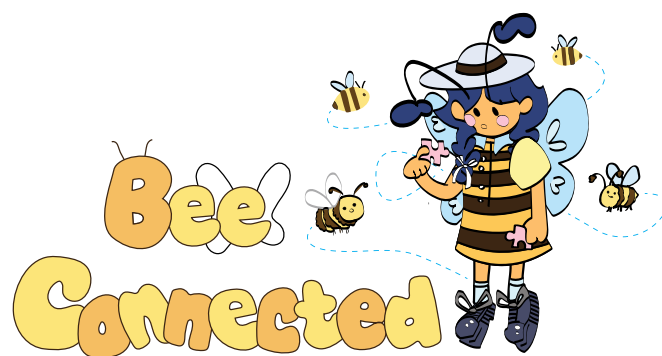


The Shuttle

Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.



‘Bee Connected’: Abbotsleigh celebrates the arts

Mrs Megan Krimmer
Headmistress

‘Imagination is intelligence having fun.’ – Albert Einstein

It is an absolute delight walking around the Junior and Senior Schools, seeing and hearing the products of our girls' wonderful imaginations, creativity, determination and effort. All over, there are examples of our girls' works of art as well as other subjects, and music can be heard almost every minute of every day.

Our HSC Showcase last week was an opportunity to celebrate the culmination of our Year 12 girls' imagination, research, creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking – and above all, their incredible hard work. The displays of their Design and Technology, Drama, English Extension 2, History Extension, Music, Science Extension, Software Engineering and Visual Arts major projects were magnificent.

To say that every girl's work was superb would be an understatement. Indeed, the gift the girls gave us last week, across so many areas of endeavour, really did touch and transport our souls.

The Showcase was opened by our Creative Arts Prefects, Meera Nirmalendran and Anna Sharp, whose outstanding combined speech encapsulated the spirit and quality of the girls' work, and the deep gratitude they feel towards their teachers, supporting staff, and of course, you – their parents. I warmly commend Meera and Anna's speech to you below.

The finale was the excellent Year 12 Music concert, which was concluded by our Music Prefect, Grace Li, whose inspirational words reminded us about the importance and beauty of music:

‘To everyone in this room, whether you have already graduated, are about to graduate or still have a few years to go, listen for the music.’

Music will lead you to new places. It finds its applications in art, history and especially STEM; there is a whole field of physics called psychoacoustics; did you know that? Music is the kindling of curiosity, a common language between the sciences and humanities, it moves people, connects them, forms communities and fosters belonging. It can teach you so much, as it has taught me, about

yourself, others, the world as it was in the past, and as it is, in the present.

**Music is everywhere, and in everything.
Can you hear the music?'**

Happy Father's Day

It has been an absolute delight to host our Father's Day



breakfasts over the past two weeks, welcoming dads and their daughters from every year group – from Transition through to Year 12. Seeing the joy on our girls' faces as they shared this special time with their fathers has been fabulous, and just as wonderful has been witnessing the fathers enjoying themselves just as much.

I wish every Abbotsleigh dad a very Happy Father's Day.



ABBOTSLEIGH

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Year 12 Showcase 2025

Creative Arts Prefects: Meera Nirmalendran and Anna Sharp

Meera: Good evening, everyone, and welcome to the Year 12 Showcase! As the 2025 Creative Arts Prefects, we are thrilled to officially open tonight's exhibition of major works.

Anna: For many of us, this moment felt like it would never arrive. The major work journey started all the way back in November 2024, when we were first told to 'develop a concept'.

Meera: At the time, we thought – how hard could it be? You come up with an idea, map it out and then make it happen. Simple, right? Well, fast forward 12 months and you will realise that the process is anything but simple.

Anna: Every subject represented tonight began with a strong idea and the passion to pursue it with persistence. What makes these works so significant is the depth behind them: each one extends beyond surface-level aesthetics to become a meaningful and personal reflection of its creator. Tonight, we see the culmination of those attributes across every discipline.

Meera: In Visual Arts, the creation of a body of work that holds meaning beyond the canvas.

Anna: In Science, the drive to investigate pressing questions and explore solutions.

Meera: In Drama, the ability to reveal stories through emotion and presence.

Anna: In Extension History, the opportunity to dive deeply into a chosen topic with original insight.

Meera: In Extension English, the documentation of stories often left untold.

Anna: In Music, the ability to tell a story through performance and composition.

Meera: And in Design and Technology and Software Engineering, the courage to imagine and design for the futures we want to see.

Anna: But what we have all taken away from this process goes beyond the work itself. It's the lessons in resilience, time management, courage, adaptability and the art of bouncing back after setbacks.

Meera: And most importantly, it's the joy of supporting each other. Because, as much as this showcase is about the final projects, some of the best moments were helping and supporting each other.

Anna: It's in the late-night class writing sessions, the snack runs and hurried, last-minute questions on group chats at 1 am before submission dates. Those are the moments we will cherish and hold onto long after tonight.

Meera: None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our teachers. They have worked alongside us for countless hours, offering lifesaving advice and feedback with the true intention of watching every student succeed to the best of their abilities.

Anna: They have nurtured our skills and guided us through ideas, enabling us to turn them into a reality or gently encouraging us to leave some other ideas behind. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Meera: I extend these thanks to the ground staff, Maintenance, IT staff and the many department assistants. They have worked behind the scenes and generously given their time when needed. I'm particularly grateful to the cleaners, who whisk away our countless fabric scraps and leave the room spotless for the next day!

Anna: And finally, to our parents. You have given us moral support, financial support and even food support on those difficult days of working. You have been patient with us and encouraged us to do our best and reach for high goals. You have been with us during our highs and lows, and I will admit, sometimes even your advice is best!

Meera: We hope you all have a brilliant time.

Anna: Major works are the epitome of hard work, commitment, talent and skill, so I think we ought to give year 12 students a well-deserved round of applause!



Chaplain

The Gift of Music

Rev Sarah Hobba
Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies

Last Friday night, I had the joy of sitting back and soaking in the brilliance of our ‘Catch a Rising Star’ concert. Yesterday, David Nduwimana and his team of musicians led energising workshops with our Years 7-10 Chapel Bands, culminating with those bands joyfully joining David in leading songs in Chapel.

Psalms 150 brings the book of Psalms to a triumphant conclusion, calling all creation to praise God with music and celebration. From trumpets to cymbals, it reminds us that the gift of music and expression of our humanity is not limited to words. Miriam sang when the Hebrews crossed safely over the Red Sea, and Mary responded to the angel’s message with a song of praise that she would give birth to Jesus, Emmanuel – God with us. What better way to proclaim God’s goodness than through the gift of song?

Psalms 150

*¹ Praise the Lord.
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
² Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.
⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord.*

Upcoming events

WHOLE SCHOOL

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| 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

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| 30 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 | |

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| 30 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 | |
| AbbSchool Junior School Drama recital | Monday 15 September 6.30-8 pm | |
| ELC Photo Days | Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 September | Early Learning Centre |
| 30 St Lucy's visit | Tuesday 16 September 9.10-10.45 am | St Lucy's School, Wahroonga |
| 30 St Lucy's visit | Thursday 18 September 9.10-11.20 am | St Lucy's School, Wahroonga |
| Infants Concert rehearsal | Thursday 18 September 10.50 am-12.30 pm | PDCH, Senior School |
| Year 4 stop motion incursion | Friday 19 September 8.30 am-12.45 pm | Year 4 classrooms |
| Infants Music Concert | Friday 19 September 6.30-7.30 pm | PDCH, Senior School |

SENIOR SCHOOL

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| Saturday sport | Saturday 13 and Saturday 20 September | Click here for times and venues |
| 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 8 am-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 |



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| 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 |
| Years 11 and 12 Explore Science Extension conference | Monday 15 September 9 am-3.15 pm | Macquarie University |
| Sports photos | Monday 15 September 12.45-2.10 pm | Sports Hall |
| Year 12 and staff music concert | Monday 15 September 1.15-2.10 pm | PDCH |
| Year 10 Mandatory Geography fieldtrip | Tuesday 16 September 8.25 am-3.35 pm | Long Reef |
| Year 12 and staff football | Tuesday 16 September 1.15-2.10 pm | Top Oval |
| Abb-Lib Grand Final | Tuesday 16 September 7-8.30 pm | PDCH |
| Year 10 Languages excursion | Wednesday 17 September 8.20 am-3.25 pm | |
| Year 12 and staff netball | Wednesday 17 September 1.15-2.10 pm | Sports Hall |
| Senior School musical auditions | Thursday 18 September 3.30-5 pm | Music classrooms |
| Prefect 2024-25 Celebration Dinner | Thursday 18 September 5.30-7 pm | Dining Room |
| Year 7 Taronga Zoo excursion | Friday 19 September | Taronga Zoo |
| Year 12 2026 Leadership Induction assembly | Friday 19 September 9.30-10.30 am | Assembly Hall |
| Year 12 visit to Junior School | Friday 19 September 1-3 pm | Junior School |
| Senior School musical auditions | Friday 19 September 3.30-5 pm | Music classrooms |
| SDN Debating – Grand Final | Friday 19 September 4-8 pm | |

