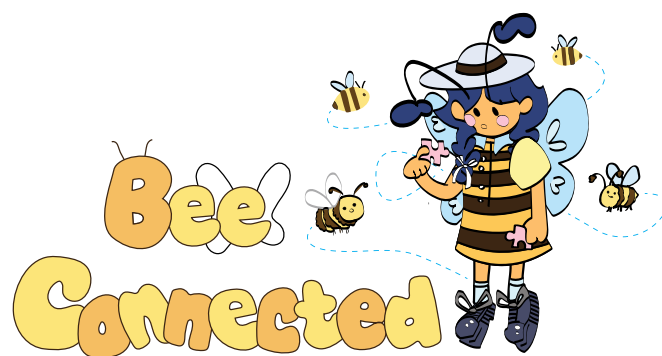


The Shuttle

Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.



'Bee Connected' – Preparing for new beginnings in the Junior and Senior Schools

Mrs Megan Krimmer
Headmistress

Week 6 has been packed full of very special events and activities, including a visit from our new Head of Junior School; an International Day segment in Senior School Assembly and the subsequent cultural festival held today, led by the Student Representative Council; the magnificent Year 12 HSC Showcase; the Catch a Rising Star Concert; and the announcement of the new Prefects and their roles for 2025-2026. We will be highlighting these in The Shuttle today and over the next few weeks.

Tuesday was a particularly big day at Abbotsleigh!

Junior School: There was an absolute buzz of excitement as the girls sensed something very important was to happen in Chapel on Tuesday morning. Much to their delight, they were introduced to our new Head of Junior School, Ms Larissa Cameron, who was visiting Abbotsleigh for the day. The girls learned a little about Ms Cameron through Junior School Chaplain Mrs Soper's searching questions – Does Ms Cameron prefer dogs or cats? – Cats. What sort of ice cream does Ms Cameron like? – All, but especially coffee or chocolate. Does Ms Cameron prefer to holiday at the beach, the snow or the bush? – The beach! After Chapel, Ms Cameron visited each Junior School class to get to know our girls a little.

Ms Cameron was absolutely delighted to meet our girls and our Junior School staff, and she is really looking forward to commencing at Abbotsleigh next term. I would like to thank Mrs Carmen Gaspersic, Mrs Peita van Bussel, all the Junior School staff and every girl who gave Ms Cameron such a warm Abbotsleigh welcome. Together, we are looking forward to 'Beeing Connected in new beginnings' in Term 4.

Senior School: The excitement in the Senior School was equally palpable on Tuesday, as our new leadership team for 2025-2026 was announced in assembly. The support and congratulations from every girl were almost deafening at our traditional 'Flower Assembly', where the

new leaders were welcomed on stage by our 2024-2025 Prefects.

Our 2024-2025 Head Prefect, Jazarah Tambyrajah, delivered a beautiful and truly inspirational speech and prayer for our new leaders (see below).

We congratulate all girls who were elected* and we also thank sincerely our 2024-2025 Prefects and Year 12 leaders who have led, and will continue to lead, our girls so well this year.

*Please see the Prefect list below. Further leadership roles will be determined over the next few weeks and in Term 4.

2025-2026 Prefect congratulations –

Head Prefect 2024-2025 Jazarah Tambyrajah



The Abbotsleigh Prefect body of 2025-2026 – congratulations! I know the excitement, anticipation and slight nerves you are all feeling right now. Each of you has been appointed in your roles for such a time as this, and has been elected by your peers because of your character, capability and leadership skills. You should all be so incredibly proud of yourselves! On behalf of the



school, congratulations – we look forward to watching you lead with purpose and servant hearts.

And to Year 11 – I know there is a buzz of excitement as you enter your final year of school. Each of you, with or without a badge, is recognised as a leader of our school. As you step up and take your place in Year 12, choose to lead with purpose and serve Abbotsleigh every day. I have no doubt that over the next year your cohort will only grow stronger, and ‘bee more connected’ – yes, I am speaking from experience.

And to Laura Jones – congratulations! What an honour to be chosen as Head Prefect. Your peers and teachers have clearly recognised your servant heart, unwavering kindness and leadership skills. This role will certainly challenge you and require you to rise to the occasion. It will shape your character. I know that you are so deserving and capable – and we are confident that you will lead our school with excellence.

In Psalm 78:72, it says, ‘And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skilful hands he led them.’

Girls, I implore you to lead with integrity and skill. I am so excited to see all that you achieve. This year truly goes by so quickly, so savour every moment!

Please join me to pray for our Year 11s:

Dear God

Thank you for the Year 11s – Class of 2026 – and their contribution to our school community. We ask that you guide them and give them strength, peace and wisdom as they continue to lead our school. We pray that in this next year, the Year 11s' connection grows even stronger, and they enjoy their final year of school! Thank you for the new Prefect body, and we pray for your blessing over them as they serve our school.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen



Prefects 2025-2026



PREFECT EXECUTIVE

Head Prefect	Laura Jones
Vice Head Prefect – Duties	Anna Wallwork
Vice Head Prefect – Service	Annika Loel
Vice Head Prefect – Houses	Mackenzie Mullarkey
Head Boarder Prefect	Chloe Palmer

BOARDING LEADERSHIP

Vice Head Boarder Prefect	Madeline Duffy
Boarding Prefects	Phoebe Fenwicke Eleanor Wass

PORTFOLIOS

Chapel Prefect	Caitlin Tan
Creative Arts Prefects	Kylie Liu Melanie Wong
Debating and Public Speaking Prefect	Zhujin Zhang
Drama Prefect	Jessica Oorburg
Environment Prefect	Danielle Cui
Music Prefect	Rita Chen
Sport Prefect	Annabelle Twyman
SRC Prefects	Alicia Ho Eleanor Zhu
STEAM Prefects	Emily Callagher Sophie Cheung

YEAR PREFECTS

Junior School Prefects	Isabel Chan Sofia Petsentiy Vanessa Ton
Years 6-7 Prefects	Charlotte Parasyn Audrey Tang



Years 7-8 Prefects	Jessica Liu Charlotte Panikian
Years 8-9 Prefects	Catherine Grice Chanel Kang
Years 9-10 Prefects	Charlotte Ho Rachel Pearce
Years 10-11 Prefects	Sasha Seeto Jacinta Widjaja
Years 11-12 Prefects	Charlotte Burton-Smith Nicole Lang
HOUSE CAPTAINS	
Chisholm House Captains	Maya Gradinscak Amber Johnson
Franklin House Captains	Chengsong Liang Mackenzie Luu
Gilmore House Captains	Tiffany Fong Megan Lieu
Melba House Captains	Cate Atkinson Sarah He
Prichard House Captains	Aurora Caie Charlotte MacLeod
Richardson House Captains	Angeline Lam Lexie Wilson
Tennant House Captains	Demi Green Madeleine Winslow
Wright House Captains	April Kim Charlotte Whyburn

Chaplain

Wise Words

Rev Sarah Hobba
Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies

Boarders Chapel this term has been exploring practical wisdom as 'life hacks'. One of this week's examples was a cleaning hack using vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and lemon to reduce the need for scrubbing stubborn stains on dishes. But an even more powerful life hack was learning to be wise with our words. Clare from CRU spoke on how words can be like swords or Band-Aids – they can wound deeply or bring comfort and healing.

None of us gets it right all the time. We all say things that hurt and things that help. But Jesus, the Word made flesh,

shows us how to speak with grace, truth and love. His words brought life to the broken, challenged the proud and comforted the hurting. And at the Cross, His final words – words of forgiveness and hope – remind us that even when we misuse our words, there is grace. Through His death and resurrection, we're offered mercy and a fresh start, including in how we speak.

Proverbs 12:18

Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Luke 6:45b

[Jesus said,] 'Your words show what is in your heart.'



Upcoming events

WHOLE SCHOOL

Place of Anchors exhibition	Friday 5 to Saturday 27 September	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery
SchoolTV program – student wellbeing resources	Available to all parents on the Parent Portal	Click here to watch

JUNIOR SCHOOL

ELC Father's Day Breakfast	Tuesday 2 September 7.30-8.15 am	
3O St Lucy's visit	Tuesday 2 September 10.10-11.30 am	St Lucy's School, Wahroonga
Transition to Year 6 Father Daughter Breakfast	Wednesday 3 September 7-8.30 am	Library Plaza
ELC Father's Day Breakfast	Thursday 4 September 7.30-8.15 am	
3L St Lucy's visit	Thursday 4 September 9.10-11.20 am	St Lucy's School, Wahroonga
Year 5 Chinatown and Chinese Gardens excursion	Friday 5 September 8.30 am-3 pm	Chinatown, Sydney
3O St Lucy's visit	Tuesday 9 September 9.10-10.45 am	St Lucy's School, Wahroonga
Year 4 Convict Camp	Thursday 11 to Friday 12 September	
3O St Lucy's visit	Tuesday 9 September 9.10-11.20 am	St Lucy's School, Wahroonga
Year 5 Bush Dance	Tuesday 9 September 6.30-8.30 pm	Junior School
Year 1 Wahroonga village excursion	Friday 12 September 11 am-12.15 pm	
Year 5 IPSHA Debating - Round 6	Friday 12 September 12.45-2.45 pm	

SENIOR SCHOOL

Saturday sport	Saturday 30 August and Saturday 6 September	Click here for times and venues
Catch a Rising Star Gala Concert	Friday 29 August 6.30-8 pm	PDCH
Year 7 vaccinations	Monday 1 September	GLC
Knox MS Collaboration	Monday 1 September 1.15-3.25 pm	Senior School Dining Room
Australian Interschools Snowsport Championships	Tuesday 2 to Sunday 7 September	Perisher
IGSA Archdale Debating Grand Final	Tuesday 2 September 3.30-8 pm	Senior School
Year 8 Write a Book in a Day	Wednesday 3 September	Senior School Library, upper level
Year 12 Father Daughter Breakfast	Friday 5 September 7-8.15 am	Year 12 Common Room
IGSA Chess competition	Friday 5 September 3.30-5 pm	iHub, Room i204
SDN Debating - Round 7	Friday 5 September 4-8 pm	
Year 7 Write a Book in a Day competition	Wednesday 10 September	Senior School Library, upper level
Year 9 IGCSE Movement Science excursion	Wednesday 10 September 8am-3.25 pm	PysX Rehabilitation, Cromer
Year 12 Welcome to the AOGU lunch	Wednesday 10 September 12.45-2 pm	Year 12 Common Room
Year 10 self defence session	Thursday 11 September 8.20-11 am	Assembly Hall
New Leaders workshop	Friday 12 September 8.20 am-3.15 pm	GLC
IGSA Chess competition	Friday 12 September 3.30-5 pm	iHub, Room i204
SDN Debating - Semi final	Friday 12 September 4-8 pm	
Year 11 rock bands perform at the Barker Spring Fair	Saturday 13 September	Barker College

