



Balgowlah Boys Campus Newsletter

Principal's Report

Term 1 Week 7

Our P&C has just held its AGM and a new executive has been elected as the majority of the team had served the maximum 3 year tenure. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing office bearers; Colin Carwell President, Sue Jorgensen, Vice President, Ingrid Gray, Treasurer and "Build a Better Bally" Co-ordinator, Anita Tymkiw. This team have had an enormous impact on the school community with approximately \$400,000 of funds donated during their tenure. Perhaps even more significant is the change they led in terms communication and collaboration across the whole community.



The Secretary of Education, Murat Dizdar, visited the school on Wednesday to enquire into the way our school delivers the curriculum. He is keen to share the explicit nature of our teaching we use with the boys across the state's public schools. In his words, "*..as Bally is hitting the ball out of the park!*"

The Secretary was most interested in the details of teaching as explained by our school captains; Will Jessop, Bodhi Hanson and Will Matheson.

While there was obviously disappointment across the community that funds had not been allocated for the proposed "major upgrade" released by the previous government. There is still much happening on the capital improvement front. The Hall Façade Upgrade is nearing completion with about one month left for finishing touches.



Parent and Teacher Evenings are fast approaching, these are held early in the year to enable a check-in with parents prior to half-year assessment and reporting. Years 8 & 10 interviews will be held on April 2, Year 9 & 11 on April 8 and Years 7 & 12 on 6 May.

Students that have been applying themselves to the best of their ability will be recognised at the *By Effort We Achieve Assembly* in the School Hall on the first Friday of Term 2, 3 May.

Paul Sheather

HSIE Report

Year 10 Geography - Environmental Change & Management Fieldwork

On the 1st March 2024 Year 10 Geography Students conducted fieldwork at three study sites along Collaroy & Narrabeen Beaches as part of their Environmental Change and Management unit. Students investigated the role natural processes and human impacts influence the coastal morphology of this dynamic beach system. The observations, information and data collected on the day has been utilised to inform their upcoming assessment task. During the fieldwork students conducted a range of investigations including beach profile cross sections, dune vegetation transects, measuring longshore drift, sediment analysis, and examination of the implications of development on a primary dune system, including evaluating the various management strategies implemented along the beach. A particular focus on the day was conducting an evaluation on the effectiveness of the controversial and newly constructed sea wall. The boys worked really well throughout the day, despite the hot and humid conditions, and have utilised their findings to produce some excellent classroom discussions and tasks linked to their assessment.



Ancient History

Year 11 Ancient History visited the Chau Chak Wing Museum at the University of Sydney this week and got to handle artefacts dating from the Neolithic to Hellenistic period enhancing their source analysis skills and passion for the ancient world. They were further guided around the museum and discussed a range of historical issues such as reparation and whether the Trojan War was a historical event or mythology, this will greatly assist them in their upcoming assessments.

Modern History

Year 10 History As part of their study of the Holocaust, Year 10 students recently visited the Sydney Jewish Museum. Here they took part in an analysis of historical sources of the Holocaust with professional historians and also visited the museum itself where they were guided around the development and creation of the conditions that led to the Holocaust. The most moving part of the visit was listening to the testimony of a Holocaust survivor. The stories of horror, sadness were tempered by the incredible strength of character and resilience these survivors were able to convey to the students. This can be a challenging day for the students, however the museum director contacted me to congratulate the students on their behaviour as well as engagement throughout the visit. Well done Year 10!

Update from the library.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the launch of Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) at Bally Boys. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition or a fundraiser, but a challenge to each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely. All boys can enter the PRC via the education portal.

The library continues as a welcoming hub at recess and lunchtime for quiet study and recreation. Chess is particularly popular!



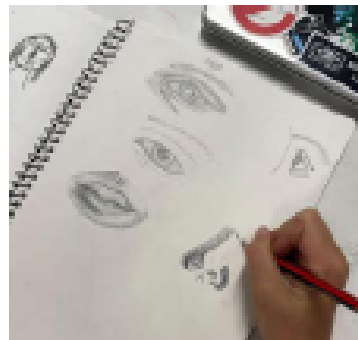
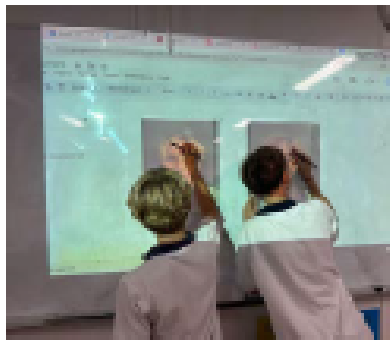
Tom Acres and Riley Armitage playing chess

Creative and Performing Arts

VISUAL ARTS

YEAR 7 Portraiture

Year 7 Visual Arts students have demonstrated amazing development of their drawing skills this Semester, as they begin their self-portraits. The boys have been practising drawing facial features and applying shading and tone to emphasise the depth and light in the forms. In the next few weeks, students will begin working on a larger A3 scale self-portrait. It has been outstanding to see their progress in just a few weeks of art lessons, and we can not wait to see the end result of these fantastic portraits.



YEAR 9 Portraiture

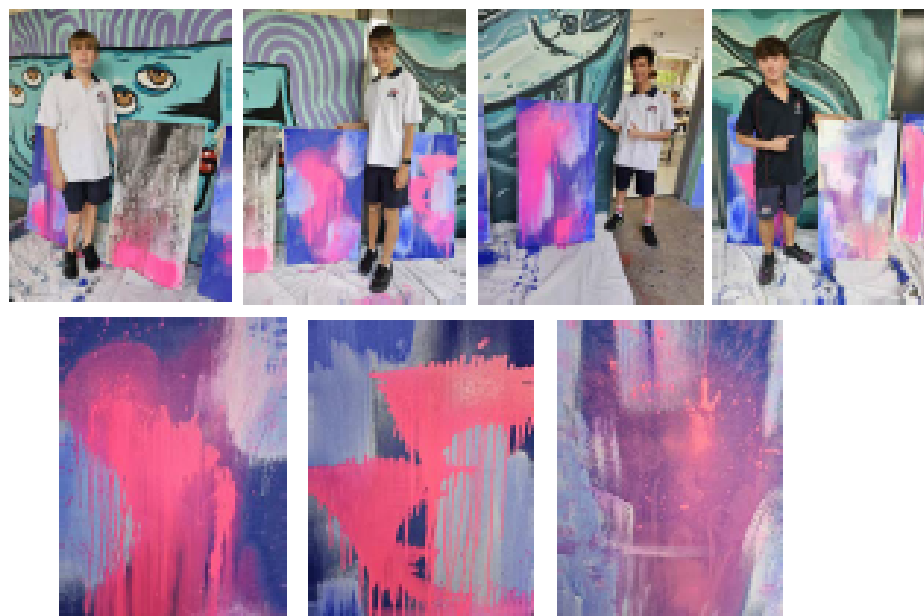
Year 9 Visual Arts Elective students are currently working on a large-scale realistic self-portrait. These intricate portraits will aim to capture the boy's likeness and personality in a "gritty" and expressive work. Inspired by the practices of established artists such as Vernon Ah Kee, Dryden Goodwin, and Kristone Capistrano, students are aiming to build refinement and resolution in their artmaking.

Over the next few weeks, we will also be working with the contemporary Australian artist Kristone Capistrano on large-scale portraits, through the Artist in Residence Workshop funded by the P&C.

YEAR 10 Abstraction

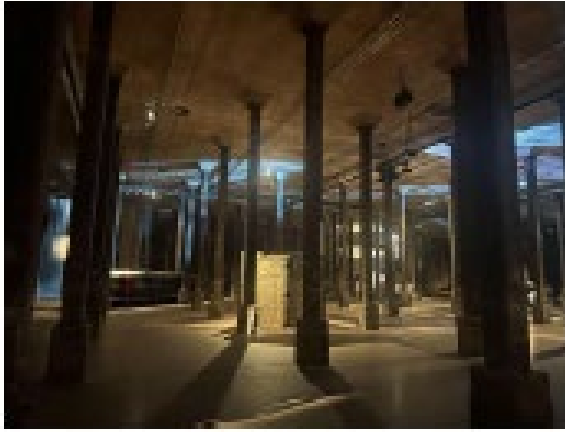


Year 10 Visual Arts students are currently stretching their own canvas in preparation for their large-scale abstract paintings using experimental painting practices. The boys have been given their own wooden frames and are using a beautiful quality canvas to prepare a surface for their paintings. Stretching canvases is definitely an art, and is something many artists don't experience until they are in the university setting. Art at Bally is also very excited to announce an upcoming workshop with accomplished Australian artist George Raftopoulos. George has worked with our students several times as an artist in residence over the years, with thanks from the Bally P&C for their generous support of the Bally Artist in Residence program. Our first workshop with George was in 2018 (image: above right), where he worked with Year 10 students to produce large-scale abstract paintings, with this session being recorded for the popular podcast and supporting sites "Talking with Painters" with Maria Stoljar. Art at Bally has a very strong artist in residence and mural program, one that is well-known within the art education community, with students working with several accomplished Australian artists over the years, and we are excited to continue this program into 2024. Stay tuned for dates and details, as well as the announcement of a supporting exhibition evening to display the works students produce. Below are some of the works we have been working on!



YEAR 11 Art Gallery of NSW visit

Year 11 Visual Arts had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Art Gallery of New South Wales last week, where they were able to view first hand last year's ArtExpress student works. Student's also viewed exhibitions by renowned international multidisciplinary artist Louise Bourgeois, whose practise spans an incredible seven decades, as well as the vivid and imaginative abstractions of Kandinsky. The exhibitions presented students with the opportunity to reflect on their own art making practice as well as view artworks in a curated space.



YEAR 8 Flying machines



Year 8 Visual Arts students are working hard on their flying machine drawings. The boys have spent the first weeks of term developing detailed preliminary sketches and researching artists such as Shaun Tan, Leonardo da Vinci, and Rowland Emmet to inspire their artmaking. In upcoming lessons, they will use their initial sketches to inform large-scale artworks, adding tone and intricate details to bring their imaginative flying machines to life.

Sentral Communications for Parents

SENTRAL Parent Portal is Balgowlah Boys communication platform. If you are experiencing issues with the portal, please check the following on your devices:

- Notifications – set notification to on in your settings on your device
- Update NEW Sentral for parent app on your device
- Check your phone settings on the Parent Portal
- Delete and reload the app
- Place the Sentral Parent Portal icon on your home screen on your device, so you're not missing important alerts and information

Here is also a link from Sentral to help parents. [Get Help with Sentral for Parents App & Portal](#)

If you continue to experience problems or you don't have access to the portal, please email the school and we will be in contact.

Sports Report

Term 1 sport is well underway with the school swimming carnival held on the 24th February at the Manly Swim Centre.

We had many boys competing which has enabled us to form a very strong school swim team to compete at the Zone championships on Friday 15th March at The Warringah Aquatic Centre.

Congratulations to our age champions for 2024 and to students who broke swimming records.

Our age champions from the swimming carnival were:

12 yrs – Jake Payne
13 yrs- Heath Schutt
14yrs- Jacob Chalmers
15yrs- Liam Jordan
16yrs- Lachlan Davies
17yrs- Alexander Smith

Records Broken:

Davies, Lachlan -

16yrs 100m Backstroke 1:02.77
16yrs 100m Breaststroke 1:15.97
16yrs 50m Freestyle 25.05
16yrs 100m Freestyle 55.53
16yrs 100m Butterfly 1:02.32

Alex Smith

17-19yrs 200m Freestyle 2:02.57
17-19 100m Butterfly 1:02.74

Ethan Green

17-19yrs 50m Freestyle 24.74
17-19yrs 100m Freestyle 55.60

On the cricketing front Balgowlah Boys Campus has had its most successful to date. They were crowned Manly Cup Champions defeating St Lukes in the final at Manly Oval. Balgowlah Boys Campus 5 -103 def St Lukes 5 -99.

Outstanding batting from Robbie Graham- McDowell 41 not out, Will Read 28 not out. Bally were on the ropes at 5 - 37. Robbie & Will remained cool under pressure & combined for an unbeaten match winning 66 run partnership off 50 deliveries to rescue the 1st X1. The highlight was an awesome 6 over long on by Robbie to seal victory with 9 balls remaining.

Then the following day they played Model Farms High School in the final 16 of NSWCHS.

Model Farms 3 -120 def Balgowlah Boys Campus 9 -118 (Billy Martin 47, Harvey Matheson 25 not out, Will Matheson 23.

Against very strong opposition who were last years CHS 1/4 Finalists, our 1st X1 cricket team represented Sydney North v Sydney West winners. Despite superb bowling from Pat Day, Billy Martin, Will Read, Harvey Matheson & Alex Kandasamy, BBC were outplayed by very strong opposition. The leadership of Pat Day & fielding from BBC were outstanding, highlighted by great catches taken by Archie Buckley - Hickford & Harvey Matheson. Many thanks & congrats to all U/15 & 1st X1 players on another very successful season. Well done to Mr Scheffers and the team.

The Balgowlah Boys Campus Representative sports program is well underway with training occurring on a weekly basis with our professional external coaches and school staff. The 15s Bill Turner Cup team had 45 players trial and the team was selected down to 20 players. Mr Diaz and Taylor from T10 Football Academy train every Monday morning at 7.30am.

The open football team with Mr Robertson and Taylor train after the 15s team at 8.15am each Monday morning.

The open Volleyball team train each Monday morning at 7.30am with Ms Duncan and Jesse Beard. They had their first win defeating Pittwater HS 3 sets to love.

The open Touch football team train each Monday lunch with Mr Scheffers and K squared. They had their first win over Chatswood HS 13-1.

The 14yrs Buckley Shield Rugby League team train each Tuesday morning at 7.30am with Mr Backhouse and K Squared.

The open Rugby League team train each Tuesday at lunch with Mr Cross and K Squared.

The open Basketball team train every Wednesday at 4.00pm with Ben Knight.

The 15s Rugby Union team train each Thursday lunch with Ms Anderson/ Mr Kaye and K Squared.

The students have really bought into this new era of sport, and it is exciting to see the program develop and take shape. None of this would be able to occur without the generous grant from our P and C association who are supporting this initiative. It is greatly appreciated.

The Australian Schools Mountain Biking Championships were held at Thredbo during week 4. We had a number of boys competing which is great to see. The organisation is done through our parent body led by Nick Careless. Please see attached report. Look forward to an exciting final 5 weeks of the term where the respective NSWCHS competitions really kick into gear.

Gary Theodore.

Australian Mountain Bike Interschools

Over 1,200 students from more than 300 schools competed in this year's Australian Mountain Bike interschools competition held at Thredbo NSW 4th to 8th of March.

This year we combined Bally Boys with all our Northern Beaches Secondary College campuses to form a strong team of 31 students, ranging from Division 3 (years 7 & 8) to Division 1 (years 11 & 12).

As usual all the participants represented NBSC to the highest standard and gave their personal best. This was reflected in the results, despite a number of "Did Not Finishes" due to mechanical failures, punctures and a few spectacular wipe-outs on the fast descents:

Division 3 boys (year 7&8)

Oakley Cannonball Downhill - placed 12th

Pump track - placed 12th

Fox Flow Motion Cup - placed 13th

Norco all mountain - placed 15th

Division 2 boys (year 9&10)

Pump track - placed 1st

Oakley Cannonball Downhill - placed 6th

Fox Flow Motion Cup - placed 18th

Norco all mountain - placed 22nd

Division 1 boys (year 11 &12)

Pump track - placed 2nd

Oakley Cannonball Downhill - placed 5th

Fox Flow Motion Cup - placed 9th

Norco all mountain - placed 14th

Matthew Careless (yr 10)



Aston Nicholson (yr 10)



Lewis Roberts (yr 10)



Heath Schutt (yr 8)



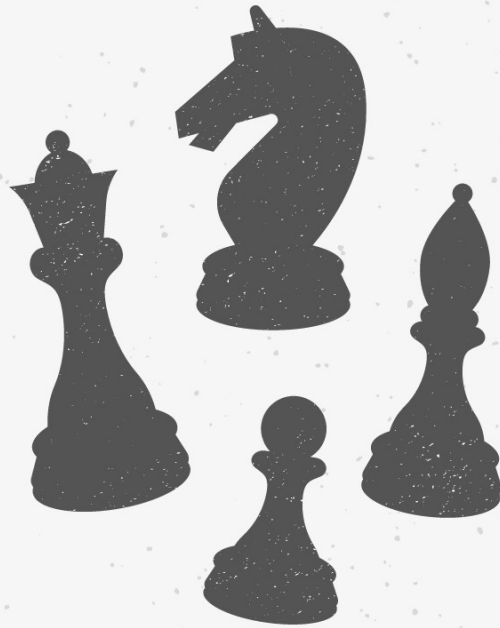
Jeremy Dunsford (yr 10)

Xavier Morris (yr 10)



Heath Dennington (yr 10)

BALLY BOYS CHESS CLUB



MONDAY – LUNCH
G201

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