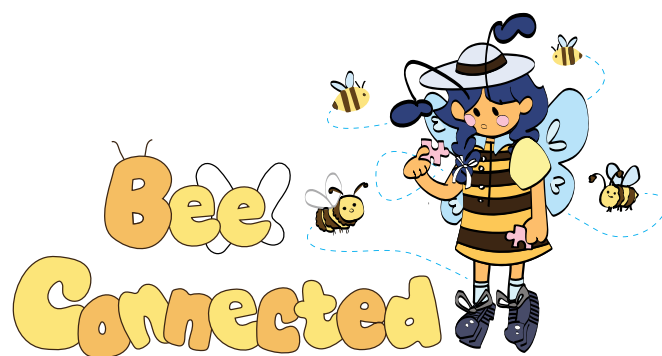


# The Shuttle

Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.



## Our Abbotsleigh community is connected and united as we walk the path of reconciliation together, 'Bridging Now to Next'

Mrs Megan Krimmer, *Headmistress*; Mrs Victoria Rennie, *Deputy Headmistress and Head of Senior School*; Mrs Peita van Bussel, *Acting Deputy Head of Junior School*

### Acknowledgement of Country at the Sydney Opera House, 20 May 2025

*As a proud Ngemba woman from Bourke, living on Gamilaroi country in Moree and studying on Dharug land, I wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the Country where we are today.*

*This point of the harbour is known to the Gadigal people as Tubowgule (tube-uh-gahlee), a Dharug word meaning 'where the knowledge waters meet'.*

*I wish to acknowledge the traditional owners who have been living in this area for over 60,000 years and who continue to practise their culture and language, and remain as important custodians for this land. These connections to Country are evident in their ceremonies, the natural landmarks, their sacred objects, the waterways and the storytelling.*

*Like traditions in our school community, developed over 140 years, our traditions are passed down from generation to generation, sharing the knowledge and wisdoms learned. It is our responsibility to honour this wisdom and draw from it to reach a point of reconciliation.*

– Myffanwy Wilson (Year 12)

This week, our school community is connected and united as we join with our nation in marking National Reconciliation Week – a time to reflect, learn and look to the future together.

The dates for National Reconciliation Week remain the same each year – 27 May to 3 June. The day prior to Reconciliation Week, 26 May, is National Sorry Day, and Reconciliation Week itself is bookended by two significant anniversaries – 27 May, the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, Australia's most successful referendum which saw more than 90% of Australians vote 'Yes' to count

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the census, and 3 June, the anniversary of the historic Mabo decision, which overturned the 'fiction of terra nullius' and paved the way for Land Rights for First Nations people. Some also may remember the incredible bridge walk on 28 May 2000 which brought people from all over Australia together to participate in a 'historic walk in support of reconciliation and Indigenous rights.'

In the Senior School, the week commenced with a moving and meaningful experience as a group of our senior girls attended the National Sorry Day Service at Roseville College. This important event provided a poignant foundation for the week's activities and reminded us of the enduring importance of truth-telling and acknowledgement. Also on Monday, a number of our Year 4 girls represented Abbotsleigh at Wahroonga Park creating sand art alongside internationally renowned Aboriginal artist, Walangari Karntawarra.

Throughout the week, Junior School girls have been wearing bandanas and scrunchies with designs by First Nations artists, or ribbons reflecting the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, as well as undertaking activities in their classes. Special highlights have included the opportunity for our Year 3 girls to connect virtually with First Nations educators to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language groups, The Dreaming, family structure, and tools and technologies; and our Year 4 girls engaging in art making to create stories using symbols for a man, woman and child, the land, as well as numerous animals, in an 'Aboriginal Storytelling Through Art' incursion.

Continuing our commitment to recognition and respect, a



group of senior girls, accompanied by our Coordinator of First Nations Students and Programs, Mrs Shane Hamilton, attended the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Commemoration Service at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park today. This special service honoured the contribution and sacrifice of First Nations service members and deepened our students' understanding of the history and service of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia's defence forces.

Looking ahead to the weekend, our firsts football team will be proudly participating in the First Nations Round of Sport, playing against Pymble Ladies' College this Saturday. Our players will wear a striking First Nations Round jersey, designed by Tiarna Herczeg (Kuku Yalanji), as part of our First Nations Artist Exchange Program. Tiarna worked closely with our First Nations students in the creative process, making the jersey not just a uniform, but a powerful symbol of culture, identity and collaboration.

As several Senior School year groups are away this week on excursions and camps, and Year 12 girls are undertaking assessments, we will formally mark Reconciliation Week as a Senior School community during a special assembly on Tuesday. We are delighted to welcome back Lowana Grant (AOG 2004), a proud First Nations woman who will be our guest speaker. Lowana's insights and experiences promise to be inspiring as we continue to reflect on what reconciliation means in our school and wider community.

The 2025 Reconciliation Week theme, 'Bridging Now to Next' invites all Australians to draw on the lessons of the past as we work towards a more inclusive and respectful future.

Indeed, as Myffy Wilson (Year 12) so eloquently stated in her Acknowledgement of Country at the Sydney Opera House last week, just as we honour and pass down the 140 year old traditions of our school, it is the responsibility of all of us to honour the wisdom of 60,000 years of tradition and wisdom, and 'to draw from it to reach a point of reconciliation'.

## Grandparents' Day

It was a great delight to welcome the grandparents of our Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 5 girls yesterday in the Junior School. It was wonderful to see the girls' excitement as they saw their grandparents in Everett Hall and to hear the girls sing so beautifully for them. The excitement did not abate as grandparents visited the girls' classrooms and then joined their granddaughters for a lovely picnic lunch together.

Grandparents' Day is such a special day, and by the smiles on the girls' and their grandparents' faces, we know that everyone enjoyed every minute of it.



# Chaplain

## Bee...longing

Rev Sarah Hobba  
*Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies*

Alongside the 2025 Prefect Theme of 'Bee Connected', Senior School chapels have been looking at the theme of 'Bee...longing'. Throughout history, many human cultures have found community in belonging – but often to the exclusion of others, creating lines of division. Mr James Flood, SS Christian Studies Teacher, recently spoke about the complexity of forming groups that foster deep community – where everyone truly belongs – while also remaining outward-orientated. His encouragement came from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians

encouraging this kind of inclusive community. Firstly, Paul urges them to recognise their unity together – a secure attachment to Jesus. This unity then becomes motivation and inspiration to look outward. Having first received Christ's love, they are called to 'clothe' themselves in love for others.

### Colossians 3:9-15

<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, for you have put off the old self with its habits <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self. This is the new being which God, its Creator, is constantly renewing in his own image, in order to bring you to a full knowledge of himself. <sup>11</sup> As a result, there is no longer any distinction between Gentiles and Jews, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarians, savages, slaves, and free, but Christ is all, Christ is in all.



<sup>12</sup> You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you. <sup>14</sup> And to all these qualities add love, which

binds all things together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. And be thankful.

# Upcoming events

## WHOLE SCHOOL

Ku-ring-gai Local Artists exhibition	Thursday 22 May to Wednesday 11 June	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery
APA Term 2 meeting	Monday 2 June 7-9 pm	Via Zoom
King's Birthday public holiday	Monday 9 June	
GLOW Festival	Monday 16 June	Senior School campus
Online registration is now open for Year 7 2027 scholarships for girls currently in Year 5		<a href="#">Click here</a> to apply
SchoolTV program – student wellbeing resouces	Available to all parents on the Parent Portal	<a href="#">Click here</a> to watch

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

IPSHA Saturday sport	Saturday 31 May 8 am-12 noon	See team sheets for times and venues
JS Production Rehearsal	Saturday 31 May 2-4.30 pm	Everett Hall
APA Social – Trivia Night	Saturday 31 May 7-11 pm	Gymnasium, Senior School
10 UR STRONG friendology session	Wednesday 4 June 1.40-2 pm	
1G UR STRONG friendology session	Friday 6 June 1.40-2 pm	
Competition chess	Friday 6 June 3-4.30 pm	
JS Production Rehearsal	Friday 6 June 3.30-5.30 pm	Everett Hall

<b>No IPSHA Saturday sport (Long weekend)</b>	Saturday 7 June	
<b>King's Birthday public holiday</b>	Monday 9 June	
<b>5G nursing home visit</b>	Tuesday 10 June 11 am-2 pm	
<b>10 UR STRONG friendology session</b>	Wednesday 11 June 1.40-2 pm	
<b>5D nursing home visit</b>	Wednesday 11 June 11 am-2 pm	
<b>Year 4 Maritime Museum excursion</b>	Thursday 12 June 8.30 am-3 pm	Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour
<b>1G UR STRONG friendology session</b>	Friday 13 June 1.40-2 pm	
<b>Competition chess</b>	Friday 13 June 3-4.30 pm	
<b>JS Production Rehearsal</b>	Friday 13 June 3.30-5.30 pm	Everett Hall
<b>ISDA Debating grand final</b>	Friday 13 June 4-9 pm	

## SENIOR SCHOOL

<b>Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 31 May 8 am-12 noon	<b>Click here</b> for times and venues
<b>NorthWest Equestrian Expo</b>	Friday 30 May to Tuesday 3 June	Coonabarabran
<b>Year 7 History excursion</b>	Monday 2 June 8.20 am-3.25 pm	Chau Chak Museum, Sydney University
<b>Senior Drama Production tech rehearsal</b>	Monday 2 June 3.30-6.30 pm	Drama Studio
<b>Year 8 Parent Teacher interviews</b>	Tuesday 3 June 3.30-8.30 pm	Via Zoom
<b>Senior Drama Production rehearsal</b>	Tuesday 3 June 3.30-6 pm	Drama Studio
<b>Year 8 English Mashed Theatre incursion</b>	Wednesday 4 June 10.45-12 noon	PDCH
<b>Senior Drama Production tech rehearsal</b>	Wednesday 4 June 3.30-6.30 pm	Drama Studio
<b>Year 11 yLead incursion</b>	Thursday 5 June 8.20 am-3.25 pm	Judith Poole Sports Hall
<b>Year 8 Brainstorm Productions incursion</b>	Thursday 5 June 11.25 am-12.40 pm	Gymnasium
<b>Year 9 Brainstorm Productions incursion</b>	Thursday 5 June 2.10-3.25 pm	Gymnasium
<b>Year 7 Study Skills Evening</b>	Thursday 5 June 6.30-8 pm	PDCH
<b>BOARDER TRAVEL DAY</b>	Friday 6 June	



<b>CIS Cross Country Carnival</b>	Friday 6 June 7 am-3.30 pm	Eastern Creek
<b>Lunchtime Futures: University of Western Sydney</b>	Friday 6 June 1.20-2.10 pm	Careers Office (U5)
<b>Senior Drama Production tech rehearsal</b>	Friday 6 June 3.30-6.30 pm	Drama Studio
<b>No Saturday sport (Long weekend)</b>	Saturday 7 June	
<b>King's Birthday public holiday</b>	Monday 9 June	
<b>Year 9 Mandatory Geography field trip</b>	Tuesday 10 June 11 am-2 pm	
<b>IGSA Archdale Debating vs SCEGGS</b>	Tuesday 10 June 3.30-8 pm	
<b>Senior Drama Production rehearsal</b>	Tuesday 10 June 3.30-6.30 pm	Drama Studio
<b>Senior Drama Production matinée performance</b>	Wednesday 11 June	Drama Studio
<b>Year 12 Study Skills session</b>	Wednesday 11 June 12.30-1.30 pm	PDCH
<b>Lunchtime Futures: Notre Dame University</b>	Wednesday 11 June 1.20-2.10 pm	Careers Office (U5)
<b>Year 10 Parent Teacher interviews</b>	Wednesday 11 June 3.30-8.30 pm	Via Zoom
<b>Year 10 Elective Geography field trip</b>	Thursday 12 June 8 am-4 pm	Sydney Harbour
<b>USB Cadetship information session</b>	Thursday 12 June 1.15-2.10 pm	Careers Office (U5)
<b>Senior Production opening night</b>	Thursday 12 June 7-9 pm	Drama Studio
<b>Years 11 and 12 Chemistry: RACI Titration Competition</b>	Friday 13 June 7.45 am-2.30 pm	University of Technology, Sydney
<b>Year 12 Prefect 'Bee Connected' Festival</b>	Friday 13 June 12.45-2 pm	Top Oval
<b>ISDA Debating grand final</b>	Friday 13 June 4-9 pm	
<b>Senior Production performance</b>	Friday 13 June 7-9 pm	Drama Studio

