



## HEAD OF THE RIVER REGATTA

The 2013 Head of the River regatta will be held on **Saturday 9 March**. All boys are expected to attend and support our GPS crews. Once again, we will be providing the Newington bus and additional coaches for student transport to the regatta. The first event will be the 3rd VIII at 10.00am, followed by 4th IV at 10.15, 3rd IV at 10.30, 2nd Year 10 VIII at 10.45, 1st Year 10 VIII at 11.00, 2nd IV at 11.15, 1st IV at 11.30, 2nd VIII at 11.45 and the 1st VIII at 12.00.

Important arrangements are as follows:

**Date:** Saturday 9 March 2013.

**Departure:** Boys will assemble on Johnson Oval at 7.45am (Space Frame if wet).

**Return:** The coaches will depart Penrith at approximately 12.45pm and should return to Newington between 1.45pm and 2.15pm depending on traffic.

**Dress:** The dress for boys is Sesqui ties, short sleeved white shirts, long grey pants and caps. (Blazers are optional). Boys should also wear sunscreen. All technology devices other than personal mobile phones are prohibited on the day.

**Cost:** All coaches are fitted with seat belts and are air conditioned. It is our assumption that all boys will travel by coach **unless you return the exemption form overleaf**. \$20.00 will be charged to all boys' accounts except for rowers.

**Food:** It is recommended that students bring their own food and drinks to last the whole event. Fast food outlets with expensive prices and long queues are the only option available at the venue.

**Venue:** Sydney International Rowing Course (Penrith Lakes) is located a few kilometres north of Penrith along the Castlereagh Road towards Windsor. Travelling from Sydney, take the Northern Rd exit off the M4. Follow the signs to Andrews Rd then left and follow signs to Sydney International Rowing Centre.

Please return your son's private travel exemption form promptly as coach numbers will be finalised on Friday 1st March.

With thanks

Bob Meakin  
Deputy Head of Stanmore/

Mr P Bourke  
Assistant to Headmaster

Mr J Snare  
Head of Middle School

Head of Pastoral

### PRIVATE TRAVEL EXEMPTION FORM

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO MR MEAKIN'S OFFICE BY FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2013. THE EXEMPTION FORM ASSUMES THAT EACH FAMILY WILL TAKE THEIR SON DIRECTLY TO AND FROM THE REGATTA. PLEASE NOTE WE WILL AUTOMATICALLY CHARGE STUDENT ACCOUNTS \$20.00 UNLESS THIS FORM HAS BEEN RETURNED.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

House: \_\_\_\_\_ Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the appropriate box & add numbers where required:

1. My son will <b>NOT</b> travel to and from the regatta by coach	
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Legal Guardian)

#### From the Head of Sport

The following reminders about behaviour will be distributed to the boys and are included for your information.

At the Regatta normal school rules regarding behaviour apply. We expect all boys to be courteous, and display pride in themselves and their school. The school values of self-respect care for others, and service to the community should be seen in action.

Please remember the following:

- Boys must stay **behind** the water filled barriers, and must not sit on them. Boys are not allowed to enter the water at **any** time.
- Stay within the Newington College area. You cannot visit other schools' areas or the competitors' areas, either before or after events.
- Litter should be placed in the bins provided. If these are full, seek a prefect who will have spare plastic bags. Drinks should be taken in plastic or similar non-breakable material. Glass must not be taken into school areas.
- Barracking should be in the form of school encouragement only. Of course you may (and should) congratulate good performances by other schools. Do not barrack in a negative fashion.
- Poor behaviour of Old Boys or boys from other schools does not grant you the licence to behave in a similar fashion.
- Persons found in possession of contraband will be seriously dealt with. Police patrols will be targeting antisocial behaviour, underage drinking and traffic offences (this includes the throwing of objects from cars and buses).
- Boys who do not travel by coach must have their names marked off at the venue. Yr 7 boys report to Ms Scalone, Yr 8 to 12 report to their Heads of House allocated for roll marking.

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