



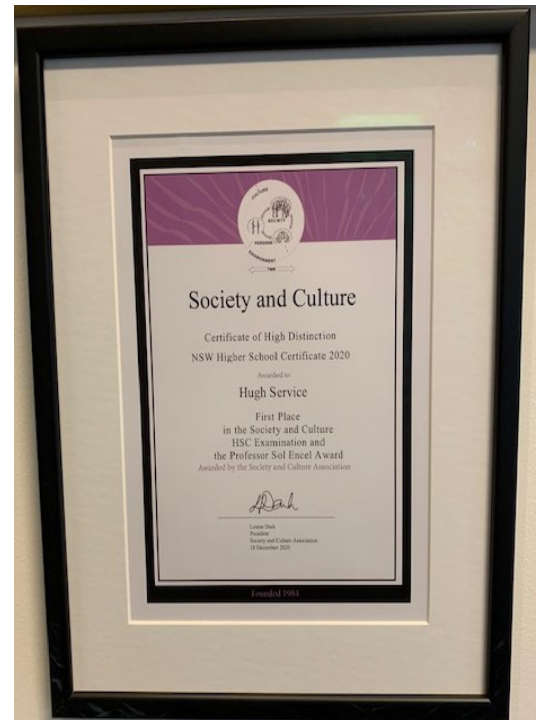
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# The Figtree

THE JOURNAL OF HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

## Term 1, 2021



Congratulations to **HUGH SERVICE** of Year 12 2020 who not only achieved Dux of Hunters Hill High School in 2020 with an ATAR of 99.9 but also came First in State in Society and Culture. Hugh worked extremely hard across all of his subjects and we are all very proud of this wonderful achievement.

Hugh recently attended the Society and Culture Awards organised by the Society and Culture Association where he received his medal for First in State in NSW for the Society and Culture HSC Examination in 2020 and the Professor Sol Enzel Award from Lyn Kirkby, Executive Director Quality Teaching NESAs.

Congratulations Hugh. We are all very proud of you!

## Message from the Principal

Half of first term is gone already! There's been no time to reflect on our great HSC results from last year. We've just been back concentrating on going even better this year. I need to mention Hugh Service, who not only was Dux of the school with an ATAR of 99.9, he also managed to attain first place in the state in Society and Culture. Well done Hugh, especially as such attainments are often dominated by Selective School students. Well done to Ms Aniello in HSIE who taught Hugh in his senior years. A big well done to Year 12 of 2020.

As you have no doubt worked out, there have been a lot of staff changes this year with the vast majority of these bought about through staff on maternity leave. In terms of executive staff, Mr Sherwin will relieve for Ms Chiew-Meldrum as Deputy Principal and Mr Skinner will be looking after HSIE.

The indefatigable Ms Austin will take over from Ms Simpson in Teaching and Learning and support. When Ms Wilson goes on leave at the end of Term 1, Mr Centurion will take over as Year 7 Advisor.

On another staff matter I need to thank and farewell Bronwyn Clark. Our Canteen Manager has given us many years of loyal service and made sure no one went home hungry. Well done Bronwyn, enjoy the next stage of your career.

We have begun to consolidate the two major pedagogical programs in the school: the use of transformative learning and the ALARM process for writing. Mr Sherwin, along with the pedagogy mentors Ms Brierty and Ms Razko are leading the staff into aligning the two approaches so that our students, who are being challenged to think more deeply, more often, can express more complex ideas more thoroughly by the time the HSC rolls around.

The new Human Performance Laboratory is open. You may have seen the photos of the opening on our FB page (and included in the Figtree) as the pictures show it is a state of the art facility and students are making fantastic use of it. Well done Mr Smith and the P&C.

Look out for the Virtual Tour coming soon. We've had to depart from our now famous Open Day. Ultimately we decided that with the restrictions in place, we couldn't show the school off the way we wanted to. Here, it's what's happening in the rooms that's important rather than any sandstone edifices and the restrictions on gathering made it hard to show things to any worthwhile size groups.

Welcome to Anna Stevis who has taken over the school canteen management. The P&C went through a comprehensive process before deciding on Anna and she has already brought her own flair to the menu.

Enjoy the upcoming Easter break but stay safe. May the Easter Bear bring lots of chocolate!

**Greg Lill**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 15 March – P&C AGM and General Meeting at HHHS

Thursday 25 March – Year 7 Vaccinations – HPV Dose 1 & 2 DTPA

Thursday 25 March – Regional Swimming Carnival

Friday 26 March – HHHS Cross Country Carnival

Thursday 1 April – LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Monday 19 April – Staff Development Day Term 2 (No Students)

**Tuesday 20 April – ALL STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2**

Friday 30 April – Athletics Carnival



# Message from the P&C President

After a year like no other, it's a real pleasure to see the usual rhythms of school life return as the year kicks off: students are in class, Year 7 has gone off to camp, inter-school sports tryouts are on, and extra curricular activities (Music, Dance and Tech Crew) are in full swing.

We hope that new families to HHHS have had a great start, and we are really pleased to welcome new parents to the school at our first **offsite Stage Socials** in March (Years 7 & 8), May (Years 9 & 10), and June (Years 11 & 12). Last year was unfortunately a black hole for social and/ or fundraising activities for parents, and we cannot wait to bring all of our school parents, new and existing, together to meet, eat, drink and make connections.

Building on our sense of school community is a key priority for the 2021-24 School Plan devised by Mr Lill and the school leadership team. Building a culture of achievement is also a key theme of the School Plan, and the P&C is thrilled that last year HHHS achieved its best HSC results in 22 years – notwithstanding the very real disruptions brought by the pandemic. This is an outstanding achievement by the Class of 2020, and by our school leadership and teaching staff.

The twin objectives of achievement and of wellbeing (which is strengthened by a sense of belonging and community) are already evident at HHHS, and their continuing emphasis is strongly supported by the P&C.

**Facebook:** If you are not already following the P&C Facebook page – you really should! We now have more than 220 current and prospective parents following us on Facebook, and it's an easy and convenient place to keep in touch with the canteen, uniform shop, social and fundraising activities, extra curricular opportunities and general school happenings. Please follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HHHS.PandC>

**Canteen:** The P&C is delighted to welcome our new "Canteen Crew": **Anna Stevis, Marisa Segavcic, Kris Filippetto, Ann Curtin, and Kate Petcovich**. The canteen is making record sales and the P&C is very excited about the quality, affordability and popularity of this service. We are also pleased to welcome parent volunteers old and new in the canteen. It's a great vibe down there. Thank you! Thank you!

**P&C AGM:** The P&C's AGM is at 7pm, Monday 15 March, and we warmly encourage parents to attend the AGM because you will find out a lot about the school, and a lot more about the P&C's plans to support our students and extend their opportunities.

After a huge year of reform, the P&C Executive is looking forward to presenting its 2020 financial statements and the 2021 budget at the AGM, which are in great shape thanks to our Treasurer, **Olejuru Lanfear**, who is also wonderfully supported by our bookkeeper, **Elizabeth Charman** (a chartered accountant and HHHS alumni).

Importantly, the refreshed and terrifically popular canteen operation will significantly improve our financial position – providing self-sufficient, ongoing funding for further investment in facilities at the school. (So keep buying those wraps and the nachos!) We look forward to receiving more amazing proposals from the teaching staff and students in 2021 on which to spend these funds.

All P&C Executive positions will be declared open for nominations for the AGM. However I am pleased to advise that all of the current Executive are re-nominating for their positions: **Jacqueline Crompton** (President), **Chris Kimber** (Vice President), **Phil Hurrell** (Secretary), **Olejuru Lanfear** (Treasurer) & **Simone Concha** (Assistant Treasurer nominating as the second Vice President).

While continuity is valuable, it is also very important that new voices are heard at P&C meetings, and that we build on our capabilities and our network of support. We were pleased to see new Year 7 parents at our last meeting, and we hope to see more parents get involved in the life of the school. We promise that our meetings are short, healthy and constructive, and worth your time!

If I don't see you at the AGM (and I hope to), I look forward to meeting you in person at one of the Stage Socials this semester.

**Jacqueline Crompton**  
President, Hunters Hill High School P&C



# Hunters Hill High School

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## VIRTUAL TOUR 2021



Dear Community,

Normally at this time of year we would be preparing for our Open Day which has become an increasingly well attended event as people seek to explore what has been happening here over the last few years.

This year though the restrictions that exist around social gatherings means that what we could do would be severely limited compared to what we have done in the past and as such won't show our school in the way we want it to be shown. Any potential easing in restrictions will not give us time to prepare prior to the closing date for Year 6 to Year 7 high school nominations.

So, this year, and hopefully for only this year, we will need to do it Covid safe. We understand that there is interest out there, and it is a big choice, especially if it is your first child entering high school. Quite soon, hopefully around the end of February, there will be a Virtual Tour up on our website and public FB page. It's underway now. I will do my famous principal speech on video with the support of the world's best P&C President, Jacqueline Crompton.

If you have any specific questions, feel free to contact the school and we can chat. If it is very subject specific, I can get one of our Head Teachers to have that chat as well. Can I also urge you to look at the Hunters Hill High School website and public FB page, talk to current members of our community, including our parents and students as they can give you an accurate view of what we believe in, what we value and how we respect our community. We are about a lot more than last year's great HSC results!

Greg Lill  
Principal Hunters Hill High School

**Virtual Tour available to view soon (approx. end of February 2021) via the  
Hunters Hill High School website and FB page.**

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**VIRTUAL TOUR 2021 -  
COMING SOON.....**

### HHHS UPDATE TO INTAKE AREAS FROM 2022

The local intake area at **Hunters Hill High School** has been revised.

#### Who will be affected by the changes?

- The changes will affect new enrolments for some families across the suburbs of **Gladesville (Boronia Park) and East Ryde.**

#### Important dates:

- The new local intake area for **Hunters Hill High School** will become effective from the **start of 2022**. Residents living inside the intake area are designated to the school and are entitled to local enrolments.
- From the start of Term 1 2021, Year 6 students** undergoing the High School Expression of Interest (EOI) process for high school entry in Term 1, 2022 are encouraged to check their address on the link below to see if they live within the newly designated intake area for Hunters Hill High School.

#### Where can I get more information?

- From Monday 1 March visit [schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au](https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au) or click on the link below – **search Hunters Hill High School then click on 2022 local enrolment area for updated information.**  
<https://my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder/index>

#### Enquiries:

Visit the Hunters Hills High School website at <https://huntershd-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html> if you would like to discuss enrolment options. Or if you have any questions, please email [huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone 9817 4565.





# Hunters Hill High School's Extension Program 2022 APPLY NOW!

Hunters Hill High School offers extension classes in both Year 7 and 8. Our school identifies gifts and fosters talents within children, by providing teaching and learning opportunities for them to achieve their potential.

## We do this by facilitating:

- enrichment of core curricula at all levels
- support for emotional and social needs
- specialised programs

The Hunters Hill High School's extension class offers an academically rigorous learning environment for selected students within a co-educational, comprehensive learning community. The program fosters a range of enriching learning experiences and academic endeavours. There is differentiated curricula to facilitate imagination, abstraction, creativity and intuitive expression.

## What do gifted children need?

- Understanding of ways in which to maximise their individual potential
- Curriculum experiences that allow enriched learning
- Educational programs that foster flexibility, freedom, depth and complexity
- A learning environment designed to foster creativity and independent learning
- Learning opportunities which go beyond the normal classroom context
- Challenging activities which encourage risk taking
- A sense of belonging by collaborating with like-minded individuals

## Gifted learners often possess:

- a heightened level of curiosity capacity to learn at faster rates
- a wider variety of interests
- power of concentration
- ability to handle abstract ideas
- superior reasoning
- flexibility of thinking
- ability to see a number of viewpoints
- alert and subtle sense of humour
- imaginative expression
- heightened sensitivity and empathy
- leadership skills

## How do I apply?

Students and parents are invited to complete the **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM** and submit it to the school by **April 23rd, 2021**.

A panel will convene early Term 2 to review all applications and send out invitations to interview late June.

Contact Jess Austin –  
R/Head Teacher - Teaching and Learning  
P: 02 9817 4785  
E: [huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



**Please click on the link below for access to the Expression of Interest Form:**

[https://huntershd-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doi/sws/schools/h/huntershd-h/2021-documents/2022\\_Extension\\_Class\\_Application.pdf](https://huntershd-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doi/sws/schools/h/huntershd-h/2021-documents/2022_Extension_Class_Application.pdf)

# Message from Welfare

We extend a kind welcome to all students, staff and parents to Hunters Hill High School in 2021. Whilst our resolve and patience has been tested of late due to global concerns, our young students are demonstrating resilience and determination in the face of these challenges. In 2021 our Wellbeing initiatives continue to grow and develop, ensuing that our students understand that they are known, valued and cared for.

## **UMatter and Year Meetings**

UMatter continues into its third year and we have seen an improvement in student engagement. Our U Matter lessons allow students to role-play situations in order to develop their sense of belonging, purpose and future. Our regular Year Meetings are also a wonderful opportunity for the cohorts to develop their group's sense of togetherness.

## **Merit System**

In 2021, our school Merit System has further refined to allow students to track their merit achievements via the Student Portal. Merits are issued by teachers based on demonstrated attributes on the Learning Disposition Wheel (Cognitive, Interpersonal, and Intrapersonal) which students are familiar with through their U Matter sessions. This positive based learning tool seeks to reward students when they make personal development, and allows them to reflect on these achievements with their teachers and mentors.

## **Uniform**

A sense of belonging is achieved through developing strong connections and at Hunters Hill High School we are demonstrating this cohesion through ensuring pride in our uniform. We have been proud that students have been wearing the correct uniform consistently and upholding the schools' values. The school has also acquired a collection of second-hand uniforms to provide to students should they arrive in non-uniformed clothing.

## **Backflips Against Bullying incursion**

Students in Years 7 and 8 will attend Backflips Against Bullying in Term 1, an interactive performance where the actors utilised incredible acrobatic and parkour skills to spotlight important issues such as peer harassment and its consequences in the real world. These messages of empathy and tolerance are in alignment with our Wellbeing Framework and reiterate the values of our school community.

## **Living Room - Library**

Our Wellbeing space (the Living Room) has relocated to the mezzanine level in the Library. This space is open to all students during lunchtime, except Tuesday when it is open at recess. Students are invited to play board games or puzzles, or simply chat to one of the Wellbeing Team members available.

## **Psychologist referrals**

We are fortunate to have school psychologists available Monday to Friday to support our students. The Welfare team may refer students if they have concerns about their wellbeing. Students can also self-refer. However, as the counsellors may be meeting with another student, they must take a coloured note and write their name, year group, date, time, and slip it under the door. When an appointment becomes available, the student will be called for discreetly from class. If the matter is urgent, students are encouraged to see their Year Adviser, Deputy Principal or U Matter teacher immediately to seek advice.

We look forward to another productive year and encourage all students to continue to strive for their best.

**Edwina Patten**

**Head Teacher Welfare (Acting)**

## Year 12 HSC Learning Conference

The Year 12 cohort participated in the inaugural HSC Learning Conference on Friday 26 February 2021. The aim of the day was to provide students with a comprehensive approach to managing their HSC year, providing them with some skills that they can use in the future.

Each student was interviewed by a selection of teachers to develop a HSC Success Plan, which looked at identifying the barriers to success for individuals. Data analysed across the year group will enable us to implement targeted interventions in U Matter sessions. The interviews allowed the student to be mindful about their learning journey, focusing on the changes they have made between Year 10 and Year 11 and identifying potential behaviour or routines that need to shift in order for them to be successful in their HSC year.

The other activities were a nice balance between academic and mindfulness outcomes for students, reinforcing the importance of adopting a holistic approach to their education. The activities ranged from a challenging circuit in the new Fitness and Movement Laboratory, a team building group activity, sessions on careers with either a University focus or an apprenticeship and trade focus, and a session on using mindfulness to manage stress.

The day enabled students to collect happy memories in their final year of high school, engaging positively with the school community which is vital for their ongoing success. Feedback from the Year 12 students was that the day was: Fun, useful, enjoyable, a stress relief, informative and encouraged collaboration in a positive way.

This day could not have been possible without the teachers involved and the inspiring guidance of Deputy Principal Mrs Donovan. My thanks to them for their support of the Year 12 cohort,

**Ms Julia Brierty**  
**Year 12 Advisor**



## Parent Portal Access

Thank you to all parents and carers who have set and are using the Parent Portal. If you are yet to do so, please email the HHHS office at [huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) to request access, including your unique access key. Please note, Year 7 2021 parents and carers were sent an email early February 2021 with instructions and their unique access key.

The Parent Portal is where parents and carers have access to student reports, daily information including homework and is also where online bookings are made for Parent / Teacher Interviews when they are scheduled.

# Year 7 Camp





## Northern Suburbs Zone Swimming Championships Results

HHHS sent a strong team of 50 students to the recent Zone Swimming Championships on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Lane Cove Pool. HHHS finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, with 21 students qualifying to represent the school at the upcoming Sydney North Regional Championships to be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

Special mention to Maisie McDonald of Year 7, who broke four Zone Records in the 12 Year's Girls Age Category with her victories in the 100m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly and 100 Backstroke events.

The 12 Years Boys 4 x 50m Relay Team of Calan Hahlos, Mykah Emenogu, Callum Loi and Tyler McNiven also broke the Zone Record for their event.

The team for the Regional Championships is as follows. Best of luck to all our swimmers:

Student	Age Group	Event/s
Isla Macdonald	14s Girls	200m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Butterfly
Luke Hilzinger	16s Boys	200m Freestyle
Aleida Toprak	17+s Girls	200m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Butterfly
Maisie Macdonald	12s Girls	100m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Butterfly
Sofia Hingorani	12s Girls	100m Breaststroke

Relay Team	Students
All Age Girls 6 x 50m Relay	Maisie Macdonald, Lara Filmer, Isla Macdonald, Anna Powell, Ashley Simpson, Aleida Toprak
12 Years Girls 4 x 50m Relay	Sofia Hingorani, Maisie Macdonald, Caoimhe O'Boyle, Lucinda Scully
12 Years Boys 4 x 50m Relay	Calan Hahlos, Mykah Emenogu, Callum Loi, Tyler McNiven
13 Years Boys 4 x 50m Relay	Blake Leniston, James Hunt, William Kalmar, Tyrese Medina
16 Years Boys 4 x 50m Relay	Oliviae De Caires, Nicholas Fleeton, Sebastian Tello, Luke Hilzinger



**Congratulations to Maisie Macdonald** of Year 7 who broke four Zone Records in the 12 Years Girls 100m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly and 100m Backstroke!

## HHHS Swimming Carnival – Age Champions

**Congratulations to the following students:**

- 12 Years – Maisie Macdonald and Luke Ingegneri
- 13 Years – Taela Rule and James Hunt
- 14 Years - Isla Macdonald and Rowan Cameron
- 15 Years – Emmy Woods and Nicholas Fleeton
- 16 Years – Ashley Simpson and Oscar Woodward
- 17 Years - Aleida Toprak and Alexander Strassberg
- 18 Years and Over – Naya Cook and William Colman



# Swimming Carnival 2021



## School Travel Term 1 2021 – A message from Transport for NSW



Transport for NSW reminds parents to please plan ahead and make sure your child has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) portal is open all year round, right through Christmas holidays, so parents are able to [apply](https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/) (<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/>) or [update](https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/updateDetails) (<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/updateDetails>) details at any time in case they change school or move address. Just the same as schools expect students to have their backpack and uniform on day one, we would hope that students have a valid ticket to travel to and from school from the start of the year also.

The vast majority of students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travel on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket makes service planning increasingly difficult for these companies.

We recognise that for some families, last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card.

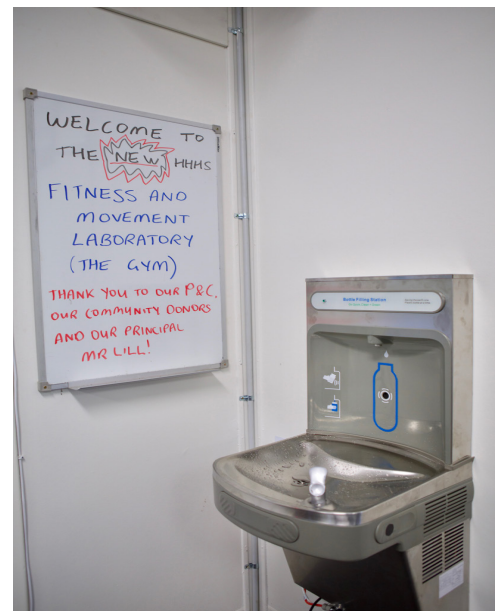
Please be assured, bus operators do show discretion to school students, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. However, we do want to support our operators in encouraging all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

# HHHS Fitness and Movement Centre GRAND OPENING!!

The P&C and school staff are proud and excited to "officially open" the HHHS Fitness & Movement Centre - because HHHS now has the best gym of any public school in NSW. Kudos and thanks to Mr Leif Smith, Head Teacher PDHPE, for envisaging and delivering this amazing \$82,000 facility, which included a \$55,000 contribution by the P&C.

All new machines, equipment, flooring, mirrors and a sensor-activated water fountain make this a truly professional fitness space that caters to all staff and students - without monthly fees! (Mr Smith also personally framed and erected the exercise posters, which include QR codes for students to access on their phones as they work out.)

In addition to class activities, Mr Smith will publish a detailed timetable for students to access the Fitness Centre outside class time under teacher supervision, in stage groups, and/or times for boys or girls to work out separately. We hope the students make the most of this incredible facility and the P&C is looking forward to investing in more resources and opportunities for our students this year.



## Performance Ensemble News 2021



Our massive ensemble program is up and running every morning as well as some lunch times and after school rehearsals. Students are involved in Dance Troupes, Drama Clubs, Rock Bands, Strings, Percussion Concert and Stage Bands. Due to popular demand our Guitar class will be meeting now on Tuesday mornings for experienced guitarists and Wednesday mornings for beginner's workshop.

One of our newest ensembles is a dance class for students who want to learn how to dance without the stress of public performance. There was a lot of energy in the room this morning and their peals of laughter could be heard down the corridor!! Their tutor suggested a staff dance class but one look at their exercise routine had me thinking twice.

Our Monday morning vocal ensemble and training in all vocal techniques as well as developing performance confidence and team work.

Ms Colligan, a seasoned rock musician and guitarist, is running two junior rock bands and Ms Patten has started auditions for the Friday morning Drama Club.

This Friday our String [violin, viola, cello, bass] tutor Sagar is hosting a workshop featuring some of our students.

Our P&C manage the dance classes which include two Jazz troupes and two styles of Hip Hop.

Ms Rich manages our Tech Crew on Monday afternoons. Numbers for this group are at capacity with a waiting list and this group of students are being professionally trained in the sound and lighting industry.

Ms Paxton manages all of our ensemble enrolments through a program called *Bandforte*.

To register your interest in Music, please follow this link and for further information, please email Emma.Paxton4@det.nsw.edu.au

<https://www.bandforte.com.au/bin/bf.dll?portal&pkey=IHLE-LHFF-LGIL-JCIL>

All of our tutors are professionals and are paid through the fees collected from all enrolled students. Costs are reduced for students who are in more than one ensemble or families with more than one child in an ensemble.

Money for the Rock Bands and Drama Ensembles conducted by classroom teachers is used to purchase equipment used by the groups.

**Ms Sibley**  
**Head Teacher CAPA**

## Hunters Hill High School Ensemble Program 2021

<b>MUSIC:</b> All music ensembles commence in Week 3 from Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February			
Vocal Ensemble	Monday morning	7.30- 8.30	103
Percussion Senior	Monday morning	7.30- 8.30	101
Guitars: Ensemble	Tuesday morning	7.30- 8.30	103
Strings	Tuesday morning	7.30- 8.30	101
Percussion Junior	Wednesday morning	7.30- 8.30	101
Guitars; Workshop	Wednesday morning	7.30- 8.30	103
Concert Band	Thursday morning	7.30- 8.30	101
Junior Rock Band	Thursday lunch	Lunch [by audition]	103
Stage Band	Thursday afternoon	3.30-4.30 [by audition]	101
<b>DANCE:</b> Dance ensembles are run by the P&C and commence in week 2 from Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February. Open trials run for two weeks. Anyone attending from week 4 onwards will be invoiced for semester one.			
Jazz Technique	Tuesday morning	7.30- 8.30 [all abilities/non-performance group]	Perf Space
Junior Jazz	Wednesday morning	7.30- 8.30	Hall
Senior Jazz	Wednesday morning	7.30- 8.30	Perf Space
Hip Hop [Modern/Commercial]	Thursday morning	7.30- 8.30	Perf Space
Hip Hop/Break Dancing all abilities	Friday morning	7.30-8.30	Perf Space
<b>DRAMA:</b> Auditions will commence in week 5			
Drama Ensemble	Friday morning	7.30-8.30	Room 101
<b>TECH CREW:</b> [SOUND AND LIGHTING TEAM] FULL			

## Careers News Term 1, 2021

**Year 10:** Fortnightly careers classes have begun! Students have the opportunity to explore career tools and resources and get to know their Careers Advisors. Several students have engaged in the TAFE YES program, and more will have the opportunity throughout the year.

The HHHS Work Experience Program is an opt-in system for 2021. COVID has unfortunately made it quite difficult for worksites to take on extra bodies, so while participation is strongly encouraged, it is not compulsory this year. Students are able to go at a time that suits both them and the employer, providing they clear these dates with Careers at least two weeks prior. Please get in touch with the Careers Department if you have any questions or require copies of the required paperwork. If you or anyone you know is willing to take on a work experience student, please let us know! We are creating a bank of employers to help our students get a foot in the door, and it would be great to have contacts across a variety of industries.

**Year 11:** TVET has begun for several students. If your child missed their chance to engage in TVET, have them talk to Careers about their options.

Don't forget that year 11 is only three terms long! Use this time to find leadership opportunities, engage in extracurricular activities, and build that resume! This will all help when it comes time to write those early entry applications for university.

**Year 12:** The Guest Speaker series at HHHS is starting soon, ready to set our year 12s on their best path! Students are encouraged to keep an eye on their student emails and year group Google classroom for details. A variety of universities and other organisations will attend fortnightly sessions.

It's not long now until Year 12 can begin their university applications. UAC logins and PINs will be emailed to students in March, with applications opening April 1<sup>st</sup>. Once students have paid for their application, they are able to change their preferences as many times as they like at no further cost, and I encourage students to do this sooner rather than later.

If you haven't already, I strongly encourage you to join your student's closed year group on Facebook. I often use these to communicate about any upcoming events or opportunities.

**Nikki Polak**  
Careers Advisor

## Shade Sails

During the Christmas school holidays the P&C spent the \$50,000 Community Grant received for Shade Sails! The sails look fantastic on the oval and improve amenities for our students.

Our thanks to the P&C and to Emma Paxton for her continued hard work on Grant applications!



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD 2021!

After a very disrupted 2020, HHHS is back on track for the Duke of Edinburgh Award program, which is co-organised by the school and the P&C!

This year we have 4 Year 11 students participating in the rigorous and prestigious Gold Award Program: From left to right: Anais Hazel, Alex Strassberg, Eleanor Crompton & Maggie Dowd.

They are supervised by Gold Award Leader and P&C parent volunteer Mishele Cavanagh-Downs! Mr McAlpine organises the Bronze Award program, which commences as a "winter sport" in Term 2! Mr McAlpine will be issuing advice very shortly, and holding an information evening for interested families in Years 9 & 10 in the next few weeks. The Bronze Award program usually starts in Year 9, but last year due to Covid, this was unable to start up. Year 10 students can easily complete their Bronze Award this year and undertake the Gold Award in Year 11 if they want to - they haven't missed out.

Finally, P&C parent volunteer Simone Concha will this year be assisting Mr McAlpine and the teaching staff in supervising the Bronze Award hikes for Years 9 & 10. Thank you Simone! The P&C continues to strengthen the partnership with the school staff - working together to deliver opportunities for our students.

<https://dukeofed.com.au/>



# Sailing to Excellence Program!

The 2021 Sailing to Excellence program began in Week 2 this term with 15 students from Year 8 taking their first opportunity to sail on HHS's new Quest sailing dinghies. The first week involved a swim test and get-to-know the boats before everyone had a chance to see how the boats work, and feel how they capsize.

The first big increase in responsibility happened in Week 2. Crews of three students took four boats onto Sydney Harbour under their own control. Although it began with some chaos, the crews developed the skills to tack and steer themselves into the A-line following one of the coaching motor boats.

The Sailing to Excellence program aims to develop our high potential students into high achievement graduates by applying a series of skills and attributes developed while sailing into their academic and personal lives.

**Warwick McAlpine**  
Sailing to Excellence Coordinator



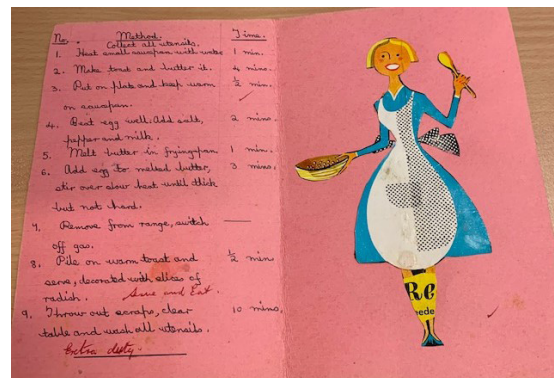
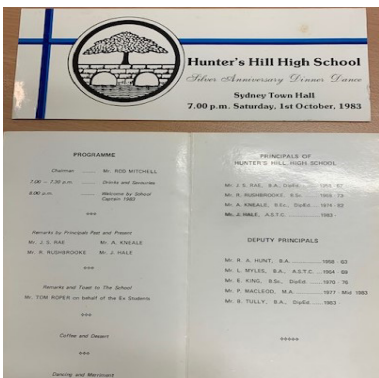
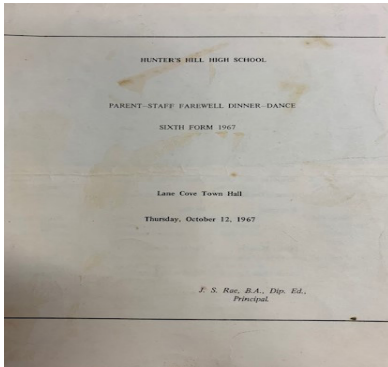
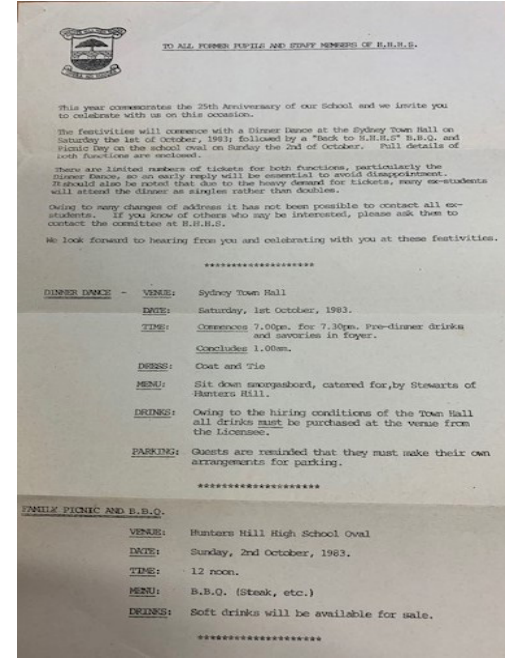
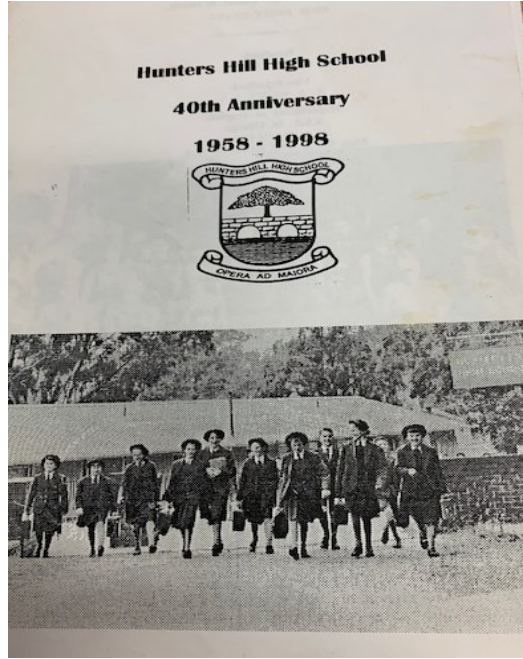
# Memorabilia

An ex-student who attended Hunters Hill High School from 1962 to 1967 has kindly donated some items back to the school. These items will be on display at Parent Reception and photos of some of the items are included here. Our sincere thanks to our ex-student for donating the items and for telling us a little about her time here at HHS from over 50 years ago.

*"The school is in a beautiful position and students benefitted from the surrounding nature. Mr Rae, the Headmaster, spent time tending to the rose gardens and sweeping the leaves out of the gutter on the road. We watched him with great joy from the 'demountable' class rooms. Mr Miles, the Deputy Head, basically ran the whole show. He was a very competent leader and went on to Dulwich Hill High School, a very big change in demographics. I remember him saying at one of our reunions, that he encouraged the boys at Dulwich Hill High School to do activities with which they were familiar with, one being playing cards. However, soon the parents were aghast, as the boys started to 'bet'."*

*"At HHS I was quite a bit younger than my peers. Thankfully I didn't get into too much mischief."*

*"I think HHS was quite innovative for the times. I can't remember in which year, but for 12 months, the boys could attend cooking classes and I did woodwork".*







## The Ground Up Cafe

The student-run Ground Up Cafe is open every Tuesday morning from 8.15am!

The cafe crew invite all students and staff to get their favourite hot drink at the best prices in town! \$2.50 for a small and \$3.00 for a large!

Thanks to Anna at the Canteen we are now supplied with a freshly baked treat each week to sell alongside our drinks.

EFTPOS is also available due to our incredibly supportive P&C!

Come along from 8:15am near the Hall and support our community project so it can grow with the school!



## The Hunters Hill Council Youth Summit: Nurturing Bright Ideas (Media Release)



Youth-led projects across areas ranging from environmental sustainability to mental health and community place making will be delivered across Hunters Hill following the staging of the 2021 Youth Summit.

Students from Hunters Hill High School, Riverside Girls High School and St Joseph's College convened at Town Hall today (Friday 19 February 2021) for the second annual summit.

Students, with support from Hunter's Hill Council staff, community leaders and teachers, were challenged to design a creative, feasible and impactful project to address issues we face as a community.

Working in small groups the students answered the challenge, with bright ideas on how to improve the experience of living and studying in Hunters Hill.

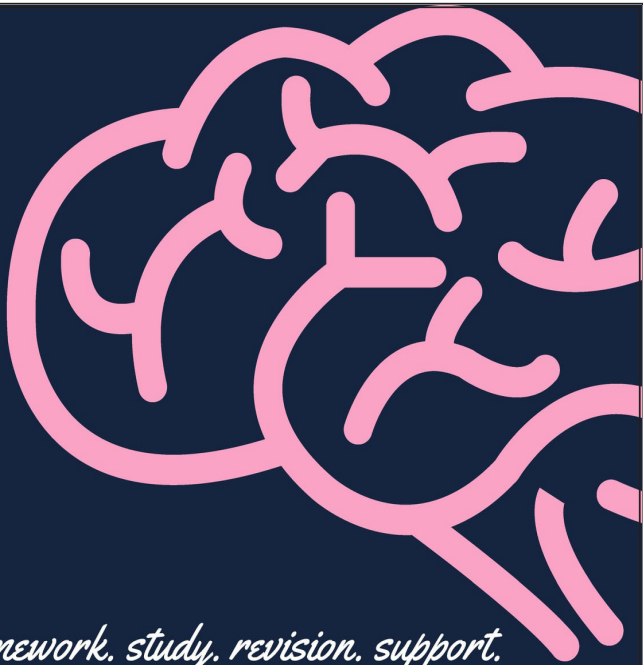
Concepts pitched included ideas for cleaning and managing the future sustainability of waterways, a community garden and using native stingless bee habitats to improve the health of local ecosystems.

Reducing waste and increasing recycling, and promoting energy efficiency in schools was explored.

Students also workshopped ways to provide an outdoor learning space recognising Indigenous culture, create an inclusive park, start a student buddy club, and build an online forum to help reduce youth isolation and increase communication with others.

The concepts will be further developed with project support and potential funding from the Council. Representatives of community organisations with expertise in the project areas, will also assist.

Work with the schools and student groups is expected to begin in the coming weeks.



*homework. study. revision. support.*

# BEYOND THE BELL.

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WORK**



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**TEACHERS**

Ms Jess Austin  
Ms Jessica De Santis  
Mr David Fletcher



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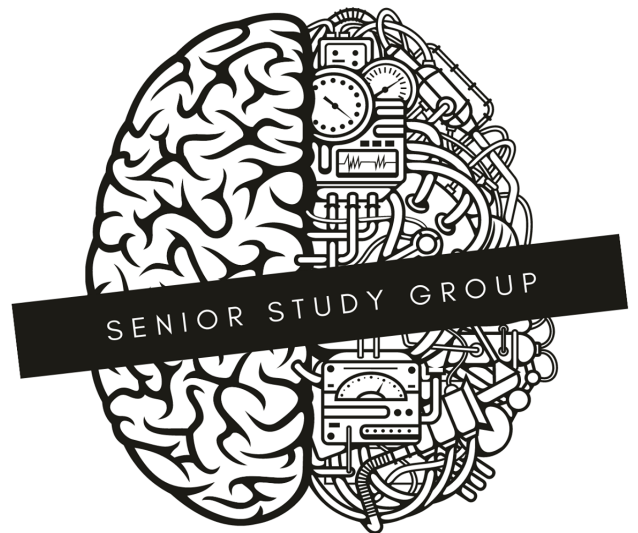
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# numeracy centre

Do you struggle with maths?  
Can't do your homework?  
Have a test coming up?

Bring a friend,  
bring your lunch  
and let's get started!

WHERE: ROOM 408  
WHEN: Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri

## NOTICE OF THE P&C AGM AND GENERAL MEETING

The P&C will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and General Meeting on **Monday 15th March 2021 at 7pm** which will be conducted in person at HHS in the Staff Common Room. Please note, as P&C Meetings are now permitted to take place at the school there will not be an online option for this meeting.

A reminder that membership payments for the 2021 year are now due. This can be done quickly online via our website at <https://www.hhspandc.org.au/membership-payment>. Membership is just \$2 and entitles you to vote at P&C meetings.

We are pleased to announce that the current Executive have all re-nominated for their current positions, however all Executive and Committee positions will be declared open as per P&C Federation requirements and nominations from financial members of the P&C are now welcome. Nominations should be made in writing to the secretary via email to [secretary@hhspandc.org.au](mailto:secretary@hhspandc.org.au) before the start of the AGM.

The AGM Agenda is available at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1z0H6SozM4H2JWPkXC2ZcsJlltpqBYYPZ>

The General Meeting Agenda is available at:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1njf-9fhnzqOa3lVgownxmco\\_wLebCYT](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1njf-9fhnzqOa3lVgownxmco_wLebCYT)

Supporting documentation for both meetings will be uploaded to the above locations 1 week prior to the meeting.

**Phil Hurrell**  
Secretary, HHS P&C

### HHHS - How to Make an Online Payment

- Go to the Hunters Hill High School website (<https://huntershd-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>)
  - Go to the top menu and click "MAKE A PAYMENT" a new window will pop up
  - Under "Student Details" **you only need to fill out the following:** (see example below)
    - Given Name
    - Surname
    - Date of Birth (This can be made up)
- Leave everything else blank and click "Next Section"

#### Make a Payment

Enter your payment data below. Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.

**Student Details** ✓

Student Registration Number  (This 8 digit number is on the Statement issued by the school or will be on the right of the student's name)

\* Given Name

\* Surname

\* Enter both Class/Year & Ref Number, or Date of Birth

Class or Year

Ref Number  (This number may be on the top of the invoice or statement issued by the school or may have the ending 001)

Date of Birth  (eg: /dd/yyyy)

(You will receive a receipt for online payments. You can email us for more information on how to receive your details for online payments.)

- Under "Contact Details" fill out the mandatory fields. Click **Next Section**.
- In "Payment Items" you need to enter the following then click **Next Section**:
  - Payment Type – "Other"
  - Description – "Building Fund Donation"
  - Amount – how much you want to pay.

**Contact Details** ✓

**Payment Items**

Payment Type	Description	Amount
Other	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Total Amount</b>		<b>0.00 AUD</b>

**Card Details**

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- Final Step – Enter your card details and click "Proceed to Confirmation"



# R U OK?



IF YOU FEEL **WORRIED** OR **SAD** YOU CAN TALK TO:  
**your U Matter Mentor**  
**They DO care... REALLY!**



**Year 7**  
**Mr Centurion**



**Year 8**  
**Mrs Pena**



**Year 9**  
**Mr Habbouchi**



**Year 10**  
**Ms De Santis**



**Year 11**  
**Mr Skinner**



**Year 12**  
**Ms Brierty**

## YEAR ADVISORS -

Each year group has one - you will find them in their classroom or staffroom.



We are Melissa Abarzua  
and Rebecca Hanson.  
We are **school psychologists**  
and we here to help you.  
You can find us in Room 400 and Room 415.  
Monday through Friday.  
Come and say hello.



**A/HEAD TEACHER**  
**WELLBEING**  
**Ms Patten**



**R/HEAD TEACHER**  
**TEACHING & LEARNING**  
**Ms Austin**



**CREATING CHANCES**  
**MENTOR**  
**Mrs Pena**



**CREATING CHANCES**  
**MENTOR**  
**Mr Neild**

## HHHS WEBSITE

The HHHS website is updated regularly! Please take the time to go to our site for updates, important information about our school, photos, videos, upcoming events and important dates.

[www.huntershd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.huntershd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

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