

The Shuttle



Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.

Our girls Brave the Waves of what it means to be a leader

Mrs Megan Krimmer
Headmistress

Abbotsleigh is renowned for 'Empowering young women since 1885', and as such, learning about leadership and being given leadership opportunities is fundamental for our girls.

In addition to the many leadership roles given to our Junior School girls, this year, our Year 6 girls have embraced the mantra of 'Everyday leaders daring greatly', demonstrating that leadership is about actions, not titles. In the words of Year 6 girls, Wendi, Mia and Ava:

"An everyday leader is someone who takes responsibility and chooses to do the right thing proudly. Everyday leaders put others before themselves and lift others up."

Throughout Term 3, Year 6 girls exemplifying these values have been recognised with the coveted 'Everyday Leader of the Week' award. These awards celebrate the students who lead with character, proving that true leadership lies in small, meaningful moments.

Leaders and leadership were also highlighted in the Senior School today where every Year 11 girl was formally welcomed into Year 12 2025 and inducted as our new Year 12 Student Leaders and Prefects during our very special Year 12 Leadership Induction Service.

Much research has been undertaken, and myriad books and articles have been written about the characteristics of great leadership; and as the girls were reminded this morning, when all the evidence is taken into consideration, fundamentally, the most important badge or quality of great leadership is being a person of fine character. As young women of courage, integrity, respect, perseverance and compassion, I am very confident that the Class of 2025 will rise to the challenge of leadership, work well as a team, and be excellent student leaders and role models for every girl at our school.



It was wonderful that the parents of the Class of 2025 as well as our Chair of Council, Ms Linda Ellis, were able to join us for the service. I am sure that the whole Abbotsleigh community will join with me in congratulating the girls and wishing them great success in creating their legacy for their school.

Year 12 2024/25 Student Leaders

Head Prefect – Jazarah Tambyrajah

Head Boarder Prefect – Nell Owen

Vice Head Prefect: Duties – Reanne Alwis

Vice Head Prefect: Service – Davina Chan

Vice Head Prefect: Houses – Annabelle O'Hara

Portfolio Prefects

Chapel – Eloise Lo

Creative Arts – Meera Nirmalendran, Anna Sharp

Debating and Public Speaking – Olivia Zhou

Drama – Isabel Jennings

Environment – Riya Jayakanthan

Music – Grace Li

Sport – Jemma Warden

STEAM – Vianna Soh, Sylvia Zhang

SRC – Maya Nepal, Grace Zeng

Junior School – Sophia Bradford, Harriet Chang, Sophie Choi

Year 6/7 – Maddison Lee-Joe, Kate Walters, Fiona Yan

Year 7/8 – Anisa Farhod, Natasha Hodgkinson, Harriet Kaan



Year 8/9 – Eva Bloom, Summer Sivaraj, Jayla Yuen

Year 9/10 – Cecilia Lung, Victoria Marsh, Zara Noor

Year 10/11 – Kiera Finnerty, Juliet Henderson, Olivia Wood

Year 11/12 – Isabella Apostolou, Chloe Lam, Annette Luu

Vice Head Boarder – Abby Corderoy

Boarding Prefects – Demelza Lee, Myffanwy Wilson

House Leaders and Year 12 Leaders

Chisholm

Prefect and House Captain – Anika Niles

Vice-Captains – Sahana Jain, Alexandra Moore

Year 12 Leaders – Riley Allsop, Leila Cayfe, Caitlyn Doe, Phoebe Fu, Jeslyn Lim, Tempe Macarthur Onslow, Rhiannon Masters, Emily McLaren, Ashleigh Nguyen, Vivian Pan, Katelin Warren, Bonnie Xiao, Tiffany Zeng

Franklin

Prefect and House Captain – Saskia Clark

Vice-Captains – Michaela Couper, Rose Forrester

Year 12 Leaders – Annabella Egan, Charlotte Forrester, Kai Lee, Jessica Li, Fuschia Lim, Lindsay Lin, Sarah Magnussen, Tina Sun, Chloe Tang, Josephine Tieu, Sophia Wang, Catherine Wei, Hannah Yi

Gilmore

Prefect and House Captain – Willa McKay

Vice-Captains – Estella Cameron, Charlee Lightfoot

Year 12 Leaders – Lara Bajic, May Baxter, Elizabeth Boydell, Keira Cheung, Annelise Draper, Jaimie Gow, Isabella Hills, Selene Lee, Elisha Lim, Lucy Livingstone, Catherine Scott, Chelsea Stephens, Lola Treseder, Cooper van der Plaat, Emily Wan, Zoe Woods, Emily Yan, Kayla Yiu

Melba

Prefect and House Captain – Saskia Beletich

Vice-Captains – Zara Cogan, Alexandra Cuthell

Year 12 Leaders – Madeline Atkinson, Ashley Chan, Angelina Gong, Olivia Holz, Soraya Kaufmann, Jessica Ma, Jacinta Mak, April McLeod, Abigail Morson, Zara Nguyen, Jocelyn Paterson, Jessica Qi, Jessica Tan, Sahara Wainwright, Chloe Zhang, Sophia Zhao

Prichard

Prefect and House Captain – Annie Zhang

Vice-Captains – Seraphina Li, Ariana Sim

Year 12 Leaders – Elise Chua, Caitlin Gong, Helena Grice, Eloise Huynh, Zara Jain, Elizabeth Lam, Evelyn Liu, Siting Liu, Malissa Mao, Arissa Ng, Abby Norman, Elise Poulos, Sonali Shah, Charlotte Shi, Rebecca Yao, Jennifer Ying, Amy Zhou

Richardson

Prefect and House Captain – Nicola Barnes

Vice-Captains – Frida Guo, Maira Sibal

Year 12 Leaders – Piper Arzani, Daniella Cha, Beatrice Chung, Genevieve Doran, Rachel Lam, Chloe Maroon-Yacoub, Parmiss Mohaghegh, Lynelle Northam, Phoebe Peng, Sarah Richardson, Radhika Sharma, Lara Valmadre, Lisa Yeh

Tennant

Prefect and House Captain – Lorissa Wood

Vice-Captains – Bridgette Bell, Eliza Meherali

Year 12 Leaders – Charlotte Cao, Valerie Chong, Danielle Critharis, Emilia Grimes, Emma Jones, Emily Kimpton, Lindsay Lau, Megan Nguyen, Ashley Nunan, Vicky Qiao, Alina Ramanathan, Sherise Turner, Harriet Waters, Anne Whitehead, Salena Xu, Katie Yoon

Wright

Prefect and House Captain – Laura Bogdanovic

Vice-Captains – Dana Retboell, Kayla Yap

Year 12 Leaders – Lucy Cheong, Sophia Du, Rishita Garg, Aarohi Gupta, Leeyng Huang, Annice Ip, Luyan Jiang, Clara Leong, Christina Leung, Madeleine Ly, Anjali Peddy Reddy, Sienna Rowe, Elaine Tsai, Emily Yang, Skye Yu



Chaplain

Jesus in the everyday

Rev Sarah Hobba
Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies

This term, the Senior School chapel series has been called 'Jesus in the everyday'. Sometimes it is tempting to think that God is only interested in some things and not in our passions and interests. Over the term, we have heard from different teaching staff members from English, History, Maths, Music and Science (and a special guest from Sport), about how their passions and interests have linked with their Christian faith. In so many ways, their faith in Jesus inspires their teaching and their teaching informs their faith. We are very grateful to these staff members for sharing with our community in this way. Colossians 3:17 highlights that in whatever we do, our faith in Jesus is there every day.

Colossians 3:15-17

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Upcoming events

WHOLE SCHOOL

A Closer Look exhibition (NSW Miniature Society)	Thursday 5 to Saturday 28 September	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery
Term 3 concludes	Thursday 26 September	
A Sense of Colour exhibition	Saturday 5 October to 2 November	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery
Term 4 commences	Tuesday 15 October	

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 3 eye screening with Wahroonga Eyecare	Monday 23 September 9.30 am-12 noon	Library Annexe East
Year 5 Surf Ed talk	Monday 23 September 10.50-11.50 am	Auditorium
Year 6 Surf Ed talk	Monday 23 September 11.50 am-12.45 pm	Auditorium

20 Hot Shots tennis	Monday 23 September 12-12.45 pm	JS Tennis Courts
Year 3-6 Tennis Singles Final	Monday 23 September 1-13.0 pm	JS Tennis Courts
Year 6 basketball and cricket trials	Monday 23 September 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Transition ACEE excursion	Tuesday 24 September 8.30 am-2.30 pm	ACEE
JS Photo Day #3	Tuesday 24 September 8.30 am-2.30 pm	Junior School
Year 6 Celebration of Learning	Wednesday 25 September 9-10.30 am	Classrooms
3L St Lucy's combined arts program	Wednesday 25 September 11.45 am-1.20 pm	St Lucy's School
Infants Glow Stick Disco	Wednesday 25 September 1-1.30 pm	Everett Hall
Year 5 basketball and cricket trials	Wednesday 25 September 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
3L Combined Act for Kids program	Thursday 26 September 10.50-11.50 am	St Lucy's School
JS House Cup	Thursday 26 September 1.40-2 pm	Infants Amphitheatre
Years 3-4 basketball and cricket trials	Thursday 26 September 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 2025 Orientation Day	Tuesday 15 October 8.30 am-3 pm	Junior School
Transition ACEE excursion	Tuesday 15 October 8.30 am-2.30 pm	ACEE
Year 2 Leon and the Place Between incursion	Tuesday 15 October 8.30 am-2 pm	Library Immersion Dome
Years 3-6 IPSHA Hot Shots tennis	Tuesday 15 October 3.20-4.30 pm	JS Tennis Courts
Kindergarten 2025 Orientation Morning	Wednesday 16 October 8.45 am- 12 noon	Kindergarten classrooms
Transition 2025 Orientation Morning	Wednesday 16 October 10 am-12 noon	Transition classrooms
Year 5 basketball and cricket training	Wednesday 16 October 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Year 5 basketball and cricket training	Thursday 17 October 8.30 am-3 pm	Junior School

Year 5 Claymation incursion	Thursday 17 October 8.30 am-3 pm	Year 5 Classrooms
Year 6 Taronga Zoo Wild Ropes excursion	Thursday 17 October 7.15 am-3 pm	Taronga Zoo
Years 3 and 4 basketball and cricket training	Thursday 17 October 3.20-4.20 pm	Junior School
Year 5 2025 Orientation Day	Friday 18 October 8.30-3 pm	Junior School
Year 6 Jumpstart Day	Friday 18 October 8.30 am-12.45 pm	Auditorium
IPSHA tennis training	Friday 18 October 3.30-4.45 pm	JS Tennis Courts
Kindergarten and Year 1 football (soccer) program	Friday 18 October 3-4 pm	Junior School
Year 2 sport training	Saturday 19 October 8-9.30 am	Junior School
IPSHA Saturday Sport	Saturday 19 October 8 am-12 noon	See Parent app for team sheets and venues
Years 3-6 IPSHA artistic gymnastics training	Saturday 19 October 1-5 pm	Gymnasium, Senior School

SENIOR SCHOOL

Saturday sport	Saturday 21 September	Click here for times and venues
FIRST Global Robotics Competition group departs	Monday 23 September	Athens, Greece
Year 12 Tutor Breakfast	Monday 23 September Year 12 Common Room	7.15-9 am
Spain and Portugal Music Tour departs	Tuesday 24 September	Spain, Portugal
CIS Athletics Championships	Tuesday 24 September TBC	SOPAC
Year 12 Picnic Day	Tuesday 24 September 10 am-3.25 pm	Balmoral Beach
Wheeldon 12 Dinner	Tuesday 24 September 6-9 pm	Wheeldon House
Deadly Rugby 7s Tour	Wednesday 25-Monday 30 September	Northern Territory
Valedictory Chapel	Wednesday 25 September 8.30-9.30 am	

Valedictory Assembly	Wednesday 25 September 9.45-11 am	
Valedictory Morning Tea	Wednesday 25 September 11-11.45 am	
Interstate Challenge	Thursday 26 September	Pymble Ladies' College and Abbotsleigh
Year 11 Visual Arts and DT HSC Ideation Day	Thursday 26 September 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
Boarder travel day	Friday 27 September	
NSW All School Athletics Championships	Saturday 28 September	SOPAC
Boarder travel day	Monday 14 October	
Year 7 2025 Orientation Parent Session	Monday 14 October 8.20-9.30 am	PDCH
ABBOX training (Year 12 2025)	Monday 14 October 3-5 pm	Year 12 Common Room
Year 12 (2025) Conference	Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 October	Lake Macquarie
Year 8 Geography Water in the World field trip	Thursday 17 October 8 am-3.25 pm	Lake Parramatta
Year 11 Business Studies excursion	Thursday 17 October 11 am-3.25 pm	
Year 9 Textiles printing excursion	Friday 18 October 8.20 am-3.15 pm	Signature Prints and SubliTECH, St Peters