

Sydney Girls High School



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Principal's Message

This year the Department of Education has introduced new policies in schools relating to the **Use of Mobile Phones and Digital Devices** by students and the identification of gifted students across NSW government schools, through the **High Potential and Gifted Education Policy**.

In some schools these will bring significant changes and have great impact on the operation of classes. Despite the fact that the policies will not produce such great changes at Sydney Girls High there are aspects of the policies which are relevant to our school.

In the new Mobile Phone context, both the school and P&C Executives are in agreement that students at Sydney Girls HS are responsible and mature enough to be able to have their mobile phones at school, especially given the fact that many of our students are travelling from all parts of Sydney and are a long way from family. Additionally, there are many learning applications and class uses that provide highly effective teaching and learning strategies. These are regularly employed by SGHS teachers. Where the school will be making changes is the clarity of expectations of students and the consequences of any irresponsible use of phones and digital devices. While the majority of students have always understood the potential negative impact of social media and messaging, there are some occasions where thoughtful action has been absent. Research tells us that the best course of action is not to prohibit digital devices, rather the best outcomes are derived from

reinforcement of responsible use and effective communication. The school will consult with the SRC and the P&C on the optimum ways to ensure students:

- respect their peers and colleagues online
- minimize potential distraction in the classroom
- understand that filming teachers and classes without obtaining permission is not permitted
- comprehend that accessing unsuitable online material can have profound consequences

Respecting others is part of the culture of the school. Communication in person as well as online needs to be constructive and considered. Students and parents will be asked to sign a school agreement showing that *conditions of acceptable mobile phone and devices use* are understood and will be adhered to.

The High Potential and Gifted Education Policy is directed at the wide range of capacities and talents in young people across a range of endeavours. While NSW selective schools by their very nature focus on high academic attainment in aspects of learning across the core studies of English, and Mathematics, gifted students exhibit many other attributes. Some of these relate to academic learning such as high order reasoning and argument in Debating, and mathematical prowess alongside deductive reasoning in Mathematics, producing outstanding Chess players. There are however other talents that are identified in creative,

socioemotional and physical domains which are exceptional in their own right. These often also accompany the more traditional view of gifted students in the academic sphere.

We can see this in our school when so many students are exceptional athletes and sportswomen, performing artists, writers, designers, leaders and demonstrate many other accomplishments. These gifts are from the socio affective and physical domains, described by researcher Francois Gagne as being part of a suite of talents which can be developed into gifts through application and practice.

The Department of Education is wanting to ensure that the potential of all young people is nurtured and the broad range of exceptional talents is recognized in the population. Part of the policy also addresses the identification of gifted students from diverse cultures, with disabilities, and from disadvantaged backgrounds who have been substantially under-represented in gifted education settings. At Sydney Girls High the challenge is to recognize that not all our gifted students present in the same way. Additionally, some students do have even greater potential than is initially shown and there may be inhibiting factors for them to realize their full potential. These factors warrant investigation in order to fully support students.

Best wishes

Andrea Connell
Principal

P&C Association Notice of Monthly Meeting

The next SGHS P&C meeting will be on:
Date: **Tuesday 17 March 2020**
Time: **6:30 pm-8:00 pm**
(6 pm for tea and coffee)
Place: Staff Common Room
Topic: **Annual General Meeting**

For more information, please contact:
Louise Fleck
P&C President
Email: louise.fleck@mq.edu.au

Deputy Principal Report

The month of February featured several highlights, notably the Year 7 Camp, ably organised by Head Teacher – Wellbeing, Ms Evans and Year 7 Student Adviser, Ms Chau. The camp is an important part of the school's transition program for new Year 7 students, a program that is ongoing and seeks to support all Year 7 students in their first year at SGHS. It was also pleasing to see so many Year 7 parents attending the annual *Meet the Teacher* event. This event has proved to be a successful way to introduce new parents to the teaching staff and provide an informal forum for questions and feedback. It was also great to see so many Year 7 parents attending the first *Parents and Citizens* meeting of the year. I urge parents to take the opportunity to participate in P & C as it is the principal way that they can have a voice in the functioning of the school.

Over the course of this term, the SGHS IT staff will be contacting parents inviting them to create an account for the new *Parent Portal*. The portal uses the *Sentral* application and allows the school to merge multiple sources of information into one point of contact. It was trialled last year with the departing Year 12 families, with Year 7, 2020 being the first current cohort to come on board. **The invitation to participate is emailed to the parent email address contained in the school ERN database.** This is the same address used to send notification for parent-teacher nights. Please check this account and ensure that you receive and act on the invitation.

Year 12 students are currently undertaking the second round of HSC assessment tasks, with reports due soon after. This is a time when students reflect on their learning and have the opportunity to discuss strategies for improvement with their teachers. It is a time for fine-tuning their study skills at the halfway point of the school-based assessment for the HSC. At SGHS, we are very fortunate to have the services of a strong learning support team, a team that has a great record in assisting our students to achieve their personal best. I urge senior students in particular to make an appointment with Ms. Cooke, our Senior Academic Mentor, should they wish to access this support.

Finally, the transition to Light Rail has progressed well so far this term, with

students travelling to and from Central railway station making use of the new transport system (see below)

As the term progresses students will be encouraged to transition to the Light Rail in anticipation of the current parallel 610 bus services ceasing. For students travelling eastwards, the current plan is that the line to Kingsford will commence operations in late Term 1 or Term 2. Again, existing bus services to these areas will continue during a transition period and further information will be provided to families as it is received by the school.

I wish all the best for the remainder of Term 1.

Geoffrey Denyer
Deputy Principal



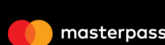

SGHS Online Canteen is now Open

We hope you have discovered the benefit of using Qkr! to order your meals. But if you are still to download the App or need help, please do check out the student/parent portal for information on setting up a profile or for ordering meals

<https://web1.sydneygirl-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal2/#!/resources>

Some information is also available on the School website <https://sydneygirl-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/community/canteen.html>

By using the Qkr! APP you will help us manage better our food preparation and the reduction in waste and will help cut queues. And you can also use Qkr! to order School gear from the Uniform Shop

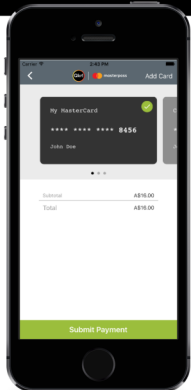
TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. Can I add multiple payment cards?

A. Qkr! will accept payment using any scheme credit/debit card accepted by the school, and you can add up to five different cards to your Qkr! account.

On checking out you can select from any of your registered cards.

Qkr! is provided by Mastercard so you know your payments are secure. No information will be stored on your phone. Registration details and card information are saved securely on the Mastercard network.



Hi! As this is the first P&C President's Hi-Ho report for this year, I thought I'd provide a quick introduction — my name is Louise Fleck and I have a daughter, Laura, in Year 11. I work for Macquarie University as Director of Research Services (one of the central units of the University). My involvement with the P&C began shortly after my daughter started at SGHS in 2017 as a Year 8 entrant, but my husband's adult son and daughter attended SBHS and SGHS, graduating in the early 2000s, so I do have something of a history with the school.

The first P&C meeting for 2020 took place in mid-February. Unfortunately, I couldn't be there, but I'm told the other P&C Executive members — Vice Presidents Dilani Gamage and Mark Grosser, Treasurer Matt Wade and Secretary Gabby Mane — managed it all wonderfully (of course!). Between us we have daughters in every year group and the executive has developed a deep knowledge of SGHS. The P&C is a terrific way of being involved in your daughter's education — I hope to meet many of you at the next meeting in March.

Andrea Connell, School Principal, and the Deputy Principals, Gregg Harrison and Geoff Denyer updated us on several matters:

- the year began for us all with the bushfire disaster - one of the school's counsellors has been seconded to Tathra to work with bushfire affected schools

- the novel coronavirus outbreak in China has been dealt with in accordance with the NSW Department of Education's requirements and the whole school community has cooperated to keep us safe
- school communication is being transitioned to the Sentral app
- the Light Rail is now the principal means of transport from Central to SGHS, though buses are still running for Year 7 students
- the new Year 7 students have begun well, and the *Meet the Teacher* afternoon on 25 February was a success
- a policy about mobile phone use will be released during this year in line with Department of Education expectations. SGHS will continue to allow girls to have their mobile phones with them, something that is important given that so many of our students travel a very long way.

P&C Treasurer, Matt Wade, gave an update on P&C finances and the various sources of funds:

- Uniform shop — which provides a small donation to the school each year
- Canteen — run as a facility to provide good affordable meals for the girls
- Car parking on school grounds — managed by Rowing parents.

Matt Wade made the point that contributions from parents and from the P&C are essential to provide the rich co-curricular program that is available at SGHS.

Construction work on The Governors Centre continues with an expected completion date of mid November 2020. One of the concerns at the beginning of construction was that there might be hidden (and potentially costly) problems — for example, contaminated land — but happily nothing like this has arisen.

The Co-Curricular Program at SGHS was outlined and the advantages of being involved in co-curricular activities was highlighted. While co-curricular activities don't contribute to ATAR outcomes, they can be very important in the non-ATAR based admission schemes of international universities as well as entry schemes which are run by many Australian universities. More importantly, as was highlighted by Andrea Connell, gifted children can get bored and demotivated if just doing academic work, they need stimulation and encouragement beyond the classroom work of school.

The P&C Annual General Meeting and a normal business meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 March. We look forward to seeing you there.

Louise Fleck
President, P&C

Water Polo

Water Polo has experienced an amazing start to the season this year with the Senior team taking home two wins (13-0 and 13-1) and the Junior team taking home an amazing win (16-1). Our teams have had an incredible experience so far with everyone developing closer relationships with their teammates. We have unfortunately had to pull the Year 7 sub-junior team from competitions as

there have not been enough players interested in playing competitions. However there are still many Year 7s who are training on Sundays so if you are considering potentially joining water polo, even if you're not in Year 7, please feel free to contact me (Captain) or Lucia Wakim (Vice Captain) about any enquiries you may have. We welcome anyone who wants to come along and give Water Polo a

try even if you are still unsure about the sport. Most of us were beginners when we started Water Polo at SGHS!

Jessica Xu
Year 11, Water Polo Captain

Ethel Turner Memorial Library

Welcome to Year 7, 2020



On their first school day in January 2020, all Year 7 students attended a **library orientation**, along with a series of other activities.

Ms Williams explained that the library's name honours the famous writer **Ethel Turner** who was in our first enrolment in 1883, and who wrote the classic novel "Seven Little Australians". This has been continuously in print since it was first published in 1894.

The girls were divided into small teams. Each team was assigned a task, when they had to find certain information. Searches involved checking magazines, graphic novels, picture books, history, science and fiction books. Each team then presented their findings to the whole group, followed by a round of applause.

Ms Williams
Relieving Teacher Librarian



Prefect Report

The 2020 prefects would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and students to what will undoubtedly be an amazing year of celebrating achievements across all grades and fostering friendships and connections among the Sydney Girls High School community.

This year, our prefect motto is 'Heroes - Together We're Stronger', and our goal for 2020 is to recognise all our wonderful peers that surround us every day.

We are all heroes - in our supportive school community, there are people that encourage and support you, people that constantly inspire and motivate you, and people who work hard to make our school and the world a better place. Sydney Girls is an environment where each individual is able to grow into their own hero, and the 2020 prefects are truly thrilled to see the beginning of that.

The prefects of 2020 are extremely excited to be supporting the charity **Back Track**. Back Track is an

organisation that gives a home to at-risk young people, teaching various apprenticeship and life skills in a more informal environment to help their lives get back on track. Late last year, the prefects held a charity bake sale, raising over \$500 to donate to Back Track. This year, we are looking forward to continuing to foster this generosity within the school community through various fundraisers and continue to support this important cause.

We started off 2020 by attending the Year 7 Orientation Camp, where we were greeted by the enthusiastic class of 2025. We enjoyed the wonderful experience of helping the Year 7's transition to high school as well as connecting and bonding with the youngest students in the school through several exciting activities organised by the prefects, led by the 2020 Year 7 Prefects - Hannah, Lesley, and Grace. The time at camp also allowed us to get to know the year group through group activities and interactions, and there is no doubt that the class of 2025 will

prove to be a very strong cohort.

At the beginning of week 3 we launched an initiative that ties very closely to our motto and goal for this year - 'Heroes of the Month'. As prefects, we believe that everyone is a hero in their own right and way, and we encourage not only supporting each other's achievements, but also acknowledging our peers around us that we may see as a hero in our eyes due to their actions, whether they are big or small. Our 'Heroes of the Month' publications will be distributed via school emails, so keep an eye out for them!

There are plenty more initiatives that the prefects have in store for 2020 and are very excited to share them with all the Sydney Girls students, so stay tuned!

Ina Curic and Natalie Hu
Community Service Prefect and
Public Relations Prefect 2020

Debating



The NSW Debating Union is the highest level of debating in NSW, which means that you'll be able to enhance your debating skills by learning from the best debaters in the state. In order to attend, register by clicking on the link in the email sent out by Ms Nguyen and see the attached flyer for more information. We really encourage everyone to make the most out of this amazing opportunity!

A final important announcement is to bring to light the upcoming NSW Debating Union trials for students in years 10, 11, and 12. The trials will occur on Saturday the 14th and Sunday the 15th of March and any debaters are very much encouraged to sign up and trial. The experience of trialing in teams with other debaters from across the state one has never met is certainly worthwhile and definitely builds teamwork and preparation efficiency, and general skill. It's also

The 2020 debating season has officially begun and is already off to a wonderful start. Weekly classes commenced on the 13th of February for all years, and considering our excellent coaches, we're sure that everyone will really enjoy their debating experience. This year, the enthusiasm from all debaters is astounding, with a record-breaking number of participants - over 90 debaters from year 7 alone!

Competitive debates have also commenced as of last Friday the 14th of February, with the first round of the Friday Evening Debating competition taking place against MLC in Burwood. SGHS has made significant strides in the competition - teams in the 8A, 8B, 9, 11 and 12 divisions won their debates, a most notable accomplishment. All teams demonstrated a fantastic effort that we are positive will continue throughout the season. Good luck to

all teams for the next round against Sydney Boys - the stakes are always high against them, but we're sure our talented debaters will rise to the occasion.

The Eastside competition commenced on Friday 28 February, with the first round against SCEGGS Darlinghurst. When SGHS host, anyone is encouraged to watch. We need timekeepers/chair persons, who will be in charge of welcoming the audience, commencing and timing the speeches. This is a brilliant way to spectate debates of a very high calibre from (subjectively) the perfect vantage point - and there's always the debating suppers to enjoy afterwards.

In other news, the NSW Debating Union workshops for years 7-12 will be taking place on Sunday the 1st of March, from 9am to 3:30 pm. As we are hosting the workshops, SGHS students are able to attend for free!

simply fun to participate in a debate without the concept of competition associated. What's more is that there is no fee for SGHS students, as we host the trials - the cost is usually quite high. The link for registering along with a general email covering the process has been sent out to school emails by Ms Nguyen.

Ultimately, this year's debating season is already looking immensely promising, and we look forward to all there is to come.

Ava Broinowski, Debating Captain
Swara Hegde, Debating Vice Captain

Creative and Performing Arts – Music

Join Co-Curricular Music in 2020!

SGHS is pleased to offer a large co-curricular music program with opportunities for all students from beginners through to advanced musicians and singers.

Involvement in the program is not only a wonderful way to develop skill and musicianship, but also make great friends, share in wonderful experiences and be actively involved in the wider SGHS community.

Learn an Instrument!

Instrumental tuition is available during school hours on the following instruments:

Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, French Horn, Double Bass, Cello, Viola, Violin, Voice, Oboe, Saxophones, Drums/Percussion, Bassoon, Clarinet, Flute, Electric Bass, Guitar, Piano.

Full details (including fees) are available in the music hand book, from the Music Hub and/or speak to a Music Staff Member.

Endangered Instrument Scholarships

Scholarships are available for students learning an 'endangered instrument' required in the ensemble program. Valued at over \$1150, the

scholarship provides a subsidy to tuition fees and free instrument hire for one year (subject to instrument availability). Recipients of the scholarship must join the band program as soon as they reach the appropriate standard. Scholarships are limited. Full details and application form available in the handbook and from the Music Hub.

2020 Endangered Instrument List:

Tube, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Bassoon, Tenor Saxophone, Cello, Double and Electric Bass, Viola.



Join an Ensemble

SGHS has 9 outstanding music ensembles. As part of the ensemble program students have the opportunity to build ensemble skill and musicianship, perform regularly, attend workshops, regional tours, DET showcase concerts, be part of a supportive community and so much more.

Ensembles do require certain levels of instrumental ability. See to the hand book and/or speak to a staff member

about the most suitable ensemble to join!

- Choir – Large choral ensemble. No prior musical experience required.
- Symphonic Wind Orchestra – Intermediate Wind/Brass/Percussion Ensemble
- Sinfonia – Intermediate String Ensemble
- Symphonic Wind Ensemble – Advanced Wind/Brass/Percussion Ensemble
- Orchestra – Full Symphonic Orchestra
- Jazz Band – Extension Ensemble for advanced Big Band Instruments
- Chamber – Extension ensemble for advanced string players
- Senior Vocal – Extension ensemble for senior choir members
- String Quartet – Invitation Only Elite String Ensemble

REMINDER – to all students joining an ensemble in 2020, return your Ensemble Enrolment Form! Spares available in the Music Hub.

Creative and Performing Arts – Visual Arts



Term 1 Art Club is exploring "Print it like Preston" and is being conducted by art educator, Karen Profilio. The course filled up quickly and students are producing delightful hand-

coloured lino prints, emulating the artmaking practice of Australian artist, Margaret Preston.

Art Club is a co-curricular activity that provides a fantastic avenue for students to extend and enrich their Visual Arts experiences. Membership to this club provides students with opportunities to develop new skills in art making practice and extend their creative processes and outcomes while working in a studio practice environment. Art Club is conducted by qualified art educators and/or artists and operates in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

Each term, a different studio practice is offered. Examples are: Acrylic

Painting; Drawing beyond the Pencil; Sculpture; Traditional Drawing Techniques and many more.

Every term, Art Club information will be emailed to all students. Students are encouraged to check their emails regularly to receive information about Art Club Term 2 and 3.

We wish all students a successful year and look forward to sharing with students our passion of the world of art.

Best wishes,

Cecile Wise
Visual Arts Coordinator

Creative and Performing Arts – Visual Arts

Visual Arts students are embracing their Visual Arts learning and are busy exploring the exciting practices of artmaking and art study. We value the importance of extending stimulating and enriching teaching and learning experiences inside and outside the classroom. Throughout the year will be offering inspiring and relevant excursions to all Visual Arts students.

We extend a very warm welcome to Year 7 students and this semester they will be exploring the “The Portrait” in their artmaking and art study practices. In artmaking, the students will be introduced to drawing and installation practices.

Year 8 students are investigating “The Landscape” and will spend some time in our school grounds experiencing photography and direct observation drawing activities, inspired by the botanical scapes of Sydney Girls High school. These process works will then be developed into a collaborative class-based painting.

Years 9 and 10 will visit the Art Gallery of NSW this semester and experience a variety of exhibitions including ArtExpress 2020. The selected exhibitions will complement and extend their thematic approaches of investigation, being “City Issues” for Year 9 and “The Representation of Women and Feminism” in Year 10. Sydney is blessed with so many wonderful art spaces and we certainly encourage our students to experience gallery and museum visits.

Years 11 and 12 Visual Arts students

will visit the AGNSW to view various exhibitions including Art Express 2020 and the AGNSW Library, the latter to provide students with researching skills to assist in their art study practice.

On 12 February artist Megan Seres conducted a very inspiring masterclass in oil painting for our Year 11 and selected Year 10 Visual Arts students.

Megan spent the day with our students and she was very generous in sharing her expertise and knowledge about oil painting conventions with our students. The focus of her class was to understand how the “great masters” like Rembrandt, Caravaggio and Vermeer painted their works in oils. Techniques such as passes and glazing were taught.

It was a most stimulating and engaging experience for our students and our they really mastered selected oil painting conventions. Megan was very impressed with the high standard of work our students created.

Having artists conduct masterclasses in a studio-based environment is part of Visual Arts Artists in residence program and we were thrilled that



Megan Seres with students conducting an Oil Painting Masterclass

Moran Prize winner of 2016, Megan Seres was able to be part of this program.

Students artworks will be on display at the Annual Art and HCS Body of Works Exhibitions being part of the “Festival of Creativity” to be held in August. promises to be a vibrant and engaging show.

Cecile Wise
Visual Arts Coordinator



Works by students

It is a pleasure to return to Sydney Girls High School for 2020. This year, you will see a number of Careers initiatives continue to run at Sydney Girls High, carrying on from a successful year in 2019. Planning and implementation is underway and I will keep you updated through the newsletter and notes sent home.

Parents are encouraged to sign up for *Job Jump*, which sends weekly newsletters about careers initiatives. Students have been informed about this, however many parents are also keen to be updated on upcoming events. The website is jobjump.com.au and when parents or students sign up, they should select Sydney Girls High School, then insert the school password which is *parrots*.

Year 10

Work experience organisation is underway. Students will be given a note to pass on to their parents or caregivers later this term. Work experience will run in Term 4, from the 16 - 20 November.

Later this year, I hope to run some careers lessons with Year 10 and work with their Year Adviser, Cindy Gunawan, to organise a mock interview day, developing the employability and communication skills of our students, required for the workforce as well as for certain course-entry interviews. This initiative ran for the first time in 2019 and was a great success, with students getting

practice and feedback on their job applications and interviews.

Students are reminded to check their email, as I will be sending out information regularly.

Year 11

I recommend students in Year 11 to access the resources located outside the Careers Office throughout the year, in preparation for 2021. I also urge them to attend any lunchtime talks I organise. Coming up on **23 March** is a presentation by **Professional Cadetships Australia**, offering cadetships in business, engineering and IT.

This is a good time for you to explore different fields and help form an idea of what you might like to pursue in the future.

Year 12

It is my intention to ensure every student in Year 12 is interviewed to discuss their academic, personal and career goals. By the end of Term 3, all students in Year 12 should have a written Post-School Plan to help guide them on their journey for the remainder of Year 12 and into the future. These are dynamic documents - like all futuristic plans should be - and are made to change as needed. It is good to have a plan 'for the moment' and be able to adapt to changes, as they come.

I remind Year 12 to attend the talks

organised in March and April during lunchtimes, as well as those I will organise in the near future. I will always email students about these talks, so students must check their emails regularly. Furthermore, Year 12 students have been asked to register for the HSC Careers Expo, which will be held on the 28 May from 4pm-6:30pm. Parents are welcome, however students must indicate this in their registration so that I can purchase sufficient tickets. This is an invitation-only event and it is my expectation that all Year 12 students will attend. The more exposure to courses, industries and information students can have, the better informed their decisions will be for tertiary entry and their careers goals. The expo will be held at Hordern Pavilion, just across the road from our school near the Moore Park Entertainment Quarter.

As always, I can be contacted via phone on 9331 2336 or via email on welhaj@sghs.nsw.edu.au if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Wasim El-Haj
Careers Adviser



INVITATION

 **HSC AND CAREERS EXPO 2020**

Thursday 28 and Friday 29 May, 9am-3pm
Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 May, 9am-3pm
Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park, Sydney
hscandcareers.com.au

SYDNEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

- SPECIAL INVITATION-ONLY EVENING SESSION
- 4pm-6.30pm on Thursday 28 May 2020
- Pre-booking for Year 12 students and parents for this evening session is essential
- Admission \$5.00 per person
(You are welcome to return to the Expo at any other time free of charge)
- [Click this link](#) to register to attend
- Registrations close on Thursday 7 May 2020

For more information contact
Resources for Courses
1300 190 290 or
team@resourcesforcourses.com.au

Australian Business Economists Conference

On Wednesday 12 February, selected Year 12 Economics students attended the Australian Business Economists conference held at the Reserve Bank of Australia. The event consisted of three highly engaging presentations about topical issues affecting the Australian and global economies, allowing us to apply our knowledge of economics outside the classroom.

Economists from a range of businesses and organisations led insightful discussions about current issues of concern including Australia's droughts and bushfires, the Novel Coronavirus and the US presidential elections, prompting us to reflect on their economic implications. Climate change was the main point of discussion during the conference, with a focus on the different risks and opportunities in ensuring that economic growth does not conflict with environmental sustainability. A nationally coordinated response to tackle climate change was emphasised during the panel discussion, referring to the



significance of government policies, business training and investment as well as national advocacy in order to reach Australia's target of net zero emissions by 2050.

Overall, this event was a valuable experience as it allowed for personal engagement with complex topics, reminding us not only of the importance of keeping up to date with current events, but also having

informed opinions on issues that concern the national and global community.

We thank Ms O'Donnell for accompanying us and coordinating this excursion.

Lina Zaioor
Year 12

Volleyball



Lesley Yu and Phoebe Trinh.

Our team started off strongly and took the first game against South Sydney, winning both sets 25-4 and 25-6. Although we were excited to move on and play against tougher and more challenging teams, we reminded ourselves not to get complacent as we knew we had to keep playing our very best until the end. We

continued with straight sets over Randwick Girls, both sets 25-14 and then against Kingsgrove High, once again winning straight sets 25-17 and 25-14, putting us in the grand final against Kogarah High. Everyone was playing their best and despite playing 3 difficult and extremely tiring games prior, we were still enthusiastic and ready to face against the reigning champions from last year head-on. We started off confidently, neck and neck

with Kogarah but just losing the first set by two points, 23-25. Everyone was giving it their all and we fought back although it was a long set with lengthy rallies we managed to win back the second set 26-24. Eventually playing the last set, everyone was exhausted and sweaty but we were determined to finally beat Kogarah this year so we continued to push our limits until we won the set 15-13.

Congratulations to our school team who will be going to compete against the Top 16 in the state. A further congratulations to Erlina Yang, Tracey Ling, Jennifer Kim, Mirabella Shang and Phoebe Trinh who were selected in the Sydney East team to play at the NSW Combined High Schools competition against players from around the state.

Phoebe Trinh
Year 11

The knockout volleyball competition sees schools from around the Sydney East region compete for the Steve Birt Memorial Trophy. The Sydney Girls opens knockout team participated in this year's competition with high hopes of finally winning the finals after two consecutive losses against Kogarah High School. The team of 9 players consisted of Mirabella Shang, Tracey Ling, Jennifer Kim, Lily Jiang, Jacqueline Lu, Fiona Hu, Erlina Yang,

Sydney Girls Rowing Regatta was a great success! Thank you to all involved!

It was an early start for everyone taking part in the Sydney Girls regatta, at Rodd Point, on Saturday 15 February this year, but some started earlier than others. Emma Pham and her husband, Quang Dang led a group of dedicated parents who met at 3.30am to make fresh spring rolls. Five hundred and eighty-eight rice paper rolls, three hundred spring rolls and three hundred pork buns were sold at the SGHS regatta. These proved to be a crowd favourite with everything selling out on the day. The spring roll stall raised more than \$1500 which will be donated to the bushfire affected, Euro Coast Little Athletics Club, based in Broulee, on the NSW South Coast. Bushfires damaged the building where the Club kept its equipment. Many children in the area also lost their homes, together with their Little Athletics uniforms and shoes.

At the Sydney Girls regatta, crews were on the water practising, as the sun rose over Iron Cove. It turned out to be a gorgeous day. Thank you to the families who arrived early, at Rodd Point to set up the BBQ, spring roll



stall, ice cream stand, tents for the commentator and results to be recorded and the medal presentation area. Thank you to all those who took part in the running of the regatta, including the parents who were on the water in the tinnies for the whole day. Sydney Girls had fun and performed well. Here are the results:

1st Maya Grosser, Ally Xie, Bianca Tzioumis, Samara Kleiman x2, Caitlin McManus-Barrett x2, Josie Richards x2, Nancy Su, Lorien Wong, Lauren Teoh, Zara Greenwood, Zoe Krakowszky, Mia Vinciguerra x2, Josephine Perry, Deleena Gamage.

2nd Sydney Wang, Charlotte Steel,

Josephine Lim, Ananya Hari, Jacquie Ryan x2, Katrina Teoh x2, Etasha Gamage, Zara Greenwood, Zoe Krakowszky, Lara Grosser, Alexandra Eleftheriou, Josephine Perry, Cassandra Szmajda, Zinat Safi.

3rd LeAnn Tan, Jacqueline Tedwijaya, Christina Zhang, Karen Truong, Shan Lin, Sarah Blaney, Abby Swan, Bianca Tzioumis.

Medals were presented by Principal, Andrea Connell, Deputy Principal, Gregg Harrison, Head Rowing Co-ordinator, Con Zamagias and Prefects. It was particularly nice to see Head Coach, Tm Hughes back from his bushfire duties with the Army Reserve. He will be back coaching for the rest of the season. The success of the day was due to a great team effort, but special thanks must go to Anina Johnson and Draga Barbaric for making it a regatta to remember.

Jayne Anderson
Rowing Parent



Basketball

The Comp 1 of the 2020 season has commenced, after a one week deferment, due to the intense rain experienced on 7/2/20.

A very warm welcome to all Basketballers - new and returning! We have a record 15 teams playing Friday nights in the City of Sydney Basketball Association (CSBA) at Alexandria. Basketball continues to enjoy growth and is one of the largest co-curricular clubs at SGHS. Currently, we have approximately 115 players from Years 8-12.

Reminders:

- 2020 Permission notes are due
- Annual Registration Fee \$112, please ensure your daughter is registered with CSBA. Payment is made online at the CSBA website (Active kids voucher can be used)

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regoform.cgi?alD=7565&pKey=0b7d1e2c4911bdcbd745efd82486c506&formID=54509>

- Comp 1 fees are due, please pay \$118 to the office

Year 7 Basketball

Year 7s who are interested in playing basketball will be able to participate in a 7-week training program starting on Tuesday 25 February (Week 5 following the Year 7 Hockey Day).

Girls do NOT need to have prior experience, indeed the vast majority of our current players were new to the sport when they join Co-curricular Basketball! Everyone is welcome!

After participating in the Term 1 training program, Year 7 students will be able to nominate to play in Comp 2 at Alexandria on Friday nights. Nominations will be advertised by email towards the end of term. Comp 2 runs from May to September; Comp 3 runs from October to December.

When: Every TUESDAY after school 3:30 -4:45pm (7 week program)

Where: SGHS Basketball Courts

Cost: \$40 (1st session is a free trial) (NB. do NOT pay until invoice by school and instructed by Ms Howes)

Parents/Guardians need to complete a permission note for the Term 1 Year 7 Program, which must be returned to

the Basketball filing cabinet outside the PE Staffroom.

https://schools.nsw.gov.au/SharePoint/Personal/michelle_howes3_det_nsw_edu_au/ERmfHBxMeJIAuATU4Ixtu4BFv4MR6Y0w9gW900JdPHnSA?e=Klo8Ke

Please ensure your daughter is diligent in checking and reading school emails, in order to avoid disappointment by not missing out on the deadline for team nominations.

For more information, please contact me:

Ms Michelle Howes
PDHPE Teacher &
Basketball Coordinator
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Canteen



The Canteen celebrated the Lunar new year with a lunch on 4 February prepared by our canteen team of (R-L) Amber Hsu, Joanne Hsu and Jenny Voon and new Year 11 parent, Shirley Chu. On the menu for the day were chicken and vegetarian hokkien noodles, Lo Hei salad and a variety of desserts along with Fortune Cookies.

If you would like to help the canteen celebrate a cultural or religious festival with some traditional cooking, please do contact Mimmo Salvatore or Jenny Voon in the canteen or email us at canteen@sghs.nsw.edu.au

Thank you to all those parents that have volunteered to help in the canteen this year. To those parents who have helped in previous years, please do sign up. For those parents who have not yet volunteered, please do complete a **volunteer form available in the Canteen folder of the Resources section of the parent portal** <https://web1.sydneygirl-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/porta12/#1/resources> and return the form to the Canteen by hand or by email.

Finally, if you would like to join the Canteen Committee or would like to come to one of our meetings please do contact philip sewell by email at philipanthonysewell@gmail.com

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2 *HSC Term 2 Assessments commences	3 *OzCLO Round 1	4 *Year 9 Camp *In Concert Choir Rehearsal 1	5 *Year 9 Camp *Year 8 Camp *Year 11 RYDA Excursion *Debating Coaching Session 4	6 *International Women's Day Breakfast *Year 9 Camp *Year 8 Camp *Year 11 Textiles Textstyle Exhibition *Debating (Eastside Round 2 and FED Round 4)	7	8
9	10 *Zone Swim Carnival	11 *HSC Term 2 Assessments ends	12 *Selective High School Test *Debating Coaching Session 5	13 *Year 7 Problem Solving Day *Eastside Debating Round 3 *FED Debating Round 5	14 *NSW Debating Union Team Trials	15 *NSW Debating Union Team Trials
16 *NSW Debating Union Team Callbacks	17 *P&C Meeting (AGM)	18 *NSW Debating Union Team Callbacks	19 *Language Festival *Debating Coaching Session 6	20 *Harmony Day Assembly *Eastside Debating Round 4 *FED Debating Round 6	21	22 *NSW Debating Union First Squad Coaching Session
23	24	25 *Red Cross Charity Da *Year 10 Drama Production Exercise	26 *French Film Festival (Senior) *Year 9 (2019) Duke of Ed Rescheduled Qualifying Walk *Debating Coaching Session 7	27 *International Women's Day Assembly *Year 9 (2019) Duke of Ed Rescheduled Qualifying Walk *Eastside Debating Round 5 *FED Debating Round 7	28 *OGU Annual General Meeting	29
30 *Year 11 Biology Excursion	31 *Shakespeare preliminary Workshop (Junior)					

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