

14 February 2014



Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Hunters Hill High School Open Day, March 1, 2014 12 – 3pm

It is my pleasure to extend a personal invitation to you and your family. On Saturday, March 1 between 12pm and 3pm, Hunters Hill High School is holding its Open Day. For our learning community, Open Day is a great opportunity to open our doors so current and prospective families meet our students, teachers and parents and enjoy many and diverse interactive displays and subject related activities.

I am delighted that our school captains, Year 7 students and P & C President will join me at 12:30 pm in the Phil Daniels Pavilion, our school hall, for the Official Opening.

As P & C President, Deborah Slack has expressed: *“Hunters Hill High School, in this stunning and spacious waterside location, is a valuable Public Education asset for students in the broad area and their families. It offers wonderful opportunities academically, culturally and in sport.”*

With good reason, our students, parents and teachers are very proud of their learning community. To assist you to understand this sense of pride and learn more about our school’s culture of learning and achievement, I have included some of our most recent achievements.

I hope you are able to join our students, parents and teachers on Saturday, March 1 and learn about Hunters Hill High School – a 7-12 co-educational, comprehensive high school.

Kind Regards,



Judith M Felton
Principal

HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL – RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

The 2013 Higher School Certificate (HSC) at Hunters Hill High School

107 students sat for and achieved the Higher School Certificate in 2013.
Ian Hopkins achieved a Band 6 for all of his subjects and an ATAR of 99.25.
Morgan Marshall received one of the highest honours given by an Australian university, a Tuckwell Scholarship, and an ATAR of 95+

35 students achieved results in the highest band, Band 6 and E4.
12 students (Alana Bourke, Max Breckenridge, Emily Cheeseman, Sasha De Valence, Rebecca Hwang, Gemma Lipman, Morgan Marshall, Amy Nicholson, Layla Pope, Christopher Spinks, Alannah Toemoe and Eleanor Turner) all achieved in the top 2 highest bands in all subjects.

The following subjects were all above state average:
Ancient History, Business Studies, Design and Technology, English Standard, English Advanced, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Industrial Technology, Legal Studies, History Extension 1, Music 1, Society and Culture, Construction.

Ancient History and Legal Studies achieved substantially above state average; 10.58 and 8.63 standard deviation points respectively.
Ancient History had 9 of the 14 students achieve a Band 6 or 5, the two highest bands.
Legal Studies had 9 of the 15 students achieve a Band 6 or 5, the two highest bands.

80% of all English Advanced candidates achieved results in the top two performance bands.
This is substantially above the state average for the course.
3 of the 4 students in English Extension 2 achieved the highest Band E4.

The state averages for all Sciences were exceptionally high; suggesting a strong calibre of candidates sat those exams. A third of the Chemistry students achieved a Band 5 in the course.

Literacy

Year 9 students at Hunters Hill High School were 35 scale points above the state mean in writing, with almost a third of the students falling into Band 8. This result was above the regional mean which included selective and partially selective schools.

Year 9 were also 36 scale points above the state mean in Grammar and Punctuation with most of the students falling into Bands 7 and 8.

Year 7 students were 27 scale marks above the state mean in reading and 15% of our Hunters Hill High School students achieved a Band 9.

And there's more...

2014 Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to School Captain Jane Andrews in Year 12 at the annual Hunters Hill Council Citizen Awards ceremony held on Australia Day at The Deckhouse in Woolwich.

2014 Sportsperson of the Year was awarded to Ethan Stathakis of Year 11 at the annual Hunters Hill Council Citizen Awards ceremony held on Australia Day at The Deckhouse in Woolwich.

Congratulations to P&C President, Deborah Slack and her team who submitted a successful community grant application for \$20,000 for our **basketball courts**. The refurbishment will be of a great benefit to our learning community

Together with our partner primary schools Lane Cove West Public and Gladesville Public, a transition program '**Stepping Stones**' addressed key issues in the transition from primary to high school. Key note speaker and author of 'The Transitional Tightrope' Angie Wilcox addressed an audience of parents together with key personnel from HHS including Principal, Learning and Support Teacher, Counsellor and Year Advisor.

Transitional and partnership programs including '**Top of the Hill**', '**Hands on Science**' and '**Primary Band Workshop**' were a great success, involving many students from our school community and our partner primary schools working together to achieve creative and problem-solving skills in a variety of subject areas.

Ian Kiernan, the founder of 'Clean Up Australia' visited our school and spoke to Years 7 and 8 about the importance of sustainability. His visit was initiated by a group of students called 'Clever Climate' who won a grant to implement energy saving ideas in the school.

Gold at the Dee Why Regional Dance Championships was won by Samantha Warren and Nadiyah Akbar who will compete at The National Championship.

Highly Commended and Commended awards were given to students from Year 7 to Year 12 at the Hunters Hill Council's **Young in Art Competition**, in which all four secondary schools in the Hunters Hill Council area, public and private

Year 9 **debating team** successfully competed against other schools up to the Semi-final stage.

In September, 17 students and 3 teachers travelled to **Japan** for 10 days for a cultural and educational trip experiencing the highlights of 'The Land of the Rising Sun'.

In August, over 70 students with 5 teachers went to **Perisher Blue** for 5 days of skiing and snowboarding.