

Our girls and neighbours need your help to keep everyone safe

I would like to tell you about an Abbotsleigh Old Girl who my husband and I have known for a very long time. She is very intelligent, has a wicked sense of humour, loves music and, when she was at school, she, like all of her Abbotsleigh friends, loved learning and was into everything.

Tragically, however, when Katie was 10 years old, she was hit by a car on her way home from school one day. It was a horri c accident, and her young life hung in the balance for quite some time. Fortunately, Katie did ultimately survive, but the cost was immense. Indeed, Katie's brain and other physical injuries were so extensive that they left her permanently and very severely disabled.

Katie's accident happened 'in the blink of an eye'. She often speaks to me and others about how hard it

If it is necessary to drop off a student within the school grounds for health reasons, girls may only be set down in the drop off zone in the Sport Precinct car park. Please contact your daughter's Year Coordinator to obtain permission and the code to gain access.

Outside school hours (before 7.30 am and after 4 pm) girls may be dropped off or picked up by parents in the Sports Precinct car park. In order to reduce congestion, we would encourage parents where possible, to enter the car park turning left off Ada Avenue and exit turning left on to Ada Avenue. Please note that for safety reasons drivers are to observe the speed limits and be especially careful to watch for girls who are crossing the driveway as you exit or enter the car park. Please do not park or wait for your daughter in the no standing zone at the end of the car park.

Students walking to school from Wahroonga station or Wahroonga shops

#### Junior School

Girls must use the designated pedestrian crossings in Warwilla Avenue and Woonona Avenue. Junior School girls should not use the crossing adjacent to the Post Office and IGA, unless accompanied by a parent.

#### Senior School

Girls MUST use the pedestrian crossing at the Post Office to cross Coonanbarra Road and cross the Pacific Highway using the overpass. (Even if they have been dropped off in Wahroonga car park.)

Walking up to and crossing at the lights on the Pacific Highway is NOT a safe option; it is equally unsafe to cross at the lights at the top of Coonanbarra Road adjacent to the Shell service station. This is because cars turning left into Coonanbarra Road from the Pacific Highway cannot see pedestrians clearly.

Please note – young people have been struck by cars on Coonanbarra Road and the Pacific Highway at the lights. The overpass was put in for our girls to use to keep them safe. It also reduces traffic congestion.

Please note also – currently, the gate on Lucinda Avenue is out of operation while the building works are taking place. A pedestrian gate is available for students around the corner on the Pacific Highway.

As members of the Abbotsleigh community I ask that we work together to ensure that our girls are safe at all times. The way we drive and the way we drop off/pick up our girls will go a long way towards helping to keep each of our girls safe and reducing traffic congestion in and around the School.

Thank you for your help with this very important issue.

# Chaplain



Rev Sarah Hobba  
Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies

If there was a repeated theme in the Shuttle Chaplaincy section, it is probably prayer. That is perhaps because there is so much we can pray for in our lives and the lives of others. The acronym VUCA has been used to describe the world in which we live as volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous. Sometimes as we seek to Brave the Waves we can pray, even when we don't have a clear way through the waves. Currently, the Senior School Chapel has an area set up to pray for the calming of the waves. This is for staff and students to reflect on peace and ways in which we would like to see peace brought to our personal lives, friends, family, homes, our nation and globally. Our prayers can be for others dealing with loss, times of change and challenges. Writing a prayer on a note or on a chalkboard, or saying a silent prayer

as you drop a pebble into a water bowl – can help remind us to keep bringing our prayers to God knowing that he hears us, as our School Lesson says below.

Philippians 4:6-7

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

# Upcoming events

## WHOLE SCHOOL

Abbotsleigh Year 12 2024 Visual Arts exhibition

Tuesday 27 to Saturday 31 August

Grace Cossington Smith Gallery

A Closer Look exhibition (NSW Miniature Society)

Thursday 5 to Saturday 28 September

Grace Cossington Smith Gallery

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 2 sport training	Saturday 31 August 8-9.30 am	Junior School
IPSHA Saturday Sport	Saturday 31 August 8 am-12 noon	<a href="#">See Parent</a> app for team sheets and venues
Years 3-6 IPSHA artistic gymnastics training	Saturday 31 August 1-5 pm	Gymnasium, Senior School
Year 3 eye screening with Wahroonga Eyecare	Monday 2 September 9.30-12 noon	Library Annexe
20 Hot Shots Tennis	Monday 2 September 12-12.45 pm	JS Tennis Courts
Year 6 AFL and touch football training	Monday 2 September 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
ELC and Transition ACEE incursion	Tuesday 3 September 8.30 am-2.30 pm	ACEE
30 Combined Arts Program	Tuesday 3 September 9.30-11 am	St Lucy's School
Year 4 Cancer Research Fundraiser	Tuesday 3 September 1-1.30 pm	Library Plaza
IPSHA Social Action Expo	Wednesday 4 September 8.30 am-3 pm	The King's School
Year 3 Act for Kids sessions	Wednesday 4 September Various times	Classrooms
Year 2 Bike Education JS ]TJ ( )Tjf 9 0Dhda 191.7091 Tf 9 0 9 42.4357 locations	Wednesday 4 September Various times	JS Tennis Courts
Year 5 AFL and touch football training	Wednesday 4 September 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
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Years 3 and 4 AFL and touch football training		



AOGU meeting	Wednesday 4 September 7.30-9 pm	Council Room
Year 12 parent ATAR/UAC application information session	Thursday 5 September 7.30-8 pm	Via Zoom
CIA Athletics Carnival	Friday 6 September 8 am-3 pm	
SDN Debating	Friday 6 September 4.30-8.30 pm	
Saturday sport	Saturday 7 September	Venues and times to be advised
Year 7 2025 Family Barbecue 3	Saturday 7 September 1-3 pm	Marian Clarke Plaza
Rugby 7s Round 5	Saturday 7 September 1-4 pm	Pymble Ladies' College
Year 12 HSC Drama Group Performance Showcase	Monday 9 September 6-7 pm	
Women in Business Breakfast	Tuesday 10 September 7-8.15 am	Dining Hall
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Year 12 English Standard excursion to 'Curious Incident'	Tuesday 10 September 6.30-9 pm	Belvoir St Theatre
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh camp	Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 September	
Year 7 WABIAD	Wednesday 11 September 8 am-6 pm	Betty Archdale Library
Year 12 Welcome to the AOGU lunch	Wednesday 11 September 12.45-2.05 pm	Year 12 Common Room
APA Book Club	Wednesday 11 September 7-8.30 pm	Junior School Library Auditorium
Year 10 Self Defence Workshop	Thursday 12 September 8.20- 11 am	Sports Hall
2023/2024 Prefect Dinner	Thursday 12 September 5.30-7.30 pm	RSR
New Senior School Leaders Workshop	Friday 13 September 8.20 am-3.25 pm	GLC
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SDN Debating	Friday 13 September 4.30-8.30 pm	