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Introducing our 2022 School Captains and Vice Captains!

Congratulations to our 2022 School Captains, Whitney Mueller and Zac Modesto and Vice Captains, Scarlett Kimber and Jocelyn Cameron. We wish you all the very best as you take over the role of leaders of our wonderful school.

A special mention to our outgoing Captains and Vice Captains of 2021, Naya, Zac, Grace and Sam who were exceptional leaders. Thank you for your wonderful service to HHHS. We wish you all the very best in the future.

Congratulations Whitney, Zac, Scarlett and Jocelyn.

Principals Report

It was great that we were able to get back to face-to-face teaching before the end of the year. It allowed teachers and students to gain some sense of normality before the holidays. Students appreciated being back in class and renewing friendships and their relationships with teachers face-to-face. This will be important as we try to have a normal year in 2022.

Importantly we were, eventually, able to get the HSC underway and we were able to complete it without any major disruptions. I think Year 12 found it frustrating to have so many changes to the timing of the HSC. Ultimately, they seemed to take it in their stride and students that I spoke to during the course of the exams, while philosophic, were happy with their preparation and left their exams feeling confident. Normally at this stage of the year we would be waiting on the just around the corner HSC results. This year however, the results won't be available until the end of January.

Can I take this opportunity to thank our parents and caregivers for their support this term. Can I particularly thank our wonderfully supportive P&C. Attendance has been good despite the enforced changes to timetables and finish times, and we have had overwhelming support for all the frustrating aspects of trying to have a Covid safe school. On the whole the students have come back in a positive frame of mind and as I write, the end of year results should be available. In terms of these reports, remember it has not been a normal year and some students have found it difficult under the extended period of remote learning. For these students' disappointed with how they have gone: approach next year with the aim of correcting the problem. We are expecting that all the school's academic supports like Beyond the Bell, Senior Study Group and the Numeracy Centre should be able to run as normal. Work closely with your 2022 teachers to get on top of things early. Students get behind at times for all sorts of reasons, the biggest problems occur when they let themselves stay behind.

Whilst there are a number of upcoming staff changes and some things have yet to be confirmed, there is one in particular I wish to acknowledge at this point in time. Our General Assistant Alan Roose is retiring after nineteen years of service at the school. No one mows an oval like Alan! Thank you, Alan, for your years of trusty service to the school community.

Okay 2022. What do we have to look forward to? Hopefully the Colour Run will be near the end of Term 1; the Duke of Edinburgh scheme will be back; grade sport will be back; exercise will be back and some of the school's most-loved teachers will be back from maternity leave.

Have a trouble-free break everyone. It has been a tiring year all round. May the Christmas Bear bring you everything you want. Rest assured we'll be back bigger and better than ever.

Greg Lill



P&C Report

It was really rewarding to see this year, a year of incredible disruption, ending with much loved traditions that bring us together, including the Year 12 Graduation and the Year 12 Formal which, with some luck, was held on Monday night at Taronga Zoo on a beautiful sunny evening. It was the kind of evening our Year 12 students deserved after a year of sacrifice and isolation.

Unfortunately, many of the events and activities that do bring us together as a community throughout the year – musical nights, sports carnivals, eisteddfods and of course the Colour Run were not possible this year. The P&C remains hopeful that 2022 will return all these opportunities for our children to spread their wings, express themselves, and socialise and as a parent body – we will be there to facilitate these opportunities as best as we can.

While the P&C has been less visible this year due to the pandemic impacts, under the current Executive it remains in a strong financial position, demonstrates a healthy and inclusive culture, operates with transparent processes, appropriate tools, and valuable personnel, and maintains sustainable profits thanks to a highly functioning canteen, despite a lack of fundraising opportunities. Importantly, the P&C also functions in a truly productive collaboration with the school leadership.

Next year the P&C will again be able to invest significant funds back into the school, and Mr Pickles and Mr Smith are already lining up with proposals for parents to consider. The opening of our gym earlier this year, one of the best equipped gyms of any public school in NSW, was a particularly proud and deeply rewarding achievement of the P&C.

As the outgoing President of the P&C, I warmly encourage all parents, especially new parents, to participate in the P&C in 2022 and beyond. There is a need for new parent involvement both within the Executive, and in less formal volunteering capacities. I can attest to the reward that this participation brings – both personally, and for the students. A highly engaged parent body is vital to the school continuing to flourish, and to the maximising the opportunities afforded to our children.

A flourishing school also requires partnership between parents and staff, and a strong partnership exists at HHHS. As a school community we are identified by our strong, explicit support of and gratitude to the staff who care for and educate our children, no matter how trying the circumstances this year. That partnership is made easier by the outstanding quality of leadership that HHHS enjoys. This will continue to be a hallmark of the HHHS community in 2022 and beyond.

Next year, we look forward to children in class, bands playing, dancers dancing, debaters arguing, kids in uniform, sports stars running the ball, lines at the canteen, tech crew at the sound desk, and teenagers squealing with excitement as they run the gauntlet of their teachers' Colour Run stations.

It's entirely possible that we may not get what we want from 2022... but we will get what we need by remaining committed to each other, showing compassion, remaining consistent to our values as a school community and putting in the work. Nothing can or should stop us from achieving those things.

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas, and a wonderful start to school life next year, especially for new families to HHHS. I wish you well on your high school journey.

Jacqueline Crompton

P&C President

Congratulations Year 12 – Class of 2021

After a tumultuous 2021, Year 12 graduated in a lovely ceremony last Wednesday 8 December. It was beautiful to have a chance to celebrate Year 12's successes with their friends and family. Graduation Day photos are on the HHHS website and can be accessed via the link below:

[CLICK HERE: 2021 Graduation Day Photos](#)

Year 12's schooling culminated on Monday evening, 13 December with a spectacular formal at Taronga Zoo. The students looked fabulous and let their hair down finally on the dance floor. Photos to follow.

Thank you to all the teachers, parents and carers of Year 12 over the past 2 years, and we wish Year 12 well in the future.

Julia Brierty

Year 12 Advisor



Introducing our new Year 12 leadership body for 2022

Congratulations to: Violet Craven-Sands and Jessica Rule - Arts Leaders.
Sam Modesto and Alexander Strassberg - Social Justice Leaders.
Raiden Towers and Greta Stacy - Sports Leaders.
Tom Quang - International Student Leader

These students will work alongside our 2022 school captains, Whitney, Zac, Scarlett and Jocelyn, to promote student's agency and voice within our school.

We are very excited by our outstanding leadership team.



Careers News Term 4

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12!

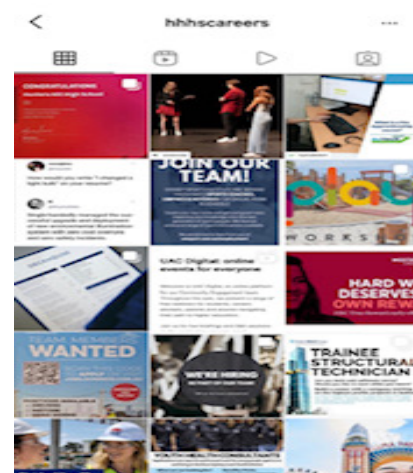
I am so proud of the effort, forethought, planning and consideration our outgoing cohort have put into navigating their options and starting the next steps of their educational and occupational journeys. A whopping 40% of them had locked in a university offer, job, apprenticeship, or traineeship before they even finished their HSC exams. This is a testament to their hard work and resilience in such trying times. It has been an honour working with such an amazing group of people.

Careers is changing and expanding as we move into 2022, and I look forward to engaging with students across all year groups. We will be resuming our work experience program as DoE restrictions ease, and students will be given new and exciting opportunities to learn about the options available to them.

Please follow our Careers Instagram page, @hhhscareers, for updates on programs, applications dates, employment opportunities and good news about our amazing student achievements at Hunters Hill High School.

Nikki Polak

Careers Advisor



Wellbeing Report – Term 4

As another challenging year draws to a close, we reflect on the positive achievements our students have made. Their ability to adapt to changes, to be flexible in their thinking and learning, and to overcome obstacles are life-long lessons which should not be underestimated. Despite these difficult times, our students have continued to be safe, active, and respectful learners. We were delighted to reward so many with Bronze and Silver Merit Certificates this term, demonstrating that despite challenges, our students continue to strive for their best.

Managing the School Holidays

As we move into the holidays, it's important to remember that changes to routine can be hard for some people and your young person may have times when they feel a range of tough emotions such as sadness, stress, or loneliness.

How can you support your young person:

- Let them know you're available for a chat
- Connect with them regularly
- Encourage them to find time to connect to the things they enjoy for example interests, seeing friends, playing sport.
- Encourage time away from the screen
- Encourage them to seek support if they need

External Service Support:

Sometimes it is easier for young people to speak to someone else about how they are feeling. If you would like to support them to do this, you may like to consider:

- eheadspace - 1800 650 890 or ehheadspace.org.au
- Lifeline- 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au
- Your local GP

We hope that you have a chance to enjoy a summer break as well. As always please take the time to regularly check in on yourself, engage with the people around you and make time for activities that you enjoy.

Edwina Patten

Head Teacher Welfare (Acting)

START OF 2022 - DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday 28 January and Monday 31 January – All Staff
Return for Term 1, 2022 (Pupil Free Days)**

**Tuesday 1 February – Year 7 Start and Years 11 and 12
Return for Term 1, 2022**

Wednesday 2 February – Years 8, 9 and 10 Return for Term 1, 2022



Charter services in 2022



Busways will start operating our school services in 2022

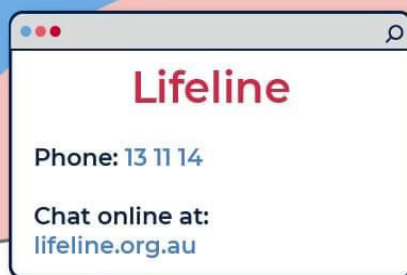
From 9 January 2022, all bus services to schools in our area will be operated by [Busways](#) an Australian-owned company with 79 years' track record in safely delivering students to and from schools in NSW.

Transport for NSW appointed Busways through a tender process to deliver all bus services within Greater Sydney Bus Contract 7, stretching from Willoughby to Ryde, Epping, Hunters Hill and Parramatta. Busways are bus specialists focused on providing excellent customer experience with safe, welcoming and comfortable journeys for all passengers.

Consistency for students

Bus services will continue seamlessly from 9 January 2022, so the only change our students who travel by bus may notice is a new Busways uniform worn by their driver. The same process also remains in place for students and their families to apply for free or subsidised school travel under Transport for [NSW's School Student Travel Scheme](#). Timetables and trip planning tools for services in your area will remain available at transportnsw.info.

Help is here



We made it!

*Wishing all students,
families and staff a very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy Holiday!*

See you in 2022.....



*Congratulations and best
wishes to our Class of 2021 –
We will miss you Year 12!*

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.

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