

# The Shuttle

Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.

## Bee Connected through leadership at Abbotsleigh

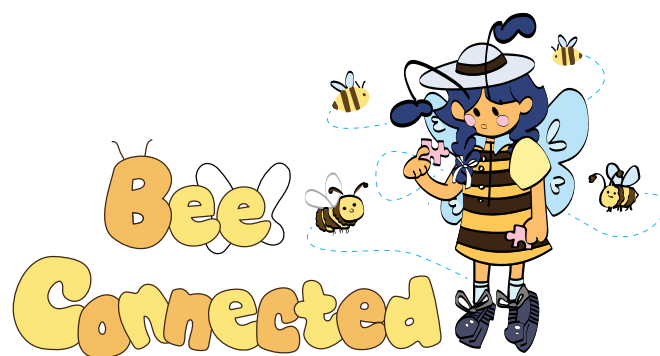
Mrs Megan Krimmer  
Headmistress

Of the many advantages girls receive by attending a girls' school, the provision of more leadership opportunities is central – after all, at a girls' school, all leadership opportunities go to girls! At Abbotsleigh we believe it is critically important that our girls are not only taught leadership skills, but also that they are given leadership opportunities throughout their time at the School. These leadership opportunities may be formal or informal – all are valid; all are important.

Leaders help others 'Bee Connected' and we are delighted that our student leaders at Abbotsleigh are working so strategically and hard to ensure that our girls are connected and feel that they truly belong. House Choir in the Senior School and the Primary Swimming Carnival demonstrated the girls' efforts in spades. Well done girls!

We congratulate all our girls who have been given formal leadership positions across the School – and you will see by the number of girls listed below that there are, indeed, many leadership opportunities for girls at Abbotsleigh. It is important to note though, that this vast list is but the tip of the iceberg – there are many other leadership opportunities for our girls, and I am confident that many girls will endeavour to take up these opportunities as 2025 progresses. We wish all our girls well on their leadership journeys.

Our Deputy Headmistress and Head of Senior School, Mrs Victoria Rennie, has written an excellent article on the importance of leadership for girls (following) which I commend to you.



## Learning to lead: The power of student agency and voice

Mrs Victoria Rennie  
Deputy Headmistress and Head of Senior School

At Abbotsleigh, we recognise that girls often face unique barriers on their path to leadership. It is our desire to equip them with the resilience and confidence needed to overcome these challenges.

Why is it crucial to prepare our girls as leaders? Firstly, because leadership is not an inherent characteristic, but a set of skills that can be developed and nurtured over time.

Secondly, offering a large range of leadership roles and opportunities to lead, broadens the girls understanding of leadership and provides them with the tools necessary to thrive in future leadership roles beyond Abbotsleigh. And thirdly, research clearly indicates that when schools provide a positive learning environment where student voice is fostered and encouraged, girls are more likely to develop a confident voice, an ability to act in the world and a desire to lead others.

Kate Jenkins (former Sex Discrimination Commissioner) commented that currently women are rallying together in a massive unstoppable force to make their voices heard in ways we have never seen before, and it is this sentiment that captures the essence of the movement towards gender equity and the vital role young women play in shaping the future.

The current disparity between male and female leaders in society highlights the urgent need for greater equity. We feel confident that all Abbotsleigh girls possess the courage, skills and determination to challenge these imbalances and drive progress towards gender equality in both society and the workplace – they just need the opportunity to show it and we are excited to see all our girls lead in 2025!

# Chaplain

## Leadership

Rev Sarah Hobba  
Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies

Each year, Archbishop Kanishka Raffel conducts an Induction service at St Andrew's Cathedral for Year 12 Prefects from Anglican schools across the Sydney Diocese, including Nowra and Shellharbour. The service highlights the essence of leadership, inspired by Jesus' example of humility, integrity and service. Archbishop Raffel underscored the importance of servant leadership, encouraging prefects to reflect Christ's love, to lead by example and prioritise their peers' wellbeing with compassion, justice and integrity. He called on them to steward their gifts responsibly, recognising their authority as derived from God and meant for the common good. There are important words for all of us as we navigate our various leadership roles.

### Matthew 20:25-28

Jesus called them together and said, You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.



## Leadership across Abbotsleigh

### SENIOR SCHOOL LEADERS

#### Prefect Executive

Head Prefect: Jazarah Tambyrajah  
Head Boarder Prefect: Nell Owen  
Vice Head Prefect – Duties: Reanne Alwis  
Vice Head Prefect – Houses: Annabelle O'Hara  
Vice Head Prefect – Service: Davina Chan

### BOARDING LEADERSHIP

Vice Head Boarder: Abby Corderoy  
Boarding Prefects: Demelza Lee, Myffanwy Wilson

### PORTFOLIOS

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  
SRC: Maya Nepal, Grace Zeng  
STEAM: Vianna Soh, Sylvia Zhang

### YEAR PREFECTS

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

### SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCILS

#### ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

Environment Council Prefect  
Riya Jayakanthan

#### Year 7

Jaslyn Chan, Olivia He

#### Year 8

Abelia Chung, Simrah Karim

#### Year 9

Siya Khanna-Boyle, Colette Crisp, Natalie Hoang, Mayurie Sivananthan

#### Year 10

Anastasia Berenger, Alice Citer, Olivia Lin, Aariyah Selvaratnam, Alma Zentner-Pitman

#### Year 11

Danielle Cui, Catherine Grice, Yilin Guo, Laura Jones, Angelina Mei, Cindy Sun, Caitlin Tan, Eleanor Thomson, Anna Wallwork, Zhujin Zhang

#### Year 12

Rachel Lam, Zara Nguyen, Anika Niles, Meera Nirmalendran, Josephine Tieu, Annie Zhang, Shirley Zhang





**SERVICE COUNCIL**

Service Council Prefect  
Davina Chan

**Year 7**  
Sankavi Ajanthan, Heidi Chan, Amelia Nguyen,  
Felicity Meng, Stuti Rastogi

**Year 8**  
Yvonne O'Hare, Harriet Qiu, Eleanor Wark, Natalie Zhang,  
Amelia Zhou

**Year 9**  
Claire Chavdarova, Meredith Evans, Elise Miller,  
Chaehee Son, Megan Yeh

**Year 10**  
Neave Bailey, Nimue Davidson, Stacy Foxcroft, Bethany Hall,  
Nandika Parbhoo, Neomi Verma, Ruby Xu

**Year 11**  
Cate Atkinson, Madeline Duffy, Jessica Liu, Annika Loel,  
Mackenzie Mullarkey, Audrey Tang, Vanessa Ton,  
Eleanor Zhu

**Year 12**  
Valerie Chong, Michaela Couper, Jocelyn Paterson,  
Tina Sun, Kayla Yiu

**SRC**  
SRC Prefects  
Maya Nepal, Grace Zeng

**Year 7**  
Ahlia Bates, Heidi Chan, Aarya Dogra, Georgia Kelly,  
Lily Kielt, Emma Li, Alice Liu, Harriett Morrison, Darcey Rose,  
Penelope Waterhouse, Ayla Wettasinghe, Elaine Wu,  
Kayley Yip, Chloe Young, Zoe Yuan, Jolly Zhang

**Year 8**  
Rianna Arora, Ashley Grant, Zara Harvey, Stephanie Huang,  
Jessica Lakepa, Carissa Lu, Rebecca Luo, Myra Maniar,  
Amelia McGee, Lynette Poon, Chloe Shao, Mixin Shen,  
Sahee Shirwadkar, Ellie Wu

**Year 9**  
Sahai Ades, Ellie Apostolidis, Claire Chavdarova,  
Alyssa Chen, Yuhansa Jayakody, Adora Liu, Millie Morrison,  
Charlotte Phillips, Kiara Praveen, Caitlyn Saurajen, Julia  
Sazhin, Jhanvi Shah, Alexa Thomas, Alicia Wang

**Year 10**  
Serena Chi, Elysia Fang, Imaya Geevasinga, Laura Hou,  
Rhea Kapoor, Sabrina Lin, Sophie Meng, Eve Owen, Harseerat  
Pal, Ditni Pannipitiya, Briar Qiu, Chiara Richards, Ashvie  
Sirigiri, Evelyn Tang, Heli Wanasinghe, Alice Ying

**Year 11**  
Rianna Batta, Liana Chai, Rita Chen, Vivian Chi, Reena Du,  
Ruhi Gambir, Chanel Kang, April Kim, Angeline Lam,  
Nicole Lang, Kylie Liu, Cindy Luo, Ava Martinez,  
Jessica Oorburg, Ellina Yu

**Year 12**  
Kai Lee, Evelyn Liu, Jacinta Mak, Phoebe Peng, Jessica Qi,  
Chelsea Stephens, Emily Yan

**SENIOR SCHOOL CLUB LEADERSHIP**

**Agriculture Club**  
Alanna Luong, Angelina Moher, Alicia Zheng

**Amnesty**  
Claire Chen, Alisha Gunalingam, Thehashi Gunawardene

**CRU**  
CRU Captain: Chloe Lam

**Year 11 Leaders**  
Emily Callaghan, Lucia Chan, Isabel Chan, Sophie Cheung,  
Danielle Cui, Tiffany Fong, Laura Jones, Annika Loel,  
Jemima Ong, Jacinta Widjaja

**Year 12 Leaders**  
Reanna Alwis, Ashley Chan, Davina Chan, Helena Grice,  
Emilia Grimes, Natasha Hodgkinson, Maddison Lee-Joe,  
Eloise Lo, Annette Lu, Anika Niles, Anna Sharp,  
Jazarah Tambyrajah, Kayla Yiu

**Fairtrade**  
Alicia Ho, Charlotte Parasyn

**Interact**  
President: Sophie Liang  
Vice President: Mackenzie Mullarkey  
Treasurer: Julia Cooper-Hor  
Secretary: Megan Lieu  
Publicity: Alicia Kim

**Mana Allawah**  
Co-Presidents: Demi Green, Lexi Wilson  
Promotions: Eleanor Wass  
Secretary: Paige Birch

**Oaktree**  
President: Wenxin Wang  
Vice President: Angelina Lam  
Secretary: Kylie Liu, Sophie Xie  
Treasurer: Ava Martinez

**The Freedom Project**  
President: Eleanor Zhu  
Vice President: Liana Chai  
Secretary: Ruhi Gambhir  
Treasurer: Yilin Guo  
Promotions: Jessica Liu

**The Weaver**  
Charlotte Burton-Smith, Luan Deng, Cindy Sun

**World Vision**  
Co-Presidents: Cate Atkinson, Annika Loel  
Committee: Yilin Guo, Laura Jones, Vanessa Ton,  
Shirley Zhang

**Z Club**  
President: Audrey Tang  
Committee: Danielle Cui, Angeline Lam

**JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS SEMESTER 1**

School Captain: Olivia Ayres  
 School Vice Captain: Elizabeth Newey  
 Crusader Captain: Emily Asher  
 Music Captain: Megan Ng  
 Environment Captain: Elsabe Woo  
 Sports Captain: Charlotte Notely  
 Sports Captain: Bridget Grant  
 Literacy Captain: Maya Thiruchelvam  
 STEAM Captain: Anika Bates  
 Blaxland Captain: Victoria Ryu  
 Blaxland Vice Captain: Michelle Qi  
 Lawson Captain: Lucy Bell  
 Lawson Vice Captain: Reya Patney  
 Macquarie Captain: Sophie Kong  
 Macquarie Vice Captain: Anna Lieu  
 Sturt Captain: Ishani Marar  
 Sturt Vice Captain: Amy Brady  
 Wentworth Captain: Chloe Ng  
 Wentworth Vice Captain: Emily Du  
 Primary Stage Crew: Imogen Bailey, Anya Bhardwaj,  
 Maya Khandelwal, Isabel Milligan  
 Service Committee: Amelia Dunn, Emily Ma, Bianca Weng,  
 Madeline Zhao

**K-5 STUDENT LEADERS**

KG: Mia Chen, Yael Stewart  
 KO: Josephine Dennell, Jaycee So  
 1G: Farida Assaad, Evie Gordon  
 1O: Annaliese Chan, Naomi Tan  
 2G: Justine Chow, Erin Long  
 2O: Catherine Kwok, Ellie Ma  
 3G: Emilia Henriquez, Allie Huang  
 3O: Amber Guo, Adelaide Wilson  
 3L: Alice Apathy, Lotus Singam  
 4G: Jelena Peng, Leah van Niekerk  
 4O: Yiyu (Erin) Luo, Joselyn Yuen  
 4L: Adaline Lu, Charlize Quach  
 5G: Charlotte Newton, Vivienne Tian  
 5O: Kylie Huang, Sylvia Yip  
 5L: Maya Gillan, Rachael Guo  
 5D: Carolyn Luo, Isabella Sicouri  
 Stage Crew  
 Estelle Zhou, 2G  
 Emily Watters, 2O

# Upcoming events

## WHOLE SCHOOL

|   |  |                                |
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| <b>Abbotsleigh Christian Fellowship prayer meeting</b>  | Tuesday 25 February<br>7.45-8.30 am                    | JS Auditorium                  |
| <b>Good of the Hive art installation</b>  | until end March  | Senior School campus           |
| <b>ART NORTH<br/>HSC 2024 Visual Arts from schools in Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai</b>                       | Saturday 1 to Saturday 22 March                        | Grace Cossington Smith Gallery |
| <b>Free parent webinar with Justin Coulson : Emotional regulaton</b>                                    | Wednesday 12 March (Term 1)<br>Details will be emailed | Webinar                        |
| <b>Free parent webinar with Justin Coulson : Building boundaries with your children (save the date)</b> | Wednesday 18 June (Term 2)<br>Details will be emailed  | Webinar                        |

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| <b>Free parent webinar with Justin Coulson : Navigating anxiety (save the date)</b>                       | Wednesday 20 August (Term 3)<br>Details will be emailed  | Webinar  |
| <b>Free parent webinar with Justin Coulson : Raising responsible, respectful children (save the date)</b> | Wednesday 5 November (Term 4)<br>Details will be emailed | Webinar  |
| <b>SchoolTV program – student wellbeing resouces</b>  | Available to all parents on the Parent Portal            | Click here to watch<br><a href="https://abbotsleigh.nsw.schooltv.me/">https://abbotsleigh.nsw.schooltv.me/</a> |

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

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| <b>IPSHA Saturday Sport</b>              | Saturday 22 February                     | Various locations – see team sheets                      |
| <b>Year 1 Parent Morning Tea</b>         | Monday 24 February<br>8-9.30 pm          | JS Library Plaza   |
| <b>Year 3 Camp</b>                       | Monday 24 to<br>Wednesday 26 February    | Milson Island, Hawkesbury River                          |
| <b>Year 6 Camp</b>                       | Monday 24 to<br>Friday 28 February       | Canberra and Mt Kosciuszko                               |
| <b>Year 5 Camp</b>                       | Tuesday 25 to<br>Thursday 27 February    | Colo River   |
| <b>Transition incursion</b>              | Wednesday 26 February<br>8.30 am-2.30 pm | Abbotsleigh Centre for<br>Environmental Education (ACEE) |
| <b>Kindergarten excursion</b>            | Wednesday 26 February<br>8.30 am-2.30 pm | Australian Maritime Museum,<br>Pyrmont                   |
| <b>Year 1 Maker Day</b>                  | Wednesday 26 February<br>8.30 am-2.30 pm | Junior School  |
| <b>Year 2 excursion</b>                  | Wednesday 26 February<br>8.30 am-2.30 pm | NSW Schoolhouse Museum, North<br>Ryde                    |
| <b>Year 4 Camp</b>                       | Wednesday 26 to<br>Thursday 28 February  | Cataract Activity Centre                                 |
| <b>Transition Teddy Bears' Picnic</b>    | Thursday 27 February<br>8.30 am-2.30 pm  | Junior School  |
| <b>Kindergarten 'Grow your Mind' Day</b> | Thursday 27 February<br>8.30 am-2.30 pm  | Junior School  |
| <b>Year 1 excursion</b>                  | Thursday 27 February<br>8.30 am-2.30 pm  | Australian Reptile Park, Somersby                        |
| <b>Year 2 Camp</b>                       | Thursday 27 to<br>Friday 28 February     | CCC Hawkesbury   |
| <b>Kindergarten excursion</b>            | Friday 28 February<br>8.30 am-2.30 pm    | Calmsley Hill City Farm, Abbotsbury                      |
| <b>Year 1 excursion</b>                  | Friday 28 February<br>8.30 am-2.30 pm    | Broken Bay   |
| <b>NO IPSHA Saturday Sport</b>           | Saturday 29 February                     |  |
| <b>Year 5 Parent Morning Tea</b>         | Monday 3 March<br>8-9.30 pm              | JS Library Plaza   |



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| <b>IPSHA Swimming and Diving Carnival</b>                        | Tuesday 4 March<br>8 am-3 pm         | SOPAC                               |
| <b>Year 2 incursion</b>  | Tuesday 4 March<br>10.40 am-12.45 pm | SS Chapel and Archives              |
| <b>K-2 Literacy and Numeracy Parent Session (evening option)</b> | Tuesday 4 March<br>7-8 pm            | JS Auditorium                       |
| <b>K-6 Cross Country Carnival</b>                                | Thursday 6 March<br>10.50 am-2 pm    | JS and SS campuses                  |
| <b>Year 2 Parent Morning Tea</b>                                 | Friday 7 March<br>8-9.30 am          | JS Library Plaza                    |
| <b>K-2 Literacy and Numeracy Parent Session (morning option)</b> | Friday 7 March<br>9.30-10.30 am      | JS Auditorium                       |
| <b>IPSHA Saturday Sport</b>                                      | Saturday 8 March                     | Various locations – see team sheets |

## SENIOR SCHOOL

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| <b>Saturday sport</b>                               | Saturday 15 February                     | <a href="#">Click here</a> for times and venues |
| <b>SS Swimming Carnival</b>                         | Tuesday 25 February<br>8.20 am-3.25 pm   | SOPAC   |
| <b>NSW All Schools Triathlon (individuals)</b>      | Wednesday 26 February<br>8.20 am-3.25 pm | Sydney International Regatta Centre             |
| <b>NSW All Schools Triathlon (teams)</b>            | Thursday 27 February<br>8.20 am-3.25 pm  | Sydney International Regatta Centre             |
| <b>Year 12 Mother Daughter Breakfast</b>            | Friday 28 February<br>7-9 am             | Gymnasium                                       |
| <b>Sisters in Sport Conference (Sport Captains)</b> | Friday 28 February<br>8.30 am-3 pm       | Ascham School                                   |
| <b>ISDA Debating Round 3 vs Ravenswood</b>          | Friday 28 February<br>4-9 pm             | GLC   |
| <b>Annual Boarder Parents' Round up</b>             | Friday 28 February<br>7-11 pm            | Harbour Cruise                                  |
| <b>Saturday sport</b>                               | Saturday 22 February                     | Times and venues TBA                            |
| <b>Senior Drama Production rehearsal</b>            | Monday 3 March<br>3.30-7 pm              | Drama Studio                                    |
| <b>Senior Drama Production rehearsal</b>            | Tuesday 4 March<br>3.30-7 pm             | Drama Studio                                    |
| <b>OzClo National Competition</b>                   | Wednesday 5 March<br>2-4.30 pm           |   |
| <b>Senior Drama Production rehearsal</b>            | Wednesday 5 March<br>3.30-7 pm           | Drama Studio                                    |
| <b>IGSA invitational Swimming Carnival</b>          | Wednesday 5 March<br>4-6 pm              | Pymble Ladies' College                          |
| <b>Years 11 and 12 EES excursion</b>                | Thursday 6 March<br>8.15 am-3.15 pm      | Australian Museum                               |

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| <b>China Cultural Study Tour meeting</b>       | Thursday 6 March<br>6-7.30 pm     |                                       |
| <b>FIRST Robotics Southern Cross Regionals</b> | Friday 7 to Sunday 9 March        | Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre |
| <b>International Women's Day Breakfast</b>     | Friday 7 March<br>7-8.15 am       | Dining Hall                           |
| <b>TEDxYouth@Abbotsleigh</b>                   | Friday 7 March<br>7.30 am-1.30 pm | PDCH and PDCH Foyer                   |
| <b>ISDA Debating Round 4 vs St Aloysius'</b>   | Friday 7 March<br>4-9 pm          | Away                                  |

