



Hornsby Heights Public School

NEWSLETTER

Aim High



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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

FEB 25 - MAR 3: Meet the Teacher evenings. See the calendar on Page 2

Thursday FEB 27: AECG Meeting at Asquith PS 4pm



SPORT

Monday FEB 24: Swimming Carnival Knox Aquatic

Wednesday FEB 26: Senior Boys Sutton Cup: Year 5 and 6

Wednesday MAR 5: Zone Swimming

Thursday MAR 6: Senior Girls Skellern Cup: Year 5 and 6



P&C

Friday MAR 7: P&C Welcome Back BBQ



EXCURSION

Wednesday FEB 26: Year 6 Girls High School Experience Day at Asquith Boys High (co-ed next year)

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK:

<https://hornsbyhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-calendar.html>



ABOVE: This year Year 5 students will have the opportunity to join the Media Team.

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Our year has started off well and we are now in the full swing of Term 1! We look forward to welcoming you to your child's classroom for a **Meet the Teacher** Evening on the dates on Page 2. Please read the below dates and times for classes carefully as some classes have been placed at different times to their year group. This is in an attempt to not double up times with students. This is a parent event so we ask that you make arrangements for your children to be cared for on this evening. Meet the Teacher will take place in your child's classroom.

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"Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community of people working together."

Anon.



Hornsby Heights Public School

Meet the Teacher Evening 2025

Please come and meet your child/ren's teacher/s in their 2025 classroom where you will receive important information about the year ahead. This is an adult only evening so we ask that you arrange care for your toddler/school aged children.

DATE	YEAR	TIMES
Kindergarten Class KC	Thursday 27 February	5:00 - 5:45 pm
Kindergarten Class KDT & KG	Thursday 27 February	5:45 - 6:30pm
Year 1 Classes 1T & 1TK	Wednesday 26 February	5:00 - 5:45 pm
Year 2 Classes 2E & 2G & Class 1/2L	Wednesday 26 February	5:45 - 6:30pm
Year 4 Classes 4S & 4Y & Class 3/4P	Tuesday 25 February	5:00 - 5:45 pm
Year 3 Classes 3B & 3C	Tuesday 25 February	5:45 - 6:30pm
Year 6 Classes 6C & 6G	Monday 3 March	5:00 - 5:45 pm
Year 5 Classes 5C, 5R & 5W	Monday 3 March	5:45 - 6:30pm

Katrin Cornell
Principal

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2025 Teaching Staff

Below is a list of our 2025 teaching staff as communicated via SchoolBytes.

A-Z Information Book

There is a wonderful Information Booklet which outlines programs and procedures at HHPS on the school website. It can be found here.

[LINK](#)

Teaching Staff	
Katrin Cornell	Principal
Miss Bryanna Chatburn	KC
Mrs Debbie Dunn (Mon-Wed)	KDT
Mrs Nicole Tudor (Thurs- Fri)	
Miss Jenny Goodwin	KG
Mrs Anne Thorpe	1T
Mrs Amy Tulloch (Mon-Wed)	1TK
Mrs Steph Kolotas (Thurs-Fri)	
Ms Jenny Love	1/2L
Miss Bronwyn Eudale	2E
Miss Maggie Humprey (Friday)	
Miss Lauren Giaquinto	2G
Mrs Cheryl Baker	3B
Mrs Vanessa Sakajani (part of Wednesday)	
Mrs Jo Comisso	3C
Mrs Cassie Pethybridge	3/4P
Miss Caitlin Steward	4S
Mr Sean Young	4Y
Mr Mitch Claydon	5C
Miss Brooke Ridley	5R
Miss Amber Wright	5W
Mrs Sophie Croan	6C
Mrs Jessica Carter (exec release Thursday)	
Miss Michelle Gow	6G
Mrs Amanda Wilson (Friday)	
Specialist Staff	
Mrs Jane Finlay	EAL/D (English as an Additional Language or dialect) and Learning Support Teacher
Mrs Monica Demlakian (Mon-Thurs)	Teacher Librarian
Mrs Vanessa Sakajani	PD/HPE
Mrs Lisa Ward (Tues-Thurs)	Learning and Support Teacher
Ms Anne Thomas	School Counsellor
Mrs Natalie Martin	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Susan Callow	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Pip Wood	School Learning Support Officer
Miss Liana Jensen	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Laura Rosier (Thurs-Fri)	QTSS
Administration Staff	
Miss Carla Johnson	School Administrative Manager
Mrs Jane Gaut	School Administrative Officer
Ms Janelle Ayres	School Administrative Officer
Mr Stephen Rutherford	Media Officer
Mr Geoff Paterson	General Assistant
Mr Bhuwan Uprety	General Assistant

Social Light Positions

Thank you to the wonderful people that have signed up as being class Social Lights. Many classes are still looking for their Social Light! Social Lights lead the way with planning and arranging class/year/stage get-togethers for our students and families to stay connected and supported socially! If you would like to be a class Social Light please read the expression of interest form seen later in the Newsletter – this was sent out on School Byte also last week.

PAX Behaviour Games

This year we will be introducing the PAX Behaviour Games at HHPS. PAX means peace, productivity, health and happiness, and is what the PAX Good Behaviour Game helps create and strengthen in each classroom.

PAX GBG consists of proven behavioural strategies used daily by teachers with students. By the end of Term 2, students will have been taught the 10 “kernels” that align with the 5 social emotional core competencies (see diagram below). Our first one that we have started with is “PAX Vision”.

THE FIVE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL CORE COMPETENCIES



The 10 evidence-based “kernels” and trauma informed strategies build self-regulation in children, strengthen peer networks, reduce impulsivity and teach prosocial decision-making in children. The ‘peaceful’ classroom environment supports learning, wellbeing, participation and confidence. We will talk about PAX at the Meet the Teacher Evenings and will communicate to you via the Newsletter what steps we are up to so you can engage with your child about what we are doing here at school.

[LINK TO VIDEOS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM](https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/school-community/mental-health-programs-and-partnerships/pax-good-behaviour-game)

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Sharing Important Information

Please make sure when any of your personal arrangements change you let the office know the details. This includes when you move house or when family circumstances change. It is also important to inform class teachers and the school executive when court orders are in place with your family. We pass on information from teacher to teacher for each child at the school but the responsibility of informing a new teacher of your child’s needs rests with parents. If you feel you need to communicate important information to your child’s new teacher please arrange an appointment or communicate with them via email. Our Parent teacher interviews are held at the end of this term. We are also sending out an optional survey for you to provide information about your child to us. This will be sent out later in the week on School Bytes.

Birthdays

Due to student allergies and parental concern of unhealthy food being given out at school, we have over the years been a school that celebrates student birthdays in class with lots of warmth and joy but not with cakes, cupcakes or take-home treats. We thank you all for your ongoing support of not bringing in treats for a birthday. We do however have an option to order a Birthday Bucket at the canteen which consists of lower sugar frozen fruit sticks! Please see QKR for details! If your child borrows a book from the school library on their birthday, it sings them a song! I also have many lovely birthday stickers that I love handing out to students on their special day. All students need to do to get one of this stickers is to proudly and loudly let me know it is their birthday!

Sunscreen

The school has sunscreen in each classroom and we take sunscreen out to all carnivals, sports events and excursions. We ask that you get your child to apply sunscreen to themselves in the mornings before school. Each student can use the school’s sunscreen or they can bring their own in their bag if they have an allergy or skin irritation and need a certain type of sunscreen. Teachers do not apply sunscreen to children’s skin and so students must learn to do this themselves (with our guidance).

Staff Professional Learning

Staff took part in Professional Learning on the four Staff Development Days at the start of the year. Our focus was on training and implementation four new syllabus documents with a focus on PD/H/PE. Staff completed mandatory training requirements which included our annual CPR training. Please be aware that our Defib is located in the front office where Jane and Janelle are. Staff also learnt more about the implementation of PAX Behaviour Games as well as our new Wellbeing Dog, Poppy, who will join us later in the year.

The Resilience Project

This year we will continue the work we have started with The Resilience Project. The program aims to take on a proactive approach to addressing mental health concerns, improving academic outcomes (when students are happy and calm they learn better) and by improving behaviour. The program teaches about Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy (GEM). Teachers are given professional learning in order to deliver the program successfully and implement it using a whole school approach. Our aim for the year is to deliver a successful program whereby;

- Students connect GEM (Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy) strategies with people and moments throughout the day that make them feel great!
- A culture of kindness that is embedded amongst students, teachers, parents and the wider school community
- Positive teachers who see the benefits of practising GEM by looking after their personal wellbeing
- Students who can manage their emotions and implement strategies to help navigate challenging situations

Each student will be given a journal for the year to compliment the program. These will be invoiced to parents at a cost of around \$20.



‘Short Stay’ /Kiss and Collect Pick Up Zone

The school has a ‘Short Stay’/Kiss and Collect zone that has been set up outside the school on Somerville Road. This is an area where you can collect your child from in the afternoon without getting out of your car. Students line up with the Principal or an Assistant Principal at the front gate. Cars are to line up in the “Short Stay” zone and display a large neatly written and clear name shield of your child in the passage side window. Your child/ren’s names will be called out on a microphone and they will then get themselves into the car. Please do not get out of the car and make sure you move up the line as each car moves on. If there is no space in the “Short Stay” zone, you will need to either move up to the 15 minute parking section or go around the block and then return to the line. If your child is unable to get themselves into the car, without you getting out, then you will have to park your car elsewhere and pick up your child by foot. If you are in the line and you do not have a name shield, you will be asked to park and collect your child. This system was set up to be smooth and quick and we require your assistance to ensure it stays that way so that we do not block other drivers or create dangerous situations for others.

2025 Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN information

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is undertaken by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN 2025 will take place from NAPLAN is the only nationwide assessment that all Australian children undertake. It’s a measure to see whether young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning, and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community. Year 3 and 5 parents were sent information regarding NAPLAN via School Bytes last week.

After School Buses

There are two types of buses: Public buses and School buses. After school there are the following School Buses;

School Buses: Via Somerville Road to McKay Road 9036 Depart 3:25pm (this loops back to the below 3:44pm bus to Hornsby station)

School Bus: from School to Hornsby Station 9036 Depart 3:44pm

After school there is the following Public Bus; 3:17pm does the Somerville Road to McKay Road circuit. This is known to the students as "The Early Bus". Only Year 5 & 6 students and their siblings can take this bus.

Teachers will escort students onto the early bus and the 9036 (3:25pm) bus. We do not recommend students take the public bus if they are below Year 5 (unless they are escorted by an adult of course). We understand that each family has different rules that they are comfortable with. The safety of your child/ren is the most important factor to consider.

Does your child use the bus? Please make sure you share this code of conduct with them

BEHAVIOUR ON BUSES CODE OF CONDUCT

- Use appropriate language not offensive or racist language
- Fighting, spitting, feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus is not permitted
- No eating or drinking (other than water) - unless for medical reasons or the bus operator gives written permission.
- Offer seats to adults including people with a disability, elderly or expectant mothers
- Do not push or shove other people
- Do not bully or harass other passengers or the driver
- Avoid attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency
- Do not play music at such volume that it may distract the bus driver or other passengers.

SAFETY ON AND NEAR BUSES

- Obey reasonable directions from the driver (for example, where to sit or to remain in the bus)
- Remain in your seat - do not move around the bus unnecessarily
- If standing, remain behind the front

passenger seat and always keep a secure hand hold

- Keep bags and other items clear of the aisle
- Do not allow any part of your body to protrude out of the bus at any time
- Wait for the bus in a quiet and orderly manner - including at bus interchanges
- Stand away from the roadside until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Allow other passengers to leave the bus before stepping onto the bus in a single line
- Wait until the bus stops before moving to get off the bus at your designated stop
- Cross the road where and when it's safe to do so, use crossings/traffic lights where available.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS ON BUSES

- Wear the seat belt properly adjusted and fastened, if one is available
- Obey the law that bans smoking on buses
- Ensure that buses are not vandalised - report any damage, graffiti and window etching, to the driver
- Do not interfere with bus property, equipment and signage
- Do not leave rubbish on the bus, or at bus stops or interchanges.



By **KATRIN CORNELL**
Hornsby Heights Public School
PRINCIPAL

Hornsby Local AECG MEETINGS IN 2025

The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc (AECG) is a community-based organisation made of volunteers who are involved in Local and Regional AECGs throughout NSW. The NSW AECG Inc is recognised as the principal source of advice on behalf of Aboriginal communities on issues relating to education and training.

Our local AECG however needs your support and attendance. We strongly believe that real change in Aboriginal education for our kids can only happen with your input.

We encourage you to pass on this information to any other staff members and Aboriginal families at your school/network who may be interested in attending.

All meetings will be 4pm - 5.30 pm at ASQUITH PS (3 Dudley St, Asquith) in the school hall:

Thursday 27 February (T1, Week 5)

Thurs 29 May (T2, Week 5)

Thurs 21 August (T3, Week 5)

Thurs 30 Oct (T4, Week 3). Includes AGM

Could you please email Hornsby Local AECG and let us know your availability. All welcome.

To make this local AECG a viable and operating unit, we need your support.

Yours in Aboriginal Education and Training

President: Dave Lardner
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E: hornsbyaecg@gmail.com



Hornsby Heights Public School

Interested in being a Class Social Light for 2025?

This year we are continuing with our parent social network system in the school in order to help 'shine a light' on the social side of being part of a school community. We have deliberately made the name "Social Light" a fun one as it is a very enjoyable and lively role!

Role of the Class Social Light

Each class will have one or two parents who take on the role of Class Social Light for the year. This is a voluntary position, the focus of which is to build community spirit through organising small social events for each class or you can even get together and arrange something within the grade or stage. It can be an event as simple as a play in the park!

We ask that all parent communication regarding social events is arranged through email (this will be discussed at our first introductory meeting). The role is purely a social role as the school will be responsible for engaging parent help or support for stage and school based events. You may be asked to assist with rallying up support or sending out information for some whole school events such as Open Day or World Teacher's Day and collecting a class list of contact numbers for the class.

All communication that goes out via the classes needs to be communicated first to the class teacher/s.

If you are interested in being a Social Light, please complete the tear off slip below and return to the office. Note: If we are inundated with volunteers then we will pick names out of a hat.

Katrin Cornell
Principal

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Interested in being a Class Social Light for 2025?

Please return to your child's classroom teacher/s by Friday 21 February, 2025

Yes, I would like to volunteer to be Social Light for Class _____
(Child's Class)

Your Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Come along to a Parent & Carer Presentation!



Authentic Connection Webinar for Parents & Carers

WHO'S INVITED?
Parents & Carers

DURATION
60 minutes

WHERE?
Online Webinar

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

Join Hugh van Cuylenburg from The Resilience Project for their inspiring online presentation, 'Authentic Connection'.

Designed for parents and carers, this session features engaging stories and practical strategies to help you:



Embrace **vulnerability**, **imperfection**, and **passion** to build stronger, more meaningful connections.



Experience the positive benefits **connection** has in your personal and professional life.

Don't miss this opportunity to reflect and gain tools to enhance your wellbeing and relationships. We hope to see you there!

SCAN FOR MORE ABOUT
THE RESILIENCE PROJECT





PAX Vision

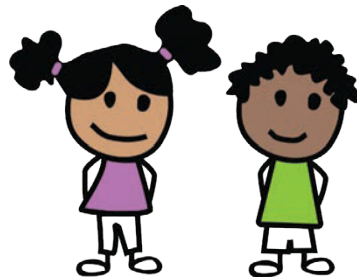
PAX Vision sets clear expectations for everything we want more or less of in a given activity. PAX Vision allows all students to engage in establishing those expectations. This ensures that everyone is on the same page about what to do and what to avoid.

Right away, **PAX Vision** will help students...

- Cooperate more consistently with expectations.
- Complete requests with less reminding or nagging.
- Have less conflict with peers and adults at school.

In the long run, **PAX Vision** helps students...

- Stop and think before engaging in new or potentially dangerous activities.
- Take responsibility for making positive choices and avoiding



Here are some questions you can ask your child about using **PAX Vision**:

1. What were the things that everyone wanted more of in your PAX Vision today?
2. What were some PAX things that you and your friends did a good job of?
3. What are some Spleems that everyone is still working on?

PAX is a term for anything that **adds** to the Peace, Productivity, Health, & Happiness of a setting.

Spleem is a term for anything that **takes away** from the Peace, Productivity, Health, & Happiness of a setting.

PAX Vision Story and Activity

Directions: An adult at home and the child reads this short story together as a play.

Adult at home: "Welcome home! How was school today?"

Child: "What a great day! We did a fun activity in class today! Our teacher asked us to imagine what the most wonderful class would be like."

Adult at home: "What did you say?"

Child: "We said we wanted to..." (Fill in your child's responses on the chart below. We've included some common examples found in most PAX classrooms.)

 smiling _____ _____	 nice words _____ _____	 taking turns _____ _____	 happy _____ _____
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Child: "After we filled in what we wanted more of, our teacher told us these things are called **PAX**"

Adult at home: "PAX?" What does PAX mean?"

Child: "PAX means **PEACE!**"

Adult at home: "Did your teacher ask what would happen *less* in the most wonderful class?"

Child: "Yes, those are called **Spleems!**"

Adult at home: "Spleems? That's a funny word!"

Child: "Yep. We said we wanted to..." (Fill in your child's responses on the chart below. We've included some common examples found in most PAX classrooms.)

 running _____ _____	 shouting _____ _____	 interrupting _____ _____	 nervous _____ _____
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Adult at home: "That would make a wonderful classroom. What do you call this chart?"

Child: "My teacher said this is our **PAX Vision**."

The next day

Child: "I told my teacher that I told my family about PAX and Spleems. My teacher said, "Wow, you are a **PAX Leader!**"





HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDIA TEAM

We are currently forming a new Media Team for 2025. Everyone in Year 5 and 6 has the opportunity to join via audition as spaces are limited. Please see information about the **audition video task** in this issue. The Media Team meets every Tuesday at lunchtime. Together we learn about all aspects of photography and film production through practical, hands-on activities and projects.

PRODUCTION VALUES

You will learn how to create high quality video productions. This means using professional lighting and sound recording equipment to make our video projects look and sound professional.

TV NEWS PACKAGE

You will learn how to design and edit a complete news package using iMovie, Adobe Premiere and iPads using a template. You will have a chance to document how you learn in class and make videos about important issues you feel strongly about. You will learn

to document through photography the life of our wonderful school.

COMMITMENT

The Media Team will run for the whole year and you will need to commit for the entire year each Tuesday lunch. At major school events such as sports carnivals you will be asked to collect footage for our TV news broadcasts and newsletter.

BADGE

All Media Team members will receive an official HHPS Media Team badge.

“*Let their voices be heard!*”



HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDIA TEAM



AUDITION

All Year 5 and 6 students are eligible to join the Media Team which meets every Tuesday at lunchtime in the library. The Media Team consists of about 15 students who document important school events through photos and videos. Year 5 and 6 students who are interested in joining must submit an audition video.

TASK: MEDIA TEAM AUDITION VIDEO

Students must make a short video. There are 3 options.

1. Prepare a short video presentation on why you should be selected: what special skills and qualities do you have?

OR

2. Prepare a video demonstrating your camera/editing/interviewing/writing/research skills on a topic of your choice.

OR

“The Day That Changed My Life”. Make a dramatic video of a day you’ll never forget.

Videos should run for no more than 30-60 seconds. Students must prepare this video presentation **in their own time**, not class time. Please bring your video to school on a thumb drive - USB stick (labelled with your name and class) and hand it to your teacher.

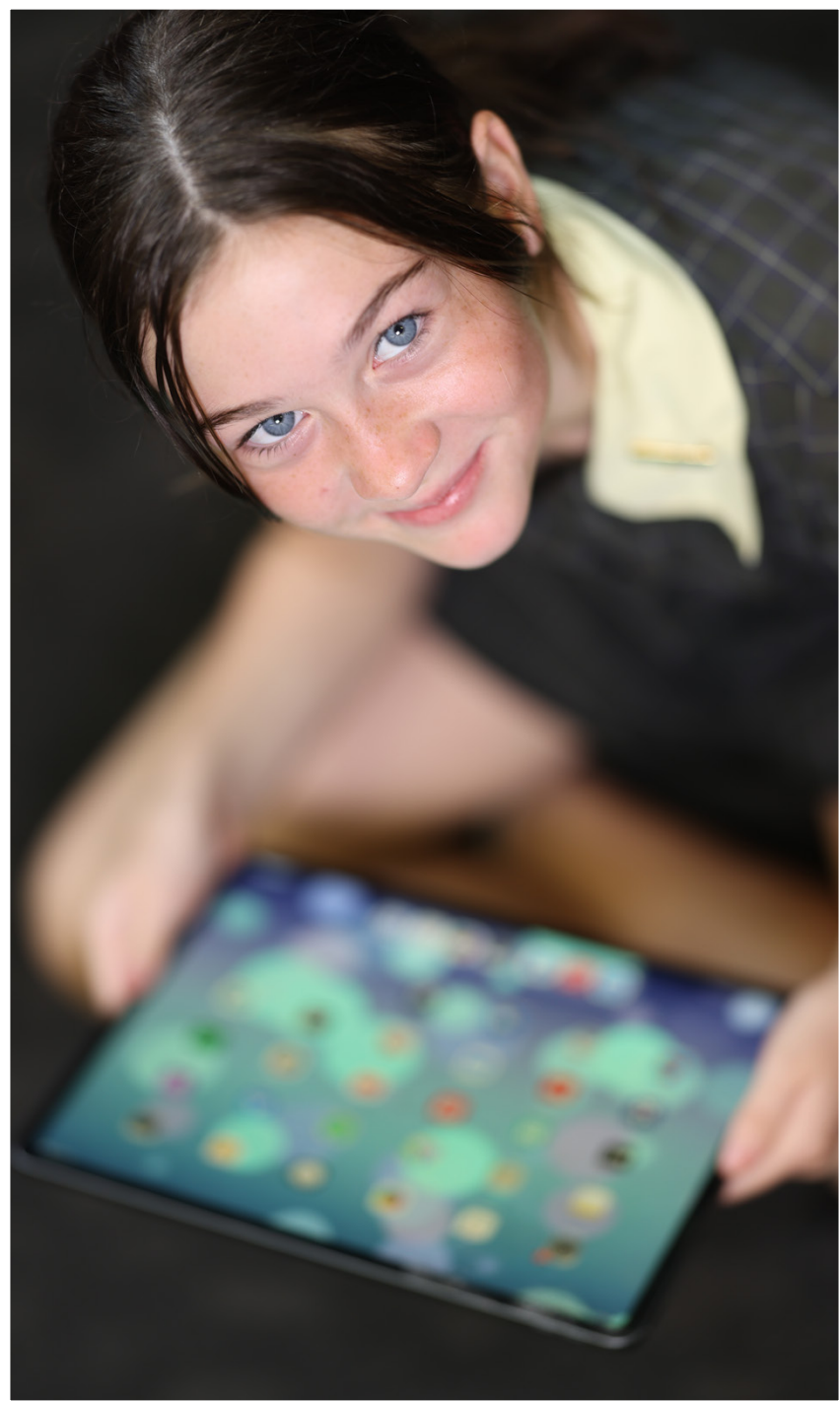
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Tuesday, 1 April



**MEET OUR NEW
SCHOOL CAPTAINS
FOR 2025**





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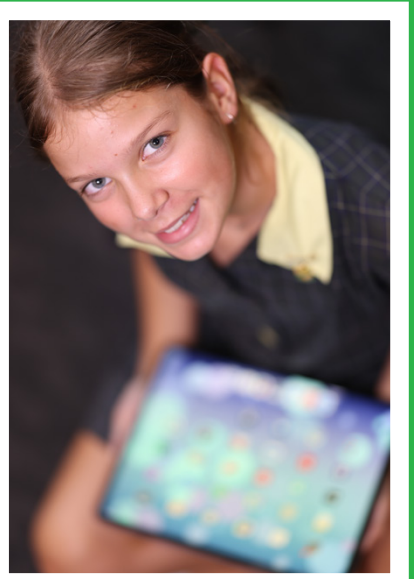
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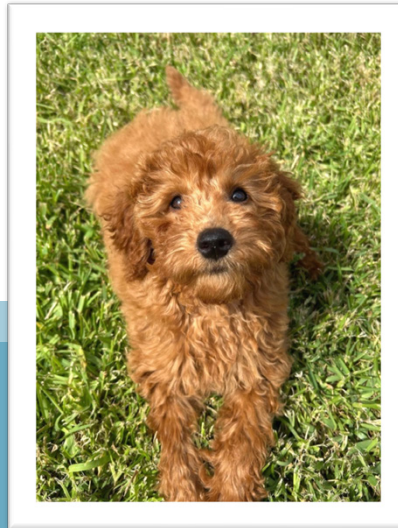
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[CAPTAIN]

RYAN D.
[VICE CAPTAIN]

VALENTINA T.
[VICECAPTAIN]

RIVA Y.
[CAPTAIN]





Hi! My name is
Poppy

I am a 4-month-old Mini Groodle.

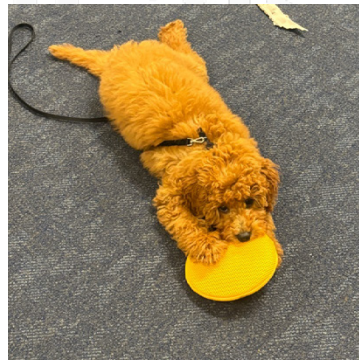
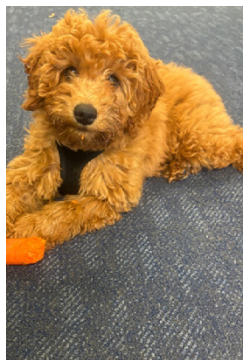
I have settled in very easily to my new home with Miss Ridley and her family. They feed me lots of yummy food, take me for walks, play with me and shower me with love.

I love socks, shoelaces, chasing handballs, carrots, and cheese (I run from anywhere in the house when I hear the fridge open to try and get some), meeting new people and smelling everything.

I like to run around like crazy on the grass before bedtime (Miss Ridley calls this my Zoomies) – I have to get my energy out somehow if she wants me to sleep all night!

I have already met lots of staff members at HHPS and had lots of fun exploring some of your classrooms!

I can't wait to meet everyone else in Term 2!



3 Expectations

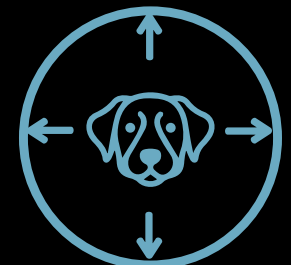
It's easy as 1,2,3 to help our Well-being Dog to learn to relax.

1



We say hello to the person, not the dog!

2



We give lots of space when we pass the dog!

3



We keep moving (we don't stand around and stare).

ECO GARDEN UPDATE

CHICKEN HOLIDAY MINDING



By **LAUREN GIAQUINTO**
Hornsby Heights Public School
TEACHER

Thank you to the Wansbone and Saunders families for caring for our 3 lovely chickens throughout the Dec/Jan school holidays. It looks like they had a wonderful time and received lots of love!

If you are interested in hosting the chickens during any of the 2025 school holidays, please let us know! This involves the chickens coming to live in your backyard in their own portable coop, daily feeding, collecting the eggs and lots of pats and cuddles! If you are interested, please contact Julie (ecogardenhhs@gmail.com) for more information.

What's new in 2025?

During the recent school holidays one of the garden beds has been refreshed and is now a new succulent rock garden. A big thank you to those who were a part of the design and creation of our new garden bed and to those

who generously donated the materials.

Class Eco Garden Sessions

Throughout the year, all classes will have the opportunity to engage in cooking and gardening experiences in our wonderful Eco Garden! These sessions are run by parent volunteers from the Eco Garden Committee and assist in developing the students' knowledge of gardening, composting, animal care, cooking, and learning where our food comes from. These sessions will be starting up soon!

The Green Team is back!

The Green Team is a group of students from years 3-6 who meet every Tuesday lunch time (first break) in the Eco Garden. Throughout the year they work hard to maintain the garden area by gardening, planting seedlings, weeding, watering, harvesting produce, composting, looking after the chickens and much more! If you are interested in joining the Green Team this year, watch out for the sign up sheets on the Opportunity Board coming soon! A big thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers for running these sessions each week.

Egg Lotto continues!

The Egg Lotto will be continuing this year and will be drawn at the K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies each week (when the chickens have been laying!). If you would like to enter the Egg Lotto for your chance to win 6 of our chickens freshly laid eggs, please fill out the slip below (or simply write your full name and class on a small piece of paper) and put it in the purple box located next to Lost Property. One entry per student.

Want to know more?

Our Eco Garden is a very special place. It is highly regarded amongst the school and wider community and is many students favourite part of HHPS! We would not be able to maintain the gardens, care for the chickens, and run the amazing class sessions without the help from our family members and volunteers. The Eco Garden Committee is always looking for additional helpers and welcomes all families to be involved in any capacity.

The Committee meets once a term via Zoom. The next meeting is the AGM and will be held on Monday 25th February at 7pm. For Zoom details or if you'd simply like to find out more, please contact Julie at ecogardenhhs@gmail.com. All welcome to attend!



Egg Lotto



Name.....Class.....



Kindergarten

FIRST DAY



Meet the Specialists



Hello, I'm Mrs Demlakian, the Teacher Librarian for our school. The library, I think, is the best place in the school because it's the place where you can go on adventures to anywhere. This year in our lessons I look forward to meeting lots of adventurers who seek out knowledge, climb into thinking and challenge themselves to borrow and read great books. I am also fond of good jokes and unusual facts so tell me your favourites. In 2025 let's "Book an adventure". Contact for library matters only please: email monica.drach@det.nsw.edu.au



Hi everyone, I'm Mrs Rosier and I will be working on a Thursday and Friday in Term 1 before I take maternity leave to have my second baby. This term, I will be supporting the K-2 team with the InitialLit Program as well as supervising Stage 2. I look forward to visiting classrooms and seeing lots of familiar faces engaged in their literacy programs. When I am not at work, I love going on holidays to the beach, eating out at restaurants, delicious seafood is my favourite and spending quality time with my family. My contact is laura.seller@det.nsw.edu.au



Hello, my name is Mrs Finlay. I am looking forward to teaching EAL/D (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) again this year. I am also excited to be working in The Reading Room as well and working alongside some of you with your reading. I love reading myself, and getting lost in a book, singing and dancing, and spending time with my family at the beach.

Feel free to contact me for any EAL/D matters on: jane.finlay1@det.nsw.edu.au



I'm Mrs Sakajani and I am grateful every year to be teaching Physical Education at HHPS. My favourite sports are touch footy, soccer and basketball, I love eating pasta and sushi, and my best memory from last year was practicing my spiral footy pass with our students when we learnt NFL together for the first time. This year I am also very excited to be teaching 3B on Wednesdays with Mrs Baker. My contact for anything sports related is vanessa.sakajani@det.nsw.edu.au



Hi everyone, I'm Mrs Lisa Ward, Learning and Support Teacher. In the Reading Room 2025, we'll be exploring sounds and how they join to become words to help us with our spelling and reading (one of my favorite things to do). I also love to listen to books being read to me (this makes cooking the evening meal MUCH more interesting), so I will both listen to you read and I will read to you. A fair exchange.



HORNSBY HEIGHTS OOSH NEWS

Fees 2023:

	Permanent:	Casual:
Before School Care:	\$16	\$18
After School Care:	\$25	\$26
Vacation Care:	\$65 Normal rate plus in/excursion costs	

What's happening at the centre:

Woohoo what an epic start we have had to term 1! We have loved meeting our new kindergarten children and they have had so much fun beginning their OOSH adventure. Term 1 has started off strong with lots of fun activities, yummy food and kids excited to be back at school. Last week our specialty clubs had a great time launching their Term 1 programs! Sustainability club made posters for our bins, Sports club learnt how to kick an AFL goal, and cooking club learnt how to make Muffins! On top of this we explored some science; making our own rainbows, some craft; making paper plate masks, and even had time for some glow in the dark bowling and rocky road making! We are all excited for the rest of the term. Stay tuned for our April Vacation Care information, to come later in the term. Thank you!

Before and After School Care:

Please remember to call 9476 6901 / 0499 333 352 or email the OOSH centre at hhoosh@bigpond.com if you need a casual morning or afternoon session. For any booking changes, please make sure that you email hhoosh@bigpond.com. If your child will not be attending a booked session of after school care, please inform the centre. If you do not inform us, you will be charged a non-notification fee of \$30

Vacation Care:

If you need care these school holidays please be sure to get in touch with the Centre to get a Vacation Care form.

Breakfast:

For breakfast, we offer toast, cereal, fresh fruit, yoghurt, muesli and special breakfast days in line with the menu. Drinking water is always available. **Breakfast closes at 8.20am**, as this gives our educators time to clean up and sign children out.

Lost Property:

Please remember to check our lost property for any lost hats, jumpers, lunchboxes and other items.

Opening Hours:

Before School Care: 7am - 8.40am ... Kindy children will be signed out at 9am and walked to class in Term 1
After School Care: 3.10pm - 6.30pm ... Kindy children will be collected at 3.10 from the Kindy Classrooms Term 1
Vacation Care: 7.30am - 6.30pm

Contact the Centre via Email:

OOSH Centre: hhoosh@bigpond.com
Chairperson: chair@hhoosh.org.au
Accounts: hhooshaccounts@bigpond.com

Who to Talk to at the Centre:

Coordinator - Sally Hawkins
Assistant Coordinator - Felix Holm
Responsible Persons - Hannah Schuman, Lily Porter, Ellie Adams, Sam Holm, Charlie Johnston and Ella Johnson

Accounts:

If you have any questions about your account, please contact Lynne at hhooshaccounts@bigpond.com
Fee statements are issued in the 1st week of the month and payments are due by the 25th of the month

Please note: 2 weeks written notice is required when cancelling a permanent session

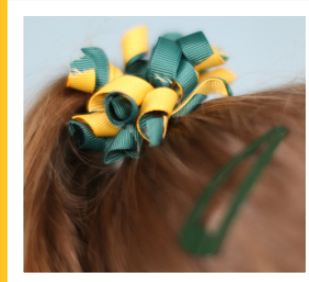
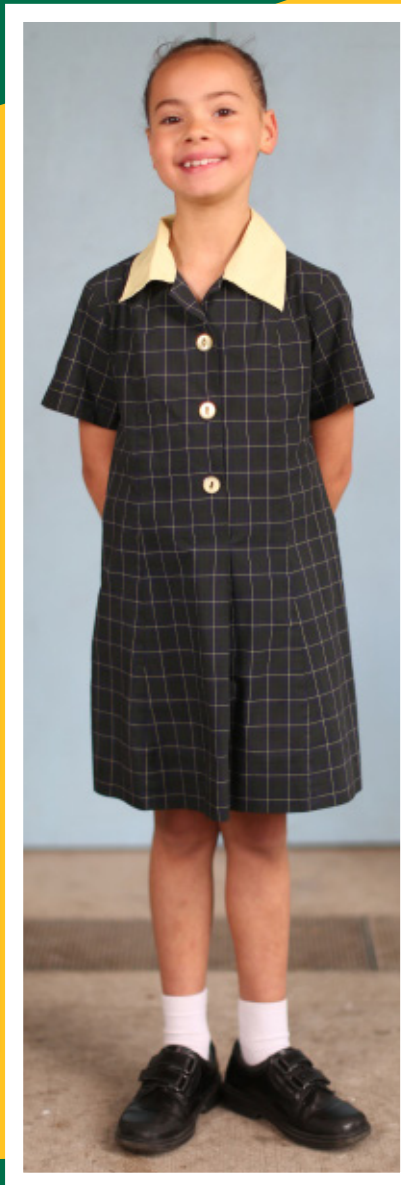
You must complete a form or email the centre at hhoosh@bigpond.com

Committee Meetings:

We are run by a fantastic parent volunteer committee and all are welcome and encouraged to attend any and all meetings!

Summer Uniform

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



Girls

- Bottle green/navy/yellow plaid check dress
- Bottle green culottes and gold polo shirt
- Bottle green jacket, sloppy joe or jumper
- White short socks (socks must be visible)
- Black school shoes

Boys

- Gold short sleeve polo shirt
- Grey shorts
- Grey short socks with green/gold band
- Bottle green jacket, sloppy joe or jumper
- Black school shoes

Sports Uniform

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



Girls

- Bottle green shorts
- Polo shirt in house colour
- Sports shoes and white socks
- Green track pants (in winter)

Boys

- Bottle green shorts
- Polo shirt in house colour
- Sports shoes and white socks
- Green track pants (in winter)

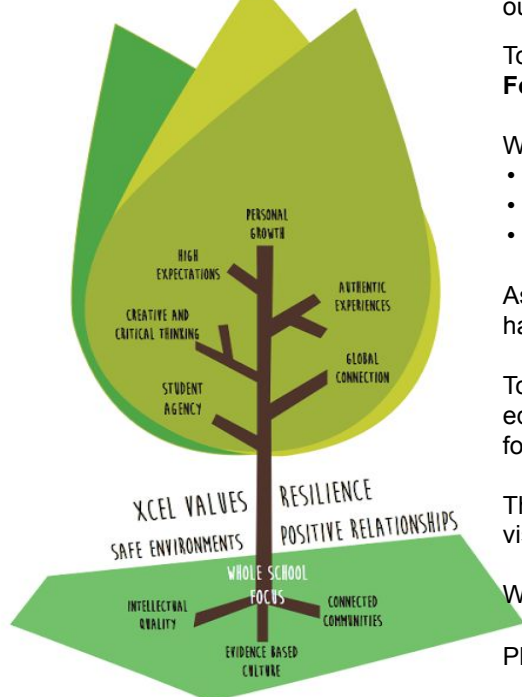
Aspirations for Asquith Girls High School moving to a Co-Educational setting Community Consultation Forum



Date: Thursday, 20 February

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: AGHS Hall



In November 2024, it was announced that Asquith Boys High School and Asquith Girls High School will transition to two standalone co-educational high schools for Years 7–12 from 2026.

Since then, we have been working towards this co-educational transition to ensure our school honours our past and embraces new beginnings.

To capture our community's voice, you are invited to a **Community Consultation Forum**. Our aim is to acknowledge our achievements to date and plan for the future.

We need your input in the following areas:

- The School Name
- The School Logo
- The School Uniform

As we prepare for our next adventure cycle, we encourage you to be involved and have a say in this planning.

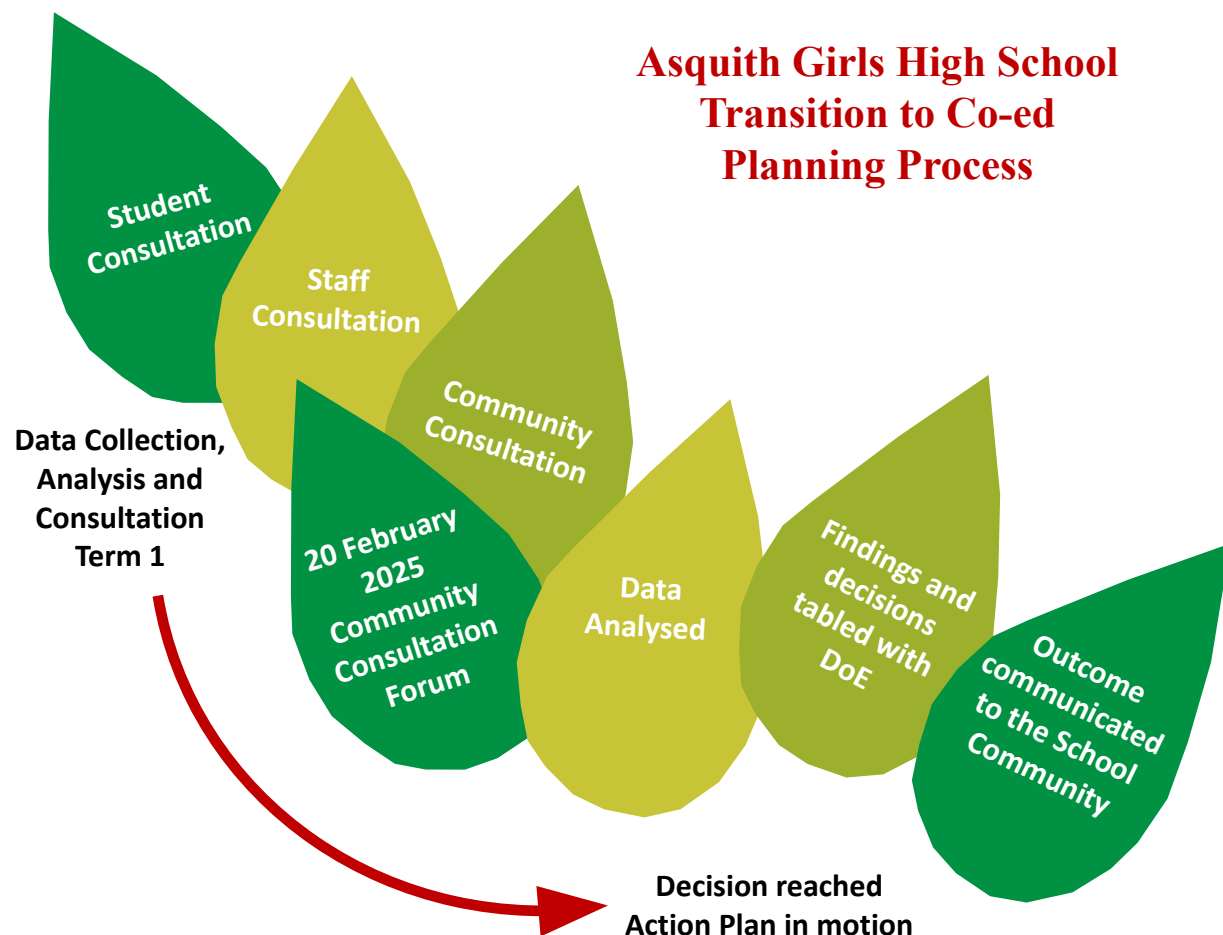
Together, parents/carers, students, school staff, community leaders, and other education stakeholders will have an opportunity to articulate the future aspirations for our school via the Community Consultation Forum on 20 February 2025.

This is a unique opportunity for all stakeholders to have their say, create a shared vision and help shape our school's future.

We are looking forward to your participation.

Please register via this link [RSVP Community Consultation Forum](#)

Asquith Girls High School Transition to Co-ed Planning Process



CANTEEN NEWS

Term 1 Week 4

A note from the committee:

Welcome to 2025!

The canteen got off to a great start last week with a lot of orders!

If you have any questions about the canteen please refer to the 2025 Canteen General Info sent out on School Bytes on the 6th February.

The committee is looking for a **SECRETARY** and **GENERAL MEMBERS** to join our meetings (once a month at 7:30pm on Zoom). If you are interested please talk to Kirsty or Lisa or email us at hppsandcccanteen@gmail.com.



Volunteering:

Di and Angela would love to see you in the canteen. 😊 They require help to prepare and serve lunches and recesses.

Shifts are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

9am-11am

11am-1pm

1:30pm-2:30pm

You can sign up for shifts at

<https://signup.zone/hhps-canteen>



Food spotlight:

MONDAY - Toasted Sandwiches

TUESDAY - Sushi (only)

WEDNESDAY - Burgers

FRIDAY - Pies and Sausage Rolls

Looking ahead:

CANTEEN OPEN AFTERNOON

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2:30PM

ALL PARENTS AND CARERS ARE INVITED

Want to see what the canteen is all about?
Come try our delicious BANANA BREAD MUFFINS?

CANTEEN MEETING

TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 7:30PM

Tips and Hints:

Canteen orders close on QKR at 8:40am on normal canteen days.

Sushi orders on Tuesday close at 8:20am

Contact:



hppsandcccanteen@gmail.com



Hornsby Heights Primary School P&C Canteen Menu 2025 - Term 1



The canteen is open MONDAY, TUESDAY (sushi and drinks only), WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY			
Lunch and Recess orders to be placed via QKR! By 8:40am		Over the counter snacks, drinks and frozen - RECESS only	
HOT FOOD		Frozen Milk Mini (limit: 2 per person) \$0.50	
Toasted Sandwiches (Monday only)	\$3.00 (+fillings)		Strawberry / Chocolate
Cheese	\$0.90		Juicy Fruity (limit: 2 per person) \$0.20
Ham	\$1.80		Apple & Blackcurrant / Tropical
Tomato	\$0.60		FRESH SANDWICHES/WRAPS GF avail\$2.50 (+ fillings)
Pasta Pomodoro HM, V	\$5.00		Cheese \$0.90
Beef Lasagne	\$5.00		Ham \$1.80
Macaroni and Cheese HM, EF,V	\$5.00		Chicken \$2.20
Garlic Bread HM	\$2.20		Vegemite / Honey / Jam / Buddee \$0.60
Corn Cobbette	\$1.20		Lettuce / Tomato \$0.60
Chicken Burger (Wednesday only)	\$4.80 (+ extras)		Carrot \$0.40
Beef Burger (Wednesday only)	\$4.80 (+ extras)		Cucumber \$0.50
Burger Extras			Mayonnaise \$0.30
Lettuce / Tomato	\$0.60		DRINKS
Carrot	\$0.40		Just Juice \$2.00
Cucumber	\$0.50		Apple / Apple & Blackcurrant / Paradise Punch
Cheese	\$0.90		Nippy's Milk \$3.00
Mayonnaise	\$0.30		Chocolate / Strawberry / Honeycomb
Tomato Sauce / BBQ Sauce	\$0.00		Smoothies (Terms 1 & 4, Mon & Wed) \$3.00
Pizza Muffin HM			Blueberry (Mon) / Banana (Wed)
Ham & Cheese / BBQ Chicken	\$5.00		Hot Chocolate (Terms 2 & 3, Mon & Wed)\$3.00
Plain Cheese Muffin Fried Rice V, GF,	\$4.50		SNACKS
DF EF Chicken Strips (x3) EF, DF	\$5.00		Carrot Sticks (over counter only) FREE
(Monday only) Meat Pie (Friday only)	\$3.50		Veg-hog (vege sticks with hommus) \$1.50
Sausage Roll (Friday only) Spinach &	\$6.50		Rice Cracker & Cheese (x1) GF, V, EF \$0.30
Fetta Roll V (Friday only) Sauce	\$5.50		(Single rice crackers and cheese not available on Qkr!)
Packets	\$5.50		Rice Cracker & Cheese (x4) GF, V, EF \$1.00
Tomato / BBQ	\$0.30		Fresh Popcorn Bag GF, V, EF, DF \$0.10
TUESDAY SUSHI (order by 8:20am)			Apple Slinky \$1.50
Sushi Roll	\$5.00		Jelly Cup (99.6% juice) GF, V, EF, DF \$0.80
Tuna & Cucumber / Tuna & Avocado /			Yoghurt, Muesli & Fruit Cup \$2.00
Teriyaki Salmon & Cucumber / Beef & Lettuce /			Mini Fruit Salad HM \$1.50
Teriyaki Chicken & Lettuce / Avocado & Cucumber			Edamame ~12 pieces V \$0.70
Mini Sushi Roll	\$6.00		Banana Bread Muffins V HM
Cucumber / Avocado / Egg / Chicken /			Mini \$1.00
Salmon / Tuna			Regular \$2.00
Soy Sauce/GF Soy Sauce	\$0.00		Flavoured Popcorn \$2.00
FROZEN FOOD			Butterscotch / Saucy BBQ
Juicies (99.9% fruit juice) DF, EF, GF	\$1.50		Red Rock Plain Chips GF, V, EF, DF \$2.00
Lemonade / Wildberry / Orange / Tropical			Grain Waves Sour Cream & Chives \$2.00
Frozurt (frozen Vaalia yoghurt) EF, GF	\$1.00		Parker's Pretzels \$2.00
			Choco-melt (recess order only) \$1.80
GF = gluten free V = vegetarian HM = homemade on site EF = egg free DF = dairy free			
As per the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, we provide a menu that is ¾ everyday food and ¼ occasional food. Refer to https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/health/Pages/healthy-school-canteens.aspx			
Please contact the canteen convener for any further information or if you would like to volunteer on			

hsccanteen@qkrill.com

YEAR 6 GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY

Wednesday 26 February 2025

New Co-Educational High School
(currently Asquith Boys High School)

Time: 9am in the School Hall

To apply follow link below:

<https://forms.gle/pZj1W4fWq6FxnZET9>



Parent Information Session - 9.00 - 9.30am

Come and experience our new co-educational high school, with separate Year 7 campus.

Implementation strategies for the incoming Year 7 2026

- An alternate timetable with earlier start and finish times will be created for Year 7.
- Separate canteen time and year group toilets.
- Separate Year 7 playground and library area.
- Welfare sessions each morning from 8:30am for Year 7.
- Targeted welfare programs and experience assisting students with anxiety and other mental health issues.
- Extra support in classes from learning support team.
- Girls only breakout room available all break times.
- Girls targeted sports including dance and football.
- 100's of years of co-educational teaching experience.

Peats Ferry Road, Asquith

9477 3508

<https://asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au>





**WEDNESDAY
26 FEBRUARY 2025**

OPEN NIGHT

5.30PM TO 8.30PM



**OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH OUR
TEACHERS, SEE EXCITING FACULTY DISPLAYS,
JOIN GUIDED TOURS AND ATTEND A
Q & A SESSION**

Please note: Out of Area Enrolments are subject to NSW Department of Education Out of Area Enrolment Policy

REGISTER WITH ASQUITH FC TODAY!

**Get a group of friends together to play
with The Friendly Club or
register as an individual and we will
include you in a team to make new friends**

Asquith FC caters for all skill levels from beginner to Academy
with Junior and Youth teams available in all ages from U6 - U18.

**Visit our website for the
Lowest Miniros Fees in the Area**



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WANNA HAVE FUN
- WITH THEIR FRIENDS!**

Join the Friendly Club

All new U8-U18 female registrations receive a
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**Sapphires (U6-U11) • Girl's Youth (U12-U18)
Women's All Age • Women's O30/O45**



The Friendly Club

For further information
registrar@asquithsc.org.au
www.asquithsc.org.au •



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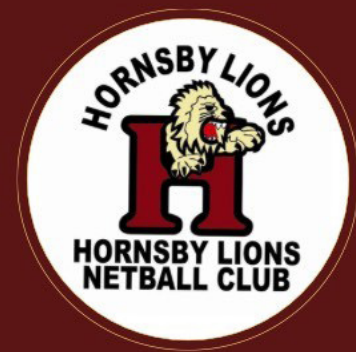
LOOKING FOR A WINTER SPORT?

Want to keep active during the
winter season?

Do you want to make new
friends?

Scan the QR code and register
to play soccer with Hornsby
Heights Football Club!





REGISTER NOW

2025 Winter Competition

Registration closes
Friday 14 February 2025

www.hornsbylionsnetball.com.au

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Welcome to Hornsby Lions Netball

Hornsby Lions is a family friendly netball club that seeks to provide a fair, fun, inclusive and respectful environment. We welcome new members and aim to encourage our players to keep enjoying the game of netball.

We're a not-for-profit, community netball club based in Hornsby. We're part of the Hills District Netball Association and we train in Hornsby Heights and play at Pennant Hills.

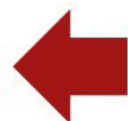
If you have any queries, please email registrar.hornsbylions@gmail.com.



Registration
for 2025 -
NetSetGo

Registration
for 2025 -
Junior
Competition

Registration
for 2025 -
Senior
Competition



NORMANHURST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Fostering excellence in young men through holistic education



Open Day

For Prospective Year 7 2026/2027 Families

On the day, there will be a Principal's Address and free school tours.

Tuesday 4 March 2025

Registration by 10:00 am on
Friday 28 February 2025 is essential!

Register at: <https://events.humanitix.com/copy-of-normanhurst-boys-hs-open-day-i-tuesday-4-march-2025>

Address: 54-72 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst, NSW 2076
Phone: +61 2 94891077 Fax: +61 2 94895722
Web: normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au
Email: office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au



GIRL GUIDES MEETS NEAR YOU

Waitara Hornsby Junior Guides

Thursdays 5 - 6:30pm

For girls 7-10

Waitara Hornsby Guides

Wednesdays 6:45 - 8:45pm

For girls 10-14

Waitara Hornsby Senior Guides

Mondays 7 - 9pm

For girls 14-18



Hornsby Heights Netball Club Registrations Open!



**Hornsby Heights Netball Club
registrations for Winter 2025 are
now open.**

**We welcome players of all
abilities to join our friendly and
inclusive club.**

**Girls and Women aged 6+
and Boys up to age 14 are
encouraged to join.**

Register Now!

**Come and play netball with
Hornsby Heights Netball Club
Fun, Friendship and Teamwork!**



Scan now to register
or visit <https://bit.ly/4iyy6rw>