Welcome back to another action packed term at Normanhurst. I am unsure if there ever was a time when schools were not action packed but there appears to be an endless array of activity each and every term.

**Year 11 (2015) Subject Selection Evening:** This very important evening will be held this coming Monday (21 July) beginning at 7.15 p.m. sharp. Appropriate selection of courses for the HSC is obviously vital in ensuring that students maximise their performance and utilise their potential. All parents and students will need to attend this event to gain the information they need to select their subjects and then lodge their subject selections for next year. While we appreciate this will be a challenge for some parents we would not ask this of them if it was not very important. Emails were sent last week to all parents for whom we have current addresses, providing formal notification of the event and last Wednesday the boys were issued with a paper copy advising of the event.

On the night students and parents will receive two documents. The first is a booklet containing an outline of all the courses offered to students at Normanhurst Boys. While many of boys and their parents may be aware of some of the more frequently chosen subjects, this booklet contains information on courses which may not have already been considered. The booklet also contains detailed instructions of the process which must be followed to ensure that students successfully lodge their subject selection for consideration. The second document is a personalised subject selection form. This form contains login and password information to ensure students can lodge their application. Without this form students will not be able to process their requests for subjects for 2015 and 2016. Ms Johnson will be providing parents and students with detailed instructions on this process.

I will be providing an overview of the subject selection process, Ms Johnson will be explaining the subject selection process in more detail, Ms Woodhams will talk about university requirements and Ms Cousins will explain the interview booking process for the following week. All very important areas of information.

In addition to the group information all of our Head Teachers will be available for you to talk to about particular subjects and courses. Head Teachers will be waiting in rooms for individuals and small groups of parents to come and talk to them about courses and subjects on offer and answer all those detailed subject specific questions you may have.

Please ensure at least one parent/carer comes along with each Year 10 student. While our boys are undoubtedly bright and eminently capable many still need mum and/or dad to help guide them through this process and ensure the right decision is made.

**Year 9 and 10 (2015-2016) Subject Selection Evening:** This event will also be held this coming Monday (21 July) beginning at 5.45 p.m. sharp. The boys (current Year 8 students) will also receive a booklet on the courses on offer and have the process of selection explained to them. The first part of the event will be a group information session held in the hall where parents and students will need to attend to obtain the selection forms and information booklet. Like the senior subject event, Head Teachers will also be available for individual students and parents to speak with and ask subject related questions. Ms Johnson will explain to parents and students how the subject selection process works and exactly what needs to be done and by when.

It is vital that at least one parent accompany each student on the night. Every endeavour will be made to ensure the evening moves along swiftly and provides all of the information that is crucial to this important process.
Congratulations to Oliver Fisher for his spectacular performance at the International Informatics Olympiad in Taipei. (See below for further details).

Good luck to Adam Halmy who will be competing in the Sydney North Athletics carnival on 21 and 22 July. He will be running in the 800m, 1500m and 3000m. A wonderful competitor.

Parents: If your son is involved in some area of excellence outside of the school and you believe he deserves and would like recognition please let me know. I make every effort to celebrate success when possible but I am only able to do this if I am aware it is occurring. Sending along a photo with the information is also a great idea.

School Calendar: Please ensure that your son is checking the school calendar for key times and dates of school events. While we try to send out emails and letters to remind our community of impending events many of us have very busy lives and need several weeks to ensure availability. Going through the school calendar at the beginning of each term and adding appropriate events to your personal calendar may assist in ensuring your son makes it to where he needs to be, when he needs to be there. Please keep in mind that dates are sometimes changed and that it is important to keep checking the online calendar to keep current.

Uniform: During the winter months there is a tendency for students to don heavy jackets and rug up. While I appreciate the need to stay warm and dry, students need to ensure that they are in full school uniform on the way to and from school. Rather that adding layers on top of their uniform please encourage them to add layers like singlets or undershirts which leave their uniform as the top layer. Thanking you for your support in this area.

ONE OF THE WORLD’S BEST COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS FROM NBHS

Mr P Davis, Head Teacher, Technological & Applied Studies (TAS)

Normanhurst Boys High has for some time boasted some of Australia’s best young computer programmers. These successes have developed from a culture of curiosity, problem solving and competitions where our talented young programmers pass on their skills to younger interested peers.

One of these students (and programming club mentor) has now achieved international success. Oliver Fisher was selected in the Australian team of four to attend the International Informatics Olympiad in Taipei.

This selection was only after a gruelling series of competitions and training schools.

Oliver had been invited along with 24 other students from across Australia to attend the Informatics School of Excellence last December. This was an intense 10-day training school at the Australian National University in Canberra.

He competed successfully in the Australian Invitational Informatics Olympiad, the French-Australian Regional Informatics Olympiad and was selected for the second training school at Macquarie University, along with 14 others.

In April, Oliver was selected to be part of the Australian team of four. He was off to represent his country (and Normo) in Taipei in the pinnacle of competition in computer science for high school students around the world.

Staff and students could follow Oliver’s progress via an online leader board. This board included the names of approximately 300 students from over 70 countries. The students were represented by their flags and it was not surprising to see China and the USA on top of the ladder early.

Oliver’s remarkable results fluctuated between the 30’s and high 20’s for much of the early rounds. True to his teacher’s observations of his character, Oliver improved rapidly over time and finished the competition at 5th. In the world!

A Gold medal for Australia! (We’ve performed far better in the computer science Olympiad than in sporting Olympics in the pool...and the competitors are much nicer people!)

One of Oliver’s team mates (also from a government selective school) received a 1st.

This is Australia’s best result in this competition.

It is quite incredible to see a leader board where Australia tops China and the USA...not to mention Russia, Japan, Korea (and for the football lovers well above Germany and Argentina!).

With students of this ability (and well-funded government schools) there is hope for Australia to be a truly clever nation. This is a strength our country should be playing to!

Please congratulate Oliver on his hard work and success.

Check out his results:


MUSIC SHOWCASE - CLASS OF 2013

Ms M Johnson, Music Teacher

Jonathan Wong MUSIC 2

Last year Jonathan Wong’s composition for trombone and piano was nominated for Encore – the showcase of excellence in the HSC music courses. This piece is now on the school phone hold line for this term. Jonathan is now studying combined Commerce at UNSW.
**BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) IMPLEMENTATION**

*Ms M Johnson, Acting Deputy Principal*

**Year 8 Implementation**
Term 3 Week 2 - Year 8s in class with their devices as instructed by their class teachers.

**Year 7 Implementation**
Term 3 Week 2 - Year 7s in class with their devices as instructed by their class teachers.

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**CAREERS NEWS**

*Ms Kay Woodhams, Careers Adviser*

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**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](http://www.nbhscareers.com)

We also have additional information including a comprehensive calendar on the [MhsCareers website](http://www.mhs careers.net)

User name: nbhs - Password: careers

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**SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

**Year 12**

Lunchtime Seminars
This has been a busy week for lunchtime seminars.

Scholarships
Year 12 had the opportunity to attend the scholarships session, last Tuesday lunch. They are to save the information they received on the day. Additional information has been emailed to year 12. This session was done at this time so the boys can start or continue working on their applications after the Trials. The boys are to keep checking newsletters, emails & closing dates.

For further information go to [www.nbhscareers.com](http://www.nbhscareers.com)

Post School Options – University – Scholarships
University can be an expensive business. Scholarships are a great way of helping out with these costs. They can also be a way of guaranteeing yourself a job when you finish studying. Scholarships can come in a variety of forms, including:
- academically competitive
- financial hardship
- war veterans children
- regional
- disability
- scholarships offered by specific companies and employers

Finding your way through the scholarship maze can sometimes be quite daunting.

*Students & parents can find specific scholarship information for every Australian university by using the direct links on the website. Below are two excellent resources students may find helpful in their search for scholarships:

There are direct links on the website to:

* The "MyFuture" website scholarship search tool
* The Hobsons scholarship search tool

**UMAT Final Session - Lunchtime Presentation**
UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test) – Wednesday 30 July 2014
This session was held yesterday, Thursday 17 July.

There was also quite a lot of information covered. Year 12 students sitting for this year’s UMAT are reminded to go through the checklist.

**Pre-ordered Undergraduate Directories NOW available.**

Please collect from the Careers Office.

**Scholarships**

Applications close Fri 5 December
Each year one Australian student is selected to complete a four year undergraduate degree in the United States at either Duke University or the University of North Carolina. The scholarship is valued at $200,000 and pays for full tuition, room and board and living.


**UNSW School of Mining Engineering High School Information Dinners**
Paramatta: Fri 25 July, 6.30pm – 10.00pm, Mantra Parrama, Cnr Parkes Street & Valentine Avenue
The information dinners are for high school students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and their families to learn more about studying Mining Engineering. The dinner provides an opportunity for prospective mining engineering students to meet UNSW staff and increase their awareness of the career opportunities available.

Visit: [http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/mining-engineering/all-events](http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/mining-engineering/all-events)

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**The University of Newcastle HSC Coach**
This website contains tips and advice from HSC teachers and markers on a range of HSC subjects in preparation for upcoming trial exams.

MyUniversity
MyUniversity provides students with a broad range of information about Australian universities and other higher education providers.

UNSW Medicine Information Evening 2014 Video
The following link provides an overview of the undergraduate medicine program at UNSW including the application process, UMAT preparation tips and helpful myth busting.
http://med.unsw.edu.au/applying

Canberra Open Days 2014
Australian National University: Sat 30 August
University of New South Wales – Australian Defence Force Academy: Sat 30 August

ACU New Courses 2015
ACU has announced new courses being offered at various campuses in 2015.
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/courses/new-courses

New Student Accommodation Available at the University of Newcastle in 2015
This youtube video outlines new accommodation options available at the University of Newcastle in 2015, including the four new apartment style buildings which are currently being built for the 2015 academic year.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z__6nUQyZ05I&list=UUZylUy9cnB6GWicod4vskwQ&feature=share

PRIVATE COLLEGES
Academy of Music and Performing Arts Open Day
Sat 9 August, 10.30am – 2.00pm, 114 Victoria Road, Rozelle. Speak to students, staff and learn about the courses available. http://ampa.edu.au/

APM College of Business and Communication Open Day and Day in the Life Workshop

Open Day
Sat 16 August, 10.00am – 2.00pm
A Day in the Life Workshop
Thu 25 September, 10.00am – 4.00pm
View college facilities, participate in a leadership and project style management workshop with lecturers and work on real-life case studies with PR and marketing.
Northpoint, Level 9, 171 Pacific Highway, North Sydney.
Contact: enquiries@apm.edu.au or 1300 851 237
http://www.apm.edu.au/about-apm/upcoming-events

Billy Blue College of Design Day in the Life of a Designer Workshop
Sat 20 September, 9.30am - 4.00pm, Ultimo Campus, 46-45 Mountain Street, Ultimo
Experience the life of a designer by attending hands-on, practical workshops covering your preferred study area.

OTHER NEWS
Housing NSW HSC Youth Scholarship 2014
Applications close Fri 25 July
Year 11 or 12 students who are living in social housing, crisis accommodation or who are on the NSW Housing Register are invited to apply for this scholarship. Two hundred scholarships are available consisting of a one off payment of $2000 to support students in completing the HSC.
Contact: 300 468 746 or youthscholarships@facs.nsw.gov.au

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.
Chinese Parents Forum: HSC study

Forum delivered in Mandarin on,
- HSC study strategies
- Alternate pathways to university
- ATAR calculation

Keynote speaker Xue Feng Zhang is a highly experienced Education Consultant from the University of Sydney.
Q&A session to follow.
Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday 31st July
Hornsby Council Chambers
296 Pacific Highway Hornsby

Thursday 7th August
Dougherty Community Centre
7 Victor St Chatswood

Both forums scheduled 5:30 - 8:30 PM
For Registration please contact John Woodward, Willoughby Council
97777993  0402744378  john.woodward@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

Northern Sydney Parent Engagement Strategy
CALD community

为中国家长举办的 HSC 学习国语座谈会

讲座主题:
* HSC 学习策略
* 上大学的多种选择途径
* ATAR 计算方式

主讲张学丰先生是拥有丰富经验的悉尼大学教育顾问

- Q&A 会话
- 将会提供点心

日期：7月31日星期四
Hornsby Council Chambers
296 Pacific Highway Hornsby

日期：8月7日星期四
Dougherty Community Centre
7 Victor St Chatswood

两个座谈会均在晚上 5:30 - 8:30 举办
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Mr Peter Edwards, Sports Coordinator

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