



WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

A Leader in Girls Education

NEWSLETTER

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11 FEBRUARY 2019

FEBRUARY 2019 CALENDAR

Week 3B 11 – 15 February

Monday 11 Gold Assembly
D of E Information Evening – 6pm
Music Information Evening – 7pm

Tuesday 12 Year 11 & 12 Drama Excursion

Wednesday 13

Thursday 14

Friday 15 Year 7 Welcome Evening
Year 12 Biology Bio- Technology
Incursion

Sunday 17 Music Intensive Workshop

Week 4A 11 – 15 February

Monday 18 Year 11 Camp
Year 12 Encore Excursion

Tuesday 19 Year 11 Camp
P&C Meeting – 7pm

Wednesday 20 Year 11 Camp

Thursday 21

Friday 22

Principal's Message

Welcome to 2019

Welcome back to all students and families and to all new enrolments. It has been a busy start to the year with 165 new Year 7 students enjoying a week of orientation activities followed by their two day camp at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre. I enjoyed spending the day with Year 7 students on Tuesday at the camp.

We have several new students enrolled in Years 8 to 11. I welcome you and your families to our school and know that you have been enthusiastically welcomed by your peers. I am confident all new students will find the school a very welcoming, learning centred and engaging place. We are very proud of our high standing in the community and all our teachers work hard to ensure students enjoy their learning and maximise their academic and social potential. I also welcome some new and returning staff.

Returning staff include:




Mr Kale Samios	returning to English
Ms Melissa Drennan	returning to PDHPE
Ms Hayley Carruthers	returning to TAS

Welcome to new permanent staff:

Ms Josie Hattingh	English and Drama
Ms Jie Yang	Mathematics
Ms Melissa O'Brien	PDHPE
Mr Andrew Dargan	Science

Welcome to new temporary staff:

Ms Lenke Saunders	English (replacing Ms Topic on leave for the year)
Ms Evie Menhinick	History
Mr Gordon Smith	Social Sciences
Mr Gregor Ross	TAS (replacing Mr Rhett Boland)
Ms Alyssa Wilson	PDHPE (replacing Ms Carruthers)
Ms Katrina Novosel	(replacing Ms Prowle for Term 1)

 WGHS P&C		
	facebook.com/wghspandc	Next P & C Meeting Tuesday 19 February 2019
	wghspandc@gmail.com	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Please follow our Facebook page to stay informed of interesting things happening in the parent community. You don't have to be a Facebook member to access the page.✓ All parents are welcome at P&C meetings, held twice per term at 7.00pm in the staff common room. (Access via front door).✓ Any queries or matters to be raised can be raised via the Secretary at the above email address at any time.		

YEAR 7 WELCOME EVENING

Parents/Carers and Year 7 students are invited to a welcome evening on Friday 15 February at 6.00pm. This event is organized by the P&C and hosted by Year 8 parents. This year we will start the event in the school hall with a brief presentation addressing questions parents often have regarding transition to high school. You will be introduced to some teachers and there will be an opportunity for questions.

Following this session parents and students will move to the covered area behind the library for some non-alcoholic refreshments and food accompanied by some music from our student ensembles. This is a great opportunity to meet other Year 7 parents and some of your daughter's new friends.

All Year 7 students will have received an invitation and you are asked to RSVP for catering purposes – the RSVP address is on the invitation.

HSC 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2018, 144 Year 12 students sat for their HSC and gained 187 mentions on the Distinguished Achievers Honour Roll for scoring 90 or more in a course. Our school was ranked first among all comprehensive public schools in NSW. Of the 137 students requested an ATAR, 49 students (36%) achieved an ATAR of 90 or above.

Congratulations to 2018 Year 12 DUX, Siobhan Lynch who attained the top ATAR with 99.

Three students achieved placement in the top ten of a subject:

- Siobhan Lynch – Ancient History
- Amanda Crowe – English (Standard)
- Sarah Imlay – English (Extension 2)

Five students – Vivien Janitz, Grace Kopsiaftis, Siobhan Lynch, Sarah McKinnon and Elen Thomas achieved

All Rounder Awards gaining a Band 6 (a mark greater than 90) for at least ten units of study.

Several students' major works were selected for the 2018 HSC showcases:

- Laura Francis, Sarah Imlay, Lauren Ward, Ashleigh Yoon and Holly Braico were selected for ArtExpress (exhibition of outstanding Visual Arts works)
- Ofri Einav's critical essay was selected for Encore (outstanding HSC music major works)
- Willoughby Girls High School was the only school in NSW to achieve more than one award for Society and Culture Personal Interest Projects, achieving 10 overall.
- Five students achieved High Distinctions– Layla Aoki, Jordyn Hicks, Aurelia Winsenberg, Isabel Carter and Holly Braico; Five students achieved Distinctions– Vivien Janitz, Isabella Cavanagh, Josephine Maltese, Alexandra Crowhurst and Aleisha Hyslop.

Most students received first round University offers, with several of these students gaining advanced entry into their chosen courses.

Congratulations to the following students who will receive Gold Awards at our special assembly next week for achieving an ATAR over 90 or for achieving outstanding learning growth in their final year at school, thereby achieving excellent HSC results.

Myah	Adamek	Nina	Kitrungrot
Alisha	Ashokan	Grace	Kopsiaftis
Karera	Aoki	Zi Qing - Jessica	Liang
Jaela	Barney	Siobhan	Lynch
Holly	Braico	Bethany	Maher
Georgie	Bryden	Josephine	Maltese
Holly	Carter	Joella	Marcus
Isabel	Carter	Sarah	McKinnon
Isabella	Cavanagh	Ally	McLachlan
Wing Yan – Charlotte	Chu	Hannah	Morgan
Ashley	Cooper	Anna	Navarro
Amanda	Crowe	Ella	Noble
Alexandra	Crowhurst	Ji-Soo	Park
Alexis	Curro	Bryn	Rossouw
Juliette	Deranty	Sarah	Roux
Sruti	Desai	Erin	Ryrie
Juliette	Deranty	Georgia	Samuel
Sruti	Desai	Tara	Seeto
Shamim - Mia	Deylami	Caitlin	Stark
Ofri	Einav	Shreyaa	Sundararaghavan
Daniella	Etre	Megan	Suthers
Laura	Francis	Elen	Thomas
Isobel	Haddow	Zoe	Vandenberg
Jordyn	Hicks	Zixuan - Ariel	Wang
Phae	Hopper	Lauren	Ward
Pui Ling - Yoyie	Hui	Hannah - Hebe	Williams
Aleisha	Hyslop	Claire	Wilson
Sarah	Imlay	Aurelia	Winzenberg
Vivien	Janitz	Wing Yan - Christine	Wong
Nishmi	Kapoor	Yifei - Grace	Yin
Sarah	Kerridge-Creedy	Hannah	Young

Elizabeth Diprose
Principal

SUBJECT SELECTIONS IN 2019

Willoughby Girls High School offers a very broad and balanced curriculum that caters for a wide range of interests and abilities across Years 7 to 12.

Years 7 and 8 students study compulsory subjects with little opportunity for choice except for Language in Year 8. Students entering Year 9 have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of elective courses, and these electives are binding from the start of Year 9 until completion at the end of Year 10. In Year 11 students again have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of courses. Most courses in Years 11 and 12 are two-year courses and students cannot change from one course to another at the end of Year 11.

Since subject selections are binding for two years it is important that students choose their subjects carefully. In making subject selections students should select subjects which:

- they have an interest in and will enjoy
- are suited to their ability
- allow them to gain many skills
- best meet their future needs and career aspirations

It is possible that circumstances change, and as a result, students in Years 9 and 11 may need to reconsider their subject selections. In such instances, the student should provide a note (from a parent or guardian) requesting a change of subject to Ms Atchison for consideration. A sound, educational reason must be provided for such a change. If the reason is valid and the elective line structure works, the student may then be permitted to change subjects.

All subject changes must be completed within one-week window, that is **Year 11 in week 3 (Mon 11 Feb to Fri 15 Feb)**, and **Year 9 in week 4 (Mon 18 Feb to Fri 22 Feb)**. Requests outside this window will not be considered at all.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss your daughter's subject selections, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Atchison on 9958 4141. Thank you.

Ms Atchison
Deputy Principal



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



ARTARMON UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open
on the following days and times
from Monday 4th February 2019
for Term 1

TUESDAYS 3pm – 6pm

THURSDAY 7.30am – 10.30am

FRIDAY 9am – 12md

*Please call Ph 9436 -1700 to make an appointment for fittings
for all new students*

Don't forget our online service at www.noone.com.au

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(02) 9436 1700 sydney@noone.com.au



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Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE:
6.30pm – 8.30pm,
Wednesday
27 February 2019

VENUE:
Meeting Rooms
1 & 2,
Lane Cove Library,
Library Walk,
Lane Cove

BOOK NOW:
Council's Road
Safety Officer
on 9911 3576

Helping learner drivers
become safe drivers





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Empowering girls through adventure
Sunday 24 February, 8.30am - 12pm

MISSADVENTURE SAILS

Join us for a morning of meaningful adventure, with a sailing lesson for the girls. This will be followed by separate, expert-led discussions for parents on 'Raising Brave Girls' and for teens on self worth and healthy body image



Manly Sailing,
Manly Yacht Club
East Esplanade, Manly

\$40 - 1 child & 1 adult
Additional parent \$20

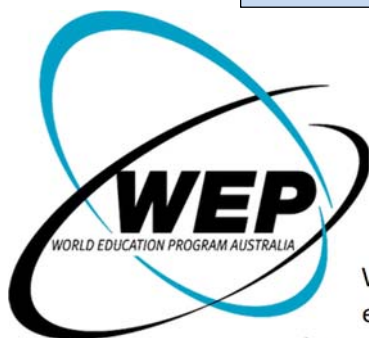
Bookings essential via Eventbrite

Ages 12-15

Enquiries: 9970 1629 or
youth@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au



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For almost a century, student exchange programs have produced innovators, leaders and influencers across all sectors. Preparing teenagers for the social, political, technological and economic realities of the 21st century is challenging and one of the most valuable gifts is that of global experience.

WEP is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation, registered with the education departments/regulatory authorities in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. Our student exchange programs offer international educational experiences that provide the challenge and inspiration many teenagers seek. Students return with a greater interest in global events and cultures and develop a broad array of accomplishments.

*"Exchange is a journey for you to develop as a person and become more mature and independent. I will remember this experience forever; I have learnt more about myself, the world and China than ever before.
An exchange is the most hands-on education you can get!" Austin, China*





SUPPORT INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Come discover a wide range of programs and agencies who offer direct support to parents.

Sign up for workshops, ask questions of our panel, and learn more about supporting your young person with:

- ★ Mental health
- ★ Flexible education
- ★ Drugs and alcohol,
- ★ Youth services
- ★ Legal advice
- ★ Parenting skills and more.



Mosman Art Gallery:

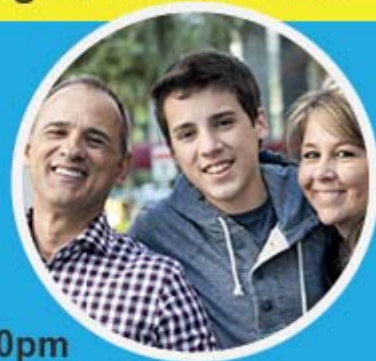
1 Art Gallery Way, Mosman, 2088



Thurs, 28 Feb 2019



6:30pm - 8:30pm Rego from 6:00pm



FREE



Enquiries: admin@phoenixhouse.org.au



Enquiries: 9437 0077



Bookings: Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/2S4HgCx>



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