



# BIRRONG BULLETIN

## The Newsletter of Birrongo Girls High School

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

#### School Development Days

At our Term 2 **School Development Days** on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 April all teachers updated their skills in the very hands-on Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training session, and gained a greater understanding of the needs and challenges experienced by girls in today's context in the Girls' Education workshop delivered by Ms Judy King, former Principal at Riverside Girls High School.

The major focus of our School Development Days was the Australian curriculum because in 2014 the Australian curriculum will be implemented in NSW high schools in Years 7 & 9 in English, Mathematics, Science and History. Teachers worked collaboratively on the NSW Board of Studies new syllabuses to develop a stronger understanding of the key ideas and content of the Australian curriculum and to plan and program for its implementation.

#### New Staff

I extend a warm welcome to Ms Alison Hon who has joined our Learning Support Team. I am confident that she will settle into the school quickly and make a great contribution to our strong culture of teaching and learning.

#### Uniform Matters

Winter is here and so school jumpers and blazers, available from Berelle School Wear at Regents Park, become an important part of our uniform. Cardigans, jackets, hoodies, short sleeved school shirts with long sleeved undergarments or T-shirts of any colour are not acceptable. Our school community has very high expectations with regard to uniform because students wearing neat and tidy uniform present a very positive message about the school. Please ensure that your daughter conforms fully to the school's uniform policy, a copy of which can be found in her school diary or on our website, and wears her uniform with pride.

#### Congratulations to:

- **Duha Al-Hassnawi, Marium Al Khazaaly and Manar Laalaa** from Year 10, who each gave an excellent address to the whole school assembly held on Friday 12 April to commemorate ANZAC Day.



ANZAC Day Commemoration

- **Betty Nguyen** from Year 11 who was presented with a Year 10 Academic Excellence Award for her achievement in 2012 at a ceremony held at the University of Sydney on 1 May.
- **Aditi Jalandhra** from Year 11 who will represent our school, as one of 30 students selected from around the state, at the Schools State Constitution Convention at NSW Parliament House on Monday 17 June.
- **Mele Latu** from Year 12 who has been selected in the NSW State Volleyball Team.

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### Coming Events:

- The new Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership (ILNPN) and its impact on the School Plan at 5pm on **Wednesday 15 May**. A meeting of the P&C will follow this presentation in the Common Room. All parents are encouraged to come along.
- **NAPLAN** tests are scheduled for all students in Years 7 & 9 on 14-16 May.
- The school's **Cross Country Carnival** will be held on the school grounds on Monday 20 May and the **Athletics Carnival** will be held at The Crest at Georges Hall on Wednesday 5 June. Participation in such events is an important part of your daughter's experience at school. Please encourage your daughter to attend and get involved in the action.

I invite you to contact the school to make an appointment (Tel: 9644 5057) if you have any issues that you wish to discuss about your daughter's education. I hope you enjoy reading about the achievements and activities of the school in the following pages.

Jenni Wilkins  
Principal

### REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

***We all create the person we become by our choices, as we go through life. In a real sense, by the time we are adults, we are the sum total of the choices we have made.*** Eleanor Roosevelt

What makes a student's experiences of school the foundation of a successful life after school? Perhaps the quotation above sums up some of the most important consideration that helps a Birrong Girl become a successful and happy adult. Our school values underpin the expectations we have of every choice that students make at school.

**Personal Excellence:** *Learn to the best of our ability...*

Having just completed semester one examinations, **Year 11 and Year 12** students are currently in the process of receiving critical feedback from their teachers regarding their progress so far in 2013. Now is "make or break time" to ensure that the marks students **hope for** can be attained in the Year 12 Trial HSC examinations and in the Year 11 Yearly exams.

Teachers take a lot of care in marking and providing feedback regarding exam questions and answers. Students need to analyse their mistakes carefully and ensure that they work with their teachers to ensure that they learn how to answer all types of questions related to the work covered

so far. It is important for students to reflect upon their strengths and weaknesses. This is a time for all Stage 6 students to consider goals and the study and revision requirements, which they will need to follow in order to achieve their post school ambitions.

Teachers are always willing to help students to improve their understanding of course content or to work with students to assist them to refine their study regime and time management skills.

**Responsibility and Integrity:** *Think before we act, take our work seriously, take pride in what we do...*

For parents, the beginning of Term 2 is the perfect time to help your daughter to refine her **time management** skills. Many parents, we speak to, assume that if students are sitting in front of a computer, they must be doing study or homework. Often the truth is different.

Many students admit that they spend more than five hours a day communicating with friends and strangers using *Facebook, Myspace, Formspring, KICK, MSN* and other social networking sites on their phones and computers. Unfortunately, these sites are often used for gossiping or bullying as well as communication between friends.



Research shows that adolescents who have family supervision and support in learning how to recognise and deal with issues such as **setting personal limits** and following time management plans, do better at school and learn the personal management skills, which will support them for the rest of their lives.

You can help by sitting with your daughter and assisting her to set short term goals, such as *What would I like to achieve this week?* ... as well as longer term goals such as, *Before my next exams I will need to...* In the school diary you will find that the pages 3-26 provide tips to help you to discuss short term goal setting and how to consider longer term goals as well as tips on setting targets for other areas of life, such as sport, music, dance or how to balance study with part time employment.

Although by now all students should be confidently using their diaries to plan their homework and study times each night, many students still need daily help from guardians, parents or a supportive adult figure, to assist them to work out the best ways to ensure that daily minimum homework/study requirements are maintained. This is where attendance at the **Homework Centre** from 3 to 5pm Mondays to Thursdays can help students organise their time effectively.

### **Daily Minimum Homework/Study Requirements:**

Year 7	1 hour homework/study additional time for test preparation, assignments, <i>Mathletics</i> and wide reading
Year 8	1 hour homework/study additional time for test preparation, assignments, <i>Mathletics</i> and wide reading
Year 9	2 hours homework/study additional time for test preparation, assignments, <i>Mathletics</i> and wide reading
Year 10	2+ hours homework/study additional time for test preparation, assignments, <i>Mathletics</i> and wide reading
Year 11	3 hours homework/study additional time for assessment task preparation, utilising the Board of Studies site to access past papers, complete assignments, wide reading of newspapers to support class work and wide reading for interest to improve literacy
Year 12	3+ hours homework/study additional time for assessment task preparation, utilising the Board of Studies site to access past papers, complete assignments, wide reading of newspapers to support class work and wide reading for interest to improve literacy

**Term Two** will be a busy term for **Years 7–10** with assessment tasks, tests and assignments scheduled across the term. These combined tasks will be used to calculate marks and grades for Semester One reports.

**During Week 3 of Term 2**, students in Years 7 and 9 will be sitting for NAPLAN tests which will evaluate students' skills in Spelling, Persuasive Writing, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and a variety of Numeracy skills. We would like to commend all those students who completed revision work to help them to achieve their personal best in these tests.

Each year we look forward to seeing students planning and practising their dance routines together during Term 2. It is always terrific to see their enthusiastic participation and teamwork culminate in creatively choreographed dances which are performed with impressive dance moves and carefully coordinated timing. We look forward to enjoying these student performances at the end of term.

Ad Astra,

Ms Crossan and Ms Fletcher  
**Deputy Principals**



**INTEGRITY -**  
*Doing*  
the right thing...  
even when  
no one is  
*looking.*

### **NEW STAFF**

**Alison Hon**  
**Learning Support Team**



My name is Alison Hon. I joined Birrong Girls High in the middle of Term 1 helping our refugee students in different years. At university I completed a Bachelor of Arts doing various subjects including languages and ESL. I have been with the Department of Education since 1995. I have taught various languages including Mandarin, Japanese and French. I have also taught ESL for a number of years. The staff and students have made me feel very welcomed and I look forward to meeting everyone. There are many new things to learn in this school and I would love for you to teach me and work with me!

## HEAD TEACHER ADMINISTRATION REPORT

### Attendance Update – On Time Arrivals

There was a minor improvement in the number of students arriving on time for school in Term 1. It is important that parents, students and the school all work together to ensure that optimal learning is achieved without the disruption of students arriving late to class.

If students are late they need to:

- bring a note from home explaining why they are late
- sign in and obtain a blue late slip from school staff
- see Mrs George at recess on the day that they are late

All blue late slips must be signed by the parent/caregiver and then returned to Mrs George for processing. All late arrivals will be displayed on your daughter's school report.

Please be aware that phone calls are made and letters will be sent home to parents/caregivers of students who regularly come to school late.

### Absent Students – Text Messaging System

I am pleased to report that the text messaging system has proven to be a very valuable tool in tracking student attendance. If your daughter has been absent from school you would have received a text message from the school that asks you for a reply text. It is very important that you make contact with the school at your earliest convenience via text reply or a phone call so that your daughter's school records can be updated to justify her absence.

The effectiveness of the text messaging system in ensuring the safety of your daughter relies on you responding to the text by explaining the nature of your daughter's absence, her name and roll call class.



If you change your mobile phone details it is essential that you inform the school immediately.

If you have any concerns about the text messaging system please contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs George  
Head Teacher Administration

## FROM THE CAREERS ROOM

### Years 10, 11 or 12:

Ever wondered about going to uni?  
There's still time to register online at [sydney.edu.au/yourpath](http://sydney.edu.au/yourpath)

When: Wednesday 22 May 2013, 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Where: Revesby Workers Club  
2B Brett Street Revesby  
You do not need to be a member of the Club to attend this event

Hear from Corey Payne and current students about how studying at the University of Sydney opens doors to many career opportunities. This would be good to attend no matter which uni you might want to attend in 2014, 2015 or 2016!



### Year 12:

During the April school holidays Christina Tran attended the Sydney University Business School's Aspiring Business Leaders' Day.

Christina reported: "Overall, I found the day quite fun, as I had learnt new concepts about business and strategies to overcome certain issues. It was a nice environment at Sydney University and I enjoyed it and would love to revisit it again."

All Year 12 students should be thinking about 2014: Do you want to be in work? (Apprenticeship? Traineeship? Any job? ) or at a Tertiary Provider (University, TAFE or private RTO?)

You need to do some research at [www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au](http://www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au)

Le Cordon Bleu 2014 Hospitality Entrepreneur Scholarship, \$30,000, Contact: 8878 3100  
<http://www.lecordonbleu.com.au/sydney/bachelor-scholarships/en>

Trivett Automotive Apprenticeship Program  
<http://www.trivett.com.au/apprenticeships>

Bedford College 2014 Scholarships for Business Services students – 7 September & 22 November  
<http://www.bedford.edu.au/about/scholarship%20information>

Defence Force Personalised Job Finder  
<http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/#>



### Year 11:

Are you studying Economics, Business Studies, Legal Studies or Modern History?

Apply for a Unions NSW Metropolitan Scholarship \$2,500 to assist your education.

Contact: 9266 8681

or [info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au)

[http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/PDF/S/Unions%20NSW%20Metropolitan%20Scholars hip\\_Information%20Pack.pdf](http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/PDF/S/Unions%20NSW%20Metropolitan%20Scholars hip_Information%20Pack.pdf)

### Year 10:

I hope you all gained something of value from your Work Experience opportunity. You may have confirmed your career choice or you might want to think about something entirely different for your next block, from 18 – 22 November. You have lots of notice about the date so do not leave it to the last minute to ask an employer to sign your Student Placement Record. I think more schools will be doing Work Experience in November so get your employer organised now!

You also need to start thinking about your subjects for Year 11 and 12. You should select subjects you enjoy, not subjects your friends are doing, or subjects where you like the teacher (teachers can move). Find your passion and follow it.

St. George Banking Group Scholarship closes 17 May. \$500 cash prize.

Contact: 9266 8681

or [info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au)

[http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/PDF/S/St.George%20Banking%20Group%20Scholars hip\\_Information%20Pack.pdf](http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/PDF/S/St.George%20Banking%20Group%20Scholars hip_Information%20Pack.pdf)

### Consider an apprenticeship and career in the Automotive Industry:

Auto Skills Australia has launched a customised version of MyCareerMatch to help students find out what career in automotive best suits them.

Opportunities in the automotive industry are not just about cars. There are jobs in heavy vehicles, motorcycles, outdoor power equipment, bicycles, forklifts, motorsport, sales, administration, alternative fuels, marine, electrical and 50 more offering 24 separate apprenticeships.



And it's not just for the boys! There are loads of opportunities for girls.

The automotive industry employs 370,000 people and there's a current labour shortfall of more than 35,000 positions nationally which means plenty of great jobs for those considering a career in auto.

**Match me with a Career in Automotive** offers students an opportunity to find out what auto industry careers best match their skills. Go to [www.maapmyfuture.com.au](http://www.maapmyfuture.com.au) - it's free, so interested students can register and complete the survey.

### Defence Force Recruiting - Parramatta Info Sessions are:

- Army Reserve Information Session – Tuesday 14 May
- ADF Trades Information Session – Wednesday 29 May

The Information Sessions will be held at Defence Force Recruiting Parramatta – Level 4, 9 George Street, Parramatta, at 6.30pm

These information sessions will be attended by an Australian Defence Force (ADF) member who will give specific presentations on the night relating to the particular aspect of the Australian Defence Force. If you wish to attend please RSVP to [cptnsw@dfr.com.au](mailto:cptnsw@dfr.com.au) specifying the **NAME** of the Information Session and the **DATE** you wish to attend, and you will be booked in.

### Smart and Skilled - reforming VET in NSW:

NSW is reforming its vocational education and training (VET) system. From July 2014 *Smart and Skilled* will introduce:

- an entitlement for entry level training up to and including Certificate III
- targeted support for higher level qualifications
- informed choice with improved quality measures
- recognition of the role and function of TAFE NSW as the public provider
- greater support for regions and equity groups
- better information for consumers.

**TAFE NSW** attracted more than 550,000 enrolments, including 6,000 international students. The strength of the vocational sector is that it creates work-ready graduates who contribute to the economy immediately. More than 86% of TAFE NSW students are either in jobs or secure employment after finishing their qualifications. TAFE produces graduates who are a significant contributor to the NSW workforce – supporting the backbone of the local economy.

**Parents and students are invited to The Institute of Chartered Accountants free Cadetship Evening on Wednesday 15 May at the Sydney Convention Centre.**

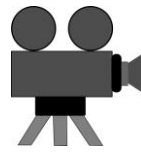
- A cadetship offers students the chance to work while they study a business or commerce degree at university. The Cadetship Evening offers Year 12 students the chance to meet and network with a wide range of employers. There will be information sessions where students will hear what to expect as a cadet from current cadets. The diverse opportunities available as a Chartered Accountant; presentations from Coca-Cola Amatil and Vodafone and how to be successful in the recruitment process by two leading HR Managers.
- **When:** Wednesday 15 May from 4.30pm
- **Where:** Sydney Convention Centre, Bayside Foyer, Level 1
- **Who:** Year 12 students – (Year 10 and 11 welcome too – cadet programme applications only available to Year 12)
- **Register at:**  
[www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students](http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students)



**Community services and health** is now the fastest growing industry sector in Australia. More than 320,000 extra employees are expected to enter this sector in the next five years. The jobs with the highest growth are in childcare, nursing and aged care.

Ms Austin  
**Careers Adviser**

## **WORLD OF WOMEN'S CINEMA FILM FESTIVAL**



In Week 6 of Term 1, eleven students from Year 11 attended the annual World of Women's Cinema Film Festival at New South Wales Parliament House. These students became part of an audience for a series of short films ranging from documentary to romantic comedy with many genres in between.

The Hon. Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Women, addressed the audience and spoke about the great impact women film makers have had on the industry. Students were able to meet with a range of women directors, actors and film makers and ask questions about their experience working in film. Students met with Cheryl Halpern, Director of Natsanat, a compelling documentary about the female freedom fighters in Ethiopia during the 1970s. She talked with students about the process of making the film and how she became involved in the issue.

Students learnt about the many opportunities that are available to women in the film industry and about the processes and big budgets involved in making films.

Overall, it was an enjoyable and worthwhile experience because it gave insight into the film industry and gave students an opportunity to celebrate women's achievements in film.

Ms Lee  
**English Teacher**

## 2013 YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (YEN) CONFERENCE

On 8 April, six fortunate Year 9 students from the Environment Team had the opportunity to visit Taronga Zoo for the 2013 Youth Environmental Network Conference. Before attending we were asked to prepare a PowerPoint display that could be shown on the day about what Birrong Girls High School did to be environmentally sustainable. Along with some other students, we also prepared a musical performance which was held during morning tea.



**Birrong girls performing a musical item**

We met many students from different schools who shared their ideas and opinions about the environment and what their school was doing. While we were at the zoo we had the opportunity to watch a special seal show that was prepared for us. The seal show was enjoyed by every student and it was one of the highlights of the day. We were also privileged enough to listen to some motivational speakers who talked to us about sustaining the environment and ways to help change the world, step by step. The main motto we learnt is that 'One million starts with one'. This told us that changing the world is not hard at all, all we need is to be dedicated enough, and we can get there.

We attended lessons that taught us about different leadership qualities, and we discussed what sort of qualities we needed to possess to put our plans about improving the environment into action. Overall, the day was highly enjoyable and we learned many valuable lessons. Thank you to Ms Stachiw for allowing us to experience this amazing day.

**By: Amar Hamed and Ghaida Alameddine, Year 9**

## STATE VOLLEYBALL HONOURS FOR MELE LATU (YEAR 12)

Congratulations to Mele Latu who has been selected in the NSW State Volleyball Team. Mele also captains the school team, the Zone team and was chosen to be the Vice Captain of the Sydney South West Regional Volleyball Team.



**Mele (pictured on the left) is a wonderful role model for younger students and peers**

Recently, Mele was awarded the Sydney West Regional Coaches medal for her dedication and commitment to volleyball both on and off the court at the State Championships. As a result of her outstanding performance at the State Championships, Mele was then selected in the NSW State team who are travelling to Queensland to compete in the Trans Tasman Volleyball Championships in June.

Mele has been nominated for the Pierre de Coubertin Award for demonstrating the attributes consistent with the fundamental aims of the Olympic Movement. Mele also represents the school in a range of sports in the Combined High Schools Sports knockout competition.

Well done, Mele! A fantastic achievement.

**Ms Waltho  
School and Zone Volleyball Coach**



## LIBRARY NEWS

The library has fresh new carpet for Term 2 and we feel renewed! This term we look forward to helping students record the titles of books for the Premier's and the Principal's Reading Challenges.

**Chess Club** is running at lunchtime on Mondays and **Wrap With Love** crocheting and knitting at lunchtime on Thursdays. Year 7 are making excellent progress with their Information Literacy Skills program. This term we will begin with the Mathematics Faculty. We are studying numeracy in Aboriginal Dreamtime Stories and undertaking the Australian Bureau of Statistics "Census@school" program.

If you are looking for the best Australian books for children and young adults published in the last year, make sure you check out the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Short List. CBCA Book of the Year will be announced in August. The Short List is online at <http://cbca.org.au/Shortlist2013.htm>. If students want to comment on their current reading, or make requests for items for the library, posts are always welcome at the library iRead blog:

[https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/blog/411728-birrongoirlshishschoollibrary/entry/the\\_holidays\\_are\\_over](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/blog/411728-birrongoirlshishschoollibrary/entry/the_holidays_are_over)

Mr Davidson  
**Teacher Librarian**

## DEBATING NEWS

On 6 May the Year 9/10 Debating Team had its first debate in the Premier's Debating Challenge. They took on a strong team from Liverpool Boys and were adjudicated winners after a determined and disciplined effort.



Aleyna Celik, Hayley Brisenden, Helay Zarmati, Duha Al-Hassnawi and Mr Davidson

Mr Davidson  
**Teacher Librarian**

## DRUM BEATS INCURSION

Drum Beats came to our school at the end of Term 1. The two drummers introduced themselves as "brothers"...Nick and Yuse.

They called themselves "brothers" because they always have such a great time drumming together. We could really see how they respected each other's drumming skills and cultures. Some of us were chosen to go up the front to perform. We felt shy at first but then realised it was all great fun. Everyone had their own *djembe*, the traditional drum from the African East Coast. We played some great rhythms together and Yuse got all of us up and dancing!

We had a great morning drumming and can't wait to do it all over again soon!

**By: 7S**





**ENGLISH FACULTY  
WRITING COMPETITION 2013 –  
“LITTLE TREASURES”**

The English Faculty Writing competition is on again! This year's theme is “*Little Treasures*”. Write a poem or short creative writing piece about “*Little Treasures*”. There are a million ways to write about “*Little Treasures*” so make it what YOU want. There are categories for junior prose, junior poetry, senior prose and senior poetry. All work must be your own and be handed in to your English teacher BEFORE Friday, Week 9 of this term. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category. For more information see your English teacher or the posters around the school.

**UNSW WRITING/SPELLING COMPETITION**

Entries for the UNSW International English Writing Competition and Spelling Competition close on Friday, 17 May. The Writing Competition is open to all years. The Spelling Competition is for Year 7 only. Your English teachers have already given out the entry forms. If you missed out, see your ENGLISH TEACHER for a YELLOW entry form and pay the entry fee at the finance office by Friday, 17 May.



**NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE 2013**

This year's theme is “***Legends, Fact and History***”. Write an essay or create a museum display, or develop a website or devise a performance. There are many ways to show your understanding of “*Legends, Fact and History*”. The competition is open to junior and senior students. All work must be your own and be handed in by Friday, Week 2 of Term 3. There will be cash prizes for state and national winners. For more information see Ms Feld in the History/LOTE staffroom.

History

**PARENT TIPS**

**Managing depression**

One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don't be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children>

**Bullying knows no bounds**

When cyberbullying hits home - what one mum wishes she'd done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home>

**Financial literacy**

Does your child need help with business and economics? Here's info on credit cards, how to be responsible spenders and savers, and make consumer choices.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/business-and-economics/credit-cards>

**Help with ratios**

Homework is full of tricky maths questions. Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. This glossary gives straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z>

**Buying an e-reader or tablet**

E-readers may be a good way to get reluctant readers into books, plus they let you carry your library around with you wherever you go.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/e-book-re-kindle-love-of-reading>

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

The SRC is made up of students elected by their peers. You may have seen SRC members serving refreshments at Parent/Teacher evenings.



Year 8 SRC



Year 9 SRC



Year 10 SRC



Year 11 SRC



Year 12 SRC



## BIRRONG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Parents are invited to attend the  
**P & C MEETING**  
on Wednesday, 15 May 2013  
at 5pm in the Common Room

## BIRRONG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR *For your diary / noticeboard*

### May:

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>

- Year 11 Half Yearly exams conclude

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>

- Year 12 Hospitality Work Placements

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>

- NAPLAN TESTS

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>

- NAPLAN TESTS
- P&C Meeting, Common Room, 5pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

- NAPLAN TESTS

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup>

- Catch-up day for NAPLAN

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup>

- School Cross Country – attendance is compulsory for Years 7 & 8

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>

- Zone Cross Country Carnival

### June:

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>

- School Athletics Carnival

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup>

- Regional Cross Country

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup>

- P&C Meeting, Common Room, 5pm

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>

- Zone Athletics
- Year 7 Vaccinations

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup>

- Parent/Teacher sessions, 2-6pm



# TRANSPORT NEWS

## VEOLIA TRANSPORT – MORNING BUS ROUTE 908 FROM GUILDFORD AND AUBURN

Following a review of bus services and in order to address increasing traffic congestion, the timetable for this bus will be altered commencing Monday, 13 May 2013. The bus will continue to follow the same route but will now operate 10 minutes earlier, to the following schedule:

- *Guildford Station 7.22am, Rawson Rd & Excelsior St 7.27am, Clyde & Mona Sts 7.35am, Auburn Station 7.45am, Park Rd & Clarke St 7.54am, Kibo Rd & Fourth Ave 7.59am, Birrong Girls High School and Birrong Boys High School 8.06am*



Phone: (02) 8700 0555

### SCHOOL SPECIAL BUS SERVICES

*effective 13 May 2013*

#### **BIRRONG BOYS HIGH SCHOOL**

(8.35 – 2.55)

#### **BIRRONG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL**

(8.30 – 2.50)

<u>BUS NO</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MORNING BUS ROUTE</u>
401	7.46	From cnr Buist & Hector via Buist (R) Rose (L) Brodie (L) Auburn (R) Ferrier, Brunker (L) Cooper to schools <b>arr 8.00</b>
(909)	7.57	From Bankstown Interchange (Stand D) via Chapel (L) Rickard (R) Meredith (L) The Boulevarde (L) George (R) Avoca (L) Palomar (R) Woodbine (R) Ashby (L) Brunker (R) Cooper to schools <b>arr 8.10</b>
(908)	7.22	From Guildford Station via Railway (R) Mountford (R) Talbot (L) Guildford (R) Excelsior (L) Rawson (7.27) (L) Clyde (R) Mona (L) Cumberland (R) Normanby, Queen (L) Park (R) South (Auburn Station 7.45) (R) Auburn (R) Mary (L) Park (L) Clarke (L) Graham (R) Vaughan (R) Woodburn (L) Kerrs (R) Brixton (R) Hyde Park (L) Fourth (L) Kibo (R) Nottingham (R) Amy (L) Auburn (L) Bagdad, Cooper to schools <b>arr 8.06</b>

<u>BUS NO</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>AFTERNOON BUS ROUTE</u>
406	2.57	To Buist St, from <b>Birrong Girls High</b> (join bus in Cooper opposite school), pick up <b>Birrong Boys High</b> (join bus in Cooper on school side) via (L) Rodd (R) Auburn Rd (R) Brodie (R) Rose to cnr Buist.
500	2.55	To Bankstown North, from <b>Birrong Girls High</b> (join bus in Cooper opposite school), pick up <b>Birrong Boys High</b> (join bus in Cooper opposite school) via Cooper (L) Brunker (R) Ashby (L) Woodbine (L) Palomar (R) Avoca (L) George.
(908)	2.55	To Guildford, from <b>Birrong Girls High</b> (join bus in Cooper opposite school), pick up <b>Birrong Boys High</b> (join bus in Cooper on school side) via (L) Rodd (R) Auburn Rd (R) Amy (L) Nottingham (L) Kibo (R) Fourth (R) Hyde Park (L) Brixton (L) Kerrs (R) Woodburn (L) Vaughan (L) Graham (R) Clarke (R) Park (R) Beatrice (L) Susan (L) Queen (R) Civic (L) Kerr (R) Auburn (L) South Pde (Auburn Station) (L) Park (R) Queen, Normanby (L) Cumberland (R) Mona (L) Clyde (R) Rawson (R) Excelsior (L) Guildford to Guildford Station.

**Bus numbers in Brackets refer to Route service buses.**

(L) = BUS TURNS LEFT (R) = BUS TURNS RIGHT

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**Premier of New South Wales**  
Minister for Western Sydney

**Historic Achievement for NSW Students, Teachers and Parents**

I am very pleased to inform you that the Prime Minister and I recently announced NSW would be the first Australian State to agree to the "Gonski" national education reforms.

This is great news for students, teachers and parents. It will mean more resources and a fairer system – and assist our aim of higher standards and a better education for our children.

The agreement will deliver an additional \$5 billion for NSW schools as well as continue the NSW Government's education reforms, including improving literacy and numeracy, raising teaching quality and empowering principals and school communities to make local decisions.

I am proud of this historic reform which could not have been achieved without the advocacy of students, teachers and parents across NSW.

Yours sincerely

**Barry O'Farrell MP**  
Premier