Auburn Girls High School Highlights 2012

2012 saw significant celebration, innovation and investment in our school with:

- The purchase of 30 4th generation IPADs to allow students in years 7 and 8 greater access to technology.

- This year saw the final 10 interactive whiteboards (IWB) purchased and installed. Every classroom, including demountable classrooms, now have an interactive whiteboard. These IWB’s allow online resources to be brought into the classroom.

- Continued links with Granville TAFE allowed 15 Yr 10 students to attend TAFE every Friday to undertake short TAFE courses in beauty, hair-dressing, automotive mechanics, decorating and butchery.

- Over 200 students were involved in external programs to mentor and support students: UNSW Aspire, KPMG Visits, UWS Fast Forward and ABCN Goals and Smith Family’s I-Track mentoring program.

- The school has strengthened its relationship with Macquarie University. This allowed all students 7-12 the opportunity to visit the university, or be involved in activities led by the university.

- The start of the 4 year Australian Government National Partnership program with the appointment of Academic coaches for year 7-9, increased student support teachers and a focus on training staff to use a range of teaching strategies in their classroom.

- 2012 was the first year of our internally created year 7 Enrichment Class. These local students, while they were still in primary school, sat an entry test early in 2011. This class has worked with modified teaching programs based on current research on gifted and talented students.

- The continuing rollout of the Federal Government’s Digital Education Revolution Program, with every Year 9 student receiving their laptop this year. The school now supports over 500 student laptops.

- Every teacher undertook a Gifted and Talented training program to prepare for both the school’s internal enrichment classes and 2013’s selective class.
• Year 7 Gifted and Talented (G&T) robotics challenge. All students from our G&T class have been programming robots to be able to solve physical challenges. This led to the schools best teams travelling to Narrabeen to compete against robotics teams from around NSW. The students received the Sydney Regional Judges award for teamwork.

• The school expanded the opportunity for students to be involved in overnight camps with nearly 200 students involve in Student Leadership, Bathurst Zoo Snooze and year 7 Cockatoo island camps.

• A major upgrade of the school’s grounds occurred this year with the re-fencing of the school to increase the playground area, a new volleyball court, resurfacing of two basketball court, and the purchase of music and games equipment for student use during lunch times.

• Over the year there have been a number of events in which our students engaged in conversations with young women from other schools in Sydney, sharing perspectives on the issues that are important to young people. These included activities with the private schools Abbotsleigh Girls School and Masada College and the government schools, Asquith Girls High and Cheltenham Girls High.

2012 Student Success

• The Higher School Certificate (HSC) students of Year 12 2011 at Auburn Girls High School achieved strong HSC results. Last year’s HSC class achieved 10 of the highest band six grades. These band six grades were achieved in Biology, Business Studies, English Advanced, Legal Studies, Personal Development Health and Physical Education.

• 2012 Year 7 NAPLAN results where the best in the school’s history across both literacy and numeracy. Year 9 where the second best in the school’s history across both literacy and numeracy.

• Susana Xu of Year 7 student receiving a High Distinction in the UNSW Mathematic Competition.

• Jana Achrafi of Year 8 is an exceptional rising star in Taekwondo. Jana travelled to the Gold Coast where she came first in the national age championships.

Post High School

One of the core values of Auburn Girls High is that education is a lifelong process.

• 2012 saw approx 40% of year 12 2011 students enter University. The courses with the greatest number of students entering were:
  • Medical Science: 8 students studying
  • Commerce: 6 students studying
  • Science: 6 students studying
  • Other university courses being undertaken by our 2011 students at university include Law, Communications, Electrical Engineering, Arts, Psychology, Marketing

• 2012 also saw approx 40% of year 12 2011 students enter TAFE and private colleges.