

TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL



"Ship to Shore"

May 2014

Upcoming Dates

Term 2

19 - 30 May

Yrs 7-10 Half Yearly Exams

30 May

Mindplay Audition
Open Girls Touch Gala Day

27 May

P & C Meeting 6pm

2 June

Yr 10 Subject Presentations

3 June

Subject Selection –
Parent Information
Yr 8 6pm-7pm
Yr 10 7pm-8pm

4 June

Yrs 7 & 9 Immunisations

5 June

Westlakes Zone Athletics
Carnival

6 June

Yr 10 Subject Selections

13 June

Yr 12 Physics & Biology-
Experifest Excursion
Yr 11 Hands on History
Excursion
Chess Tournament

13 - 14 June

Starstruck

20 June

Yr 12 Chemistry Excursion
- Experifest

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NEXT P&C MEETING

Tuesday 27 May 2014

Commencing at 6.00pm
in the School Library

All Welcome!

Principal's Report

Greg Morgan

Mr McConville is currently on leave and Mrs Reilly and I will be sharing the Relieving Principal duties for much of this term. If you have any enquiries, both Mrs Reilly and I will be happy to help you with them.



Half Yearly Exams

The Easter holidays are a distant memory and students in Years 7 to 10 will be hard at work attempting their Half Yearly Exams which are being held in Weeks 4 and 5, 19 – 30 May 2014.

Students will be issued with timetables for these exams so please read them carefully and ensure your child is well prepared, and attends these exams with all of their essential equipment. If any exam is missed, it is the student's responsibility to inform the Head Teacher of that faculty on their first day back to school.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 7 & 9 completed their NAPLAN exams during Week 3. The students appeared confident of good results and their behaviour and attitude in the exams is a credit to the school.

At the end of this term school reports will be issued and Parent/ Teacher nights are scheduled early next term, to provide parents with the opportunity to discuss their child's progress. The timing will be finalised and letters sent home before the end of this term.

Winter is Approaching

On a different note the weather is rapidly cooling and we ask for your assistance in ensuring your child remains in full school uniform. Jumpers should be plain blue for Juniors and Seniors. No logos or brand writing please and definitely no hoods.

The school is keen to maintain our high standard of uniform and students, if necessary, will be required to change into provided uniform, as required. Jumpers, scarves, beanies in school colours, all with the school logo, are available from the School Uniform Shop.

If any assistance is necessary to achieve a full school uniform, please contact the Head Teacher Student Services, Ms Wilson-Babic, or any one of our Deputy Principals.



Year 12

Term 2 starts to put pressure on Year 12, as they complete a lot of course work leading up to their Trial HSC in early Term 3. Parents, it is necessary to support your child with their organisation skills and ensure that they do not miss any Assessment Tasks. Students who utilise their study periods at school, historically outperform those students who do not. Continued question practise and revision of concepts are important for success.

P & C Association – Annual General Meeting

The School's P & C Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 25 March 2014 and I am pleased to announce the new President of the P & C for 2014 is Mr Warren Pickles.

I welcome Mr Pickles and the new P & C Executive, and look forward to us working together, to further support the students of Toronto High.

I would also like to acknowledge our departing President Mr Kenn Watson. Kenn has held the role of President for several years and through his high level of involvement has made valuable contributions to the school.

Reforms to P & C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P & Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P & C Associations.

Each school's P & C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>.



Deputy Principal's Report – Yrs 7, 9 & 11

Paula Reilly

It is hard to believe we are half way through Term 2 already and I am proud to report that the smooth and positive start to the year is continuing, as we strengthen existing programs to support high quality teaching and learning.

Examinations

Students in Years 7 to 10 will be having their half-yearly examinations from Monday, 19 May through til Friday, 30 May.

The Hive Homework Centre

I encourage all students to take advantage of The Hive Homework Centre which operates on Monday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30pm in the school library. The Centre is manned by teachers volunteering their own time, to assist students with any aspects of their studies with which they may need help.

Please contact Mrs Smith-Kain should you require any information regarding the service.



“Tell Them From Me” Survey

Students at Toronto High School have recently participated in the Department of Education and Communities “Tell Them From Me” Student Survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW pilot project is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The Survey data will be analysed by a representative group of students as well as the teachers who are members of the Student Engagement Committee.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://www.cese.nsw.gov.au/surveys/ttfm-parents>

Parents also had the opportunity to take part in the “Tell Them from Us” Survey which is currently being analysed and discussed with staff. We thank those parents who took part in this survey. We greatly appreciate your feedback. The feedback from both surveys will help us determine our strategic planning for the future in an effort to improve student outcomes and wellbeing.

Usage of Mobile Phones/Ipods

A reminder about the use of mobile phones and I-pods during class time. School policy outlines that phones should not be brought to school and parents should attempt contact with their students through the usual protocols – **call the Front Office and a message will be delivered to the student.** If students wish to contact parents, then this can be achieved through either Deputy or the Front Office.

Students should not be using phones/I-pods during lesson time unless directed by the teacher. If phones are brought to school, they must be turned off and placed in bags during lesson time. The issue of responsibility, when these devices are brought to school, is addressed in our school policy – *“The student must take full responsibility for any loss, theft or damage, to any of these devices.”*

Zero Tolerance

With regard to discipline matters – a zero tolerance exists for sexual or racial harassment, physical violence or harassment of students and staff. Students are constantly reminded of these basic requirements on our daily assemblies. They are asked to show respect to their teachers and their peers and remember that being in class is about learning and being in control of their behaviour.

This is fundamental to their success in later life- that is, being able to put boundaries around their own behaviour and to be positive in their interactions with others. With over 900 students, we expect to have some issues but we believe that taking this stance has both reduced the frequency and intensity of incidents.

Please reinforce the concepts of respect and tolerance at home to support the school in maintaining a safe and caring environment.

Cyber Safety

Parents and caregivers are reminded of the Department and school’s cyber safety guidelines and policy (<http://www.ehs.nsw.edu.au/en/policies-and-programs/studentwellbeing/cyber-safety>) in relation to any form of digital/electronic communication. We recognise how central and convenient smart devices are to most people’s lives but we also highlight to students that their use is contingent on the responsibilities we all have in using them appropriately.



Teachers have a responsibility to take action where students use social media, for example, in ways that negatively impact on other students at school. Parents are therefore requested to closely monitor their child's usage of digital communications and continue to highlight the dangers (including legal recourse) of inappropriate use.

Student Support

Toronto High School has an extremely active welfare team, led by our Head Teacher Student Services, Ms Evelyn Wilson-Babic. They are concerned with the pastoral care of students and are constantly putting in place support plans and strategies for those in need. Our team consists of –

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| Head Teacher of Student Support | Evelyn Wilson-Babic |
| Student Support Officer | Maddy Smith |
| School Counsellor (<i>Mon, Tues, Thurs</i>) | Jo Wickham |
| School Counsellor (<i>Fri</i>) | Luke James |
| School Chaplain (<i>Mon, Fri</i>) | James Iuliano |

Our Year Advisors as well as our Girls Advisor and Boys Advisor are also available for students and parents.

At a high school level it is possible for students to access counselling and welfare services at school at all times, with or without parental permission. However, we endeavour to communicate with parents as much as possible and of course comply with all mandatory reporting requirements.

Our role is to make sure that all children learn to the best of their ability and enjoy the experience of high school. Should you have any concerns regarding your child, please feel free to contact us, as we are only a phone call away.

Key School Contacts

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Years 7, 9 & 11</i> | <i>Mrs Reilly</i> |
| <i>Years 8, 10 & 12</i> | <i>Mr Morgan</i> |

HEAD TEACHERS

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>English</i> | <i>Mr Carlson</i> |
| <i>Mathematics</i> | <i>Mrs Coates</i> |
| <i>Science</i> | <i>Mr Raso</i> |
| <i>CAPA</i> | <i>Mrs Allanson</i> |
| <i>HSIE</i> | <i>Mrs Philipson</i> |
| <i>PDHPE</i> | <i>Mrs Gromek</i> |
| <i>TAS</i> | <i>Mr Frangos</i> |
| <i>Special Faculty</i> | <i>Mrs Milson-Black</i> |
| <i>Homework Centre</i> | <i>Mrs Smith-Kain</i> |
| <i>Student Support</i> | <i>Ms Wilson Babic</i> |
| <i>Careers Advisor</i> | <i>Mr Connell</i> |

Year Advisors

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Year 7</i> | <i>Mrs Jenkins</i> |
| <i>Year 8</i> | <i>Mr Ditz</i> |
| <i>Year 9</i> | <i>Mrs Willott</i> |
| <i>Year 10</i> | <i>Mr Muxlow</i> |
| <i>Year 11</i> | <i>Mr Richards</i> |
| <i>Year 12</i> | <i>Mr Moore</i> |
| <i>Boys Advisor</i> | <i>Mr Pauley</i> |
| <i>Girls Advisor</i> | <i>Mrs Fotheringham</i> |
| <i>ARCO/ADCO</i> | <i>Mrs Fotheringham</i> |
| | <i>Mrs Hodges</i> |



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Deputy Principal's Report – Yrs 8, 10 & 12

Annette Gromek



Student Representation

With Term 2 well underway, the holidays seem a long time ago. However, for some students, their representation of Toronto High School happened during the last weekend of the break.

Our Student Leaders, along with a group of students joined staff to build our numbers to the 20 mark at the annual ANZAC commemoration at Toronto. Despite the inclement weather, and the need to move proceedings in to the RSL Auditorium, the school joined with the community to recognise and celebrate the lives of the service men and women who have made our lives what they are today.

Our Captains, Carla and Ethan, had roles in leading the ceremony and also placed a wreath along with other represented groups. It was great to have the community observe our students proudly wearing their THS uniform and displaying the pride we have in our school.



On the first Tuesday of term, representatives of the local RSL Sub-Branch addressed our students and gave enlightening recollections of their experiences as soldiers at war. Hannah Lavis, Julia Tavasci and Mikaela Bell led our school service, with Jaxon Williams assisting with sound. Students listened intently to the messages presented by the speakers and proudly displayed their reverence during the assembly.

THS Uniform

With the change in weather and coolness setting in, students are reminded that our winter uniform is to be worn. School trousers for both boys and girls and the jumper/cardigans are available from the Uniform Shop at the Field Avenue end of the MPC. The shop is open on Wednesdays and Fridays.

If students require a Uniform Pass please bring a note stating the problems, items of uniform involved, signed by parent/carers and submit it to Roll Teachers. A pass may then be issued for a period of time by Mr Hudson.

Change in Student Information

At various times, parents/carers may have to be contacted for the welfare of students. This may be urgent in nature, therefore up to date contact details are essential. If you have had a change of address, changed living circumstances, changed phone numbers etc, please contact the office for a Change of Details Form and new information can be added for your child/children, expediting contact when necessary.

Year 8 & Year 10 Subject Selections

On Tuesday 3 June 2014 a Parent Information evening will be held regarding student subject selections for 2015. This is also an opportunity for parents to speak directly with all Faculty Head Teachers, regarding subject content. Sessions will be held in the school library – Year 8, 6pm to 7pm, and Year 10, 7pm to 8pm.



GENERAL NEWS

ABSENT NOTES

Parents/Carers are advised that all absences need to be explained within 7 days of the absence or they will be listed as unexplained. Should you have any questions please contact the office on Ph 49 591788.

CANTEEN

There has been a large number of students presenting at the canteen with \$50.00 notes over recent weeks. Whilst we are happy to accommodate our students where possible, we ask that **parents refrain from sending their child to school with this large denomination**. As the canteen only holds a minimal amount of money, the change of large notes cannot be given. This could, unfortunately, result in your child being turned away without their intended purchases. We are also unable to offer credit. Your co-operation is appreciated.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

These fantastic little books are now available from the school office for a low cost of \$60. The books are full of fabulous offers and discounts and are certainly worth their weight in gold.

This is a Student Representative Council initiative with profits raised going towards the Year 12 students' gift to the school. Please support our students to support our school!!



FEES

As mentioned in our last newsletter the school is transitioning to the DEC's new finance system. We had envisaged being able to finalise and send parents Student Invoices by now, however due to technical difficulties the processing of Invoices is still incomplete. We do apologise for this delay and will endeavour to keep you informed as to when this process will be finalised.

Should you still wish to make any payments prior to the receipt of your Student Invoice you may. These payments can be made by cheque, cash or EFTPOS at the school's front office. For your convenience, we are also able to take credit card payments over the phone. The hours for receipting are 8.00am to 2.00pm. Should you be unable to pay the entire amount upfront, these fees can be paid weekly, monthly or quarterly.

MEDICAL ISSUES

Any student who is sick at school should report to the Print Room or Front Office. Please encourage your child not to contact you directly and to follow school procedures.

IMMUNISATIONS

4th June 2014 - Year 7 & Year 9 Boys - 2nd Dose HPV

22nd October 2014 - Year 7 - Chicken Pox and 3rd dose HPV

Year 9 Boys 3rd Dose HPV



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P & C Association

Research shows that the vital ingredient for a student's engagement and participation in learning is parental involvement. Children need help, support and involvement from their parents to succeed at school, and a great way to do this is by being a part of P&C.

The hardworking team on the THS P&C assists the school in providing the greatest educational opportunities for our children. They get to talk directly with staff about the school, they sit on interview panels for the hiring of staff, make valuable contributions to school functions and help in any way they can.

The next P & C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 27 May, 6pm in the school library. Come along and be part of the team. You can listen, have your say, or you can put your hand up to help out with various activities. All are welcome!!

Year 12 HSC Timetable

Information regarding the 2014 HSC Timetable is now available on the Board of Studies website -

<https://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/documents/hsc-timetable-2014.pdf>

Should you require any further information please see Mr Connell, Career Adviser.



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At the annual school photo day A-One Fotomakers Hunter took a photo of the Captains, and CAIL group.

These photos are now available for viewing and purchase for the students involved.

Please go to the following website and use the password and username to access the site.

www.fotosales.com.au

Username: THS1855

Password: 21022014

For all photo enquiries please phone 49540499



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Student Sporting Achievements

Mikaela Bell – Year 9

Mikaela is a keen basketballer and was recently chosen to represent Australia in the Australian Country Cup Allstars, in the Under 17 category at the Pacific Rim Championships in Tauranga, New Zealand. The Pacific Rim Championships is the biggest basketball tournament held in New Zealand, with representative teams from all over New Zealand coming to compete along with the Australian contingent.

Mikaela's team finished first in their pool going through undefeated. They then won their semi final and were up against a very big side from Rotorua in the gold medal match. After a tough, physical game they were successful in winning and taking out the gold medal.

Mikaela said it was an experience of a lifetime and getting to wear the green and gold Australian uniform is something she will never forget.

Well done Mikaela!!



CAPA News

DOBELL FESTIVAL

Toronto High School once again produced a number of excellent Visual Arts entries for the Dobell Festival this year.

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the exhibition –

Georgia Clifton, Liam Johnston, Edyn Maybury, Jack Lumby, Jorjah Sharp, Jaida Damstra, Daniel Moore, Lachlan Warham, Carolyn Burns, Blake Arthur, Gina Lawrence and Gypsy-Lee Marsh.

STARSTRUCK

We are pleased to announce that we have a large group of students who will be performing at Starstruck this year.

Students are working hard, practising their performances and attending rehearsals. Their costumes are in the planning stages, and they will be awesome when seen on stage.

The event is being held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre with various performances scheduled for Friday and Saturday, 13 and 14 June 2014.

Information regarding ticket sales and sessions times is available online or by phoning Ticketek on Ph 49212121, or can be found at –

<http://www.starstruck.schools.nsw.edu.au/>





YEAR 8 SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE DAY

On Friday 4 April 2014 in Term 1, 22 eager Year 8 Science students travelled to Newcastle University to participate in the "Build Me a Future" Science and Engineering Challenge Day.

The students competed against 4 other secondary schools - Kurri Kurri, Whitebridge, Cardiff, and Newcastle High. Students were divided into 8 groups and rotated through either the 4 hands-on problem solving activities, such as catapult building, mars buggy challenge, strongest tower construction and medical helicopter challenge. The remaining 4 groups participated in a tour of the Science & Engineering departments at the University to witness Robotics in action.

At the halfway point Toronto High was leading the scoreboard. Students were abuzz whilst enjoying their free Subway lunch. Unfortunately due to the fact that we are an early finishing time school and had to leave early to catch our bus home, we underscored in the second half of the rotation and lost our top spot in the final rankings.

Nevertheless all of the students were faultless in their behaviour and their application on the day. They are to be commended on the display. Big thanks to our partners at the University Of Newcastle whose volunteers ensured the day proceeded smoothly. Also, I would like to thank the ME program (Manufacturing Industry Schools Pathways Program) managers for organising and funding the competition. Thank you to Mr. Chapman for his assistance in supervising and being our team motivator on the day.

*D Raso
Head Teacher, Science*



**Year 7 TEP Class students
displaying their constructions**





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TAS Faculty News

It has been a very busy start to the term in TAS with both kitchens in full operation and workshops full of busy students. Year 12 students are working on major projects as part of their HSC.



Course Fees

TAS course fees need to be paid as soon as possible. Non payment of fees impacts greatly on the delivery of our practical components of our subjects. A course fee provides us with money to buy the consumables that are required for our practical based subjects. The consumable materials include timber, numerous food products for cooking classes, metal, nails, screws, glues, textile materials, just to name a few.

Mr Frangos
Head Teacher TAS



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Toronto High School Uniform



Daylight Schoolwear and Toronto High School are pleased to announce the launch of their new Online Ordering system. This facility will enable parents and students to purchase school uniforms anytime.

The online ordering system is quick and easy. Simply -

1. search www.daylightsportswear.com/toronto
2. create an account profile
3. place your order
4. select 'walk in' to pick up your order from the School Uniform Shop on the next open day. (Wednesday 12pm – 4pm & Friday 7.45am to 11.45am)

For further details please see website - www.daylightsportswear.com/toronto

*Mrs Allanson
Uniform Co-ordinator*

THS UNIFORM SHOP – OPENING HOURS

Wednesday **12.00 pm to 4.00 pm**

Friday **7.45 am to 11.45 am**

Located at the Field Avenue end of the school MPC Building

For any enquiries please contact

Mel on Ph 0438 080 840

The THS Uniform Shop is proudly operated by Daylight Sportswear



TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL POLICY DOCUMENT

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

1. Rationale:

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist school communities in:

- defining an identity for the school within its community
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school, promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes

A school uniform should:

- cater for all students in the school community in a manner sensitive to gender and local cultural and social issues including cultural and religious diversity
- meet requirements of workplace health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation
- promote the health and safety of students by identifying items necessary for particular activities e.g. items for sun protection and sport
- include items that are affordable, comfortable, made from easy-care and easy wear fabrics, appropriate for activity and suitable for all body shapes
- provide girls and boys with equal access to the full range of school activities

2. Aims:

The universal wearing of a school uniform ensures that the school will be presented to the community in a positive manner. Students will be provided with a sense of self worth. The school will be perceived as an ordered, safe place.

(Ref: DEC – School uniforms in NSW Government Schools, DEC Core Rules)



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3. Implementation:

Despite the above strategies listed in the rationale, some students may not wear school uniform. Under certain circumstances, workplace health and safety legislation provides the basis for principals to require students to wear school uniform.

Where the health and safety of the student or of other students would otherwise be compromised, students may be excluded from certain educational activities. Such action may also be required if a student's clothing compromises agreed upon school community standards articulated in the school uniform requirements, and might be considered damaging to the image of the school in the larger community context (eg the wearing of 'hoodies' and tights). Alternative educational activities must be provided in such circumstances. Generally this will be with Deputy Principal or Head Teacher Supervision.

With the above exceptions, no student will have their access to learning reduced because they are out of uniform. This includes their continued participation in essential curriculum activities. Students at Toronto High School are required to report to explain out of uniform items. This enables the Uniform Co-ordinator to monitor the wellbeing of students. A student should not be suspended or expelled solely for not wearing school uniform. However, failure to report constitutes 'failure to follow a reasonable direction from a teacher' and will be dealt with under our 'Procedures for Dealing with Unacceptable Behaviour'.

The Principal may be faced with conscientious or 'principled' objections by individual parents to their child's wearing of a school uniform, or of individual items specified within school uniform requirements. Objections may be based on sensitive issues, such as cultural or family traditions, family circumstances or financial issues that may not be disclosed readily. These objections must be respected. However non-confrontational approaches should be used to engage parents in clarifying the reasons for their objection.

EXEMPTIONS FOR STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Formal short and long term exemption processes can be incorporated into school uniform policies where appropriate. Short term exemptions can be provided to students where temporary circumstances prevent the wearing of the school uniform. This may include circumstances where a student is staying with extended family or other short term carer(s) but will return to a home school. At Toronto High School the procedure for applying for short term exemption is a letter or telephone call from the parent/caregiver to the Uniform Co-ordinator outlining the situation.

Exemption is provided in two week lots and a new letter is required for each renewal period. Students will receive a Uniform Pass and must provide the uniform pass whenever requested, including but not limited to daily roll call. Failure to comply with the request will result in intervention(s) as outlined in our 'Procedures for Dealing with Unacceptable Behaviour'.

Long term exemptions would be provided when:

- an aspect of the school uniform requirements compromises students' ethno-religious background (ethno-religious proof must be provided to the Principal)
- the student has a particular health condition that requires a modification of the uniform (a current medical certificate must be provided to the Principal)



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- the student is disadvantaged in complying with an aspect of the uniform because of other personal circumstances outlined in anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation

In many cases a slight modification of the school uniform requirement may be all that is needed, rather than a long term exemption. Therefore, a centralised record of requested exemptions and modifications should be kept. Where patterns of exemptions and modifications are identified over a period of time they should be taken into account in a subsequent review of school uniform requirements.

MONITORING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Uniform will be monitored during Roll Call daily and throughout the school day
- Roll teachers refer ALL students who are out of uniform (students producing a current exemption pass are not referred)
- Students will be issued with an OUT OF UNIFORM slip and MUST produce this slip whenever requested throughout the day
- Any teacher can refer any student at any time of the day if they have not been given a uniform slip in roll call
- Parental/Caregiver notes for short term exemptions will be collected from the Uniform Box by the Uniform Co-ordinator. Passes will be issued for periods of longer than one day (Up to two weeks)
- Students are required to report to the Uniform Co-ordinator if they have no parental/caregiver note
- Students collect their Short Term Uniform Pass from the Uniform Co-ordinator.
- Failure to report to the Uniform Co-ordinator will result in a negative welfare referral for each and every occasion that the student fails to attend. This is monitored under the provision of failing to follow a reasonable direction of a teacher. The Toronto School document 'Procedures for Dealing with Unacceptable Behaviour' will be followed.

NOTES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Girls' skirts are not to be rolled up on the waist, they are to be purchased sitting on the hips and must be no more than 7cm above the knee.
- Girls skirts are not to have the pleats stitched down further than when skirts were manufactured.
- Shirt sleeves are not to be rolled up.
- All skirts and shorts are not to be any shorter than 7cm above the knee.
- Girls' white dress socks and boys' grey dress socks need to be shin length and must be visible above the shoe.
- Ankle white socks with blue and red stripes are the designated boys' and girls' sports socks.
- Sports shoes must be lace up joggers. No slip ons or boat style shoes are permitted.
- Black leather shoes must be no higher than the ankle bone.
- In TAS only, safety work boots (which may also be worn for Work Placement) are acceptable.
- Track Suit Pants may be worn on Sport Days (Tuesdays) only.

JEWELLERY

- Must be kept to a minimum and must present no risk to the wearer or any other student.
- Unacceptable jewellery (e.g. over-sized headbands, 'spacer' and 'spiked' earrings, 'wrist' and facial jewellery) will be asked to be removed and left at home.
- Failure to comply may result in jewellery being confiscated.



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Toronto High School Uniform 2014

These items are only available from the School Uniform Shop

| Girls | Boys |
|---|--|
| Bottoms | |
| THS blue tartan skirt Navy shorts (with THS symbol embroidered) Navy trousers (with THS symbol embroidered) | Grey shorts (with THS symbol embroidered) Grey trousers (with THS symbol embroidered) |
| Tops | |
| Year 7 to 10 - Junior blue blouse (with school logo on pocket) Year 11 and 12 - Senior white blouse (with school logo on pocket) School navy jumper (with school logo) Girls' navy cardigan (with school logo) Track suit jacket (with school logo) | Year 7 to 10 - Junior blue shirt (with school logo on pocket) Year 11 and 12 - Senior white shirt (with school logo on pocket) School navy jumper (with school logo) Track suit jacket (with school logo) |
| Sport Uniform | |
| Track suit jacket (with school logo) Track suit pants (with school symbol) THS Sports Socks (white ankle sock with light blue and red stripe) Sports shirt (with school logo) PE Elective shirt (with school logo) Sports shorts (with THS symbol embroidered) | |
| Other Items | |
| Girls' shin length white socks Girls' black pantyhose Boys' THS shin length grey socks (with blue and red stripes) | |
| THS snapback cap THS beanie THS scarf THS tie | |
| Apron white Apron navy | |
| Safety glasses | |

Not available from the School Uniform Shop

Black leather shoes (no higher than the ankle bone)
Sport shoes (joggers with laces, no slip ons or boat shoes)

Note: shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 7cm above the knee.



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4. FOOTWEAR

Toronto High School footwear uniform requires a black fully enclosed leather shoe.

Enclosed leather shoes must be worn at all times during Practical Lessons

Leather Boots



Leather Shoes



In TAS only, safety work boots (which may also be worn for Work Placement) are acceptable.

The leather shoes are not to have perforations and the tongue must not go into the shoe.

These shoes pictured below ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE



If the correct footwear is not worn in practical classes, students will be **set an alternate written task** to be completed by the end of the lesson. It will be completed in a 'safe-zone' designated by the teacher.

If there are financial reasons for failing to comply, please contact the school.

***PLEASE NOTE: MANDATORY – WORKCOVER LEGAL REQUIREMENT RE. WH&S**

"It is mandatory that students carrying out practical activities using chemicals or equipment in schools wear enclosed leather footwear. Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes must not be worn in workshop areas or laboratories."

From the DET Safety Bulletin of 1993.

- Safe footwear is a WH&S requirement for many school activities. The following is an extract from a Department of Education and Training instruction concerning footwear and safety in practical work.

"Thongs, open type sandals or shoes, canvas type shoes and/or gym boots, shall not be worn in practical classes where there is possibility of injury through spillage of hot liquids, metals, or the dropping of heavy or sharp instruments, tools etc."

While it is not possible to specify any one standard to meet all situations, fully enclosed shoes with a stout sole and firm leather uppers with a leather tongue are considered necessary".

The cooperation of parents is requested in ensuring that their children wear correct footwear.



As we progress half way through Term 2 things have certainly been very busy on the sporting front so far this year.

At the conclusion of Week 10, we had success through our school sporting teams, individual representative achievements and our annual Toronto HS Swimming, Cross Country and the Athletics Carnival.

The most significant sporting event during first term was our Athletics Carnival. Held during Week 9 at Glendale, we had our highest number of participants at the carnival in a number of years. Despite the inclement weather Glendale provided a great venue and we witnessed a number of long standing records being broken by our current athletes. The various house colours lit up the Hunter Sports Centre.

Well done to our students who displayed exceptional athletic talent. Additionally, well done to the all of the Age Champions, staff and participants on the day that made the event so enjoyable.

Representative sport has also been prominent throughout the year so far. A total of 94 students have been selected to represent Toronto High School at the Westlakes Zone Athletics Carnival. This is an outstanding effort!

Toronto HS students have also filled positions in a variety of other Hunter CHS sporting teams, representing the region in the sports of football, swimming, cross country and softball.

Congratulations to all students selected in these teams and be sure to continue to pursue you goals.

Bill Turner Cup - Girls

On 8 May 2014 our junior girls competed in the Bill Turner Cup against other high schools at the Cardiff Soccer fields.

Unfortunately the girls lost their first game in a tough match against Warners Bay High, 3 - 0, however were successful in gaining a victory in their second match against St Pauls High, 7 - 1.

Goals were scored by Georgia Andrews - 4, Teale Callagher - 1, Briana Waters - 1, and Jade Timms - 1. Well done girls!!!!

The girls' next game will be against St Marys High Gateshead, at the Cardiff Junior Soccer grounds on 27 May 2013 at 12.00pm. Good luck!





TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL

May 2014

Open Girls Team

The Open Girls Team went to Mount View HS for their game and defeated Mount View 4-0. Goals scored were by Ryley Field - 2, Kaysha Scott - 1 and Peri Roberts - 1. The girls certainly deserved their win as they not only played excellently but ensured the opposition did not score.

Lets hope they can continue in this way. This win now moves the girls into the next round which is against Whitebridge HS.

Thanks also to Taylah Rocteur who, through her University studies was doing a workplace practice at THS, assisted with coaching and organising the games.



*Trevor Connell
Teacher*



Bill Turner Cup - Boys

On Wednesday 7 May 2014 the Bill Turner Cup Squad played 2 games.

In their first match the boys played Glendale High and were successful by beating them 6 - 0.

In the next game the boys were up against some pretty tough opposition in Warners Bay High, who were last years semi-finalists. Unfortunately the boys were defeated 5 - 1.

Each of the students played very well in both games and were unlucky to come up against such a good team second round. Great effort and well done boys!

*Mr Pauley
Teacher*





TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL

May 2014

NSW CHS Swimming Championships

Congratulations to the 21 students who represented Toronto High at the NSW Combined High Schools Swimming Championships in Sydney recently. The entire Toronto HS contingent performed extremely well, with one of the highlights being the Girls 14 Years 4x50m Relay team coming **2ND IN THE STATE!!!!** That's fantastic girls! Well done to Jorja Rocteur, Jade Frith, Jaida Damstra, Josie Hurst, and Jade Wellar.

Other outstanding performers were -

Ryan Walker

Bronze Medal - Boys 13 Yrs 100m Butterfly

Jaida Damstra

Bronze Medal - Girls 14 Yrs 100m Breaststroke

Jade Frith

Bronze Medal - Girls 14 Yrs 400m Individual Medley

Ryan Leonard

Gold Medal - Boys 17 Yrs 100m Backstroke

4th - Boys 200m Freestyle

Gold Medal - Boys 400m Individual Medley

Bronze Medal - 400m Freestyle

Gold Medal - 200m Individual Medley

Ryan Leonard was also named the - Combined High Schools Age Champion 17+ Years

Also congratulations to the **Boys 12 Years 4x50m Freestyle Relay** team who took a **massive 28 seconds off their qualifying time!**

Well done to Sean Hall, Flynn Wilkinson, Chang Wallace, Sandon Roberts.



ALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following their successes at the NSWCHS Championships, students then participated in the AllSchools Swimming Championships on 5 May 2014 at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush. Results are -

Ryan Leonard - GOLD 17yrs 400m IM - GOLD 17yrs 200m IM - SILVER 17+yrs 200m Backstroke
BRONZE 17+yrs 100m Backstroke

Ryan walker - 5th Place 13yrs 50m Butterfly

Jaida Damstra - 9th Place 14yrs 50m Breaststroke

Jade Frith - 8th Place 14yrs 400m IM

The Girls 14yrs 4x50m Relay team came in 8th position. Well done to all of our swimmers.



TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL

May 2014

Rugby League

The Under 15 Ten-A-Side team travelled to Wallsend Campus to compete in the Callaghan Cup. The boys performed extremely well winning four games and losing one to finish third. Special mentions must go to Jack Buckton, Jayden Grainger and Jack Jordon.



Jack Jordan (pictured right) also trialled and was successful in making the Hunter Under 15s rugby league team. Jack travelled to Port Macquarie and played a North Coast team and was again successful in making the Northern NSW Regional team to play at the NSW Championships.

Well done Jack and good luck at the next level. The NSW team is next!



THE HIVE HOMEWORK CENTRE
MONDAYS 2.30PM TO 3.30PM - LIBRARY



TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL

May 2014

Open University Shield

The Open University Shield team attempted to defend their Hunter Champions label at a Gala Day at Charlestown. Although performing very well on the day the team lost their first of three games.

It was the last time seven of our boys will represent the school but all of them should be proud of their efforts throughout their time at Toronto.

Congratulations and thanks must go to Blake Richardson, Nathan Marks, Chol Akot, Robbie Walters, Brennan Thompson, Scott Johnson and Katlan Davis.



Curly in full flight! A rare but exciting moment.

*Peter Chapman
Teacher*



May 2014

Upcoming Events & Assessment

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| <u>TERM 2</u> | |
| 19 – 30 May | Years 7 to 10 Half Yearly Exams |
| 27 May | P & C Meeting 6pm School Library |
| 30 May | Yr 11 Assessment Task |
| | Mindplay Audition |
| | Open Girls Touch Footy Gala Day |
| June | |
| 2 June | Yr 10 Subject Presentations |
| 3 June | Yr 8 Parent Information - Subject Selection Evening – 6pm to 7pm |
| | Yr 10 Parent Information - Subject Selection Evening – 7pm to 8pm |
| | Yr 12 Modern History Study Day |
| 4 June | Yr 12 Business Studies HSC Day |
| | Immunisations Yrs 7 & 9 |
| | HSC Mathematics Assessment Task 3 |
| 5 June | Westlakes Zone Athletics Carnival |
| 6 June | Yr 10 Subject Selection |
| | Yr 11 Earth Field Trip |
| | Yr 11 Extension English Viva Voce |
| 10 June | HSC Extension 1 Maths Assessment Task 3 |
| 13 June | Chess Tournament |
| | Yr 11 Ancient History Excursion – Hands on History |
| | Yr 12 Physics & Biology “Experifest” |
| 13-14 June | Starstruck |
| 16 June | Yr 12 Standard English Assessment Task |
| 18 June | Formal Assembly |
| 19 June | CAPA Roadshow |
| | Yr 11 Assessment Task Drama |
| | Mindplay Final |
| | HSC Ext 2 Maths Task 3 |
| 20 June | Yr 12 Chemistry – “Experifest” |
| 23 June | Yr 11 Ext 1 Maths Assessment task 2 |
| 24 June | P & C Meeting 6pm school library |
| 25 June | CAPA The Lion King Excursion |
| | Yr 11 Advanced English Assessment Task |
| 26 June | Yr 11 Maths 2 Unit Assessment Task 2 |
| 27 June | End of Term |
| | |
| Term 3 | Students return Tuesday 15 July 2014 |

***Please check with the relevant faculty for any information regarding Assessment Tasks and Dates.**

***Information extracted @ 17.3.14 .**

Library Newsletter

Toronto High School

NEWS

We hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are now well rested and ready for an eventful Term 2.

The Toronto High School Library continues to support student learning. We are proud to announce that we have a **NEW LOOK Library!**

Our old vinyl chairs have been covered in a lush fabric and look great.

Special thanks to Mrs Kerrie Dare for her backbreaking work covering them and to Mrs Figures for organising the material.

It is the place to be!

The students, classes, tutorials, teachers and visitors can now enjoy the comfortable surroundings. The Library is the perfect place for students to catch up on study in preparation for the half yearly exams beginning Week 4.

Mrs Frost/Mrs Figures (Librarians)

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Toronto High is hosting The Interschool Chess Tournament on the **13th June 2014**. Students will be competing against other schools in knockout rounds.

Any student who would like to be involved may register their interest by speaking to any library staff member, or by completing the online form at <http://goo.gl/jDdxoN>



The Booklook Newsletter

Toronto High School Library

SOME NEW FICTION TITLES



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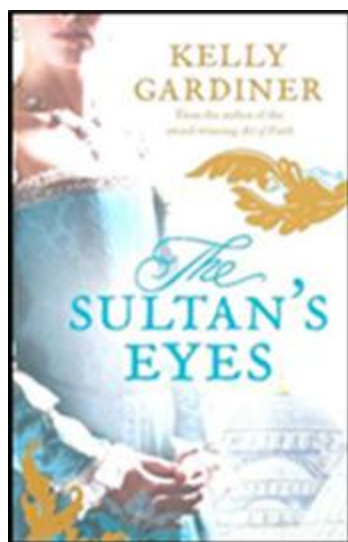


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<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/15745950-walking-disaster>



Toronto High School is hosting an Interschool Chess Challenge Tournament on Friday, June 13.

Any student who would like to be involved may register their interest by speaking to any

library staff member, or by **completing the online form at <http://goo.gl/jDdxoN>**

INTERSCHOOL CHESS CHALLENGE

LOCAL HEAT (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS)

Organised by Sydney Academy of Chess. Event endorsed by New South Wales Junior Chess League (NSWJCL).

DATE: FRIDAY 13TH JUNE 2014
VENUE: TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL
FIELD AVE, TORONTO
DIVISION: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
TIME: 8:30AM – 9:15AM REGISTRATION
9.30AM ROUND 1 BEGINS
THERE WILL BE A LUNCH BREAK, AND SHORT BREAKS
BETWEEN THE ROUNDS.
COST: \$10 PER CHILD

Play
Chess!

FORMAT

This tournament is run as an individual event. The winning school is determined by adding the 4 highest scorers from each school. This means that your school can enter any number of players, and there is no need to rank them by ability, or assign teams.

This tournament is a 7-round 'Swiss' competition. This means that all players play 7 games and no-one is 'knocked out' of the tournament.

TIME LIMIT

Chess clocks will be used in this event. There will be a short demonstration on the use of chess clocks before the start of the tournament.

The time limit is 15 minutes per player per game.

PRIZES

- ★ Trophies awarded to top scoring players:
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.
- ★ Trophies awarded to top 3 placed schools in each heat.
- ★ All participants receive a certificate of participation.
- ★ The top 3 schools from each heat qualify for the Regional Semi-Finals, held in Term 3.



Teenager's seeking more independence

Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they're your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can. The Raising Children Network website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article '*Shifting responsibility to your child*' worth reading. Go to [www. bit.ly/1jCxKhe](http://www.bit.ly/1jCxKhe)

Study help for high school

It's often quite difficult parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don't feel bad, teachers' own children do exactly the same thing.) www.khanacademy.org is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

COMPREHENSION HELP AT HOME

Every subject relies on students having the ability to understand what they're reading and then use the information in a certain way. **Here's how to check your child's comprehension and help them to improve.**

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can>

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Essay Writing Structure

Writing an essay is easy once you know how. There are many different types of essays (or responses) and they can have many purposes, but the basic structure is the same. This fact sheet let's you in on the secret. Find out more – <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4116.pdf>

Helping out at exam time

You CAN help your child study for their exams (or complete their major works) even if you don't know much about the subject. Here is some practical advice on everything from writing an essay to helping the rest of the family stay supportive (and sane) while your teen works towards their final exams.

Find out more -

<https://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english>

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DS Bowling Warners Bay

DS Bowling Warners Bay is for people aged 10 and over who have Down syndrome.

The group will run every four weeks on Friday evenings from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Super Strike, Warners Bay.

This is strictly a social group for people with Down syndrome only.

The cost will be \$12.50 for 2 games.

Please note that Cosmic Bowling will begin from 7.30pm which means the usual lights go out and the disco lights flash along, there is also music. If the lights might be a problem for your child it might be best to play the first game only and get used to the cosmic bowling by being an observer.

For further information contact:

Lisa: 0421 642 675

You can also go to the Facebook page : *DS Bowling Warners Bay*

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Tuesday 27 May 2014

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