As I sit here composing my final Year Adviser report, I am filled with mixed emotions. On one hand I am sad because it means the end of a great generation of students, and I will miss the personalities and their enrichment of school life. On the other hand, I am proud of the men they have become and am excited about what the future holds for them.

With internal assessment completed, these final weeks at school are a critical time for students as it is an opportunity for intense revision and fine tuning with the expertise and feedback of their teachers. For this reason it is very important that excellent attendance is maintained right up until graduation.

It is no secret that the use of study groups is extremely beneficial in preparation for the external exams. Students from last year’s cohort have attested to the positive impact it had on their performance in the HSC. Now is the time for current students to establish study groups for each of their subjects and meet routinely to work through questions and revise together.

Year 12 reports will be distributed to students before graduation and will include a progressive mark and rank up until their last major assessment task. Boys who are applying for a scholarship or need a school assessment or ATAR prediction need to complete their application forms and hand them to Mr Watchirs two weeks before they are due. Please note the school does not provide estimated ATARS to students; this information is confidential and will be sent on the application form directly to the university.

September 18 is a massive day for Year 12 with both the graduation ceremony and farewell dinner.
being held. Parents are encouraged to attend these events to reflect on and celebrate their boy’s achievements and time at NSBHS. Tickets to the dinner can be purchased through the school. I look forward to joining you and sharing stories and memories of a fabulous six years.

*Peter Barraclough - Year Adviser*

### Year 11

What a fantastic Year 11 Jindabyne Camp! The students were treated to a decent cover of snow, reasonably mild conditions and real snow falling from the sky. All boys behaved themselves on the camp and engaged with the activities organised by the Department of Sport & Recreation staff. I’m sure the students will have many happy memories of their fun five days at Jindabyne. Now it’s back to earth with a thud, as they enter the year’s final exam block. This will be the last batch of assessments before they commence their HSC courses in Term 4.

In this edition I thought I would mention some academic achievements, rather than the traditional sporting ones. Haimin Huang, Leslie Lay-Kennedy, Kelvin Xu, Kai Pridham and Eric Huang successfully completed the COMP1917 computer programming course run by the University of New South Wales. Last year’s students, now Year 12s, took on mentoring roles in this course. So, in all likelihood, these boys will be offered similar positions. This course gives the students with aptitude a headstart to Information Technology related courses at tertiary level.

Our star physicist – Eric Huang, was accepted to attend the 43rd International Physics Olympiad in Tartu, Estonia back in July 2012, as a member of the Australian Team. He achieved an astonishing tied 3rd place in the overall standings. Eric is a very humble member of the cohort and hides his celebrity status well. So quietly congratulate him when you meet him in the school grounds.

Now for a very important announcement. The Graduation Dinner is a very important item on the North Sydney Boys’ calendar. It is the last formal event that the Year 12s attend at the school and is held on the same day as the Graduation Ceremony - Tuesday 18 September. We, as year 11s, are responsible for organising the invitations, decorating the hall and setting the tables for approximately 370 guests. An email has been despatched to request the supply of homemade cakes, slices or biscuits to feed the boys and parents who will be working all day. If any parents can spare an hour or two to assist with the set-up, please contact Kath Morris (Auxiliary) on katherinemorris@hotmail.com

For the Year 11 students, we require 50 of them to set up the hall and wait on the tables during dinner. The bulk will comprise Prefects, but a further 26 students are needed. Please encourage your son to participate in this role, as it will be their turn next year. And there will be free pizzas!

*Peter Stidston - Year Adviser*

### Year 10

The boys are working well this term and they continue to apply themselves to their academic, sporting and co-curricular activities with gusto and boundless enthusiasm. The High Resolves team has been working diligently in launching their Youth Depression project. The numbers of hours that they have put into developing their website, social media platforms, a promotional video, charity funding, logistics, products such as balloons and pamphlets have been outstanding. The boys themselves have pitched this project because they want to help raise awareness for depression and their commitment to their cause and to each other needs to be commended.

Watching them communicate their message to strangers in the mall in Chatswood made me so proud. Every boy who undertook this program has learnt valuable organisation and team work skills and their altruism really shone through. Please congratulate your son if he was involved. Special mention needs to be paid to Edward Chang and his family for the use of their house as a manufacture and distribution point of the balloons.

I have also heard great things from the Max Potential boys and I know that their ideas will terrific when they finish their projects. I see more and more Year 10 students joining the Environment group and this bodes well for their senior years at school. It is vital that the boys have a well rounded education for their own personal pride and for future scholarship and career opportunities.

As well as this participation in co-curricular groups, Year 10 need to make sure that they retain their focus on their school work as their yearly examinations will occur next term. Students should be using their diary every day to record their work and make sure they complete set work on time. It is important that students are well organised as this will really help them in their senior years. I hope Year 10 chose their subject selections wisely for their senior years by basing their choices on their interest in the subject.
It is vital that all students have booked their work experience for Term 4. Work experience is required because it gives students new opportunities and a way to foster their career interests. If your son has not organised his work experience, please encourage that he does as soon as possible.

Year 10 are developing into mature, socially responsible young men. It is a pleasure being their Year Adviser. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kate Richards - Year Adviser

Year 8

We are almost at the end of Term 3 and time is moving fast. Our “fledglings” are already a quarter of the way through their high school experience with many events, excursions, and examinations along the way. The second term concluded with no fuss as the boys worked hard through the assessment period, impressing everyone along the way with the attitude and effort. As their report cards illustrated, the strong performers continued to do well and what was most impressive was that there was a large number of boys who demonstrated a significant improvement from their Year 7 performances. I look forward to seeing continued improvement from those boys who were perhaps a little disappointed with their results.

During Weeks 7 and 8, the entire cohort had their first taste of “High Resolves” which is a recent program at NSBHS. It is an externally run program to develop global citizens and leaders. The boys sat through a one-day workshop on “Collective Identity” which provided the boys with an early insight into what the program offers. In the last few weeks, the grade participated in a second workshop on “Justice”. At least twenty of the boys will remember this day very fondly as they were treated and fed like kings. A larger percentage of the boys will remember the day for different reasons, specifically those boys who got to experience life as a second-class citizen as they feasted on slices of plain bread. The culmination of the program in 2012 prompted lots of interesting debate amongst the boys. In 2013, there will be an opportunity for a selected group of students to continue with the program for the next two years. Stay tuned for updates on that front.

As Semester 2 commenced, many of the boys were heavily involved in the school’s “Back to Falcon Street Day” which continued the school’s centenary celebrations. Thank you to all the boys who participated and the parents and students who attended on the day. It was a fun day for all involved. I am looking forward for the remainder of 2012 as Year 8 will be busy with their next and perhaps final round of assessment tasks. Good luck for the remainder of the year!

Chay Williams - Year Adviser

Year 9

The boys in Year 9 are having another busy term. The 30 students involved in High Resolves are working hard on their Community Action Project and we are looking forward to supporting them next term when their project is launched. The accelerated Business Studies and IPT classes have been studying for their upcoming examinations and the rest of the grade are looking forward to the Year 9 Camp to Jervis Bay in Week 3 of next term.

There have, unfortunately, been some issues arising from the DER laptops. Some students have been caught misusing their laptops and have had them confiscated as a result. Parents and students are reminded that games and other programs are not to be put on to the laptops and they are certainly not to be played during school time. Doing so is a violation of the laptop charter and comes with consequences. When used correctly, the laptops are a fantastic educational tool. It is a shame that some people are not doing the right thing. Students are also reminded to come to school with their laptops fully charged. Students are not permitted to swap batteries with other students and should also not lend their laptops to anyone else. We have had a meeting with all Year 9 to discuss these issues along with cyber-bullying and cyber-safety and we are hoping parents will also support us in these concerns.

It was lovely meeting with so many Year 9 parents at the Parent-Teacher interviews. For those parents who missed the opportunity to come along or have any concerns about their sons’ report or progress, please don’t hesitate to call me at school or email me on katherine.coady@det.nsw.edu.au

Kathy Coady - Year Adviser

Year 7

It is now mid-way through Term 3 and Year 7 have well and truly settled into life at North Sydney. The boys have received their first report cards which have provided them with a wealth of encouragement and useful advice. I urge every
Of course, we would not be where we are without the leadership of Rohan, the guidance of Ms Richards, and the support of the School Executive. They have contributed greatly to what has been a memorable year. From all of us here, it has been a pleasure to be your Prefects, and we look forward to pass on the honour and responsibility to the next group of fine young men ready to don the blue ties.

Treves Li - Prefect

Careers

This is a very busy time for the students in the Senior school and Year 10. Year 10 students have been chasing up work experience positions, with some excellent placements being secured. The whole of the year will be on work experience from 12 - 16 November. It is important that all students are encouraged to find a quality position as soon as possible. The work experience placement may be included on the students university application in 2015, so it is beneficial to find the best possible position.

Please assist finding your son a position through any familial or business contacts. If a parent has an opportunity to place a Year 10 student for work experience please contact me at the school. When students have agreement with a work place all the forms and information for the parent and employer are available from the careers office.

All Year 10 students have recently been given the Australian Government Jobguide 2012 book. There is an excellent section in the book for parents and carers which outlines some talking points you may wish to discuss with your son. The book also contains a number of useful websites.

Year 10 and 11 students have been offered the very exciting opportunity to study at the University of Sydney. The course, Mind and Morality, is endorsed by the Board of Studies and is designed to enable students to gain experience of university-level study. This is a recognised Preliminary Unit and will form part of the final HSC record. Students completing this course will also gain 6 credit points towards certain degrees at the University of Sydney. All information and application forms are available from the careers office.

The 2013 UAC GUIDE has been distributed to all Year 12 students. This very important book will assist all students making any decisions regarding their tertiary education options. The guide includes the all important application and admission dates, admission requirements and 1200 course

Prefects

This is one of my last tasks as a prefect, yet it is no easy feat to summarise what we have done this term.

Our most recent project has of course been the Public Speaking Competition, where we were simultaneously thrilled, entertained, and puzzled by what was being said on stage. The winners were Rickey Wan, Aaron Chen, Max Seppelt and Anton Bychkov. Everyone did a great job on stage and organising the competition. Thanks to Artem for his hosting abilities.

House Cup continues as European Handball is still underway, and students are all invited to come and watch some fine displays of athleticism at the gym. The winning house will be awarded a perpetual House Cup trophy.

Speaking of fine athleticism, our own year group is proudly wearing the sleek Year 12 Jersey with the centenary crest.

Year 12 study groups continue and the Prefects urge all boys to participate in them to improve their knowledge across all the major subjects.

The Thankyou Afternoon Tea went well, and this grade knows what an impact our teachers have had in our lives.

Christopher Berry - Year Adviser

student to pay close attention to their teachers’ feedback and put it into practice in the upcoming semester.

I am pleased to report that Year 7 have been enthusiastically participating in all aspects of school life and have already amassed some impressive sporting achievements. The group’s involvement in a number of extra-curricular cultural, social and academic activities is also quite pleasing, and indicates that we can look forward to a wide variety of future achievements from this cohort.

It is now a time where the boys are faced with a number of decisions such as choosing a new sport and choosing which subjects to study next year. Personally, I am very enthused by the strong showing of Year 7 at the Grade Tennis try-outs and look forward to working with a number of the boys as they progress through the open divisions in the future.

Year 7 has shown themselves to be capable of achieving great things, and I look forward to reporting on their ongoing achievements in future reports.

Christopher Berry - Year Adviser
descriptions. When considering university courses students should keep in mind the career choices leading from the course. Research career options on such sites as jobsguide and mycareer and discuss findings with parents and other role models. All students are invited to come and discuss any opportunities and decisions in the Careers Office.

For information regarding scholarship opportunities at UNSW go to: www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au

All details of the University of Sydney scholarship programs are available online at: www.usyd.edu.au/scholarships

These are only two of the major university contacts. There are many scholarships and opportunities at the other tertiary education institutions.

Students making application for any undergraduate courses and especially for scholarships should be very careful with the application. Make sure you specifically answer the questions and criteria. Re-read and edit your form so it is the best possible application you can make. Be aware of the dates for entry so you have plenty of time to get the application perfect.

Include all relevant information so that the university has many reasons to choose you. I am always available to assist with editing.

All students should be aware that most scholarships demand more than HSC success; they now require a student to be able to "show evidence of leadership, creativity, self-motivation, communication skills and participation in school and community activities.” Prof Gavin Brown - Principal Sydney University

Year 12 students who would like interview practice or wish to discuss their career pathways and options should contact me in the Careers Office to organise a time for a meeting. 

Ian Watchirs - Careers Adviser

Debating

Debating has been outstanding this term with workshops and competitions giving students opportunities to develop important speaking and general knowledge skills. The Year 11 Premier’s Debating Team is to be commended for reaching the Regional Finals against Manly Selective High School, who won. The team consisted of Nick Wyche, David Gardner, Glenn Clothier and Mathew Duardo, who passionately debated the topic ‘That parents who breach the privacy of their children should be prosecuted’.

The Year 10 team also has excelled in their region recently debating and winning the interzone final against Killarney Heights High School with the topic ‘That we should use the military to intervene in Syria’ The team consists of Nick Wyche, David Gardner, Sean Yeoh and Alex Duller. We wish them luck for their Regional Final Debate.

Students attending workshops are to be commended for their constant enthusiasm and commitment to the debating program.

Annika Fretze - Coordinator

Northern Sydney Region
Student Services
Parent Forum

An invitation is extended to all parents of students accessing the region’s Student Services Programs to attend an information sharing meeting with other parents and regional representatives.

Guest speaker for this meeting will be Julia Griffith, District Guidance Officer. Julia will be presenting on anxiety at times of transition during schooling – especially from primary to high school.

Date: September 14, 2012
Time: 10.00am to 12.00 noon
Venue: Lindfield East Public School Hall
90 Tryon Road, East Lindfield

For more information, please contact Chris Watts – Student Services Coordinator, on 9987 3908 or email christine.watts@det.nsw.edu.au
Parenting Programs

Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 4 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Communicating with Teens Course
Skills to communicate with your teenagers so that you understand each other better & are able to build positive relationships.
* Understanding teenagers today
* Problem ownership
* Listening skills
* Assertiveness skills
* Peer group pressure & self-esteem issues
Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs (30/10 - 27/11, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop
* Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship with your teenager
* Understand what it is like being a teenager today
* Learn how to talk so that they listen & how to listen so that they talk to you
Chatswood (23/10, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Kids Course - Chatswood (5/11-3/12)
Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course - Chatswood (18/10-29/11)
Communicating with Kids Course - Chatswood (24/10-28/11)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF TEENS - 9887 5830
* Dealing with Teen's Back Chat
* Transition to High School
* Triple P Seminar Series (Teens)
* Resilient Kids
* Bully Busting Workshop

OTHER WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST (2-2.5 hours)
* Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
* Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
* Speech & Language Development/Sleep
* Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series (1-12 years)
* Older Sibling - New Baby
* Transition to School
* Grand Parenting

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

NSW
Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

100 Years
North Sydney Boys High School
1812 - 2012
**A Falcon Century** is the comprehensive history of North Sydney Boys High School written by Ms Kim Eberhard, historian and archivist of the school. Commissioned by The Old Falconians' Union and supported by the school, *A Falcon Century*, weaves together the chronological development of the School, interwoven with reminiscences of generations of boys who attended 'the great Falcon School'. Printed in full colour with over 500 images, the book is a fascinating read.

648 pages including extensive appendices, endnotes and index. Each order comes with a complimentary centenary bookmark, designed by Jin Lee, Class of 2014.

$95

Orders can be placed at the Centenary Store - [http://nsbhs.cart.net.au](http://nsbhs.cart.net.au)

For all enquiries please contact the Front Office on 9955 4748 or [finance@nsbhs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:finance@nsbhs.nsw.edu.au)