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OPEN DAY SUCCESS AT HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Day on Saturday 5 March, with special thanks to our amazing teachers, staff, students, and members of the P&C who were in attendance to answer questions and show families around our fabulous school. Not quite sunshine but the weather was good as we welcomed prospective families to our wonderful school. [#hhsgreatnessbeginshere](https://twitter.com/hhsgreatnessbeginshere)

Principals Report

As we rapidly approach Easter, the school is gradually getting back to somewhere near normal. As I write this, the bell times are returning to pre-COVID times, except for Tuesdays which change when we resume grade sport next term. Still, it is only approaching normal as the school still experiences a higher-than-normal student absentee rate and staff illness due to both positive cases and isolation requirements.

One of the reasons we have been able to continue learning relatively smoothly is the co-operation of our students and parents in following the protocols and ensuring that cases were kept to a minimum and that the school was as safe as possible. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

There have been a number of staffing changes this year, largely due to staff on maternity leave, that sees a number of new faces to the school. Welcome to them as they become part of the tapestry of Hunters Hill High School. Please note that Mr Sherwin continues to relieve as Deputy Principal for Ms Chiew-Meldrum and Ms O'Donnell relieves as Deputy Principal for Mrs Donovan. Mr Skinner is relieving as Head Teacher HSIE, Ms Brierty as Head Teacher of English; Ms Cockburn as Head Teacher of CAPA and Ms Austin as Head Teacher Teaching and Learning.

We were able to hold an Open Day this year, which was well attended, as usual, and it was great to see so many of our students across all years, but especially Year 7, getting involved in showing off our great school.

Congratulations to our newly elected P&C Executive (see included list). I look forward to working with them over the next year. The P&C have been instrumental in providing so many improvements for the school over the last few years.

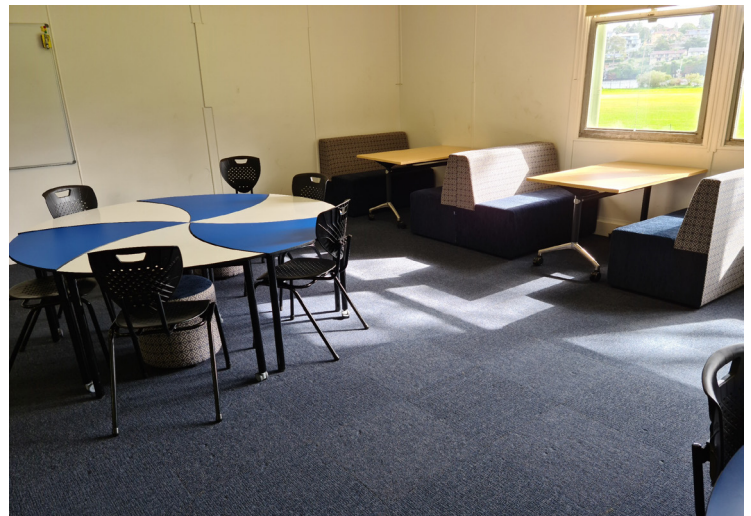
The school has also had the benefit of some maintenance over the Christmas holidays with some new rooves being installed. There is still some maintenance to be completed in the K and C block rooves and a number of rooms scheduled for new carpet.

In terms of school priorities, we are continuing to work on our literacy with a strong focus on reading in Year 7 and the use of the ALARM writing model throughout the school. The school's overall approach to writing has developed over the last few years, with some pandemic interruptions, and we are now trying to get students to write with more analytical depth. To this end we are still developing our approaches with Transformative Learning, and hopefully parents will hear about some of the activities as they are explained in class. To this end, we have invested in a couple of new sets of furniture to facilitate this in classrooms.

Once again, thank you for the strong community support we receive. As ever, stay connected through our Parent Portal and social media. Enjoy the upcoming break and may the Easter Bear bring plenty of chocolate.

Greg Lill

Transformative Learning - New Classroom Furniture



P&C Committee

We would like to thank our outgoing P&C Committee for their amazing support of our school in 2021. A special mention to outgoing P&C President Ms Jacqueline Crompton for her enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication to HHHS. Thank you and we wish you and your family all the very best in the future.

Congratulations to our incoming 2022 P&C Committee. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead and thank you all for your commitment to our school. The 2022 P&C Committee is as follows:

President - Ms Olejuru Lanfear
Vice President - Mr Chris Kimber
Vice President - Ms Karen Johnston
Secretary - Mr Phil Hurrell
Treasurer - Ms Jane Geard

Uniform Shop Convenor - Mr Chris Kimber
Canteen Coordinator - Ms Karen Johnston
Social Activities Coordinator - Ms Maria Lopez
Environment Coordinator - Ms Jo-Hanna Adam
Social Media Coordinators - Ms Robyn Hirano and Ms Liz Smeulders
Tech Crew Coordinator - Ms Dianna Rich
Representative Narellan District P&C Council - Ms Olejuru Lanfear

Further details can be on the HHHS Website or by clicking on the link below:

<https://huntershd-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-...>

P&C Report

We had our AGM on Monday 14th March, and I would like to thank the parents who attended. All P&C Executive positions were declared open for nominations and the following people were voted in:

2022 P&C Executive members:

- Olejuru Lanfear, President
- Jane Geard, Treasurer
- Phil Hurrell, Secretary
- Chris Kimber, Vice President
- Karen Johnston, Vice President

Voted in as coordinators were:

- Social media - Liz Bennett and Robyn Hirano
- Social activities - Maria Lopez
- Uniform shop coordinator - Chris Kimber
- Canteen coordinator - Karen Johnston
- Tech Crew coordinator - Dianna Rich
- Environmental coordinator - Jo-Hanna Adam

We would also like to say goodbye and a big THANK YOU! to Jacqueline Crompton who oversaw the bulk of changes the P&C went through over the last 3 years and to Simon Concha who continued to coordinate dance last year even though the family were no longer at the school.

We look forward to a year of continuing to work with and support the school, students, and the larger community.

P&C meetings are held twice a term in week 3 and week 8.

We welcome all parents, carers, and community members to come along to meetings. It's a great place to hear, ask questions and share thoughts with the school principal, teachers, and other parents/careers.

Canteen

When operational, the canteen continues to achieve budgeted sales from selling food, drinks and stationery items and remains popular with school staff and students.

We are now back to one recess and one lunch break after having to split up year groups due to COVID. Thank you to all canteen staff and volunteers who adjusted to the change quickly.

We are also pleased to welcome parent volunteers old and new back to the canteen. We did lose a long serving member of staff who retired this year. Pam Zorbas worked at the canteen for over 30 years, and we would like to thank her for her long service and wish her well in her retirement.

Finally, if you would like to volunteer or have questions about the canteen you can email - canteen@hhhspandc.org.au

Facebook

If you are not already following the P&C Facebook page – you really should! We now have close to 300 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, and general school happenings. Please follow us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HHHS.PandC>

Olejuru

President, Hunters Hill High School P&C

P&C WELCOME DRINKS

The Hunters Hill High School P&C invites all Year 7 and new families to Welcome Drinks at the Hunters Hill Club on Thursday 31 March 2022 from 6.30pm.

RSVP via the QR code below or by clicking on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/UatN5NVUJNQkVfVJ7>

Please note, this is an Adult Only Event.



**Welcome
Drinks***

The P&C invites new families to the school to drinks and nibbles.

Meet other families, new and current, and the teachers.

When: 31st March
Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Where: Hunters Hill Club
Cost: \$0

Get tickets via QRCode
or via
<https://forms.gle/UatN5NVUJNQkVfVJ7>



* this is an adult only event,
** light snacks only.

www.hhhspandc.org.au

Welfare

We extend a kind welcome to all students, staff, and parents to Hunters Hill High School in 2022. As we return to a new “normal,” our school community continues to demonstrate resilience and determination in the face of challenges. Hunters Hill High School is committed to delivering Wellbeing initiatives to ensure that our students feel known, valued and cared for.

UMatter and Year Meetings

UMatter is our weekly wellbeing program where students participate in activities to help their social, emotional, and psychological growth. Our Year 11 Peer Support mentors also attend Year 7 U Matter classes to develop stronger bonds and connect with their peers.

Regular Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. In partnership with parents, at Hunters Hill High School, we believe it is important to promote the regular attendance of students. With all the disruptions resulting from COVID-19, it is vital now more than ever before that children attend school whenever possible.



Uniform

A sense of belonging is achieved through a strong identity and at Hunter Hill High School we demonstrate our sense of connection through ensuring pride in our uniform. Students have been encouraged to demonstrate pride in their school by wearing the correct uniform consistently. The school has 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 attended Backflips Against Bullying, 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. Students are invited to play board games or puzzles, or simply chat to one of the Wellbeing Team members available.

Psychologist and Student Support Officer (SSO) Referrals

We are fortunate to have a school psychologist and SSO 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 support team may be meeting with another student, students are instructed to 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)

Careers News - Term 1 2022

Careers is looking different in 2022, with a more flexible and student-centred approach to careers education. Year 10 have taken to the new approach nicely, with many going out of their way to seek careers advice on things such as TAFE YES programs, work experience and thinking ahead to their Stage 6 studies. Mr Bastian and Ms Polak will begin to introduce Year 10 to a plethora of resources to help them design their future pathways at the end of Term 1.

Events have kicked off with the University Guest Speaker Series in March. The USYD presentation was incredibly well-attended – it was great to see so many future-focused students across Years 11 and 12. UTS will visit in Week 10, and in Term 2 we will have presentations from Macquarie University (May 4th) and UNSW (May 11th).

This year we will be joining forces with Inspiring the Future and connecting students in Years 8 and 10 with new concepts of careers development, professionals from a variety of industries, and giving them the opportunity to consider things they may not have had any idea about before.

Year 12 one-to-one interviews are continuing, and students are encouraged to reach out to Ms Polak or Mr Bastian with any pressing queries or concerns.

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram, @hhhs-careers, and check out the Careers website, <https://hunters-hill.jobjump.com.au/>

Ms Polak – Careers



USYD presentation – The first of many University Guest Speaker Series

Young Women's Leadership Seminar

Year 11 students Tahlia Minassian and Eliza Russ attended the Young Women's Leadership Seminar at the NSW State Parliament. Members from parliament and an exceptional speaker Dr Xanthé Mallett talked about grasping opportunities in life. In perfect time for International Women's Day, they explored what it is like to work in male dominated industries, and the way that they have been challenged and have overcome these hardships.

They were so inspirational to us as we learnt about how to pave our own way in a complex and discriminatory world. We explored many important leadership qualities and skills to guide us in life, as well as how to bounce back from major setbacks. We also learnt much about ourselves and how we can use our own strengths to our advantage, such as in work and school opportunities. Overall, the experience was very eye opening, and we hope to use our newfound knowledge in our day-to-day lives.

Eliza Russ
Tahlia Minassian



NSROC Food Scraps Recycling Trial

All schools in the Hunters Hill LGA, including Hunters Hill High School, are participating in a **Food Scraps Recycling Trial through the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC)** which includes Hunters Hill Council. The trial is 14 weeks long.

WHAT GOES IN THE FOOD WASTE CADDY?

All types of food scraps can be placed in the caddies including raw and cooked food, meat, small bones, fish and seafood, fruit and vegetables, dairy products, eggs and eggshells, bread, biscuits and pastries, rice, grains, cereals and noodles, tea bags, tea leaves and coffee grounds.

Kitchen Caddies for food scraps have been distributed to all staff rooms and **3 x 120L kerbside bins have been placed near the Canteen, Oval and the Hall.**

Further information can be found at the below website:

<https://nsroc.com.au/foodrecyclingtrial/>

There are ties to the NSW syllabus so this can be a great learning experience and a way for the students to think about what happens after the trial:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning...>



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 30 March – Friday 1 April - CHS Swimming and Diving

Thursday 31 March – P&C Welcome Drinks for Year 7 and new families (Hunters Hill Club from 6.30pm)

Wednesday 6 April – Years 8 GALA Day

Friday 8 April – LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Tuesday 26 April – ALL STAFF RETURN FOR TERM 2 (No Students)

Wednesday 27 April – ALL STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2

Friday 29 April – HHHS Cross Country Carnival

Friday 6 May – HHHS Athletics Carnival

Monday 9 May – P&C Meeting

Tuesday 10 May – Tuesday 17 May - NAPLAN Year 7 and 9

Monday 23 May – Zone Cross Country Carnival

Wednesday 1 June – Friday 3 June – Year 7 Camp





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LEARNING AND SUPPORT

Schools use their allocations of learning and support resources to personalise the learning for the individual needs of their students.

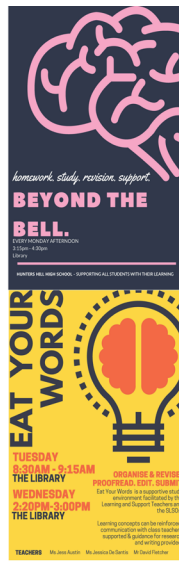
Teaching and learning can be adjusted in many ways, based on every student's unique needs, to enable students with a disability and additional learning and support needs to enjoy the same opportunities and choices in their education as their peers.

Adjustments are made in close consultation with students and their parents and carers and are regularly reviewed to assess their effectiveness and to identify any need for changes.

The first point of contact is the school's learning and support team. Learning and support teams include key personnel involved in supporting students with disability and additional and learning and support needs.

Learning and Support Teachers
Jess Austin - Tuesday-Friday
Jessica De Santis - Monday-Friday
Robert Bruce - Wednesday & Thursday

School Learning and Support Officers
Zach Scesny, Fiona Schnitzler, Rohan Mudaliar & Ciara Murphy

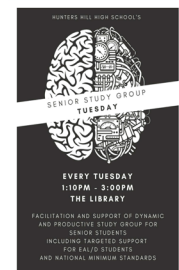


BEYOND THE BELL

Every **Monday** afternoon after school teachers volunteer their time to support students with their homework, assessments and in establishing positive revision habits. Students identify and work towards achieving SMART Goals for each session to reinforce good study practice.

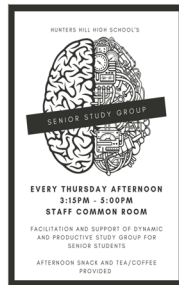
EAT YOUR WORDS

Every **Tuesday** before school and **Wednesday** after school our Learning and Support Team provide guidance for study, proofreading and general feedback for students during a student's preparation for assessment tasks and exams. Students come prepared with their task outlines and drafts as they learn to refine their researching and editing processes.



SENIOR STUDY GROUP

On **Tuesday** afternoons senior students (Year 11 and 12) are invited to stay back for support in organisation, facilitated discussions, improvement in academic writing, completion of National Minimum Standards assessments and practice in timed writing tasks. This opportunity is valuable in improving Stage 6 skills and is guided by SLSO tutors.



SENIOR STUDY GROUP

Students in Years 11 and 12 are invited to participate in a study group on a **Thursday** afternoon that is facilitated by the Learning and Support Team and supported by volunteer Stage 6 teachers. Students participate in independent study, discussion sessions and collaborative learning.

LEARNING PROGRAMS SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR LEARNING

Help is here

Lifeline

Phone: 13 11 14

Chat online at:
lifeline.org.au

Kids Helpline

Phone: 1800 55 1800

Chat online at:
kidshelpline.com.au

Beyond Blue

Phone: 1300 22 4636

Chat online at:
BeyondBlue.org.au

R U OK?

IF YOU FEEL **WORRIED** OR **SAD** YOU CAN TALK TO:
your U Matter Mentor
WE CARE ABOUT YOU!



Year 7
Ms Guo



Year 8
Mr Centurion



Year 9
Mrs Pena



Year 10
Mr Habbouchi



Year 11
Ms De Santis




Year 12
Mr Skinner

YEAR ADVISORS -

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



We are Rebecca Hanson,
 Sidra Hameed and Nicole Williams.
 We are **school psychologists**
 and we are here to help you.
 You can find us in Rooms
 400 and Room 415.
 Monday through Friday
 Come and say hello. 



A/HEAD TEACHER
WELLBEING
Ms Patten



CREATING CHANCES
MENTOR
Mr Bastian



STUDENT SUPPORT
OFFICER
Ms Harvey



CREATING CHANCES
MENTOR
Ms Reynolds



CAREERS
ADVISOR
Ms Polak



R/HEAD TEACHER
TEACHING & LEARNING
Ms Austin

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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