

# WHSPA High Notes



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## From the Principal's desk .....

### Who's New at WHSPA – 2021

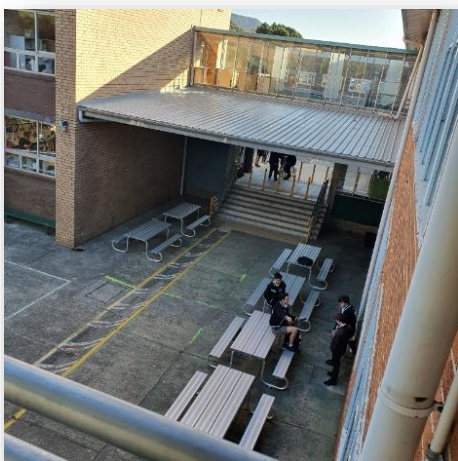
At the end of the 2020 school year, a number of staff either retired or have gone on extended leave. Mr Jansons, Mr Coleman and Mr Roxby retired at the end of last year and I know that the community joins me in thanking them for their dedication and hard work while they taught at WHSPA. We also wish them all the best in their retirement. Mrs Jansons and Mr Dion will be taking extended leave throughout the 2021 school year. Mrs Peterson is taking up a temporary position at Corrimal High School as a curriculum writer. She will be filling this role for the 2021 school year.

This year we welcome a number of new staff to the school. Dr Mackriell has been appointed as Head Teacher Maths at WHSPA. Dr Mackriell comes to us from Campbelltown Performing Arts High School and brings a wealth of experience to the school. Also in Maths we welcome Mr Rosete and Mr Bodey.

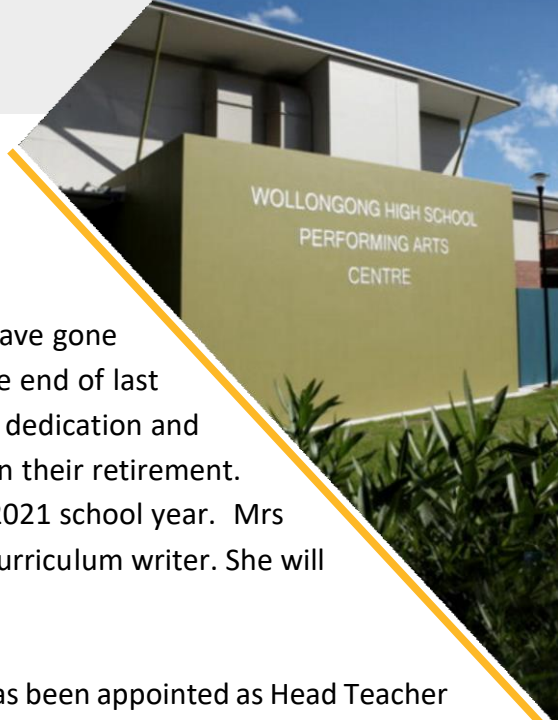
Ms Kennedy-Webb is joining WHSPA in the HSIE faculty and Mr May is joining the WHSPA Science Faculty. Mrs Organ and Mrs Sewell are joining the English Faculty and Mr Croft and Ms Zubovic are joining the TAS faculty. Finally, Ms Dunstan is joining WHSPA in the Art Faculty.

New staff were introduced to the student body this term. I know you will join me in welcoming these staff to the school for the 2021 school year.

### Projects Around The School

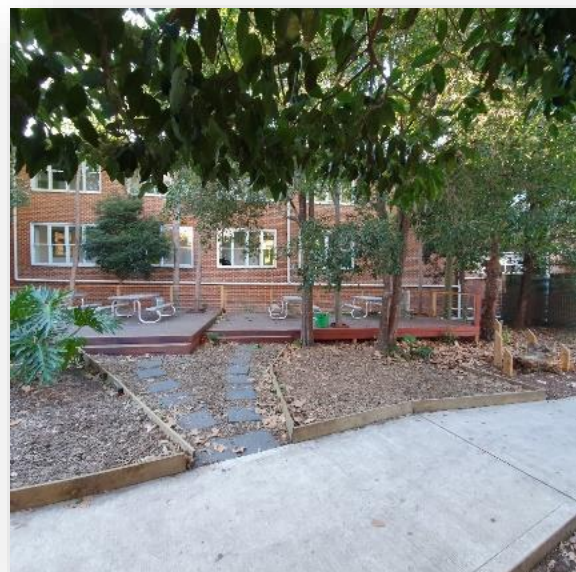
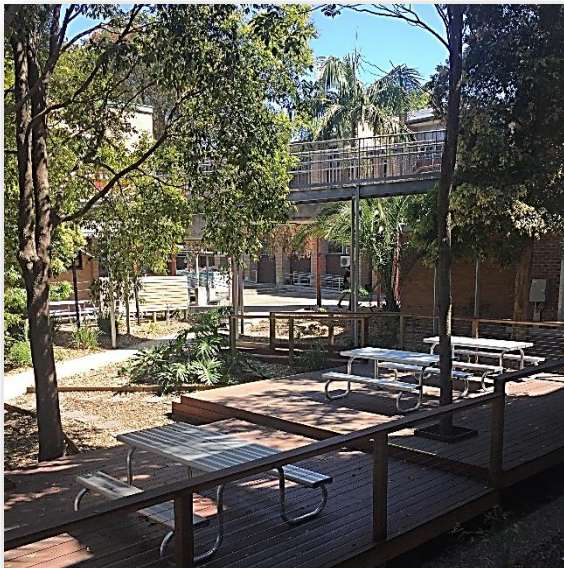
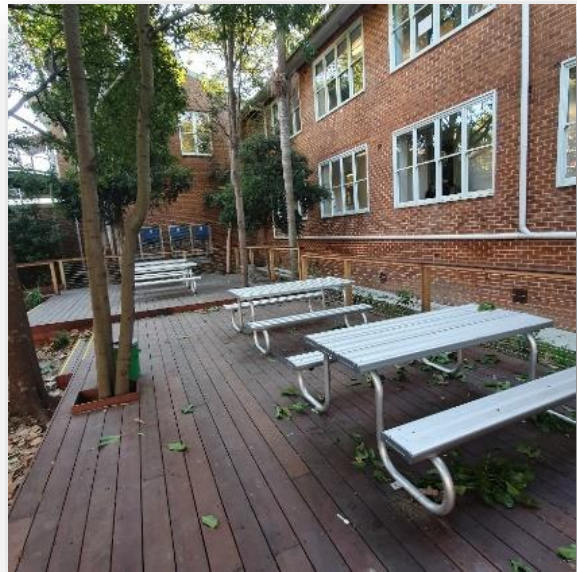


It has always been a long-term goal to provide the students at WHSPA with more shaded areas. Recently, we have had two areas added to the school. The first is a roof that has been added between A and B Blocks. This not only gives the students a shaded place to sit on warm days but is also a covered area during rain. Tables have been added to this area where students can sit during recess and lunch.





The second area is a raised deck, which is situated against A Block. The idea here was to use the natural shade from trees. Several tables have also been added to the deck as well. It is large enough for the area to be used as an outdoor learning space. This deck is extremely popular with students and gives them a great place to sit and relax during break times.







You may have seen the recent drone shots on our facebook page of the new basketball courts taking shape on the back oval. WHSPA has been working closely with the NSW Department's Asset Management Unit to bring this project to fruition. These courts will supplement current sporting programs that operate here at the school. The courts can also be used by students at recess and lunch. The next stage of development here is to add an outdoor exercise area for the students to use during class time.



Last year, we were lucky enough to finalise the refurbishment of the Common Room. Mr O'Connor was instrumental in designing this area which can be used by both staff and students. For staff, it is an area where professional development activities (socially distanced of course) can take place. For the students, it allows them to utilise a collaborative learning environment that is flexible, comfortable and easy to use.



At present, we are filming our showcases. The Music, Dance and Drama students did not really have a chance to perform last year as they usually would. These recorded events will be available in the near future.





Volleyball is the sport du jour at the moment at WHSPA. Recently, we have had several teams formed at the school with our two Year 10 teams taking part in the South Coast tournament. I travelled down to Bomaderry to watch these teams play. They did an amazing job winning the majority of their games on the day. But what was wonderful to see was the incredibly strong team spirit that was so apparent on the day. The boys found their groove early in their matches and worked together to produce some incredible volleys. There are also Year 7 and 8 students involved in Volleyball at lunch time. It is so wonderful to see these students working together and refining their skills.



The end of last year saw the Presentation ceremonies take place at the school for the individual year groups. One thing I stressed to all the students was how lucky we are to have such a wonderful school, staff and group of students. I was incredibly proud of the recipients as they were awarded with either Academic Honours or Diligence and Commitment certificates. I encouraged the students to keep these certificates in a safe place or establish a portfolio where they can keep all their school reports, awards and certificates in one place.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of the school throughout the 2020 school year. I don't think anyone could have foreseen the events of the year and I thank you for your patience as we adapted to the Covid pandemic. I appreciate all your efforts during the learning from home phase of the year and acknowledge the incredible support that you provided your child. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for 2021 and I look forward to working closely with you and your children this year.

Paul Ryan  
Principal

# WHSPA SRC 2021

Congratulations to our WHSPA Captain's, Vice Captains's and SRC for 2021:

## Year 12

Captain's - Madeleine McPherson & Reuben Odlum

Vice Captain's - Abby Adlington, Aston Deitz & Aemelia Ramos

## Year 11

Sophia Booth  
Noah Brooks  
Damon Harkness  
Layla Preston  
Phoebe Stockley



*Madeleine  
McPherson*



*Reuben  
Odlum*

## Year 10

James Gardner  
Keeva Grennan  
Kazuma Phillips  
Jonathan Zhang



*Abby  
Adlington*



*Aston  
Deitz*



*Aemelia  
Ramos*

## Year 9

Arne Castles  
Chela Galvan  
Francisca Schira  
Lilli Yewen

## Year 8

Jake Cheng  
Hunter Robinson  
Audrey Salmon  
Chloe Wilkinson

## Year 7

Georgie Cunningham  
Alannah McMahon  
Thorne Parker  
Maeve Steller Rich

Our wonderful SRC were inducted in a special ceremony on Monday 1 March.

Fleur Williams  
SRC Coordinator



# Library News .....

## Welcome to 2021

Welcome back to 2021 in the WHSPA Library.

Mrs Kerr is my lovely new Library assistant and is available to help with all Library needs.

The Library still has a few DoE Covid restrictions to adhere to:

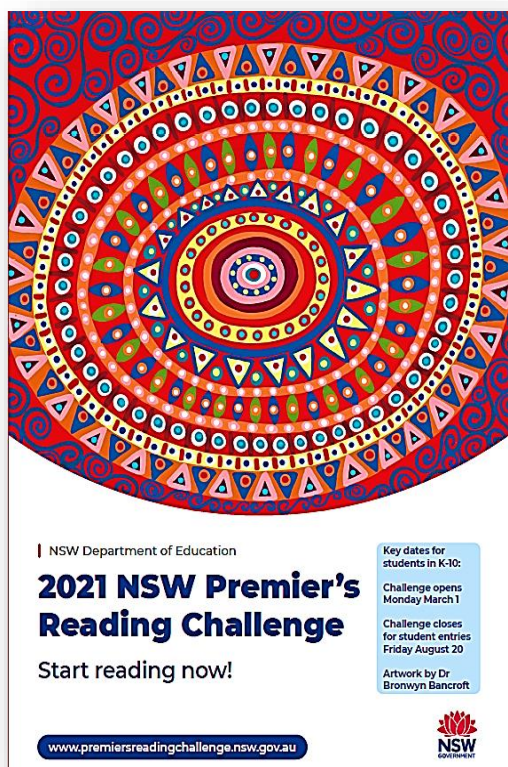
- Sanitising on entry
- Only 1 year group during break times
- Signing into the library for IT and Careers

We have over 15,000 resources available in the WHSPA Library. In addition, we also have:

- Suggested reading lists by genre
- Helpful guides, eg: Bibliographies, writing essays
- 30 desktop computers for student research
- A flexible library layout for multiple uses
- A separate quiet Senior study area
- Printing, photocopying, laminating, binding

I am also available any time to help students with many things including, research, finding the right book, writing bibliographies, etc.

The library website is also jam-packed with resources for students, have a look at it! You can find the Library website on the WHSPA website, under 'Learning'.



## Premier's Reading Challenge

Throughout the year, Year 7 students will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge is for all students in New South Wales in Years 5 to 9. The Challenge was implemented as a way of encouraging an interest in reading. We will be offering rewards and incentives along the way to encourage students to engage in the Program.

For more information go to: [online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc) or there is a link on your student DoE portal site.

See you in the Library.

Mrs Pfister

Teacher-Librarian





## Performing Arts Faculty .....

Dance Showcase is on, Thursday 4 March. Performances are from 2020 works and the students and staff are looking forward to having a live audience to perform to.

Tickets are still available for the 5 pm show. Parents of dancers have had the opportunity to book first. Bookings are now open to others – strictly 2 per family. Bookings close Wednesday 3 March 1:00 pm.



Chris Richards  
HT Performing Arts










# Parent Information .....

## Year Advisors – 2021





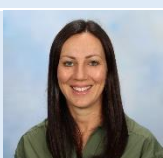
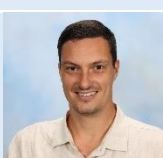
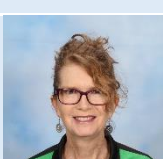


First point of contact for ANY issues concerning students within their year group.

Year 7 Year Advisors	Armi Wilson <a href="mailto:armi.wilson1@det.nsw.edu.au">armi.wilson1@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Year 8 Year Advisor	George Broadfoot <a href="mailto:george.broadfoot4@det.nsw.edu.au">george.broadfoot4@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Year 9 Year Advisor	Melissa Meafou <a href="mailto:melissa.meafou1@det.nsw.edu.au">melissa.meafou1@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Year 10 Year Advisors	Nicholas Stanojevic <a href="mailto:nicholas.stanojevic4@det.nsw.edu.au">nicholas.stanojevic4@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
	Malak Dubois <a href="mailto:malak.dubois@det.nsw.edu.au">malak.dubois@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Year 11 Year Advisor	Molly Moyes <a href="mailto:molly.moyes1@det.nsw.edu.au">molly.moyes1@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Year 12 Year Advisor	Telesia Sakaio <a href="mailto:telesia.sakaio2@det.nsw.edu.au">telesia.sakaio2@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	

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## Well-Being & Learning Support -2021

<b>Learning and Support Teacher</b>	<b>Leanne King</b> <a href="mailto:leanne.king1@det.nsw.edu.au">leanne.king1@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Provide learning and support for students who are having difficulty with their general learning or have diagnosed learning conditions.		
<b>Learning and Support Teacher</b>	<b>Kate Mitchell</b> <a href="mailto:kate.mitchell52@det.nsw.edu.au">kate.mitchell52@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Provide learning and support for students who are having difficulty with their general learning or have diagnosed learning conditions.		
<b>Homework Club Co-Ordinator</b>	<b>Sally Johnston</b> <a href="mailto:sally.johnston@det.nsw.edu.au">sally.johnston@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Co-ordinates the homework club and provides some 'one to one contact' with students needing assistance with their homework or assessment tasks.		
<b>Wellbeing HUB Teacher</b>	<b>Fleur Williams</b> <a href="mailto:fleur.williams@det.nsw.edu.au">fleur.williams@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Provide support to students within a safe and quiet environment in order to be able to re-engage with classroom learning as quickly as possible.		
<b>Head Teacher Wellbeing – Girls</b>	<b>Heidi Whelan</b> <a href="mailto:heidi.whelan@det.nsw.edu.au">heidi.whelan@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Girls mentor. Oversees the team and provides assistance to students, staff and parents when required. Point of contact for multicultural students.		
<b>Head Teacher Wellbeing – Boys</b>	<b>Braiden Gilbert</b> <a href="mailto:braiden.gilbert1@det.nsw.edu.au">braiden.gilbert1@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Boys mentor. Oversees the team and provides assistance to students, staff and parents when required. Point of contact for medical conditions of students.		
<b>Teacher-Librarian &amp; School Media Liaison</b>	<b>Liane Pfister</b> <a href="mailto:liane.pfister1@det.nsw.edu.au">liane.pfister1@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	
Oversees the Library and provides assistance to students, staff and parents with all library related support. Co-ordinates media and publicity.		





## Parent Information cont'd .....

### HEAD TEACHERS FOR TERM 1 — 2021

Head Teacher <i>English</i>	Apple Phasavath
Head Teacher <i>Mathematics</i>	Lorien Mackreill
Head Teacher <i>Science (rel)</i>	Marc Kates
Head Teacher <i>HSIE</i>	Vicki Strudwick
Head Teacher <i>PDHPE</i>	David Arthur
Head Teacher <i>TAS</i>	Rachel Jospe
Head Teacher <i>Music</i>	Ruth Ellevsen
Head Teacher <i>PA</i>	Chris Richards
Head Teacher <i>Secondary Studies &amp; Visual Arts</i>	Emily Ireland
Head Teacher <i>Administration Procedures &amp; Languages</i>	David Boscoscuro
Head Teacher Wellbeing – Girls	Heidi Whelan
Head Teacher Wellbeing – Boys	Braiden Gilbert

### DATES TO REMEMBER

1 – 5 March	Dance Showcase
1 – 5 March	HSC Hospitality Work Placement
4 March	Year 7 Immunisations
8 – 12 March	HSC Construction Work Placement
8 March	P&C Meeting
9 March	Regional Swimming Carnival
16 March	School Cross Country
29 March	Years 11 & 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews
2 April	Good Friday Easter Weekend







# Year 12 Future Me Program 2021

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Improve your HSC study skills, explore your post-high school opportunities. Our annual Year 12 Future Me Program runs over 2 school terms in 2021, from April to August: it is designed to support you with your HSC study skills and allow you to experience a taste of UOW student life.

**APPLICATIONS OPEN 10 FEBRUARY 2021  
FOR ALL UOW CAMPUSES.**

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**FOR MORE INFO: [UOW.INFO/YR12PREP](https://uow.info/YR12PREP)**



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## PROGRAM DETAILS

**WHEN:** Future Me weekly sessions run from April - August, 2021

**HOW:** Blended delivery, online and on-campus (COVID permitted)

**WHERE:** UOW campuses- Bega, Batemans Bay, Shoalhaven, Southern Highlands, Wollongong and South Western Sydney (Liverpool)

**COST:** Free for In2Uni sponsored school students or students who meet the eligibility requirements below

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

During the program, you will have access to and receive the following :

- More than 20 hours of free Year 12 and beyond skills development under the guidance of our In2Uni mentors who have achieved a Band 5 or higher in one or more HSC subjects.
- By successfully completing the Future Me program, students will be eligible for a guaranteed interview or offer through the Early Admission program at either the University of Wollongong or UOW College (UOWC). Participation in this program will be taken into consideration when assessing UOW and UOWC course applications and outcomes. Interviews/offers may be for a course determined by UOW/ UOWC, dependent on academic performance. This may not be for the course listed in a student's Early Admissions application.
- Face-to-face and online subject resources to assist with the HSC.
- Assistance completing your post school admissions and UAC online applications.
- Mentoring to explore post-high school options, including higher education and pathways options based on your Year 12 academic performance.
- Year 12 Super Study Day - to prepare you for your HSC exams and transitioning from high school to what

## WHO CAN APPLY?

You are invited to apply to the Year 12 Future Me Program if you meet the following criteria:

- You must be completing your HSC or IB in 2021 at a high school in the Illawarra/South East/South Western Sydney Region
- You must be attending an In2Uni sponsored school, OR meet one of the following criteria:
  - Completing the HSC in a rural or remote area
  - Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
  - On a permanent humanitarian visa or have refugee status
  - Currently experiencing financial hardship, disability/mental or physical health condition or social disadvantage that have impacted on your studies \*\*

\*\* You may be asked to provide details of these circumstances . Please contact us for more information if you are unsure whether you qualify.\*

## HOW TO APPLY

1. If you meet the eligibility requirements above, please complete the application form online at: [uow.info/yr12prep](http://uow.info/yr12prep) before **Wednesday, 3 March 2021**.
2. You will receive a notification email or phone call stating the outcome of your application by 5 March,
3. 2021.

## FOR MORE INFO

Please contact the UOW Outreach & Pathways Team on  
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[pathways-in2uni@uow.edu.au](mailto:pathways-in2uni@uow.edu.au)

