

The Shuttle



Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.

Abbotsleigh girls have Braved the Waves brilliantly in Term 2

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Head of Junior School

Term 2 2024 has been a fantastic time of learning, challenge, enrichment, action and fun for our girls across the whole school.

The girls in the Junior School have certainly experienced a term filled with excitement and celebration. Beginning with the celebration of 70 years on the Junior School site with an inspirational assembly, the girls have experienced many incursions and attended myriad excursions. They have explored and created, they have been involved in great wellbeing programs, fabulous co-curricular activities and meaningful service learning initiatives such as the McGrath Pink Socks Day, nursing home visits, raising money for our World Vision girls, Jump Rope for Heart and for First Nations peoples. Our girls also have had great fun with the term culminating beautifully in Transition's Cinderella Kindness Day, Year 5 Micro:bit Market Day, the sensational JS production, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* last week, and the Year 6 Colour Party this week, just to name a few fabulous events.

Our Senior School girls have been equally involved in a great term of learning, wellbeing and co-curricular programs. The last few weeks have been especially action packed with brilliant student-led Environment and Harmony Day assemblies, our Year 9 Market Day, our Harmony Day lunch, and our fantastic Celebration Music Concert, 'Brave' as well as our sensational Brave the Waves Festival for Years 5-12 led by our Prefects. Indeed, just like their Junior School 'sisters', our senior girls have been involved in so many activities: sport, music, debating, public speaking, drama, robotics, chess, CRU, plus awareness and fundraising for so many important causes: Anglicare, The Royal Flying Doctor Service, Bunda Girls' Secondary School in Tanzania and so much more.



These are but a few of the wonderful events that have contributed to the rich tapestry of life at Abbotsleigh, with learning, of course, being the front and centre of all that we do. I have been so proud of the way in which our girls from Transition to Year 12 have grappled with concepts, embraced challenges, have persevered and have flourished. Our girls certainly love learning.

I also have been incredibly proud of the girls who have been great leaders and role models and the girls who have looked out for others, who have been kind, who have noticed and who have made a great and positive difference to our community as well as to others beyond our community. Thank you so much, girls.

There are a number of school trips and activities happening these holidays, and I would like to wish our snow sports team and our robotics team every success in their respective competitions. I also wish safe travels and fantastic experiences to our girls who are travelling to Oxford on a study tour and another group of girls who are travelling to Bunda Girls' Secondary School and The School of St Jude in Tanzania on a service learning trip. I would like to thank every member of staff who is giving up their holidays for our girls to accompany them on these trips in Australia and overseas – thank you very much. I know our girls and their parents are very grateful indeed, as am I.

I would very much like to thank every member of our dedicated and talented staff who work tirelessly for your daughters – the great learning, wellbeing and co-curricular experiences from which they benefit so much happen because of our staff – thank you.

I hope that you and your daughters have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you all when we return to school in Term 3.



Chaplain

Winter prayers and rest

Rev Sarah Hobba
Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies

As the term concludes, we've seen the shortest day of the year (21 June) and now the days will slowly get longer, though maybe still more days of cold. Heading into the school holidays, many of our Abbotsleigh community will head to where it is warmer, including Senior School girls and staff heading to partnerships we have with others overseas. For these holidays, it is a time to rest, restore, spend time with others and pursue activities that are often trickier to manage throughout school terms. Curling up under doonas with good books or some screen time may also be on our agendas.

In our prayers, we can ask for safety and warm comfort over this winter break. We can pray for those who need their physical needs met, including shelter from the cold and warmth in houses. We can pray for those that this winter are undergoing times of difficulty and distress, knowing that God in his goodness has given us hope in Jesus.

As the verses from our School Lesson (**Philippians 4:6-7**) say:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Upcoming events

WHOLE SCHOOL

Term 3 commences	Tuesday 23 July	
Abbotsleigh's 139th birthday	Friday 26 July	

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 3 Ali Picconi visit from St Lucy's School	Tuesday 23 July 9.30-10.30 am	Auditorium
ELC 4-5 Room, Transition and Year 1 Act for Kids sessions	Wednesday 24 July Various times	Classrooms
3G visit to St Lucy's for a play session	Wednesday 24 July 10.55-11.30 am	St Lucy's School

Year 3 Muogamarra excursion	Thursday 25 July 8.30 am-3 pm	Muogamarra Nature Reserve
Years 3 and 4 AFL and touch football training	Thursday 25 July 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Year 5 AFL and touch football training	Thursday 25 July 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
SDN Debating training	Friday 26 July 7.15-8.15 am	AbbSchool East and West Rooms
Abbotsleigh's 139th birthday assembly	Friday 26 July 11 am-12.30 pm	Assembly Hall, Senior School
SDN Debating vs Redlands	Friday 26 July 4.15-6.30 pm	Abbotsleigh
Year 2 Sport training	Saturday 27 July 8-9.30am	Junior School
IPSHA Saturday Sport	Saturday 27 July 8 am- 12 noon	See Parent app for team sheets and venues
Years 3-6 IPSHA artistic gymnastics training	Saturday 27 July 1-5 pm	Gymnasium, Senior School
Music Camp	Sunday 28 July 10 am-3 pm	Junior School
3O visit to St Lucy's for a play session	Monday 29 July 10.55-11.30 am	St Lucy's School
Year 6 AFL and touch football training	Monday 29 July 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Years 1-3 GATEWAYS workshop	Tuesday 30 July 8.30 am-3 pm	Corpus Christi School, St Ives
3L visit to St Lucy's for a play session	Tuesday 30 July 10.55-11.30 am	St Lucy's School
Years 4-6 GATEWAYS workshop	Wednesday 31 July 8.30 am-3 pm	Corpus Christi School, St Ives
ELC 4-5 Room, Transition and Year 1 Act for Kids sessions	Wednesday 31 July Various times	Classrooms
3G Combined Arts Program at St Lucy's School	Wednesday 31 July 11.45 am-1.20 pm	St Lucy's School
Year 2 Bike Education	Wednesday 31 July	JS tennis courts
Year 5 AFL and touch football training	Wednesday 31 July 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Year 1 Cooking Program	Thursday 1 August 8.30-10.30 am	Outdoor Kitchen

5L and 5D Judith Krause session 2	Thursday 1 August	Classrooms
3G Combined Arts Program at St Lucy's School	Thursday 1 August 11.45 am-1.20 pm	St Lucy's School
Years 3 and 4 AFL and touch football training	Thursday 1 August 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
SDN Debating training	Friday 2 August 7.15-8.15 am	AbbSchool East and West Rooms
5O and 5G Judith Krause session 2	Friday 2 August	Classrooms
SDN Debating vs Wenona	Friday 2 August 4.15-6.30 pm	Wenona
Year 2 Sport training	Saturday 3 August 8-9.30am	Junior School
IPSHA Saturday Sport	Saturday 3 August 8 am- 12 noon	See Parent app for team sheets and venues
Years 3-6 IPSHA artistic gymnastics training	Saturday 3 August 1-5 pm	Gymnasium, Senior School

SENIOR SCHOOL

Boarder travel day	Monday 22 July From 3 pm	
Year 11 (2025) HSC subject selection evening	Monday 22 July 6.30-8.30 pm	U and X rooms
Science and Engineering Challenge Day	Tuesday 23 July 8.20-3.25 pm	Ravenswood
NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships	Wednesday 24 July 7 am-3 pm	Eastern Creek
Year 10 Mandatory History Sydney Jewish Museum excursion	Wednesday 24 July 8.20 am-3.25 pm	Sydney Jewish Museum
Boarding Expo – Moree	Thursday 25 July	Moree
Boarding Expo – Tamworth	Friday 26 July	Tamworth
Abbotsleigh's 139th birthday assembly	Friday 26 July 11 am-12.30 pm	Assembly Hall, Senior School
Marion Clarke Society Black and Gold Lunch	Friday 26 July 12.30-3.30 pm	Dining Room
IGSA Sport Twilight 1	Friday 26 July 4.30-9 pm	SOPAC

SDN Debating	Friday 26 July 4.30-8.30 pm	
Saturday sport	Saturday 27 July 8 am-12 noon	Venues and times TBA
Year 7 HPV Vaccination	Monday 29 July 9 am-2 pm	
Senior Science Olympiad – Biology	Tuesday 30 July During class time	Classrooms
Archdale debating Round 6	Tuesday 30 July 4-8 pm	
NASA/Design Tour 2025 Parent/ Student Information Evening	Tuesday 30 July 7-8 pm	via Zoom
Mathematics Olympiad (Years 7-10, Band 1)	Wednesday 31 July During class time	Classrooms
Senior Science Olympiad – EES	Wednesday 31 July During class time	Classrooms
Year 1 Drama excursion to 'Dracula'	Wednesday 31 July 9 am-3.25 pm	Roslyn Packer Theatre, STC
St James Lunchtime Concert	Wednesday 31 July 11.15 am-2.15 pm	St James Anglican Church, Turrumurra
Middle School Knox Collaboration	Wednesday 31 July 1.30-3 pm	Abbotsleigh
Senior Science Olympiad – Chemistry	Thursday 1 August During class time	Classrooms
Year 9 Joeys Dance	Thursday 1 August 6-8 pm	Judith Poole Sports Hall
Jeans for Genes Day	Friday 2 August	
Year 10 Elective Geography excursion	Friday 2 August 8 am-3.25 pm	
Saturday sport	Saturday 3 August 8 am-12 noon	Venues and times TBA
Senior production rehearsal	Saturday 3 August 1-7.30 pm	Drama Studio
AOGU Generations High Tea	Saturday 3 August 8 am-12 noon	Dining Room