



# BLACKTOWN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

*A Partially Selective Girls High School*

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have come to that bittersweet time of the year. This is the time when our staff and students note that the end of the school year is fast approaching, with some of us still to begin our Christmas shopping.

### **The biggest success - our students & staff**

2022 has been another wonderful year for Blacktown Girls staff and students in the academic, sporting and citizenship arenas. Your daughters have made us proud, we hear about their great achievements each and every day and its hard to imagine a better school than this out there.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of this year was that we were able to finally get back into the classrooms, fill the hall and organise excursion, camps, carnivals and school celebrations again. It has been so wonderful to see the students smiling faces and excited chatting as they attend and participate in all of these wonderful opportunities.

I take this time to thank the wonderful staff teams who have worked tirelessly and with total commitment, to make the services and support offered second to none. I know that everyone will join me in thanking the team for their achievements and assistance to us all.

### **Graduating Class of 2022**

Just as we welcomed a new group of year 7 students, we also said 'goodbye' to our remarkable Year 12 graduating class of 2022. Through the hard work of our staff and Year 11 leaders, we were able to hold a graduation ceremony for our new graduates and their family/friends. The formal was held last week and the ladies looked amazing. The venue congratulated our school on the wonderful manners and behaviour of our students, this is something we never get tired of hearing.

### **Some highlights**

We achieved our milestones and created new targets, renewing our partnership with Amazon Web Services In Communities, School Industry Partnerships, Australian Business Community Network (ABCN), Macquarie University, Australian Catholic University, University of NSW, University of Technology Sydney, Sydney University, TAFE NSW and our local Nirimba and Bungaribee Network of Schools. In 2022, we also gained approval for CAPA outdoor learning space to be extended and upgraded. The Think Big Space was finally built and we were graced with numerous dignitaries for our official opening and launch.

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This space will enhance our junior and senior Robotics and STEM projects, as well as create a new space for our Physics and Engineering classes. We extend our gratitude to Amazon Web Services (AWS) for their ongoing support of our school land students. With some help from AWS we have also upgraded much of our Robotics resources. It is also exciting to announce that we will continue to be involved with DoE research and professing learning focused on education development in iSTEM and sustainability.

This year we also had immense success across many extra curricula fields: our students achieved honourable mentions and awards in cricket, tennis, volleyball, swimming, athletics, debating, public speaking, ISTEM, robotics, Scientific Depth Studies, Visual Arts, Dance, Languages, ICAS spelling, writing & mathematics. And to add to all of this, they kept their social awareness strong, campaigning for the environment, raising awareness about soft plastics, sustainability, gardening and the plight of those less fortunate with a clear focus on supporting young women in lands less fortunate than ours to continue to have access to education and educational tools. To say we are proud is an understatement. In amongst all of this, internal assessment, our HSC, NAPLAN, and VALID data continue to impress. Our students are exceptional.

As we look back on 2022, no matter how tumultuous the global conditions are, we can look back at a successful year for Blacktown Girls High School – the school with young people that could and chose to make a difference.

I know I speak on behalf of all my staff when I wish you and your families a safe and restful holiday. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and for trusting us in this partnership.  
Yours sincerely,

*M. Trimmis*

**Mrs Maria Trimmis**  
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