A highlight of the GPS calendar is the annual rowing of the Head of the River at Sydney International Rowing Centre, Penrith. This is a compulsory event for all boys to attend. Students are to wear either their summer or winter uniform (no Blazer). I would strongly suggest that boys make sure they take their College Blue Cap or the White Cricket floppy hat as well as sunscreen. All students are encouraged to take sunscreen as limited shade will be available throughout the morning at the Regatta. Transport will be provided to Sydney International Rowing Centre, (SIRC), Penrith and back from the venue in house groups.

Note the following transport details for all boys travelling on house buses to Penrith and returning to Scots. Student who do not normally travel on the College Sponsored Telfords bus service are welcome to use this service travelling to the 2014 HOR.

5.45am 1 Rowers Coach departs Scots for Gladesville for GPS IV’s then picks up 1st VIII & 2nd VIII to SIRC
6.00am 1 Rowers Coach departs Scots to SIRC (Penrith) for Year 10 Crews & 3rd VIII
6.00am 1 Coach departs Scots for SIRC (Penrith) for Rowing Support Group workers
7.20am 1 Bus departs Hunters Hill than Balmain, Inner West for Scots
7.20am 1 Bus departs Banksmeadow than Botany, Marboura Junction, Waterloo, Moore Park for Scots
7.20am 1 Bus departs Little Bay than Malabar, Coogee, Randwick, Queens Park for Scots
7.30am 1 Scots mini Bus departs Walsh Bay than Circular Quay, Paddington for Scots
7.00am 1 bus departs Clovelly, Bronte, Bondi Beach, Dover Heights, Watson’s Bay to Scots
7.45am 1 Bus departs Mona Vale-Pittwater-lower North Shore direct to Penrith
7.45am 3 Coaches depart Scots for Parents supporters to SIRC (Penrith)
7.55am 4 Buses for Boarding Houses depart Scots for SIRC (Penrith) – Aspinall & Kirkland (Bus stop outside Centenary centre), Fairfax (Bus stop opposite Centenary centre), Royle (Victoria Rd – South Cranbrook Rd)
8.00am 1 Bus departs Cronulla direct to Penrith
8.00am 1 Bus departs Sutherland direct to Penrith
8.00am 1 Bus departs Mosman direct to Penrith
8.00am 1 Bus departs Beauty Point direct to Penrith
8.00am 1 Bus departs Seaforth direct to Penrith
8.00am 1 Bus departs Roseville than Lane Cove, Greenwich, Chatswood direct to Penrith
8.00am 1 Bus departs Willoughby than Castle Cove, Cammeray direct to Penrith
8.00am 8 Buses for Day Boy Houses depart Scots for Penrith
8.15am 5 Buses for overflow of Day Boy Houses and latecomers depart Scots to Penrith
12.45pm 24 buses return from SIRC (Penrith) at the completion of Regatta. Hunters Hill/Balmain/Inner West, Walsh Bay/Circular Quay/Paddington, Banksmeadow/Botany/Marboura Junction/Waterloo/Moore Park, Little Bay/Malabar/Coogee/Randwick/Queens Park and Clovelly/Bronte/Bondi Beach/Dover Heights/Watson’s Bay buses depart from Scots.

Note: the following suburban buses including Cronulla, Sutherland, Pittwater/Seaforth, Beauty Point, Mosman, Roseville, Willoughby return direct to destinations.

1.30pm 4 Coaches return from SIRC (Penrith) for parents and supporters
1.30pm 2 Rowers coaches depart SIRC (Penrith) and return to Gladesville and wait
2.00pm 1 Coach for Rowing Support Group workers departs SIRC (Penrith) to return to Scots
3 - 3.30pm Approximate return time to Scots.
3 - 3.30m Approximate return for suburban buses
4.30pm 2 Rowers Coaches return from Gladesville to Scots (approximate time)
Rowing Supporter’s Coaches: Supporters are advised to take advantage of the supporter’s coaches; Coaches will be departing for SIJC (Penrith) from Scots at 7.45am returning at approximately 3.30pm. Could I make a special request for parents traveling on these coaches, to park in Cranbrook Road and not out the front of the College on Victoria Road as houses buses will be departing from this area.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The College has made the decision to not allow any student to drive to the Head of the River. Year 12 will be briefed in year meeting in the coming week of this decision and this is in the best interest of the student’s safety and a request from the Police after a number of dangerous incidents on the highway over the past few years. Therefore all students are expected to travel on their house bus to the venue. Parents are asked to support this decision, however if prior notice is emailed to housemasters, boys are allowed to travel home from Penrith with their family.