



# Principal's Message

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## Principal - Mark Marciniak

During Term 2 the school has been working to realign its Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) to meet the departments Plan for NSW Public Education 2024 to 2027. With the focus areas of Reading, Numeracy, Attendance and Pathways the school has made some modifications to its SIP to include the departments focus areas. The school has already had a strong focus on improving student performance in Reading and Numeracy and the school has been acknowledged for its outstanding achievements in adding value to student results in these areas. Moving forward in collaboration with parents and carers we will be focusing on continuing to increase the attendance rates of all students through structured and targeted initiatives. Additionally, the school has been evaluating its transition programs from Year 6 to Year 7, Year 10 to Year 11 and post school destination pathways when students transition from school to further study or work. Although the school has received recognition for the outstanding programs, that have been developed with our local primary schools to support students and parents/carers transitioning to secondary school, there is more work that needs to be undertaken to strengthen our processes between Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) and Stage 6 (Year 11 and 12). Another area that will be a focus in the current SIP will be raising student expectations through implementing the departments High Potential and Gifted Education policy. The school is constantly striving to make advancements to provide inclusivity for all its students and parents and carers to improve the educational and wellbeing outcomes for all our students. I look forward to working with our parent and carer representatives, our staff, and students as we proceed in developing and implementing our new initiatives.

### **E- Scooters and E- Bikes.**

It is pleasing to see how many of our students make a healthy choice to travel to school on their bike or scooter. However, it is very important that when they are commuting to school and back home that they are considering their own safety and the safety of others. To ensure this is happening students need to be wearing a helmet and ride their bike or scooter safely along the pathways and roads, looking out for pedestrians and following the traffic rules.

Recently I have been in conversations with the department's Road Safety and Education Officer and representatives from the Georges River Council. There has been a lot of attention around the safe use of E- Bikes in our community and the sometimes-unknown rules around E- Scooters.

Despite there being a trial E Scooter program in the Kogarah area private E Scooter use remains illegal in public places NSW " • *Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private property in NSW. They cannot be used on roads or road-related areas, including footpaths, shared paths, cycle ways and cycle paths.* • *Hired shared scheme E-scooters are only able to be used on roads and road-related areas in designated e-scooter trial areas*" – Transport for NSW. Students who are using an E- Scooter to travel to school are in fact breaking the law. Please refer to further information on [E-scooters](#) and [Transport for NSW brochure - Bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters](#)

### School Boys Rugby League Trophy

Earlier this term our under 15 boys participated in the highly competitive School Boys Rugby League Trophy. After three intense successive games our team was successful in winning the competition. This is an outstanding effort from our young men who will now be heading off to represent the school at the Sydney City Metro Cup on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of July.

### Anthony Mailangi

Congratulations to Anthony Mailangi who has been successful in making it into the NSW CHS Under 15s Rugby League Australian Championships in Port Macquarie this week. We wish Anthony all the best in his efforts.

### P&C Mother's Day Stall and BBQ

Thanks to the P&C for their fantastic efforts this term. The P&C ran a very successful Mother's Day Stall where there was an extensive choice of gifts available for the boys to purchase for their mothers. In addition to the gifts on sale there was also an abundance of prizes raffled off at the end of recess. The P&C also held a community BBQ at Bunnings Rockdale. Despite the inclement weather the sales were strong. A special thanks to Peter and Irene Omeros for organising the fundraiser and to all the parents who gave up their time to help. Next term they will be holding a Father's Day Stall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August to provide the opportunity for the boys to purchase a wonderful gift for their father or father figure. I am delighted to announce that the P&C were successful in their Community Grant application for a school grandstand for the value of \$42,000. The school will be working with School Infrastructure to install the grandstand in Terms 3 and 4.

### Year 7 to 11 report issuing and parent teacher evenings.

Thank you to the parents/carers who registered and attended the report issuing and the very important parent and teacher interviews. The issuing of the reports and obtaining feedback from your sons' teachers is a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to support and engage in your son's learning and to keep updated with their current progress and areas to further improve.

### Extended Leave

I will be taking extended leave during the final week of Term 2 until halfway through Term 3. Mr Mallios will be relieving in the principal's position, and I am certain it will be business as usual under his successful leadership. I look forward to seeing you and hearing from you when I return.

Thank you for your support and feedback during the term have a lovely break.

School Development Day – Staff Only	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
School resumes for all students	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
Sydney City Metro Cup Rugby League finals	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
P&C meeting	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August
Australian Mathematics Competition	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August
Higher School Certificate Trial Examinations	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> August
Vaccinations - Year 7 - HPV & dTpa	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August
P&C Father's Day Stall	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
Year 12 Graduation Evening	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
Last day of Term 1	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
First day of Term 4 for all students	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October

For the latest updates, information, news, and pictures of school activities please follow us on Facebook (James Cook Boys Technology High School) or access our website at <https://jamescookb-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



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## E-scooter update

*Personal e-scooters remain illegal on NSW roads and road-related areas, including footpaths, shared paths and bicycle lanes.*

*You can only use these on private property.*

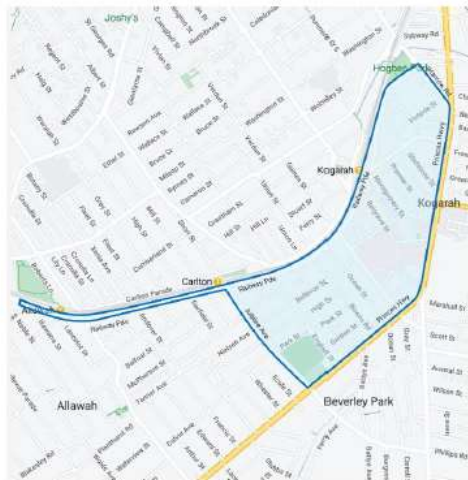
Transport for NSW

## Know the rules

Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private property in NSW. They cannot be used on roads or road-related areas, including footpaths, shared paths, cycle ways and cycle paths.

## Kogarah E-scooter trial

James Cook Boys High School is not within the E-scooter trial zone.



- You can only use shared E-scooters hired through the selected E-scooter provider on selected roads, bike paths and shared paths, in the trial area.
- You must be **16 years old and over** to use the trial's shared scheme E-scooter.

For more information on E-scooters

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/road-users/e-scooters#E-scooters>

Your feedback on the Kogarah E-scooter trial, please see the link below



E-scooter information - James Cook Boys High School  
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# LATENESS

How much time can you lose?

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

# 5 minutes

late each day



**= 3**  
days off