



NEWSWORTHY

HOLSWORTHY HIGH SCHOOL

Website: <http://www.holsworthy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>

February
2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is with great excitement that I welcome you all back to 2020. In particular, I would like to welcome our new Year 7 students and their families, as well as the significant number of recently enrolled students across all other year groups. We look forward to watching you learn, grow and contribute to our school over the coming years.

The year has started off with a flurry of activity as students settle into new classes. We have already had our first student-led formal assembly for the year to congratulate students who performed particularly well in last year's HSC by attaining band 5's and 6's. We named our Dux for 2019 – Rhiannon McGrath, who gave an outstanding speech about the value of hard work and support from her family and teachers.

We also introduced our new Captains for 2020. These students, from Year 11, will be mentored by our outgoing Captains who are now in Year 12.

Congratulations to our new School Captains, Courtney Brunner and Yousef Ahmed and our new House Captains, Claire Johnson (Heathcote - Yellow), Mikayla Fuller (Bardia - Red),

Sally Al-Nashy (Infantry - Blue) and Leon Astafiev (Huon - Green).



I am sure they will do a great job this year representing our students and our school.

The primary purpose of this edition of Newsworthy is to provide our students and their families with important information and dates for this year, including a variety of extra-curricular opportunities available outside regular school hours. The remaining editions, published at the end of each term, will include numerous articles from faculties and year groups outlining highlights of your children's journey through 2020 at Holsworthy High School. We look forward to sharing this journey with you throughout the course of the year. You can also keep up to date by visiting our school website

<https://holsworthy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
or very popular facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/HolsworthyHighSchool/>

**OUR SCHOOL - COMMITTED TO QUALITY AND
EXPECTING THE BEST FROM EVERY STUDENT**

Deputy Report

All students across stages have returned back to school, met their teachers and settled into their classes for the new year ahead. Year group presentations, led by Mr Watkins, Mr Grew and Ms Davis, reinforced school expectations regarding student effort and achievement. Students were also reminded that there is a wide range of school-based supports available to them throughout the year.

There has also been a renewed focus on uniform this year. Uniform is an important part of school life and is valued at Holsworthy High School. The uniform policy is available through our website. It states that all students attending our school will be dressed in full school uniform and outlines the advantages of wearing uniform as it promotes a sense of belonging for students, creates a positive identity for the school community and contributes to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition. The school's new student leadership will promote the importance of wearing school uniform and we look forward to students continuing to represent our school with pride in their uniform.

Lastly, we would like to welcome all of the new students who have joined our school this year. Their experiences, ideas and skills will enhance our community. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have any queries or concerns regarding their child's academic progress or wellbeing.

We would encourage all new parents to access the Parent Portal to gain information about their child's progress, school events and excursions. Instructions on how to register for the portal can be found on our school website.

Ms Davis (Deputy Years 7, 9 and 11)
Mr Grew (Deputy Years 8,10 and 12)

Did you know that you can make payments to our school online?

We launched a new online payment portal last year linked to our school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

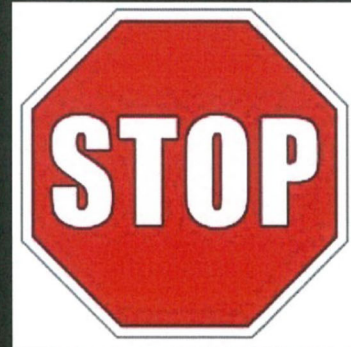
What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

How?

Log onto the school website on www.holsworthy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

STAFF CARPARK



School grounds must be secure and safe for students despite various areas being available for use by vehicles.

Due to pedestrian safety and traffic congestion issues, parents are asked to refrain from driving onto the school grounds unless they have official business ie. an appointment with staff.

The staff carpark is for the use of staff and delivery vehicles only and not for use by parents and students to drop off and pick up children.

Parents are encouraged to use the appropriate areas out the front of the school when needed.

We would like to thank the majority of families who take care to behave responsibly and park in safe and appropriate locations outside the school.

School Zone Penalties

- Effective 31 January 2020, penalties apply in school zones -
(minimum fines, subject to change)

* these values are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods

Offence	Minimum Fine	Minimum Loss of Demerit Points
Stop on or near: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pedestrian crossing • A children's crossing 	\$457 \$457	2 2
Double park	\$344	2
Stop on or across a driveway	\$344	2
Make an illegal U-turn	\$344	3
Use a mobile phone while driving	\$457	5*
Not give way to a pedestrian on a pedestrian crossing	\$572	4
Not reverse vehicle safely	\$268	3
Park on path/strip	\$344	2
Parallel park close to dividing line/strip	\$344	2
Exceed 40km/h in a school zone in a light vehicle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 km/h and under • Over 10 km/h • Over 20 km/h • Over 30 km/h • Over 45 km/hr 	\$200 \$360 \$599 \$1,161 \$2,635	2* 4* 5* 6* 7*



The minimum penalty for disobeying 'No Parking' is **\$191** and **2 demerit points**.
You may only stop here for **2 minutes** and must stay within **3 metres** of your vehicle.



The minimum penalty for parking in a 'Bus Zone' is **\$344** and **2 demerit points**.

You cannot stop here at all.



The minimum penalty for disobeying 'No Stopping' is **\$344** and **2 demerit points**.

You cannot stop here at all.



To the Principal
Holsworthy High School
Huon Cres,
Holsworthy, NSW 2173

School Opal card compliance

Dear Sir/Madam,

As your local school bus operator, we wanted to start the year with a warm welcome and to reaffirm our commitment to work with you throughout the year to provide a safe, reliable and efficient service for your school community.

One of our key focuses this year is to improve Opal compliance among students and we need your help to achieve this. In Term 4, we visited a number of schools to monitor boarding and encourage correct Opal card usage.

We have found that the common reasons students don't tap on are:

- They do not hold an Opal card and have never applied for it (largely because they are ineligible/live too close to the school),
- They have lost or forgotten their Opal card but have not replaced it,
- They might have a valid card, but don't see any reason to tap on and off,
- The driver does not enforce it/ask them to TAP ON,
- Or due to insufficient funds on their Child/Youth Opal card.

Every time a student TAPS ON and OFF, they are counted on our service – when they don't, they are invisible. Without accurate patronage data, Transport for NSW have the option to withdraw low patronised services.

We found that with onsite assistance, we were able to significantly improve the number of students tapping on. We assisted drivers by asking students to line up with their Opal cards ready and gave priority boarding to those with a valid card. Those without were spoken to and reminded to have a valid Opal card for their next journey. Our drivers are also expected to ask students to TAP ON when they board.

While we can provide adhoc support upon request, we rely upon your assistance to help us manage Opal compliance. We understand that not every school has the capability to provide staff to assist with bus monitoring, but we appreciate any assistance that you can provide.

Your assistance, as well as the contribution of your students, parents and guardians helps us ensure that we provide you with the appropriate level of service, and we thank you for this.

To help you, we have produced an information guide for Schools (enclosed) and one for distribution to Parents (available on our website). This brief flyer explains the importance of TAPPING ON and OFF and what part we can all play in helping to improve overall compliance.

By providing information about appropriate Opal card use and benefits, we hope to reduce the number of non-compliant students – as continuous low TAP ONS/OFFS mean that our services appear underutilised and are at risk of being modified, reduced, withdrawn or redirected to parts of the network that show a higher demand.

Our School Engagement Team is more than happy to meet with you to discuss how we might be able to work together to improve Opal compliance at your school. Please feel free to contact us on 02 8700 0555 or on tdnsw.schools@transdev.com.au

We thank you once again for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Peterson
Customer & Stakeholder Engagement Manager
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SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS

While you teach our future generations, we strive to transport them safely, comfortably and efficiently to and from school each year. This information guide gives you everything you need to know about our services and how to get assistance when you need it.



SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME

Transdev NSW supplies your school with school bus services for eligible students. Parents or students over 16 years of age must apply for a **School Opal or Child Opal card** from www.opal.com.au before starting school. Please note that Transdev NSW has no involvement in this process.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TAPPING ON AND OFF - WHY DO STUDENTS NEED TO?

It's essential for all school students to travel with a valid **School Opal Card or Child Opal Card** so that we can understand customer travel patterns and can adjust the services provided if necessary.

Every time a student TAPS ON and OFF, they are counted on our service - when they don't, they are invisible.

Transport for NSW watch our school service patronage closely to monitor the need for services and those seen with low patronage may be withdrawn.



Together with our drivers, Customer Experience Ambassadors and other Transdev NSW staff, we ask that you and your staff assist in encouraging students to have their Opal cards ready and **TAP ON and OFF** every single time they board our services.

The better data we have, the better we can service your school adequately. This is especially true if you believe you have capacity issues with your current services.

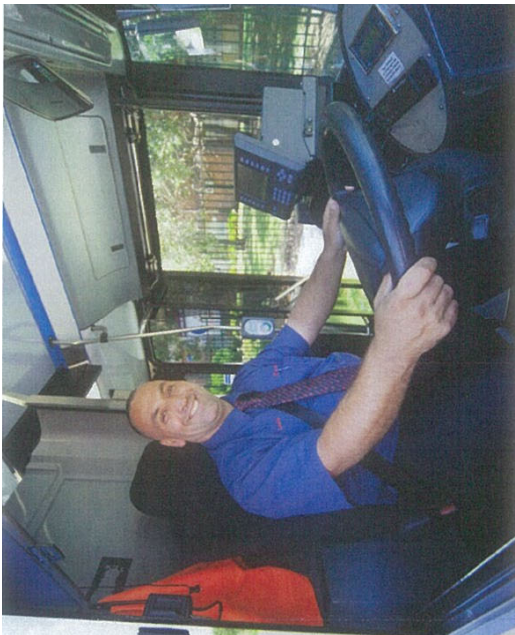
Please also see our 'Code of Conduct' document for students on buses, published by Transport for NSW.

WHAT CAN SCHOOLS DO TO HELP?

We have seen improvements at some schools where (staff onsite) use priority boarding to encourage students to have their Opal cards ready when boarding.

This involves getting those students with a **School Opal card** to board first, followed by **Child Opal** and finally those without a card.

Those without a card should be asked to provide a reason why they don't have one and given a reminder to get one for next time.



Please note that our drivers are expected to ask students to TAP ON and OFF as part of their duties.

We will also be conducting random visits to schools to reinforce this message to students.

Schools can also reinforce the importance of **TAPPING ON and OFF** through your school newsletters, assemblies and orientation days each year.

We believe that a consistent and unified message from both our drivers, staff and schools will help to change the student behaviour.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Our School Engagement Team is more than happy to meet with you to discuss how we might be able to work together to improve Opal compliance at your school.

Schools can contact us on: **02 8700 0555** or tdnsw.schools@transdev.com.au – business hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm.

HOW TO DISCUSS YOUR SCHOOL SERVICES OR REQUEST CHANGES:

The best way to resolve any issues that you or your students are experiencing with our services is for the school to contact our **School Engagement Team** directly on **02 8700 0555** or via email tdnsw.schools@transdev.com.au.

Please encourage your parents to report any issues to you in the first instance and then someone from the school can contact our Schools Engagement Team for assistance.

We encourage direct communication between the school and Transdev NSW and we will do our best to resolve any issues as quickly as possible. We are also more than happy to visit the school and meet with school staff, when necessary.

If the school or a parent wishes to lodge a complaint or feedback, please direct it via phone to **131500** or transportnsw.info to ensure it is lodged correctly. We will then be able to process it and respond as soon as possible.

We undertake an annual review of all school services and request updated bell times, projected staff development days, changes to enrolments and any other alterations that help us plan the timetables for the following school year. The more information you can give us will help to provide adequate services to your school. Schools may also request changes throughout the year.

While we will carefully consider all requests, please keep in mind, that many of our school services are utilised by more than one school and are often linked with normal route services either before or after the school run operates. This means that some changes may not be possible in the short term, but will be considered as part of future network reviews.

USEFUL INFORMATION

YOUR SCHOOL SERVICES:

Your 'school advice sheet' provides you with the current timetable of all your allocated school services.

This document is publicly available via our website – <http://www.transdevnsw.com.au/services/timetables/schools/>

If normal route services also operate at or nearby your school, you can access their timetables on our website or via <https://transportnsw.info/>

If you have any questions about your school services or any of our other route services, please contact us directly on **02 8700 0555** or send an email to tdnsw.schools@transdev.com.au

LOST PROPERTY:

If your students lose an item on one of our buses, we will do our utmost to get it back to them if we find it.

Parents or students, can call us on **02 8700 0555** Monday to Friday, between 8am and 5pm excluding public holidays, or can submit an enquiry online directly via <https://transportnsw.info>

Please note: For safety reasons we may not be able to immediately contact our driver if they are on the road. However, we will contact them as soon as it's safe to do so.

www.transdev.com.au
(02) 8700 0555

Math Lab

Math Lab is a Year 7 and 8 initiative to address the following:

- Introduce students in Year 7 and 8 to the many aspects of Mathematics found in diverse contexts
- Make Mathematics more fun and hence engaging
- To steer away (for one period) from regular class work and make the students look forward to diverse concepts in the subject
- Introduce skills such as 'Thinking Mathematically' and 'Problem Solving'

MATH BOOST

(commencing Week 3 in Term 1)

- The concept here is to provide professional and free **Mathematics tutoring** to students at HHS
- Target students will be Years 7-10 and at all levels.
- It will run for approximately 1 hour between 3.00pm and 4.00pm on Thursday afternoons in the Mathematics Block and will be staffed by at least two Mathematics teachers.
- It is expected that students will come prepared with questions and/or concepts they are having problems with.

HOMEWORK CLUB

(Commencing Week 3, Term 1)

Homework Club allows students to access school resources and assistance from teachers who they would otherwise not have the opportunity to work with. Attending Homework Club will allow students to develop their skills and knowledge in any areas they are requiring assistance with:

- Homework
- Assessment tasks
- Research Skills

Homework Club is held in the Library every **Wednesday afternoon**, starting immediately after school until 4.00pm. It is supervised by different teachers each week, allowing assistance across various subject areas. Teachers will provide individual support where possible.

As Homework Club may require students to alter their usual travel arrangements after school, it is essential that you are aware of your son/daughter's involvement. We ask that you sign a permission note available from the HSIE Faculty and return it to Ms. Stephens (HSIE Faculty) so that your son/daughter's name can be added to the roll.

We hope your son/ daughter finds Homework Club beneficial to their studies.



ART CLUB

(Commencing later in Term 1)

The Visual Arts department
will be running an
Art Club – Art Extra every
Thursday afternoon from 3pm
until 4pm in the art block.

Permission notes can be
collected from the Art
department.

For further information
please see Ms R Booker

P & C Meeting Dates 2020

The first meeting of the
P & C for 2019 will be held on
10 February 2020 at 6pm
in the Library

Following our first meeting, dates for the
remainder of the year will be published
on our website and in the next edition of
our news magazine.

We would like to
encourage all parents to attend our
P&C meetings to find out in more detail
what happens at our school.



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Cost:\$25.00

2020 YEAR ADVISORS



Mr Pilja Yr7



Ms Stoppino Yr 8



Mr Dasic Yr8



Ms Siqueira Yr9



Mr Al Khuzai Yr 9



Mr Di Martino Yr10



Ms Fenech Yr10



Ms Mikhail Yr11



Mr Judge Yr 11



Mr Spyroulias Yr12



Ms Booker Yr12



**If you're 12 to 18 & interested in:
Life Skills Workshops
Leadership Training
Mentoring
Volunteering &
School Holiday Activities**

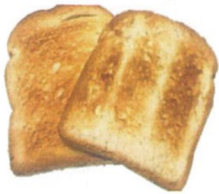


**Join us
Mondays 3pm at
Wattle Grove
Community
Centre**



Contact :
Fernando Drogo 0403 136 099
Come talk to Youth Clicks members at Holsworthy HS Breakfast Club on Fridays





Breakfast Club

Every Friday during term
7:15 to 8:40am

Outside the Learning Centre

Enjoy a **FREE** breakfast of cereal,
toast, fresh fruit, yoghurt, flavored
milk and fruit juice

All students welcome

We're looking forward to seeing you there





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Learning Chinese Workshop:

Class / Stage:

- Year 7-12 (students never learned any Chinese before)

All contents stated are for students with no prior learning in Chinese.

Date: 12/02/2020 Wednesday

Time: 3:15pm ~ 5:15pm

Add: Holsworthy High School Science Labs

Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/learning-chinese-workshop-tickets-92171339959>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/learning-chinese-workshop-tickets-92161193611>

CHINESE MANDARIN CLASSES

ENROL NOW

AGES 4~19

LOCATION1:

Holsworthy public school hall

36 infantry Pde, Holsworthy NSW2173

LOCATION2:

Holsworthy high school Science Labs

Huon Crescent Holsworthy NSW2173

Wednesday: Chinese Art / Thursday: Mandarin Class/

Friday: Virtual Reality Story telling, Drama & Movie making



Style includes: Karate/Judo/Ju-Jitsu/Self Defence

Location: Holsworthy High School

Class times: Tuesday - 6.30p.m to 7.00p.m.
5yrs – 16yrs old

Instructor: Brian Coman 3rd Dan Black Belt

For all enquires please call Brian on 0417 220319



**BEGINNERS
COMMENCE**

20 February 2020

Please ensure Student
and Family information
is up to
date

Holsworthy High School



DATES TO REMEMBER - 2020



Monday 10 February	P&C Meeting
Monday 2 March	Yr6 Information Evening
Monday 2 March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Monday 2 March	Year 6, 2021 Information Evening
Tuesday 3 March	COS Challenge Cup
Wednesday 4 March	School Athletics Carnival
Thursday 5 March	Year 7 Vaccination 1
Friday 6 March	School Photo Day
Friday 13 March	School Photo Day catchup
Monday 16 March	Parent Teacher Night for Years 7+12
Monday 30 March to Wednesday 1 April	Year 7 Camp
Thursday 9 April	Last day of Term 1
Tuesday 28 April	First day of Term 2 for students
Wednesday 29 April	Anzac Day Ceremony

Reminder: Students need to arrive at school by 8:40am for roll call each day.

All Students must carry their Library ID Card with them at all times.