Congratulations and Farewell Year 12
Year 12 Picnic Highlights
Year 12 Graduation Highlights
Principal’s Year 12 Graduation Speech

Graduating Class of 2014, Family and Friends of Year 12, Members of Staff,

Today is day of great celebration, particularly for the graduating class of 2014 and yet, embedded in all the celebration there are the emotions of sadness and even grief.

Sadness because we all take for granted the stable and predictable elements in our lives, as one significant element draws to a close for Year 12 today.

This week saw Year 12’s final classes and the traditional student teacher soccer match and an added game of basketball. Congratulations to the staff on their momentous wins over the students, upholding the undefeated title that they so much covet.

Today we have enjoyed sharing breakfast with you and joining in on your celebrations at the year 12 picnic at Bobbin Head – even the part where you attacked me with water pistols and water bombs. Tomorrow morning I look forward to hearing from the younger students at your farewell assembly as they show their respect to you as the senior students and role models of our school.

And tomorrow evening I look forward to enjoying your formal with you all at Riverside Oaks.

A great adventure awaits you all as you go from the safety of this controlled environment to one where you are far more at liberty to choose your paths. The joys of greater freedom and responsibility await you and I believe that Galston High has prepared you well to take on this challenge and the awaiting change in direction in your lives.

I am proud of your achievements over the years, your various successes in a wide range of pursuits, from the great scholarly achievements, to the cultural pursuits of performance and music through to sport. You have willingly and enthusiastically accepted the challenge we gave you at the beginning of last year, to grasp the many leadership opportunities, both formal and informal, to positively influence the student body as a whole. For that, I and the teaching staff thank you.

To the teachers of Year 12 – thank you for the exceptional job you have done in providing quality teaching and learning programs to our students in preparation for the Higher School Certificate exams. To your Parents /Carers/Grandparents - You should be justly proud of the work you have done in assisting your children in preparing for the HSC and their future lives. You must be full of pride as you sit here watching this fine group of young people, preparing to move onto the next step of their life long journey of learning.

Thank you for your support – it has been greatly appreciated by the staff of Galston High and most importantly, by your children.

On behalf of year 12, parents and staff, I would like to personally thank Craig Whiteman for the outstanding work he has done as the Year 12 Student Adviser and the personal support he has provided to the students and their families. My thanks also to Mrs Pam Edwards who, as Mr Whiteman’s assistant, was able to provide additional support and opportunities to Year 12 throughout their schooling at Galston – in particular the preparation for this evening, the picnic and formal.

Thanks also to Lisa Pieper who, as Deputy Principal, oversaw the welfare and discipline of this year group. Ms Pieper has forged exceptionally strong relationships with the students individually and as a year group and I know that many parents and carers were fortunate to have had the support of Lisa throughout the last 2 years. Ms Pieper is extremely proud of the young men and women you have become and the mature way in which you have all conducted yourselves in the senior years.

Over the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to speak with each of you individually about your future goals and career plans and I was delighted to see the thought, effort and research that had gone into your decision making. Congratulations to those students who have already secured an apprenticeship, employment or advanced entry to university or further training – On behalf of the Galston High Community I wish you all the very best in your future careers.

Congratulations to you all for reaching this fundamental milestone in your relatively short lives. Today signals the end of your school life. This is indeed an auspicious occasion – a rite of passage, one which might be characterised by contradictory feelings such as loss, confusion and sadness on the one hand and sheer jubilation, exultation and unmitigated joy on the other.

Year 12, you entered Galston High School to Learn. Our very best wishes go with you as you make your final preparations for the HSC and then as you take on life beyond the walls of Galston High. With considerable guidance from both home and school, you have reached this milestone with credit and integrity, well equipped for the world you now enter. If nothing else I hope you have learnt to live your lives always demonstrating respect, responsibility and personal best and now that Galston is no longer providing that touchstone, that you do not lose sight of these values.

At times such as these, speakers often call on the wisdom of great philosophers. I would like to do just that. One that you probably have all read when you were learning to read way back in kindergarten.

Dr Seuss. His words of wisdom and advice.

Congratulations! Today is your day. You’re off to Great Places! You’re off and away!

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the guy who’ll decide where to go.

On and on you will hike and I know you’ll hike far and face up to your problems whatever they are.

You’ll get mixed up, of course, as you already know. You’ll get mixed up with many strange birds as you go. So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact and remember that Life’s a Great Balancing Act.

So... you’re off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So...get on your way!

Year 12, I thank you and on behalf of the school community I wish that you achieve your dreams.

Here’s to a bright and amazing future.
Upcoming Events

Term 4 - Week 1
Monday 6 October
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 7 October
Students return to school

Sunday 12 October
P&C Working Bee back up
Silver D of E Whiteman

Next Week
Monday 13 October
ESSA Readiness Test
Silver D of E Whiteman

Tuesday 14 October
ESSA Readiness Test
Silver D of E Whiteman
Vaccinations

Wednesday 15 October
ESSA Readiness Test
Young Endeavour Interviews

Thursday 16 October
ESSA Readiness Test

Friday 17 October
ESSA Readiness Test
Year 11 Legacy Junior Public
Speaking - Cigana

Saturday 18 October
40th Anniversary Dinner

Sunday 19 October
40th Anniversary Open Day

Still to Come
Monday 20 October
Equestrian Training - Pike

Tuesday 21 October
P&C Meeting

Wednesday 22 October
Meet the Music Series 4/4
3.10 - 10.00pm
Year 7 Exams

Thursday 23 October
Year 7 Exams

Friday 24 October
Year 8 Exams

Homework Club
Homework Club will be held every Wednesday in Room 2 from 3.15 - 4.15pm

Come along for help with homework and assignments.

Afternoon tea will be served!

Teachers from Maths and English will be available to assist you. All students and staff welcome.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Preloved School Uniforms
Do you have any preloved school uniforms that are no longer needed? As our clothing pool was in the library, we are desperately short of used uniforms. If you have any spare and could drop them off to the uniform shop or the front office, we would be very appreciative.
Crackin’ Cancer Ute and Car Picnic

Stuart Macpherson & Liam Deans entertained at the Crackin’ Cancer Ute & Car Picnic which was held on Sunday 14 September.

We raised $1,590 which was really great with all proceeds going to the Charlie Teo Brain Cancer Cure Foundation. About 70 vehicles in total turned up which was unbelievable. A beautiful day with plenty of sunshine! One guy came down from Port Macquarie. Thank you to the three canteen mums - Kerry Coltman, Bernadette Watt and Bronwyn Snowden - who brought baking along to sell and for those who donated raffle prizes. A special thank you to Bronwyn Snowden who was busy with the cake stall all day.

Many local businesses supported the day - including: Event Services (sound system), Eric's Meats, Goodies Bakery, Tyrepower, PartyLites (Jenny Bellamy), Envy Jewellery (Suzanne Brady) and Chatterbox Mobile Hair (Bronwyn Snowden). The Bendigo Bank loaned us the big marque which came in handy. Mick Gallagher (Hornsby Shire Council) entertained us with music, singing, a tug-of-war and whip cracking. He came to our aid when the country singer advertised for the day was unavailable.

Thank you to everyone who turned up to make this day a true success for such a worthy cause.

Lynne Livingstone, Galston.
40th Anniversary Celebrations...

Please return this section with your payment to:

40th Anniversary
Galston High School
403 Galston Rd
Galston NSW 2159

Number of tickets: ______ @ $60.00 each

Amount: ______________

Guest’s names: _______________________________
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Payment options
1. Cheque
2. Credit card: Visa □ MasterCard □
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Tickets will be mailed to:
Name: ________________________________
Return address: _________________________
Phone number: _________________________
Email: ________________________________
Last year at Galston High (if relevant): ______

NB: Tables will be for 10 people. Unless requested, guests will be seated, wherever possible, with people from the same era.

Back to School Open Day
The school will be open on Sunday 19th October from 10.00am until 4.00pm. There will be a variety of activities and displays during the day including:
- an official welcome
- tours of the school
- guest lectures on GHS
- decade displays
- touch football competitions
- musical items
- food stalls

If you would like to contribute photos or other memorabilia, please email us with details at galstonhigh40thanniversary@gmail.com

Please note:
As this is a BYOG function, NO current students or people under the age of 18 are permitted.

Galston High School is very excited to be celebrating 40 years of achieving excellence and inspiring success in our local community. Since the school site opened in 1974, thousands of students have taken advantage of the quality education that they have received and many are planning to return to celebrate ‘the best years of their lives’.

The celebrations begin on Saturday 18th October with a dinner to be held in the school hall. On Sunday we will then be having an Open Day with a variety of activities planned including school tours, decade displays, guest lectures, football matches and musical items. Food will also be available. Come along and take a trip back through memory lane or just visit and see why so many are so proud to call Galston High School their alma mater.

Tickets are now on sale for the dinner. Just ring 9651 2222 or complete the form opposite.


Tickets selling fast!!!
On sale until Friday 10th October
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## JUNIOR GIRLS UNIFORMS
- NAVY CHECK SKIRT: $60.00
- GIRLS NAVY PANTS: $35.00
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## SENIOR GIRLS UNIFORMS
- NAVY CHECK SKIRT: $60.00
- GIRLS NAVY PANTS: $35.00
- WHITE BLOUSE: $40.00

## JUNIOR BOYS UNIFORMS
- NAVY SHORTS: $35.00
- NAVY LONG PANTS: $45.00
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## SENIOR BOYS UNIFORMS
- NAVY SHORTS: $35.00
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- WHITE SHIRT: $35.00

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- SPORT POLO SHIRT: $35.00
- SPORT SHORTS: $40.00
- SPORT SOCKS: $10.00
- TRACKSUIT PANTS: $55.00

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- WOOL JUMPERS: Size 10-16 $75.00, Size 18-26 $80.00
- NON-WOOL JUMPERS: Size 10-16 $70.00, Size 18-26 $75.00
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- BLAZER: $250.00
- TIE: $20.00
- SCARF: $12.00
- CAPS: $15.00

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- CALCULATORS: $30.00
- APRON - WHITE: $10.00
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- THURSDAY 8.00 - 11.00

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**Free Parent Workshop**

**PACTS—Disability Program**

**Part 1**
Beginning to Explore

**Part 2**
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World of Work

**Part 4**
Resources

**What is PACTS—Disability?**

This 2 hour Express Workshop is an opportunity to get together with other parents to learn about study and work options for young people with a disability.

**Term & Workshop details:**

Who: Parents of Year 9-12 students

When: Tuesday 21 October 10am to 12noon

OR

Thursday 23 October 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Where: 29 Oxford St. Epping

Our LadyHelp of Christians Primary School

(Old building / JP Academy) Room 8

You must register to attend. Each workshop is limited to 20 parents / carers.

Please contact

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**Kids in the Park**

**Free Native Plant Giveaway**

Saturday 20 September from 1pm to 3pm

at Galston Recreation Reserve

(next to Galston Aquatic Centre), Galston Road, Galston

For Hornsby Shire

Council ratepayers* from

- Arcadia - Berrilee
- Canoelands - Dural
- Fiddletown - Forest Glen
- Galston - Glenorie
- Laughtondale - Lower Hawkesbury - Maroota
- Middle Dural
- Singleton's Mill
- Wisemans Ferry only

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hornsby.nsw.gov.au/nursery

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