



## Co-Curricular Activities 2014



Dear Students and Parents,

This booklet, outlining the co-curricular activities available at Epping Boys High School, promotes our philosophy of *Boys to Men* that seeks to engage all boys and build fine men. It involves providing for the well-rounded growth and development of the whole boy.

To achieve this goal the school offers a wide range of co-curricular activities to enhance our students' intellectual, social, cultural and physical development.

Please note, at the time of printing the fees/costs associated with each activity (where stated) is an approximate cost. In most cases, these amounts will not increase.

I encourage **all boys** to become involved in at least one activity that you are interested in. I know that by participating in these activities you will increase your enjoyment of school life at Epping Boys High School.

**Tim O'Brien**  
**Principal**  
**November 2013**

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# Academic Competitions

## **Australian Informatics Competition**

Australian Informatics Competition is a combination of mathematics and computing. No experience in computer programming is necessary. The questions involve some mathematical ideas related to computing. The questions determine whether a student might have a talent for designing and writing programs.

All students may participate.

Contact Mr Garvey in the Mathematics Staff Room

## **Australian Mathematics Competition**

Students sit for a 75-minute, multiple choice competition testing problem solving skills (as opposed to mathematics examination techniques). Problem solving skills are practiced in the classroom prior to the competition. The competition is held annually in late July/early August.

All students may participate.

Contact Mr Garvey in the Mathematics Staff Room

## **Australian National Chemistry Quiz**

This competition is open to all students, Years 7 to 12. Students undertaking Chemistry studies in Years 11 and 12 are strongly encouraged to take part.

The aims of the Quiz are to promote and encourage an awareness of the nature and relevance of chemistry amongst secondary school students. It is hoped that such a Quiz will interest students in the further study of chemistry and will indicate to students the important role chemistry has to play in our society.

The competition is usually held in July with an entry fee of approximately \$4.00.

Contact Mrs Chen in the Science Staff Room

## **Australian Science Competition**

This competition is available for students from Years 7 to 12. Students sit for a 60-minute, multiple-choice paper, testing problem and process solving skills.

The competition is held annually in May with an entry fee of approximately \$6.00.

Contact Mrs Chen in the Science Staff Room

## **Australian Science Olympiads Qualifying Examinations**

The National Qualifying Examinations (NQE) are the first stage of the Olympiad Programs. An NQE is held annually for each discipline - Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Entry is \$8.00 per student.

Students sitting the NQEs must be in Year 11 or below. Around the top twenty five students in each NQE will be invited to become Australian Science Olympiad (ASO) Scholars. The ASO Scholar Training School will be conducted at the National University.

Contact Mrs Chen in the Science Staff Room

## **Business Studies Competition**

Business Studies Competition is a state-wide competition. Students studying Business Studies in Years 11 and 12 are eligible to sit for the 50-minute examination. It is usually held during May. There is an entry cost of approximately \$3.00. Certificates are presented to those students achieving high marks.

Contact Mr Edwards in the Social Sciences Staff Room

## **Computer Skills Competition**

Students participate in a state-wide computer competition run by the University of New South Wales that assesses a wide range of computer skills areas.

The competition is open to all students from Years 7 to 10. There is an entry fee of approximately \$5.50. Time is made available at school for the students to compete in the competition. Certificates are presented to all participants.

Contact Mr Shear in the Computer Staff Room

## **Da Vinci Decathlon**

Da Vinci Decathlon is an academic interschool gala day operated in the spirit of an Olympic decathlon, with a variety of academic events. The theme is "excite, enrich and challenge". There are ten events, mathematics, English, science, code breaking, engineering challenge, forensic sleuths, creative producers, art and poetry, games of strategy and general knowledge. Students work in teams to solve the problems set in each area.

Students in Years 7 – 10 compete in year groups.  
Contact Mr Lowcock, Deputy Principal

### **Economics Competition**

The Economics Competition is a state-wide competition.

Students studying Economics in Years 11 and 12 are eligible to sit for the 50-minute examination. It is usually held in May. There is an entry fee of approximately \$3.00. Certificates are presented to those students achieving high marks.

Contact Mr Edwards in the Social Sciences Staff Room

### **English Competition**

This competition provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides schools and teachers with extensive reporting of results and also gives parents helpful information regarding their child's performance in reading, textual devices, grammar and vocabulary.

The competition takes place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Region. All students receive a certificate and an individual Results Letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for their state.

The competition is usually held in August and there is an entry fee of approximately \$10.00.

Contact Ms Arandale in the English Staff Room

### **English Writing Competition**

This competition is conducted at school requires a text-type based response. Stimulus material and detailed instructions are supplied. The competition is open to all students who will receive a certificate and an information feedback sheet. The competition is usually held in June and there is an entry fee of approximately \$11.00.

A member of the English staff will co-ordinate incidental competitions and run the Writers' Group. The Writing Competition is run on examination lines while the incidental competitions are usually take-home entries.

Contact Ms Arandale in the English Staff Room

### **ICAS Mathematics Competition**

This is an annual one-hour competition. Any student gifted in Mathematics may enter. Students in Years 8 to 12 can bring in any calculators or other instruments. Year 7 students may not use calculators.

Contact Mr Garvey in the Mathematics Staff Room

### **Mock Trial**

This is an interschool mock trial competition which is run by the NSW Legal Society. Boys from Year 11 Legal Studies travel to other schools and compete in a legal trial.

Contact Mrs Smith in the Social Sciences Staff Room

### **National Geography Competition**

The Geography Competition is a national competition.

Students studying Geography in Years 7 to 10 are eligible to sit for the examination. It is usually held during March. There is an entry fee of approximately \$2.00 per person. Certificates are presented to those students achieving high marks.

Contact Mr Edwards in the Social Sciences Staff Room

### **National Youth Science Forum**

This is sponsored by Rotary. Any Science student from Year 11 may apply. Selection is on their knowledge and ability. The selected student(s) will participate in a week-long program of discussion and science experiences in Canberra in January. This Forum draws the best science students in Year 11 from all over the country.

If a candidate is sponsored by Rotary the cost is minimal. Sponsorship is worth \$2,000.

Contact Mr Bradford in the Science Staff Room

### **Photographer of the Month**

"Capturing the creativity of Epping Boys High School" – displaying the imaginative compositions of photographs taken by the boys, provides the basis for this monthly competition.

Awards are presented at Assembly and the winning photograph placed on display in the Administration Block for the month. All photographs are then on display in the Visual Arts block. In December staff and students vote for *Photographer of the Year* award. The winning student receives a digital camera and all photographs appear in *Panorama*.

Contact Ms Kathryn, Head Teacher CAPA, in the Visual Arts Staff Room

### **Python Challenge**

Year 11 Software Design and selected Years 9 and 10 IST students participate in the National Computer Science School Python Challenge. This is run over five weeks, beginning late July or early August.

For more information see: <http://challenge.ncss.edu.au>

Contact Mr Beilby in the Computing Staff Room

### **Spelling Competition**

The Spelling Competition is open to Year 7 students and is conducted at school.

The entry fee is approximately \$8.00 and is usually held in June.

Contact Ms Arandale in the English Staff Room

### **Stock Market Competition**

The ASX Stock Market Game is a national competition open to all year levels.

Small groups of students meet and decide which virtual shares they will buy and sell on the Internet. They learn about the stock market and take an active interest in the daily fluctuations. Certificates are presented to participants and students compete with others across the nation. It also assists students' learning in subjects such as Economics and Business Studies.

Contact Miss Crosswell in the Library

### **Tournament of the Minds**

Tournament of the Minds is an international completion. It is a problem solving program for teams of students from Years 7 to 10. The teams are required to solve open ended challenges from one of the following disciplines: Applied Technology; Language and Literature; Maths Engineering; and Social Sciences.

Tournament of the Minds is for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

Contact Mr Lowcock, Deputy Principal

### **United Nations Assembly**

Macquarie University conducts a Mock UN Assembly which has two committees in session: the Security Council and the 1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly. Students debate real life current issues facing the international community. 12 students from each school attend. This mock assembly is open to Year 11 Legal Studies students. In 2013 Epping Boys High School had two boys who were awarded best overall delegate and best country representative.

Contact Mr Edwards in the Social Sciences Staff Room

# Creative and Performing Arts

## Art

### After-School Art Workshops

Throughout the year the Art department runs a variety of after-school workshops.

The focus changes each year.

Selected students from Years 7 to 10 may participate.

Contact the Art Staff

### Art Exhibition

Each year, at the end of August, the Art department holds an annual Art Exhibition in the School Hall which showcases the work from students in Year 7 through to Year 12.

As part of this exhibition, students are provided with the opportunity to help organise this event. This involves the designing of invitations and promotional material, as well as the selection and arrangement of work.

Selected students from Year 9 are involved in the coordination of this exhibition.

Contact the Art Staff



*Art Exhibition 2013*

### Visual Arts Gifted and Talented Program

Each year the Art department runs a Gifted and Talented program that runs for three days. The program offers students the opportunity to engage in artmaking with practising artists.

A three-day camp at the Arthur and Yvonne Boyd Education Centre at Bundanon on the Shoalhaven River is offered to Year 10 and 11 students. This involves a variety of activities including visiting the Boyd's Studio and Homestead and visiting the artists in residence at that time.

Contact the Art Staff

## Drama

### Drama Performance Evening

Students present a showcase of dramatic talent within the school. All elective students in Years 9-12 and the Junior Ensemble perform an evening performance. The performance contributes to the elective students' assessment weighting.

Contact Ms Coleman in the Music/Drama Staff Room



*Drama Performance Evening 2013*

### Junior Drama Ensemble

This is a small group of enthusiastic boys in Years 7 and 8 who meet before school to experience Drama.

Contact Ms Coleman in the Music/Drama Staff Room

## Music

### Wind Ensemble

Wind Ensemble members have enjoyed a wide variety of success in recent years. Their musical journey has taken them to Honolulu for the Pacific Basin Music Festival, and the Los Angeles International Music Festival. From 2009-2013 they were the Finalists at the Sydney Eisteddfod. In 2013 the Wind Ensemble received first place in the Australian National Eisteddfod Open Section, in Canberra. In 2013 they were also selected to perform in state and regional music festivals.

Students must be experienced instrumentalists and join by audition.

**Rehearsals** are Thursday morning at 7.20am.

**Fees** are approximately \$170.00 per semester.

Contact the Music Staff



*Wind Ensemble performing at Evening of Music 2013*

## Concert Band

The Concert Band performs at school functions and other various concerts. They enter eisteddfods and other band competitions. In recent years the Concert Band has enjoyed success at the Yamaha Festival and Ryde Eisteddfod. The Concert Band performs in the local community.

Open to any student who plays an instrument (other than strings) may join. Students are expected to have lessons with an instrumental tutor.

**Rehearsals** are Monday morning 7.20am

**Fees** are approximately \$170.00 per semester.

## Training Band

Students learn as a beginner then after a year progress to Concert Band. Each student is also expected to have lessons with a private tutor for their instrument.

Any student wishing to learn an instrument (other than strings and guitar) may join. Each student is also expected to have lessons with a private tutor for their instrument.

**Rehearsals** are Tuesday 7.40am.

**Fees** are approximately \$170.00 per semester.

Contact the Music Staff

## Stage Band

The Stage Band performs at school concerts and other various concerts. The Stage Band has been extremely successful in Eisteddfods and state school auditions. In the past we have also performed at Darling Harbour, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney Town Hall and the Opera House. In 2013 they performed alongside the famous jazz band, Generations in Jazz. They have received first place from 2011-2013 in the Sydney Eisteddfod.

Students must already belong to Wind Ensemble or Concert Band.

**Rehearsals** are Tuesday lunch.

**Fees** are approximately \$120.00 per semester.

Contact the Music Staff



Stage Band

## Jazz Band

This band has been very successful in various events at school and in the local community. They have performed at the Eastwood Spring Fair and Kent Road Public School. At the end of 2012 the Jazz Band toured to Berry, NSW, performing at a number of local schools. All boys interested in Jazz can apply to join. Students must belong to Concert Band.

**Rehearsals** are Monday lunch.

**Fees** are approximately \$120.00 per semester.

Contact the Music Staff



Jazz Band

## String Ensemble

Over the years, Epping Boys High School has formed an Orchestra and String Ensemble. Each year they perform at various school functions. They have performed at the Westmead Children's Hospital and were selected to perform at the Sydney Town Hall for the Arts Unit.

Students who play violin, viola, cello and double bass and flute are welcome.

**Rehearsals** are on Thursday lunch.

**Fees** are approximately \$170.00 per semester.

Contact the Music Staff



String Ensemble

## Guitar Ensemble

The ensemble performs at the Year 7 Concert and *Evening of Music*. The ensemble has received a Highly Commended Award at the 2011 Ryde Eisteddfod. Students are expected to have individual tuition, as well as school practice. Guitarists with a minimum of 12 months experience and an ability to read music may join.

**Rehearsals** are Friday lunch.

**Fees** are approximately \$170.00 per semester.

Contact the Music Staff

## Percussion Ensembles

These ensembles provided a dynamic introduction for the annual *Evening of Music* in 2012 and have performed at the Ryde Eisteddfod, Grandparents Day and the Year 7 Concert.

The Senior Percussion Ensemble participates regularly at the Sydney Eisteddfod and demonstrates musical sophistication.

Students from Years 7 to 10 may join the Junior Percussion Ensemble. Entry to Senior Percussion Ensemble is by invitation

**Rehearsals:** For Junior Percussion Ensemble - Monday mornings at 7.20am  
For Senior Percussion Ensemble – Tuesday mornings at 7.20am

**Fees** are \$170.00 per semester

Contact the Music Staff



Junior Percussion Ensemble

## Choir

Performances are both in and out of school. In the past the school has been invited to sing at venues such as Government House and State Principals' Conference. They have attained first place in the Ryde Eisteddfod and were a finalist in the 2013 Sydney Eisteddfod, as well as having performed in the Sydney Opera House. Carols at Elizabeth Farm is an annual event. They recently received second place at the Sydney Eisteddfod, as well as being selected to perform as soloists at the Sydney Town Hall with the Arts Unit.

Students from all years may join.

**Rehearsals** are Friday mornings at 7.50 am.

**Fees** are \$100.00 per semester.

Contact the Music Staff



Choir

## Rugby Choir

All players in Opens, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Rugby sing at the annual *Evening of Music*. It is compulsory for these players to perform and as a result the tradition has been going for twenty-five years.

**Rehearsals** begin Term 3.

Contact the Music Staff

## Year 7 Massed Choir

All Year 7 students perform at the annual *Evening of Music*, which is held in the School Hall and also at the Year 7 Concert. All Year 7 students participate.

**Rehearsals** are in class time with students memorizing their songs.

Contact the Music Staff

## Year 12 Massed Choir

All Year 12 students form a choir to perform at a concert for the older members of the Epping and Eastwood communities, as a goodwill gesture, on their leaving school. All Year 12 students participate.

**Rehearsals** are at lunch after the Year 12 Trial HSC Exams.

Contact the Music Staff

## Musical Production

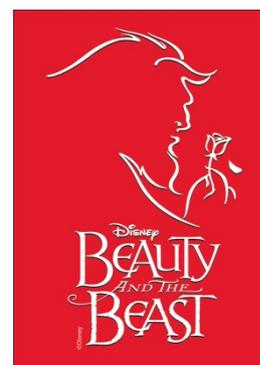
In 2014 the musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, will be performed in partnership with Carlingford High School. Show week is in Week 6 of Term 1, 2014. Main roles, chorus and orchestra have been fully cast, however, positions backstage and in sound and lighting are still available in 2014.

Previous productions were *Jesus Christ Superstar* (2008), *Bye, Bye Birdie*, and *Guys and Dolls* and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. The enthusiasm and hard work results in productions that are satisfying to cast and crew and enjoyed by all who are involved.

**Rehearsals** are Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons after school leading up to the production.

Contact the Music Staff

**Fees** are \$80.00 per production per student





*Guys and Dolls*



*How to Succeed in  
Business without Really  
Trying*



*Joseph and his Technicolor Coat*



*Pirates of Penzance*



*Jesus Christ Superstar*

### **Annual Concerts:**

#### **An Evening of Music**

This annual concert features all the main ensembles throughout the year. Year 12 soloists, small ensembles and the Year 7 Massed Choir also perform. You do not have to do elective music to be involved. The night offers a wide variety in musical style and showcases the musical talents within our school.

Contact the Music Staff Room

Other concerts throughout the year include:

- **An Evening of Jazz**
- **Formal Assemblies**
- **Prefects Induction**
- **Anzac Day**
- **Speech Day**
- **Year 7 Concert**
- **Year 12 Concert**
- **Year 12 Community Concert**
- **Charity Eisteddfod**
- **Carols at Elizabeth Farm**
- **Various eisteddfods and competitions: state, national and overseas**

# General

## Animal Appreciation Group

The aims of the group are to encourage students to gain knowledge of a wide variety of animals, increase their knowledge of Taronga Zoo, and the role and workings of zoos worldwide.

A group of ten to fifteen students meet weekly at lunchtime to discuss their research projects. These cover a wide range of topics from research about particular rare or unusual animals, through to planning animal enrichment for possible use at Taronga Zoo. This group is for any student who has an interest in animals and their conservation.

Contact Ms Corkery in the Science Staff Room

## Blood Donation

Students who are aged 16 and over, weigh more than 50k, have not travelled recently to countries with blood borne diseases and are healthy are eligible to donate blood. Every donation is used in providing essential life-saving blood for the Australian community.

Most Fridays Epping Boys High School has students going to the Australian Red Cross Blood Service Centre at 22 Oak Street, Rosehill. A courtesy bus is sent to transport students to and from the Centre. The bus, which holds a maximum of 7 students, collects them at 10.30am and returns them to school at approximately 1.30pm.

For further information contact Miss Corkery in the Science Staff Room.

## Charity Assistance

Epping Boys High School has built strong links with the local community by assisting in many charity organisations. Each year group has adopted its own charity to support, which they will support for their six years of high school. Other groups within the school such as Prefects, SRC and specific interest groups support a wide range of charities.

The charities Epping Boys High School support include Red Cross, Salvation Army, Wesley Mission, Children's Medical Research Foundation, Cancer Council, Stewart House, Dry July, Oxfam, Cystic Fibrosis, Leukaemia Foundation, Breast Cancer Foundation, Canteen, Blood Bank, World Vision, House with No Steps, Movember, Heart of Hope, Legacy and the Nui Dat School in Vietnam. Special interest charities include Winmalee Bushfire Appeal.

Activities include door-knock appeal, selling merchandise, collecting donations, and being part of a team in organising intra-school activities, such as wACKY tACKY Tie Day, Mufti Days, BBQs and Charity Eisteddfod. Charity involvement is a requirement of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. All students throughout the school are invited to be involved in charity activities as part of the *Boys to Men* program.

Contact Mr Harper in the Science Staff Room

## Chess Club

The Chess Club is for any student who enjoys playing chess and competing in fun competitions.

Students from all years are welcome to come along to K23. There is a fee of \$10.00 for the year. Students will gain knowledge of playing chess, as well as, having the responsibility of looking after the room, chess sets, packing and cleaning up. There is social chess on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at lunchtimes. During Term 2 there is a Junior Secondary Competition with other school groups on Friday afternoons. (See Sport section)

Contact Mr Lochner the English Staff Room

## Dr Who Club

The Dr Who Club is an opportunity for those who are keen *Dr Who* fans to watch an episode and have a chat about it. The episodes watched are the 30-minute original episodes, not the modern version which are 50 minutes in duration. The Dr Who Club meets once a week on Fridays during lunchtime in K3. All students who enjoy *Dr Who* are invited to attend.

Contact Ms Lane in the Science Staff Room

## Enviro Group (LEAF – Leading environment Action Faction)

This group is comprised of environment minded students from Years 7 to 12. The group's focus is for all things 'green' and includes activities outside the school.

Contact Ms Lane in the Science Staff Room

**FUEL** - Formerly Inter-School Christian Fellowship, is a registered activity of Scripture Union. FUEL provides a relaxed and fun space where students can come and discuss issues of faith, hopefully provoking them to think a little deeper about how they fit into the world and what on earth we're all doing here. Boys from all grades attend providing an excellent opportunity for peer support, as well as fostering new relationships that may never have otherwise developed. Often the sessions are student lead giving the boys a chance to lead, teach and share what they feel is relevant to their fellow students' school lives and overall personal development. A big highlight of the year is the weekend away with the Cheltenham Girls' group. We have an awesome time under the senior leaders care as they entertain us with various games and activities, as well as hearing from a guest speaker. Weekly meetings are held each Friday at lunchtime in J1 and all students are welcome.

Contact Mr Nic McInerney (School Chaplain) in the Learning Support Staff Room

### **Homework Centre**

The Homework Centre supports the wide range of learning needs of our students. The Centre assists students with homework, assignments / assessment tasks, organisational and study skills. The Centre is staffed by Mrs Maria Abram, Ms Esther Chang, teachers and senior mentors from Years 11/12. The Homework Centre operates during Monday lunchtimes in D3 and Monday afternoons between 3.30 and 4.30pm in the library.

Contact Mrs Abram in the English Staff Room or Ms Chang in the CAPA Staff Room

### **Multicultural Day**

Multicultural Day is a celebration of cultural diversity. Epping Boys High School embraces the day with food, fun and festivity. As a community we respect and uphold the values of multiculturalism. This day provides a range of opportunities for all students, parents and staff to contribute food, entertainment and skills. It is always a delight to see many of our students participate and enjoy all the planning and preparation!

Contact Mrs Abram in the English Staff Room or Ms Chang in the CAPA Staff Room

### **Newsletter Team**

This team writes reports, takes photographs of school events and interviews staff, students and community members for the school newsletter, *Epping High Standard*. This newsletter is published fortnightly. Students with an interest in journalism or photography should apply to join the team.

Contact Mr Lowcock (Deputy Principal)

### **Nui Dat Team**

The Nui Dat charity was established in 2009 as part of the "Dare to Care" initiative within the *Boys to Men* program. The charity is adopted by the Year 9 cohort every four years. Over the four year commitment, the Nui Dat committee guides various fund raising activities. The funds raised go towards educational materials and building projects that aid and assist the local kindergarten and primary school in Nui Dat, Vietnam.

Contact Mr McKenzie in the Mathematics Staff Room

### **Science Club**

The Science Club is for students to come together and build projects to inspire positive attitudes and curiosity in science. Last year, the Science Club attracted students from all year groups to design, build and launch model rockets. More exciting projects are planned.

Contact Mr de la Pena in the Science Staff Room

### **Sound and Lighting Crew**

This is a small group responsible for running and designing the sound and lighting for assemblies, musicals, concerts and performances. Twelve boys from Years 8 to 12 form the group. They plan and liaise with staff, maintain equipment, attend performances, both in and out of school hours.

Contact Mr Simmons in the IA Staff Room

### **Writers' Group**

The Writers' Group exists in the school to encourage students to experiment with their writing in any direction they want. Writing competitions are the usual vehicle to achieve this but other methods are encouraged. The group is run very loosely and students who are not 'formal' members are welcome to come along any time they want.

Contact Mr Chedra in the English Staff Room

# Leadership and Personal Development

## Charity Eisteddfod

Students from Epping Boys High School and other schools in the Hornsby district can take part in a Charity Eisteddfod Talent Quest. Prizes are awarded for the best acts. Celebrity judges adjudicate and all proceeds go towards a nominated charity. In 2013 the SRC selected the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

Any student from Years 7 to 12 may participate. Students may enter individually or as part of a group. Popular acts in the past have included bands, singing, drama groups, musical items, dance and mime. Auditions and rehearsals are held prior to the Eisteddfod.

Contact Mrs Thanos, SRC Coordinator, in the History Staff Room

## Debating

Students debate against other state schools in The Premier's Challenge Debating Competition.

Any student interested in debating may go in the school trials for team selection, including reserves. Debating teams of five or six boys are formed in all years: Years 7 - 12. Debating commences with other state schools in the Northern Region. The winner of the zone then debates in a knockout competition against other zone winners, until a Northern Region champion is decided.

Contact Mr Symonds in the English Staff Room

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

The aim of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is to present young people with a balanced, non-competitive program of voluntary activities, whilst encouraging personal discovery and growth, self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility to themselves, teamwork and service to the community.

Students from Years 9 - 12 may join. In 2013, 98 boys participated in the Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. The various tasks involve expeditions, community service, physical recreation and learning or developing skills.

Contact Miss Tang in the Mathematics Staff Room or Ms Brierty in the PDHPE Staff Room



*2013 Duke of Ed Gold expedition*

## House Captains, House Vice-Captains and Sports Captains

All students in the school are placed in one of the four houses. Throughout the year points are awarded to each house on the basis of their success in the many competitions that run throughout the year. Major contributions come from events such as swimming, athletics and cross-country carnivals, but events as diverse as academic competitions, green cards and school-based round robin sports competitions are also included. The house captains are instrumental in organising these events.

Contact Mr Nelson in the PE Staff Room

## Karonga School Project

This is a peer-tutoring program involving handicapped children at Karonga School in Epping. A small group of Year 10 students spend several hours each Wednesday afternoon in terms 3 and 4 working with senior Karonga students.

Contact Mr Martin, Head Teacher Welfare

## Leadership in Middle School (LIMS)

The LIMS (Leadership in Middle Schools) program aims to increase levels of co-curricular activity participation by offering students in Years 7-9 the opportunity to gain experience in leadership-related activities including public speaking, school service and the organisation of one complex task. By running this program, Middle School students will be exposed to leadership experience prior to their senior years, boosting their confidence along the way.

Contact Ms Swanson in the Social Sciences Staff Room

## Network Cafe

The Network Café program is a student development initiative designed to assist students to enhance their self-confidence and communication skills in a simulated work environment. The program has proved to be very successful and popular with both students and staff.

Selected Year 9 students have an opportunity to work in our Network Café one day per week, serving morning tea to staff and senior students. Eight students from Year 9 are then selected to progress to the cafe

management team. They work a number of shifts per week, as the cafe opens before school and at recess every day. These boys also mentor the next group of Year 9 trainees in the procedures of the cafe, providing a superb leadership opportunity. The management team is then streamlined further as the students enter Year 11, with just four boys forming an executive management team to oversee general operations and directions.

The Network Cafe program at Epping Boys High School has been featured on Radio National and Triple J as an exemplary student welfare initiative.

Teachers involved in the coordination of the Network Cafe are Mr Percy, Mr McInerney, Mr Mutch, Mr Stewart and Mrs Hartley. Contact Mr Percy (School Counsellor) for further information.

### **Panorama Magazine Committee**

This student committee plans and produces the school magazine, *Panorama*.

Any student from Years 8 to 11, who feels he would like to contribute in some way, may apply. Students learn a variety of skills ranging from gathering information, writing reports and taking photographs. Working with professional design programs such as Photoshop and InDesign, students learn how to produce a quality publication from the initial concept to printing.

Contact Ms Chang in the Art Staff Room

### **Peer Mentoring**

Mentoring is part of the *Boys to Men* program. Mentoring is an opportunity for students to take a role of leadership in the middle school. On alternate weeks Year 9 students mentor Year 7 and Year 10 students mentor Year 8.

In the first two weeks of high school, prefects are attached to Year 7 classes who escort them from class to class, providing help and support during the transition from primary school.

The program is designed to achieve several outcomes. The older students have an opportunity to take an important role at the school, while the new students are made to feel a sense of belonging by establishing relationships with senior students. This enables them to gain valuable knowledge and experience from responsible students already accustomed to the routines and activities of high school.

Years 9 and 10 students participate in training days where they are made aware of their role as a mentor and given the appropriate skills to successfully run small group mentoring sessions. The structure of the mentor sessions become more informal as the year progresses with the expectation that leaders will continue to support the Year 7 students outside of organised session times.

Contact Mr Martin (Head Teacher Welfare)



*Mentoring session*

### **Prefect Body**

Each year in July, 24 Year 11 students are elected into the school's prefect body to take up a whole school leadership position. Apart from their duties of assisting at bus, assembly and canteen lines, attending regular meetings, assisting at school functions and organising activities and fund raising for special events and charities, these senior boys are role models for all students at the school. They exemplify the school's ethos by demonstrating proper dress and behaviour, and by modelling involvement in the full range of activities offered by the school.

Prefects are students who have generally been actively involved in the school from Year 7, showing leadership qualities by positively engaging others to become part of the school's corporate life. All Year 11 students are eligible to nominate for the position of prefect. They will be required to attend initial meetings, write a letter of application, go through an interview process with a panel, and be elected by a "weighted" voting process involving staff and Years 9-12. Their duties begin when the Year 12 prefects commence their HSC trial examinations.

Contact Mrs Hartley in the History Staff Room



*2013-2014 Prefect Body*

### **Public Speaking**

There are two formal areas of public speaking:

- (a) All Year 7 participate in Term 4 for the Margaret Lawrence Award.
- (b) Senior students, (Years 10-12) may enter The Sydney Morning Herald Plain Speaking Competition
- (c) Junior students from Years 7, 8 and 9 may enter Legacy Public Speaking Competition

Contact Mr Symonds or Mr Lochner in the English Staff Room

### **Sports Council**

To be formed for the first time at the beginning of 2014. Two boys from each year group (7-11) will be voted in by their peers to represent their year group in sport-related activities and help promote and grow sport within the school. The Sports Council will be run by the five sports captains, each having a specific area of responsibility: winter, summer, athletics, cross country and swimming.

Contact Mr Nelson in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Students' Representative Council (SRC)**

This is a student leadership body which identifies and voices student opinions and ideas. This can lead to improvements in school spirit, school amenities and closer ties with the local community.

In Years 7 to 11, six students in each year group are democratically elected by their peers. Four Year 11 students form the executive board as President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Weekly meetings are held during lunch time. The group discuss student rights and responsibilities, organises fund raising activities such as the school dance and supports charities through the annual Charity Eisteddfod and ongoing sponsorship of three World Vision children.

Contact Mrs Thanos, SRC Coordinator, in the History Staff Room



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### **Writer of the Week Award**

There is a weekly award presented on Thursdays to acknowledge outstanding achievement in research, writing and literacy. The recipient is called to the dais and a citation read in relation to the student's achievement. The award is determined by the subject head teacher on a rotational basis. Weekly recipients of these awards receive a certificate and a commemoration pen.

Contact Mr Lowcock (Deputy Principal)

# Sport

## **AFL NSW/ACT Swans Cup**

This competition is open for Under 14, Under 16 and Open grade (Years 7-12) students.

Contact Mr Percy in B Block

## **AFL Swan Shield**

This competition is open to Under 15 grade (Years 7-10) students. This competition is a DEC knockout.

Contact Mr Percy in B Block or Mr Archer in English Staff Room

## **Badminton Competition**

This competition is open to all students.

Contact Mr Bui in the Maths Staff Room

## **Baseball Competition - Proud Shield**

Students compete in a state-wide Combined High Schools open grade knockout competition.

Any student in Years 9 to 12 who feels he is a good baseball player may enter, but as it is an open competition the final selection is usually made up from senior boys who are in grade baseball. Training and coaching will be given and the actual games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Mrs Dwyer in the Science Staff Room

## **Basketball Competition**

Students compete in a state-wide Combined High Schools Knockout competition.

The final selection is made from senior boys who are in grade basketball during summer sport. The competition starts in February and the top eight teams go to a central venue to play rounds 3, 4 and 5. Training and coaching will be given. The actual games against other schools are held during school time.

Contact Mr Martin in the Maths Staff Room or Mr Mathieson in the IA Staff Room

## **Basketball Knockout Competition – Under 15s**

Students compete in a regional knockout competition.

This competition is open to all boys under the age of 15 in Years 7 – 10. The only cost involved is transport fares when games are away from home.

Contact Ms Tang in the Maths Staff Room

## **Chess – Metropolitan Secondary Schools Competition**

The NSW Junior Chess League conducts a weekly teams competition during Term 2 each year. Matches are scheduled on a home and away basis and are played on Fridays after school. Entree fee is free for Chess Club members.

1. Junior grade (Years 7 and 8)
2. Intermediate grade (Years 9 and 10)
3. Senior grade (Years 11 and 12)

The competition is for teams of four players and is played in three grades.

Interested students may apply to play by contacting Mr Lochner in the English Staff Room

## **Cricket Competition - Davidson Shield**

Students compete in a state-wide Combined High Schools open grade knockout competition. In addition, open grade also competes in the Northern Districts Cricket Cup.

Any student in Years 9 to 12 who feels he is a good cricket player may enter, but as it is an open competition the final selection is usually made up from senior boys who are in 1<sup>st</sup> grade cricket. Training and coaching will be given and the actual games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Mr Chew and Mr Bell in the Industrial Arts Staff Room

## **Football - Annual Dinner**

The Annual Football Dinner is held at the completion of the Winter Sports Competition. The evening is a celebration of football for all age groups at Epping Boys High School. The evening attracts noted football guests and Old Boys to present trophies and speak to all Epping Boys High School football players.

Contact Mr Bailey in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Football – Five a side**

This is a tournament hosted in December each year at Endeavour Sports High for schools' most talented Year 7-10 players.

Contact Mr Bailey in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Football – Indoor (Futsal)**

Epping Boys High School competes in the Annual NSW Futsal Indoor Championships.

This competition has age groups in U14, U16 and U19. Epping Boys High School nominates teams in each category based on students who have played in the indoor soccer competition during zone summer sport. Students who are interested in selection to represent the school at the NSW Futsal Indoor Soccer championships may enter.

Contact Mr Bailey in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Football Junior Competition - Turner Cup**

Students compete in a state-wide Combined High Schools junior grade knockout competition.

Any student under 15 years of age who feels he is a good soccer player may enter but the final selection will probably be made from boys who play grade soccer and who are involved in the Applied Sport subject. Training and coaching will be given and the actual games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Mr Kayes in the IA Staff Room

### **Football Open Competition - ERREA Cup**

Students compete in a state-wide Combined High Schools open grade knockout competition

Any student in Years 9 to 12 who feels he is a good soccer player may enter but as it is an open competition the final selection is usually made up from senior boys who are in 1<sup>st</sup> grade soccer. Training and coaching will be given and the actual games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Mr Bailey in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Football – U90 College**

USA soccer college recruiting company that assesses and develops our school's elite Years 9-12 footballers and offers those elite players scholarships to various USA colleges (hundreds of options). Training and assessment sessions occur approximately once per term.

Contact Mr Bailey in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Football – Wanderers Cup**

A football competition hosted by the Western Sydney Wanderers for our school's most talented Years 7 and 8 players. Winners of the zone competitions then progress to a finals day and the top four from the finals day will play before an A league match and receive free tickets to watch that match.

Contact Mr Bailey in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Golf (Zone and Regional)**

The school's best four junior and four senior players compete against the other schools in the zone and if successful, then play against the best schools in the region. Epping was champion of both in 2013. Please register interest with the Sports Coordinator.

Contact Mr Nelson in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Grade Sport Choices - Summer**

Students can try out for inclusion in the various age groups or grades of the following sports: cricket, baseball, basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer (Futsal), Oz Tag, water polo and tennis.

These grade teams have regular coaching at school and play against other schools in the zone on Wednesdays afternoons.

Contact the Sports Coordinator, Mr Nelson in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Grade Sport Choices - Winter**

Students can try out for inclusion in the various age groups or grades of the following sports: rugby, soccer, hockey, tennis, table tennis and lawn bowls.

These grade teams have regular coaching at school and play against other schools in the zone on Wednesday afternoons.

The contact person is the Sports Coordinator, Mr Nelson in the PDHPE Staff Room

## **Hockey**

Students compete in a state wide Combined High Schools competition.

The team will be selected from the grade junior and open school hockey teams. Games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Mr Symonds in the English Staff Room or Miss Corkery in the Science Staff Room

## **Lawn Bowls**

Students compete in a state-wide Combined High Schools lawn bowls knockout competition.

Any student in Year 7 to 12 who feels he is a good lawn bowl player may enter. Games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Mr Tabrett in the Music Staff Room

## **Netball Competition**

This competition is for students in Years 7 to 12.

Contact Ms Horstead in the Music Staff Room

## **North vs South (U13, U14, U15 Soccer and Rugby Competition)**

A concept where the zone's most talented Under 13, 14 and 15 rugby and football players play against each other: North (including Epping, Asquith and Normanhurst) vs South (including Homebush, Randwick, Ashfield and North Sydney). Games are played at Epping Boys High School the week after winter sport grand finals. U13s kick off at 12.00, U14s at 1.00pm and u15s at 2.00pm. Players are nominated by their coaches or sports coordinator.

Contact Mr Nelson in the PDHPE Staff Room

## **Oz Tag Gala Day**

Students from Years 7-12 compete in a regional Oz Tag gala day held at Homebush in Term 3. A number of teams will be spent in three divisions: Years 7/8, Years 9/10, Years 11/12.

Training and coaching will be given in the week leading up to the tournament during school time.

Contact Ms Brierty and Ms Laman in the PDHPE Staff Room

## **Rugby League Competition**

This competition is open to all students.

Contact Ms Laman in the PDHPE Staff Room

## **Rugby - Annual Rugby Dinner**

The Annual Rugby Dinner is held at the completion of the Winter Sport Competition. The evening is a celebration of Rugby for all age groups at Epping Boys High School. The evening attracts noted Rugby guests to present trophies and speak to all Epping Boys High School Rugby players.

Contact Ms Laman in the PDHPE Staff Room

## **Rugby – Buchan Shield**

Students compete in a state-wide Combined High Schools 16 Years and below knockout competition.

Any student who feels he is a good rugby player may enter but the final selection will be made from junior boys who are in grade rugby. Training and coaching will be given and the actual games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Ms Laman in the PDHPE Staff Room

## **Rugby Open Competition - Waratah Shield**

Students compete in a state-wide Combined High Schools open grade rugby knockout competition.

Any student who feels he is a good rugby player may enter but the final selection will probably be made from senior boys who are in grade rugby. Training and coaching will be given and the actual games against other schools are usually held during school time.

A tradition at Epping Boys High School is the participation of rugby players in the rugby choir.

Contact Mr Jacob in the Social Sciences Staff Room

### **Rugby U14 Knock out**

Students compete in a state-wide Combined High Schools 14 Years and below knockout competition.

Any student who feels he is a good rugby player may enter but the final selection will be made from junior boys who are in grade rudy. Training and coaching will be given and the actual games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Mr Mathieson in the IA Staff Room

### **Social Sport Choices Summer and Winter**

The students may choose from the following sports:

Activities (variety), badminton, basketball, bush bike riding, bushwalking, golf, golf (driving range), ice skating, lawn bowls, recreational swimming, senior house sport, soccer, softball, tennis, ten pin bowling, table tennis, volleyball, Kung Fu, Junior and Senior House Sports and weight training.

These sports are played on Wednesday afternoon.

Contact the Sports Coordinator Mr Nelson in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Softball Competition – Teachers’ Credit Union Cup**

This competition is open for students in Years 9 to 12.

Contact Ms Horstead in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Sports Academies (AFL, Cricket, Football, Rugby)**

To begin in 2014, with more sports to be added in 2015 and beyond. More details to follow.

Contact Mr Bailey in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Sports Photographers**

Opportunities are available for boys with an interest in photography to take photos or videos of Epping sporting competitions which are then used in school publications (website, newsletter, assemblies, football and rugby dinner, etc). Boys who regularly help out will receive “Sports Photographer” badges.

Contact Mr Bailey in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Sports Referees (Football, Touch Football, Oz-Tag)**

Leadership opportunity for boys to referee grade football matches on Wednesdays or knockouts, gala days or North vs South matches. Boys are acknowledged and rewarded at the annual football dinner each year in August. Boys also have opportunities to referee touch football and Oz-Tag gala days for primary school competitions in the local area.

Contact Mr Bailey in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Sportsman of the Week Award**

There is a weekly award presented on Fridays. The recipient of these awards is called to the dais and a citation read out in relation to the student’s achievement. The award is based on submissions to the Sports Coordinator by coaches and representative sporting teams.

### **Table Tennis Competition (Inter-school) – Butterfly Shield**

Students compete in the state-wide Combined High Schools open grade knockout table tennis competition.

Any student in Years 7 to 12 who feels he is a good table tennis player may enter but as it is an open competition the final selection is usually made up from senior boys. The final team is made up of four boys. In competition games the team plays a number of singles and doubles matches against other schools. The actual games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Mr Hungerford in the Science Staff Room or Mrs Thanos in the History Staff Room

### **Tennis Competition – Stan Jones Cup**

Students compete in a state-wide Combined High Schools open grade knockout competition.

Any student in Years 9 to 12 who feels he is a good tennis player may enter but as it is an open competition the final selection is usually made up from senior boys who are in grade sport. The final team will comprise four singles players and four doubles players. Training and coaching will be given and the actual games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Mr Bradford in the Science Staff Room

### **Touch Football**

Students compete in a state-wide CHS Open Touch Football knockout competition.

Any student in Years 7 to 12 who feels he is a good Touch player may enter. Training/coaching will be given and the actual games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Ms Brierty in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Triathlon**

State wide team and individual competition for competitive swimmers, runners, cyclists in Years 7 – 12.

Contact Mr Bailey in the PDHPE Staff Room

### **Volleyball Competition**

Students compete in a state-wide Combined High Schools open grade knockout competition.

Any student in Years 7 to 12 who feels he is a good volleyball player may enter but as it is an open competition the final selection is usually made up from senior boys who are in grade sport. Training and coaching will be given and the actual games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Mr Chedra in English Staff Room

### **Water Polo Competition**

Students compete in a state-wide Combined High Schools open grade knockout competition.

Any student in Years 7 to 12 who feels he is a good water polo player may enter but as it is an open competition the final selection is usually made up from senior boys who play water polo in grade sport. Training and coaching will be given and the actual games against other schools are usually held during school time.

Contact Mr Harper in the Science Staff Room and Mr Nelson in PDHPE

### **Weights Training**

This activity is open for students in Year 9 to 12.

Contact Ms Brierty and Ms Laman in the PDHPE Staff Room

# Tours

## Canada and USA (rugby)

Every three years in April, the Open Rugby teams visit schools in the USA and Canada. In the between years, teams from schools in Canada have traditionally visited us to play Rugby. Epping last went to USA and Canada in 2013, so the next trip is planned for April 2016.



Two teams, First and Second Grade usually play four games each on the tour. The tour is also a significant cultural learning experience for the boys. In 2013 the teams went to an Ice Hockey game at the 'Cow Dome', visited Alcatraz, walked over the Golden Gate Bridge, visited Fisherman's Wharf, spent time in Vancouver and on Vancouver Island, learnt about the Canadian First Nation, and went snow skiing on Whistler Mountain, to name just some of the activities.

During the nineteen day tour the boys were billeted by parents of our opponents on three separate occasions. Some have made firm friends with whom they still correspond.

Contact Mr Wright in the IA Staff Room

## China (cultural)

The Chinese cultural exchange tour involves a 10 day visit to China with our three partner schools: Chatswood High School, Cromer High School and Feng Hua Chinese School.

We visit our sister school, the Haidian Experimental School in Beijing. We spend several days doing cultural activities with the school. Boys form a partnership with students at the school. Several days of sightseeing complete the tour.

In 2013 the cost of the tour was \$2200 per student which included all airfares, accommodation and meals. In 2014 it is anticipated the cost will be similar.

Contact Mr Garvey in the Maths Staff Room

## Europe (history)

2014 will see the inaugural History tour to Europe in conjunction with Chatswood High School. This tour is open to all students studying elective History in Year 10 and Ancient and/or Modern History in Year 11, 2013. Approximately 20 students have taken the opportunity to travel in a large group to enhance their historical learning by visiting Italy to view ancient and Renaissance sites which build on to course content for both junior elective and senior Ancient History. For Modern History students visits will be made to French historical sites of World Wars I and II, as well as a tour of Paris. It is planned that this tour will be offered again in 2015 for touring in 2016.

Contact Mrs Hartley in the History Staff Room

## Japan (cultural)

The Japanese cultural tour involves a 10 day visit to Japan, where students are immersed in the culture and art of the country. Students visit a variety of cities, including Tokyo, Hiroshima, Osaka and Kyoto. Whilst at these destinations students visit art galleries and culturally significant sites, as well as being encouraged to try different cuisines.

This tour is primarily for senior students and will take place every two years, with the next Japanese tour planned for 2015.

In 2013 the cost of the tour was approximately \$2000 per student which included all airfares, accommodation and some meals. In 2015 it is anticipated the cost will be similar.

Contact Ms Kathryn in the Art Staff Room



## New Zealand (rugby / football)

Epping Boys High School travels to NZ every second year with a selected group of 44, Year 8 and Year 9, boys who have represented the school at grade soccer and/or rugby. The teams consist of U14 and U15 football and an U15 rugby team. The boys have the privilege of playing against Nelson College "the home of rugby", where the first game of rugby in NZ was played. Selection criteria are based on being a good ambassador for the school and skill level.



The 10-day tour includes travelling from North to South Island, playing three games and a number of cultural activities including glacier walk, white water rafting, Queenstown gondola ride and skiing. This tour is run during the end of Term 2 and the first week of the mid-year break.

The next tour will take place in 2014.

Contact Mr Martin in the Mathematics Staff Room



