

Homebush Boys High /School Parents & Citizens Association Annual Report 2012

The parent body of Homebush Boys High School enjoyed a positive and harmonious 2012. Our energies focused on our purpose, in accordance with our constitution: to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation; and to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

Various activities were undertaken during the year to assist in meeting these aims:

A new HBHS P & C Constitution was ratified, banking procedures improved and an information sheet for new and Year 7 parents - from a parents prospective created: school functions supported (Year 7 welcome afternoon with sausage sizzle, Instrumental Music Program Evening supper); fund raising events implemented (catering for Strathfield Council Citizenship ceremonies, barefoot bowls, trivia night, Mother's Day stall, voluntary contribution appeal); two Saturday gardening working bees concentrating on improving the entrance to the school on Bridge Road were attended; donations to the School's literacy program including the purchase of ipads for learning and \$7000 to the Instrumental Music Program were given; parental input into the school's Anti Bullying Policy; and the P & C representation at numerous functions and events (Iftar evening, Strathfield Rotary Dinner, Year 12 Graduation, Presentation Evening, selection panels, School Council).

The P & C of HBHS comprises of parents from many backgrounds contributing various abilities, talents, interests, passions and personalities. We are unified with a common commitment to Public Education and the Homebush Boys community.

Our meetings during 2012 covered the following topics: Introduction to HBHS for Year 7 parents, Instrumental Music Program, Record of School Achievement (RoSA), Anti Bullying Policy, NSWTF concerns and proposed changes to education funding, P & C conference reports and NAPLAN results. The average number in attendance during 2012 was 20. All parents, interested citizens and staff are always welcome to attend our P & C meetings.

The P & C would like to thank the School Executive for creating an open, honest and empowering atmosphere in which the parent body feels validated and encouraged to participate in the life of the school community.

thank you for having the confidence to know that we desire to be partners and supporters of education at HBHS.

your obvious commitment to developing a healthy and helpful relationship with the P & C demonstrates an understanding that a strong alliance brings positive benefits to the community that is HBHS. Mr Jurd, Ms Dwyer and Mr Khurshed, thank you for your sacrifice of time, your patience and perseverance, your wisdom and your professionalism. You are very much appreciated by the P & C of HBHS.

Thank you to the Administration Staff who are always supportive and helpful. Thank you to the teaching, support and ancillary staff for the contribution each make to our boys education and life experience.

I personally wish to thank the P & C Executive of 2012: to Nick Codd Miller and Simon Ford for holding the joint Vice President position. Both men are community minded and involved in other volunteer positions within their wider communities. Thank you to Anita Kumar for continuing as Treasurer and sharing your knowledge and expertise with us within the constraints of an extremely busy schedule. Thank you Fiona Murray, our Secretary, for using your talents, time, energy and passion to keep the P & C functioning efficiently. I'd also like to thank Cheryl Miller and Linda Tarasenko for your amazing effort and results with fundraising for the school. To all parents who contributed in many different ways to the success of the P & C in 2012, I say "thank you"

Simone Burton
HBHS P & C President 2012