

Windows of Opportunity at Hornsby Girls’!

One of the conversations I dread is when a student approaches me at the start of an SRE lesson and says their parents have given them permission to opt out. There can be a range of reasons- they practise another religion, want to focus on study, or simply prefer to join friends in the library. It’s always discouraging to see students leave. **It’s very rare – so rare I can count only three occasions – when a student approaches me at the start of a lesson wanting to opt back in.**

That’s what happened this week! A Year 8 student, whom I mistakenly assumed was new, asked how she could join the lesson I was about to teach. She shared that she is a Christian and felt compelled to do SRE. When a parent or student changes their mind after enrolment, all it takes is an email to the office to opt them in or out of SRE. **This student reminded me not to write anyone off – it’s never too late to opt back in, and the window of opportunity to remain in SRE remains open, until Year 10.**



One of the ways all kinds of students have been connecting with the Bible has been through our Christian lunchtime group ‘Highlite.’ One Year 10 student, who recently rediscovered her faith at the ISCF camp over the school holidays, has started attending ‘Highlite’ with a friend. **While her time in SRE is coming to an end, God is providing a new way for her, and for others like her, to hear the gospel and see it lived out within a Christian community.**

Christine Chin, SRE Teacher HGHS

PRAYER POINTS

Hornsby Girls’

- That more students would choose to opt in to SRE.
- That students who have been given a Bible will start reading it for themselves.
- That Christian students would be bold in sharing their faith and inviting friends to ‘Highlite.’
- For opportunities to build new and strengthen existing relationships, with students and staff.
- For Year 10 students as they learn about prayer and the difference it can make in their lives.

Normanhurst Boys’

- That Year 7 boys will read the Bible for themselves and follow along as we work through Luke’s gospel.
- That Year 8s would understand the Bible as one story, highlighting the glorious work of Christ in His death and resurrection.
- That Year 9 boys see the gospel of Jesus as credible and true, and therefore worth committing their lives to.
- That Year 10 would continue to wrestle with the implications behind the worldviews we and others hold, and see the Christian worldview is the only one that makes sense of the world in which we live.
- That more younger boys would attend the lunchtime Christian group ‘Connect,’ recognizing the benefit it gives in encouraging them to live out their Christian faith in the school environment.

MEET THE TEACHERS, PRAYER AND MORNING TEA
SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2026 - 9.30AM TO 11.00AM.
Chinese & Australian Baptist Church Pennant Hills Rd, Thornleigh.
All Welcome!

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR NEWS!

Our budget for 2026 is \$158,000 of which we have received \$35,378 by 11th May. This leaves a balance of \$122,622 to be raised in the remainder of 2026! Please consider supporting NCEA financially before 30th June, and pray that God through His people, will supply the finances needed.

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Glenys Porter

NCEA Treasurer, June 2026