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We hope you enjoy *Flying Higher!* The intent of this publication is to unite all those with ties to Sydney Boys High—so that we feel a sense of pride in our School and in belonging to a unique and very special community.

There are many ways you can contribute to this community:

- Become active in the Old Boys Union
- Donate your time and expertise:
 - o Foundation Board
 - o Specific program activities
 - o Management capability
 - o Legal assistance
 - o Fundraising events
- Make a financial donation:
 - o Bursaries for disadvantaged High students
 - o Governors Centre construction as the Great Hall ages
 - o Repairs to the Outterside Centre rowing facility
 - o Replace basketball backboards

One thing we are particularly hopeful for is securing a naming sponsor for this magazine. This can be an individual, a company or even a group of Old Boys from the year that you finished. Contact admin@shsfoundation.org.au if you are able to help.



From the PRINCIPAL



Flying Higher is now in its second year and we hope it will continue as a biannual school community publication. As you may know, a full annual description of school activities is catered for in *The Record* and to keep communication flowing to our community, we publish *High Notes* weekly.

Looking back on the first term of 2019, the most striking thing about our school is how its appearance has changed. The removal of the pine trees next to the tennis courts has opened up the verandah and its arches; the recent painting of the main building and the Great Hall and cloisters has really lifted the presence of High. Combine these improvements with the carpeting of two corridors and multiple rooms and offices, and the school looks as good as it has ever looked. Parents and Old Boys can once again enjoy a fine example of late 1920s architecture restored to its former impressive stature.

The other major event of 2019 is the finalising of agreements with the Department of Education and Sydney Girls High on the financing and development of the Governors Centre. Once the \$10.6 million is paid, the project will fall under the management of Schools Infrastructure NSW. All information about the project will come in the form of an agreed media release or joint communique, approved by the project manager. (An excerpt from the initial media release appears on the next page.) Both school communities are excited and relieved now that the project will finally be going out to tender. Once construction starts there will still be much to do to raise funds for the fit-out which has a secondary scope of works to be funded. We have launched a fundraising campaign for the fit-out to realise a high-quality building on completion.

This summer we did not win any premierships but performed very well in several sports. In Basketball, High was beaten only once and had five representatives in the Combined GPS teams. In Tennis, High First Grade ran a very close second to Scots and secured four representatives in the Combined GPS teams. In Cricket, our First XI qualified for the Knockout finals in Bathurst in the CHS Davidson Shield. Our competitors dominated the CHS Rowing championships held this year in Grafton. At the school Swimming Carnival, records were broken in five events.

We are joining with UTS in a project to install 84kw solar power generation on the roof of the gymnasium. We will contribute \$30 000 and should see a positive return on our investment in the fourth year. The backboards in the gymnasium will be replaced with modern armour glass ones. In partnership with UTS (\$30k), the Basketball Committee (\$20k) and the School (\$20k), these state-of-the-art backboards should serve cohorts of High students for a generation. We also need to upgrade our power supply to the Killip Wing, which was built in 1963. The provision of increased capacity will take six months and cost \$80 000. Until we have a guaranteed supply we cannot install air conditioning in the K.J. Andrews Library.

There are many things happening at High to make students, staff, parents and Old Boys proud of their school.

Dr K. A. Jaggar
Principal

Maintenance Update

The summer holiday break provided an opportunity to refresh and repair school facilities and this has greatly enhanced the school environment. With grounds the size of Sydney High this major project, which commenced in November 2018, is still currently under way.

Painting works were carried out over January to both internal and external areas. Three staff rooms, two deputy principals' offices, two science rooms and prep rooms were painted on the southern side of the school, as well as at least five classrooms, hallways and the external area of Block A. In addition, three rooms have new ceilings and were fitted with new ceiling fans and LED lighting. The Great Hall has been completely transformed with not only fresh paint, but also new glass and further repairs. The painting complements the addition of newly-laid carpet during 2018.

Further repairs and maintenance will be ongoing in the first half of 2019.

Jim Crampton, General Assistant



The Great Hall during repairs



And after



The freshly-painted exterior

The Governors Centre Project Update

The Governors Centre

An exciting project is underway to deliver The Governors Centre, a modern and adaptable multi-purpose space that serves as an auditorium, theatre and examination space for the Sydney Boys High and Sydney Girls High school communities.

This state of the art three-storey building can accommodate approximately 400 people in the auditorium and 210 in the examination centre.

Progress summary

School Infrastructure has been working closely alongside the school stakeholders through the design of The Governors Centre. The design process has been completed and the project is currently out to tender.

The tender period will be approximately 6 weeks and, after closing, will undergo a rigorous tender



Artist impression of The Governors Centre

assessment to ensure the best value for the stakeholders.

Next steps

Following the contract being awarded, construction works for The Governors Centre are expected to begin in mid- 2019.

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Academic and Co-Curricular Highlights

Nishant Suriyadeepan (Computer Science) and Vicknesh Ravikumar (Software Engineering) won UNSW Co-op Scholarships.

Brandon Nguyen's HSC body of work 'The Pervasiveness of Self' was selected for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS.

High received eight HSC Music ENCORE nominations for Performance and/or Composition.

Ben Kernohan and Etkin Tetkik won the Australian National Robocup Open Rescue Competition and will represent Australia at the international competition.

Branko Stajic won a medal for English in the UNSW Global ICAS.

Aryan Jani was selected to participate in the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra.

Timothy Hanna earned three awards at the STANSW Young Scientist Awards Presentation Night and was also awarded best project in the Earth and Environmental Sciences category at the Illawarra Coal Science Fair.

Klimenty Tsoutsman won a state competition for proficiency in the Russian language and will spend two weeks in Russia later this year.

Dean Nguyen was awarded a gold medal and perfect score in the National Latin Exam.

Sporting Highlights

Anthony Vlatko represented Australia in the 800m final at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

Kieran Guan represented Australia in the 500m at the Junior World Short Track Speed Skating Championships.

Alex Yeung represented NSW and won gold at the Australian Junior Table Tennis Championships and was selected to the Australian team for the Arafura Games.

Allen Fang was selected to attend the U17 National Badminton Championships and Xenos He was chosen for the NSW U17s.

Our U16s won the Open Boys Division 1 of the NSW Volleyball Tournament and our Year 11 team finished 3rd.

Our 1st XI Cricketers qualified for the Davidson Shield Knockout finals for the second successive year and our Opens earned a spot in the All-Schools competition.

Our Swimmers performed well at the GPS Carnival, winning medals in the breaststroke and butterfly and the medley relay.

Archie Fox was awarded a NSW Schools Blue for Rowing.

The 1st Tennis team beat Scots in the final of the GPS Plate.

Our 15s and Opens Basketball teams competed in the National School Competition.

At the ACT International Open Judo championships, Ivan Samsonov won gold in the U66kg division.

In Fencing, Adrian Leong won silver representing NSW in the Australian Sabre Teams Championship and also represented Australia and won medals along with team mates Lachlan Ho, Ethan Kwan and Matthew Pellen in the Oceania Cadet Fencing Championships in New Zealand.

High performed well at the NSW Junior Athletics championships, winning medals in the 400m, 800m and 1500m, 3000m, high jump and hurdles. The school was awarded the Kippax Cup as champion boys' school in CHS Athletics.



Making a Splash

Water Polo at Sydney Boys High has grown over the past year to five teams, with nearly seventy students playing and our First Grade team finishing in the top four in the GPS competition. In addition, both junior teams finished the season strong, coming in at third in the Fourteens division and fourth in the Thirteens division.

With eight wins out of eleven games, High's First Grade Water Polo team has become one that our competitors have to take seriously. The most memorable game of the First's competition took place at St Ignatius College when High played Waverly College. In the final quarter High managed to come back from being 4-1 down to equalling the score to 4-all, then in the dying seconds scoring a penalty goal, giving High the win at 5-4.

The Seconds took some time learning each team member's strengths, finishing off the season working well together as a team, as did the 16s. Both junior



teams were very strong throughout the season, finishing second and third respectively in their divisions. In the 14s, most of the games came down to the final quarter where we narrowly nudged out the opponents. In the 13s team, most of the players had never played a game before this season.

Water Polo has proven to be an exciting sport with many opportunities to learn new skills and be part of a team. It has been encouraging to see many new and talented players joining this sport and we hope this will continue.

Jessica Millar, MIC Water Polo

Smashing the Competition

Sydney High Table Tennis was more successful than ever in 2018 as we became the undefeated champions of the CHS Knockout Competition for the fourth year in succession. High has also consistently secured first, second and third place medals with multiple teams in both the NSW Secondary Schoolboys Table Tennis Challenge Cup and the NSW Secondary Schoolboys Shield in the junior (Yr7-8), intermediate (Yr9-10) and senior (Yr11-12) divisions each year. 2018 was no exception.

All four members of our CHS team (Joshua Lam, Roy Lin, Adam Masen and Alex Yeung) have been selected for the NSW Under 18 State team.

Further, Alex is a member of the National Junior Squad. With as many as four state representatives in the same school team, this makes us an unrivalled combination in all the prestigious competitions we enter.

High continues to look to improve its Table Tennis program. There are Wednesday and Thursday training sessions during sport at the St Michael's Anglican Church hall in Surry Hills to raise High's next generation of table tennis stars.



Thanks go to Coach Peter Masen for his guidance and to Dr Jaggar and Mr Cipolla (MIC) for their continued support of Sydney High Table Tennis.

Joshua Lam, Table Tennis Captain



News from the Old Boys

Congratulations to the following Old Boys who received Australia Day Honours this year:

Peter Verwer (1977), AO for distinguished service to the property sector, to sustainable development and construction, and to professional bodies.

Barry Bennett (1946), OAM for service to the surfboard manufacturing industry, and to the community.

Dr Russell Lain (1971), OAM for service to dentistry.

Dr Gordon Treble (1952), OAM for service to sports education.

Luke and Jayden Schofield (2017), who are currently at the University of California San Diego, raced at the USA Collegiate Club Nationals in Arizona. Luke came third in the Draft Legal Sprint Triathlon and Jayden came first and was awarded Best Male Athlete.

The OBU recently supported High boys across years 10 to 12 in the volunteer Mentoring Program by providing insights across industries including law, engineering, finance and construction. Special thanks to the following for contributing their valuable time:

Blake Briggs (2002), **Alex Feldman (2003)**, **Dr Linlin Ge (parent of George Ge, 2017)**, **Darren Howard (1983)**, **David Moses (1991)** and **Eric Wong (2000)** as well as SBHS Welfare teacher Ms Joanna Chan.

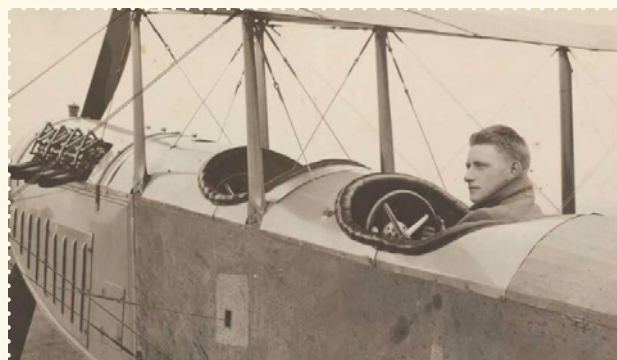
Ross Bowey (1975) has been appointed to the role of President of the GPSOBU. Ross is a huge supporter of the School and the AAGPS in general.

Emmett Naar (2011) joins **Craig Moller (2012)** and **Andrija Dumovic (2011)** as Australian representatives in Basketball, having been selected to play with the Boomers.

Ricky Pachon (2016) was crowned Oceania Champion for a third year in a row and ranked No 1 in Australia by the Australian Federation of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (AFBJJ) for 2017 & 2018.

Phil West (1959) reminded us of the work of prominent old boy **Graham (Tony) Taylor (1975)**. Tony was a volcanologist with what is now Geoscience Australia and gained his George Cross (GC) for his very dangerous work on the Mt Lamington volcano in PNG.

At the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science ceremony, Associate Professor **Jack Clegg (1999)**, of The University of Queensland, was awarded the Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year, honouring his work making flexible crystals and new separation technologies.



This year celebrates the centenary of the founding of Sydney Airport by pilot and aviation pioneer **Nigel Love (1909)**. His son, John Love said: 'My father, a returned WWI pilot/officer from the Western Front personally selected and established the aerodrome on a bullock paddock in Mascot. He wanted a flat and sizable piece of land to take-off and land his aircraft. He also needed room for hangars, aircraft workshops and other facilities for the airline he was creating. He turned that humble piece of land into an airport.' That airport currently manages 43 million passengers to 100 destinations annually.

Some 60 years exactly from the date of their victory on the Nepean River at Penrith, four members of the Sydney High Champion VIII of 1959 were invited to present the Major Rennie Trophy to the winners of the 2019 AAGPS Head of the River. It was a walk down memory lane for the four crew members—**Ian Toll (1959)**, **Alan Skinner (1959)**, **Stuart McGill (1959)** and **John Campbell (1960)**—as they walked proudly onto the presentation dais at Penrith (photo below). The 1959 SHS crew were considered the best crew of their era—they won 12 races in the build-up to the big race; rowed over 700 miles in training; and won the Head of the River by three lengths from St Joseph's with Shore third. The chance to return to the scene of their triumph some 60 years later was greatly appreciated by the four SHS Old Boys.



Sydney Boys High School

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (P&C) 2019

Earlier in the year, the Executive of the Sydney Boys High School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) resolved that the following (ranking from highest priority at the top) would be our priorities for 2019:

1. Priorities for the school communicated by the Principal;
2. Maintaining access to the Moore Park West and McKay sporting fields when their licenses expire;
3. Recruiting parent volunteers so teachers can focus on educating students;
4. Increasing the amount of targeted communication with parents;
5. Hosting events where parents can communicate and discuss their issues;
6. Providing opportunities for parents and Old Boys to talk to students about careers;
7. Introducing parents to each other for support and socialisation;
8. Ensuring our risks are managed;
9. Succession planning for the P&C Executive team; and
10. Canteen succession planning.

Aligned with these priorities, the P&C has been working on the following initiatives:

In line with the first item on our list, the P&C has funded the following expenditures requested by Dr Jaggar:

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| 1. Contribution towards bus replacement | \$15 000 |
| 2. Replacement kilns for visual arts | \$30 000 |
| 3. Maker Space – components and equipment for student projects | \$10 000 |
| 4. Science textbooks | \$5 000 |

Political Support

We organised for local MP Ron Hoenig to visit Dr Jaggar before the NSW state election to hear Dr Jaggar's list of our school's needs. Mr Hoenig was very supportive. The School is seeking help to maintain access to our sporting facilities at a time when other wealthier sporting organisations are attempting to increase their access.

Recruitment

The P&C recruited the following to new positions: Diane Harapin (Library Committee), Susan

Mitchell (Secretary) Saravan Sivaraman (Vice President), Geoff Waring (President), Vivek Suri (Communications) and Kim Markworth (Wellbeing Committee); as well as parent representatives to the Sydney High School Foundation Committee (Charlie Koh, Winston Loke, Judite Santos and Geoff Waring), the School Council (Vina Lee), and the Sports Council (Stephanie Fung and Greg Gerstl).

Parent Communication App

To improve targeted communication, Daniel Johnsun (Year 7 parent) has led an initiative to evaluate various parent communication apps and select the most promising for the P&C to consider. P&C funding has been approved. Search for the free SZapp download on Android or Apple App Store.

Student Wellbeing

Kim Markworth sought and arranged valuable feedback from parents on the School's wellbeing program for our boys. This feedback will be used to improve the program.

Collaboration with Sydney Girls High School

We are planning a parenting seminar in conjunction with SGHS on the topic of *Wellbeing in High-Performing Teens*. The seminar will be hosted by SGHS in their Campbell Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 19 June and will be presented by a prominent researcher and clinician active in the area of teen wellbeing.

Gaming Addiction Speaker

The P&C has organised for psychologists Dr Terri Said and Emma Lawson from Ways Youth Services to talk to parents on *Gaming Addiction* at 6.00pm on Thursday, 29 August in the Junior Library.

Careers

We are planning a careers in business event to be held in July 2019.

SBHS FAQ

Eleanor Tan manages the parent representatives for each school year for the P&C. A team of Year 8 parents (Vina Lee, Vivian Tan and Holly Zheng) and moderators for the Year 7 parents' discussion group (Kavita Mahidadia, Kathy Su and Penny Hung) worked together to create a resource to

help new parents, now and in the future. They wrote up answers to the list of most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and have posted them online. This list of FAQ is now the second menu item when you log in to the parent portal. Kavita Mahidadia recalled, 'As a chat group coordinator for the new Year 7 parents, I noticed the same questions came up again and again. These questions were also bothering me when my son started SBHS. This gave me the idea of combining the questions and offering them as an FAQ on the parent portal.'

Volunteer Expertise Register

The P&C emailed out to parents a link to sign up online for a Volunteer Expertise Register, so when problems come up at the school we can source the relevant expertise to help. As a result of that exercise, we now have a list of parent volunteers with skills in areas such as IT, auditing, risk management, maths tutoring, financial analysis, grant applications, fundraising and managing a uniform shop. If you are not already on this list and would like to make your volunteer expertise available to the school, please click on the following link: <https://forms.gle/p7qMcPY7r5fxVnKo7>.

Welcome Evening

P&C Vice President Angela Lam organised an evening to welcome new parents to the school. Parents learned about the various co-curricular opportunities available to their sons, met other new parents and heard about the SBHS community.



Eleanor Tan



Kavita Mahidadia



Kathy Su



Penny Hung



Angela Lam

Library Review

P&C Library Representative Diane Harapin has been providing feedback to the librarians on their vision for the libraries as working spaces. Volunteer students Eric Scholten (Year 7) and Andy Xia (Year 9) are creating drawings for a redesigned computer area, circulation desk and library workroom with separated kitchen. The librarians have a vision to create learning pods like those that are popular in other libraries. Library fund donations by parents allow for the library to open at 7.30am instead of 8.30am and fund part of the cost of staff.

Meet other Parents, Help your Son, Help the School

On Friday, 28 June from 6.30 to 8.30pm, the P&C will hold a community-building event in the Great Hall. Parents will have the opportunity to network before forming small groups to discuss how to work together to better help our sons and the School.

Protecting the Rights of Parents and Teachers

The P&C adopted an anti-discrimination and harassment policy from the Human Rights Commission to protect parents and teachers from bullying, discrimination and harassment. We want to model the values we hope to instil in our boys and have a policy in place to prevent issues from arising. The policy is on the parent portal under 'Governance, Policies and SOPs'.

I invite you to attend our meetings and seminars and to take advantage of the opportunity the P&C provides to meet other parents and become more actively involved with the school.

Geoff Waring

Year 10 Parent and P&C President 2019



Life After High

Where our boys go after they leave High and the career they choose will be among the most critical choices they make in terms of determining the course of their lives. So what choices are they making? At a recent meeting of the P&C, Dr Jaggar presented information on trends in post-HSC choices from which some interesting conclusions can be made.

The current typical SBHS graduate is more likely to be a manager or engineer than other professions, which is perhaps a reflection of Sydney Boys High's quantitative strength as well as high employment in these areas. Trends show that he is beginning to respond to labour market signals of demand in the technology sector. Over time he is increasingly likely to be a software or scientific technology developer and less likely to be a lawyer or doctor. He is more likely to study at the University of NSW (UNSW) than the University of Sydney (USydney).

University choices

Over time, UNSW has become the dominant choice of SBHS students. Students seem to prefer the proximity of UNSW and USydney, with these two universities taking the majority of boys. Even though ANU recently ranked highest in Australia for employability, only 2% of SBHS students chose to go there in 2018.

Degree choices

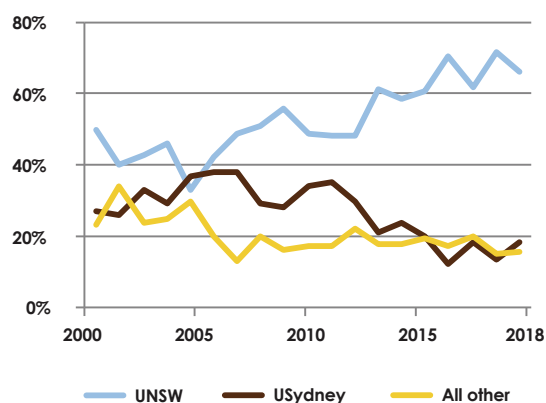
While Engineering and Commerce continue to remain popular choices, there have been some significant shifts in the degrees chosen, especially over the last three years.

Degree choices appear to be sensitive to sector boom or bust conditions. Engineering and Commerce have inverse correlation with each other, potentially in response to the shifting employability in Engineering. The increasing popularity of sectors such as Design, IT/Systems and Science are a likely response to technology's increasing importance in the modern economy. Students are making choices in response to growing awareness of the increased demand in the IT sector, and SBHS has added software elective courses to meet these changing needs. The biggest recent declines are in the areas of Law and Health Sciences, which have traditionally attracted a fair share of our students. One student from 2018 chose to study International Studies and one Education. None elected to study Communication, probably due to the decline in journalism jobs.

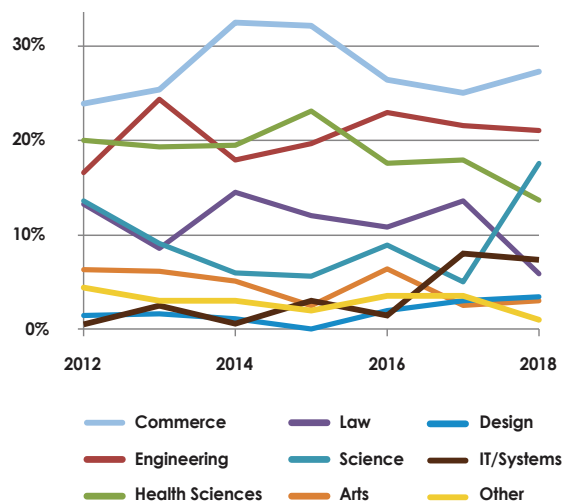
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Geoff Waring
P&C President

SBHS Trends in University Choice



SBHS Trends in Degree Choice





How does a Government school like Sydney High have a boatshed?

Sydney High Rowing commenced in 1918 when the School Union voted to spend 10 pounds to purchase a skiff, and the following year a rowing club was formed.

The school had a boat but no shed, and as they say, the rest is history. The following excerpt is taken from the *Australasian Post* of 9 April 1953:

Ever been without a home, taken in to board and then told to hop it? That's how Sydney High crews have felt in the past. The school lacking its own boatshed had to rely on the hospitality of others. The senior eight boated from Drummoyne Rowing Club, while the junior fours were generally packed away in the corner of someone else's shed, and often miles away from the eight.

Sydney High got no preferential financial treatment from the education department. To compete with the richly endowed private schools, we rely on the voluntary efforts from old boys, parents and citizens. Then came the day when Drummoyne had to tell the school that they could no longer operate out of their premises.

About that time Frank Nicholls, an old boy, heard that Gus Green intended to sell his boatshed and boatbuilding business and retire.

Frank worked quickly, quietly and methodically. First he approached Jim Budge, an old boy and former stroke of the first eight. He caught on to what was needed and contacted all the old boys and personally put the proposition "let's dub in and buy Gus Green's".

Then a second blow—the boat shed could only be sold as a going concern. The costs for this would be thousands

All right said Jim Budge in a moment of inspiration, we'll form our own company and buy the works lock stock and barrel!

(This purchase in 1953 was for the princely sum of £3000, of which Jim Budge had of his own initiative paid Mr Green £500 to secure the option to purchase. In addition to this the School's P&C contributed £2000 pounds to purchase the land adjoining the shed).

Thanks to a number of Old Boys, who purchased the business and continued the boat building as a sideline, the School could enjoy the benefit of its own rowing shed. Eventually the sheds were passed down to the Sydney High School Foundation to preserve these Old Boys' vision that rowing would always be a part of Sydney Boys High School.

Focus on Science

- Sydney Boys High School had another great year in Science subjects in the 2018 HSC, with Physics and Chemistry the outstanding performers.
- For the 3rd year in a row SBHS produced the top Physics student in the state. Matthew Tang topped the state with a score of 98 and has gone on to study a Bachelor of Science/Doctor of Medicine at the University of Melbourne.
- In Chemistry we produced the best group statistics on record with an average score of 88.12%, 13.3 marks above the state average. Three students achieved state ranks (inside the top 20 places) with scores of 97%—Jay Patel, Matthew Tang and Henry Thi.

An important part of the Science curriculum at High is the field work program, which complements the laboratory work being done at school. Field work has become a valuable part of the teaching process as the new Biology, Chemistry and Physics courses have a greater emphasis on working scientifically and skill development. It provides first-hand experiences not possible within the school laboratories:



- Biology students do a series of excursions to enrich the classwork study of classification, ecology and diversity. The National Parks around Sydney and the Narrabeen rock platform are valuable resources for this purpose, as the photos show.
- Chemistry students visit and use UNSW laboratories to expand laboratory skills learnt at school. Students benefit from both interactions with university staff and the extensive facilities.
- Physics students learn about G force, friction and roller coaster design at Luna Park. Each student then submits their own roller coaster design to comply with safety requirements.

Michael Kay, Head Teacher Science

Music to our Ears

We were proud to receive a total of 8 HSC Music Encore nominations for Performance and/or Composition. Congratulations to the following students (2018 Accelerated Year 11s and Year 12s): Andrew Chang, Pico Dos Santos-Lee, Kai Loxley, Nathan Trinh, Sampson Xie, Jinmin Xue, Lingyu Wong and Christopher Yuan.

Out of these students, Andrew Chang was selected as one of 20 to perform at this year's ENCORE showcase of outstanding performances and compositions by students from schools across NSW. Andrew completed his HSC Music 2 course as a Year 11 accelerated student in 2018. In addition, he completed his AMusA when he was 15, and has performed at a large number of music competitions. Andrew was also a member of the Sydney Conservatorium Open Academy Rising Stars program, where he frequently performed at the Sydney Conservatorium and was mentored under the acclaimed pianist,



Inge Rosar. He performed his HSC Music 2 Mandatory piece, 'Pink Nautilus' by M. K. Harvey, for his ENCORE performance at the Sydney Opera House in February.

Sarah Kim, Music



High Bursary Program

In May last year, Old Boys Bruce Corlett AM (1961) and Ron Schwarz (1962) met with Principal Dr Kim Jaggar, who had expressed concern about those students whose families were struggling to meet the costs associated with sending their boys to Sydney High. Dr Jaggar advised that there are always a number of boys in each academic year in necessitous circumstances. Many of these students cannot afford school blazers or jumpers. They are often anxious about engaging in activities which will place an additional financial burden on their families.

The costs of attending High are much higher than they were when these Old Boys attended the School in the 1960s. Technology has become more complex and compliance has become more expensive. Some of today's costs include: increased supervision of students; WHS demands from the Department of Education; and to maintain safety and competitiveness in sport, certified professional coaches and access to physiotherapists to triage injuries suffered during GPS sport participation. High is a six-day State school which contrasts dramatically with most other State schools which operate on a five-day per week program. Some High families struggle to help support their sons in this modern context.

Following their meeting with Dr Jaggar, Bruce and Ron made the first donations to the High Bursary Program and encouraged other High alumni from their years to donate. One Old Boy wrote to Dr Jaggar that he was motivated to donate to the High Bursary Program because he himself felt privileged to have been able to attend the school more than fifty years ago:

It was a very happy period of my life. The ground work for whatever successes I have subsequently

enjoyed were laid at High. It prepared me well for my tertiary education. It taught me how to compete with the best. It taught me resilience. It taught me the importance of team work. It introduced me to an entirely new demographic where I met boys from a wide range of different backgrounds. The School provided me the opportunity to participate in a range of extra-curricular activities—sport and choir—all of which were an important part of my development. Many life-long friendships were established and I continue to remain in contact with my cohort, who reflect fondly on their time at High.

There is no doubt that these sentiments resonate strongly with many other Old Boys as over sixty have contributed to the High Bursary Program to date. Some of their contributions have been named after individuals and others after year groups, with the Class of 1961 being the first year group to donate. These funds will provide support to those students whose parents find themselves in genuine financial hardship and who may struggle to pay even a proportion of the annual fees, let alone the whole amount.

Bursary recipients are selected by the Principal in consultation with the Head Teacher Wellbeing and other relevant staff. Although all recipients remain anonymous, the School will provide an annual written report of the difference the Program has made to the life of each High boy. Eleven bursaries of \$2500 per annum have been awarded this year.

If you wish to contribute to the High Bursary Program and join the others who have committed to enabling a new generation of deserving boys to experience life at Sydney High, please contact the Development Office on 9662 9330 or email development@shsfoundation.org.au. All donations are tax deductible.

The Sydney High School Foundation in 2019



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Geoff Waring

As the parent of a son at SBHS and a daughter at SGHS (and with another son who is a SBHS Old Boy), I am grateful to the staff of the two schools, and looking forward to serving as the Chair of the Sydney High School Foundation.

We aim to help students by working with Old Boys and parents. One of the ways we do this is by administering the Bursary Program that Bruce Corlett (1961) and Ron Schwarz (1961) lead. As described on the previous page, these Old Boys banded together with others to sponsor financially-disadvantaged students. In 2019 our fundraising priority is our appeal for donations to fit-out the Governors Centre theatre with furniture and equipment, which is ongoing. We also publish this magazine to keep the wider SBHS community informed.



Recently one of the two pontoons at the Outterside Centre rowing facility failed due to age and wave action. As the picture shows, the pontoon has seen better days. Former Foundation Chairman Geoff Andrews (1964) is organising a tender for its replacement.

Our Foundation has always been very well-managed. To continue this tradition of charitable leadership and since our license revenue contracts are soon to be reviewed, we agreed on a strategy emphasising even more our community of donors and volunteers. We have changed accounting policies above the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) requirements to be more consistent with the more rigorous Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB). We formed an audit and risk subcommittee and recruited an internal auditor to improve our governance, risk and control processes. We formalised these by drafting 15 new policy and governance documents. We are cutting costs by relying more on volunteers. We upgraded to cloud accounting software to simplify and automate our accounting so transactions down to the invoice level will be more visible to committee members. We published our annual report on our website for easy access.

Thanks to the High community for its ongoing support.

Geoff Waring, Chair, Sydney High School Foundation

Major Bequest

John Fraser (1933) lived 100 years. He was a rifle shooter while at High with Sir Roden Cutler, and reengaged with the school around 2007. He became a regular at the GPS Rifle Shooting at Hornsby and a guest at the School Rifle Committee lunches. He sponsored prizes in perpetuity for first place in HSC Studies of Religion I and II and became a donor to the Governors Centre Appeal. We honoured John with a trophy at Presentation Night a few years ago when he joined our very select group of *Living Legends*. His picture now hangs next to the reception window at the main office.

In his will, John bequeathed to the School the residual of his estate (>\$350 000). He was a strong supporter of the Governors Centre as he believed the building would do a great deal to



boost the arts and humanities at High and act as a catalyst for closer relationships with SGHS. He showed the strength of his conviction in the size of his bequest.

We still need funds for the fit-out of the Governors Centre. John's example is uplifting. He believed in doing something very significant for his old school, so that it could keep giving to generations of others what he had gained—challenge, camaraderie and boundless opportunity. Vale John.



From the *Parade Ground*

Cadets at Sydney High School is an activity like no other. The Sydney High School Cadet Unit has been running since the school was established in 1883 and in this time, it has offered students at both Sydney Boys and Sydney Girls a myriad of unique opportunities.

The values of teamwork, initiative, respect and courage are core to all Cadet activities. Cadets learn self-discipline, organisation and leadership while having fun during camps and weekly parades, making Cadets perfect for those who enjoy a challenge. Every year, cadets from across NSW and Australia participate in numerous challenges and camps such as the Chief of Army Challenge or Annual Field Exercises, where the theory that is taught at

units is put into practice through a range of both physically and mentally-demanding tasks. Besides being able to test limits, Cadets also provides the opportunity to make lifelong friends and develop skills that will help throughout life.

In 2018, the Sydney High School Cadet Unit experienced a surge in recruit numbers with a posted strength of over 100 cadets—a number unprecedented in recent times. This was met with a number of new activities including a unit bivouac and multiple simulated shoots at Holsworthy Barracks. Cadets is an activity that everyone at High can enjoy and we look forward to seeing the unit grow in 2019.

CUO Dinan Pingamage (Year 12) and CUO William Cui (Year 12)

Rugby Update

A new season has begun for Rugby at High with some new faces, sponsorship deals and a visit from former Wallaby David Campese, who shared some of his great rugby knowledge with our team.

The season started with the hiring of new 1st XV Coaches Mr Terry Langi and Mr Bronson Harrison. They join our experienced long time coaches and current Teachers Mr Dave Knox and Mr Geoff Stein as well as former 1st XV and School Captain from 2018 Archie Fox and Old Boys Angus Chitty (2018), Luke Aldous, Gareth Deacon, Steve Cominos and Daniel Hamilton, and Rugby MIC Matt Cotton to make up the 2019 Rugby coaching staff.



We look to be proactive with our junior feeder schools by hosting a Rugby gala day for them in 2019.

SBHS in 2019 also aims to grow the number of Rugby teams and players and maintain a genuine presence of Rugby and love for the game amongst our SBHS community.

Steven Marcos, Head Teacher Sport

From the President of the *Old Boys Union*



Paul Harapin

I attended Sydney High School from 1978-1983, I married an SGHS Old Girl and have a son in the current Year 12 cohort. Having sat on the Old Boys' and Foundation Boards for the past few years, I have now been appointed

to the role of President of the OBU. I have a commitment to volunteer work and have chaired several charities, including what is now called Adopt Change, and currently serve as the Chair of the Banksia Project, a men's mental health community program which was started and is heavily supported by the AAGPS Old Boy community.

I am looking forward to further expanding the outreach with our Old Boy community, as well as continuing Old Boy involvement with the current students through the good work of the High Achiever, as well as the mentoring program. I will also be looking to establish an OBU marketplace, where Old Boys can advertise their goods and services, access discounts and benefit from being a financial member. We will look to update and overhaul the website, with new technology to enable easier access to information and updates, as well as continue our social media program as a primary communication method. Further, following the success of last year's High Rugby Sports Lunch, we will look to continue this gathering and add other sports and arts events to enable Old Boys to continue to engage with their mates from school, be they recent graduates or from the 40s and 50s. I will be seeking assistance from the community to support many of these initiatives, and will always be accessible for ideas and support via president@shsobu.org.au.

As we go to press, Scott Morrison (1985) has become Sydney High's first ever publicly-elected Prime Minister. (Both he and Earle Page (1895) had been previously appointed during a sitting term.) Congratulations to Scott on this unique and important achievement.

Paul Harapin (1983)
President, Sydney High Old Boys Union

After several years of Council leadership and serving as President since 2014, Paul Almond (1981) has stepped down as President of the Sydney High School Old Boys Union.



Paul Almond

During his tenure Paul established the biennial High Achievers events and was a member of the School's Fundraising Management Committee and the Sydney High School Foundation Board. He was also a Founding Director of the Governors Centre Ltd and led the negotiations for SHS with SGHS. Furthermore, he and the SGHS representative were the negotiators with the State Government on the contract (signed in February this year), putting in a significant amount of pro bono legal work on behalf of the Foundation and GCL. Highlights of his tenure include: hosting the first High Rugby Sports Lunch; co-hosting the 2018 Higher Vision launch; fundraising for and returning the Old Sports Cabinet to the School; establishing the Hong Kong Chapter; and managing a rowing rally which provided important funds for rowing apparatus.

Paul established a broad marketing strategy for the OBU including developing new social media outlets and rebranding of the logo, resulting in higher connectivity with the community, especially Old Boys. Paul's dedication to the Old Boys has resulted in an increase in numbers in the OBU database.

The OBU thanks Paul for all his enthusiasm, investment of time and commitment to the OBU in his role as President, and thanks him for continuing to serve on the Board.

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High in Space



Late last year, interested students from Year 10 Robotics and Software Development formed a team to compete in the Zero Robotics Space Challenge. This is an annual competition run by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in which high school teams from the USA, Europe, Russia and Australia program microsatellite robots called SPHERES. In the 2018-19 competition, teams had to program these robots to navigate past debris and hook onto another moving SPHERE representing an out-of-control satellite.

The first national Australian round was based on 2D movement with the focus of navigating around debris. Through persistent efforts and collaboration, the team from High progressed to the 3D round, which was the qualifying round for the international competition. This round had a similar focus to the 2D round, but in a 3D environment. It also involved hooking onto the out-of-control satellite which required the use of Euler angles to orientate our SPHERE appropriately.

After passing this round, we entered the international round, and teamed up with Parramatta High School and the Colegiul National Octavian Goga School in Sibiu, Romania to form an alliance for the duration of the international competition.

After countless hours of simulating and refining code, we succeeded in progressing to the Virtual International Finals, which took place on the International Space Station using real SPHERES (instead of the simulated environment from previous rounds). The finals were broadcast live to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Sydney. After watching every finalist, we won the Virtual International Finals with code that not only ran successfully in a virtual environment but also in space.

The winning team consisted of Julian Alcorn, Ethan Kwan, Alan Wong, Dhruv Agrawal, Ritchie Ah-Koon, Jason Luo, Kevin Lam and Nicolas Palmer.

Dhruv Agrawal, Year 11

En Garde

Fencing was first introduced to Sydney Boys High School in 1992. Since that time, it has grown into a robust and successful sport that has held at some time every State and National schoolboy title in the regular season of school competitions.

Sydney Boys High School is currently the only public school in Australia to offer training in all three weapons: Foil, Sabre and Epee. We are proud of our achievements as a co-curricular school program despite the limited budget and resources of a public school. Our success as a co-curricular program is due to having a generous and incredibly supportive network of coaches, staff, parents, Old Boys and students who volunteer and contribute their time and effort to help us grow the sport at High.

Last year High took the lead in establishing the New South Wales Schools' Fencing League in conjunction with schools such as Barker College, Knox Grammar, Saint Ignatius College and Saint Aloysius' College. The first season of the fixtures-based program, which is made up of home



and away matches, has been a great success, and plans are underway to grow the League by including more schools who are in the epee and sabre divisions, such as St Andrews Cathedral School and Trinity College.

In last year's League Foil and Epee Premierships, High claimed the U19 Epee Team Premiership (team members shown above) and took enough points to be the Overall School Premiers in the Epee League.

Fencing at High continues to grow, with an increasing number of fencers competing and achieving outstanding results. The efforts of our fencers in all three weapons—Foil, Sabre and Epee—are to be congratulated.

Dat Huynh, MIC Fencing



OBU Events & Reunions

PAST

SHS 1963-1968 50 Year Reunion

A great night was held on 26 October 2018 at the Tattersalls Club for the 1963-1968 cohorts. A wonderful evening was had by all, a highlight being the sharing of interesting memorabilia and catching up with so many friends from so long ago. Thanks to **Geoffrey Glover (1968)** for his organisation of the event.



Old Boys Golf Day

The High Old Boys Golf Day was held on 9 May 2019 at Bonnie Doon Golf Club. A field of 47 starters, the best for many years, hit off in perfect conditions. Overall winner was **Craig Wing (1997)** 36 c/b



from **Jason Ong (1995)**. Jason won the scratch with 34 points. **Hayden King (1981)** was next on 34. Thanks once again to **John Kelly (1961)** for organising another great day.

UPCOMING

Class of 1964 Reunion

Jeff McLachlan (1964) is organising a lunch in late November 2019 to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the 1964 year group. For further information, please contact Jeff on 0408 413 715.

Class of 1969 Reunion

The 'golden anniversary' for the Class of 1969 will be held on 12 October 2018 at 'The Field', the restaurant at the home of Easts Rugby Club in Rose Bay. The format will be an informal BBQ with a full range of vegetarian options. All students from Class of 1969 (plus any who started in 1964 and didn't last the distance) are invited to attend. Since so many (especially in the higher years) played so much sport with students from adjoining years, the invitation is extended to include all ex-students from the years of 1968 and 1970. The following morning, Sunday 13 October, there will be a brunch to which ex-students and their partners are invited. The venue for this is yet to be finalised, along with a couple of other activities on the Saturday afternoon. If you're interested in being a part of the reunion, please email **Col Whelan (1969)** at nothingbutthepub@gmail.com or ring on 0411 708 812.

GPSOBU 50th Annual Church Service

The GPSOBU's 50th annual church service will be held on 27th October, 2.30pm for 3pm at Sydney Boys High School. This year's sermon will be delivered by the Hon. Rob Stokes (Shore), Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and former Minister for Education. Afternoon tea will be provided in the cloisters at the conclusion of the service. For further information please email Paddy Flower: pflower@bigpond.net.au

Vale Kevin Fetherston (1946)

Kevin played First XI cricket at High from 1942 to 1946 and was Captain of the GPS 1st XI and the CHS 1st XI in 1946, playing alongside Richie Benaud (OBE). Kevin scored two double centuries playing 1st XI Cricket for High, the first against The Kings School in 1945 and the second against Sydney Grammar in 1946. Colin Clowes, NSW Cricket Historian, reported that in the game against Grammar, also on the pitch were Bruce

Ritchie (Grammar), **Jim Burke (1946)** and **John Gallop (1947)**:

It was quite a collection of players. Jim Burke went on to play for Australia; Bruce Ritchie played Colts for NSW and was Richie Benaud's best man at his first wedding; John Gallop went on to be a Federal Court judge and father of David Gallop, the former NRL chief and current Soccer Australia boss.

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