Outstanding HSC Results Again in 2014

The 2014 Higher School Certificate again saw Killara High School students achieving excellent results overall, and many outstanding individual performances.

From a cohort of 272 Year 12 students, seven students were among the state’s highest All Round Achievers with band six (the highest band) or equivalent in ten or more units of study. These students were Claudia Harper, Carol Kong, Deborah Lowenstein, Samantha Mackenzie, Lucy Parker, Eric Son and Shanda Su.

Seunggyu Lee placed fourth in NSW in Chinese Beginners.

Overall 283 band six results were awarded to Killara High School students.

Of the 47 HSC courses studied at Killara High School 24 had a course mean of more than 5% above the state mean. Six of these courses had a mean of more than 10% above the state mean.

Six students achieved an ATAR above 99, to the best of our knowledge, as ATAR information is not provided to schools.

Eric Son gained an ATAR of 99.95, the maximum possible. Eric was awarded a University of Sydney scholarship valued at $10 000 for each year of study and a guaranteed place in Medical Science/Medicine.

Claudia Harper has won a University of Sydney scholarship to study Combined Law & Science and Harrison Devenish has received an elite athletes’ scholarship.

Unfortunately university places offered are no longer published; the information will be made available to schools in March. We will provide a full report of our students’ post-school destinations then.

Killara High School was again the highest ranked comprehensive coeducational public school in NSW. This is a testament to the commitment and talent of our Year 12 students, and their expert teachers.

Jane Dennett
Principal

Congratulations Eric Son, ATAR 99.95 HSC 2014
Welcome to New Staff

We extend a warm welcome to the following staff:

Mr Kieran Babich, TAS
Ms Esther Bouchier, English/ESL
Ms Danielle Costa, HSIE Green
Ms Catherine Latham, HSIE Blue
Ms Alicia O’Donnell, Drama/English
Mr Koby Tsang, Mathematics
Mr Marc Vella, TAS
Mr Darren Jones, Music
Ms Taryn Wynne, SASS
Ms Mateja Ksela and Ms Catie Sully, Canteen Managers

Uniform at Killara High School

Please ensure that you start the new school year correctly attired. All new students have been provided with a postcard illustrating correct uniform, and we reproduce it here also.

Remember that the “old” sloppy joe is no longer part of the Killara High School uniform. Please ensure that you purchase a green KHS woollen jumper, or the zipped microfiber jacket. Of course both can be worn in cooler weather.

Success in ArtExpress

Congratulations to Kate Zovaro and Elena Gillespie. They both successfully had their works displayed in ArtExpress, as shown below:
This is an early warning notice of a big change that is coming soon to our technology systems at KHS. After considering alternatives Week 4 Term 1 (starting Monday 16 February) has been scheduled for the change. We are working in cooperation with the DEC’s eT4L team. They have undertaken LAN remediation work to ensure our network is up to scratch to handle the new technology infrastructure. We have purchased and installed appropriate server hardware to facilitate the migration.

The new system will bring the current separated wireless and LAN domains together into the one network and allow greater access for students and staff to their files. Students will now also receive 5GB of storage space. Additionally, our old server will be upgraded.

Unfortunately, during the period of change, we will have no access to ANY computers for at least a week. This is because all servers and computers need to be re-imaged (rebuilt with software). All print connections need to be re-configured and all data of staff and students needs to be migrated to the new server. So to imagine the impact, just consider what our students do on the computer currently for learning - now take away all the computers.

Students will need to prepare themselves for this week by bringing appropriate materials for learning to school as required. Students should check with their teachers about this matter. Be prepared!

Undoubtedly, teething problems and lingering issues will continue into the second week. While the initial base image loads the OS and MS Office the rest of the software will need to be distributed over the course of the second week to LAN machines.

This migration program does NOT require the DER laptops or person BYOD devices to be reconfigured in any way.

We thank you, in anticipation, for your support and apologise for any inconvenience this change creates for school community communications.

Ross Kirbyshire  
Head Teacher, Computer Studies

**Train Safety**

**A message from NSW Police:**

There has been an increase of young people on Tangara trains damaging the train door panels. These actions result in students risking and hurting themselves, but also debris from the door panels falling onto the tracks below.

Senior Constable Lynda Hart  
School Liaison Police – Ku-ring-gai/Ryde

**Performing Arts Ensemble Calendar**

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NSW School Vaccinations Program 2015

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2015 the following vaccines will be offered:

**Year 7 students***
- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) as a single dose
- Varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (*students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)*

**Year 11-12 students***
- Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine as a single dose as part of a catch-up vaccination program for students who are not fully protected.
- *The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.*

*Parent Information Kits* will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:
- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child’s school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

**Vaccination Clinic Visits Schedule**

**Visit 1:** Thursday 26 February 2015  
**HPV Dose 1** Year 7 and catch-up Year 8

**Visit 2:** Thursday 30 April 2015  
**HPV Dose 2:** Year 7 and catch-up Year 8  
**dTpa:** Year 7  
**MMR catch up:** Year 12

**Visit 3:** Thursday 27 August 2015  
**HPV Dose 3:** Year 7 and catch-up Year 8  
**VZV (Chicken Pox):** Year 7  
**MMR catch up:** Year 11

NB: Students in Year 8 cannot commence the HPV vaccination

No Year 9 HPV Vaccinations for 2015.

Jane Rountree  
Head Teacher Welfare

**Congratulations**

A big congratulations to Brandon Marsh who studied Construction at Killara High School in 2014. Brandon has been accepted to study Construction Management at University.

Melinda Buxton  
Year 11 Student Adviser

Killara High School  
A great school close to home
Killara vs Asquith T20 Northern Districts Cup

Under cloudy skies at a picturesque Mt Ku-ring-gai Oval Killara High School kept the dream alive by defeating Asquith Boys in the Northern Districts Cup T20 cricket competition. The boys of yellow and green kept the mountain lads to 9/109 and proceeded to chase down the total in 17 overs.

The opening pair from Asquith got off to a flyer, scoring 24 runs from the first two overs. It looked like it was going to be a dark day indeed. However, a clever bowling change from Captain Jono Bank to introduce the spin of Sam Odgers (0/21) and Nathan Davis (3/16), slowed the run rate, and led to frustration, with both batsmen getting out to rash shots. Nathan tossed the ball up and late inclusion Alastair Reade took a fabulous catch 10 metres in from the long on boundary and followed up with one that deceived the batsman with Matt Lee completing a tidy stumping. With the openers gone Killara took control taking 4/13 in overs 10-14. The main destroyers were Sean Bhomer (1/20) and Tom Wilks (3/10) with Thongprata Thongyai (1/5) picking up the ninth wicket at the end of the innings. The fielding effort was superb. Every catch was taken. Alastair took two catches, Luke Hansen took a catch and a run out, Matt took a great diving catch and the stumping of Ben Xie, James Timeo-Louie and Ehsen Shiek all contributed in the field.

With a moderate total Jono (21) and Sam (12) got the visitors off to a run a ball start before Sam thought it would be a good idea to reverse sweep a ball on middle stump. Alastair was run out without scoring and Asquith were talking themselves up at 2/35 in the seventh. However, Matt had other ideas, smashing his first ball for 6. Matt and Jono lifted the run rate with some powerful hitting and well-judged singles. Jono took off for a single but could not get back and was run out with a direct hit with the score 3/70 after 10 overs. Nathan (7) offered excellent support to Matt before going for a big shot with the score on 104. Matt followed shortly after but not before he brought up his fifty. He scored 54 runs in very quick time. Tom (4 not out) and Luke (3 not out) finished the job with 20 balls to spare.

It was a tremendous team effort, but special congratulations must go to new recruits Alastair Reade and Luke Hansen, and two returning players in Tom Wilks and Nathan Davis as well as regulars Jono Bank and Matt Lee. The younger boys once again stood up but with a few Year 10 and Year 11 boys missing for various reasons, this team is shaping up as a real title contender when we face either Barker or St Leo’s in the Semi-Finals later this term.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the five parent volunteers who assisted in getting the players to and from the ground safely.

David James
T20 Cricket Coach

Chess over the summer break

The NSW Junior Chess League runs tournaments for under 18s during the school holidays throughout the year and usually some Killara High students participate, often with good results; and this summer was no exception.

- Summer Three-Day: Joe Chua and Johnny Lim (both Year 11 2015) came equal first (with one other) in a field of 57
- Summer One-Day: Joe placed equal first (with two others) and Johnny placed equal fourth in a field of 127
- Summer Two-Day: Johnny placed second and Joe placed equal fifth in a field of 95.

This picture shows Johnny and Joe playing in a school match last year.

Kym Haines
Chess Coordinator
Welcome to Killara High School Lion Library for 2015!

We have many resources here for you in the library to borrow!

Come and have a look!

"A book is a gift you can open again and again." — Garrison Keillor

Student orientation:
Years 7 and 11 will be having an information skills orientation session in the library to familiarise and update each group on what services and resources are available. This will take place during various class sessions over Term 1. Mrs Jones and Mrs Campbell will be conducting these sessions.

New non-fiction:
Fearnley, Kurt with Warwick Green. Kurt Fearnley: pushing the limits – life, marathons & Kokoda
When Kurt Fernley was a kid, he would leave his wheelchair at the front gate and go exploring with his brothers and sisters. ‘You’re going to have to be stronger than we are,’ they told him, ‘and we know you will be.’

The boy from Carcoar was raised to believe he could do anything. At fifteen, he won his first medal. Then he conquered the world, winning three Paralympic gold medals, seven world championships and more than 35 marathons. This autobiography takes us inside the mind of a kid with a disability growing up in a country town, a teenage finding his place in the world, and an elite sportsman who refuses to give up, no matter how extreme the challenge.

Isaacson, Rupert. The horse boy
Rupert and Kristin Issacson, were heartbroken when they leaned that their three-year-old son Rowan was autistic. And with each passing day Rowan’s growing isolation, his uncontrollable fits and each failed treatment filled them with despair. Then one day Rowan escaped and ran into a field of horses. Rupert watched in horror – but saw a miracle occur. The horses responded lovingly to Rowan – and he to them. Could his affinity with these animals save Rowan from his condition?

Taillard, Michael. 101 things everyone needs to know about the global economy
The guide to understanding international finance, world markets and how they can affect your financial future.

Yousafzai, Malala with McCormack, Patricia. Malala: the girl who stood up for education and changed the world
Malala Yousafzai was on ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren’t allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn’t go to school. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012 she nearly lost her life for the cause. She was shot point-blank on her way home from school. No one expected her to survive. Now she is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

New fiction:
Piccolt, Jody. The pact
For eighteen years the Hartes and the Golds have lived next door to each other. Parents and children alike have been best friends, so it’s no surprise that in high school Chris and Emily’s friendship blossoms into something more. They’ve been soul mates since they were born. So when midnight calls from the hospital come in, no one is ready for the appalling truth: Emily is dead at seventeen from a gunshot wound to the head. Alternating between an idyllic past and an unthinkable present, this novel paints an indelible portrait of families in anguish, culminating in an astonishingly suspenseful courtroom drama as Chris finds himself on trial for murder.

Piper, Christine. After darkness
It is early 1942 and Australia is in the midst of war. While working at a Japanese hospital in the pearling port of Broome, Dr Ibaraki is arrested as an enemy alien and sent to Loveday internment camp in a remote corner of South Australia. There, he learns to live among a group of men who are divided by culture and allegiance. As tensions at the isolated camp escalate, the doctor’s long held beliefs are thrown into question and he is forced to confront his dark past: the promise he made in Japan and its devastating consequences.

Tait, A.L. Race to the end of the world (The mapmaker chronicles book 1)
Map of the world? Why did the King want that? Everyone knew if you went too far in either direction you’d fall off the edge, into the jaws of Genesi, the fire-breathing dragon. A reluctant adventurer. A ship captained by a slave. A mysterious sea monster. And a race to the end of the world.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell
Teacher-Librarian
A problem shared is a problem halved.

The Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group is a voluntary group offering support for parents of children or teenagers with ADHD and their families. The group includes parents and children living with ADHD, ADHD families, and professionals who provide support in educational, occupational, and emotional areas. The group is open to all interested parents and children.

**SPKAKER EVENING: DR. MARK ROBERTSON**

**"THE BIOMEDICAL TREATMENT OF ADHD & AUTISM"**

- What is the biomedical treatment of ADHD & Autism?
- What are the main biomedical indicators of autistic or ADHD?
- What is PANS testing?
- What are the main biomedical treatments of ADHD & Autism?
- Why is it best to consider a diet-free gluten-free diet?
- What advanced testing should be considered?

**Dr. Mark Robertson** is a member of the Macquarie College of Natural & Environmental Medicine and has completed postgraduate study in naturopathy and biomedical medicine. In 2014, he authored "The Total Autism Treatment" for the Australian Autistic Foundation, which includes a programme for treating children with autism. In 2015, he wrote "The Total ADHD Treatment: A Guide to Understanding and Helping Children with ADHD".

**Monday 5th February 2018 @ 7-9pm**

The Pittwater RSL, Main Stage, 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale

For more information, visit [www.adhdsupportgroup.com.au](http://www.adhdsupportgroup.com.au)

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**Youth Mentor Training**

Raise, in conjunction with the Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE, secondary schools, and community organisations, is conducting a training course on mentoring young people in the community. Raise improves the lives of young people facing profound challenges through our youth intervention program, and our training program for young mentors.

The course will be conducted in various TAFE Colleges and community venues. There is one day per week for three weeks, as per the timetable below. Practical sessions linking mentors to young people will take place on various days at the Northern Beaches and community locations for the remainder of the 2018 school year.

You might be a retired, retrained, returning to home, studying, working part-time, or an interested community volunteer of any age. Other mentors are between 25 and 62. You don’t have to be a ‘typical’ carer or an expert in being a mentor. You need to be a good listener and able to see yourself as a caring, but not as a controlling, figure for a young person. Your skills and life experiences can make a real difference to a young person in your local community. You need a few hours a week, a positive outlook and a genuinely compassionate interest in young people.

**Interested?**

Training Session Times Include:

- **Location:**
  - Monday: 11 Feb
  - Tuesday: 13 Feb
  - Wednesday: 14 Feb
  - Thursday: 15 Feb
  - Friday: 16 Feb

- **Dates:**
  - 11 Feb 9:30am - 3:30pm
  - 13 Feb 9:30am - 3:30pm
  - 14 Feb 9:30am - 3:30pm
  - 15 Feb 9:30am - 3:30pm
  - 16 Feb 9:30am - 3:30pm

- **Contact:**
  - Email: info@rais.org.au
  - Phone: 02 9429 9979
  - Visit: www.rais.org.au

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**GORDON SOCCER CLUB**

**REGISTER NOW TO PLAY SOCCER in 2015**

Register online at: [www.gordonsoccerclub.com.au](http://www.gordonsoccerclub.com.au)

**Come along to Registration Day:**

**Saturday, Feb 7, 9am-1pm**

at Gordon Centre Shops

**Boys * Girls * Under 6s to Under 18s**

**Mens All Age (17-90) * Mens Over 45**

**Womens All Age (17-90)**

**Match times for Under 6 to Under 12 are Saturday mornings from April to August**
WHAT'S ON IN TERM 1 – COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Teens Course
Skills to communicate with your teenagers so that you understand each other better and are able to build positive relationships.
* Understanding teenagers today & communication skills
* Emotional intelligence skills
* How to prevent behaviour problems & conflict resolution
Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs (2/3 – 30/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop
* Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship with your teenager
* Understand what it is like being a teenager today
* Learn how to talk so that they listen and how to listen so that they talk to you
Chatswood (23/2, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Kids Course – Chatswood (24/2 – 24/3)

NEW Triple P Seminars – Chatswood (11/3, 18/3 & 25/3)

Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET) – Chatswood (31/3) (18/6)(18/6)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF TEENS – 9887 5830
* Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
* Transition to High School
* Triple P Seminar Series (Teens)
* Resilient Kids
* Bully Busting Workshop

OTHER WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST (2-2.5 hours)
* Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
* Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
* Speech & Language Development/Sleep
* Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series (1-12 years)
* Older Sibling – New Baby
* Transition to School
* Grand Parenting
* Communicating with Kids

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830