Welcome to our first newsletter for 2016

What a fantastic beginning to the new school year! I would firstly like to welcome back all students and staff, but in particular, make mention of the positive way in which Year Seven (our latest additions to the Blacktown family) have settled into the routine of High School.

Transition from Primary School can often be a stressful time for students and we are mindful of our role in assisting boys make the move as smoothly as possible. I would ask all parents and carers to talk to their sons about their experiences so far and please pass on to us any comments both positive and negative, that may help us provide the best possible learning and social experiences for all boys.

The year began with the announcement of our 2015 HSC results, which were by far the best in the 8 years that I have been Principal. It was wonderful to see so many of our students successful in gaining entry to the university of their choice, with a number of ATAR’s in the 90’s, but equally pleasing to see those entering the workforce or embarking on traineeships and apprenticeships via TAFE. Exit surveys indicated that almost every student has successfully followed the career plan that they had developed during our senior STEP UP phase.

Australia Day

On 26th January I had the pleasure of accompanying nine representatives from BBHS at a breakfast with The Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove. The boys had been selected based on wonderful videos that they had submitted outlining their visions for Australia. It was a great morning on the shores of Sydney Harbour and the students did us proud.
School Improvements

The refurbishment of our school football oval is almost complete with underground watering system, rainwater tanks and turf all installed. We do need to stay off the surface for 1 month, but the boys should have a fantastic facility by the end of week 6.

A second electronic school sign has also been installed adjacent to Sunnyholt Road. It should be activated and working in 2 weeks’ time.

Outdoor Chess

Another change over the holidays was the installation of our outdoor chess space together with large chess pieces. As can be seen below, the boys were very keen to be involved. For those boys who want a change from spending time on the oval, tennis courts or library at break time, it looks like we have another popular alternative.

These improvements add to our existing extracurricular and sporting activities including: cricket, baseball, soccer, rugby league, tennis, lawn bowls, robotics, Duke of Edinburgh, mock trials, just to mention a few.

New Staff

This year we welcome a new Head Teacher into our TAS department, Mr Nikolai Liu from Penrith High School. Mr Liu brings a wealth of experience to the school in IT, engineering and other industrial arts, and is keen to see Agriculture reintroduced into the school over the next 2 years.

Uniform

It makes me proud to be Principal of a school that places such importance on uniform. Our boys are ambassadors when they are in the public arena and their presentation goes a long way to ensuring that our school is seen in the best light. It is great to hear members of the general public and colleagues from other schools comment on how good our boys look.
Car Park
A reminder to all parents and carers, that the school car park cannot be used to drop off or collect students. Given the amount of movement, it can become very dangerous, and as the person responsible for staff and student safety, I am obliged to remind everyone that the site is only for staff parking and delivery vehicles. Senior students should also note that they are not permitted to use the school carpark.

ABCN
Our links with Citibank via the ABCN organisation continue to grow. This year our boys will again have access to a total of five different projects. These include senior mentoring, literacy, problem solving, the arts, and job preparation. Those students involved will bring home information packs at the relevant time.

Senior Continuers Scholarships
Congratulations to this year’s award recipients.

Kurt Kaufmann  Jack Olsen  Jonas Tay  Alan Reji

These scholarships are valued at $1000 each, and are offered each year to three selected year 10 students to support them in their senior studies at Blacktown Boys High.

Categories include:-

- Highest overall academic achiever - $1000
- Most improved performance Yr9-Yr10 - $1000
- Principal’s nomination award - $1000 (shared by 2 students this year)

These scholarships are in addition to our existing $1000 dux award, won this year by Sarthak Garg with an ATAR of 96.9

Please enjoy the rest of the newsletter and feel free to contact me with any suggestions / comments.

Regards
Shaun Addy
Principal
Dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY
16th   P&C Meeting 10am
18th   Presentation Evening 6pm to 7pm
22nd  Year 7 Vaccinations
25th  Year 11 Biology Trip
   Zone Swimming Carnival
26th  Pink Ribbon Day
29th  School Photographs

MARCH
2nd   Year 10 Geography Waterfront Workout
   Year 5/6 Information night 5pm to 6pm
3rd   CAPA Camp
4th   CAPA Camp
   MILO - T20 Cricket
10th  Year 7 Peer Support Camp
   2016 Selective HS Placement Test
11th  Year 7 Peer Support Camp
14th  Sydney West Swimming Carnival

MARCH continued
15th  P&C Meeting 10am
19th  BBHS Cross Country
22nd Year 10 Vietnam Veterans Incursion
25th  Good Friday
28th  Easter Monday
29th  Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
30th Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
31st Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

APRIL
1st   Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
4th   Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
   Portfolio Pickup
5th   Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
6th   Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
8th   Last day of Term One

From the Parents & Citizens

P&C Meetings for Term One:
   Tuesday 16th February at 10am
   Tuesday 15th March at 10am
The meetings will be held in the library. All parents are welcome.
Deputy Principal’s Message

Welcome back to our boys in years 8-12, and a special welcome to all of our new students in Year 7 and other years. With record numbers wishing to pursue a quality education at Blacktown Boys in 2016, it promises to be an exciting year. The partnership between teachers and non-teaching staff, students and their families makes it possible, and parents should know that they are welcome to call and make appointments to discuss issues with relevant staff as needs arise.

We believe that communication between the school and the community is essential to the academic growth and social wellbeing of our boys. Unique to Blacktown Boys, and additional to formal Parent Teacher meetings in term 2, Progress Reports issued at the end of terms 1 and 2, are an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress in Years 7-11. Year 7 and 8 Progress Reports will also include a work sample so that parents will be able to engage in a practical way, with the subjects studied by their boys in Stage 4.

The ‘Progress Report Pickup Barbecue’ on 4th April will be a great opportunity to informally meet other parents and your son’s teachers and Year Advisors, as well as the Principal and myself, as well as picking up the Progress report. It is also a chance to begin and continue conversations with your sons, who will often respond with the familiar ‘nothing’ or ‘not much’ when asked what they did at school today.

As part of our Step Up program we emphasise the setting of SMART goals which encourage students to set Small, Measurable, Achievable and Realistic goals that can be achieved in a particular Timeframe. These academic and personal SMART goals allow students to work towards goals, and measure their success as they move forward on their journey from boys to men. These personal and academic goals are included in the Progress reports.

Students will be given a Progress Report folder in year 7, which will need to be returned at the start of terms 2 and 4 in Year 7 and term 2 in year 8, which will be a record of student progress in Stage 4. After this the folder will be kept at home and will be a place to store progress reports in years 9-12, giving each child a record of their progress throughout high school.

Year 7 boys should be feeling a part of our community by engaging in a range of academic and social pursuits which address the needs of the whole child. Peer support is continuing with our trained leaders in Year 10 guiding them on their journey through high school. I will be looking forward to meeting many of the families and carers of our year 7 boys at our welcome barbecue which is held early in term 1.

Technology is enhancing our communication avenues, and to this end we will be providing parents access to the Parent Portal in Sentral, our centralised recording system. Initially it will allow parents to access their son’s timetables and relevant documents, and later reports, after the academic period has passed. We will welcome suggestions from parents about information that they would like access to on this system. To this end it is important that the school is notified when there has been a change to the parent’s email address as this will be where the key code will be sent that will allow you to log on to the Parent Portal.
All students have the opportunity to be involved in the life of the school and should ensure that get involved on three levels: academically, socially and personally, to make their time at school rich and rewarding. We look forward to working with you so that he can achieve all that he wants to in life, and more.

From the Head Teacher Administration

It’s not OK to be away!

Welcome back to 2016 to all students and families.

The majority of students at Blacktown Boys High School attend school every day. The average attendance rate at Blacktown Boys High School is equal or better than state average.

Some students, however, have their educational progress severely interrupted by absences which are more often than not, unnecessary and for reasons fairly low on the ‘important to my future’ scale.

To reach their full potential at school, students need to attend every day. This means a few days off per year due to genuine illness. One day a fortnight off will accumulate to 20 days absent per year. This equals 120 periods absent, the equivalent of 4 school weeks per year.

How can any student be expected to keep up with work under such circumstances?

Parents have a critical role to play in protecting their own son’s future. Absences can be minimised by arranging dental and doctor’s appointments after school or during the holidays. Shopping, helping at home and visiting relatives may all seem important at the time but not as important as a person’s FUTURE.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank families who organise their family holidays during the scheduled holiday periods. These families are making sure that their sons attend school every day and completing all course-work and therefore ensuring that they achieve their personal best.

Families who take extended holidays or holidays outside of the regular holiday breaks are not putting their son’s education first. They are in fact putting their son at a serious disadvantage and at risk of not addressing all course outcomes.

Let’s work together and support all our boys in understanding that ‘It’s not OK to be away’!

Preparing for the HSC

Is someone in your house preparing for the HSC? Here’s some practical advice on everything from writing an essay to helping the rest of the family stay supportive (and sane) while your teen works towards their final exams. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/tips-for-surviving-the-hsc/hsc-resources-to-help-your-child
Welcome to all our incoming 2016 Year 7 students, and welcome back to our returning students. The administration team is happy to be of service to all students, staff, parents and visitors to the school.

Please note that our office opening hours are from 7.45 am to 3.00 pm. Students are welcome to attend the front office window via the student foyer before school, at recess and lunch breaks. No student is to attend the front office during class time without a note from their teacher.

Parent/Carers also please note that Invoices for student Subject Contributions and General Contributions are included with this newsletter. Payment of these Contributions may be made in full or in regular small instalments at the front office using eftpos or cash.

Alternatively payments may be made on our school website: www.blacktownb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au – look for “Make a Payment” tab, the process is the same as paying your bills online. (Sorry no Amex)

I am pleased to advise that on line is now user friendly on mobile devices. See attached picture of the page running on a mobile device for you information.

Behind the scenes Westpac has been working on an upgrade to the Parent Online Payment webpage attached to the school’s website. Now, automatically, when parents click on this page, via a mobile device, they will be able to complete the online form with ease.

Receipting at the front office will only be processed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays this year. There will be no receipts processed on Mondays, however, students may complete a payment envelope and leave it at the front office on Mondays to be receipted the next day.

Families who pay their entire son’s Subject and General Contributions before the end of February will receive a free Science/Maths calculator as our way of saying thank you for your support.

Remember that the school’s webpage is full of information about the school’s upcoming activities, newsletter and helpful information, we value your feedback too!

We look forward to meeting all our new families and sharing your school experience with you.

P Holley
School Administrative Manager
2016 has begun and the English faculty are off and running, and we would like to welcome all students back to school. It is always an exciting time of year as every student, from Year 7-11, advances into the next level, while our Year 12 students are approaching the halfway mark of the HSC course. Year 7 students are introduced to English with a study of heroes, and we get to learn all about who they think are heroes and why they think so. The other grades will be studying topics that have increasing complexity compared to their previous years of study, helping them prepare for English in Stage 6. The Year 12s should begin focusing on their half-yearly exams which will soon be upon us.

All students are encouraged to keep their eyes and ears open for any events, activities and competitions the English faculty run throughout the year. Coming up in Term One are Junior and Senior debating, and students will also be invited to take part in the ICAS Spelling, Writing and English competitions. Throughout the year students will also receive opportunities to take part in other events, including writing and public speaking competitions, drama performances, and Literacy Week activities in Term Three.

The English faculty is also pleased to announce our partnerships with the wider community are continuing in 2016. Mrs Lal will be coordinating the Macquarie Mentoring program for students in Years 10, while some other students will be working with Sydney University on developing their abilities in preparation for their tertiary studies. We also have an ongoing involvement with Sydney Theatre Company, as students either view their productions in relation to topics being studied, or taking part in workshops designed to support their understanding of theatre production, such as directing, script writing, and stage management.

We anticipate all students will learn effectively this year, applying themselves as much as possible to not only their studies, but also to all other opportunities provided to them. We would also like to congratulate those students who completed the HSC course in 2015 and achieved high marks, including several students attaining Band 5s in the Advanced English course. We wish all of our recent graduates’ good luck as they are beginning the next phase of their lives, whether they are studying at University or TAFE, completing an apprenticeship or working full-time.

Mr D. Martin

(Relieving Head Teacher English)
Welcome to another wonderful year of Mathematics!

2015 HSC Results

2015 was the best HSC performance in recent history for Mathematics at Blacktown Boys’ High School. Our boys performed exceptionally, with 97% of our students completing a maths course compared to a state average of 87%.

We had five students complete the Extension 2 Mathematics course which was offered for the first time in over ten years. All five boys achieved a notional band 6 which is an outstanding achievement. First in the course was Jeong Lee who achieved an E4 (the highest level in the course).

The Extension 1 Mathematics course was offered for the first time since 2007, with nine students completing the course. First in course was Vithagan Arunasalam, who faced stiff completion with three other students achieving an E4 and two students achieving an E3. This places Blacktown Boys’ above the state average in this course.

Visagan Kajendran topped the 2 Unit Mathematics course, achieving a Band 6, with three of his classmate achieving Band 5’s.

Finally, Dennis Lomas achieved a Band 5 in the General 2 Mathematics course, leading his peers to some of the highest results in many years.

We are very proud of these outstanding results which are the direct result of the hard work, dedication and determination shown by the boys throughout the year.

Textbooks

As in previous years, students in year 7 – 10 will use the Cambridge Maths textbook in class. Students will not be issued with an individual textbook but will need to bring in a USB key at the beginning of this term to get an electronic copy of their textbook in order to complete homework. If access to a computer at home is an issue, please contact Mrs Lees as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements.

Equipment

It is essential that ALL students have a calculator that they can bring to EVERY class.

We recommend the Casio FX82 Plus as it greatly simplifies fraction and statistics work for the students. If you are unable to purchase a calculator due to financial difficulty, please let Mrs Lees know so that we can arrange access for your son.

NOTE: BOSTES does NOT accept mobile phones as calculators for the HSC and neither do we.
Homework
Students will have Mathematics homework after almost every lesson. This usually consists of individual practice including the completion of exercises or worksheets. It is important that students attempt the work every day. Homework helps students prepare for the next lesson and teaches them to manage their own learning. Homework also helps the teacher to informally assess student knowledge and skills. If you are concerned about the quantity or level of the homework that your son is completing, please contact their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Assessments and Examinations
As a parent of a high school child, it is often difficult to know when assessments are happening. To help parents, we will endeavour to publish all formal test dates on the Mathematics Faculty page of the school website at least two weeks before the assessment (http://www.blacktownb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/curriculum/mathematics).

Parents can help students to be prepared for assessment tasks by:

* ensuring that all homework is up-to-date,
* encouraging study before an exam,
* being vigilant about attendance so that your son doesn’t miss out on crucial information,
* ensuring that students bring a calculator and pen or pencil to the exam.

Year 12 students are already well into their courses with their first assessment tasks completed in Term 4 last year. The next HSC assessment task will be the half-yearly examinations in weeks 10 and 11 of this term.

Luna Park
The Annual Maths Reward Day to Luna Park was held on 27 November 2015. This day is a chance for our faculty to say thanks to all those students who work consistently throughout the year and make teaching at BBHS such a rewarding experience. Invitations for students who consistently try their best in Mathematics will be issued in early Term 4. Once again, the behaviour, enthusiasm and sense of fun of our boys made us very proud on the day. Hope to see you later this year!

Our Team
The Mathematics Faculty has five dedicated teachers who each bring a wealth of experience to their roles.

Mrs Miriam Lees (Head Teacher): Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Environmental), Graduate Diploma of Engineering Practice and a Graduate Diploma of Education (Mathematics).

Mrs Jyoti Chhabra: Bachelor of Education, Post Graduate in Mathematics.

Mr Qammar Cheema: Bachelor of Teaching, Bachelor of Science.

Mr Patrick Fung: Bachelor of Teaching in Secondary Schools.

Mr Sateesh Kumar: Bachelor of Science, Diploma in Education.
If you have any concerns about your son’s learning throughout the year, please feel free to contact their teacher or Mrs Lees on (02) 9622 1558.

Congratulations to Pang Yat Andy Wu in Year 11 who was accepted into UNSW to complete a first year computing course, COMP1917. Pang Yat Andy will complete the course while still studying his Year 11 subjects at Blacktown Boys’. Upon successful completion, he will receive full credit for this subject when he attends university.

**From the Science Faculty**

Welcome to 2016! This year promises to be another fun-filled experience, with inquiry based learning, incursions and field trips complementing the student’s learning in all courses.

**Science Staff**

This year we are happy to welcome Ms Emma Whybrow, a recent graduate with majors in Biology, and Mr John Duncan, another keen Biologist, whilst late in Term 4 2105, we said farewell to Mr Ghazanfar Siddique after his many years here at BBHS.

Each of the science teachers are happy to talk to you about your son’s progress, as we believe working together is essential in empowering each individual to achieve their personal best. Please feel free to contact us via the school phone and email contacts as per the website, or at the Year 7 BBQ and Progress Report BBQ this term.

**Patterns of Study**

The junior classes will continue to have their content delivered in conceptual topics, with one major focus and assessment task per term. Year 7 begin with an exploration of matter and introduction to laboratory work, with *Hectic Heat*, and can expect a practical assessment to gauge their skills. Having completed a year at high school, Year 8 move on to considering other aspects of what it takes to be successful in *Survivor*, including analysing information portrayed in the media. Year 9 will consider our *Extreme Earth*, utilising their computer and interpersonal skills to deliver a presentation related to natural disasters and changes in the Earth.

Working towards a Record of School Achievement, Year 10 begin with *Making, Breaking and Rearranging*, a chemistry topic designed to assist them with the working scientifically skills required for their compulsory independent research task. Students will receive the official notification for this task in week 5, with submission due in week 10. We encourage all student to be well organised, and to read through the Assessment Booklet carefully, as the guidelines for these formal tasks must comply with BOSTES expectations.

**Upcoming events:**

At the end of 2015, the then year 7 and 8 students were invited to purchase their ‘tickets’ to *A Case of Identity*, an interactive presentation to be held on
Monday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} February, 2016. We trust that our current year 8 and 9 students will enjoy solving this case, which explores the importance of cyber safety with social networks, the dangers of drink spiking and the consequences of taking risks.

Senior Studies

The new year 11 cohort have chosen to take courses in Chemistry, Physics and Biology. Again, all students are encouraged to be organised and familiar with the procedures outlined in the Assessment Booklet, so they can make the most of their abilities by understanding and meeting the standards expected.

The Biology class have a field trip scheduled for Thursday, 25\textsuperscript{th} February, which will form the basis for their initial assessment task. Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre (PLEEC) provides quality curriculum related fieldwork programs for students and the experience was valued by the class of 2015. These engaging programs support students in achieving syllabus outcomes as well as in appreciating their application in the ‘real world context’.

From the HSIE Faculty

The HSIE Faculty welcomes all our students back for an exciting year of learning and extra-curricular activities. A particularly warm welcome goes to our Year 7 students and our other new enrolments to the school.

I am very pleased that the hardworking and dynamic HSIE team has remained unchanged this year, enabling us to build on the successes of the previous year to further develop innovative classroom practices to enhance teaching and learning.

I would like to encourage you to make contact with your sons/wards teacher should you require any clarification or information.

HSIE STAFF

G. Jackson (Head Teacher)
L. Dewane
R. Lloyd
N. Mahmood
J. Shields

Our Careers Advisor Mr T. Hodges is also located in the HSIE Staffroom, and he too is always available to answer any of your queries relating to work, TAFE or university to help your son’s life long career pathway planning.
2015 In Retrospect

2015 was a busy and successful year for HSIE students with many achieving excellent academic results in assessment work, class work and in external competitions and examinations. In particular we would like to congratulate our 2015 Year 12 students who achieved excellent results in their HSC examination.

Below is a visual representation of some of HSIE highlights from 2015...

ANZAC DAY

The Sri Dasmesh Pipe Band marching band from Malaysia was part of our very special assembly.

WATERFRONT WORKOUT EXCURSION

Year 10 students at the Waterfront Workout excursion.

MUNA

Devarshi Naik, Patrick Michaels and Yasin Rahman.

MOCK TRIAL

Nishil Patel, Ashwin Rajkumar, Jashan Mahl, Devarshi Naik, Manthan Agrawal and Alan Reji.
NORTA NORTA PROGRAM

Last year we were fortunate to have Uncle Wes Marne, a 93 year old Bidgambul man, come to our school to talk to our Aboriginal students and their families. He also shared his experiences and knowledge with our Year 10 History students. He eloquently relayed stories to them about the dreaming, of his experience as part of the stolen generation and his life as an Elder living in Mt Druitt. We look forward to continuing our association with Uncle Wes in 2016.

2016

2016 is already shaping up to be as exciting and eventful as 2015, and I would encourage all students to get involved in the numerous extra-curricular opportunities on offer this year.

Semester 1: Term 1

Excursions

2nd March - Year 10 Waterfront excursion - LIMITED SPACES available

The Mock Trial Competition

If your son is in Years 10 and 11 and is interested in the law, or is a keen debater then he should see Mr Dewane regarding upcoming Trial tryouts.

Keep a look out for the following up-and-coming competitions

National History Competition
National Geography Competition
National Commerce and Business Studies Competition
There is something immensely satisfying about returning to school and seeing the sea of new faces ready to start the academic year. The new faces also include those already resident in the school, but new to our classrooms, and such is the impression that elective Visual Arts and Music students have made on return to school. We are excited about what the year will hold and encourage all of our students to be prepared for class and to strive to attain their personal best.

The faculty is currently reorganising its space to allow for more effective use and storage to accommodate the work required for the Citibank exhibition, and for other collaborative projects in development. Year 10 are occupied with the preparation of their mini body of work which will form the basis of their assessment this year. In this task students are asked to question the question and look at issues from multiple perspectives, to learn from their mistakes- ‘dimostrazione’ and to blur the boundaries and enhance the whole – ‘sfumato’ (Leonardo Da Vinci).

PLEASE NOTE!!

1. All students must have a Visual Arts process Diary, pencil, eraser, sharpener and glue stick for class each lesson and a Music workbook and pen for Music.
2. Complete all tasks as required for assessment by the due date.
3. Complete homework as directed.
4. Take note of the faculty staff and rooming for each lesson and be punctual for class.
5. Our staff are as follows:- Mrs K Burne – Head Teacher CAPA,PDHPE & LOTE
   Mr D Conley – Visual Arts teacher and CAPA 2IC
   Ms M Hunter – Visual Arts teacher
   Mr E Shiel – Music teacher and Music co-ordinator
   Ms V Zaw – Visual Arts and Music teacher

Could all parents please note the name of the teacher for their son’s class by checking the student timetable and direct any concerns you may have in regard to progress.

CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Excursion for year 7 to link in the ‘Journey Boat’ unit of work – proposed date 17th February.
2. CAPA CAMP to Kiama and South Coast – proposed dates 3rd and 4th March (Mr Conley in charge of co-ordination).
3. Year 12 Body of Work Review will occur every 3 weeks until completion date for internal assessment and also by the published BOSTES date.
4. Year 12 Music students should be preparing and practising all year for the performance examination in September, which is to be confirmed by BOSTES.
Welcome to 2016! On the last day of term 4 2015, we said goodbye to our much loved Miss French, our congratulations and best wishes to her as she starts her new journey as the Head Teacher PDHPE at Muswellbrook High School.

The PDHPE faculty consists of the following staff: Mr Muscio, Mr Franjic and Miss Lovering. We would also like to welcome Miss Zaw into the PDHPE faculty for 2016. Miss Zaw has been a relieving teacher at BBHS for a number of years and has a well-developed rapport with the students and is looking forward to working within the faculty during the year.

The PDHPE staff are committed to providing a learning environment that will enable all the students at BBHS to learn about their health and wellbeing during PDHPE classes. We encourage all students to participate in both the theoretical and practical components of PDHPE and look forward to assisting all students to achieve their personal goals during the year.

Please refer to your sons’ assessment booklet for information regarding assignment notification and due dates.

PDHPE Staff

Mr Franjic  
Miss Lovering  
Mr Muscio  
Miss Zaw
PDHPE Theory Topics 2016

Year 7
New Beginnings
Raging Hormones
Look Out What’s About
Learning to Move

Year 8
All About Health
Birds and Bees
Alcohol, Tobacco & Mental Health
Shape Up

Year 9
Balancing the Scales
Mental Health and Your Choices
Issues of Substance
Movement Composition & Performance

Year 10
Use it or Lose it
Party without Pain
Drive to Survive
A Beautiful Mind

PDHPE Uniform
PDHPE combines theory and practical education to create a collaborative and engaging learning environment. Due to personal hygiene and WHS requirements, students are required to change from their school uniform into their school sports uniform for practical classes. The sports uniform consists of the school’s maroon polo shirt, black shorts or tracksuit pants, school hat and appropriate footwear (runners). If students are unable to wear the schools nominated sports uniform, another change of appropriate clothing may be worn accompanied with a note from parents/carers, explaining the reason why the student is out of uniform. This ensures your son can still participate in the practical activities and further his sports related skills.

We are looking forward to a successful year and hope to meet with you at the Parent Teacher night. If you have any further questions or concerns feel free to contact the school to discuss them with us.

PDHPE Staff.

SCHOOL SPORT
Welcome back to an exciting and busy first term for 2016! As always there are lots of opportunity to be involved in sport at BBHS.

Carnivals
The BBHS Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 9th Feb (Week 3).

The Blacktown Zone Secondary School Sport trials will be held at Wyndham College. Trials will commence at 2pm on the 15th Feb Week 4. Students will be able to trial for the following sports: Opens Basketball, Opens Soccer, Opens AFL, Opens Touch Football, Opens Rugby League and u/15’s Rugby League.

Miss Lovering will be taking nominations – if you are interested you need to seek her permission to attend the trials.

For the Athletes - both the Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals will be held in the later part of the term - so start training!!
Sydney West Knockout

BBHS has entered into the following Sydney West Knockout tournaments. Trials will be held throughout the year. Please listen to assembly/homeroom notices so you do not miss out on trialling for your chosen sport/s.

Opens Baseball - Miss Lovering
Opens Basketball - Miss Kemp and Mr Shiel
15s Basketball - Miss Kemp and Mr Shiel
Cricket - Mr Muscio
Rugby League - Mr Franjic and Mr Muscio
Soccer - Mr Dsouza
Touch Football - Miss Lovering and Mr Muscio
Volleyball - Mr Martin
Lawn Bowls – Mr Addy
Table Tennis – Miss Lovering
Tennis – Mr Everingham and Mr Fung

Thank you to the staff members who kindly give up their time to coach the knockout sport teams.

School Sport days

Year 7 - Tuesday period 5 and 6
Year 8 - Wednesday period 5 and 6
Year 9 - Thursday period 5 and 6
Year 10 - Thursday period 3 and 4

From the TAS Faculty

I am excited to have taken on the position of Head Teacher for Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) and I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year ahead with fellow staff and students.

I have been impressed with the size of the TAS faculty at BBHS and the wide variety of elective courses on offer to students in years 9 to 12. As Head Teacher TAS, I will be looking to continue this broad offering to students and will look for new areas of development and improved ways of teaching and resourcing our existing range of courses. I welcome any feedback from parents/guardians and students. I see TAS as a Key Learning Area that is exciting, up-to-date and provides a creative and captivating offering for students. The range of subjects that TAS offers complements and broadens educational horizons in secondary education and provides a range of pathways into tertiary education and the workforce.

I would like to thank Mr Elsner and Mr Hartley for their hard work supporting our FIRST Robotics Competition team. I wish the team well at Mac-
Quarie University on their excursion in Week 3 of Term 1, as well as the best of luck in the competition later in the term. This is an exciting extra-curricular activity that integrates the areas of STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and I encourage all students to get involved.

I would ask that parents/guardians and students be mindful of the Department of Education’s minimum requirements for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in workshops, kitchens and laboratories. This includes wearing enclosed leather footwear at all times in accordance with school rules and uniform policy. I will be asking TAS teachers to contact home regarding students who continually wear incorrect footwear to workshop or kitchen lessons as a Work Health and Safety concern. If for any reason a pupil cannot wear leather shoes for a timetabled workshop or kitchen lesson, I ask that parents and guardians please provide a note, signed and dated explaining the nature of the situation. In addition to enclosed leather footwear, an apron is a vital piece of PPE that will also protect a pupil’s school uniform from unwanted dirt/damage and will offer further protection in a kitchen or workshop. Please ensure that an apron is brought to school for timetabled workshop and kitchen lessons to avoid contact being made with home.

Again, I look forward to an exciting year ahead and having the chance to get to know the Blacktown Boys community better.

Mr Liu

**Choosing the right shoes**

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:


**From the Library**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge is open again for 2016. The aim of the challenge is to encourage students to read widely for enjoyment and knowledge. Participation in the challenge will improve their reading and writing skills and expose them to a wide range of ideas and situations which will be of positive help in their developing intellectual and emotional maturity.

All boys from BBHS from years 7, 8 and 9 are invited to enter the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2016, and continue the recent history of attainment at Blacktown Boys High in this area. Those students who successfully undertake the challenge will read 20 books between February 1st and September the 1st 2016. Students who achieve this will be awarded a **Premier’s Reading Challenge Certificate** and appear on the **Premier’s Reading Challenge Honour Roll 2016**.

See the librarian if you’re interested in enrolling in the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016.
Magazine Subscriptions in the Library 2016

Every year the library subscribes to a number of magazines which are chosen for their educational content, popularity with students and their appropriateness for a school library.

This year the library is subscribing to the magazines:

**Time Magazine** - the world’s most popular current affairs magazine.

**National Geographic** - the most admired and recognisable magazine in the world with unrivalled photography and information from all parts of the world on science, history, archaeology and geography.

**Top Gear** - a very popular magazine based on the TV show for students with an interest in motor vehicles.

**Inside Sport** - also a very popular general magazine on sport in Australia.

**PC Authority** - an Australian magazine on the subject of computers and technology.

**Popular Science and Science Illustrated** - this is a bundle of two magazines and is popular with those students who have a strong interest in science and new technology.

Chess in the Library

Chess is a popular pastime at Blacktown Boys High Library and by way of supporting this interest in the ancient game of chess the library usually runs chess competitions for years 7, 8 and 9 at different times throughout the year. The competitions are generally round robin with a finals round to decide the overall winner. Certificates are awarded to all the students who participate. Notifications of these competitions are by posters in the library and by Daily Notices in Home-room. So if you are interested in chess watch out for these notices.

From your Year Advisors

**Year 7**

Welcome year 7 students and families to Blacktown Boys High School. Congratulations on completing your first week of high school. It has been a busy time with new experiences and your son has successfully settled into a steady routine and established new friendships along the way.

Year 7 took part in a variety of activities during week 1 that assisted them in the transition into high school. These include, literacy and numeracy testing and orientation sessions, as well as Step Up sessions that explained school practices and routines. The boys also took part in a “Peer Support” Program, where they met their Year 10 Peer Support leaders. In this progrm, the Peer Support Leaders created a supportive environment where Year 7 students got to know their fellow peers and developed skills vital for high school, including communication skills and problem solving skills.

It was fantastic to see so many year 7 students attending this year’s swimming carnival and joining in with the House spirit! A big congratulation is in order to those students who have made it to zone swimming this year. To continue the House spirit, we will hold an Athletics Carnival and a Cross-Country this Term. So be sure to enter events in the events with a serious attempt to raise

*Miss Pembe Hussein*
points for your house. Listen out in Homeroom for announcements in the daily notices for tryouts and information.

**Uniform**

Well done to everyone who has been looking fantastic in full school uniform. This shows a great sense of pride in Blacktown Boys and it encourages unity within our school community. If your son does not have the correct hat or jumper please understand that he will be told he is not to wear these items during school hours and will need to obtain the correct school uniform. If your son loses any of his items, please remind him to check whether they have been handed into the front office. For this reason it is important that all articles of clothing are clearly labelled with your son’s name. Remember to wear PE uniform on Wednesdays for sport and the school grey uniform for all other days. If students have a practical PE lesson during the day they need to bring their sport uniform with them and get changed at the beginning of the lesson, and changed back at the end of the lesson.

**Photos**

Say Cheese! – It’s photo time! Year 7 students had their photos taken on Tuesday Week 4 for their ID cards only. School photos will be taken later in the term. Notes will go home for the opportunity to purchase photo packs.

**Edmodo**

Boys are encouraged to join our Year 7 Edmodo group. They should come and see me if they didn't get the code. It's a great place to ask questions, share ideas and gain information, especially if you have been absent.

**Camp**

Camp is on in Week 7, the 10th-11th of March. Permission notes were handed out during week 3. If you didn’t receive a note please see me as soon as possible. Please make payments to the office and return your note at the same time, also at the front office. Parents, please make sure every section of the permission note is filled out and signed including medications, allergies and the camp liability release forms. The last day to pay and return the note is Friday 26th February.

**Diaries**

Please make sure your using your diaries for homework, assignments and reminders. I will be checking them regularly, so if parents need to they can use them as a means of communication between myself and other teachers.

**Timetable Tips**

Timetables were handed out on Tuesday week 2. If you were absent and haven’t received a timetable see me as soon as possible.

* Stick your timetable in your diary – then you will never lose it and it will always be in your bag!

* Have a look at what classes you have the night before and pack your bag then to save time in the morning and make sure you have everything you need!

* Only pack for the subjects you have, on a particular day to save your bag from being so heavy!

* If you are lost Miss Hussein has a copy of your timetable!
Homework centre

Easily distracted at home after school? Stay at school and finish your homework before you go home. Homework centre runs on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:40-3:30pm. See the front office for a permission note to attend.

Dates for your diaries

- Feb 11 – Year 7 Welcome Day BBQ 4-5pm
- Feb 18 – Cross Country
- Feb 22 – Vaccinations
- Feb 29 – School Photo Day
- 10th-11th March – Camp
- Apr 4 – Portfolio Pick Up

For students, I’m located in the Science faculty if you need to find me during recess or lunch.

Enjoy your first term of high school, it will go quickly!

Miss Hussein

Welcome back to a new year of school for 2016. I hope you have all had a relaxing and safe holiday and are looking forward to Year 8. Now is a great time to reflect on your first year of high school and set new goals to achieve throughout this year.

We finished off the end of year 7 with a rewards excursion for those students who had performed well in all aspects of school. It was a great afternoon to celebrate students’ achievements at the rock climbing centre in Blacktown. I’m looking forward to planning many more for those who are consistent in all aspects of school.

Term 1 is a busy term for year 8. New subjects, new teachers and a new timetable to adjust to. The swimming carnival will be held in Week 3, Tuesday 9th February, all students are required to attend and encouraged to participate in as many races as they can to support their house groups. School photos will be taken on Monday 29th February.

A reminder about wearing proudly the Blacktown Boys full school uniform everyday. This includes closed in black leather shoes. I will be working with homeroom teachers this term to monitor students’ uniform.

A new year brings a fresh start to learning and behaviour in the classroom. On the first day back, all students were reminder of PBL and the core values of learning, respect and safety. These aspects can be revisited on the school website: [http://www.blacktownb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/pbl](http://www.blacktownb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/pbl). All students are expected to be prepared for every lesson, every day. Pens and books for each subject are a good start. Check with each teacher for special requirements for each subject e.g. maths book, art book, apron etc.

Tip: Pack your bag the night before, look at your timetable and use a to diary to be organised with particular events.

If absent from school, please provide a note of explanation on the day of return. Homeroom is important. This year students will be undertaking science activities to prepare them for VALID. If your son arrives to school after 8:15am he is late and attends late homeroom in the library. It’s understandable that on rare occasions (especially with public transport) your son may be late to school. On such occa-
sions please provide him with a note explaining his lateness. It is an expectation to arrive at school before 8:10am and to move to homeroom when the bell rings.

I thank you for your ongoing support for your son/ward and I’m looking forward to this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school on 9622 1558 or via email kimberley.kemp3@det.nsw.edu.au

Kind Regards
Miss Kim Kemp

Mr David Martin

A warm welcome to all Year 9 students returning for 2016, as they take another step on their journey to the HSC. Year 9 is the beginning of Stage 5, and students are given extra responsibilities and opportunities. They have been allowed to choose a few of their subjects, helping to prepare them for a similar decision to be made when they reach Year 11. Allowing students to choose their subjects is just one sign of the growing maturity and independence they are developing at Blacktown Boys High School.

Students have also been issued with their assessment schedule and responsibilities for the year, and should be ensuring they complete all work to the best of their ability to maximise their learning, while also showing appropriate respect for themselves, their peers, teachers and families. Extracurricular activities, including sporting and academic competitions, will commence soon, and all students should aim to become involved in some of these, as they will receive benefits that they will not gain in the classroom. Some of these activities include the school knockout sporting teams, chess club, debating, History Mastermind, Pink Ribbon Day, ICAS competitions, and later in the year the opportunity to become involved in Men’s Health Day. These activities are organised for the students’ benefit, and support their academic, emotional, and social skills as well as community engagement and personal organisation.

Another of the privileges offered to students as they get older is the opportunity for three students to receive a $1,000 scholarship at the start of Year 11. These scholarships are awarded for those students who are most improved over Years 9 and 10, place first overall in Year 10, or exhibit the qualities that exemplify being a Blacktown Boy. Students are expected to take their work seriously and apply themselves, as the content they are learning now provides the basis for what they learn in Year 11 and 12. Hard work and success in Years 9 and 10 leads to a head start for students, and they should maximise their opportunities for the future by taking command of the present.

Mr D. Martin
Year 10
Firstly, welcome back to all year 10 students for 2016, last year was very successful and this year is shaping to up to be even bigger. We have a number of student leaders involved in Peer Support helping the Year 7 students settle into the School, and from all accounts they are doing a fantastic job. All students across the year have been offered the opportunity to take part in the BYOD program here at BBHS. A reminder that those wishing to take part in the program need to return their signed form before they are eligible to use their device at school. Any further information can be sought from Mrs Sharan.

Mr Evan Shiel

Year 11
Welcome back to all of our students in what is certain to be an exciting year as the boys begin their Preliminary courses of study. The following three terms are of critical importance for our boys as this will give them an insight into the workload and standard of work needed to be successful in the HSC.

The first day back on Thursday, 28th January involved the delivery of a wide range of resources and information that will assist our students to manage their time and meet the demands of each subject. In our Year meeting I highlighted some fundamentals to academic success and these included:

* Attending school every day and being punctual to all lessons. These are basic life skills that our students need to master and there is no excuse for being absent or late on a frequent basis.

* Ensuring a sufficient amount of sleep prior to each school day. This is of critical importance due to the technological age and parents/carers need to be vigilant with what students are doing with their respective devices in their own time. Students need to be well rested to perform at their best in each lesson and give learning opportunities the attention they deserve.

* A healthy and nutritious breakfast is also essential for brain function and energy requirements. Too often I see our students skipping breakfast and relying upon energy drinks that are high in sugar and caffeine. These products can impact a developing brain in negative ways and therefore I cannot emphasise enough the value of starting the day with an appropriate meal and drink.

As part of the Step Up Program the students were given a number of resources to assist them throughout the year. I would like to thank Mr Dewane for his efforts in providing some essential information to our students who were given the following items:

1. Assessment Booklets – contain all relevant course information and assessment task dates for all subjects.

2. Senior Commitment Booklets – some further expectations and guidelines for our students to help them understand the requirements of senior school. On Page 11 there is a section to be signed by students and parents which is to be returned to the Year Adviser.

3. Study Planners – Each student was given a study planner that can be used to record upcoming assessment tasks and any other relevant information to enable them to manage their time efficient-

Mr Andy Franjic
ly. The biggest challenge for all students is meeting timelines and handing in tasks on time and the study planner I would encourage all students to make use of the study planner or a similar tool to assist them.

Once again, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our students and their families. I look forward to an exciting and successful 2016 for all of you at Blacktown Boys High School.

Andy Franjic
Year 11 Adviser

Our Year 12 students are already studying hard towards their Higher School Certificates. This year is the culmination of thirteen years of schooling. I would like to wish the class of 2016 the best of luck as they work towards their final exams in October. There are some important things to keep in mind as we begin the school year:

**Driving to School**

Any students wishing to drive to school need to ensure they have returned the signed permission notes to Mrs Matthews before doing so. Also, students are not permitted to drive into the school park at any time. The permission note requirement also extends to any students who will be traveling to school as a passenger of a Year 12 driver.

**BOSTES Entries**

Please inform the Front Office and Mr Dewane of any changes to your address or contact phone numbers throughout the year. Maintaining accurate records with BOSTES will ensure you receive all importance correspondence concerning your HSC.

**Study Periods**

A number of Year 12 students have elected to complete ten units as their pattern of study for the HSC. This can be beneficial as it allows students to devote greater study time to each subject. Students will only benefit from this option, however, if they utilise their study periods for revision and preparing for assessment tasks. Any students wishing to leave school during their study periods need to return the completed parental permission note before doing so. It is important to remember that success the HSC is largely determined by the amount of time spent preparing for each subject.

**And finally ...**

Congratulations to all students who completed the HSC Physics course during year 11. This was an excellent effort from all students in completing such a challenging course a year early. Of particular note were the results of Manthan Agrawal and Mrunal Patel who both received a Band Six in the subject. I am looking forward to our academic success continuing this year.

Mr Lee Dewane
Year 12 Year Advisor

**School Uniforms Online**

I am pleased to let you know that the school uniforms can now be ordered online at Lowes. This is an exciting addition to the service that Lowes currently provides to Blacktown Boys High School.


Lowes offers free delivery for orders over $100. There is a $10 delivery fee for orders less than $100 or they can be picked up from the store at no extra cost. See the advertisement in this newsletter for further details.
KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

FEELING THE HEAT?

IT’S TIME FOR A SKIN CANCER CHECK!

Exposure to the sun’s ultraviolet rays can cause sunburn and skin cancer and contribute to visible signs of ageing. There is a higher risk of skin damage, which can lead to skin cancer, during the summer months and that is why it is important to have regular skin checks with an accredited skin cancer doctor.

If necessary, KRMC®’s GPs will use mole-scanning technology to detect any suspect moles and to build up an accurate picture of changes to the skin over time. Our GPs and Nurses are able to perform excisions of moles that appear to be of concern and to send them for laboratory analysis via our on-site Pathology department. If required, follow up treatment and referrals are available.

For more information and to make an appointment at KRMC®’s Skin Cancer Clinic, please call Reception on 8822 3000.

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Subject specialties:
- K-6 Math and English
- Year 7-10 Math, English, History and Geography
- Year 7-10 Science
- Year 11 and 12 Ancient and Modern History, Business Studies and Legal Studies
- Year 11 and 12 Math (General and 2 Unit) and English (Standard and Advanced)
- Year 11 and 12 Biology and Chemistry
- Visual Arts
- Essay writing, structure and study techniques
- The transition from Primary School to High School and Year 12 to University.

Founded by a High School teacher, employed by the Department of Education, One to One tutoring service provides the ideal engaging experience for your child. With a range of tutors from the North Shore through to the Hills District, I will match the expectations of your child to one of my expert tutors.

For bookings or enquiries please contact Tim Fragogiannis on 0403 293 665 and visit my Facebook page [www.facebook.com/oneetonetutoring](http://www.facebook.com/oneetonetutoring)

MARIST YOUTH
The Marist Youth group, situated close to the station in Blacktown offer a number of programs outside of school hours that may be of interest to students.
Their ONE Homework club is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5.30pm. It offers quiet reading areas as well as tuition once needs are identified. As well as this they also offer, Literacy and Numeracy Workshops, ACU gate Programs, Health workshops, ACE (Adolescents Coping with Emotions) and workshops in Arts and Crafts, Living Skills and Public Speaking.
They can be found at 22 Main Street, Ground Floor, Blacktown or phoned on 0439 247 435 for further details.

PARENT TIPS
Teenagers seeking more independence
Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they’re your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can. The Raising Children Network website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article ‘Shifting responsibility to your child’ worth reading. Go to www. [bit.ly/1jCxKHe](http://bit.ly/1jCxKHe)

Study help for high school
It’s often quite difficult for parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don’t feel bad, teachers’ own children do exactly the same thing.) [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.
PERFORMANCE ELEMENTS WORKSHOP FEATURING:

LYRIC WRITING, VOCAL TRAINING

STUDIO RECORDING & PERFORMANCE TECHNIQUES

MONDAYS 3-30PM @ BYSA
15 FIRST AVENUE, BLACKTOWN 2148

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# Rouse Hill Program Schedule

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**CREATING BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE**

(Home, school and community environments)

- Does your child have a diagnosis of ASD, ADHD, Dyslexia or otherwise?
- Is your child having difficulty in communication, learning, attention & / or behaviour?
- Would you like to be able to relax the energy of your home environment, and enhance the relationships? Would you like to utilise a framework that will enable you to coach your children to their potential, and release the “tension” within the process?
- Would you like practical & evidence based tools to support the acceleration in your child’s learning in the realms of communication, learning & behaviour?
- Are you a teacher or teacher assistant looking to build your understanding or practice?

This introductory evening is designed specifically to meet the needs of children & adolescents of all ages, their families and support people, and will address the many issues facing the parents and educators in the home, school and community environments today.

The evening is for parents, grandparents, guardians and school staff looking to increase effectiveness and ease within process utilising evidenced-based practice.

**Presenters:** Scott Hardie

Senior University Lecturer in Early Education, Adjunct Lecturer in Speech Pathology

Speech Pathologist, Autism & Behavioural Coach

Master Coach / Trainer of Coaching, NLP, Time Line Therapy®, Hypnotherapy & Mindfulness

**When:** Wednesday 2nd March 2016 : 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

**Where:** Blacktown International Sports Park, Rooty Hill. Eastern Road, Rooty Hill.

**Investment:** GOLD COIN Donation to Western Autism Sydney School.

Tea and Coffee will be provided for the workshop.

For further information, register your interest, and to book your seat - contact Cynthia Painter on 0417576379 (or cynthia.painter@hotmail.com) or email Scott on scott@coachingmts.com.

Scott Hardie is considered a ‘Master of Language and Process’ by parents and teachers in the field of Student Communication, Learning & Behaviour.

His experience, within the private & public sectors of National Sport, Education & Mental Health, and private practice, spans 24 years. The many facets of this business support children, adolescents and young adults with social, emotional, language, learning and behavioural challenges. He works with their families and associated school environments to ease the energy of home, school and community environments, and create positive possibilities, and pathways for life.

His journey with ASD from the age of 2 has created a deep platform of understanding of the youth today. He and his team apply this knowledge and experience for families, schools and organisations.

He is recognised by his work with children & adolescents, families, and schools nationally, for providing a “wrap-around” approach, utilising powerful coaching frameworks, therapeutic evidence-based practice, and accelerated learning techniques.

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Get Ready for Study and Work Forum
Launching our NEW transition resources and providing information on the NDIS in Education.

This FREE forum will provide parents, school staff and services in South Western and Western Sydney with an introduction to post-school pathways available for young people with disability as well as general information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), with a focus on NDIS in an educational setting.

All attendees will receive a free copy of our new transition resource.
Thursday 31 March 2016, 4pm – 6pm
Liverpool Catholic Club, 424 - 458 Hoxton Park Road, Prestons
Light refreshments will be served.

To register your attendance please click on the link below:
http://tinyurl.com/getreadyandndisforum

Contact Gillian Hilt, South Western Sydney NDCO on (02) 4620 3175 and g.hilt@westernsydney.edu.au for more information or

Registrations close 25 March 2016
ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET
Penalties from 1 July 2014

Blacktown City Council

This Fact Sheet provides an overview of some of the penalties that apply to illegal parking on all roads in School Zones.

If you stop in a ‘No Stopping’ area - Fine from $311 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop your vehicle on a length of road or in an area in which a No Stopping sign applies.

No Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

If you disobey a ‘No Parking’ sign - Fine from $173 + 2 demerit points

You are allowed to stop your vehicle only to set down or pick up passengers, or goods.

Your vehicle must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle.

If you stop on or near a ‘Pedestrian Crossing’ - Fine from $415 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop or park your vehicle on or near a pedestrian crossing to drop people off or pick them up.

If you are Double Parked - Fine from $311 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop your vehicle or park in the middle of the road to drop people off or pick them up. Always stop or park legally and safely at the edge of the road or in a parking area.

If you block access to a ramp, path or passageway - Fine from $104

You must not stop or park your vehicle where it stops people using a ramp, footpath or passageway. This includes when you are queuing around a corner while waiting to pick up someone from the school.

If you stop in, on or near an intersection - Fine from $242

Unless a sign allows you to park there, you must not stop or park your vehicle:
- within 20 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection with traffic lights.
- within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights including roundabouts.

If you stop on or across a driveway or block access to a property - Fine from $173 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop or park your vehicle on or across a driveway, or block access to a property.

If you stop on a footpath or nature strip - Fine from $173 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop or park your vehicle on a footpath or nature strip in a built up area. This includes stopping with two wheels on the road and two on the path or nature strip.

If you park too close to the road dividing line or strip - Fine from $242

You must not stop or park your vehicle within 3 metres of the continuous dividing line or dividing strip unless a sign allows you to park there.

When you obey the parking rules, it makes it easier to see what pedestrians are doing.

More information over the page

For more information contact the Blacktown City Council on 9830 6000

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There are many more parking rules that could affect you. For more information see the RMS website www.myrta.com

For more information contact the Blacktown City Council on 9833 6000

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Double Parked

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

School Zone
Fine from $311 + 2 demerit points

All other roads
Fine from $242

For more information contact the Blacktown City Council on 9839 6000
## BLACKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

### Contribution Schedule 2016

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CHANGE/UPDATE OF STUDENT DETAILS

Student Family Name: ____________________________ First name: _______________________ Year Group: ______

Your New Address: ________________________________________________________________

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Post Code: ____________________________

Your New Home Number: ____________________________ Your New Work Number: ____________________________

Your Mum’s New Mobile Number: ____________________________ Your New Email Address: ____________________________

Your Dad’s New Mobile Number: ____________________________ Your New Email Address: ____________________________

Your Change of Student Family Name: __________________________________________________________

Your Change of Student Parent/Guardian Details

Name: ____________________________________ Relationship to Student: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Your Attached documentation eg Deed Poll, Custody Agreement, Statutory Declaration.

Your Change of Emergency Contact

Name: ____________________________________ Relationship to Student: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Your Medical Information – Additional form to be completed "Administration of Prescribed Medication" available from the Office.

Parent/Guardian Name: _______________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Office Use Only

Family Code: ______________________ ERN: ______________________ Staff Initials: __________________
ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Please excuse my son_______________________________________________ of roll class________
For being absent on______________________________________ because__________________________________________________________
Parent Signature_______________________________________________ Date: / /