



The Balgowlah Boys Campus Newsletter

Principal's Report

Week 4 Term 3 2017

I am very proud to announce that Balgowlah Boys Campus has been awarded the very prestigious Secretary of Education Award for 2017. The award was titled, "**School Achievement Award for Improved Academic Performance.**" The Hon Rod Stokes MP, NSW Minister for Education and Mr Mark Scott AO, Secretary of the NSW Department of Education, will present the award.

I would like to thank all those parents and friends that attended our "By Effort We Achieve" Assembly at the beginning of this term. It gives this important occasion the gravitas that it deserves. Students that have worked to their best and achieved their potential are recognised with a merit award.

This assembly is even more important as we also announce for the first time our Prefects 2016 / 2017 and they are presented with their badges and ties in front of our school community



Year 7 Recipients of the BEWA Award for term 2.

Year 8 Recipients of the BEWA Award for term 2.





Year 9 Recipients of the BEWA Award for term 2.



Year 10 Recipients of the BEWA Award for term 2.



Year 11 Recipients of the BEWA Award for term 2.



Year 12 Recipients of the BEWA Award for term 2.



Prefects 2107 on stage to present the newly inducted Prefects 2018 with badges and ties.



Newly inducted Prefects 2018



Recipients of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards- Presented by Ms Tadros



As always, the stage band performs a number of their pieces on assembly- here Julian Mckay conducts

English Faculty

The English Faculty are extremely proud to present the ICAS Spelling results for 2017. Congratulations to all our terrific spellers and readers who were awarded Certificates of Merit, Credit and Distinction.

Distinction

Sean Gutkin, Balin-Lee Hewes, Gokul Lamba, Kenta Miyamura

Credit

James Buchanan, Noah Liden, Daniel Sanchez Cano, Bradley Hoy, Jairam Balasubramanian, Sebastian Bush, Henry Dewar, Paul-Loup McGrath, Logan Sengchanh

Merit

Hayden Green, Ryder Lehmann, Matthew Tacovsky, Hugo Thorsby

Japan Study Tour October 2018

Balgowlah Boys Campus is in the process of organising a study tour to Japan set to depart in October 2018 for a 10 day visit and learning experience.

This tour enables students to put into a native language context the language they have studied. They will have the opportunity to communicate and experience Japanese cultural nuances first hand. They will also learn about both modern and historical aspects of Japanese society in its true setting. They will be able to read signs, follow directions, read maps and see the language written and spoken all around them all day. Students who have been on previous tours have commented that they have learned more about the Japanese language and its context in their time in Japan than they were able to do over months of study in classes in Australia.

Cost: \$3300 to \$3800 + spending money

This cost is based on current conversion rates (80yen to the dollar) and is subject to change. Number of students participating in the trip will also affect costings. We will inform you of any price change if it occurs prior to booking confirmation.

Cost includes

- Return flights from Sydney to Haneda via ANA (Sydney>Tokyo>Hiroshima>Tokyo>Sydney)
- All accommodation
- 7 Day Japan Rail Pass
- Takyubin Baggage courier service
- Theme park entry (Tokyo Disneyland/ Toei Eigamura)
- Most breakfasts
- QBE travel insurance

If your son is interested in joining the trip, please feel free to email vanessa.briggs1@det.nsw.edu.au or see Mr Host or Mrs Briggs for further details.

How can parents help during stressful assessment times?

The second semester often heralds blocks of examinations or assessments for students. Some students cope well with the pressure and stress while others find it overwhelming. Of course, the more prepared students are, the less stress they are likely to experience. Encourage students to start their preparation for examinations and assessments early, in particular their study notes. If your student has examination blocks this semester, these tips will help you provide the support they need.

1. Lifestyle makes a big difference to results: healthy eating, lots of water, lots of sleep, exercise and time for relaxation are essential. Make sure students are eating as healthily as possible. Provide healthy snacks and drinks and healthy meals. It is important that students look after their health during this period as stress can take a huge toll on the body. A nutritious diet and a bit of exercise not only help

students think more effectively, but will help them deal with stress as well. Some students will try and sacrifice sleep during this time, remind them that the last stage of memory takes place while students are sleeping.

2. Ask students what they need from you and what you can do. Offer to help with revision, to go and buy any books or stationery needed. Be their personal assistant and help with exam timetables, preparation, lunches etc. Many students find it helpful if their parent tests them on the material they need to memorise.
3. Focus on a positive outlook and personal best: encourage students to be proud of their successes and what they achieve and constantly assure them that all you want is for them to do the best they can and walk away feeling proud of their efforts this year. Praise the effort they put into their study. Avoid criticism and negativity. Remember there are always multiple paths in life for your student to get to where they want to go.
4. Keep communication lines open. Listen. See if you can have a weekly meeting to give students a chance to talk through where they are with each subject and what is going on and if they are having any difficulties. Remember that you are the convenient target for anger (that isn't really directed at you) but you also might be a good shoulder to cry on. Seek professional help if you feel your student is not coping and needs it.
5. If students are stressed or worried, first let them vent, then talk together ways they could approach their issues. Who could they talk to at school on ways to improve or ways to manage their stress? What outside resources do they have? What is it they feel most anxious about? Is there specific help they need? What can parents do to help?

You and your student can learn more about how to study effectively at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with the details below and working through some of the units.

Username: Balgowlahboys Password: 23achieve

Valuable Feedback for School Planning

The school is in the process of planning our strategic directions for the next 3 years. To help us achieve this aim, we would like to invite you to complete a survey. It is vital we receive your feedback on areas such as, communication, teaching and learning, welfare systems and general organisation.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this confidential online survey, <https://goo.gl/forms/Q35u12x9k0CXFzL13>. This survey will remain open until Monday 14th August, 2017.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries regarding the survey's content,

Thank you for your support

YEAR 11 & 12 AFTER SCHOOL SENIOR STUDIES TIMETABLE

RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | EXCELLENCE

Year 11 and 12 are invited to make use of a quiet environment to do their homework, assessments or study. Mr Mitchell will be there to supervise and to help with:

- Time management
- Exam techniques
- Goal setting
- Direction
- Reducing stress

WHERE: Balgowlah Boys Library

WHEN: Mondays throughout Term 3 from 3:20pm until 5:30pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Library Lines



It's that time of the year again!


The closing date for all NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is fast approaching. All Year 7 and 8 classes have attended a wide-reading lesson each fortnight and enjoyed choosing from the extensive range of books, eBooks and audio books available.

Please encourage your son to add their entries on: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> using their student username and password.

Students in Years 7 and 8 are by far the most prolific borrowers and unfortunately, the most with long overdue loans. All students with overdue loans are emailed weekly via their student portal and email account. After three notices, a printed notice is issued with a two week amnesty period. This offers the boys more than enough time to return, renew or replace their loan. A visit to explain extenuating circumstances is welcome.



Please be on the lookout for any school library books that may be hiding in various spots at home. Our resources are valuable and often another student is waiting on a copy to be returned. This applies especially to books in a series, when one volume is unavailable, the flow is interrupted.

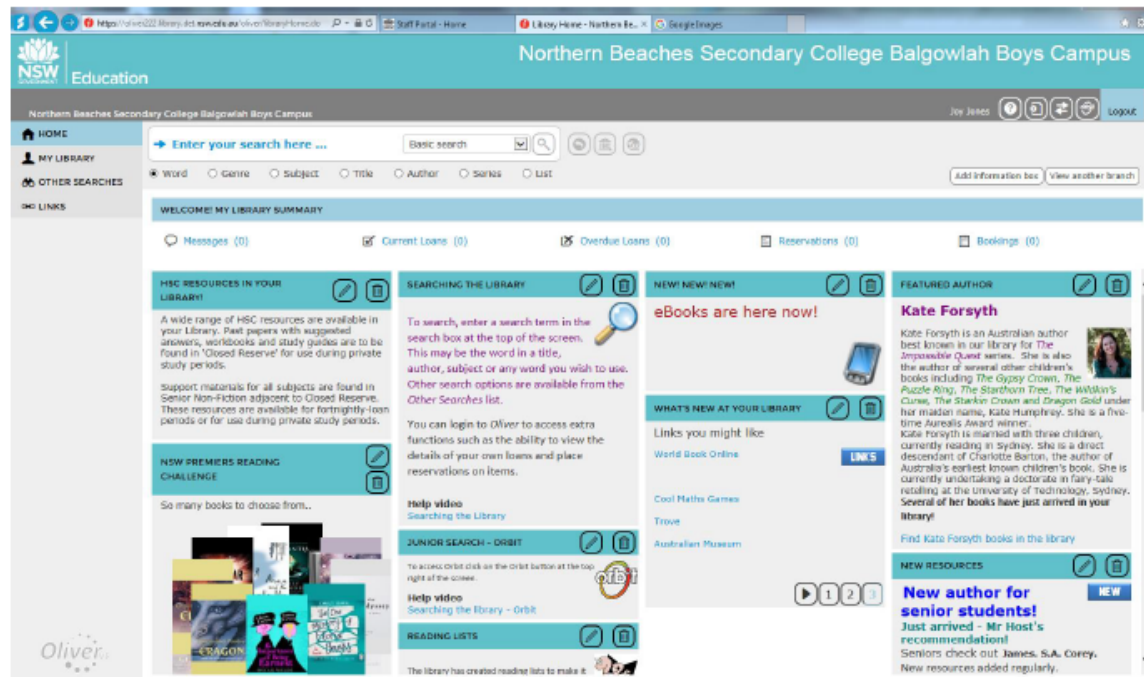
Loans can be renewed via the student portal, *My School Library*. All resources are clearly identified by format – book, eBook, media etc. To borrow an eBook, it is simply a matter of clicking on the item first, then on the  **BORROW** All eLoans will automatically be returned after two weeks.

On the *My School Library* homepage there are direct links to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge reading list and to <http://www.worldbookonline.com> amongst others. In the near future the Library will be subscribing to their eBooks to provide



further online access to wide reading of non-fiction resources.

Also, students are invited to enhance their literacy skills by reviewing resources they have read. All reviews are welcome and the boys are encouraged to visit the Library and present a written review to us to publish on our homepage which looks like this:



Access to ePlatform, the site for browsing Wheelers eBooks and audio books is available by logging on either via the student portal or by <http://bbcnew.wheelers.co> and then using student user name and password.

Since the introduction of ePlatform, I have monitored the data. When the boys first discovered access to eBooks, there was a sudden flurry of borrowing, especially in May and June with low numbers of audio books borrowed. By July, a reversal was apparent. A very large increase in the number of audio books with less eBooks borrowed. It is pleasing to note that the boys are honing their listening skills which enhance quality learning and are essential for effective communication. Ask your son to direct you to ePlatform and listen to a sample audio version of a book, or read and listen at the same time; the experience can transport you into another world.

Joy Jones
Teacher-Librarian





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July 1A	17	College SDD	18		19		20	<u>Year 8 Techno Museum Ex.</u>	21	NSWCHS Zone X-Country BEEWA Assembly YEAR 12 MUSIC TRIAL PRACTICAL EXAMS 12PM-3PM
July 2B	24	Sydney Nth Athletics Carnival Extension Studies Junior Ski Trip	25	Combined School Concert - Hall Junior Ski Trip	26	Staff Meeting Science Tech in HALL Junior Ski Trip	27	Science Tech in HALL Junior Ski Trip	28	Science Tech in HALL State Futsal Finals
July 3A	31	HSC Trial Period Staff TPL 3.20 pm	1	HSC Trial Period ICAS Eng Yr11 Maths Assess P.2	2	HSC Trial Period	3	HSC Trial Period State Futsal Finals Yr8 GATS Concert	4	HSC Trial Period Peer Literacy Training
Aug 4B	7	HSC Trial Period MAD Rehearsal Period 1-2 Year 7/8	8	HSC Trial Period VET Meeting Yr7 GALA Day	9	Staff Meeting HSC Trial Period MAD Rehearsal Period 3-4 Year 7/8	10	HSC Trial Period	11	HSC Trial Period Yr12 Ski Trip Yr 11 PDHPE Fitness
Aug 5A	14	MAD Rehearsal Period 5-6 Year 7/8 Yr12 Ski Trip	15	ICAS MATHEMATICS	16		17	Exec Conf	18	Exec Conf
Aug 6B	21	Staff TPL 3.20 pm Yr10 Interviews	22	MAD Rehearsal Period 5-6 Year 7/8 Yr10 Interviews	23	Staff Meeting	24	Solar Cars 8P 8Q Pd 1-4	25	Science Techno Expo Yr 8 MAD Rehearsal Period 5-6 years 7/8
Aug 7A	28	Year 12 Reports to HT Mad Rehearsal Period 1-4 Year 7/8 + Crew/ Band	29	MAD2017 Day/ Night Performance	30	MAD2017 Day/ Night Performance	31		1	Year 12 Reports to YA
Sep 8B	4	Yr 12 Reports to DP Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection	5	VET Meeting	6	Staff Meeting NSWCHS Athletics Carnival	7	NSWCHS Athletics Carnival	8	NSWCHS Athletics Carnival Yr 12 Business Studies Exc
Sep 9A	11	Year 11 Assessment Period Twilight TPL- Teacher Wellbeing	12	Year 11 Assessment Period	13	Year 11 Assessment Period	14	Year 11 Assessment Period	15	Year 11 Assessment Period Interview Skills Yr 10 Year 7 Eng Excursion
Sep 10B	18	Year 11 Assessment Period	19	Year 11 Assessment Period Raise Mentoring Grad. 9 30 Lib	20	Staff Meeting Year 11 Assessment Period Year 12 Graduation Dinner	21	Year 11 Assessment Period Year 12 Graduation Assembly Meet the Music 1/SSO 6:30 PM	22	Year 11 Assessment Period