FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr Mark Anderson B.A. Dip. Ed.

Year 7 Showcase evening: As we come to the conclusion of the year at Normanhurst Boys High School, we would like to take the opportunity to invite parents of Year 7 students to celebrate and recognise the achievements of 2014. A special event will be held on Monday 1 December 2014 commencing at 6.30 p.m. in the school hall. Students who have achieved bronze, silver and gold certificates will be recognised. Displays of student work and special presentations and performances during the evening will provide a wonderful opportunity to showcase the many achievements of Year 7 across all the subjects. We look forward to seeing you on this very special evening. Students are expected to be in full school uniform for this event.

Year 11 grades available Wednesday 12 November 2014: On Wednesday 12 November 2014, all Year 11 students will be able to access their Year 11 grades via Students Online. Students can log in to their personalised secure account using their BOSTES student number and 6 digit PIN. If it is their first visit to the site they will need to activate their account. Once logged in students can review their results in My Details > Enrolments/Results section and generate their eRecord. The eRecord is their interim report showing their 2014 Year 11 grades and their 2013 Year 10 grades and results.

 Debating: Although we did not win the Grand Final Debate for the Premier's Challenge the Year 7 and 8 boys did a great job and have been invited to the Janene Best Memorial Debating Competition. This competition will be held on Thursday 4 December.

Grounds Day Thank You: A sincere thanks to all of the parents who attended the Grounds day and worked tirelessly to make inroads in to the gardens behind TAS and at the front of the school. Thank you also to our prefects who turned up to add some youthful exuberance to the day. Numbers were down from last term but being a Saturday I had lots of apologies as many of our boys play sport on Saturday.

Thanks to the following parents for their attendance and helping to make Normo an even nicer place to be:

Cliff Ho, Eddie Dong, Lilly Yue, Ashok Malish, Neil Ashburner, Yves Sedeyn, Sophia Lu, Dora Ng, Albert Chiu, Bach Nguyen, James Lee, Fung Mak, Canzhong Wu, William Tang, Denis Peadon, Jeff Pike, Keith Goh, Sophie Lwin, Alison Zhou, Rosie Wang, Jacky Wu, Joseph Xue, Niraj Yagnik, Uma Aiyer, Wan Qing Lu, Alice Zhang, Rani Khan, Grace Rae, Chong Chun Ji, Matthew Yates, Jono Sanders.

Remembrance Day: The school community paused on Tuesday to commemorate 94 years since the guns on the Western Front fell silent. A short service was held to reflect on the significance of that event, those who had died in the First World War and to remember those who died or suffered for Australia’s cause in all wars and armed conflicts. A sincere thanks to our prefects who also attended services across Sydney as part of our school community’s recognition of the ultimate sacrifice of so many.
Year 11 High Achievers: On Thursday we held a morning tea for the high achievers as established from the yearly reports. Normally we attempt to nominate 10 students but this was almost impossible this year so 16 ended up being identified. While we are a school firmly grounded in achieving “personal best” we are also mindful that those who achieve great things need to be recognised and be given time to pause, reflect, regather momentum and then continue along a successful path. Within the context of a school full of high achievers the performance of these boys is a Herculean achievement. Well done to the following boys.

Dilir Ali
Rohan Balani
Adrian Chin Quan
Adam Halmy

Yang Yang Jiao
Lachlan Jones
Dennis Kai
Mathew Keever

Ashkan Khoshab
Anderson Long
Ethan Quan
Keita Richardson

Nethushan Sekaran
Max Sekula
Jamieson Tong
Gordon Wu

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Dilir Ali of Year 12 was selected as the delegate for the Ku-ring-gai electorate, representing both the school and the community at the event. The day was filled with discussions and debates pertaining to pressing social issues and the wording which may be implemented into the constitution to help alleviate many of these matters. It was also an important opportunity to practise skills in leadership and diplomacy, as well as to learn more about law reform from such experts as Professor Larissa Behrendt and Professor Anne Twomey. As part of a nation-wide program, 30 of the 90 students were selected to attend the National Constitution Convention in Parliament House, Canberra which will occur late in March 2015. Dilir was chosen by his peers to be one of that number to go further and help shape the wording and intention of the referendum question rumoured to be voted upon in 2018.

Well done Dilir. Thank you to Mr Cusick and Ms Wise who generously gave their time to extend learning beyond the curriculum.

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P&C NEWS
Mr Sade Kalasabail, P&C President

The Last Grounds Day (… working bee) for this Year/Term was very well attended. It was another successful grounds day; with a very good turnout both from the parents and students. We initiated our new deputy principal Mr Frank Abas to Normo working bee, also completed all the planned tasks and did some extra ground covering too. We have taken one more step in improving the school gardens to create a good environment for our boys. Thank you all the parents who have come and helped.

It is very encouraging to see a few parents coming for multiple Grounds day, you have highlighted the importance parents have for environment at the school, and your help is much appreciated. Without the parents’ help and involvement the school grounds wouldn’t have been to this level and so quickly.

A very special thanks to all the prefects and students who provided the much needed muscle power in shifting the mulch etc., it is very much appreciated. The extra tools acquired by P&C for the day made it faster without any bottlenecks.

At the P&C’s AGM on Tuesday the following parents were elected unopposed to form the Executive for 2015:

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General Member – Sam Tan

The positions of Canteen Committee Convenor and Functions Committee Convenor remain unfilled at this time. If you are interested in assisting in either of these areas please email secretary@nbhslandc.asn.au

P&C welcomes the new executive. We congratulate them and wish them all the best for the projects being considered for next year.

► NSW SCHOOLS STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Dilir Ali, Year 11

The letter of the law must reflect the views of the nation – and only through constitutional recognition of the First Australians can our founding document protect the values which we hold so valuable today. It was such an argument which brought me and 91 other delegates from high schools across the state to NSW Parliament House for the 2014 NSW Schools Constitutional Convention on the 10th of November centring on the topic of constitutional recognition of indigenous peoples.

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► CAREERS NEWS

Ms Kay Woodhams, Careers Adviser

Important Information – Calendar of Events
Check this calendar for upcoming University Open Days, Parent/Student university nights plus more
Go to: http://www.nbhscareers.com

We also have additional information including a comprehensive calendar on the MhsCareers website www.mhscareers.net
User name: nbhs - Password: careers

SCHOOL INFORMATION
Year 12 Interview Information & Practice Session This session was on today in the library. We wish all the boys the best for their upcoming interviews.

Year 12 Formal
Monday 24 November 5.30pm at Curzon Hall on the corner of Agincourt and Balaclava Roads Marsfield.

Year 11 – Year 12 (2015)
‘A Day@UNSW’ – Thursday 11 December.
The permission note & money are now due.

UNIVERSITIES

UNSW: Australian School of Business Pulse Videos
ASB Pulse is the weekly video news segment that covers what life is like studying at the Australian School of Business. ASB Pulse will give students study tips, career tips from CEOs and industry leaders, business etiquette tips, even highlights & opportunities, clubs and societies, and networking opportunities.
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL46078A38E17C48C2

Raising University Entry Standards for Future Teachers
From 2016, prospective students will need to meet increased academic standards to be offered a place in a NSW accredited undergraduate teaching degree.
From 2016, entrants to an accredited undergraduate teaching degree will need:
- a minimum of three Band 5 HSC results, including one in English or
- to complete bridging units equivalent to a minimum of three Band 5 HSC results, including English, as approved by BOSTES before entry or
- to enter via an alternative pathway as advised by their university and approved by BOSTES.


UNSW: Scientia Challenge Years 7 – 10
Applications close Sun 30 November
Tue 20 January – Thu 22 January, UNSW Kensington
The Scientia Challenge Program is designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10. The program features a range of workshops taught over three days. The courses are developed and presented by academics at the University of New South Wales. [https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-gifted-students/scientia-challenge-yr-7-to-10/](https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-gifted-students/scientia-challenge-yr-7-to-10/)

**University of Sydney HSC Exam Preparation Course**
Mon 12 Jan – Fri 16 Jan, 9.00am – 12.30pm
The HSC Exam Preparation Course provides a comprehensive overview of preparation for HSC exams and assessment tasks. Students develop strategies for effective independent study and time management which can be applied across a number of subjects. [http://cce.sydney.edu.au/course/EPHS](http://cce.sydney.edu.au/course/EPHS)

**The Australian Financial Review: The Degrees of Unemployment**
This article outlines the employment outcomes of graduates from different degrees and universities four months after graduation. The article includes a research tool in which you can search a university or discipline and view the average salary and employment rate for graduates of the searched discipline. [http://www.afr.com/p/national/education/the_degrees_of_unemployment_universities_e3nDZ8x89ziuXEdNMOz9J](http://www.afr.com/p/national/education/the_degrees_of_unemployment_universities_e3nDZ8x89ziuXEdNMOz9J)

**Australian Catholic University: 2014 Year 10 and 11 Course Guide**
This course guide provides information that can help Year 10 and 11 students when they’re choosing their final subjects in high school. [http://www.acu.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/566371/FINAL_STR1559_Year_10_and_11_Guide.pdf](http://www.acu.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/566371/FINAL_STR1559_Year_10_and_11_Guide.pdf)

**Good Universities Guide Career Search**
The Good Universities Guide Career Search allows students to search from a wide range of possible jobs depending on the field of work, type of work and skill level. The tool can provide information on duties and tasks, working conditions, personal requirements and related university courses. [http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/career/search#VFh_GzSUe8A](http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/career/search#VFh_GzSUe8A)

**ACU Change of Preference Information Sessions: Strathfield and North Sydney**
An opportunity for students to enquire about their study options after receiving their ATAR. [http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/important_dates](http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/important_dates)

**PRIVATE COLLEGES**

**Sydney Dance Holiday Workshops**
Each school holidays, classes are offered in a variety of dance styles to students aged from 8 – 18 years, taught by leading industry professionals. Bookings are now open for workshops during the summer school holidays. [http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes-and-courses/holiday-workshops/#VFdK0zSUe8A](http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes-and-courses/holiday-workshops/#VFdK0zSUe8A)

**OTHER NEWS**

**Board of Studies: Enhancements to 2014 HSC Credentials**
Students eligible for the HSC will receive their 2014 HSC credentials as PDFs to assist them to provide employers and further education institutions with their results. PDFs can be downloaded from Students Online on Wed 7 January 2015. [http://news.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/index.cfm/2014/10/31/Enhancements-to-2014-HSC-credentials](http://news.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/index.cfm/2014/10/31/Enhancements-to-2014-HSC-credentials)

**The Differences between High School and Tertiary Education**
This article by Hobsons Course Finder covers the difference between high school and tertiary education in order to give students an idea of life at university. [http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/Latest-news/Life-at-university/The-differences-between-high-school-and-tertiary-education](http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/Latest-news/Life-at-university/The-differences-between-high-school-and-tertiary-education)

**Youth Central Top Ten Study Tips**

**Youth Central Career Profiles**
A comprehensive list of careers that allows students to gain insight into a job or industry by hearing from those already working in that job. Students are able to search through over 250 jobs to learn more about possible careers. [http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/search/site/Jobs%20Careers%20Career%20profiles%20A%20Z%20list](http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/search/site/Jobs%20Careers%20Career%20profiles%20A%20Z%20list)

**MyFuture: My Guide**

**Antipodeans Abroad Information Session**

All of the information is emailed in good faith and it is the responsibility of the reader to confirm all details with the appropriate institution. Make sure you research any relevant websites.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.
**CANTENE NEWS**

_Canteen Committee_

**Farewell to our Wonderful Volunteers:** The end of this 2014 year sees our Canteen Committee farewelling two of its members. Karen, who is Committee Convenor, is leaving us as her son has just completed his HSC and Marion has decided to study next year. We wish both these ladies well and thank them for all their efforts.

With that in mind, this leaves us looking for an enthusiastic person with some fresh ideas to join our Committee as a Convenor and help keep our canteen running smoothly. We would also like to invite anyone who is interested in just joining the committee to come along to one of our meetings and have a look and listen to what is being discussed and to voice any new and interesting ideas they may have.

**Please remember that it is only with the valuable assistance of our parent body that the canteen functions effectively.**

Our Canteen Committee meetings are held once a term, in the canteen for around 1-1.5 hours and we would really love to welcome some new faces.

**Canteen Volunteers Needed:** It is that time of year again when we start to compile the roster for 2015. Many of our wonderful volunteers have already resigned for next year’s roster confirming their places. If you have not done so yet, or have not had the opportunity to join us before, I ask you to contact the canteen and place your name on next year’s roster.

Your children really do enjoy seeing you there and it gives you the opportunity to meet some of their teachers and their friends. We provide morning tea and lunch and have had many people say they enjoy their time in the canteen.

Valuable assistance from parents such as yourselves ensures that the kids are fed quickly with good quality food at reasonable prices.

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**Canteen Volunteers 2014 Christmas Party Invitation:**

To all our wonderful canteen volunteers, we would like to thank you for the time and effort given in running a fun and efficient canteen this year.

Please join us on

Tuesday, 2 December at 7.00pm

At The Tung Tong Roong Thai Restaurant,
1A Hillcrest Road, Pennant Hills.

It will be a banquet, however if you wish to order individually you can (in either case, the Canteen will subsidise your meal by $10).

Please RSVP the canteen on 9489 4122 or see Jo /Keralie by Thursday, 27 November.
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**Hornsby Girls/Normanhurst Boys High School Dance**

At Hornsby Girls High School on **Friday 28 November from 6-9pm**, the SRC are hosting the Normanhurst Boys/Hornsby Girls Dance.

The theme will be 'black & white'.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 17th November (next week) at the SRC kiosk for $5, and an additional $3 if you would like 2 slices of pizza on the night.

Students are required to have a signed permission note from their parent/carer, when they purchase their ticket.

Snacks and drinks will also be available on the night!

Permission notes are available from outside the Maths staffroom.
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Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

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Helping learner drivers become safe drivers

Attention: Parents / carers of Learner drivers

Do you want to help your Learner driver?

As young people approach driving age it is important they and their parents/carers are aware of what to expect as a Learner driver, and how to achieve the 120 supervised driving hours in their logbook.

In conjunction with the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS), the City of Ryde is holding a free two-hour workshop on the evening of Tuesday 25 November 2014 at Ryde Library.

This workshop offers practical advice and information to parents/carers and supervisors on how to help Learner drivers become safer drivers. We also recommend that the Learner driver attend.

The workshop will provide information about:

- The Safer Drivers Course
- Understanding the Graduated Licensing Scheme and the current laws of L and P licence holders
- Handy hints for completing the Learner driver log book
- Understanding the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience
- Tips for supervising Learner drivers
- Young driver issues

The workshop details are:

- Date: Tuesday 25 November 2014
- Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Location: Wallumetta Room, Ryde Library
- Address: 1 Pope St, Ryde - at Top Ryde City shopping centre (3 hours free parking available)
- Cost: FREE
- Bookings: 9952 8222

Please note that bookings are essential as places are limited.

For more information on this workshop, contact Council’s Road & Community Safety Project Officer on 9952 8222 or lpears@ryde.nsw.gov.au.