



MERCURIUS

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Dear Parents and Fortians

Welcome to 2013, we are indeed fortunate at Fort Street High School and need to spend some time considering fellow Australians who are suffering from loss due to floods in Queensland and northern NSW and fires experienced in Western Australia and Victoria.

2013 is the school's 164th year providing excellence in liberal education to gifted students in NSW.

I sincerely apologise for the omission of three names in the January edition of Mercurius. **Akash Bhattacharjee, Kimberly Yoon and Jack Willis-Craig** are now listed and acknowledged for their academic achievements.



Academic Results 2012

Our data continues to support that our most successful students reflect our school exit profile – they have developed skills in a range of areas. The students are independent learners and emotionally resilient.

They are true leaders and have a strong commitment to social justice in addition to reaching academic potential.

Higher School Certificate Results 2012

We were rightly proud of the school's excellent Higher School Certificate Results in 2010 and 2011 with the total of 568 Band 5 and 6 results in 2010 and 861 Band 5 and 6 results in 2011.

In 2012, our students results translated into 338 student performances in Band 6 and 520 student performances in Band 5, a total of 858. Although the number of our Band 6 results are not as high as 2012, of the 520 Band 5 results 96 students were placed on 88 or 89 marks, 1-2 marks short of a merit listing

- The school was placed **15th** in the state based on Band 6 performances,
- students placed in the top ten in seven (six) subjects,
- 100% of candidates in History Extension in Band 6 - 3rd year in succession,
- 100% of candidates in Music Extension in Band 6 - 2nd consecutive year,
- 100% of candidates in Japanese in Band 6,
- 100% of candidates in Japanese Extension in Band 6 (Open High School),
- 94% Accounting in Band 6,
- 93% Visual Arts in Band 6,
- 80% in Hospitality in Band 6,
- 67% Music 2, Chinese Heritage and German Extension in Band 6,
- 55% of Mathematics Extension 1 in Band 6,

- 53 % of Mathematics Extension 2 in Band 6,
- 47 % Mathematics 2U in Band 6,
- 43% of English Extension 2 in Band 6,
- 42% Extension 1 English in Band 6,
- 42% Music 2 in Band 6,
- 41% of Geography in Band 6,
- 40% French in Band 6.

Bands 5 and 6 results (= 2012 result)

- Ancient History **59%** (88%)
- Modern History **90%** (92%)
- English Advanced **85%** (82%)
- English Extension 1 **97%** (96%)
- English Extension 2 **100%** (100%)
- Mathematics 2U **90%** (89%)
- Mathematics Extension1 **98%** (99%)
- Mathematics Extension 2 **100%** (100%)
- Biology **85%** (85%)
- Chemistry **77%** (87%)
- Physics **67%** (88%)
- Economics **78%** (79%)
- Legal Studies **80%** (78%)
- Geography **94%** (100%)
- Music 2 **76%** (100%)
- Drama **94%** (80%)
- Visual Arts **100%** (100%)
- French **100%** (100%)
- German **72%**(100%)
- German Extension **100%** (not offered in 2012)
- Chinese Heritage **100%** (not offered in 2012)
- Engineering **91%** (88%)
- SDD **58%** (80%)
- PD.H.PE **78%** (73%)
- Hospitality **100%** (86%)
- Accounting (TAFE) **100%** (100%)

Our most consistent Band 5/6 performances over the past two years have been in the following subjects:

Accounting, Biology, Economics, Engineering, English Advanced, English Extension, English Extension 2, French, History Extension, Legal Studies, Mathematics 2U, Mathematics Extension1, Mathematics Extension 2, Music 2, Modern History and Visual Arts, PE,

Our most improved results were in Drama, German and Japanese.

The following students were awarded 90 marks in all but one subject and narrowly missed receiving an All Rounder Award.

Their achievements are excellent and as such we congratulate:

- **Aileen Wang**
- **Akash Bhattacharjee**
- **Alexandra Chalmers Braithwaite**
- **Cassy Wong**
- **David Corleto**
- **Edward Li**
- **Emily Louie**
- **Henry Wang**
- **Jack Willis-Craig**
- **Lawrence Liang**
- **Simon Ko**
- **Yathu Mahenthirarasa**

Congratulations to the students who were placed in the top ten in subjects in the state:

- **George Bishop** 1st in Accounting (Petersham TAFE)
- **Marta Krzanowski** 1st in Polish (Saturday School – Ashfield)
- **Charlotte Ferrier** 3rd in German Extension
- **Jack Willis-Craig** 5th in Accounting (Petersham TAFE)
- **Arin Harman** 7th in Chemistry*
- **Charlotte Ferrier** 10th in Hospitality
- **Zachary Gough** 10th in English Extension 2
- **Xia Fan Tu** 18th in Mathematics 2U*
- **Kimberley Yoon** 3rd in the state in Japanese Extension* (Open High School)

Jack and Kimberley's names were omitted in the January Mercurius as we had not been informed of their achievements.

**accelerated student from Year 11 2012*



Staffing

I would like to warmly welcome and introduce new staff to the school:

- **Ms Anderson** – Head Teacher Science is replacing **Ms Stockbridge**. Ms Anderson was previously Head Teacher of Mathematics/Science at Bourke High School.
- **Mr Scudds** is replacing **Ms Neurath**. Mr Scudds joins us from Deniliquin High School.
- **Mr Matthew Manchester** is the new IMP Director.

Long Term Temporary Teachers

- **Ms Kerr** remains with us sharing her duties with **Ms Lawson**.
- **Ms Chamas** remains with us replacing **Ms Schubert**.
- **Dr Kidd** remains with us and is replacing **Ms Forsythe**.
- **Mr Begg** replaces **Ms Jerrems**.
- **Ms Blake** replaces **Ms Dadour**.
- **Mr Yensch** is replacing **Mr Dopierala** in his TAS classes. **Ms Woodley** is relieving Head Teacher TAS for Terms 1-3. **Mr Dopierala** is on long service leave and is travelling around Australia with his family.
- **Mr Miranda** replaces **Ms Miniutti** in the classroom while **Mr de Bres** is Head Teacher History for Terms 1 and 2 and **Mr Hoekstra** is Head Teacher History in Terms 3 and 4.
- **Mr Asher** replaces **Ms Bresnahan**.
- **Mr Cotton** is replacing **Ms Harper**
- **Mr Van de Hoek** replaces **Mr Honeysett**.
- **Mr O'Neill** replaces **Mr Carritt**.
- **Mr Han** replaces **Ms Regan**.
- **Ms Lam** is an additional teacher in Mathematics.
- **Mr Pinero Martinez** is an additional teacher in Chinese and French.
- **Ms Robinson** is with us again two days per week filling in for **Ms Colombo** who continues to work three days per week.
- **Ms Beevers** replaces **Ms Johnson** in Term 1.



Sports Co-ordinators 2013

Ms Robinson - Tuesday sport
Mr Gaal - Swimming and Athletics carnivals
Mr Fischer - Cross Country and Year 7 Gala Day



Welfare Team 2013

Ms Starr - Head Teacher Student Services

Year Advisers and Assistant Year Advisers are:

Year 7	Ms Woodhouse / Mr Hayes
Year 8	Ms Mattick / Ms Lawson
Year 9	Mr Melser / Mr Gaal
Year 10	Ms Tidon / Mr Fischer
Year 11	Ms Reynolds / Mr Bayas
Year 12	Mr Tippett / Ms Stamoulos and Ms Baker

Science Laboratory

The science laboratory refurbishment is due to be completed this month. We are waiting on fixed furniture which was ordered in September 2012. Once the furniture arrives the contractors will be able to complete the laboratory within one week.

Our thanks to all parents and community members who supported this very worthy project through their donations to the Fort St Foundation Building Fund.

I am presently relieving as School Education Director for Network 8 for approximately 6 weeks. I am pleased and grateful to **Mr Osland** for agreeing to relieve as Principal. **Ms Manson** will be relieving as Deputy Principal and **Mr Sherwin** will assist as Head Teacher LOTE.

I thank them and trust you will be supportive of them during this term.

Our Annual Speech Day will be taking place on Friday 15th February 2013 at Town Hall. We look forward to seeing you at this celebratory event.

Roslynn Moxham

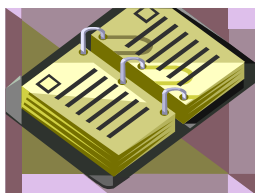
Relieving School Education Director

David Osland

Relieving Principal

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Important Dates

February

- 12 Year 10 Information Evening (Library)
- Year 11 Information Evening (Hall)
- 13 Year 7 and Year 8 SRC Dance
- P&C Meeting
- 15 Speech Day (Town Hall)
- 18-20 Year 7 Orientation Camp
- 22 School Photo Day
- 27 Open Morning
- Year 12 Parent/Teacher Evening
- 28 Year 11 Elevate

March

- 6 Zone Swimming Carnival
- 7-8 Year 11 Cross Roads
- 8 UNIFEM Breakfast
- 9 German Visit (depart 30th March)
- 12 Regional Swimming Carnival

Fort Street High School Exit Profile

(Ratified September 2007 School Council Meeting)

Our aim is that on completion of Year 12 Fortians will have:

- *achieved their full academic potential.*
- *developed individual skills and talents.*
- *developed learning strategies to equip them to be independent self motivated lifelong learners.*
- *developed emotional resilience, self reliance and leadership potential.*
- *recognise their responsibility to the wider community.*
- *developed a strong sense of social justice as well as commitment to fairness and equity.*

2013 Swimming Carnival

The 2013 Fort Street High School was held at Ashfield Pool on Monday 4th February. Participation was high and a positive competitive atmosphere was enjoyed by the student body. There were four new records on the day with the new benchmarks occurring in:

- *Girls 15 Years 50m*
Eilish Salmon swam 30:63 bettering **Julia Baracz's** time of 31:15 (1991).
- *Boys Open 400m Freestyle*
Spencer Ferrier swam 05:02:85 bettering **Sean Yap's** time of 05:16:96 (2006).
- *Boys 13 Years 50m Freestyle*
Lukas Posumah swam 00:31:24 bettering **Andrew Reis's** record of 00:31:98 (2002).
- **Boys 16 Years 100m Freestyle**
Jason Liu swam 01:02:74 bettering **David Aurelius's** record of 01:02:79 (1993).

The house competition was dominated throughout the day by Preston with the final tally of scores being:

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| 1. Preston | 956 |
| 2. Kennedy | 813 |
| 3. Mawson | 806 |
| 4. Barton | 671 |

After an exciting day of competition the 2013 Fort Street High Swimming Age Champions are:

Age Group	Girls Age Champion	Boys Age Champion
12	Ailish Campbell	Bruno Wu
13	Jaeme Last	Lukas Posumah
14	Kiona Verrall	Jason Pang
15	Eilish Salmon	Andrei Crkvencic
16	Linda Xu	Spencer Ferrier
17	Rose Xu	Gordan Tan
18	Harriet Scandol	Neville Wong

Congratulations to these students and to all students who participated in such a positive manner to make the carnival a huge success.

John Gaal
Carnival Coordinator



When a student is unable to attend school

Parents should text message the school on 0428 884 762 with the student's name, roll class, date and reason for absence.

Parents can also inform the school by phoning 8585 1600. Notification is required prior to 10:00am on that day.

If the school is not notified, parents will receive a text message on the same day reporting student absence.

If any absence is not explained by written note, parents will receive an official request for explanation from the school.



Request For Leave

Whilst one may notify the school of the intention verbally, the request is required in the form of a written and signed letter.

A formal letter applying for the required leave period has to be submitted before the leave can be taken.

Kindly ensure the letter states the **name of the child, home address, leave period** and the **date of the request** - together with the reasons for the proposed absence.

Late application unless as a result of an emergency will not be approved.

Letters requesting leave must be submitted to the Principal's office **at least 1 month prior** to commencement of the expected absence.

P&C President's Reports

2013 P&C Executive Committee

President:	Aziz Rahman
Vice Presidents:	Ian Reid Van Tsang
Secretaries:	Rick Collins Dimantha Goonasekera
Treasurers:	Anna Bashkirova
Canteen Coordinator:	David Scandol
Uniform Shop Coordinator:	Cheryl Beatty
School Council Representative:	Jonathan Chen
Fort St Foundation Rep	Jennifer Douglas
Executive Members:	Tang Grady Elizabeth Campbell

The P&C Meeting and Welcoming Year 7 Parents

The P&C will formally welcome the Year 7 parents on the 13th February 2013 at 6.30pm. (The Year 7 and 8 SRC Dance will take place at the same time in the School Hall). During the P&C meeting, there will be a presentation highlighting school welfare, the Principal's Report will be addressed and a discussion on future school fundraising will be take place.

Canteen News

Last year we introduced the Cashless Lunch Ordering System and I am sure some of you are familiar with this system. We are encouraging families to participate in this innovative process.

A wonderful thing about the Cashless Lunch Ordering System is that parents can monitor what their children are eating at school – this will assist in healthier eating choices.

Uniform Shop News

The new manager, Gladys Ko has settled in and is keen to strengthen the business. We have been working towards setting up more of the business operations online and hope that ultimately we could extend this to a system for student orders.

I would be happy to consult with any parents who may want to share ideas or who could guide us in this process.

Prices have been reviewed and there has been a slight increase since 1st December 2012. Gladys is also trying to use indent orders to take advantage of discounts offered and thereby help to minimise necessary increases.

We are keen to update our list of volunteers – and believe this will assist in helping the uniform shop run smoothly. If you are willing to help - please send your details by email to fshs2013@gmail.com, with your name, your child's name, school year, and the days and time periods that you are available to assist.

All profit from the Uniform Shop is donated to FSHS and used to support your child's education.

Thanking you in advance for your continued support of the Uniform Shop.

Website

The P&C has some pages on the school website (<http://www.fortstreet.nsw.edu.au/>) under the **Community** link. There you will find information about the P&C, meetings, the canteen and the uniform shop.

Contact Us

If you would like to receive emails notifying you of upcoming meetings and other events, please let us know your email address.

If you wish to contact the P&C, email fortst.pc@gmail.com.

Aziz Rahman
P&C President

FORT STREET HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

PRICE LIST (from 1st December 2012)

GIRLS	
Skirt (navy blue)	\$55
Trousers (navy blue)	\$50
Short sleeve shirt (white)	\$32
Long sleeve shirt (white)	\$35
Tights (black non-run)	\$8.50
BOYS	
Trousers (dark grey)	
Boys sizes 10-18	\$62
Mens sizes 72cm-112cm	\$68
Shorts (dark grey)	
Boys sizes 8-18	\$40
Mens sizes S - XXL	\$48
Short sleeve shirt	\$32
Long sleeve shirt	\$35
BACKPACKS	
Medium	\$53
Larger (chiropractic)	\$75

GIRLS and BOYS	
Jumper (V neck, maroon)	
Sizes 12-14	\$80
16-20	\$85
22-28	\$90
Vest (V neck, maroon)	
Sizes 10-14	\$55
16-20	\$59
22-28	\$61
Tie	
Junior - Years 7-10 (maroon & white stripe)	\$22
Senior - Years 11 & 12 and IMP Ensembles (maroon)	\$25
Blazer (maroon)	\$195
Sports Uniform	
PE shorts (maroon)	\$33
PE shirt (white with trim)	\$40
PE cap	\$18
Football socks	\$8

Opening hours:

Wednesday during school terms : 10am-2pm

Uniform Shop phone number: 9564 1647 (during opening hours)



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