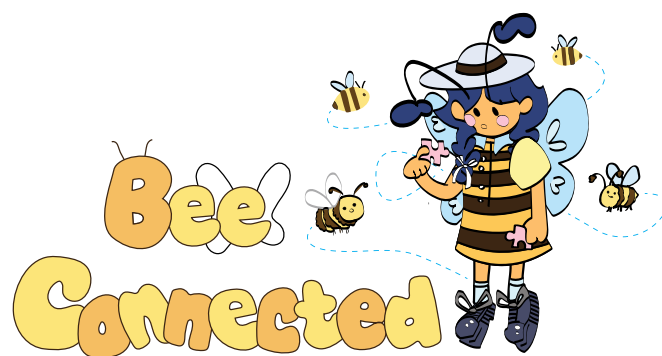


# The Shuttle

Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.



## Our girls 'connect' and 'look outwards daily' to make a positive impact on our world

Mrs Megan Krimmer,  
Headmistress

Our girls, Pre-K to Year 12, are intrinsically connected in their passion and determination to serve/help others, as well as to work hard and to develop practical ways in which we can look after our fragile environment.

In Senior School assembly this week, Our Vice Head Prefect – Service, Davina Chan, proffered the phrase, 'looking outwards' daily as a very helpful definition for the term 'to serve'. This definition eliminates possible negative connotations of 'service', such as being 'subservient' and instead, challenges our girls to look beyond themselves and their phones, and to 'look up and to look out' for others (all others).

Our girls across the whole school take up this challenge daily, as they continually raise awareness and funds for those who are in need. They also provide hands on, practical support. The Junior School's long-running weekly contribution to World Vision and our partnership with

Bunda Girls' Secondary School as well as our boarders' contributions towards the Royal Flying Doctor Service are but a few of many examples of the ways in which our girls work to support others.

The definition, *looking outwards daily* can also be applied to how we treat our environment. Instead of taking things for granted, our girls try to 'look outwards' and ensure that we are contributing positively rather than negatively – such as unthinkingly doing damage by not disposing of rubbish appropriately and so on.

Some of the many positive contributions we are making to our environment as a whole school were presented by our very proactive Environment Council, who together with the Service Council, gave a fantastic presentation at our Senior School assembly this week.

I commend to you the girls' inspirational presentations – it is certainly heart-warming to see our girls so beautifully connected in their passion to make a positive difference in our world.

## GLOW Festival Monday 16 June

We are also greatly looking forward to our GLOW Festival being held on the Senior School campus on Monday 16 June from 5.30 pm. With installations and activities created by students from the ELC to the Senior School, plus music, dance, stalls, food trucks and more, there really is something for everyone. I look forward to seeing you at our last community event for the term.

Please [click here](#) to download the program of events and activities.



# Looking outwards daily – Our environment

Riya Jayakanthan, *Environment Prefect 2024/25*  
and Yilin Guo, Anna Wallwork and Zhujin Zhang, *Year 11*

Today we have an Enviro update to give you an idea of what Abbotsleigh is doing to support the environment and how you can help too.

## What is Abbotsleigh doing for the environment?

We are really fortunate to be at a school that is genuinely committed to sustainability. From large-scale renewable energy projects to small, everyday changes, Abbotsleigh is making environmental responsibility a long-term priority.

## Long term solar and wind contracts

Abbotsleigh now sources around 70% of its electricity from solar and wind farms in NSW and these long-term contracts will carry us through to 2033. This reduces our carbon footprint dramatically and supports the renewable energy industry in Australia.

## On-site energy generation

We also generate electricity on-site through solar panels installed on buildings like the Science building, the Chapel, the Junior School and the iHub, with more installations to be completed over the next two years. Twenty percent of our total electricity requirement is sourced from on-site solar.

## Electricity efficiency

Electric buses are already running on the North Shore route, with a full rollout on all main routes expected in 2025. Abbotsleigh has also replaced all electric water heaters with efficient heat-pump systems, which use one-third of the energy consumed by the old units. Plus, smart lighting and aircon systems now reduce waste even more.

## Waste recycling

Abbotsleigh's plastic and paper waste gets sent to Doyle Bros to be recycled and all green waste is now recycled either on- or off-campus. On-site organic food

waste is going to be processed in the new cafeteria through a Pulpmaster unit, which will turn all our food waste in the School into sustainable organic fertiliser and green energy.

## What can you do?

Now that we've taken a look at what Abbotsleigh is doing, what can you do to make a difference at school? We've got four practical and easy ways you can help out, starting today.

## Terracycle – stationery recycling

Terracycle stationery recycling boxes are located outside each Year Coordinator's office in the Senior School. You can drop in used pens, markers, whiteout and other stationery waste that would otherwise end up in landfill.

## Bottles for Bunda

Year 9 is leading a fantastic initiative: Bottles for Bunda. They're collecting and recycling bottles to raise funds for Bunda Girls' Secondary School. The Environment Council also dismantled the Brave the Waves bottle display to reuse the materials for this cause. So please support their effort by recycling your bottles outside Dr Russell's office.

## Reduce plastic disposables

Single-use plastics like cutlery, plastic wrap and glitter have a huge environmental cost. Using disposable plastics in the big 2025 is crazy considering nearly one million tonnes of microplastics enter the ocean each year.

## Reduce paper waste

Did you know the average Australian uses around 230 kg of paper every year? To reduce your paper waste, consider thinking before you print.

## Finally

... Small actions make a big difference, and together we can help Abbotsleigh **bee** more sustainable. Thank you!





## Looking outwards daily – Service Council 2025

Davina Chan,  
Vice Head Prefect – Service  
and the Service Council

I'd like to propose a... definition of 'serve':  
*To look outwards daily instead of looking in.*

This can be through offering your time, energy and resources to make a difference to others – no matter how big or small.

Philippians 2:3 puts it this way, 'Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.'

It's not about thinking of yourself **as** less, but thinking **of** yourself **less**, and thinking of **others** **more** – looking to put others first.

Now, we actually all have a great opportunity to look outwards and make a lasting difference to girls our age in a different continent. As you all already know, Abbotsleigh has a continuous, special partnership with

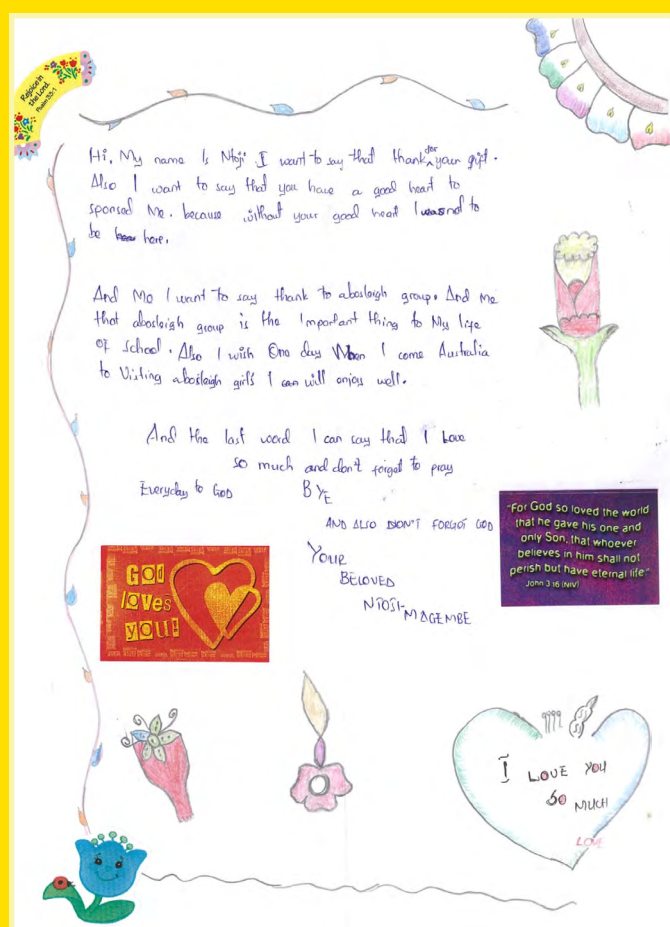
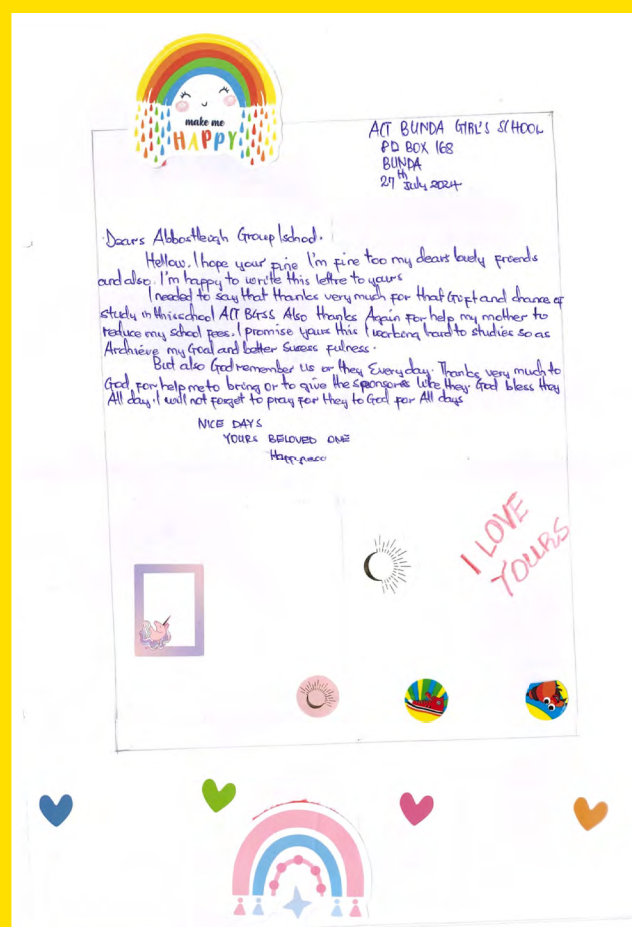
Bunda Girls' Secondary School, an Anglican boarding school in Tanzania.

Getting to go to high school is not the norm in Tanzania at all. In fact, only 39% of girls are enrolled in secondary school and only 27% go on to complete it! This is due to pressures like arranged marriage, early pregnancy or financial hardship.

However, because of our efforts to fundraise and sponsor girls, six girls now have the chance to further their education, opening many doors for their future! These girls all have dreams and aspirations like all of us – like Ntoji wanting to be a doctor, Happyness and Yvonna wanting to be pharmacists, and the rest all wanting to be nurses!

And, as you know, this partnership isn't one-sided. We also get some insights into what their lives are like.

Here are some letters that the girls have written to us:





Dear Abbotsleigh

I hope you are fine I'm fine too. I am happy to send for you this letter to say thank you for paying me school fees and always I pray to God to bless you and I am happy to see student for Abbotsleigh school. I was enjoy with them and like oneday to visit in Abbotsleigh school. I want to be nurse and my lovely subject is chemistry. I want to be nurse person because to help people who a sick. I like dancing and acting. I was happy student for Abbotsleigh to visit me at home place. I promise that I will do well in my studies and my plan was happy if me I do well in my studies. I wish one day to see you. God bless you and your families.

your faithfully

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Dear Abbotsleigh

It's my hope that you are doing well. I'm also doing well here at Bunda girls sec. school. Thanks for sponsored me in act Bunda sec. school, I promise you that I will study very hard because I want to reach my goals. My future plans, I want to be a doctor to treat people in hospital, my favourite subject is Biology, I like it because is fun also I like to play netball and dancing. Thank you coming to visit us we have enjoyed and spend more time with them for their gift they brought us. Thank you so much. May the Lord our God be with you always.

Your faithfully

Elizabeth Onesimo

Abbotsleigh Old Girl Helen Hoskins (1969) who founded Bunda Girls' Secondary School, is about to head back to Tanzania, taking some letters from our girls too. So, we will hear more updates soon. In the

meantime, there are many opportunities to serve and continue to support these girls' lives and education.

# Chaplain

## Shabbots 2025

Rev Polly Butterworth  
Chaplain

Each year over the June long weekend, Abbotsleigh and Shore team up for our annual CRU camp called Shabbots – this year with 140 students!

For the 2025 camp, the theme was 'God Talks: We Listen', with talks from John thinking through God's revelation to us in Jesus.

Student leaders from each school spent months organising games, discussion groups and the dress-up night, which had a celebrity-murder-mystery themed game, a disco and a fire.

Students attended seminars on the historicity of the Bible, how God sees our bodies, evangelism, faith and phones, and quiet reading. They also wrote 'warm and fuzzies' to each other, filled with encouraging words.

Some of the feedback included comments such as, "I really liked the talk about phones and faith, prayer, the silent times and the group activities like the murder mystery." And "I loved the fellowship and the time spent meeting new people and connecting. Shabbots will undoubtedly be one of my leaving highlights."



# Upcoming events

## WHOLE SCHOOL

<b>GLOW Festival</b>	Monday 16 June	Senior School campus
<b>Term 2 concludes</b>	Thursday 26 June	
<b>Online registration is now open for Year 7 2027 scholarships for girls currently in Year 5</b>		<a href="#">Click here</a> to apply
<b>Wellbeing webinar – Navigating Friendships – Michelle Mitchell – free to all Abbotsleigh parents and staff</b>	Available from 11 June until 23 July	<a href="#">Click here</a> to register
<b>Wellbeing webinar – Carrots and Sticks – Better ways to build Boundaries with Your Kids – Justin Coulson – Free to all Abbotsleigh parents and staff</b>	Available from 11 June until 23 July	<a href="#">Click here</a> to register
<b>SchoolTV program – student wellbeing resources</b>	Available to all parents on the Parent Portal	<a href="#">Click here</a> to watch

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

<b>IPSHA Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 14 June 8 am-12 noon	See team sheets for times and venues
<b>JS Production dress rehearsal and photographs</b>	Saturday 14 June 2-5 pm	Everett Hall
<b>Year 5 Micro:bit market</b>	Monday 16 June 9-10 am	Bundarra Court
<b>5D nursing home visit</b>	Tuesday 17 June 11 am-2 pm	
<b>Kindergarten 2026 Parent Information Evening</b>	Tuesday 17 June 7-8 pm	Auditorium
<b>JS Production matinée performance</b>	Wednesday 18 June 12.50-1.50 pm	Everett Hall
<b>10 UR STRONG friendology session</b>	Wednesday 18 June 1.40-2 pm	
<b>JS Production evening performance 1</b>	Thursday 19 June 7-8 pm	Everett Hall



<b>Infants Athletics Carnival</b>	Friday 20 June 9.40 am-2.30 pm	Junior School
<b>1 UR STRONG friendology session</b>	Friday 20 June 1.40-2 pm	
<b>Competition chess</b>	Friday 20 June 3-4.30 pm	
<b>JS Production evening performance 2</b>	Friday 20 June 7-8 pm	Everett Hall
<b>IPSHA Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 21 June 8 am-12 noon	See team sheets for times and venues
<b>Year 6 Fundraiser</b>	Tuesday 24 June 12.45-2 pm	JS Oval
<b>Years 3 and 4 Kaboom music incursion</b>	Wednesday 25 June 9.30-10.30 am	Everett Hall
<b>Years 5 and 6 Kaboom music incursion</b>	Wednesday 25 June 10.50-11.50 am	Everett Hall
<b>JS House Cup</b>	Thursday 26 June 1.40-2 pm	

## SENIOR SCHOOL

<b>Senior Production performance</b>	Saturday 14 June 7-9 pm	Drama Studio
<b>Year 7 Geography fieldtrip</b>	Tuesday 17 June 8.20 am-3.25 pm	Bondi
<b>Year 10 Lipman NEXGEN workshop</b>	Tuesday 17 June 8.20-9.35 am	iHub
<b>Year 8 Lipman NEXGEN workshop</b>	Tuesday 17 June 9.45-11 am	
<b>IGSA Archdale Debating vs Wenona</b>	Tuesday 17 June 3.30-8 pm	Away
<b>Term 2 sports photographs</b>	Wednesday 18 June 12.45-2.05 pm	Judith Poole Sports Hall, Court 1
<b>Years 7 and 8 Knox/Abbotsleigh collaboration</b>	Wednesday 18 June 1.15-3.25 pm	Abbotsleigh
<b>Year 9 Schubertiade (Elective Music students)</b>	Wednesday 18 June 1.20-2.05 pm	PDCH
<b>Lunchtime Futures: ICMS</b>	Wednesday 18 June 1.20-2.10 pm	Careers Office (U5)
<b>Talented Maths Day (Year 10 Maths 1 and 2 students)</b>	Thursday 19 June 8.20 am-3.30 pm	Barker College
<b>Year 8 Latin excursion</b>	Thursday 19 June 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
<b>Year 9 Elective Geography fieldtrip</b>	Thursday 19 June 8.20 am-3.25 pm	Hawkesbury River, Brooklyn
<b>Year 8 Chinese, French and German incursion</b>	Thursday 19 June 8.20 am-12.45 pm	
<b>Year 8 Musical incursion</b>	Friday 20 June 2.10-3.25 pm	PDCH



<b>Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 21 June 8 am-12 noon	<a href="#">Click here</a> for times and venues
<b>Frensham Rugby 7s Gala Day</b>	Saturday 21 June 12-5 pm	Frensham, Mittagong
<b>Year 12 Speaking German Day</b>	Tuesday 24 June 8.25 am-3.20 pm	Goethe Institute, Edgecliff
<b>Year 12 Latin Study Day</b>	Tuesday 24 June 8.45 am-3 pm	Barker College
<b>Year 8 Musical Incursion</b>	Tuesday 24 June 11.25 am-12.40 pm	PDCH
<b>IGSA Archdale Debating vs Brigidine College</b>	Tuesday 24 June 3.30-8 pm	Away
<b>Young Curators exhibition opening</b>	Wednesday 25 June 5.30-7 pm	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery
<b>NASA/NYC tour parent meeting</b>	Wednesday 25 June 6-8 pm	iHub
<b>Women in Agriculture Breakfast</b>	Thursday 26 June 7-8 am	SS Dining Room
<b>Year 9 VA excursion</b>	Thursday 26 June 8.20 am-3.20 pm	Art Gallery of NSW
<b>Year 11 2026 Subject Selection Evening</b>	Thursday 26 June 6.30-8.30 pm	
<b>Boarder travel day</b>	Friday 27 June	
<b>Year 12 Formal</b>	Friday 27 June 6-11 pm	Doltone House, Pyrmont

