

Clubs and Committees 2023

Fort Street High School has a wide range of programs that support student learning and enhance social and personal development. These programs operate as part of the extended before and after school timetable and are designed to complement the curriculum by enriching the core learning experiences for students. All activities undertaken are listed on student reports.

Club Name	What, where and when	Contact Person
Amnesty Committee	A group for students who want to challenge injustice wherever it happens, and stand for equality, freedom and justice. A crew of Fortians dedicate time each week to campaigning for environmental and political justice, and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that they are making a real difference. The amnesty committee meets every Friday lunch in the flexible learning space (Wilkins Building).	Ms Hurrell (English teacher) Cohen staffroom
Art Studio	These sessions focus on a variety of art mediums and are held in K21 on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. This group is open to students from all years.	Ms Starr HT Wellbeing Office opposite reception
Astronomy Club	This group meets in K5 on Wednesday at lunch time and in the summer months on the school oval at night to appreciate the beauty of the universe. If you are interested in learning how to work with a telescope or how to build one, this club is for you. So far this group has observed the great conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn with students and parents and introduced themselves to astrophotography.	Mr Hasenbein (HT Science) for access to the Google Classroom.
ASX schools share market game	The ASX competition runs twice a year and is a valuable way to learn about the risks and rewards of share market investing. Students are allocated \$50 000 of notional money to purchase shares listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. They monitor and trade the shares through a two-month period. Students can win monetary prizes for themselves and their school.	Mr Pagani (HT T&L) Rowe staffroom
Boys Volleyball	Training for CHS Open Boys Volleyball team in the gym Tuesday mornings at 7:45am	Mr Vaughan (PDHPE Teacher) Rowe staffroom
Breakfast Club	Breakfast is provided for students in the staff common room (lower level of the Wilkins Building near the Ron Horan Museum) every Tuesday from 8am to 8.30am and Thursday from 9am to 9.30am	Ms Ezekiel (HT PDHPE/Sport)
Chess Club	Fort Street competes in the NSW Junior Chess League Secondary Schools Competition. The competition rounds are held on Friday afternoons during Term Two and involve travel to various schools in the district. Chess boards are also available to borrow during breaks in the library.	Ms Page (Teacher Librarian)
Composting Team	This group is coordinated by Ms Catalan in the Rowe staffroom. The composters have a fortnightly roster, and their duties are acknowledged by house points.	Ms Maddox (English teacher) to access Environment Google Classroom.
Crochet Club	This group meets every Wednesday at lunch in K13	Ms Nolan or Mr Latimer Rowe staffroom
Debating and Public Speaking	Students work in small tutorial groups of 8-10 people, every Monday afternoon from 3:30 – 5:00pm. These tutorials are led by debating coaches recruited from Sydney's premier universities. Many of these coaches have reached success at prestigious international tournaments. Every student in the program learns the key components of debating, and will have the opportunity to participate in formal and informal competitive debates within Fort Street. All students in the program are also eligible to try out for a FSHS representative team, which will compete in the Premier's Debating Challenge against the best school in NSW. The cost of the program is approximately \$450 for the year.	Mr Tennent (English teacher) or Mr McMahon (HT English) Cohen staffroom.

Diversity Committee	This group provides a support network for students and allies of the LGBTQI+ community and meets each Monday in the Library Seminar Rooms.	
Drama Club	Open to Year 7 and 8 students and will challenge these students to think imaginatively about how they can create new worlds, characters and mood without relying on overly complex setting, props or costumes. The students work with short scripts and script excerpts and learn to bring those scripts to life by transforming themselves and their space into the characters and worlds of the play. Drama Club meets every Wednesday morning at 7.45am in R1, there is no cost for this club.	Ms Mattick (HT CAPA) Rowe staffroom
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	This award is open to students 14 years of age or older. At Fort Street, all Year 9 students have the opportunity to complete the Bronze Award. To qualify for an award, students must satisfy Community Service, Skills, Physical recreation and Adventurous Journey requirements. Students can progress through the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, which require increasing levels of commitment and achievement. Students are expected to organise their own community service, skill/hobby, physical recreation activities (cannot include school sport) and expeditions.	Mr O'Neil (History teacher) Cohen staffroom or Ms Jenkyns (Social Science teacher) Rowe staffroom
English Enrichment	This additional class is held after school on Wednesday afternoons between 3:15 and 4:10pm and is open to Year 9 and 10.	Mr McMahon (English HT) Cohen staffroom
Environment Committee	this committee is for students with a passion for the environment and leadership to work cooperatively on projects to lower the school's ecological footprint and to improve general environmental outcomes. This group meets every Thursday lunchtime either in the Flexible Learning Space or on the sandstone steps on the oval.	Ms Maddox in (English teacher) Cohen staffroom for access to the Environment Committee's Google Classroom.
Fitness Club	This group meets for fitness training on Thursday afternoons 3:30-4:10pm in the gym.	Ms Cove (PDHPE Teacher) Rowe staffroom
Futsal Club	This group meets at 8.45am on Thursday mornings on the Futsal courts	Finn Williams (student)
Future Leaders for Gender Equity	TBA	Natalie Duong (student)
Girls Netball	Meets before school on the outdoor basketball courts every Tuesday at 8am.	Ms Ezekiel (HT PDHPE/Sport) Rowe staffroom
Girls Basketball	Meets before school in the gym every Friday at 8am.	Mr Vaughan (PDHPE teacher) Rowe staffroom.
The Guild	This club meets in K13 on Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunch time. There are all types of board games for students to borrow such as Jenga, Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza, Settlers of Catan, Connect 4, and packs of standard playing cards. Students can also bring their own games and play with the other members of the Guild.	Mr O'Neil (History teacher) Cohen staffroom or Mr Prasad (Science teacher) Rowe staffroom.
Instrumental Music Program	The IMP caters for a range of musical abilities and styles and at present includes over a third of all students from Years 7-12. The 14 ensembles in the program present over 80 performances each year (performances have been severely disrupted by COVID). A variety of ensembles exist within the program from Symphony Orchestras, Wind Ensembles, Jazz Ensembles and Choirs. The IMP is well established and is run by a sub-committee of the P&C. Itinerant music tutors provide expert tuition and the Bands, Orchestras and Choral ensemble are conducted by visiting music directors	Matt Manchester (IMP Director) fortstreetimp@gmail.com

Maker Society	This committee provides a space to inspire students to start their own technology based projects. Activities include beginner workshops for various technology platforms, show-and-tell, weekly open maker space access, long-term team-based challenges, as well as opportunities to enter inter-school competitions such as RoboCup Junior, the F1 in Schools technology Challenge and the Australian STEM Video Game Challenge. This club meets every Thursday afternoon in K13 from 3:15 to 4:40pm. It costs \$55 to join this society	Mr Patane or any of the Technology teachers Rowe staffroom.
Philosophy Club	This course is open to all students and is held before school on Wednesday mornings at 8am in W1. Although the course follows a structured program of lessons, the content is delivered through a student-centred, enquiry-based approach which values participation and discussion.	Ms Salisbury (Careers Adviser – office located in the library).
Premier's Reading Challenge	Every student in Years 7-9 is eligible to participate in the challenge. Students need to read 20 books from the beginning of September to the end of August the following year. Students who have completed four Challenges receive a Gold Certificate; students who complete every challenge from Year 3 to Year 9 receive a medal. All Year 7 and 8 classes spend at least one period in the library exploring the variety of reading material.	Ms Page (Teacher Librarian)
Reconciliation Committee	Join other interested students to discuss 'The Voice' referendum and how FSHS can contribute to reconciliation. Meets in Library Seminar 1 every Thursday lunch.	Hugo Ceran-Jerusalem (student)
Recorder Ensemble	this group is for recorder enthusiasts and runs independently to the IMP led by students. The group meets in K7 every Thursday lunch.	Callum White and Owen Druery (students)
Robotics Club	This is a student led club where teams learn about robots and how to build them using a range of technologies. The teams compete against each other at school and then progress to the Robocup Junior competition. The club meets every Thursday afternoon from 3:15 to 4:30pm. It costs \$55 to join this club	Technology teachers Rowe staffroom or email fshsrobotics@gmail.com
Running Club	Whatever your skill level you are welcome to join the school running club which meets on Friday mornings at 8am for half an hour on the oval.	Ms Ezekiel (HT PDHPE/Sport) Rowe staffroom
Science Challenges	Interested Year 10 students can participate in the Science Challenge where they act as mentors to students from local primary schools in conducting research projects and investigations (WAFUS). During National Science Week selected Year 9 and 10 students will display research projects in the Fort Street Science Fair. These projects will be evaluated and judged by a panel of scientists from the community.	Mr Hasenbein (HT Science) Cohen staffroom
STIVE	for over 20 years, Fort Street has supported a student led and mentored, voluntary Christian program called STIVE – abbreviated from "students alive". The group meets every Friday lunchtime in the staff common room (Wilkins level 1 near Museum) and offers Christian focused learning and fellowship for all Fortians who wish to attend. It is a Department of Education policy that all students who wish to attend voluntary student activities of a religious nature need to have parent permission.	Mr Morrison (Deputy Principal)
Student 2 Student reading program	FSHS has been involved in the Smith Families' student2student reading program for many years. Students can volunteer to be a reading buddy for a younger student in another school who has been assessed as being up to two years behind in their reading development and wanting additional support to improve their learning. The Fort Street buddy listens to an allocated younger student read over the telephone two to three times a week for at least 20 minutes. The student then records each phone call and reports on the progress.	Ms Maddox (English teacher) Cohen staffroom.

St Johns Ambulance Cadets	<p>Would you know what to do, if you came across an emergency?</p> <p>The people on the scene at an emergency before the ambulance arrives play a vital role in saving lives. This is why it's important that every person knows the basics of what to do in an emergency. A number of Fortians participate in this training at various centres around Sydney in particular Burwood and Fairfield. On Wednesday evenings 6.30pm – 9pm</p>	<p>Chantelle Hoang (student) or visit cadets.stjohn.org.au</p>
Theatre sports	<p>This program is offered to drama students in Years 8 - 12. The students focus on developing improvisation skills which help create problem solving and spontaneity. They learn a variety of Theatresports games, and to compete against each other in a supportive environment. Students also have the opportunity to be selected for representative teams that compete in external Theatresports competitions. Theatresports meets On Tuesday afternoons in R1 from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. There is a cost per student but this depends on how many students overall participate.</p>	<p>Ms Mattick (HT CAPA) Rowe staffroom</p>
Tournament of the Minds	<p>Every year FSHS enters teams in this national educational program challenging the world to develop problem solving skills. TOM offers teams of students the opportunity to solve authentic, open-ended challenges that foster creative, divergent thinking whilst developing collaborative enterprise, excellence and teamwork. Challenges are set in the Arts, Literature, Social Sciences and STEM. Senior students have the opportunity to mentor to junior students, acting as team coordinators and providing advice and feedback. Teams will be formed late term 2 for the challenge in term 3.</p>	<p>Ms Trifunovic (Mathematics teacher) Cohen staffroom.</p>
Ultimate Frisbee Club	<p>This group is open to all students 7-12 and meets before school at 7:45am on the oval every Tuesday morning.</p>	<p>Edmund Feng Learning Centre (Library)</p>
Water Polo	<p>This group meets at Leichhardt Aquatic Centre early before school on Tuesday mornings.</p>	<p>Ms Ezekiel (HT PDHPE/Sport) Rowe staffroom</p>