



# THE Normanhurst News

**The weekly newsletter of Normanhurst Boys High School**

*Celebrating 50 years of quality education for boys*

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## From the Principal

### Great Learning Experiences

Our Year 7 students head off next week on their annual Jenolan Caves excursion. Over the years, this has become one of the longstanding events for the school and we believe that we are in a unique situation of being the only school to have participated in this excursion continuously for 50 years. I recently came across the permission letter from that first excursion held in 1958. It made for fascinating reading and reflected how while some things have changed, other things remain the same. The following is an extract that you may find interesting.



*"The party comprising approximately thirty First Year boys and two masters will leave Central Station on the 8.20am train for Mt Victoria. From Mt Victoria they will travel by bus to Jenolan Caves where they will arrive at approximately 1pm. It will be necessary for each member of the party to take with him a picnic lunch since no lunch will be provided on the forward trip. If desired, refreshments may be purchased at Mt Victoria en route.*

*The cost per lad will be 4 pound 10shillings and 6pence. This will include all meals, except, of course, the picnic lunch which it is suggested each lad take with him on the forward journey. The cost of caves inspections is also included in this amount. It would be wise to provide each lad with a small amount of pocket money which he may wish to spend on sweets or postcards"*

Another great learning experience will be provided to our Year 10 students next week when they commence their work experience program. Work experience involves placing students into short-term employment placements and has many advantages. By participating, students come to understand the work environment and employers' expectations, they are able explore possible career options. The program also enhances their opportunities for part-time work, increases motivation for further studies and provides the addition to a student's portfolio of the employer's evaluation at the end of the work experience. My thanks to our careers adviser Mrs Packham for the wonderful job she does in organising these placements.

### Year 12 Trials

The Year 12 Trial HSC examinations got off to a smooth start on Monday when the boys sat the first of the two English examinations. The exams will continue throughout next week, after which students will return for the final six weeks of formal school work leading to the HSC examinations in October. As I wander around the staffrooms during the day, it is a common sight to see teachers with their heads bent in deep concentration marking the exams and to see armloads of exam marking being taken home each night. I am sure the boys are looking forward to receiving feedback on their performance when they return to class in Week 5.

### Congratulations to

Dan Kanazawa of Year 9 who has been selected to represent NSW at the Australian Karate Federation National Championships in Perth

Vasan Sivaanandah of Year 10 who will receive the Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement – Community Languages.



Caves House circa 1958

## Vale Peter Plant



We were saddened to hear of the death of Mr Peter Plant, a long serving member of staff at Normanhurst Boys, who passed away after a short illness. At various times, Peter held the position of classroom teacher, Head Teacher Social Science, Prefect Master and Cadet Master. Peter came to Normanhurst in 1974, as a classroom teacher, leaving in

1977, to move to Broken Hill prior to his appointment to Burwood Girls High as Head Teacher. He returned to Normanhurst in 1982 when he was appointed Head Teacher of the Faculty, a position he held until 1996. All who knew him, remember him as a committed and hard working member of staff who always had the interest of the boys at heart. Peter's funeral was held on Monday of this week and a number of our current staff who worked with Peter attended to represent the school.

Peter's colleagues attest to the fact that he was one of the most dedicated and hard working teachers they have known. His capacity for work was legendary as he was not only a teacher but also wrote a number of text books as well as being a driving force in a number of professional organisations. In his last few years at Normanhurst Peter also became the Commanding Officer of the school cadet unit.

### Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 8 and 9

A reminder to all parents of students in Years 8 and 9 that Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Monday August 18. Please ask your sons to ensure that they make appointments with their teachers. Reports for both of these year groups will be mailed in the next few days.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Ticket sales for the gala night are looking a bit grim at the moment, but all is certainly still on track for a fun-filled celebration birthday party for current students on Friday August 29. The format for the day will involve students attending normal classes until recess after which a variety of activities will take place. A fairground, barbeque and sports competitions and a giant birthday cake should provide lots of enjoyment for all.

If anyone knows of any Old Boys of the school who have still not yet purchased their tickets for the Saturday night Gala Event, could you please ask them to do so as soon as possible. If there are any parents who are able to assist with this function, (serving food, drinks, etc) your help would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact the school for further details.

Kind regards

Jeff Bruce  
Principal

## P & C NEWS

**Information and Presentations of importance to parents:**

### Dr Martin's Seminar – 22 September

This important event for parents will be held on Monday 22 September - in the last week of Term 3. (7:00 for 7:30

start, finish by 9:30). A notice is included.

This event will need to be limited to 150 parents and we intend to publicise it externally next week. Those who paid for the previous (postponed) event will be assumed as attending till contacted.

### Issues for Comment

Toilets. The state of the boys' toilet block is being investigated.

Support to Science. The possible provision of a mobile fume cabinet to allow the safe conduct of chemistry experiments in labs not fitted with effective extraction systems will be discussed at the P&C meeting next week.

Sponsorship of boys in Zone/Sate schools sporting events. This matter was raised at the last meeting and will be reviewed by the meeting next week.

Comment. If any parents are interested in these issues please make contact with the P&C Committee by sending a note through the office or email to the school email address (front of this news sheet). This is particularly important if parents feel strongly about any of these issues but are not able to attend the P&C Meetings.

### Class Lists

Thank you to those families who responded positively. A summary will be provided next week and we aim to have these back to respondents shortly.

### Term 3 Working Bee – Reminder

The Term 3 Working Bee will be on Sunday 24 August. 9:00 am start.

### Meetings

**Next Meeting – Tue 12 August** (in the library, starts at 8 pm)

Agenda:

Principal's report  
P&C State Conference Report  
(Recess)  
Business session

**Pevlin Price**  
**P&C President**

## UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

**17 August** Australian Maritime College –  
Launceston campus

University of Western Sydney –  
Parramatta campus

**23 August** University of Newcastle – Central Coast  
campus

**30 August** Australian Catholic University –  
Canberra campus

Australian National University  
ADFA, Canberra

University of Canberra

Uni of Newcastle – Newcastle campus

Sydney Conservatorium of Music–USyd

UTS – Broadway campus

Please see Mrs Packham for more details.

**Mrs Packham**  
**Careers Adviser**

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, Isaac Frelander and Sam Farrell of Year 10 represented NBHS at the Regional Final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award that was held at the Arts Unit in Lewisham.

Students from all over the Northern Region were represented including Willoughby GHS, Barker College, St Pius X Chatswood, PLC Pymble and St Aloysius College.

Both the boys should be congratulated on an enormous amount of preparation for this speech performed at such a high level.

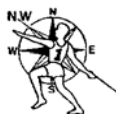
Sam Farrell was successful and will move into the State Semi-Final in this competition in September.

We wish him luck in this competition.

**Mrs R Fowell**  
Public Speaking Coach/Coordinator

<b>Normanhurst Boys' High School</b>						<b>Term 3, 2008</b>						
<i>Wk</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>							
<b>4</b>	11 Aug Yr9 IPT Exc  DofE Training (pm)	12 UNSW English Comp	13	14	15 Yr8 reports issued							
	←-----		Yr10 Work Experience		-----→							
	←-----		Yr7 Jenolan Caves		-----→							
	←-----		Trial HSC		-----→							
		P&C Meeting										
				Yr11 Drama								
<b>5</b>	18 Aug ←-----Trial	19 HSC -----→ Yr10 High Resolves	20	21 Year Assembly	22 Yr10 Geog Field Study							
	DofE Training (pm) Yr8/9 P/T Night	Yr8 Information Night			P&C Working Bee 24 August	→						
		Yr11 Engineering Studies			Yr11 English Adv Yr11 Visual Arts Yr10 Visual Arts							
<b>6</b>	25 Aug Yr12 Teachers' Mtg	26	27 Streamwatch Testing UNSW Computer Skills Comp	28 Streamwatch Testing	29							
	DofE Training (pm)				50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations 30-31 August	→						
	←-----	Art Exhibition		-----→								
	Yr12 Visual Arts Yr10 Elect History	Yr11 Physics Yr11 Economics		Yr12 History Extension Yr11 Business Studies Yr11 Software Design	Yr11 Visual Arts Yr10 Visual Arts							

## SPORTS RESULTS



### 2008 North vs South Results

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Winners</b>	<b>Score</b>
Rugby	15s	<b>North</b>	21-20
Rugby	14s	<b>South</b>	24-17
Rugby	13s	<b>South</b>	10-0
Soccer	15s	<b>South</b>	2-1
Soccer	14s	<b>North</b>	3-2
Soccer	13s	<b>North</b>	3-1

Following the games played as an end of season finale at Epping BHS the South (Randwick, North Sydney, Homebush, Ashfield) drew with the North (Epping, Normanhurst, Asquith) with 3 wins each. This means that the South retain the BRAGGING RIGHTS as they won last year's series 4 wins to 2.

**Mr D Rodgie**  
Sports Coordinator



## Open High School

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### 2009 Enrolment Information and Application Package now available from our website

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Dear Principal,

This email is to advise that Open High School's 2009 Enrolment Information and Application Package is now available from our website. Enrolment packages are only available from the school's website; they are not posted to schools.

Open High School offers courses by distance education in eleven languages to students from Year 9 to Year 12. The languages are:

<b>French</b>	<b>German</b>	<b>Indonesian</b>
<b>Italian</b>	<b>Japanese</b>	<b>Korean</b>
<b>Modern Greek</b>	<b>Latin</b>	<b>Russian</b>
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Chinese (Stage 5, and Stage 6 Continuers only)</b>	

Enrolments for 2009 should be submitted by the end of Term 3 or early in Term 4, preferably by 30 November to facilitate timely provision of the distance education program. If that cannot be managed, it is advisable to submit remaining enrolments as early as possible in Term 1 2009.

Students are currently provided with individualised teaching using both written and digital audio and video learning materials and have considerable telephone access to their teacher. Opportunities for face-to-face classes at Open High School are also available. Most courses include the use of Internet groups that provide students with the opportunity for contact with other students doing the same course, as well as an easy and quick means of communication with their teacher. Every teacher also has a dedicated phone with messaging capabilities. Several courses include on-line learning components.

All schools have a quota on new distance education enrolments although some schools do not fully utilise this quota. If you are considering using Open High School's services for the first time or increasing the use of our services, and would like any additional information, please phone Frances Selby, Head Teacher Enrolments, (02) 9381 4807/4808.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Murray  
Principal

## **AUSTRALIAN STUDENT MINERAL VENTURE (ASMV)**

The ASMV is a series of vacation programs held annually throughout Australia.

The ASMV is an initiative of the Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy (AusIMM) and is open to high school students in years 10, 11 and 12. These vacation programs allow students to find out about careers, lifestyles and opportunities in the minerals industry and investigate university courses that would suit their abilities and preferences in terms of subjects such as chemistry, physics, mathematics, geology and biology.

The ASMVs are fully residential and supervised, with an ASMV Administrator responsible for each Region's program. Students visit mine sites, university laboratories and other facilities, and have the opportunity to talk with graduates and industry professionals about courses and careers in the minerals industry, working conditions and prospects. Hands-on activities are emphasised, and student participation is required through various activities and projects. The ASMV programs highlight some careers that may be familiar to students and others that they didn't know existed.

### **SOUTHERN REGION**

For students who reside in Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, ACT and southern NSW, south of the Hawkesbury River

**Date:** Saturday 10th January – Wednesday 21st January 2009

**Enquiries:** Stephanie Davidson: (03) 5327 9373 / Email: s.davison@ballarat.edu.au

### **EASTERN REGION**

For students who reside in Queensland, south of Bundaberg and northern NSW, north of the Hawkesbury River.

**Date:** Sunday 11th January – Thursday 22nd January 2009

**Enquiries:** Bruce Barrie: (07) 3264 6449 / Email: b.barrieasmv@uqconnect.net

**COST:** \$385 (including GST)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2008**

Follow the link for further info AND to download an Application Form for your region.

Website: <http://www.ausimm.com.au>

<http://www.ausimm.com.au/Content/default.aspx?ID=158>

For further information, please see Mrs Packham.

**Mrs Packham**  
**Careers Adviser**



The Normanhurst Boys' High School P&C Presents:

## An evening a seminar on Boys Education in the arena of high achievement

presented by Dr Andrew Martin

Monday 22 September

### What:

An evening seminar

This is a rare opportunity to learn about critical aspects of boys' learning and development in the secondary years - with a focus on boys in academically competitive settings (Selective High schools or G&T programs)

### Why:

To gain insights to better support boys in achieving and sustaining motivation, enjoyment and results in secondary school



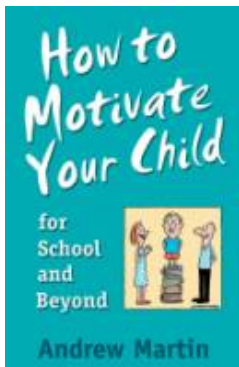
Dr Andrew Martin

### Who:

We are delighted to have Dr Andrew Martin as our presenter:

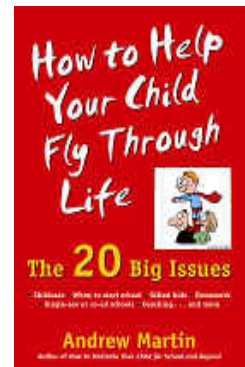
- Registered (Educational and Child) Psychologist
- Listed in *The Bulletin* magazine's 'SMART 100 Australians' and in the Top 10 in the field of Education
- Author of books for parents targeting education and motivation for our youth
- Presented at Normanhurst BHS in 2006 and has since been engaged in research at Oxford University

[lifelong@lifelongachievement.com](mailto:lifelong@lifelongachievement.com)



### Details:

- Cost (1 or 2 Normo parents) \$5.00
- Cost (1 or 2 non-NBHS Parents) \$10.00
- Venue: Normanhurst Boys HS Hall
  - 7:00 for 7:30 start
  - Ends 9:30 pm
- Registration by prior payment
- Confirmation and additional details by email
- Seminar notes and supper available



To secure your seats at the seminar fax, post, or hand this form to the Normanhurst Boys HS Office as soon as possible: **Fax** (credit card payments): **(02) 9489 5722**

**Post** (cheques): **Normanhurst Boys' High School, Pennant Hills Rd NORMANHURST NSW 2076**

Son's Name/Yr:	Name/s of parents attending:	
Method of payment (circle):	Credit card details (circle): MasterCard / Visa	
Cheque / Credit Card	Card No. _____	Expiry ____ / ____
Amount: \$ _____	Cardholder's name:	
Email address for sending confirmation and additional information:		Signature of Cardholder