

WHSPA - High Notes

TERM 3 WELFARE TEAM

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From the Principal's desk.....

Term 3 is always a busy time at Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts. We commenced the term with the HSC Dance practical exams. These exams went over a 7-day period and the staff worked tirelessly to prepare our students for these exams. In the following two weeks it was time for the Drama practical exams. This week we were notified that we received 9 nominations for On Stage in the Individual Performance category and 2 nominations in the Group Performance category. Congratulations and well done to all those students involved and a massive congratulations to the staff who have worked with their classes. We also had all the practical tasks with our TAS departments and the submission of the Body of Works for the Art department. The next two weeks will see the HSC Music exams take place at the school. We wish our music students all the best as they present their practical tasks to the visiting examiners.

Last week saw the annual HSC Art Body of Work Exhibition at the school. The level of work this year was amazing. I would like to thank all the parents, students and community members for attending the exhibition. Also, a massive thank you to the Year 12 teachers – Saxon Reynolds and Anna Peterson for all their work developing the creative skills of the students.

This week also saw our Community of Schools Science Fair take place at the school. We had over 150 students from Keiraville, Gwynneville, Wollongong West and Mount Keira Demonstration Primary schools participate in this event. WHSPA Science teacher, Doug Chisholm was once again the driving force behind this initiative and I thank him so much for his organisation of this event.

I would also like to thank Mr Burnett and the Sports Committee for their Beep Test initiative at the school. It was great to see so many students and staff participating in this event.

Finally, a reminder in regards to uniform. As we move into Term 4, tracksuit pants may only be worn on Tuesdays for sport.

Paul Ryan
Principal

Dates to remember :

23-27 September
Yr11 Yearly Exams

23 September
Yr12 Picnic Day

25 September
Yr12 Graduation

26 September
Yr12 Formal

4-6 September
CHS Athletics

14 October
Students return to school

14-16 October
Yr11 Crossroads

14-18 October
Pre-Prof Dance Showcase

21-25 October
Drama Showcase

29 October-1 November
Music Showcase

28 October-8 November
Yr8 VALID Science

E.S.L. FACULTY

Multicultural Youth Conference 2019: Education and Entertainment for Year Nine and Ten Students

Friday 13 September was a very lucky day for the students of refugee background who attended the annual Multicultural Youth Conference at Five Islands Senior College. Students from high schools in the Illawarra convened for a day of education, inspiration, food, friends and fun that received the highest praise from the participants. WHSPA students Sae Reh, Taw Reh, Prince Shizirungu, Hasnaa Toma and Mohammad Ayoub attended. Besides reconnecting with associates from the WIEC, students had opportunities to make new friends while attending sessions designed to help them succeed in achieving their educational and employment goals. Wollongong Police presented a session on being safe in cyberspace, NSW Health advised on choices about drinking alcohol.

There were also presentations about making important decisions that influence how behaviour influences life outcomes. Besides the educational content, students were treated to morning tea and lunch which they could enjoy in the beautiful surroundings of the College. Weather was lovely.



Lunch is served.

After lunch sports, fitness, beauty and hand-painting sessions allowed everyone free time out of the classroom.



Soccer "Chill Out" sessions with Football South Coast.

At the conclusion, participants were given backpacks that included thumb drives. The session feedback sheets indicated the events were well-received.

Lori Lebow
Teacher ESL

VISUAL ARTS FACULTY

Year 8 Visual Arts Collective Excursion Bundanon

Students of the Year 8 Visual Arts Collective auditioned class were given the opportunity to appreciate the life, history and artmaking of renowned Australian artist Arthur Boyd by visiting Bundanon Estate.



The students were given guided tours of Boyd's studio where they were able to intimately view his artworks in-situ and were even allowed to touch his paintbrushes.



They were taken into the century-old homestead where they were able to view not only an exhibition of his familial artistic line of artist's works but also the private collection of work that Boyd had collected from other Australian artists such as Sidney Nolan, Charles Blackman and Robert Dickerson.

Charlotte Penno was also granted the opportunity to play the Steinway surrounded by Arthur Boyd originals, an experience not many people would have the pleasure of having. Whilst walking to the Shoalhaven River to complete an artmaking workshop they were welcomed by the local fauna, wallabies, kangaroos, wombats and a large goanna in a tree.

Students used experimental ink techniques applied,

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with reeds sourced from the riverbank, to create an expressive drawing. They then completed a watercolour and ink drawing of *Pulpit Rock*, of which Boyd made countless representations.



The experience of attending this excursion was beneficial in their appreciation and understanding of Australian art history, whilst being immersed in a spectacular environment.

Anna Peterson
Teacher Visual Arts

PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY

Performing Arts - Dance State Dance Festival

We had six items performing at the **2019 State Dance Festival**.

It is an honour to be selected and as such we pride ourselves on the recognition. It was a wonderful educational audience and performance opportunity for our students and parents to expand their understanding and skills of dance.

Thank you to all of the wonderful students for your ongoing commitment to making our dance program successful.



Year 7 Ireland
Contagion



Junior Co Richards
The Phoenix



Junior Co Goderie
Sadako



Intermediate Co Scott
Carry You



Senior Co Richards
Polarity



Senior Co Ireland
Stronghold

HSC Dance



The practical HSC Dance examinations have been completed. What a highlight of the 2019 Dance calendar.

Thank you to Miss Emily Ireland and Mr. Chris Richards for the 2 years of preparation readying these incredible students.

We both wish the class of 2019 all the very best in the

next phase of your lives.

Term 4 Dates for the diary

Week 1 - Pre-Professional Dance

Sunday 13/10	12:00 – 16:00	PP Dance Lighting Plot
Wednesday 16/10	8:50 – 15:10	PP Technical Rehearsal
Friday, 18/10	Morning	HSC English Exam
	11:30	Call
	12:30 – 13:50	PP Dress Rehearsal
	13:50 – 15:10	PP Matinee
	17:30	Call
	18:30 – 20:30	PP Show

Week 2 - Musical Theatre Showcase

Wednesday, 23/10	8:50 – 15:10	Musical Theatre Showcase Bump In
	17:30	Call
	18:30	Musical Theatre Showcase

Week 7 Dance Showcase

Friday 29/11	8:50 – 15:10	Dance Showcase Lighting Plot Day Some students may be required
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Week 8 - Dance Showcase

Monday 2/12	8:50 – 15:10	Dance Showcase Technical rehearsal
	17:30	Call
	18:30 – 21:00	Dance Showcase
Tuesday 3/12	8:30	Call
	9:30 – 11:30	Dance Showcase School Matinee
	17:30	Call
	18:30 – 21:00	Dance Showcase
Wednesday 4/12	8:30	Call
	9:30 – 11:30	Dance Showcase School Matinee
	12:30 – 2:30	Dance Showcase School Matinee
	17:30	Call
	18:30 – 21:00	Dance Showcase
Thursday 5/12	8:50 – 15:10	Drama Bump In Some students may be required
Friday 6/12	8:50 – 15:10	Drama Bump In Some students may be required

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Week 9 - Drama Showcase

Monday 9/12	8:50 – 14:10	Drama Rehearsal
Tuesday 10/12	8:50 – 15:10	Drama Rehearsal
Wednesday 11/12	8:30	Call
	9:30 – 11:30	Drama Showcase School Matinee
	17:30	Call
	18:30 – 21:00	Drama Showcase
Thursday 12/12	8:30	Call
	9:30 – 11:30	Drama Showcase School Matinee
	17:30	Call
	18:30 – 21:00	Drama Showcase
Friday 13/12	8:50 – 15:10	Drama Bump Out

Week 10 - WHSPA Awards

Monday 16/12	6:00pm	WHSPA Awards
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Chris Richards
HT Performing Arts

HSC Drama

The Drama faculty are thrilled to announce that the following HSC Group Performances and IP Monologues have been nominated for OnSTAGE held at the Seymour Centre, Sydney from 8 February to 14 February 2020.



'Elements of Duty' by:
Teodora Avramovic, Balin Rowley, Madison Ballard,
Brodie Fraser, Mia Frew,



As well as Monologues by:
Teodora Avramovic, Madison Ballard, Anna Brink,
Brodie Fraser, Lara Kirk-Downey, Isobel Lautrec,
Lewis Patch, Mathew Varga, Jamie Walsh

Congratulations to the entire Year 12 Drama cohort and these nominated students! WHSPA is very proud of your HSC achievements!

Rosie Goderie
Teacher PA

TAS FACULTY

Garden Bed Construction at WHSPA

The 2019-20 Construction students have been busy building garden beds between the Library and 'C' Block in recent days. Construction is an HSC VET course for



'At What Cost?' by:
Zacariah Ellefsen, Lauren Peta Morgan, Calissa Smith,
Lara Kirk-Downey, Jamie Walsh, Wylie Lucas

students embarking on a career in the building industry or trades. They learn many skills, most of which revolve around problem-solving, communication skills, planning, working from drawings; all in the context of the building industry.



Constructing a school project enables our students to apply their new found skills in a real-world context, allowing them to put into practice what they have learned in the classroom.



Max Ordinall
Teacher TAS

SPORTS NEWS

WHSPA Sport News – 20 Sept 2019

Athletics

Congratulations to our super star athletes who competed at the NSW CHS Athletics Championships earlier in September at the Sydney Athletic Centre, Olympic Park:



Jett Link of Year 10 placed 5th in NSW in the Boys 16 Years 110m Hurdles with a fast time of 15.93.



Luke Hince of Year 11 placed 7th in NSW in the Boys 16-19 years 3000m with an impressive time of 9:12.84.



Saoirse McGrath of Year 7 placed 11th in NSW in the Girls 12 years Shot Put (3kg), throwing a massive 8.06m.

Tuesday Sport

On Tuesday, Year 7-10 sport students had meetings with their new sport teachers and received information on their new sport. Students who will be participating in sports outside of school must return their permission note and applicable waiver to their sport teacher by Tuesday to be able to leave the school grounds.

Baimed and PA classes continue as normal for the rest of the year.

To access Sport information and permission notes:

- Logon to Google Classroom and enter code – I533w5a.
- Download the WHSPA app.

Sporting Calendar

Week	Date	Event	Venue
Term 3:			
10B	Tues 24 Sept	New Sport options commence	Various locations
Term 4:			
1A	Tues 15 Oct	Summer Sport continues	Various locations
6B	Tues 19 Nov	Northern Illawarra Zone Blues Presentation	WHSPA Hall
7A	Tues 26 Nov	WHSPA Sport Presentation	WHSPA Hall

Fleur Williams
Teacher PDHPE
Sport Coordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

2018-19 bush fire season: information for parents

This brochure provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the 2018-19 bush fire season. This information is only relevant for schools that are on the bush fire register.

Introduction

The NSW Department of Education has conducted bush fire assessments for NSW government schools in bush fire prone areas. These results have been validated by an independent external expert and have been reviewed in consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service.

A small number of schools have been identified as being at increased risk if a fire were to break out on a day when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued for the local area. This includes the school your child attends.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education has determined that on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for the area the school is in, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place.

What is a Fire Danger Rating?

A Fire Danger Rating is the expected fire danger on a particular day and is determined by considering a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought. The ratings range from Low – Moderate through High, Very High, Severe, Extreme and Catastrophic.

What is a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating?

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating means that if fires broke out they would be uncontrollable, unpredictable and very fast moving with very aggressive flames extending high above tree tops and buildings.

When will I know if my child's school won't be operating the next day?

The State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) notifies the department at approximately 4:30pm after each day when there are catastrophic fire danger ratings predicted for the following day. This means that the school will only receive notification of a catastrophic fire danger rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued.

Your school will notify you as soon as possible. You will be notified by telephone or other communication, depending on when the school is advised that the catastrophic fire danger rating has been issued. The school will contact all parents and carers and, where appropriate, issue advice through local media.

Please provide your current home or after hours contact details to your school. Parents and carers should also watch or listen to local media as information may be

What education arrangements will be in place if the school isn't operating?

Talk to your school about the arrangements that will be put in place in the event of the school temporarily ceasing operations due to a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating being issued. Schools will be undertaking advanced planning to ensure that if they do need to cease operations on some days, they will have alternative educational arrangements in place. This may include re-locating to another school, where practicable, or providing take home work for students.

Will my child's school be affected by Severe or Extreme Fire Danger Ratings?

During the bush fire season, including days of severe or extreme fire danger rating, schools will continue to operate as normal unless advised otherwise by emergency services. During the bush fire season schools will be vigilant and monitor local conditions, particularly on days when severe or extreme fire danger ratings are issued.

Plan and Prepare

The NSW Rural Fire Service has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bush fire season. It is important that you consider the safety of your own home from bush fire. Please find more information and resources on the RFS website at <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare>.



Learn more

We appreciate your cooperation during the bush fire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bush fire season, please refer to the [NSW Rural Fire Service website](#).

The department's [School Safety website](#) has also been established to provide up to date information during bush fires and other situations such as floods or storms.

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Stair Climb

FRIDAY
11 OCTOBER
WOLLONGONG CENTRAL

THE CHALLENGE: 164 STAIRS UP. 164 STAIRS DOWN. FIVE TIMES!

The Wollongong Central SAHSSI Stair Climb Challenge is your opportunity to have fun, get fit and challenge yourself while making a difference for women and kids who experience homelessness as a result of domestic and family violence in the Illawarra. All money raised will go directly to SAHSSI to help them provide vital assistance to thousands of local women when they need it most.



**Race for the fastest time or just
have fun raising money for SAHSSI!**

11am Friday, 11th October 2019
Wollongong Central Crown Tower,
Upper Crown Street Mall
\$40 Registration (Donated to SAHSSI)
Great Prizes to be Won!

To register or find out more information about the event visit wollongongcentral.com.au

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Head Teachers for Term 4 — 2018

Head Teacher <i>English</i>	Apple Phasavath
Head Teacher <i>Mathematics</i>	Phillip Roxby
Head Teacher <i>Science</i>	Julie Gosper
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>CAPA</i>	Chris Richards
Head Teacher <i>Secondary Studies & Visual Arts</i>	Emily Ireland
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YEAR ADVISORS — 2019

RESPONSIBILITY

Year 7 Year Advisor	Melissa Meafou melissa.meafou1@det.nsw.edu.au	First point of contact for ANY issues concerning students within their year group.
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Year 10 Year Advisor	Laura Cram laura.bingham8@det.nsw.edu.au	First point of contact for ANY issues concerning students within their year group.
Year 11 Year Advisor	Michaela Chaffey michaela.chaffey3@det.nsw.edu.au	First point of contact for ANY issues concerning students within their year group.
Year 12 Year Advisor	Caitlin Griffiths caitlin.griffiths8@det.nsw.edu.au	First point of contact for ANY issues concerning students within their year group.
School Counsellors	Tanya Bertapelle tanya.bertapelle1@det.nsw.edu.au Bronwyn Philips bronwyn.philps@det.nsw.edu.au	Provide counselling within school for students who wish to engage in support.
Learning and Support Teacher	Leanne King leanne.king1@det.nsw.edu.au	Provide learning and support for students who are having difficulty with their general learning or have diagnosed learning conditions.
Homework Club Co-Ordinator	Jo Graydon joanne.graydon@det.nsw.edu.au	Co-ordinates the homework club and provides some 'one to one contact' with students needing assistance with their homework or assessment tasks.
Head Teacher Wellbeing	Braiden Gilbert braiden.gilbert1@det.nsw.edu.au	Oversees the team and provides assistance to students, staff and parents when required. Point of contact for medical conditions of students.
Teacher-Librarian & School Media Liaison	Kellie Cattle kellie.cattle@det.nsw.edu.au	Oversees the Library and provides assistance to students, staff and parents with all library related support. Co-ordinates media and publicity.

TERM 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 A	14 OCT 2019 Meeting Faculty Pre-Prof Dance Showcase Staff and Students return to School Yr 11 Crossroads	15 OCT 2019 Pre-Prof Dance Showcase Yr 11 Crossroads	16 OCT 2019 Pre-Prof Dance Showcase Yr 11 Crossroads Links To Learning	17 OCT 2019 Pre-Prof Dance Showcase HSC BEGINS	18 OCT 2019 Pre-Prof Dance Showcase Year 11 NESA Grades due to Jenny C Youth Frontiers
Week 2 B	21 OCT 2019 Drama Showcase Meeting Faculty	22 OCT 2019 Drama Showcase Year 11 Reports to HT	23 OCT 2019 Drama Showcase Year 11 into 12 Interviews Links To Learning	24 OCT 2019 Drama Showcase Year 11 into 12 Interviews	25 OCT 2019 Drama Showcase Year 11 into 12 Interviews Yr 11 Reports Finalised by HT Youth Frontiers
Week 3 A	28 OCT 2019 Meeting Faculty Year 11 into 12 Interviews Year 8 Music Production Bumpin Yr12 GBR Excursion Yr8 VALID Science	29 OCT 2019 Music Ensemble Showcase Year 11 into 12 Interviews Year 11 Sign-out into Year 12 Year 8 Music Production Bumpin Yr12 GBR Excursion Yr8 VALID Science	30 OCT 2019 Music Showcase Year 11 into 12 Interviews Year 8 Music Production Bumpin Yr12 GBR Excursion Yr8 VALID Science Links To Learning	31 OCT 2019 Music Showcase Year 11 into 12 Interviews Year 8 Music Production Bumpin Yr12 GBR Excursion Yr8 VALID Science	1 NOV 2019 High Notes Published Music Showcase The Rocks Sydney Yr9 Hist Year 11 into 12 Interviews Year 8 Music Production Bumpin Yr12 GBR Excursion Yr8 VALID Science Youth Frontiers
Week 4 B	4 NOV 2019 Meeting Faculty WH&S Committee Meeting Year 8 Music Production Bumpin Year Meetings Yr8 VALID Science	5 NOV 2019 7VAC Claymation Incursion Finance Meeting Year 8 Music Production Bumpin Yr8 VALID Science	6 NOV 2019 Year 8 Music Production Bumpin Yr8 VALID Science Links To Learning	7 NOV 2019 "13" Production Yr8 VALID Science	8 NOV 2019 "13" Production Year 10 NESA Grades due to Jenny C Yr8 VALID Science Youth Frontiers
Week 5 A	11 NOV 2019 Meeting Faculty Music Showcase Bumpin P&C Meeting Remembrance Day Ceremony HSC ENDS	12 NOV 2019 Music Showcase Rehearsals Year 10 Reports Due to HT	13 NOV 2019 Year 7 PA Music Showcase Links To Learning	14 NOV 2019 Elective Music Showcase	15 NOV 2019 Music Ensemble Showcase Yr 10 Reports Finalised by HT Youth Frontiers
Week 6 B	18 NOV 2019 Meeting Faculty Music Showcase Bumpout	19 NOV 2019 Year 7 Reports due to HT	20 NOV 2019 School Spectacular VA Big Day Out Excursion Links To Learning	21 NOV 2019 School Spectacular	22 NOV 2019 High Notes Published School Spectacular Yr 7 Reports Finalised by HT Youth Frontiers
Week 7 A	25 NOV 2019 Hang VA Photography Prize Meeting Faculty	26 NOV 2019 Sports Presentation Photography Prize VA Golden Gongs Film Night Year 8 Reports due to HT	27 NOV 2019 Yr 9 Surf Camp Links To Learning	28 NOV 2019 Yr 9 Surf Camp	29 NOV 2019 Year 8 Reports Finalised by HT Yr 9 Surf Camp Youth Frontiers
Week 8 B	2 DEC 2019 Dance Showcase Meeting Faculty Year Meetings	3 DEC 2019 Yr 6 into 7 Orientation Day Dance Showcase Finance Meeting Year 9 Reports due to HT	4 DEC 2019 Dance Showcase VA Bundanon Excursion Links To Learning	5 DEC 2019 Certificate of Achievement Dance Showcase	6 DEC 2019 Dance Showcase Yr 9 Reports Finalised by HT Youth Frontiers
Week 9 A	9 DEC 2019 Drama Company Showcase Meeting Faculty P&C Meeting	10 DEC 2019 Presentation Night Drama Company Showcase Matinee	11 DEC 2019 Drama & Music Theatre Showcase Links To Learning	12 DEC 2019 Drama & Music Theatre Showcase	13 DEC 2019 Drama & Music Theatre Showcase High Notes Published Yr 7 to 10 Sign-out Youth Frontiers
Week 10 B	16 DEC 2019 WHSPA's Meeting Faculty	17 DEC 2019 Reports Issued	18 DEC 2019 Links To Learning	19 DEC 2019 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY School Development Day	20 DEC 2019 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Staff Luncheon - English SDDay