

Welcome to Term 4. In true Abbotsleigh style, with orientation ob
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Community

Welcomes in Term 4

It has been an absolute delight meeting our new girls and staff. In the Senior School we welcomed new staff:

- Ms Jennifer Allan – Teacher Librarian
- Mr James Flood – Christian Studies Teacher

Welcome back from long service leave to the following Senior School staff:

- Mrs Liz Cannon – Director of Wellbeing
- Mrs Marina Taylor – Science Teacher
- Mrs Belinda Robertson – PDHPE Teacher

Celebrating our girls' great achievements

Chapel

Peace

Rev Sarah Hobba
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In Term 3, Senior Chapel focused on (or peace). As we start this term, our news screens are filled with extreme tragedy and the need for peace.

There is a prayer for peace in the Anglican Prayer Book that we prayed each week in Senior School Chapel last term. May it be a prayer we continue to keep praying and hope that it is answered soon in the current conflicts.

God of the nations,
whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace,
have mercy on our broken and divided world.
Establish your peace in the hearts of all
and banish from them the spirit that makes for war,
that all races and peoples may learn to live
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Chapel

Old Girls vs Current Girls Debate

Mrs Heidi Grout
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Abbotsleigh has an incredibly strong debating program, and the girls regularly bring home championship trophies in various debating competitions. Our fourth annual Old Girls versus Current Girls debate will be a great contest. Can the Current Girls make it two years in a row, or will the Old Girls reclaim the trophy?

This year, the Old Girls team made up of Sabreen Hussain, Chloe Le Couter (both 2017 leavers) and Megan Wang (2022) will go head-to-head with a team of Current Girls made up of Sara Shah, Chloe Davie, Imogen Beletich and Annelise McCormick (all Year 11 students).

The adjudicators will be Niki Nojournian (2017) as the Old Girls representative and Sophia Chi (Year 11) as the Current Girls representative. The Chair will be Laranya Kumar (Year 11).

We welcome everyone to attend the debate in person or via Zoom link for those from afar. The Zoom link will be emailed out before the debate.

Tuesday 17 October
6.30 pm
Peter Duly Concert Hall (or via Zoom)

RSVP [here](#) by Sunday 15 October.

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Enquiries to **Heidi Grout**, Old Girls Relations Manager or 9473 7740.

supporting and showing faith and optimism in each child's ability to navigate new settings. As the caring adults, we

Year 6 AbbKart Derby

Mrs Brittany Carrington
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On Wednesday 18 October, Year 6 girls will work in cross-grade teams to construct their very own AbbKart.

The girls will be supported by staff from across the Senior and Junior School, including members from the TAS Department.

In Week 4, the girls will race their AbbKarts in the annual Abbotsleigh AbbKart Derby.



Year 2 Football Development Program

Mr Paul Guirrieri
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Our youngest Matildas hopefuls commenced their Football Development Program sessions this afternoon. This recent initiative has proven highly popular with a large number of girls enrolled to participate. All girls are required to wear their PE uniform to these sessions. Shin pads will be provided to girls who don't have a set. Parents are reminded that collection is via the lower car park from 4.05 pm following training. We are looking forward to developing the girls' skills and interest in football.

Saturday Sports this weekend

Mr Paul Guirrieri
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Term 4 IPSHA Saturday Sport

IPSHA Saturday Sport basketball, cricket and tennis competitions all begin this Saturday 14 October. Please ensure that you carefully check team sheets for venue information and arrive 30 minutes prior to your daughter's game commencing. Just a reminder that if your daughter is playing basketball at Abbotsleigh venues, Courts 1-3 are located in the Senior School Judith Poole Sports Hall, Court 4 is located in the Senior School Gymnasium and Courts 5 and 6 are located outdoors in the Junior School.

Year 2 Saturday Sport

Our Year 2 Saturday Sport program commences this Saturday 14 October. All girls are asked to arrive at 7.45 am for an 8 am start and the session will conclude at 9.30 am. All girls need to be in full PE uniform including their white sun hat. They should also have a large water bottle with them. The girls are required to wear shin pads to each session and bring both football boots (if they own a pair) and running shoes. We look forward to another exciting term of fun and skill development for our Year 2 girls.

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Mrs Hilary Luck
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During the school holidays, Elizabeth Luiskandl (Year 5) and Neve Peters (Year 6) were accepted into the Young Musician's Workshop with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

Senior School

Everett Scholarships

Mrs Colleen Fenn

The Everett Scholarships were first offered in 2000 following a gift from Mrs Shirley Fong (AOG Shirley Lee, 1951) to honour Miss G Gordon Everett, a great Headmistress whose care and assistance inspired Shirley Fong and the many other young women who came under her guidance. Between 2000 and 2017, the scholarships were offered annually to two girls providing remission of one term's tuition fees in Year 10. From 2017, following an agreement with Mrs Fong, one scholarship is offered annually providing remission of two terms' fees in Year 10. The funds for this scholarship are managed by the Abbotsleigh Foundation.

One scholarship is available annually to a Year 9 Abbotsleigh student moving from Year 9 to Year 10. The scholarship gives special recognition to a student's sound academic progress,

contribution to Senior College activities and a positive influence within the Senior School.

The scholarship provides two terms' tuition fees for the first two terms of Year 10. The scholarship is not means tested. No student may hold two Abbotsleigh Scholarships concurrently.

Download the application kit.

Please submit the Scholarship Application Declaration plus Student Statement [here](#).

Closing date: Friday 27 October 2023.

Interviews will take place early in November.

Please **contact Mrs Colleen Fenn**, Registrar, or call 9473 7744 should you have any queries.

Boarding

Welcome to Boarding

Mrs Chemane Fairleigh

Head Boarding

Year 7 2024 Sleepover

The end of a school holiday can be quite a challenge, especially if it has been a lovely relaxing and energy restoring time. It is hard to imagine how one might get back into the school/work mindset! I know that I felt quite burdened by this, until Sunday 8 October rolled around – the night of the sleepover for Year 7, 2024!

It was a beautiful spring evening, although it felt more like summer, with warm sunshine on our backs and the school grounds looking immaculate.

Mrs Rennie, Mrs Hayman, Mrs Fenn and Ms Smith, who will be the new Boarding Coordinator, joined me in welcoming our new boarders, their parents and their families.

What made this occasion even more special was that the new boarder families were joined by their city family and siblings. It was the first meeting of what we hope will be long and fruitful relationships.

We all enjoyed a lovely barbecue dinner in the Dining Hall, with lots of chatter and laughter, before all our guests departed and the boarders proceeded to Read House for their first night in boarding.

After a tour of the boarding house and room assignments, Ms Smith organised some fun, ice-breaker games, including team Pictionary, before the girls had their showers and a their first of many Milos (with marshmallows) and hopped off to their rooms. The girls did well overnight; some were super