



# East Hills Boys High School

Wakakirri 2014





# 60th Anniversary 1955-2015

## EAST HILLS BOYS ARE THE 2014 WAKAKIRRI NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

On the 16th of September, East Hills Boys returned to the NIDA stage to compete in the NSW State Finals of The Wakakirri Secondary Schools Challenge. 30 students from across Years 8 -12 had been practicing extremely hard giving up lunchtimes, afternoons and weekends to prepare for the performance. All were tremendously proud to have been successful in the heats and were slightly nervous to be competing against twelve other Wakakirri Teams from schools across NSW.

Wakakirri is a National Festival that celebrates learning via the creation and sharing of stories. Schools create stories using dance, creative movement, acting, song, and film to be performed, screened and displayed to audiences across Australia so we knew being in the State final was an exciting achievement.

After a day of intense rehearsals it was time to dress in our costumes, apply our face paint, warm up our muscles and our voices and perform. Our team gave the best performance they had ever done and it was not just me who thought so. A rousing round of applause assailed the boys after the curtain had closed.

Following the performance we had a nervous wait for the judges to make their decision. William Derederenalagi and Logan DeWildt were our team's representatives, who stood upon the stage and listened to the judge's comments. They excitedly accepted awards for Best Costume Design, Best Behaved School and Most Original Story however, it was with amazement that they heard 'The Best Story of NSW is awarded to....East Hills Boys High'. If we had thought the applause was loud before, the cheers after this announcement were deafening. Levels of pride and excitement were at an all-time high. We couldn't have imagined a better result.

That was until one unsuspecting October morning a phone message had been left from the Wakakirri Organisers reminding us to watch the announcement of the National Wakakirri Winner of Best Story of The Year. We gathered as a team to view the announcement and to our surprise The Best Story of The Year was awarded to... EAST HILLS BOYS HIGH SCHOOL! We couldn't be happier with this overwhelming result or more proud of our amazing Wakakirri Team. So much hard work and dedication went into the performance. Being part of Wakakirri has given students from a variety of different social and cultural backgrounds an opportunity to share in a common experience that has been incredibly enriching. Their self-esteem and cultural sensitivity has also been developed through ongoing dance rehearsals and performances. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to watch how they have worked together to become The National Championship Team.





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Year 12 Students vs Staff





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Night of Excellence 2015





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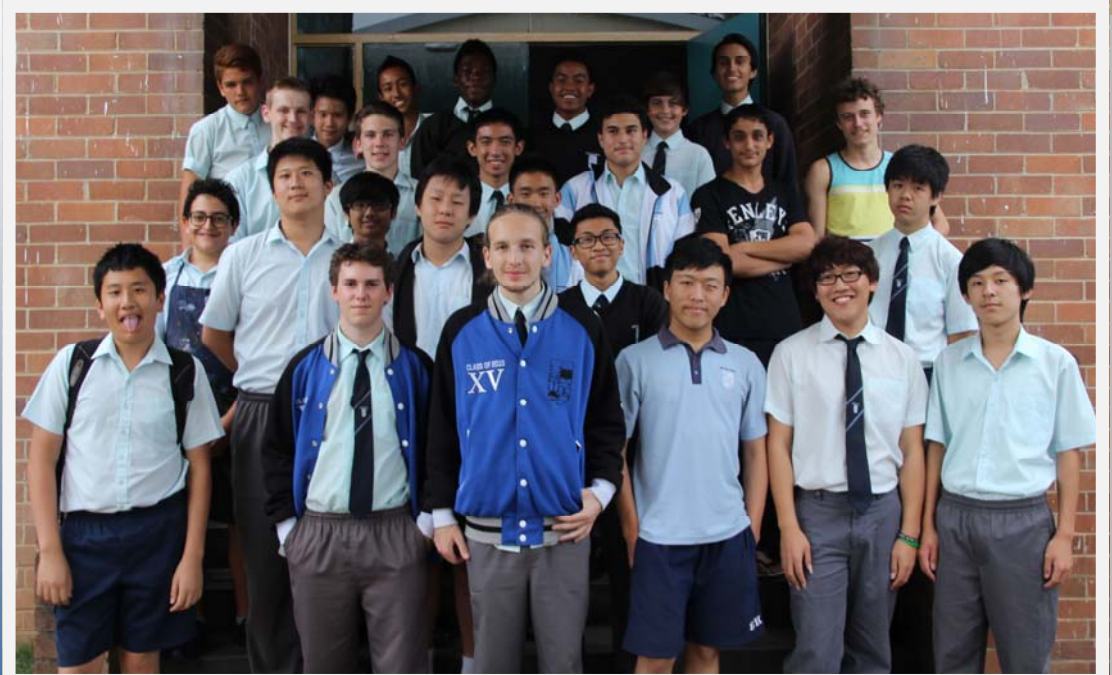
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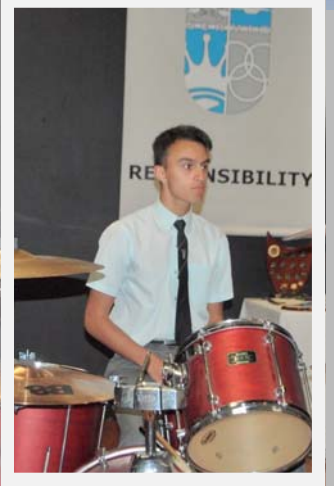
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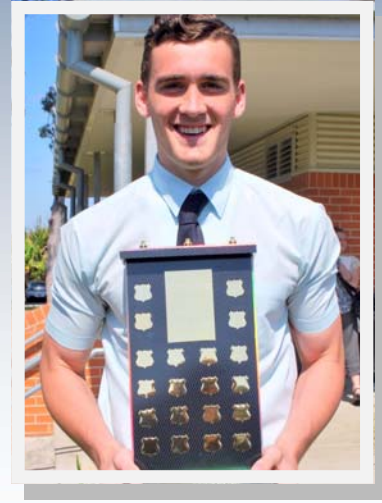
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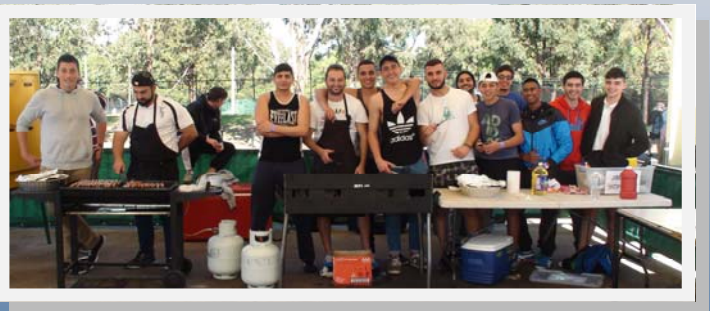
East Hills Boys High School reached another milestone celebrating its  
sixtieth anniversary this year.

It was sixty years ago when East Hill Boys' High School was established in 1955 and then officially opened on May 26, 1956, by the Rt. Hon. R. J. Heffron, the Minister for Education at that time. The school commenced with an enrolment of 505 students, which immediately jumped to 785 and 950 in 1956 and 1957 respectively.

With the passing of six decades, East Hills Boys High School's focus and purpose remains to strive for achieving excellence in all areas of student learning, whether academic, creative or sporting, which has ensured the School has grown and developed into arguably the leading boys high school in Sydney's south-west region. With the three core principles are 'Respect, Responsibility and Learning' and mantra, 'Learning is the Number One Priority,' the School provides its students with extensive opportunities in areas such as Technology, Sport and Creative arts.

Since 2013, the School launched its Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program, which is a whole school systems approach with a focus on positive behaviour. The School's mission is to provide quality education in a safe and stimulating learning environment, whilst encouraging students to become respectful and responsible lifelong learners.

Within the School's reputable learning environment, students are provided with the educational opportunities to excel academically, with excellent HSC results being achieved over the last six years, particularly in subjects such as Mathematics, Engineering studies and Construction. Moreover, the School has consistently achieved outstanding NAPLAN results in recent years with year 7 and 9 achieving above state average and the strong results in Numeracy being highlighted in the media. On an individual basis, gifted students are recognised for their efforts and achievements and Jeremy Tran, who is studying Biology, Chemistry and Physics for his Higher School Certificate, recently received the prestigious Victor Chang award for excellence in Science.



RECENT HISTORY



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East Hills Boys High School has a fine tradition of nurturing sports stars onto greater success; Swimming Olympian, Ian Thorpe, and Australian National Cricketers, Steve and Mark Waugh, are just some of the sporting legends who attended the School. Sporting successes continue and in the recent Bankstown Zone Athletics Carnival, the School's representative team winning first place out of eleven schools, with Mathew Tahere achieving 16 Years Age Champion, Kirby Pearson achieving 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 16 Years 400m and 1500m events and Daniel Fediakov achieving 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 15 Years 800m, 1500m and 3000m events.

With the School's motto, Servio, an important aspect of the School's ethos is the belief to serve the community. As the local area has grown over the decades, so has the School strengthened its ties with the community. The School encourages students to participate in community programs such as National Rugby League One Community 'In League In Harmony' program (2014).

Strong connections with local primary schools are further enhanced through the Primary Reading Program (2014) where fifteen Year 8 students gave up one lesson per week and attended East Hills Primary School to help Year 4, 5 and 6 students with their reading and comprehension. Having such support from high school students ultimately makes the primary school students' transition to high school easier.

The School provides significant opportunities for students to express themselves creatively, whether through art or music. The annual event, Night of Excellence, is a joint collaboration of the Creative Arts and TAS faculties in promoting the students' creative abilities and talents, featuring projects from both woodwork, design & technology and Multimedia.

Over the last few years Eat Hill Boys High School students have competed in the Wakakirri Secondary Schools Challenge, a National Festival that celebrates learning via the creation and sharing of stories. In 2014, the School were crowned WAKAKIRRI NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. Student representatives, William Derederenalagi and Logan DeWildt, accepted awards for Best Costume Design, Best Behaved School and Most Original Story however, it was with pride and joy the School was awarded Best Story.

Although the sixtieth anniversary is a time for the School and its community to reflect upon its achievements, the continual educational achievements and active role within the community



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