

# Liverpool Boys High School

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## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

It's been another great year at Liverpool Boys. This year has seen a number of positive changes in the school. All our staff have spent many hours learning about the best ways of teaching reading, and applying these strategies across the school. We have installed data projectors and interactive whiteboards in most class rooms, with more to be installed this term. Our parent forums have been very popular this year with many parents attending each week. We welcome all parents to these, and if you would like to take part, contact our Community Engagement Officer Latifa on 9602 7979.



One of our major reforms has been the introduction of a new approach to senior school which we are calling College. This begins in Week 6 and means that all boys from year 8 - 12 begin their new year of study. This new approach to school recently featured in the Liverpool Leader, who showcased this innovative system.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our Year 12 students as they complete their HSC examinations. The boys will receive their results in late December and we wish them well for 2013. Our School Captains in 2012, Stanley and Aleksandar have done a great job in representing our school and providing inspiration and leadership to all our boys. We are just in the middle of electing our new Captains and plan to announce our new leaders at the start of the new school year in week 6.

**Mike Saxon**  
Principal



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## SCHOOL CALENDAR, TERM 4 2012

7 November	HSC Snake Tails Yr7&8, Period 3&4
8 November	HSC
9 November	Yr 11 Formal Assembly Premier's Debating Challenge Year 9
12 November	Timetable Roll Over, <b>New School Year Commences</b>
13 November	ESSA on line test - all year 8 (2012)
16 November	Welcome to College Function (6-8pm)
20 November	White Card Construction Class - All Day, Miller TAFE
22 November	Legal Studies Links Project Visit to UTS - College and Year 12, 9am-3.05pm
23 November	Blood Bank visit
26 November	Year 12 Souvlaki Fundraising Day
30 November	Closing Date for changes to College Courses
4 December	Yr 12 Formal L'Aqua, Darling Harbour
5 December	Year 6 Orientation Day
11 December	Presentation Day
13 December	Year 9 WAM Excursion Madame Taussaud's
19 December	Last day at school for students and teachers

**LBHS Presents Mrs Craig****1 Why did you become a teacher?**

My mum was a piano teacher. She started teaching me the piano when I was 4 years old. She was an amazing teacher. I also have a great love of music.

**2 How long have you been teaching at LBHS?**

I have been teaching at LBHS for just over 3 years.

**3 What's one thing you like to do outside of school?**

I have 2 daughters who are 7 and 9, so I am really busy driving them to their various activities. I also teach my daughters the piano. I really enjoy sitting with them and listening to them play. I love to cook, I also love to perform.

**4 If you could do another job instead of teaching, what would it be?**

I'm really organised!! If I wasn't teaching I would like to be an event organiser/planner. Combining my organising skills with music to create major music events and festivals would be fantastic!!

**5 Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

I will still be teaching music, living my life as I am now. I have a great life, family, friends, fantastic job... I hope it all continues as it is.

**6 What is it you like teaching about music?**

I love seeing the looks on my students' faces when they master a keyboard piece with two hands. Or when they can play the chords D (triangle), A (squishy) and E (hard one) on the guitar!!! I love it when I can see the love of music on my students' faces.

**7 What's one thing you have learnt from teaching?**

Learning continues for the whole of your life. I have come to realise that with teaching, every day brings new challenges, rewards, problems and successes.

**8 What's better – book or movie?**

Book – I love reading a good book and creating images and ideas in my mind. However, during the school term I don't start books because I get distracted and have to restart books all the time. So, during the term – a movie!

Nathan McGregor

**Shared Experiences**

Shelam Al-Jumaili in Year 10 and Ntumbo Ngoy in Year 9 shared their experiences as refugees on Friday 26 October, as they sat before an inquisitive audience of students in Years 5 and 6 from Thomas Hassall Anglican College. They were welcomed by the former Sydney Morning Herald Education Editor, Andrew Stevenson. The boys were in the spotlight for a thirty-minute Q & A session.



Shelam shared his memories of being kidnapped and held to ransom in Iraq, while Ntumbo shared his memories of living in the Zambian Refugee Camp for ten years. Such startling revelations left the young audience in shock. This brought home the reality of the refugee experience, which was obviously very different to what they had seen on television, heard on the radio, or had even read in the newspapers.



The boys were given this wonderful opportunity to share their story. They represented not only our school, but their past experiences, using their memories of pain and sorrow to help nourish, educate and influence the next generation of young Australians.

Angelina Bea



## FOCUS ON READING

It has been a great couple of terms with the staff and students of LBHS continuing to embrace the reading program. Students and teachers are using the metalinguage and the 'Super Six' comprehension strategies in the classroom to improve reading outcomes.



The staff participated in a reading workshop at the Liverpool Catholic Club on Saturday 13 October. The session focussed on catering for individual needs of students, raising students' 'critical comprehension skills' and looking at the notion of modelled, guided and independent teaching. These practices help us to differentiate instruction allowing us to meet the needs of all our students. With the implementation of the new 3+3 Curriculum, staff will be given the opportunity to work with a new pilot class on the reading strategies. This means that every student has the potential to increase their understanding of the strategies and how to apply them to their own reading. For the teachers, we are able to refine and apply the techniques to a different cohort of students. The team is currently working on developing strategies for parents to assist in the development of your child's reading skills through the use of the comprehension strategies at home.

In addition, students this term will be introduced to a class reflection log book. In this log book, they will need to write an entry once a week describing what they have learned and how the strategy will assist them to improve their reading. More information on this to come.

**Voula Pappas**

Focus on Reading Coordinator

## INGHAM INSTITUTE



On Tuesday 23 October 2012, a number of our students were invited to welcome guests to the opening of the Ingham Institute. The Institute was officially opened by the Honourable Ms Julia Gillard. The following boys: James Nguyen, Ahmad Alrifai, Ben Marovic, Nouredine Chamma, Robert Opoku Ware and Alex Huynh were chosen to represent our school. They did an excellent job and as a result of their efforts, the Ingham Institute invited the boys back the following day as special guests for morning tea.

The boys were greeted by the friendly staff and even met an ex Captain of our school from 2003, Harrison Ng Chok. Harrison, along with a few other members of staff, provided the boys with a detailed tour. The tour was very informative and it gave us an insight into how the staff at the Ingham Institute are working together to find new ways to improve the health of the local community.



As a result of this great experience, a strong relationship between the Institute and the school was established. The Institute, as a good will gesture, made a donation to the school to recognise our efforts. In addition to this, they offered opportunities for our students to complete their work experience at the Institute for years to come. Overall it was a major success and we enjoyed the day!

**Ahmad Alrifai and James Nguyen**