the teachers, the oth-

er students, the location of classrooms and ways to get to Sport. I have never ask anyone to be good at everything, only to try your BEST all the time, this is what you should ask of yourself all the time. Be a good mate is always important and look out for each others; treat others how you would like to be treated.

Thank you to the parents/ caregivers for your support throughout the year. Partnership between school and home is vital to maximise your son's education. I also like to extend my gratitude to all Year 7 teachers and the counsellors for their invaluable guidance throughout the year. Congratulations to all Year 7 for your fine effort this year. Well Done!

Miss Joanna Chan
Year Adviser



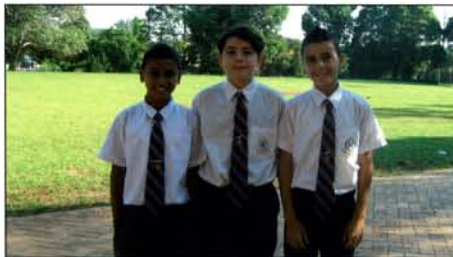
Orientation Day



More Orientation Day.



Celebration Lunch.



SRC members.



Riding bikes at Camp.



At the Zoo.



More fun at Camp.



First Day of Year 2009.

YEAR 8 REPORT

One of the benefits of being a year advisor is having the opportunity to see each student as more than just an English student, a science student or a DT student. You are fortunate enough to see their development from boy to man academically, morally, emotionally and socially.

Homebush Boys is fortunate enough to have, in Year 8, a diverse group of boys who are willing to try different things and to take the opportunities that are presented to them, no matter how strange these may seem at first glance.

I've been fortunate enough this year to see the boys in this form representing their school through the Meals on Wheels volunteer work, competing for their school in a netball game (against girls no less!), attending lunchtime classes to improve their organisation skills, preparing for Tournament of the Minds, receiving accolades from the principal for tremendous academic achievements and even keeping calm while a man waving a sword explains to them the gory way that Egyptians used to count the number of dead enemies.

School is all about taking advantage of as many opportunities as possible and every time students take one of these opportunities they are making themselves better people. It is already possible to see those young men who will lead the school in the future as they challenge themselves and become well rounded young men.

It has again been a privilege to watch this fantastic group of boys grow another year older and wiser (we hope). Every single one of the boys makes the school a better place in some way and they are a credit to both the school and their parents. I look forward to seeing them again next year and I hope everyone enjoys a peaceful (if not relaxing) holiday.

Andrew Fairley
Year 8 Advisor

Left: Year 7 Camp Below: Meals on Wheels volunteers.



YEAR 9 REPORT

Y stands for the move from year 8 to year 9, youths of yesterday changing into young men. These men have moved beyond the yields of yesteryear to the challenges of mind yoga that is year 9.

E stands for the excellence in academics. These eager men embarking on empowerment through many and varied experiences in an effort to embrace their education. Subjects selected at the end of last year have now advanced to the halfway point.

A stands for their achievements in other arenas. I admire the abundance of application and active acquisition of answers allowing of greater achievement in all areas. These include public speaking, All Stars Stage Band, SRC representation, and competitions including Mathematics, Science and English and NAPLAN.

R stands for records in the sporting region. Remember the rapid rate and the rush to receive records in response to retain the right to be recognised. Representing in sport are numbers to many to reflect on here. Congratulations to those who have responded to the call.

Next step on our notable, non-stop navigation north is the high noon of schooling known as excursions. New experiences include Bicentennial Park for Geography, Luna Park for Commerce, 'The hurting game' for PDHPE, the Sydney Aquarium, Powerhouse Museum and 'Cool Chemistry' for Science, English week presentations and Visual Arts presentations.

Imagine an ideal location to increase and improve instruction, where better than on camp. Who can forget Band Camp and the Snowy Mountain Camp for Geography, Commerce and PASS.

New challenges lie ahead for the nearing School Certificate next year. Necessary changes to the school bag include Laptops for learning which is an exciting and new venture. This is an exciting time to be in year 9 with the Digital Education Revolution at our doorstep.

Everyone should be congratulated on their achievements this year. As we say goodbye to another year and welcome the future. I would also like to thank parents and caregivers for their help and application throughout the year and look forward to working with you all again next year.

A. Chapman
Year 9 Advisor

YEAR 10 REPORT

2009 is the year of 'our' School Certificate and we start our year bright-eyed and anxious to achieve our best. Little did we know about what was ahead? We assume it couldn't be much different to year 8 or year 9, but homework, assignments, assessments, more homework and numerous teachers all expecting us to listen, concentrate and work to our highest standard landed upon us with a vengeance.

Our bodies and minds have changed in many ways too. Who knows what's happening to us? We ask our science teachers and receive the most complex and scientific responses. "Its called growing up son", "its part of a hormonal change boy", "your body is changing because you are on the brink of manhood", "its because you just discovered girls", "its called testosterone boys",...

Either way it makes us act slightly unusual and somewhat irresponsible at times. I would like take this opportunity to apologise to year 10 parents, on behalf of your sons for behaviour in the past year and possibly near future which we will later consider to be disrespectful and occasionally quite rude.

It has been a truly busy year for the boys, who slowly but surely are becoming young men. Most of us seemed to have settled quite well this year and have accepted the challenge of the school certificate, which is commendable considering our busy school curriculum. A few of us still continue to bury our heads in the sand and hope it will all miraculously disappear when we resurface. Slowly, but surely we start to realize that at some stage our, 'easy come, easy go' lifestyle at school and at home will come to an end.

Hopefully, with the help of people like Mr H, Mr T, Mr P, Mrs D and myself we start to realize the importance of trying to achieve in year 10.

With numerous transition, school to work, youth, Tafe, and work readiness programs the boys have embraced the idea that there is a bigger and better world out there beyond school and that our teachers are trying to help us achieve our best and ultimately find our place and make a positive contribution to society.

Unfortunately, truancy continues to play a part in the year 10 cycle but this has being significantly reduced due to ongoing improvements in the system to monitor and limit opportunities. It goes without saying that the chronic truants are not achieving anything and seriously need to consider their reasoning for

enrolling in school in the first place and need to pursue other avenues of education, apprenticeships or training.

On a more positive aspects of year 10 life at HBHS and I am pleased to note that there exists a general sense of tranquility and happiness amongst the group, which is echoed by the sounds of laughter and enjoyment in the playground.

Our level of achievement has yet again being of the highest standard, with several distinctions and credits in Mathematics, Science and English.

I would like to congratulate those boys who continually work to the best of their ability which inevitably ensures that Homebush remains a school of quality education of the highest standard. Well done, Peter Brimfield, Dhruva Nades, Jason Qui and Stephen Stone for great efforts in science. Sajeevan Ramachandran, Eric Lam, Patrick Tang, Jason Qui and Soohon Lee for their efforts in Mathematics. Well done, David Brimfield, Peter Brimfield, Joel Todd and Dhruva Nades for efforts in English.

Along with this academic success are the boys who continue to promote Homebush as the best sporting school in our zone, Once again, we swam, ran and outplayed most of the zone in almost all our sports, with this years competitiveness laying a sound foundation for future sporting success.

Parent/ teacher night showed good attendance levels, demonstrating a supportive network which students need if their schooling at Homebush is to be a success. The general consensus was one of satisfaction with most of the parents recognizing the efforts made by teachers and in most cases the support staff/ classroom assistants who seem to work beyond their duty to help all students achieve. Numerous concerns from parents in relation to partial and full-day absence is appreciated as this double barrel approach is certain to impact on these bad habits. I appreciate the parental support and hope that this continues for the rest of their son's years at Homebush.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the majority of year 10 who have made my job easier by doing the right thing and being in the right place at the right time. You have shown yourselves to be worthy ambassadors for Homebush and I hope that you continue with this positive approach to schooling in your remaining years.

Mr. S Martin
Year 10 Advisor

YEAR 11 REPORT

Year 2009 has been quite an extraordinary year for many boys, for many reasons. It has been the year when my 'boys' became 'senior' students, after four years of having been 'junior'.

It has also been the year when they dress rehearsed the standards and expectations of the Preliminary Course, hard and challenging for **most** of them. This has been a beneficial experience, since they understood the importance of selecting wisely the subjects that will take them where they want to get in life. Some of them seemed not to have made the right choice, but again, **trial and error** is an excellent learning strategy.

Hopefully, they are going to choose the right courses and subjects for the Higher School Certificate which becomes more of a reality, as time flies by.

It has been the year when the school received highly laudatory e-mails from the wider community regarding many of our students who become, slowly but surely, responsible young citizens. Let me quote one of these electronic messages: "Hey, in your travels if you speak to the Homebush Boys Careers adviser, can you let him know that Tom Burton is a great student". Needless to add that, at the time I am writing this, the whole school community is aware that Thomas Burton is the Vice Captain of the school, for the next 13 months.

I will use this opportunity to congratulate, whole – heartedly, Dennis Griffin-Colls, the School Captain, Jackson Hua, the Senior Prefect and all the young men who will represent our school as Prefects, committed to improve even further the tone and the reputation of Homebush Boys' High School.

I will also mention another e-mail, from the Year 12 Advisor at Galston High School. She wrote: "I am emailing you to pass on my praise of Joseph Maugeri. He was hard-working, keen, attentive and completed his task of timekeeping for the duration of the whole carnival (sic the Sydney North Swimming Carnival held in March, at Homebush). He mentioned he was doing timekeeping for his SLR assessment. I thought some positive feedback was deserved."

I cannot agree more. Many of the Year 11 students are excellent ambassadors of our school in the wider community. For instance, I feel bound to acknowledge Luke Dassaklis's budding acting career. I was privileged enough to be invited to two of his theatrical performances this year. He impressed me, as well as the rest of the audience, as he interpreted a very demanding role, that of Berenger, in a classic of the theatre of the Absurd. I refer to Eugene Ionesco's play 'Rhinoceros'. So, there we were, an Australian-Greek student and an Australian-Romanian teacher, enjoying the play of a French - Romanian playwright, one evening in Strathfield, NSW.

And this is my very point. Year 11 students come from a wide variety of ethnic groups and **yet** form a very united group in the school community. Some are gifted with words, some with numbers, and some on the sports fields. Some have a 100% attendance record, such as Ivan Chen, Jackson Hua and Peter Liang, to name only a few.

Some have achieved outstanding results in more than one subject, such as Naveed Chowdhury, Vignesh Iyer and Zhi Yuan Ma. Some have not.

Nonetheless, I am confident that **all** of them will give their best shot in Year 12, which started in term 4, 2009. Irrespective of the future pathways they might follow, they all know that the key to success is motivation, commitment, effort and, why not, passion.

I wish my 'senior' students of 2010 a very rewarding and filled with success time, a balanced lifestyle that should both include study and relaxation, and look forward to 'advising' them whenever they need my counsel.

Mrs Gabor
Year 11 Adviser

Ashfield Youth Theatre in association
with Strathfield Council presents ...

By **Eugene Ionesco**

By special arrangement with Dominic Pty Ltd

Directed by **Christopher Hurrell**

8pm June 11-13

Strathfield Town Hall



What will it take to stand up to the menace of Rhinocerisation?

YEAR 7



Abdul Faisal



Abdul-Rahman Bilal



Abraham-Jacob Arvind



Agca Semi



Ahammad Shan



Ajithpiantha Thushan



Ali Shaiz



Allah Yari Mohammad



Allam Omran



Anderson-Foster Zac



Ansari Muhammad Sohaib



Arfeen Sultanul



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Choi Jang Ho



Choi Jee Hyun Grant



Choi Willis



Chong Alexander



Christy Vincent



Cook Mathew



Coughran Aaron



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Dao Kevin



Dawson Kael



Deng James



Dinatale Mark



Dogra Karan



Ekwensi Emmanuel



El Sayed Billal



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Faour Louay



Foskey James



Fuller Dylan



Gajic David



Gao Jimmy



Gao Jonathan



George Ashwin



Gharibpur Bobby



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Halder Dillon



Han Ming Quan



Han Tianran Jack



Han Timothy



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Kim Nam Ki Danny



Kim Peter



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Rana Bassel



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Taylor Mitchell



Tharmalankam Suresh



Tiah Pierre Patrick



Trinh Lawrence



Truong Darren



Tulavii Kirk-Stephen



Upatising Viravudth



Verma Shubhankar



Walker John



Wang Alex



Wang Scott



Watterson Harry



Wazir Sibghat



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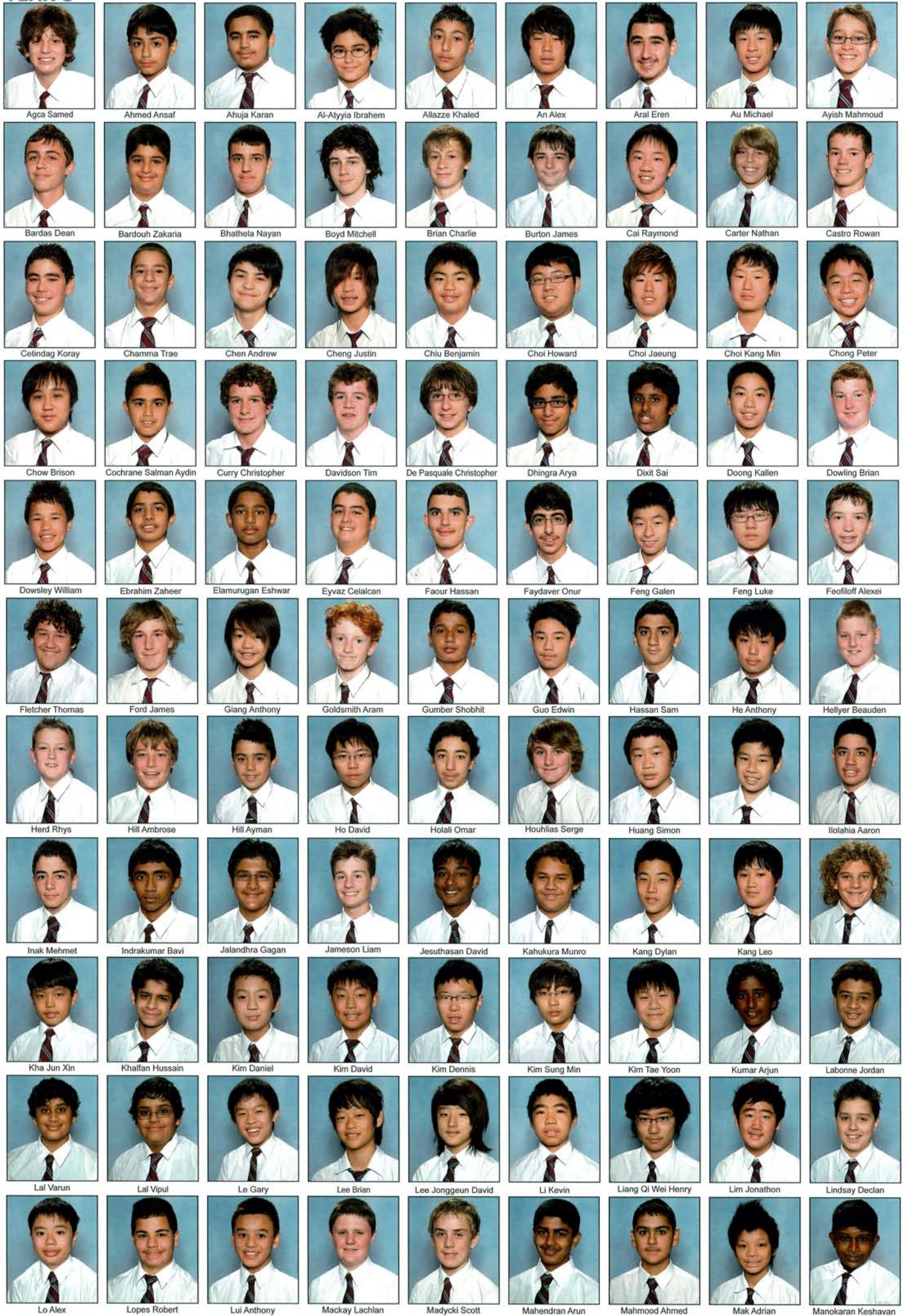


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Menon Sajeev Akshay



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Murray Cameron



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Shen Hanfeng Mark



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Shin Hyeonuk



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Singh Ekjot



Singh Harshardeep



Singh Taranjit



Sivakumaran Pavithran



Sivapalan Prahshanth



Sivendra Niruban



Soufy Tamer



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Stepho Martin



Stokjovic Milan



Stoodley Joshua



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Cho Andrew



Choe James



Choi Jang Won



Chung Jeremy



Clinch Timothy



Codd-Miller Jack



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El Kheir Ali



El Madbouly Hussam



El-Helou Mouhammad



El-Khadem Nadim



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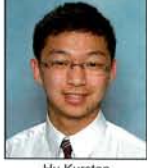
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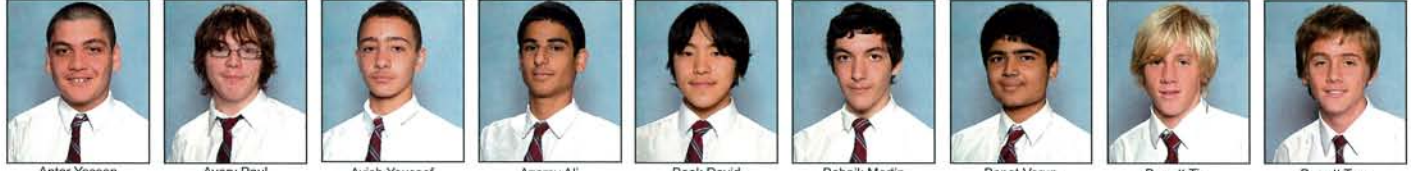
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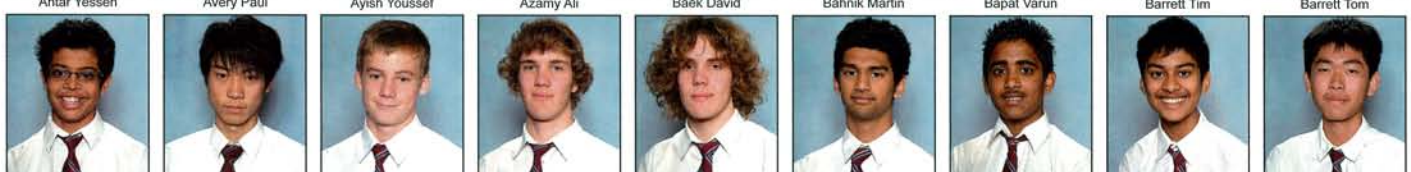
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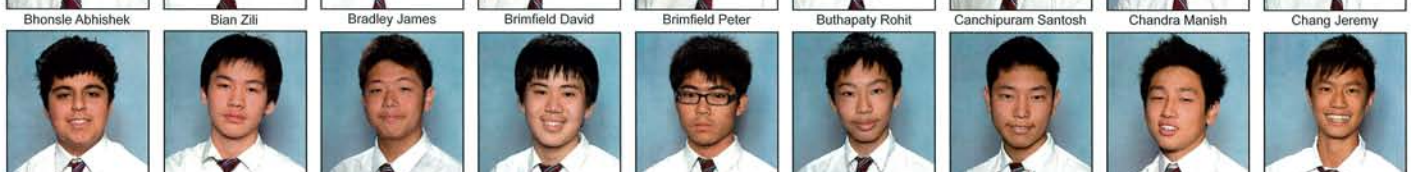
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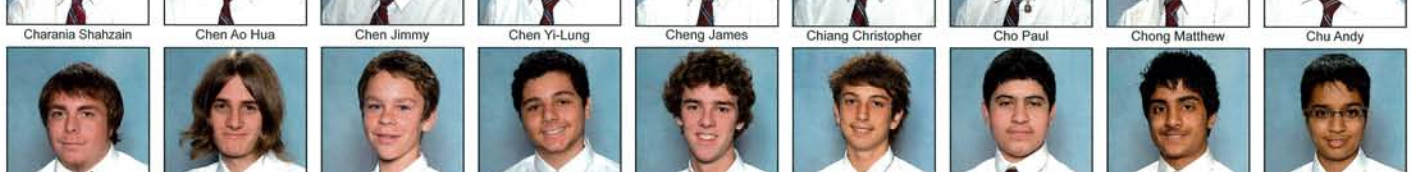
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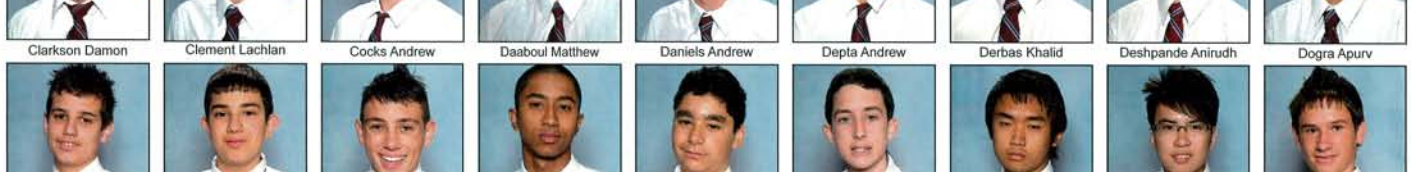
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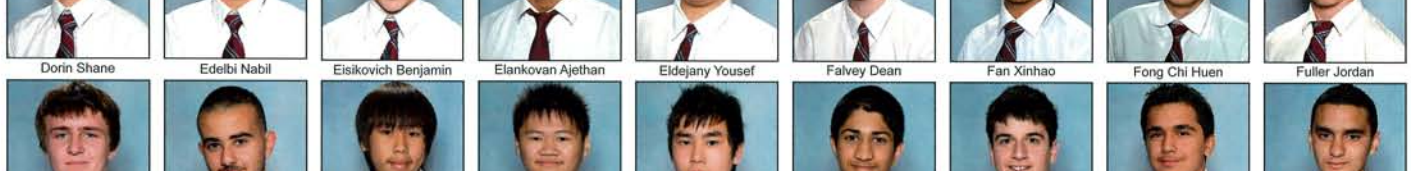
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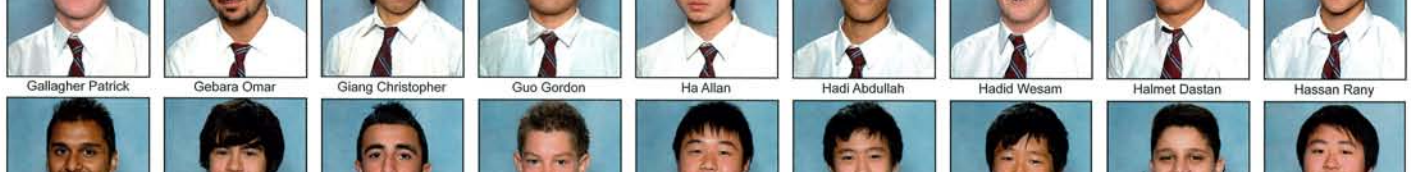
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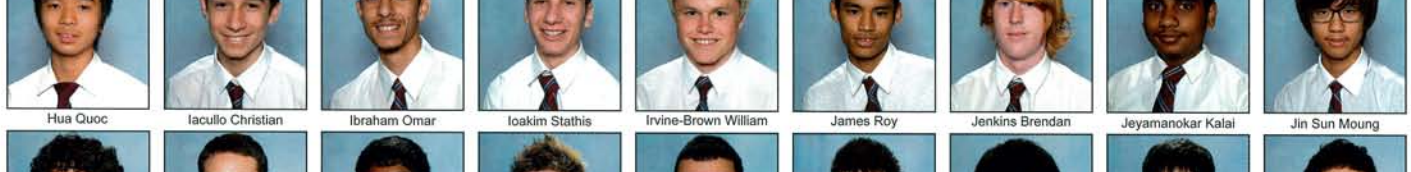
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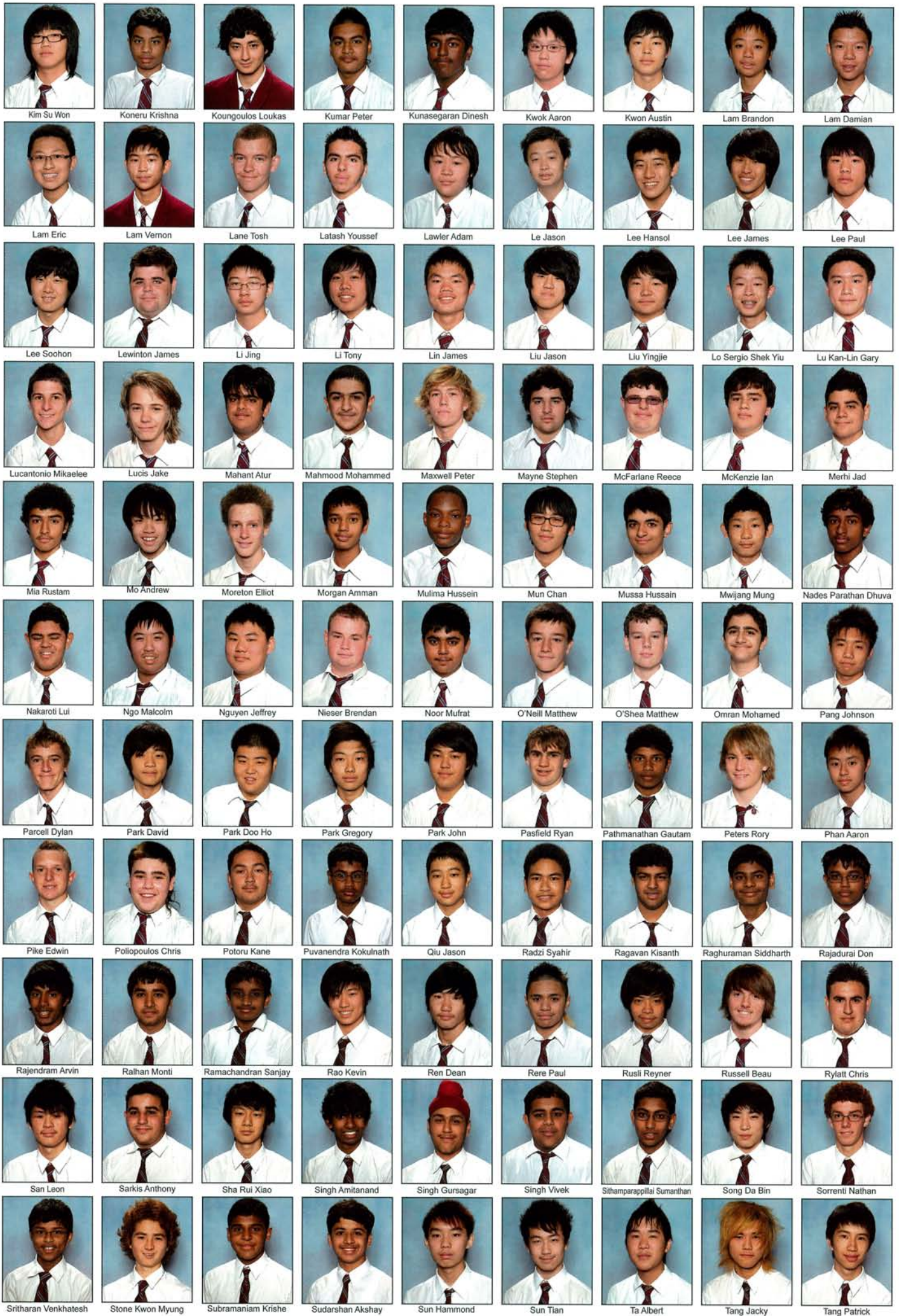
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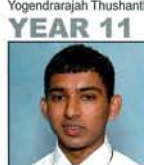





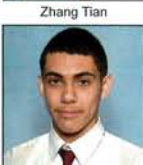
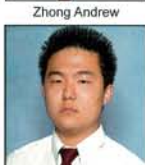

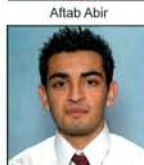

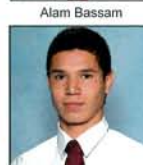
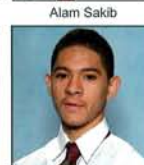

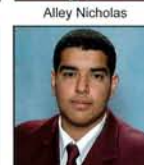
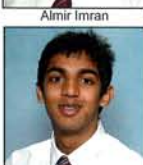
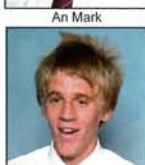
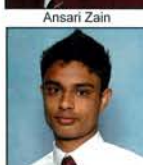






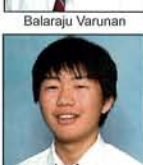



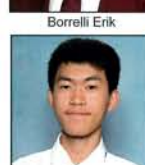





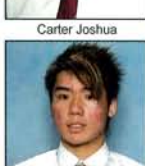
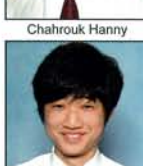


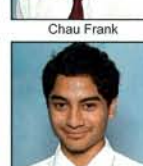


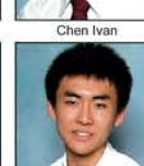

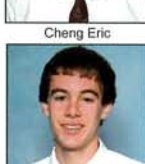



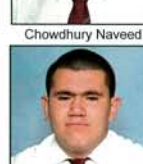
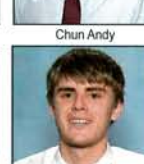

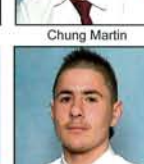


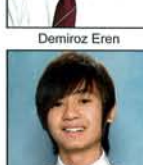


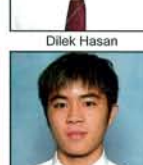



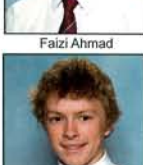
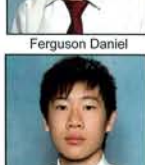
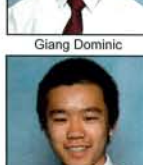

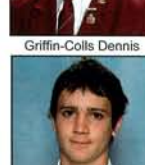


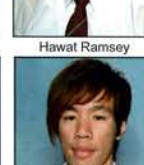

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YEAR 11



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Jack Abraham



Jiang Yang Chris



Joo Chang-Seob



Kanagalingam Vimalan



Karaoglu Kerem



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Khalid Arslan



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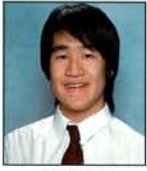
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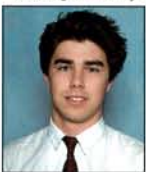
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Maugeri Joseph



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Melocco Doug



Milligan-Saville Yannick



Mu Ronald



Muzzaffar Bilal



Nambiar Divyesh



Natale Joshua



Ngo Vincent



Nisar Awais



Novic Stefan



O'Connor Jonathan



Owen-Taylor Dylan



Pahrathan Ragavan



Pak Jin Peter



Pandya Dhananjay



Pang Richard



Parker Bradley



Pathirane Kevin



Piet Ashley



Piper Mathew



Poulos William



Pu Jerry



Rafael Robert



Rathore Shakti



Rosen Daniel



Rowe Fletcher



Sahota Jovan



Said Farhad



Sampathapillai Sampath



Samways Joel



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Seo Andrew



Sharma Manik



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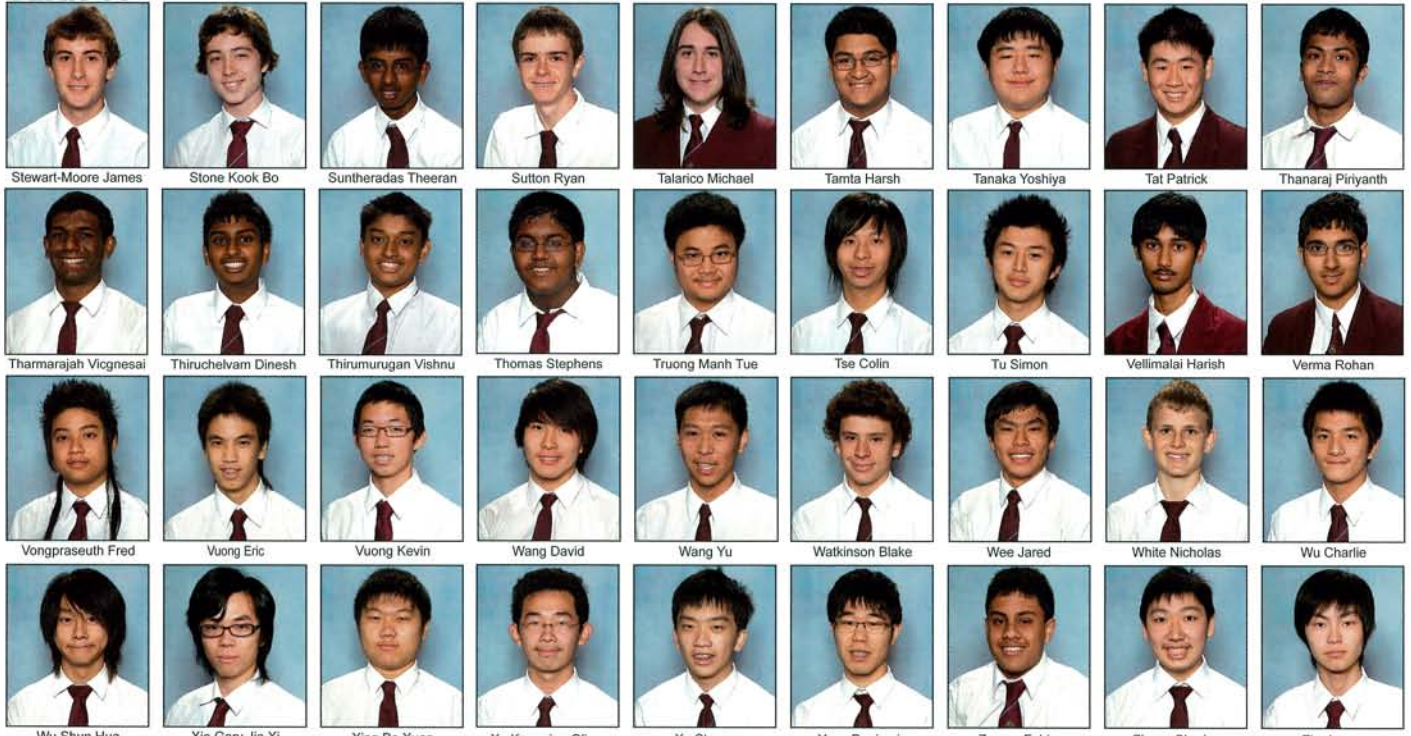


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Stapleton Phillip

YEAR 11



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YEAR 7



Alec Ifetu Nwabukei



Lachlan Mackintosh



Lee Kwan Min



Rafid Sarker



Siosifa Afu



Andrew Benedict



Cheng Jie He



Edzen John Ferrer



Ibrahim Sakar

YEAR 9



Sittipat Amthungpong



Wei Lu



Deeshan Christopher



Munawar Sarker



Omer Cerik



Oscar Ng



Shounak Mallick



General Assistant:
Mr Philip Morehouse



Technology support: Mr
Ramana Kirubakaran

15's RUGBY UNION

The season started off well, with a couple of wins. The team was again composed of mostly Rugby League players with plenty of skill. As the season progressed, it became difficult to gain any consistency due to games being rained out and several forfeits. This was compounded by the majority of the team's inability to commit to regular training.

For several of the games, we definitely out-muscled the opposition. However, when it came to the skills needed to be an elite Rugby Union team, such as structured play in rucks and mauls, we were found lacking due to minimal training.

The team appeared to perform at their peak when going out to enjoy themselves. This was the case when playing the easier teams in the competition. When it came to playing Epping, we always gave our best defensive game, with some tackles and defensive moves that would make a full grown adult wince in pain. Unfortunately, despite our extremely talented players, our attacking options were limited against Epping, with a frequent sense of panic when the unexpected occurred. This was possibly due to the team often playing as talented individuals, when a talented team was needed.

We were successful in making the final, with an easy win over North Sydney in the semi-finals. The game was against Epping and it took on the same pattern as previous games played against them. Our defence was excellent, but panic and a lack of structure lead to a win for Epping. The team had some excellent players who proved to be valuable assets and developed confidence and skills throughout the season. The regular players appeared to step up to a new level; playing as young men.

With an increased commitment and passion for the game, Homebush will be a formidable force in the future. Thankyou to the boys for a memorable and mostly enjoyable season.

Mr. Jon SCULTHORPE

Coach

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The Front Office staff: Our 'front line' has a 'can do' philosophy -always happy to deal with the many requests coming from staff and students alike.



The Canteen staff: another vital service to the school - feeding the troops. Everyone leaves happy.



The Library staff: our large school places many demands on this willing group of workers.

YEAR 12 YEARBOOK



Distinguished guests, parents, teachers and boys,

Six years ago, when younger, you, the of 2009 began your Homebush Boys' When we first met embarking on the life; today you leave as gentlemen.



Ms Gobel

I was 20 years graduating class journey through High School. you were boys next phase of your as men and, I hope,

I would like to thank each of you for the various contributions you have made to this - your school. Some contributions have been through sport, music, art, debating teams, whilst others have included collecting for the Red Shield, donating blood, planting trees, catering for special events and many, of course, have been academic. Thank you too for your sense of humour, your sense of right, the times you have done something good both at school and in the community and thank you for simply being you and being here. Like year groups before you, you have put your own stamp on your high school and I sincerely hope you each leave with some fabulous memories of your own.

With the most heartfelt good wishes we now watch you go and we hope many things for you. To the class of 2008, Mr Koff succinctly expressed our hopes to them and so I quote Mr Koff to express the same to you; the class of 2009.

"We hope that we have set you on the path to adulthood with a sense of honour and decency. That you know how to act, that you know when to do things and, sometimes more importantly, when not to do things.

We hope that we have given you a sense of justice and fairplay.

We hope we have helped teach you tolerance for others and for their differences. The ability to accept others no matter what their faith, creed, beliefs, background, personality or interests.

We hope that the desire to treat others fairly and with dignity is fundamental to your make up - that you will truly treat others as you would like to be treated.

We hope that you have the ability to look at your own faults and shortcomings, before you look at the faults and shortcomings of others - that you analyse before you criticise.

We hope that you have the capacity to see when something is wrong, and the courage to do something about it.

We hope you have the resolve to stand up for those who have been victimised or mistreated, as well as the ability to acknowledge when you have been guilty of mistreating others.

We hope that you have the quality of forgiveness, that if a mistake is made or you feel aggrieved, you have the capacity to resolve your problems maturely and move on as an adult.

We hope you have the ability to be an individual who can stand tall, who is not led by others, by what is popular or easy. An individual who makes up his own mind based on what is right, correct and fair.

We hope that whatever level of success you achieve, you can enjoy life, be happy and be content in the knowledge that you have given of your best."

Boys, take every good opportunity you can and mostly, stay happy and healthy.

Miss B GOBEL



Mucking up on the last day



The audience awaits the ceremony,



Part of the audience.



The official party



Year 12 student Wenqi ZHANG's artwork is a detailed and interesting interpretation of the various elements of our school.

CAPTAIN'S SPEECH

Looking back I am so glad my parents made the choice to send me to Homebush Boys. On reflection I imagine how different my life could have been if I hadn't come to Homebush Boys.

I still remember my first day here. I remember walking into the school with my shirt tucked in and my tie done up (probably the only day I've ever seen Aaron Costa with his tie up to his neck), and the first two people I saw were Joel Harris and Peter Jackson, and I was terrified. How could these two giants be in year 7, they were twice as tall as me (and still are for that matter). Grouping up with the familiar faces, it wasn't long before we were split into our classes. Heading into room 32 with 7b, it wasn't long before we met our first teacher, Mrs Lacek. Then came the reading log challenge and the race for the most bronze awards. Soon enough a routine was established.

Six years later I realise how fortunate we are to be at Homebush Boys. We have hundreds of applications a year for 200 spots. People actually move houses to get into the local area of the school, and some travel from places like Doonside, Baulkham Hills and Katoomba to attend this school.

Earlier this year we had a visit from four old boys, and I remember the look on their faces when they toured the school. They had the same sense of pride to be a Homebush Boy that we feel. I mean, they were more excited to taste the sausage roll in a roll in the canteen than the prepared snacks. Also, more recently Tyson and I met the governor of NSW, who has attended various events at our school. When I told her that we were Homebush Boys, she commented how highly regarded our school is and how lucky we are to attend such a school.

To have been school captain at a school that is so highly regarded in not only the community, but also the state is an honour. Our school's outstanding achievements in all fields speak for themselves. I can't think of another school that has:

- Their soccer team TOP of the state
- their Cricket team Top 8
- Hockey Team top 5 in the state
- Volley ball team in the top 32 • Consistently above average results in HSC and SC
- Over 900 students in the maths comp
- Over 100 volunteers for the Red Shield Appeal, which collected over \$20,000
- 93 Year 12 students donating blood
- Consistent donations to the Exodus foundation
- Exceptional participation in debating, public speaking and chess
- And raised \$3600 for fifteen Ugandan Students to continue their education.

Homebush Boys has played such an important role in making me who I am today, and I'm certain it's the case for most of us. The school has taught us things that can't be learned in text books. Things like the importance of heaven dollars (thanks Mr Hilliard). Things like independence. From day one we made our own way to sport. But above all, it has taught us cultural tolerance. In my time here at Homebush I have been exposed to many different religions, cultures and ways of life, and I have learned about a wide array of traditions. It takes only an instant to realise how multicultural our school is. Look outside into the playground, look at our sporting teams, our prefect body. Homebush Boys has taught us skills that those in mono cultural schools never learn - the ability to deal with other cultures.

Looking back on the past six years, we've had quite a lot of support too. Members of the staff and our parents have put in tireless efforts to get us where we are now. Staff members like Mr Tedford, putting in countless hours of work to get a new gym (I mean its been "in the works" since before we were in year 7), and organising sport. I don't think we're ever going to forget the ritual "good morning staff and students". Mr Jurd, has always been someone you could get advice from - social, academic or sporting. Mr Hilliard, who has taught us not only the 5 t's, but how to turn "skirts" into "shirts". Dr Patterson for maintaining the school, keeping things in order. Mr Doenau for helping organise our Board of Studies requirements and our timetables, Mr Pinkey for his school to uni links, and countless hours of dedication

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and planning. But above all, Ms Gobel. Whether or not you've had the pleasure of dealing with her on a regular basis, its safe to say that Ms Gobel is the mother-figure of the 2009 year 12. Always willing to give everyone a fair go, and always ready to make time for us.

But what really makes year 12 2009 special is the students. It's been such an experience to be part of a year comprised of a wonderful well rounded group of people. Tell me a year that has sporting superstars like Milo and Jenson. Academic geniuses like Sajeeb Roy, Omar Noori or Ali Latash, musical greats like Max Little or Tully Ryan. Good Samaritans like James Yoon, who gave up two hours every week last year to do peer reading, helping kids with difficulty in reading or writing.

Six years after our first day, we are here for our final hour as Homebush Boys High School Students. 2009 has been an emotional roller-coaster but it is now coming to an end. For the past six years we have journeyed together through the stresses of the year, we have literally lived and breathed each other's experiences. Our lives have been connected, and whether it was on the sporting, academic or social field I can be certain in saying that 2009 year 12 has truly connected and supported each other.

Boys, today will be the last day we don the Homebush Boys uniform, the last day we put on our black shoes, our shirts, our Homebush tie. Looking over the past years I remember how much fun it's been, how much we've learned. It's all happened so fast, I would like just one more Monday arvo for volleyball training, one more Wednesday to smash another school at sport, one more kebab during my free's, one more modern history class to see the dvd sign hit the corner of the T.V. I swear it will. And one more hour to spend with 200 unique individuals.

With 3 weeks left until our HSC, I know it's going to be a stressful break. But use that fear, channel it into positive energy. I know it seems like too much, but use the support of your friends and teachers for this final home stretch. Our lives are quickly about to change, soon we will experience a whole new world. Things will happen, and we will never know what awaits us after November 13. We will work, we will party, we will learn a lot more, and then realise how little we truly know. But whatever we do, I know we will be amazing.

This is it boys. It's all over for us. It's been such an honour to be school captain of this year group and this year. I'd like to thank you for the best six years of my life so far, and thank you Homebush for all the memories.

Thomas STEFOULIS

VICE CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS

Good Evening Distinguished Guests, Teachers, Parents and fellow students. After reading through a number of previous Vice Captain speeches, I have seen a particular pattern evolve. They seem to begin with a funny story about some of Homebush Boys' more memorable characters like Mr. Hilliard or Mr. Jurd before thanking the teachers for their continuing support. I thought I might do it a little bit differently this year and put all the teachers names in a hat, whatever name I pull out, that teacher will get a nice shout out...

(Looks in Hat)

Mr. Morehouse, the maintenance man, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the 2009 year 12 group and your valid contribution to our schooling lives. But while we appreciate the efforts of Mr. Morehouse, there are a number of teachers who need to be acknowledged for their tireless efforts in helping us in the transformation from young teens to young men.

Most importantly, Ms Gobel. On behalf of all the boys here I just want to say how thankful we are for all the effort you have put in to organising great camps for us and helping us with all the issues that we have faced over the years. As an example, in year 11, the SRC was organising the end of year social event. Had it not been for Ms Gobel's effort during this time we may never have got it going at all. You truly have helped make our experience at Homebush Boys be a time that we will always remember. So thank you.

From the very beginning of school we were introduced into the Homebush fraternity by Mr Hilliard. From the word go, our rights were read to us by this law enforcer of the Clint Eastwood mould. We knew from the start that when we put on the Homebush uniform we became Bushy Boys and not Home Boys, learning that we didn't go to Nikey School or Adidas High. This strict guideline about uniform gave us new kids an idea of what true Homebush spirit entailed and helped us to show real pride in the school we attended.

Mr Jurd, the technological genius. In this day and age where generation Y is leaving the older generation behind, Mr Jurd stands alone because he is actually more hip than many of us finishing this year. For me, Mr Jurd always seemed like the calming Ying to Mr Hilliard's raging Yang. Two stark contrasting deputy principals, but both as much a part of the Homebush atmosphere as our famous fig tree.

We all know a school derives its name from the leadership down and we have been spoiled with the knowledge and expertise of Dr Paterson. Always a willing participant in the athletics carnival, a cheering fan at our sporting events and an encourager who inspires us to academic heights. He sets the academic standard at our school which precedes its reputation. Throughout the year, Dr. Paterson has taken time out of his own day to talk to students about how they are coping in the HSC and this support is a vital element to our success.

School is only a small fraction of our entire lives and while we learn here, it is important to have some vision as to where we are going. In helping us do this, Mr Pinkey has played the greatest part. From organising Career Days to helping us get our Green Cards, RSA's and RCG's, his enthusiasm for seeing us be successful is phenomenal. If I haven't heard him tell us about The Careers Website 1000 times then I owe you all 20 bucks. Mr Pinkey is a brilliant example of the amazing teaching available here at Homebush.

Mr Doenau, our link between school and the Board of Studies. That already shows the importance of having this man around. Although he is the coach of first grade soccer, we won't hold that against him. I remember at the first grade rugby grand final this year, Mr Doneau walked past the rugby team, who looked forlorn after a devastating loss to Epping. Instead of consoling us he walked past with a grin of triumph, as his soccer team had won the competition the same day. But I also remember Mr Doenau for his quick wit and his ability to ignite a sense of unity between student and teacher.

I think we also owe the Office Staff a lot of thanks for taking excursion money three weeks after the due date! Also for patiently answering queries and navigating their way through the crowd of hundreds of boys everyday that spill into the corridor outside the office before school, at recess and lunchtime. Thanks for being so accommodating and gracious.

Being a sportsman, a teacher that has helped me and countless others achieve our sporting potential is Mr Tedford. A man who without fail reads the sport report at Friday assembly, a man who year after year raised money for the school gym, a man who always collects money for Exodus and Mathew Talbot a couple of weeks before the end of term. Talk about consistency. But it is Mr Tedford's generous attitude that has inspired us most. He has taught us to look beyond the four walls we live in and give a little back for the large amount we take.

Miss Horiatopoulous, thank you for being an endless source of guidance and helping us to unite and become a prefect body. We really have understood more about what it is to work as a team, to co-operate and appreciate the importance of being leaders and the example we set for the rest of the school.

And how many of us will ever forget the near famous catch phrases of the beloved Dr Balan. I remember my first lesson in his Science class - a nervous student eagerly awaiting the teacher, only to be met with the booming voice, 'Come here son!' and 'You are a nice boy but you are lazy'. But at the same time he did it with a real compassion that made us feel comfortable and made science come alive. We'll never forget you sir.

But with absolute sincerity, I want to say thank you to the whole teaching staff at Homebush Boys. I know that the whole of Year 12 agrees

that it has been a privilege to have been taught by this fine teaching staff. Many times throughout school and especially in year 12, the teachers have gone above and beyond their job to organise holiday classes for us and always lend an ear to our problems. Although there have been some times when you may have been angry with us, we know that you have had our best interests at heart. We will miss you guys as we venture out into the next stage of our lives.

Thank you very much.

Tyson PARCELL

SENIOR PREFECT'S VOTE OF THANKS

Well, here we are boys. The moment we've strived for ever since we were old enough to complain about school, and long for its conclusion. That moment is now. But before we rejoice, there is a debt of gratitude to be expressed.

It's been an enduring road, from building blocks and mid afternoon naps to essays and 3 hour exams, and the majority of that journey transpired on these grounds, revolving around our education, around our fellow students, our parents, our teachers. For 6 years we've worked, played and socialised here.

We have evolved from children to teenagers to adults, right here, between 8.50 and 3.10 from Monday to Friday for the past 6 years, and it may not seem like it now, but it was not a process that culminated by itself.

It cannot be denied that the fine staff of this school instilled core attitudes and belief that paved the way for this group of young men to become well rounded individuals before me today.

An attitude of selflessness, pride and integrity has been instilled in us ever since we first heard Mr. Hilliard talk about the time he chased down a bloke mugging students for their bags down in Airey Park and belted him with a thundering hit as he was explaining the intricacies of the 5 T's at year 7 camp. As funny as this sounds to all of us now, the message could not be truer. No, not that, if you steal from other people your ex first grade footballer of a deputy principal will hunt you down, but we were taught how to treat others with respect and dignity.

This sentiment and others like it were always demonstrated by the staff in our time here. Perhaps in a slightly more subtle way, we were shown by the staff how to behave, both inside and outside of the classroom, as students and as human beings.

Their continued assistance in a crucial time in our lives lead the way for us all to become not only better students, but better brothers, better sons, better friends and better people. And now, it is time for us to be defined for something other than being a student. The next chapter in our lives is to be written by us, armed with the knowledge and values taught to us by the staff and our peers here at Homebush Boys High School.

So on behalf of year 12, the class of 2009 would like to thank you for every ounce of effort that has been injected into this group of young men over the past 6 years. It has been something that I don't think many of us will forget anytime soon. Memories have been forged here that should last the best part of a lifetime, not necessarily from the classroom, but with the people sitting with you at this very moment - the countless games of footy on the southern grass, the battle for rankings in our subjects over the years, high marks, and unfortunately the low marks, the bronze awards, heaven dollars, the camps, the sports teams, the multitude of candidates we have for dux every year, the Friday assemblies under the fig tree, the new gym, school service, free periods I MEAN, study lessons. The list goes on and on.

So as this door closes, another one opens, and I would like to wish everyone here the best of luck in whatever endeavors they choose to pursue.

Congrats boys, we did it. God it feels like period 8 on a Friday, waiting for that bell. Yet it is with a heavy heart that I say that there will be no roll call after this final attendance.

Once again thank you to all who have supported us throughout the years, and good luck to all of you in the coming chapters of your lives. Hopefully we will bump into one another along the way.

Lachlan JENSON



Scott Mackay



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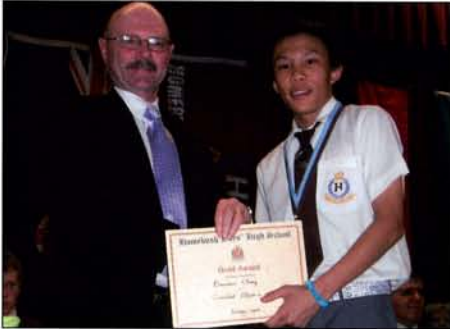
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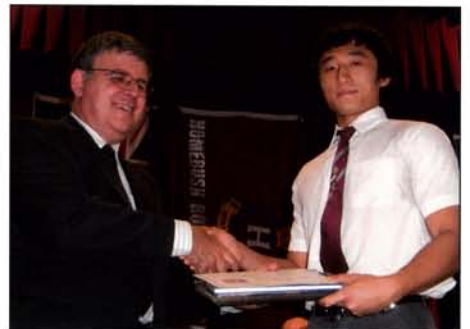
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PREFECTS CAMP

The three day camp began on a pretty bad note. The weather was wet, cold and miserable and the first activity that was planned for us, abseiling down Mount Keira, was cancelled due to the weather conditions.

After this we did a "challenge initiative" (problem solving to others), which involved leadership, teamwork and problem solving to achieve the goal. In the afternoon we did another of these, which again required leadership, teamwork and problem solving. I felt that we worked better as a team in this second activity than we did in the first, mainly due to the fact that we had already achieved a goal together, we knew each other a bit better as well and we worked much more effectively as a team. That night, we had a man named "Slab" give us some comic relief, singing some songs and having a joke. Slab was a true laconic Aussie, speaking with an Aussie drawl and with a great dry sense of humour.

Though canoeing down the Minamurra River had been planned for the last day, it was moved forward to the Thursday so we could do the abseiling on Friday. This was one of the activities that I had looked forward to most, so I was glad that we could do it on the Thursday. Canoeing required two people to work together in a rhythm to make proper, efficient progress. It was hard work, but good fun. One of the highlights of the camp was when Richard got a spider in his canoe (more than once) when we were in the mangroves. Though you may have been unable to see him, you could hear a loud "Ahhhhh! Ahhhhh! Ahhhhh!" until he managed to kill it or knock it off the boat. Canoeing was tiring, especially when done for nearly four hours, but again I felt that we were working more as a team after this activity.

That night, after dinner, we went up to do the high wires challenge. The fact the challenge was done at night, when it wasn't always easy to see your surroundings, simply emphasised the height and made the whole activity more difficult. There were three activities: Rope Crossing, where we had to shuffle our way across a wire 10 metres above the ground only holding onto a piece of rope, before getting past another person coming the other way, then jumping down. This wasn't too difficult, and was definitely the easiest of the three that night. The second was the Leap of Faith, where we had to climb about 15-20 m onto a rather small platform, before jumping off and trying to grab a trapeze. This wasn't too difficult either, but worse was to come. The Eagle's Nest, was by far one of the scariest things I have ever done. We had to climb up what was really a telegraph pole to a height of about 25-30 m, before standing on top of it and jumping off. The worst part of it was when you had to get onto the top of the pole, and you HAD to look down, no matter how hard you tried not to. This night was all about dealing with our fears and encouraging others to do their best. I was immensely impressed that everyone managed to complete each activity, and that we all encouraged and gave support to each other to complete our goals.

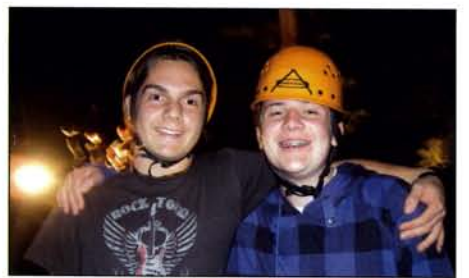
The final day was relatively easy compared to the night before. We only had to abseil down a pretty flat wall, and it was "only" about 20m. It was easy compared to the Eagle's Nest the night before. The first wall was also easy as trees obscured the height and Wollongong below. The second cliff wasn't quite so easy. You could see all of the surroundings and about half way down you just had to free fall down to the ground. Still, it was all nothing compared to the High Wire Challenges the night before. Physically, the abseiling was easy, but the walk back up definitely wasn't. The walk was narrow, with no hand holds, and was almost vertical, and may have well have been a rock climb. By the time you got back up, you could barely walk because your legs were so tired and you were out of breath. This activity simply cemented what was learnt the night before about encouragement and providing support.

The camp was lots of fun and I definitely feel that we were working much better as a team than we were when we first got on the bus, bleary eyed on Wednesday morning. Everyone felt motivated and willing to work to fulfil their role as a prefect.

Thomas KOPECNY









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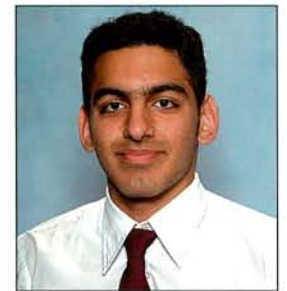
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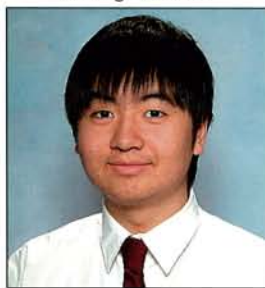
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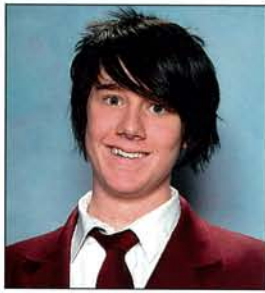
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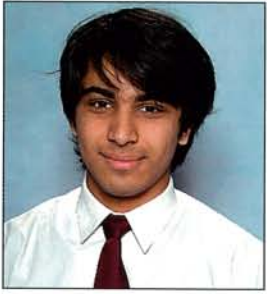
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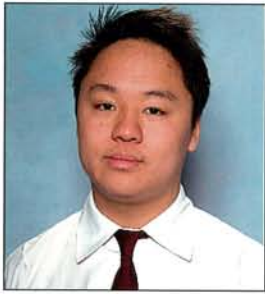
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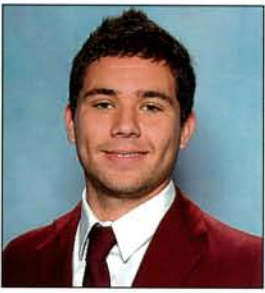
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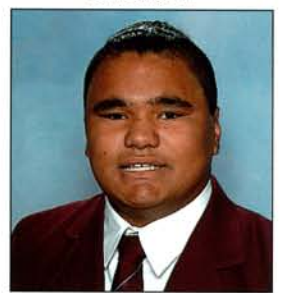
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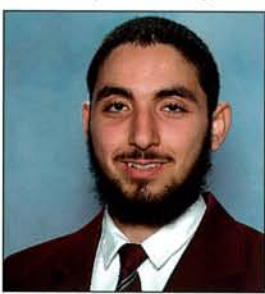
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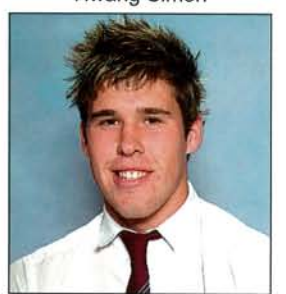
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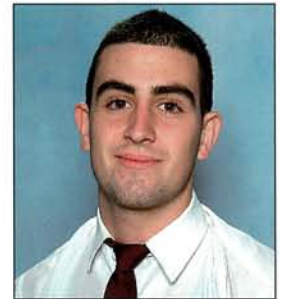
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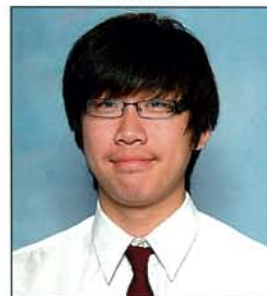
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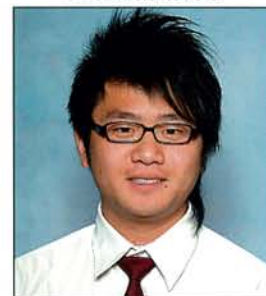
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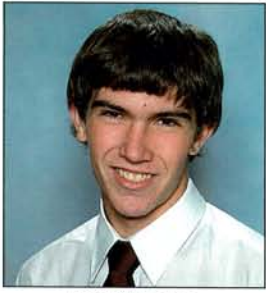
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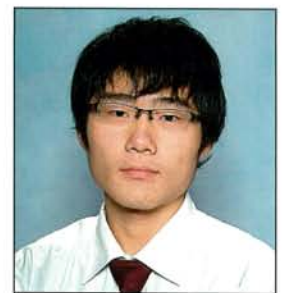
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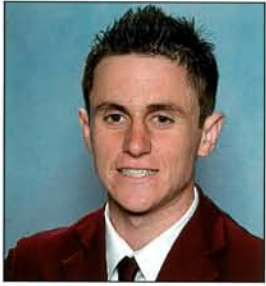
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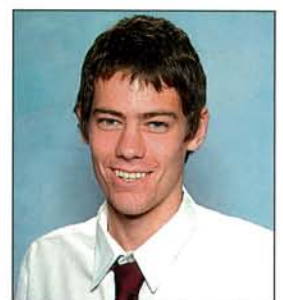
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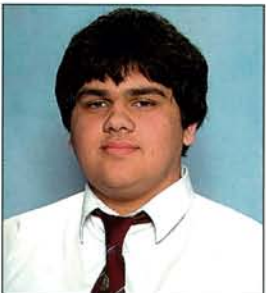
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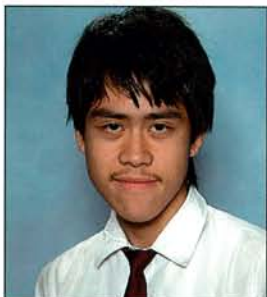
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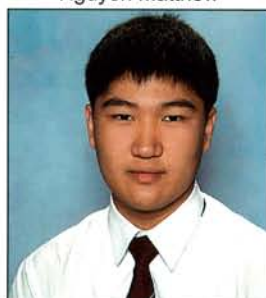
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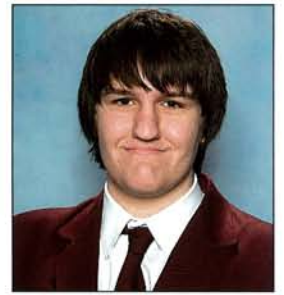
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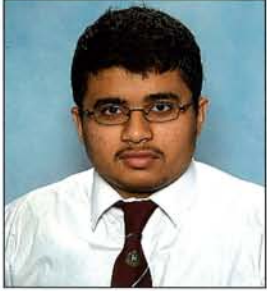
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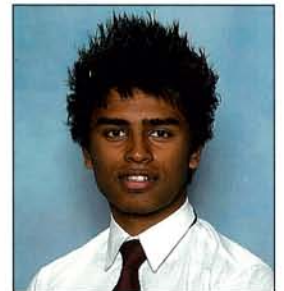
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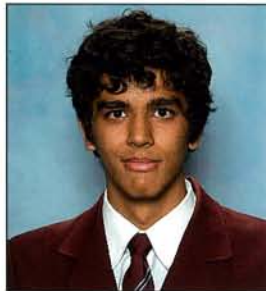
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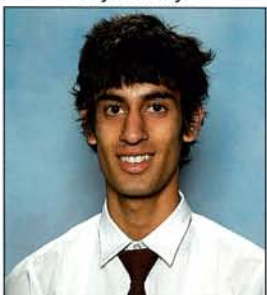
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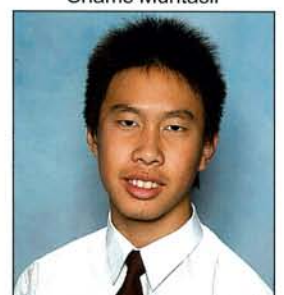
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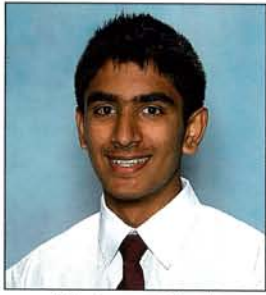
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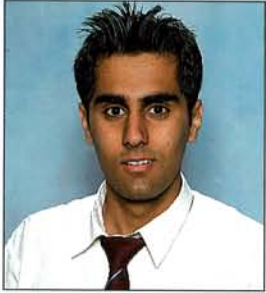
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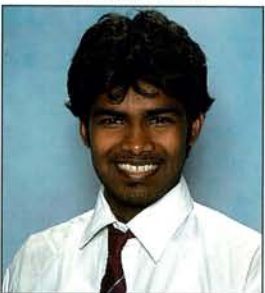
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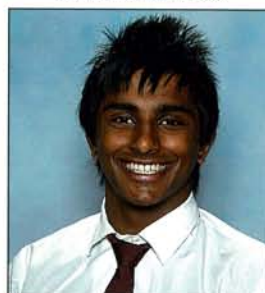
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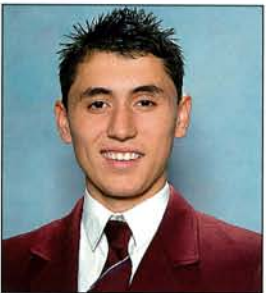
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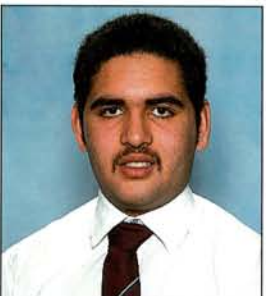
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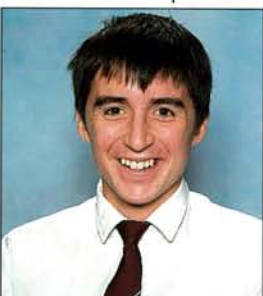
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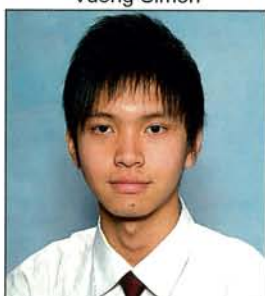
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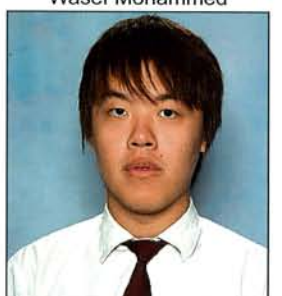
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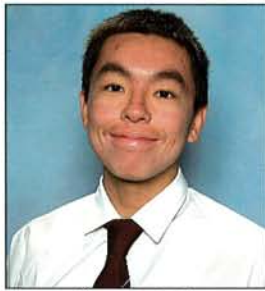
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Yick Timmy



Yoon Christopher



Yoon James



Yu James



Zhang Wenqi



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Zhou Ming Yang



Zong Jason



Robert Polec

YEAR 12 2009 INFORMATION

AERFELDT, Alex	Variety Night, Law Week Mock Parliament, Best & Fairest 1 st Grade Table Tennis & Captain's Banner, 3 rd Grade Cricket, Fundraising.
AJAJ, Adam	Peer Tutoring, 2 nd Grade Rugby, Weightlifting, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
ALI, Intesar	Peer Tutoring, Distinction Geography Competition, Credit Maths Competition, Vice Captain 3 rd Grade Cricket, NWMHSSA Premiership Certificate, Fundraising.
AMARASINGHAM, Richard	President SRC, Prefect, District/Regional SRC, NSW Working Party, Regional Final SMH Public Speaking, 1 st Local Zone Final Public Speaking, District Debating Finalist, Variety Night, 1 st in History, Principal's Medal, Display in Auburn Library, 3 rd Grade Cricket, 2 nd Grade Table Tennis, Junior Oztag, Fundraising.
ARAL, Emre	Variety Night, Premier's Reading Challenge, First General Maths, Information, Processes & Technology, Hospital, Information Technology VET and Photography, Video & Digital Imaging, Distinction English, Business Studies, Science, Computer Skills, Geography & Maths Competitions, Zone Athletics, Career Expo Volunteer, Fundraising.
ARMITAGE, Daniel	SRC, Variety & Recital Nights, School Band, Our Spectacular, High Distinction Chemistry Competition, First IT Timber, Senior Craftperson Award, Band Award, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
ARUNTHAVANATHAN, Kapilan	Variety Night, Australian Business Week, Maths Competition, Gold Award, Principal's Medal, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
ASHRAF, Arkia	Variety Night Photographer, Mock Trial, Credit Economics Competition, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
ATKINS, Oliver	Skateboarding, Zone Cross Country, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
AVERY, Jack	Debating, Distinction History, Futsal, All Schools CHS Swimming, Errea Cup Champions, 2 nd Grade Waterpolo, Fundraising.
AYIKOL, Kasim	Academic Excellence Maths & Modern History, Distinction Maths Competition, 2 nd Grade Football Premiers, U/19 Futsal Regional Champions, Fundraising.
BAEK, Abraham	Peer Tutoring, Year Adviser's Award, Gold Award, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science Competition, 1 st Grade Basketball, 4 th Grade Football, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
BALACHANDRAN, Alfred	Gold Award, 3 rd Grade Cricket & Soccer, Fundraising.
BARUD, Nasir	ABW, First Aid Certificate, Maths, Geography & Science Competitions, Grade Football, Oztag, Cross Country, Athletics, Fundraising.
BASSI, Abhijeet	Business Studies & Economics Competition, The ASX Game, Grade Cricket, Fundraising.
BHASALE, Yogesh	1 st Economics & Biology, 3 rd Chemistry, Fundraising.
BRUCE, Tae Kwun	Maths Competition, Grade Soccer, Weight Lifting, Fundraising.
BUKSH, Wasim	ABW Awards, Variety Night, Credit Maths Competition, 2 nd Grade Rugby Union, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
BULL, Simon	School Band, Debating, Uni of Sydney Mind & Morality Philosophy Course, Peer Tutoring, Hockey Semi-Finalist, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
BUPALASHINKAM, Ganan	Variety Night, Careers Expo, Hospitality Functions, Gold Award, Maths Competition, 1 st Grade Cricket, 2 nd Grade Rugby, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
CHAN, Wilson	Chess Captain, School Carnival Marshal, Credit Maths Competition, Fundraising.
CHANG, Brandon	ABW, Academic Excellence in Multimedia & Business Studies, Credit Business Studies Competition, Fundraising.
CHEN, Eddie	Artlink, Distinction Maths Competition, Grade Basketball, Zone Athletics, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
CHEN, Patrick	School To Work Program, Distinction Maths & Science Competition, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
CHINTAMANI, Asritha	Prefect, Variety Nights, Swimming Carnival Timekeeper, ABW, Battle of the Brains, High Distinction Geography Competition, Distinction Science Competition, Credit Maths & Chemistry Competitions, Gold & Principal's Awards, Captain Senior B Hockey, Grade Baseball, Assistant Coach Yr 7 Hockey, Blood Donor, Careers Expo, Fundraising.
CHOY, Michael	Variety Night, Grade Hockey, Fundraising.
CHU, Kevin	Variety Night, Fundraising.

CHU, Samuel	Maths & Business Competitions, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
CHUNG, Kyu Chang	HSC 2009
COSTA, Aaron	Hospitality Functions, NSW Baseball Team, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
CROMBIE, Andrew	Variety & Recital Nights, ABW, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
D'ASPRONTE, Ross	Distinction Maths Competition, 1 st Grade Cricket, 3 rd Grade Soccer, Fundraising.
DANG, Roger	Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Economics Competition, 1 st Grade Volleyball, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
DELAI-VULACA, Tim	Variety & Recital Night, High Distinction Music Competition, Distinction Maths Competition, Principal's Medal, RSA & Barista Certificate, 1 st Grade Rugby, Oztag Premiers, CHS Athletics, Zone Cross Country, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
DHUNDEL, Manjeet	1 st Fundamentals, Cricket Captain, Volleyball Instructor, Fundraising.
DI VAL, Taylor	Prefect, Hayes House Captain, Credit Maths Competition, Sydney North Hockey, CHS Swimming, 1 st Grade Rugby, Waterpolo & Hockey, Sydney North Athletics, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
DJURICIC, Philip	Chess, 1 st & 2 nd Grade Tennis, Fundraising.
DUONG, Vitin	Credit Maths Competition, Chess, Fundraising.
EL-AHMAD, Jibraan	Chess, Debating & Public Speaking, English, Maths, Spelling, Science, Computing, Chemistry & Geography Competitions, Captain Arabic Youth Quiz Team, First Aid Certificate, SRC, Athletics & Special Athletics Carnivals, Peer Tutor, RYPEN, Fundraising.
ELHELOU, Selem	SRC, Public Speaking, Science Award, Rugby, Oztag, Fundraising.
FORD, Craig	Hospitality Functions, Captain Senior B Hockey, Baseball, Fundraising.
FUN, Jasper	Peer Support, SRC, Work Placement, Senior Hockey, Fundraising.
GABOR, Steven	1 st Grade Football, Senior Futsal, & Errea Cup Champions, Fundraising.
GABRIELLI, Daniel	Credit Maths Competition, Errea Cup Champion, Captain 1 st Grade Volleyball, Indoor Soccer Premiership Winners, Fundraising.
GALLAGHER, Tom	SRC, Prefect, Public Speaking, Debating, Peer Tutoring, Drum Corp, School Band, ADF Leadership Award, MUNA, Principal's Medal, Gold Award, Fundraising.
GAO, William	Maths & Geography Competition, Tennis, Ten Pin Bowling, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
GIRI, Shushil	First Aid Certificate, Business Competition, Cricket & Volleyball, Fundraising.
GOVENDER, Rashogan	HSC 2009
GREEN, Ben I	Distinction English Competition, 1 st Grade Soccer, Errea Cup Team, Oztag, Fundraising.
HAMAYUN, Sheharyar	Schools in Parliament, Sydney Uni Degree in a Day, Variety Night, ABW, Distinction Maths & Geography Competitions, Credit English Competition, Cricket, Fundraising.
HAQ, Ryan	Distinction Financial Literacy Competition, Credit Chemistry Competition, Maths Competition, Fundraising.
HARRIS, Joel	NSW Softball, 1 st XV Rugby, Zone Athletics Rep, Fundraising.
HARRIS, Michael	Economics Competition, Tennis, Fundraising.
HAY, Matthew	1 st Grade Waterpolo & Rugby, NSW All Schools Waterpolo, Fundraising.
HOLALI, Mohammed	Prefect, Public Speaking, SRC, Debating, Chess, 1 st Biology, Credit Maths Competition, Science Competition, Principal's Medal, NSW Rep Weightlifting, Volleyball, Fundraising.
HOSNY, Aly	ABW, Gold Award, Credit Maths & Science Competitions, 3 rd Grade Soccer, Fundraising.
HWANG, Simon	Fundraising.

IMER, Jake	Prefect, Public Speaking, Distinction History & Geography Competitions, ABW, 1 st Grade Waterpolo, Rugby & Hockey, Regional Swimming & Athletics, Netball, Baseball, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
IRACI, Liberto	Hospitality Functions, High Distinction Italian Competition, Netball, 2 nd Grade Waterpolo & Soccer, Fundraising.
IRVINE-BROWN, Lachlan (Lachy)	RSA/RSG, Green Card, 1 st Visual Arts, High Distinction English Competition, NSW All School Triathlon, Cricket, Rugby, Zone Running & Cross Country, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
IWANCZUK, Matthew	School To Work, Distinction Computer & Maths Competitions, Credit Business Studies Competition, 1 st SDD & IT VET, Captain 1 st Grade Tennis Premiers, Fundraising.
JACKSON, Peter	Prefect, RYPEN, 1 st SLR, Gold Award, Academic Excellence Award, 1 st Grade Waterpolo Premiers, 1 st XV Rugby, Netball, Baseball, Golf, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
JAVAKHAR, Shyamasundar	Peer Tutoring, Credit Maths Competition, Academic Excellence, Oztag, Tennis, Rugby, Cricket, Zone Athletics, Regional Cross Country, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
JENSON, Lachlan	Prefect, Credit Maths Competition, Academic Excellence in Biology, Most Outstanding Player 1 st Grade Rugby, Touch Football, Oztag, First Aid Certificate, Fundraising.
JEYADEVAN, Theju	2 nd Grade Cricket & Rugby, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
JIANG, Zhe (Jason)	Maths & Chemistry Competition, Fundraising.
JIN, Si Hwang Peter	4 th Grade Soccer, Fundraising.
KANG, Daniel	ABW, YAA, Table Tennis, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
KANG, Jason	Work Placement – Hilton Hotel, Kingsley Steakhouse, Hospitality Functions, Barista Course, Fundraising.
KE, Allen	Basketball, Fundraising.
KHAN, Faheem	Business Studies & Maths Competition, 2 nd Grade Soccer, 3 rd Grade Cricket, Fundraising.
KHARE, Andrew	Variety Night, Credit Maths Competition, 1 st Grade Rugby, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
KIM, Jayse	Visual Arts Showcase, Work Placement – Sydney Hilton & Marriott Hotel, Credit Maths Competition, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
KIM, Jun Kyu	Chess, Distinction Maths & Computing Competitions, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
KIM, Richard	HSC 2009
KOCHAR, Deep	Careers Expo Volunteer, ABW, Fun Run, Credit Maths & Chemistry Competition, Science Competition, 1 st & 2 nd Grade Tennis, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
KOLAR, Adem	Variety Night, 1 st Legal Studies, Distinction Writing Competition, Barista Course, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
KONSTANTINIDIS, Adam	Minister's Award for Excellence Modern Greek, Barista Course, First Aid Course, Rugby, 1 st Grade Soccer, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
KOPECNY, Tom	Prefect, Uni of Sydney Award for Academic Excellence, Fundraising.
KULASINGAM, Himashan	Swimming Carnival Volunteer, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science Competition, 2 nd Grade Cricket, Fundraising.
KUNCHAPUDI, Ananth	Variety Night, Distinction Science Competition, Senior B Hockey, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
LA, Jawing Simon	Hospitality Functions, Work Placement – Vagabond Cruise & City Tattersals Club, Credit Maths Competition, Fundraising.
LA, Raymond	School To Work, Principal's Award, Fundraising.
LAM, Andy	Academic Excellence IT Multimedia, Career Expo, Fundraising.
LASSITHOTAKIS, George	2 nd XV Rugby, Work Placement, Fundraising.
LATASH, Ali	Prefect, Debating, Public Speaking, MUNA, National World Vision Global Leadership Convention, Peer Tutor, 1 st Ancient History, Extension History & SOR, Certificates of Merit, Fundraising.
LAVDARAS, Travis	1 st Grade Soccer Errea Cup Champions, Netball, Zone Swimming, 1 st Grade Waterpolo Runner's Up, Blood Donor, First Aid Course, Fundraising.
LEE, Jae Seong	Hospitality Functions, Swimming & Athletic Carnivals, Distinction Maths Competition, 1 st Grade Volleyball, 2 nd Grade Rugby, Fundraising.
LIN, Victor	SRC, Peer Tutor, ABW, UTS Mock Trial, Variety Night, 1 st SOR & Legal Studies, Certificate of Merit, Fundraising.
LITTLE, Max	SRC, Variety & Recital Nights, Chess, Distinction Maths Competition, Art Camp & Workshop, Lawnbowls, 3 rd Grade Rugby, 2 nd Grade Waterpolo, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
LIU, Chunyang	Maths Competition, Table Tennis, Basketball, Fundraising.
LIU, Yuchen	HSC 2009
LOO, Martin	HSC 2009
LOTT, Nicholas	Blood Donor, Fundraising.
LU, Haowei Alex	Distinction Maths Competition, Fundraising.
LUI, Timothy	Swimming & Athletic Carnivals Volunteer, Distinction Maths Competition, Zone Hurdles, Fundraising.
LUU, Vincent	School To Work, Work Placement, Swimming & Athletic Carnivals Volunteer, Distinction Geography Competition, Volleyball, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
MA, Xiao	Academic Excellence Awards (10), Fundraising.
MAARABANI, Imran	Prefect, Peer Tutor, ABW CEO, 1 st Grade Errea Cup Champions, Fundraising.
MACKAY, Scott	Captain Greening House, Variety Night, Credit Maths & Geography Competitions, RSA, Barista & First Aid Certificates, Principal's Medal, 1 st Grade Soccer Errea Cup Champions, Oztag, AFL, Zone Athletics & Cross Country, Netball, Golf, Fundraising.
MAHAJAN, Aakash	CHS Swimming, Fundraising.
MAHMOOD, Rasheeq	ABW, Variety Night, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science Competition, 2 nd Grade Rugby, Cricket, Fundraising.
MALONE, Iain	Hospitality Function, Work Placement, Principal's Award, 3 rd Grade Soccer, Fundraising.
MANIVANNAN, Bakeerathan	Variety Night, Hockey, Cricket, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
MANSFIELD, Stuart	School Band, Chess, Variety Night, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science Competition, 1 st Grade Hockey, 2 nd Grade Waterpolo, Netball, Fundraising.

MARDAGA, Adrien	1 st Geography, Principal's Medal, Athletics, Hockey, Fundraising.
MARTIN, Connor	SRC, Public Speaking, Chess, Distinction Maths Competition, Pierre Du Couberin Award, Captain 1 st Grade Waterpolo, Senior Sportsman of the Year, Rugby 1 st XV, Regional Swimming, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
MAXWELL, Andrew	School Band, Academic Award English, 1 st Grade Hockey Premiers, 2 nd Grade Waterpolo, First Aid Course, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
MCFARLAND, Emilio	SRC, Prefect, School Band, Public Speaking, Reading Helper, Distinction Business Studies Competition, Credit Maths Competition, Principal's Award, Captain 1 st XV Rugby – Best & Fairest, Oztag Premiers, Youth Commonwealth Games – Weightlifting, 1 st in Australia U18 77kg Class Weightlifting, Zone Athletics, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
MCKENZIE, Kiran	Academic Excellence Award Ancient History, Credit Maths Competition, Fundraising.
MURAOKA, Sam	SRC, Variety Night, Peer Tutor, Public Speaking, Chess, Maths Competition, 1 st Grade Football, 2 nd Grade Soccer, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
NAGAGOPAN, Vijay	ABW, Variety Night, Public Speaking, Principal's Medal, Gold Award, Credit Science & Maths Competition, Fundraising.
NAGARATNARAJAH, Darusan	Variety Night, ABW, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science & Computer Competition, Cricket & Hockey, Fundraising.
NGHI, Stan	High Distinction Maths Competition, Fundraising.
NGUYEN, Albert	Athletic, Swimming & Zone Cross Country Volunteer, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Economics Competition, Cricket, Hockey, 2 nd Grade Rugby, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
NGUYEN, Boris	HSC 2009
NGUYEN, Matthew	Swimming & Athletic Carnivals Volunteer, Distinction Maths Competition, 2 nd Grade Tennis, Zone Athletics, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
NOORI, Omar	SRC, Prefect, Public Speaking, Academic Excellence, Victor Chang Science Award, High Distinction Maths Competition, 1 st Grade Table Tennis, 2 nd Grade Soccer, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
OZCAN, Mehmet	Maths & Science Competitions, Soccer, Volleyball, Sportsperson of the Week, Fundraising.
PAHEERATHAN, Anokshan	Swimming Carnival Volunteer, Credit Geography, Maths & Science Competitions, 1 st Grade Cricket, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
PARCELL, Tyson	School Vice Captain, SRC, Debating, Long Tan Leadership Award, Distinction & Maths Competitions, 1 st Grade Rugby Union, Oztag, District Athletics & Cross Country, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
PARK, In Woo	2 nd Grade Volleyball, Fundraising.
PARK, Ji-Ho	Royal Life Saving Certificate, 1 st Senior Science & Engineering Studies, Distinction Maths, 2 nd Grade Rugby, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
PARK, Shin Ho	Credit Maths Competition, Science & Chemistry Competitions, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
PARK, Woo-Jin	Hospitality Functions, Work Placement, Fundraising.
PATRULESCU, Alex	Distinction History Competition, Credit Maths & Geography Competitions, Principal's Medallion, Captain Swim Team, School Age Champion, Australian Youth Olympic Team, Pacific Games Team, Telstra National Open Swimming Championships, 2 nd Grade Waterpolo, Swim Instructor, First Aid, AUSTSwim & Advanced Resuscitation Certificate, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
PAUDYAL, Sangkalpa	3 rd Grade Cricket, Volleyball, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
PELCHEN, Thomas	School To Work, Principal's Medal, IT Certificate 2 TAFE Course, Fundraising.
POLEC, Robert	Drumcorp, Band, Waterpolo, Lawnbowls, CHS Sailing, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
PRASAD, Pradmesh	Peer Tutor, Cricket, Fundraising.
QUACH, Jeffrey	Academic Excellence Maths, Distinction Science Competition, Credit Maths Competition, Fundraising.
QURESHI, Raad	Distinction Maths Competition, 3 rd Grade Cricket, Fundraising.
RAHMAN, Haseeb	ABW, Weights, Fundraising.
RAHMAN, Rakib	Fundraising.
RAJARATNAM, Einstein	Variety Night, Distinction Maths & Science Competitions, Hockey, 2 nd Grade Rugby, 1 st Grade Cricket, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
RAJENDRAM, Brana	HSC 2009
RAJKUMAR, Rueben	Variety Night, Distinction Maths Competition, Soccer, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
RAVEENDRAN, Mark	Credit Maths Competition, Fundraising.
RAVEENDRAN, Thajee	HSC 2009
RAWCLIFFE, Alan	School Band, Debating, Peer Tutor, 1 st Grade Rugby & Oztag, Hockey, Regional Athletics & Cross Country, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
ROSSER, Gus	Prefect, Debating, Skateboarding, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
ROUDE, Hilal	1 st Grade Rugby, Fundraising.
ROY, Sajeeb	Prefect, Public Speaking, MUNA, RYPEN, High Distinction Chemistry Competition, Academic Excellence Awards, USW Most Outstanding Yr 11 Award, Hockey, Careers Expo, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
RUSSELL, Aaron	Prefect, SRC, Variety Night, Stage Band, Debating, 1 st Music, Hockey, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
RYAN, Tully	Variety & Soiree Night, Academic Excellence Music, Credit Maths Competition, Fundraising.
SAAD, Nadim	Distinction English Competition, 1 st Grade Rugby, Fundraising.
SALIBA, Andrew	Career Expo, Hospitality Functions, Certificate III in Hospitality (Operations), Principal's Medals, 2 nd Grade Volleyball, Weightlifting, Fundraising.
SELVANATHAN, Arunvarman	Variety Night, Cross Country & Athletic Carnivals Volunteer, High Distinction Business Studies Competition, Distinction Economics Competition, Distinction HSC Accounting at TAFE, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
SHAMS, Muntasir	Chess, Credit Maths Competition, Fundraising.
SHARMA, Sunny	Schools of Parliament, Credit Maths Competition, Cricket, Fundraising.
SINGH, Avinash	HSC 2009

SINGH, Itender Jot	Hospitality Functions, Business Competition, 2 nd Grade Rugby, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
SINGH, Sachinpal	Variety Night, School To Work, Career Expo, Art Workshop, Art Selection for Penrith Art Gallery & Westmead Children's Hospital, 1 st Grade Cricket, Fundraising.
SIT, Daniel	Chess, ABW, Maths Competition, Gold & Principal's Award, 1 st Grade Volleyball, Captain 4 th Grade Soccer, Zone Cross Country, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
SIVAKUMAR, Vimal	SRC, Public Speaking, School Band, Variety & Recital Nights, Peer Tutor, Career Expo, Hospitality Functions, Host of Citizenship Evening, Principal's Medal, Premier's Award, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Economics Competition, 1 st Grade Tennis, Cricket, Fundraising.
SIVAPATHAM, Piresath	Variety Night, Debating, Distinction Science Competition, Credit Maths Competition, Gold Medal, 2 nd Grade Cricket, Hockey, Zone & Regional Athletic Carnivals, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
SMITH, Guy	Work Placement, ABW Filming, RSA/RCG Certificate, Hospitality Functions, Cricket, Lawn Bowls, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
SONG, Kevin	Public Speaking, ESL Tutor, Art Work in School Magazine, Fundraising.
SONG, Phillip	Variety Night, Distinction Maths Competition, Baseball, Fundraising.
SOOMRO, Arham	Peer Tutor, Debating, ABW, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science Competition, Captain 3 rd Grade Cricket, Hockey, Volleyball, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
SORRENTI, Andrew	TVET Construction – ParraSIP Employability Award, Excellence in TVET, Major Work IT Timber at Easter Show, Soccer, Waterpolo, Fundraising.
SPEED, Daniel	SRC, School Band, Variety & Recital Nights, Soccer, Hockey, 1 st Grade Volleyball, Baseball, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
STEFOLIS, Thomas	School Captain, SRC, Prefect, Variety Night, Public Speaking, Distinction Geography Competition, Credit Maths & English Competitions, Hockey, Volleyball, AFL, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
SUH, Francisco	Hospitality Functions, Career Expo, Soccer, 1 st Grade Baseball, Fundraising.
SUN, Sam	Tournament of the Minds, AFL, Fundraising.
SUTHARSANARAJAH, Kabilshanth	First Aid Certificate, Business Studies & Economic Competitions, 3 rd Grade Cricket, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
SZELID, Jamie	Certificate I & II Information Technology, Fundraising.
THANABALASINGAM, Suthangan	Prefect, SRC, Variety Night, Distinction Science & Maths Competition, First Aid Certificate, Captain 1 st Grade Cricket, 1 st Grade Soccer, AFL, Volleyball, Rugby, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
TONG, Alex	Variety & Recital Nights, Distinction English Competition, Credit Economics & Business Studies Competitions, 3 rd Grade Soccer, Cricket, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
TOPCU, Omer	ABW, Technical Support, Careers Expo, Distinction Geography Competition, Credit Maths & English Competitions, 2 nd Grade Soccer, Volleyball, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
TRAN, Michael	Credit Geography Competition, Principal Medal, 1 st Grad Hockey, U18 NSW Bushrangers Tour South Africa – Hockey, Oztag, Baseball, Fundraising.
TRAN, Philip	Credit Maths Competition, Fundraising.

TSANG, Garry	ABW, Mock Trial, Maths & Science Competition, Athletics Carnival, Fundraising.
TURBIT, Patrick	Debating, 1 st Standard English, 1 st Grade Hockey & Rugby, Oztag, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
UR-RAHMAN, Ibad	Gold Award, 1 st History Elective, Distinction Maths Competition, Fundraising.
VASANTHAN, Dharshaan	ABW, Variety Night, High Distinction Writing Competition, Distinction Business Studies, Maths & Computer Competitions, Hockey, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
VON DINKLAGE, David	Careers Expo, 1 st Grade Soccer Captain, Errea Cup, Senior Futsal Champion, Zone & Regional Cross Country & Athletics, Fundraising.
VUONG, Simon	STWP, RYDA, Distinction Maths Competition, Economics Competition, Year Adviser's Award, Table Tennis, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
WASEF, Mohammed	ABW, Distinction Chemistry & Maths Competition, Fundraising.
WAZIR, Burhan	Weightlifting, Fundraising.
WONG, Simon	Credit Maths & Economics Competitions, Fundraising.
WORTHINGTON, Ben	Drum Corps, Hospitality Functions, Distinction Science Competition, State Lawn Bowls, Fundraising.
WU, Ronald	Business & Economic Competitions, Outstanding Achievement Aboriginal Studies, Artlinks, Fundraising.
WU, Tom	HSC 2009
XIAO, Fredrick	Public Speaking, ABW, Law Week, 1 st Legal Studies, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Business Studies Competition, Best & Fairest NSW CHS Lawn Bowls, Fundraising.
XIE, Jing Sky	HSC 2009
YICK, Timmy	School To Work, Fundraising.
YOON, Christopher	SRC, Variety Night, Baseball, 3 rd Grade Football, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
YOON, James	Prefect, World Vision Global Leadership Conventions, Aspiring Business Leaders Program, Debating, YAA, SRC, ABW, Peer Tutor, Variety Night, Public Speaking, Chess, 1 st Business Studies, Outstanding TVET Student Award in Accounting Procedures, High Distinction Business Studies, Hockey, Table Tennis, 2 nd Grade Volleyball, Fundraising.
YU, James	Peer Tutor, Credit Maths & Science Competitions, ABW, Table Tennis, Blood Donor, Fundraising.
ZHANG, Wenqi	Artwork for Cover of 07 School Magazine, Distinction Maths Competition, Art Prize, Fundraising.
ZHAO, Wei Zheng Jacky	HSC 2009
ZHOU, Ming Yang	Distinction Maths Competition, 1 st Grade Table Tennis, Fundraising.
ZHUANG, Daniel	Swimming & Athletic Carnival Volunteer, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science & Economics Competition, 2 nd Grade Basketball, Cricket, Soccer, Fundraising.
ZONG, Jason	Distinction Maths Competition, Basketball, Fundraising.



The prefects attended several afternoon tea gatherings during the year and presented their own as well. The Hospitality team catered for the function and, as usual, the food was delicious.

