

WHSPA High Notes



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From the Principal's desk

It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome the school community back onto the school site with the re-commencement of performances in the WHSPAC. Over the last couple of weeks, I have had the privilege of attending performances of Dance, Drama and Music HSC pieces. The standard has been incredible and I know just how much the audiences appreciated the talent and dedication of our students. This time during Term 3 is always incredibly busy at WHSPA as we approach the HSC Practical Examinations. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Textiles students all the best with the practical components of their exams.

We have been extremely fortunate to gain support in refurbishing the TAS area of the school. The second kitchen upgrade has now been completed and the construction of the new Alfresco kitchen has been completed. Food Tech and Hospitality are such popular subjects here at WHSPA, and it is so wonderful to be able to provide our students studying these subjects with state-of-the-art facilities.



From the Principal's desk



Final Week of Term 3

Last week saw the NSW Department of Education announce details of the UCI Bike Race to be held in the final week of Term 3. I apologise for the late notice, but we were only provided with confirmed advice last week. Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts will be offering learning from home during this period. Details of arrangements will be provided in the coming weeks. Information regarding the Year 12 end of term activities have already been released and details in regard to the re-scheduled Year 11 Exams will be provided next week. I thank you for your understanding in these matters.

Paul Ryan

Principal

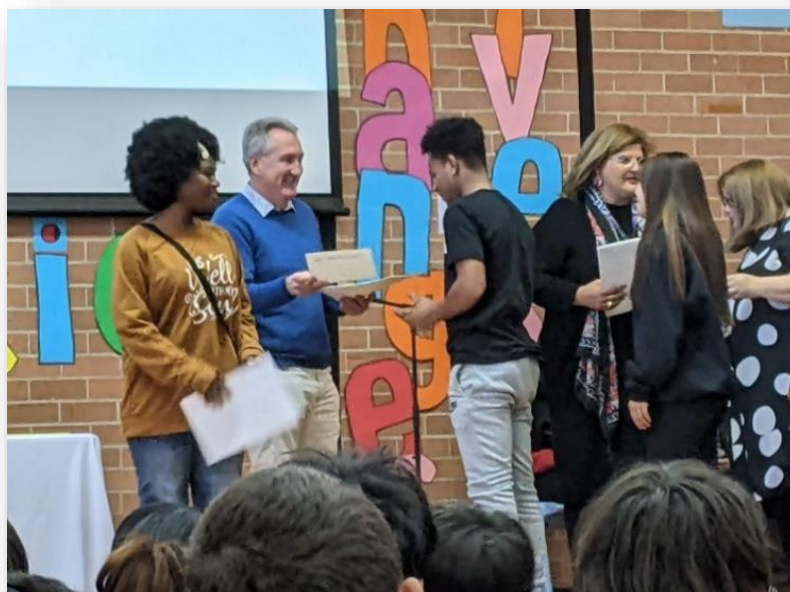
ENGLISH Faculty

WIEC Graduation & Open Day

On 3 August 2022, WHSPA students were awarded their diplomas from WIEC at a ceremony in Warrawong. Students who left the WIEC in 2019, 2020, 2021 and this year participated in a formal presentation assembly attended by family, friends and teachers. It was the first formal meeting since COVID prevented gatherings until now. Students from WHSPA included Neema Kansime, Hanum & Luqmanulhakim Siagian, Alona Eldho, Bomkot & Buai Row Chol, Caitlin Zhang, Arsema, Elias & Hana Gebreyesus Gebrezgabiher, Romisa Nekoozad and Isaac Byaruhanga. Amro Zoabe, a former student of the WIEC, delivered an address and students performed a musical item.



Hanum Siagian and Caitlin Zhang



Isaac Byaruhanga receives his Diploma.



Hana Gebreyesus and Yanggi Siagian with other Diploma recipients.

Lori Lebow
English Teacher (EALD)

ENGLISH Faculty

Premier's Debating Challenge

Last term our Year 7 & 9 Debating Teams competed against Bulli High as part of the Premier's Debating Challenge. Our Year 7 team had some great arguments, especially considering this was their first high school debate as a team. Our Year 9 team also spoke well and won the debate.

Year 7 Team



Aqua Morris, Max Radburn, Tahlia Johnson, Grace Johnson

Year 9 Team



Chelsea Kokden, Romany Janssens, Isabella Duffy, Audrey Salmon

Georgina Leahy
English Teacher



ENGLISH Faculty

Premier's Debating Challenge

Well done to our Year 9 & 10 debating teams for their recent participation in debates as part of the Premier's Debating Challenge.

Year 9 won their first debate. Our Year 10 team had fun and gained valuable experience at Smith's Hill. While it was a close contest, Smith's Hill was given the debate. All teams will have a couple more opportunities to refine their skills as we come up against different schools from the Illawarra.



Georgina Leahy
English Teacher

ENGLISH Faculty

Plain English-Speaking Award 2022

The Plain English-Speaking Award is an international competition sponsored by the Australia/British Society run through the NSW Department of Education Arts Unit. This year, Lucy Beale (Year 11) was successful in reaching the NSW State Final of this prestigious event.

The competition required six finalists from across the State to present an eight-minute speech on a topic of social significance as well as a four-minute impromptu speech. Lucy delivered an outstanding performance in the prepared section of the competition, exploring the human bone trade and the right of all humans to rest in peace. She was awarded a silver medal and \$100 prize money.

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts congratulates Lucy on her outstanding achievements in public speaking in 2022.



Renay Grant
English Teacher



Duke of Edinburgh Royal National Park Excursion

The Duke of Edinburgh Award participants enjoyed a three-day expedition through Heathcote and Royal National Parks, camping at Uloola Falls and Kingfisher Pools.

Highlights were the waterfalls, winter flowers, wild campsite stories, and scary noises in the night. Lowlights were dodgy equipment, dodgy legs, and muddy tracks but all participants handled the setbacks well and good times were had.



Andrew MacKenzie and Megan Wall
HSIE Teachers

VISUAL ARTS Faculty



Project Contemporary Art Space

Visual Arts students in Years 10 and 11 were selected to exhibit in a collaborative exhibition at Project Contemporary Art Space. Schools from Bulli to Kiama banded together to showcase the amazing talents of their students. We would like to congratulate the following students who had their artworks selected and in particular, Dylan Maguire who received an award for outstanding material practice.

Year 10 PDM

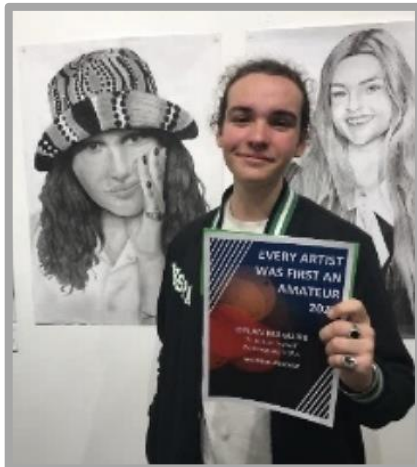
*Samantha Cowle
Sylvie Figgis
Hyon Fox
Shi Lee Hunt
Ruth Kocher*

Year 10 VA

*Eva Ansell
Zarie Aranda
Ruby Mulquin
Joe Sossai
Taylah Sribnoski*

Year 11 VA

*Avabelle Barnaby
Hayley Fuller
Lucy Hall
Xavia Russell
Chelsea Sharman
Anh Tran
Win Tub
Minh (Jennifer) Le
Dylan Maguire
Charlotte Penno*





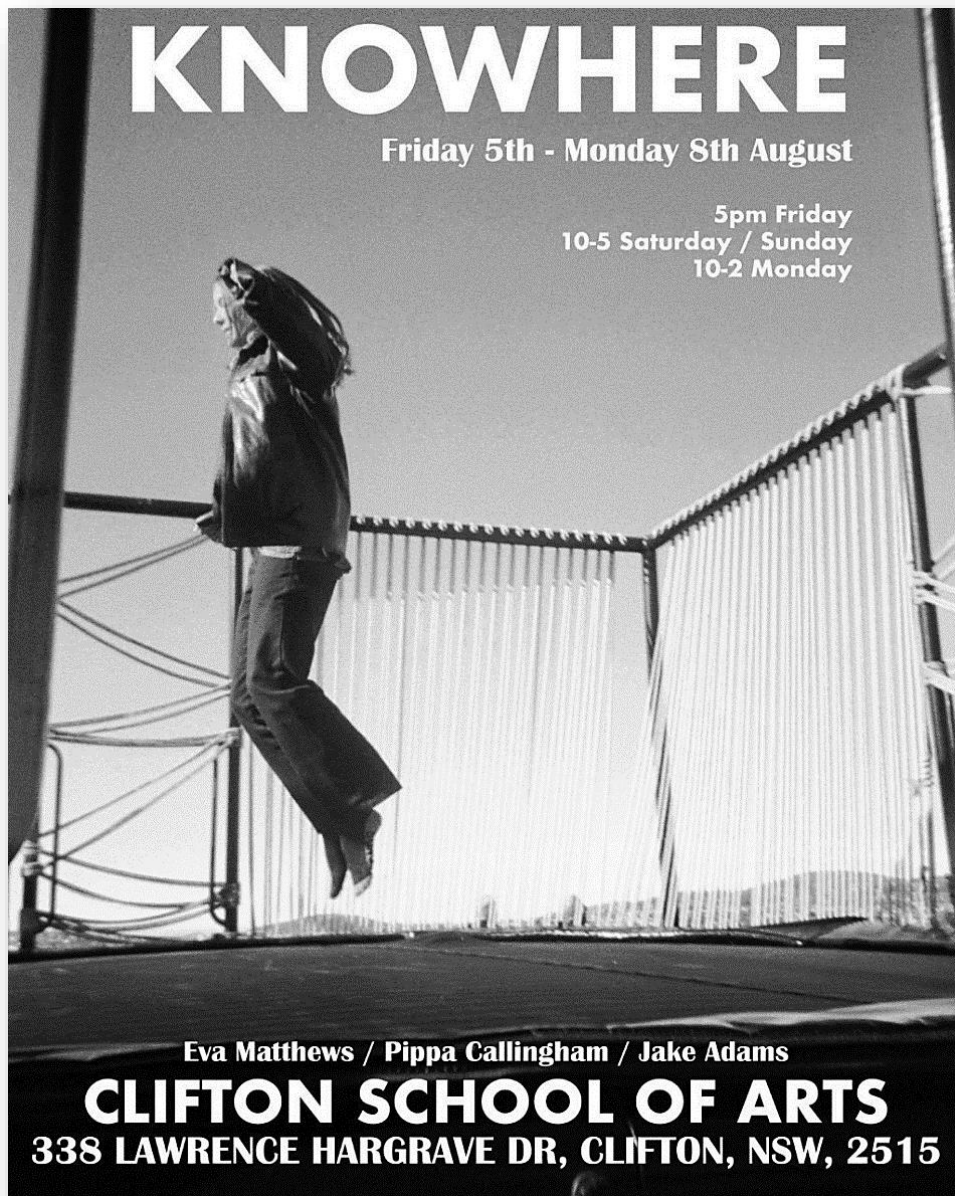


Anna Peterson
Teacher Visual Arts

VISUAL ARTS Faculty



Former WHSPA Photography and Digital Media students curated their own exhibition at Clifton School of the Arts. Eva Matthews, Pippa Callingham and Jake Adams exhibited a variety of artworks including video installation, photography, sculpture and painting which were created during lockdown. The exhibition opening was a huge success and attended by many people in the arts community.



Anna Peterson
Visual Arts Teacher

PDHPE Faculty



Open Girls Volleyball Team

A massive congratulations to our Open Girls' Volleyball Team - led by Mali Towers (Captain). After having won four games and only one loss in the South Coast Championships in Bomaderry, the WHSPA Girls Volleyball Team qualified for the NSW CHSSA State Volleyball Finals Series - consisting of the best 20 teams in the state. The tournament was run over two days and the girls played 6 games, winning 3 and narrowly losing the other 3.

Overall, they finished 10th in the state. Exciting years ahead, as they were the youngest team in the competition. I could not have been any more proud of the girls. Well done in your efforts.

WHSPA Girls Volleyball Team

Lara Arkwright

Matilda Littman

Tahlia Nakamura-Bel

Kylanni Maynard

Pray Meh

Stella Horwood

Sienna Sepulveda

Yasmin Ramos

Molly McCreadie

Mali Towers

Chloe Wiggins



NSW CHSSA State Volleyball

Michelle Carney

PDHPE Teacher - Coach



PERFORMING ARTS Faculty

Lighthouse Dance Project

WHSPA's Year 11 and 12 Dance students performed beautifully at the Lighthouse Dance Project 2022. It was a fantastic two days of workshops, auditions, industry talks, performances and information sessions, all aimed at providing students with options for post school study in Dance. Thank you to Newtown High School of the Performing Arts for hosting this wonderful event.



Emily Ireland
HT Secondary Studies
PA Teacher



PERFORMING ARTS Faculty

Ruby Moon Production

Year 11 took to the stage with their class production of Ruby Moon. The Performing Arts Faculty were blown away by their comradery and commitment to the rehearsal process during the lead up to the show.

Year 11 were responsible for all aspects of the production including set design and construction, lighting and sound design and operation, costume design, marketing, directing, performing and stage managing. Their production reflected a sophisticated understanding of the play and they showed maturity in their approach to the production on the stage and behind the scenes.

We are so proud of their achievements and cannot wait to see what they create next.



Tilly Kidd
PA Teacher



SCIENCE Faculty

Minnamurra Field Trip

On 17 June our Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science students went on a field trip to Minnamurra. The students had a sunny adventure by rowing to the 'spit' and learning about factors affecting plant life in this area.



Marc Kates
HT Science

MUSIC Faculty



Music Showcases and Ensemble Showcase

Congratulations to all the Music students who performed in the Year 9, 10 and 11 Music Showcases and the Ensemble Showcase. They were fantastic nights that demonstrated the wonderful talent of all our students. So great to see you all back performing to a live audience!



Year 9 Showcase



Year 10 Showcase



Year 11 Showcase



Ensemble Showcase

Ruth Ellevsen
HT Music
Nic Constantine
Music Teacher

TAS Faculty



Year 7 Mandatory Technology – Materials Technology

The Materials Technology Course focuses on the application of specialist skills and techniques to produce a functional timber project. Students develop skills in planning and communicating design ideas, as well as using a range of techniques, tools and equipment to produce a Coffee Mug Stand or Jewellery Stand.



Year 8 Mandatory Technology – Engineering Systems

The Engineering Systems Course focuses on how force, motion and energy can be used in systems, machines and structures. Year 8 Mandatory Technology students were required to follow the design process to design and construct a scaled model bridge structure, as part of their Engineering Systems Course. Ongoing testing and evaluation was completed to help students make appropriate judgements and decisions during the design and construction phases. Throughout the unit of work, students demonstrated safe, independent and collaborative work practices during the production of their designed solutions.



Chris Wade
TAS Teacher

Parent Information



WHSPA SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFF



Paul Ryan **Principal**



Bryce O'Connor **Deputy Principal – Years 8, 10 & 12**



Kylie Wood **Deputy Principal – Years 7, 9 & 11**

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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.



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Boys mentor. Oversees the team and provides assistance to students, staff and parents when required. Point of contact for medical conditions of students.

Parent Information



DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST	26	Wear-It Purple Day
	29	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement begins
SEPTEMBER	1	HSC Drama Practical Exams
	5-9	RUOK WEEK
	8-16	Year 11 Examinations
	9	Year 12 Graduation
	16	Year 12 Picnic Day and School Walk-out
OCTOBER	10	P&C Meeting
	12	HSC Examinations Start
	14	Year 11 Sign Out
	24	Year 8 VALID Science Begins
	27	Immunisations Year 7
NOVEMBER	4	HSC Examinations End
	4	Year 8 VALID Science Ends
	9-11	Music Ensemble Showcase
	10	CoS Science Fair