

# Pendle Hill High School



## Newsletter

2008

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### TERM 1 - BULLETIN NO. 1

#### KEY DATES

#### February

- 6 HSC/SC Achievers Recognition Assembly
- 22 Zone Swimming Carnival—Competitors only
- 25 P & C Meeting 7pm

#### March

- 3 Swipe Card Photos
  - 10 Open Day
  - 12 Sydney West Swimming Carnival
  - 13 School Photos
  - 19 Parent/Teacher evening
  - 21-24 Easter Public Holiday
  - 27 P & C Meeting 7pm
- Yr 12 exams Weeks 10 and 11**

#### April

- 3, 4 & 5 CHS Swimming
- 11 Last day of Term 1

## Our Students Our School

Welcome back to the 2008 school year! A special welcome to all our new students and their families, and to our new teachers. We look forward to again working with our school community to ensure a happy, productive and successful year for our students.

At this school we are committed to creating a positive, safe and supportive learning environment where

- ◆ responsibilities
- ◆ respect and
- ◆ rights

are our focus for positive behaviour for learning.

**This means that at Pendle Hill High School we expect all students to:**

- ◆ attend school every day
- ◆ attend all lessons every day
- ◆ wear their school uniform every day
- ◆ have all necessary equipment with them for their classes - eg books, pens, calculator
- ◆ use equipment safely
- ◆ co-operate with their teachers and with other students
- ◆ behave responsibly and appropriately, both in the classroom and in the playground
- ◆ work at their personal best and take pride in their work
- ◆ respect the right of others to learn
- ◆ seek help to resolve problems peacefully
- ◆ care for the school environment and look after their own and others' belongings
- ◆ take responsibility for their actions.

The staff at Pendle Hill High look forward to your support as we seek to have all students in our school embrace these values, actions and behaviours.

I am pleased to report that students in all Year groups have made a very positive start to the school year. Students have settled quickly back into the school routine and teachers report that students are working in class with energy and enthusiasm. Daily assemblies have been held in these first 2 weeks to monitor student attendance and uniform compliance and to reinforce school rules and expectations.

In this edition of our newsletter we also celebrate the outstanding achievements of our 2007 Higher School Certificate and School Certificate students. We held a special recognition assembly last Wednesday to publicly acknowledge their success ..... and that of their teachers! Congratulations to all 2007 Year 10 and Year 12 students on your success in achieving the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate credentials.

*Judy Sims*

*Principal*

The next newsletter will be distributed to students on 22 February

### ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGING FOR 2008?

If so, please let us know - we need to be able to contact you quickly in emergency situations.

#### P & C Meeting Dates for 2008

- Term 1- AGM & Values Forum  
Monday February 25 7pm  
Monday March 27
- Term 2- Monday May 26  
Monday June 23
- Term 3- Monday August 25  
Monday September 22
- Term 4- Monday October 27  
Monday November 24 - Xmas Party

Need to contact us for information or help?

## Who's Who at Pendle Hill High School

### SENIOR EXECUTIVE

Principal	Mrs J Sims
Deputy Principal	Mrs C Brown

### HEAD TEACHERS

Head Teacher English	Ms S Joseph
Head Teacher Mathematics	Miss N Nelson
Head Teacher PD/Health/PE	Mr B Clarke
Head Teacher Science	Mr S Youssef
Head Teacher Technology	Mr I Nursey
Head Teacher, Administration	Mr M Avery

### STUDENT YEAR ADVISERS

Year 7 Transition to High School Coordinator	Mr S Youssef
Year 8	Ms C Rayward
Year 9	Ms B Kinch
Year 10	Mr H Smiljanic
Year 11	Mr A Vale
Year 12	Ms S Pendlebury

### SUPPORT STAFF

School Counsellor	Ms C Maguire
ESL	Ms M Sacco
STL	Ms P Wilson
Careers Advisor	Mrs I Consalvo

### ANCILLARY STAFF

School Administration Manager	Mrs L Campbell	
School Administration Officers	Mrs L Dodds	Mrs C Magner
	Mrs L Harris	Mrs R McInnes
	Mrs S Ryan	
Teachers' Aides	Mrs J Bassan	Mrs K Overton
General Assistant	Mr N Venables	
Farm Assistant	Mr G Murray	

### STUDENT LEADERS

School Captains	Princess Espiritu and Daniel Piotrowski
Vice Captains	Katherine Edwards and Lachlan O'Flynn
Prefects	Emily Colussi, Stephanie Mendoza, Pooja Priyanka, Luke McNaught, Daniel Parkinson

## WHERE DID THEY GO?

- ◆ Mrs T Frasca            Head Teacher Administration -    Sefton High School
- ◆ Mrs K Johnston        Maternity Leave
- ◆ Mr D Prasad            Mitchell High School
- ◆ Mr L Mansfield        Baulkham Hills High School
- ◆ Mr J Edwards          Retirement
- ◆ Ms M Shaw             Retirement

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

- ◆ Mrs A Credaro        Librarian
- ◆ Mrs R Kumar         Science

**Welcome to the Pendle Hill High Team!**

## HAVE YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS TOLD YOU ABOUT SOME BIG CHANGES AT THE SCHOOL?

More than \$66,000 worth of air conditioning has been installed over the school holidays! All students will benefit from air conditioned learning spaces in the hottest parts of our school - the Library, the Kitchens and all computer rooms. Further air conditioning is planned, as funds become available.

Major building work also occurred to further improve access and facilities for physically disabled students enrolled in the school.

Unfortunately, a number of dangerous trees had to be removed from the playground. In particular, all Coral Trees had to be cut down. These trees had started to drop large and heavy branches, making the area unsafe for students and staff. We hope to be able to erect new shade structures in this area, with new student seating. Year 12 2007 have kindly donated money for the purchase of mature shade trees for this area as their gift to the school.

The P & C has already purchased some new seating for the Sunken Area and will be holding a working bee soon.

Staff from the Department of Education and Training have visited the school this week to discuss the planned upgrade of student toilets.

### ***COMING SOON ..... STUDENT HANDBOOK***

Our new student handbook is about to be distributed to all students. The Handbook provides clear information about our learning beliefs, school organisation, help for students and what to do in certain situations. Please encourage your child to become familiar with the contents of the handbook - it provides answers to many common questions about school rules, routines, programs and procedures and reinforces our focus on Responsibilities, Respect and Rights.

# 2007 HSC Roll of Honour

## DUX OF YEAR 12

**Miriam Bishay UAI 96.8**

## Principals Award for Academic Excellence

**Wendy Luc UAI 93.65**

**Christopher Ryan UAI 93**

### STATE ORDER OF MERIT LIST

Miriam Bishay	English Advanced	Band 6
	Mathematics Extension 2	Band 6 (Notional)
Monique Howard	PDHPE	Band 6
Wendy Luc	Mathematics Extension 2	Band 6 (Notional)
Christopher Ryan	Mathematics	Band 6

### BAND 5 PERFORMANCE

Sophia Aleksandroff	Ancient History
Sean Atiifale	Ancient History
Megan Bassman	Senior Science
Miriam Bishay	Ancient History, Chemistry, Physics
Janice Brown	Community and Family Studies
Christine Caruana	Ancient History, English Advanced
Louise Crotty	Ancient History
Monique Howard	Ancient History, Biology, Hospitality
Nhi Le	Community and Family Studies
Wendy Luc	Ancient History, English Advanced
Belinda Martins	Information Processes & Technology, Hospitality
Andrew McMurtry	Ancient History, PDHPE
Christopher Ryan	Ancient History, Chemistry, English Advanced, Physics

**Congratulations** also to the many students who achieved at Band 4 level in a range of courses - well done!

Band 6 means that students achieved a mark over 90; Band 5 means a mark between 80 and 89 and Band 4 a mark between 70 and 79!

## 2007 School Certificate Roll of Honour

### BAND 6

Francis Angeles	Computing Skills
Kristen Quiatchon	Computing Skills
Michael Robb	Computing Skills
Simge Sercan	Computing Skills
Urmi Vats	Australian History Civics and Citizenship

### BAND 5

Francis Angeles	Mathematics, Australian History Civics and Citizenship
Crystal Atiifale	English - Literacy, Australian Geography Civics and Citizenship, Computing Skills
Jennifer Bowen	Australian Geography Civics and Citizenship
Gregory Brien	Computing Skills
Leanne Briffa	Australian Geography Civics and Citizenship, Computing Skills
Lili Canning	English - Literacy, Computing Skills
Nathan Caruana	English - Literacy, Computing Skills
Craig Clarke	Computing Skills
Jessica Eastcott	Computing Skills
Chrystal Fepuleai	Computing Skills
Angala Ilic	Computing Skills
Tarek Jidah	English - Literacy, Science, Australian History Civics and Citizenship
Jasmin Kim	Mathematics, Science, Australian History Civics and Citizenship, Computing Skills
Sheena Krishna	Computing Skills
Jay Neale	Australian History Civics and Citizenship, Australian Geography Civics and Citizenship, Computing Skills
Kristen Quiatchon	English - Literacy
Michael Robb	English - Literacy, Australian History Civics and Citizenship, Australian Geography Civics and Citizenship
Maria Santiago	English - Literacy, Science, Australian History Civics and Citizenship, Computing Skills
Danielle Saukuru	English - Literacy, Australian History Civics and Citizenship, Australian Geography Civics and Citizenship, Computing Skills
Jaimie-Lee Scarcella	Computing Skills
Simge Sercan	English - Literacy, Science, Australian History Civics and Citizenship
Katherine Short	Science, Australian History Civics and Citizenship, Computing Skills
Adam Sirianni	English - Literacy, Science, Australian History Civics and Citizenship, Australian Geography Civics and Citizenship, Computing Skills
Leonid Soukhankine	Science, Australian Geography Civics and Citizenship, Computing Skills
Sarah Sykes	Mathematics, Computing Skills
Urmi Vats	English - Literacy, Science, Australian History Civics and Citizenship, Computing Skills
Matthew Williams	Computing Skills

**Congratulations** also to the many students who achieved at Band 4 level — well done! We look forward to celebrating your success in the 2009 HSC!

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### **Authority to Publish Photographs of Students**

**Pendle Hill High School would like to use photographs of our students in communication activities and material for the purpose of promoting our school and public education.**

The use of your child's photograph(s) may include reproduction in electronic and print promotional material; the school's website; the school's newsletter or other school publications and in media promotions activities.

**Your agreement to permit the use of photographs of your child is greatly appreciated and would mean that:**

- ◆ Pendle Hill High School is able to use your child's photograph as many times and in as many appropriate ways as required for bona fide school purposes
- ◆ Your child will not be identified by name in any publication
- ◆ Where an individual student is to be identified by name, your consent will be obtained beforehand.

**We respect your right as a parent to refuse permission for your child's photograph to be used for any publicity purpose. If you do not agree to the use of your child's photograph, you will need to notify the school in writing within 2 school weeks of receiving this letter.**

If you would like further information about the use of student photographs in promotional material about this school, please contact Mrs Jenny Bassan, School Communications Committee.

### **OUT OF UNIFORM? WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?**

Students who are out of uniform on a particular day must

- ◆ bring a note from their parent/caregiver
- ◆ report before school to the Deputy Principal's Office to get a uniform pass
- ◆ keep their uniform pass to show to their teachers.

**Students are to be congratulated on the excellent standard of school uniform so far this year!**

**REMINDER: All items of uniform for both boys and girls are now sold through the Canteen, except for shoes. Uniform items can be purchased from the Canteen daily. The quality is excellent and so are the prices!**

### **RESPONSIBLE USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Students are reminded that mobile phones and other electronic equipment (eg MP3 players, I pods and hand held games) are to be turned off and put in your bag at the start of each lesson.

Earphones should also be put in your bag at the start of each lesson.

Lesson time is learning time . . . Students who do not follow our school rules about the responsible use of mobile phones and other electronic devices during lesson time will have these items confiscated until the end of the school day.