



WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

A Leader in Girls Education

NEWSLETTER

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05 JULY 2019

JULY/AUGUST 2019 CALENDAR

Week 1A 22-26 July

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| Monday 22 | School Development Day Junior State Music Camp |
| Tuesday 23 | All students return Junior State Music Camp |
| Wednesday 24 | Year 10 Subject Selection Week Junior State Music Camp |
| Thursday 25 | Year 10 Subject Selection Week Junior State Music Camp |
| Friday 26 | Year 10 Subject Selection Week State Cross Country Junior State Music Camp |

Week 2B 29 July – 02 August

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| Monday 29 | Sydney North Athletics Year 8 Information Night Year 10 Information Night Year 10 Wellbeing Day |
| Tuesday 31 | Sydney North Athletics Year 8 Parent Teacher Night Year 9 Parent Teacher Night Chemistry Competition |
| Wednesday 31 | |
| Thursday 01 | Year 10 English Excursion Year 10 Excursion to Opera House - Macbeth |
| Friday 02 | Year 7 Peer Support ***** |

(Red typeface denotes the event is open to the public)

End of Term 2

Term 2 has been another 10 weeks of focused learning and many extra curricular events. Congratulations to all students and teachers involved in the production of Chicago – the performances were outstanding and very much a team effort. The students obviously thoroughly enjoyed the experience and audiences very much appreciated sharing this energy and joy with them. It was very pleasing that so many parents and community members attended. For those who were unable to attend, the next production will be in two years' time and, like this one, should not be missed. Our students are exceptional in the range of skill and talent they display in staging these events.

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Today we are Celebrating Cultural Diversity and were pleased that the Premier, the Honourable Gladys Berejikian, was able to join us this morning for a short time. She spent her time at the school viewing Year 9 students' designs for the planned aerotropolis at Bedgery's Creek. She was very impressed with the range of ideas students produced and commented that many of them were complex and culturally inclusive designs. Ms Berejikian also viewed the Year 8 artworks depicting students' experiences of Australian cultural identity, from their individual perspectives and experiences. These artworks were of a very high standard and provided an accurate picture of the cultural diversity we are celebrating today. Also exciting is the range of international food on sale from students and their families. Students from across the school have prepared a feast for all of us to share today. What a wonderful way to end the term.

WGHS P&C



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Next P&C Meeting will be held on:
Tuesday 20 August at 7.00pm

- ✓ 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.

Subject Selection next Term

Subject selection for 2020 for Years 8 and 10 is taking place early next term. I urge all parents to attend the information evening on 29 July, when information about subject options for next year will be available (see the next page for details of this information evening).

My main message to parents and students is that students should choose subjects they are interested in so they can enjoy the learning in which they will be engaged. Enjoyment of a subject makes the pressure of study and assessments more manageable.

My additional message to students is to choose carefully and list your subject choices in order of preference – students will not be able to change these choices after the closing date for submission. This is a variation from previous years so please do not assume that we will bend the rules for any student.

Parent Communication

Thank you to all parents for your ongoing engagement with the school as demonstrated by the number of parents at recent parent teacher interviews as well as the events referred to above. Unfortunately there is a very small number of parents who do not demonstrate appropriate respect for teachers. Feedback to the school is always welcome, however, I would appreciate it that if you have a concern, this concern be raised at the appropriate time and place using the appropriate tone and language. Concerns should be emailed to the senior executive via the school's email address. I or one of the deputy principals will respond in a timely manner and follow up on the concerns raised. Investigations often take time. In addition, please ensure parents do not turn up to the school without an appointment to speak to teachers.

Overly assertive and accusative language is not helpful in solving matters of concern. Please understand that Willoughby Girls High School teachers work very hard to provide a safe, supportive and productive learning environment for your daughters. Please show teachers appropriate respect.

Ms Diprose
Principal

Subject Information Nights for Students in Years 8 and 10

Decisions about subject selections for 2020 Years 9 and 11 are very important. To assist students and parents with this important decision, Willoughby Girls High School will hold a **Subject Information Night for students in Years 8 and 10 on Monday 29 July 2019**.

In addition, students in Year 10 will participate in a Subject Selection Program from Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 July during normal school lesson time.

The Year 8 session will provide relevant information to assist students who will enter Year 9 in 2020. In particular, it will focus on issues related to the award of the NSW School Certificate including; requirements, grading and assessment and the subject selection process. As well as the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History and PDHPE, each student in Years 9 and 10 must choose **three elective subjects**. These three elective subjects are **to be studied for two years** (in both Year 9 and 10). Students may choose from the following electives: Commerce, Design & Technology, Drama, Food Technology, French, Japanese, History Elective, Information & Software Technology, iSTEM, Music, Physical Activity and Sport Studies (PASS), Textiles and Design, Photographic & Digital Media, Visual Design and Visual Arts. The Subject Selection Booklet for Year 9 2020 and Year 10 2021 will be emailed to students and parents early next term.

The Year 10 session will provide relevant information to assist students who will enter Year 11 in 2020. In particular, it will focus on issues related to the award of the NSW Higher School Certificate including; requirements, assessment, the UAI and VET courses. As English is the only compulsory subject for the HSC, students entering Year 11 in 2020 have some very important decisions to make regarding their subject selections. The Senior School Curriculum Booklet for Year 11 2020 and Year 12 2021 will be emailed to students and parents early next term.

Whether entering Year 9 or 11 in 2020, students should choose subjects which they have an interest in, which suit their ability and which best suit their future career aspirations.

Students in Years 8 and 10 are encouraged to start thinking about their subject selections for 2020. Students and parents should seek as much advice as possible before making any decisions regarding subject choices. Teachers, Head Teachers, Year Advisers and the Careers Adviser can all assist in this process.

The Subject Information Night invitation has been emailed to students and parents/guardians in Years 8 and 10.

Ms Atchison
Deputy Principal

Year 9 Textiles Excursion

Friday 21 June the Year 11 and Year 9 Textiles and Design students were lucky enough to go on a visit to the Sydney Craft and Quilt Fair.

We boarded the bus very excited for our day ahead. On entering the fair, we were amazed by the amount of craft stalls we had a chance to look at. They had a display of all the award winning quilts, which gave the Year 11 students a lot of inspiration and ideas for our upcoming major work. I think we might have a whole class doing quilts for their major works now!!

The detail and delicacy in the array of techniques used were phenomenal. Throughout the day we had the opportunity to attend different workshops which gave us a quick crash course on different craft and quilting methods such as patch-working. We were lucky enough to meet lots of talented ladies who shared with us a few tricks and tips in their area of crafting expertise.

Overall it was a fun day had by all, with our minds bursting with ideas by the end of the day!

Thank you Ms Blomfield and Ms Thompson for organising the day.



WGHS Sporting Leaders - Doing us proud!

Netball is a loved and supported activity on the lower North Shore with so many WGHS student playing, officiating and spectating.

We have two students in particular, who embrace the leadership qualities of good sportsmanship and being wonderful sporting role models.

Over the long weekend both Heidi Finlayson, captain of the Norths netball team and Lucy Matthews played 20 games of netball against other associations at the state titles.

These two students were so exceptional that on more than one occasion parents came up to the coaches and asked which school the girls went to as they are such inspirational team members who showed care and compassion for others.

Heidi and Lucy we salute you!!!

**Ms Best
PDHPE Teacher**



Titration competition

On Saturday 15 June, three Year 12 Chemistry students Jacinta C, Chelsea C and Marie D competed in the Titration competition held at Shore High School. The students had been training during lunch and free periods for weeks under the supervision of Ms Mak. The girls were incredibly accurate and secured an impressive second place at the venue. They are commended for their efforts!

“The Titration competition was fascinating and incredible. Our team has achieved marvellous results - second place out of more than 20 teams. Throughout the preparation process and the competition, we have gained much knowledge not only about the titration techniques but also the importance of working as a team. We thank you the school, especially Ms Mak and Ms Anderson, for providing us with this precious opportunity to participate in this competition!”

Jacinta, Chelsea and Marie – Year 12



Year 8 Technology

During Term 1 Year 8 Technology students were asked to recount a Aboriginal Dreamtime story and produce a series of pop up mechanism. Students researched paper engineers to investigate appropriate mechanisms to use in their pop up book.

As part of NAIDOC Week, the books were put on display in the library and students and staff voted for the People's choice.

Mr Palmer
Social Sciences



Uniform Shop

The uniform shop have received delivery of a small quantity of the new soft shell jacket.

We have also received a delivery of the Junior blazer in size 10 and 12 in the new material.

We suggest Year 10 students to visit our store for a senior blazer fitting in the school holidays, if they would like to purchase a blazer.

We have some stock in all sizes but would need to place an order by the end on July to ensure they are available for Term 4.



Year 7 Wellbeing Day

On the 20 June, one of the greatest days of the year for Year 7, arrived. At the start of the day, Caroline Pemberton/Miss Adventure came and spoke to Year 7 about some very relevant topics, and how to love yourself and others.

Many students were inspired and impacted by her words and presentation. Following that session, Year 7 had the opportunity to talk to the Year 12's about life, high school, Wellbeing and ask advice about certain situations. We received some great tips and hilarious stories before heading over to the hall to dance until we dropped with a fun, exciting Zumba session.

The Year 7's were able to get down, express themselves and boogie during this session. Then came the moment Year 7 were waiting for, a picnic/feast on the senior lawn. Laughter filled the air as friends ate and had the time of their lives. Unfortunately, wellbeing day had to come to an end, but all Year 7 students took some great things away from the fun day!

Ms Wigan



MISSADVENTURE'S TIPS

1. CHALLENGE YOUR BODY THROUGH ADVENTURE
2. APPRECIATE IT FOR HOW IT SERVES YOU
NOT FOR HOW IT LOOKS
3. POPULARITY DOESN'T EQUAL FRIENDSHIP
4. THE SECRET IS VULNERABILITY
5. GET TO KNOW YOU... EARN YOUR SELF-WORTH
6. BE THE FRIEND YOU WANT TO HAVE
7. RISE ABOVE

Year 8 African Music Incursion



Library

Winter holidays is the perfect time to hibernate with a book or two. It is a great opportunity to continue or complete your Premier's Reading Challenge or to read one or a few of the YA books shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) annual book prize. Early next term there will be an opportunity to discuss your reading and predict the CBCA winner.

Ms Parker
Teacher Librarian



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28 June 2019

Year 8 and 9 Parent Teacher Interviews

Dear Parents/Carers

We cordially invite you to join us to discuss your daughter's progress at our school. On the evening of Tuesday 30 July 2019, teachers will be available for interviews with parents of students in Years 8 and 9.

Appointments for interviews of five minutes in length can be made between 4.00pm and 8.00pm on a first booked basis.

Parents will need to make appointments with their daughter's teachers using the online Parent Portal. This may be accessed from 6:00pm on 21 July 2019 to 6:00pm on 28 July 2019 at:
<http://web1.willoughbg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>

It is important, therefore, to ensure you have access to the parent portal and also access to the particular student before the booking period begins.

Anyone who does not have access to the Parent Portal should send an email to the school at Willoughbg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

(Please take care. There is a 'g' not a 'y' on the end of willoughbg).

When requesting access to the parent portal, please provide:

- your name and email address
- your daughter's name and year in which she is enrolled.

Families with special circumstances should contact the school to make alternative arrangements.

A User Manual has been placed into the document section of the parent portal for help during the procedure. Please use this as a guide only; as the Sentral software is being constantly upgraded and may not look similar to our specific school site.

Yours faithfully

Ms E Diprose
PRINCIPAL

Mr M Palmer
HEAD TEACHER SOCIAL SCIENCE



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



Lending a hand at P&C

Taking a role on the P&C is a wonderful way to keep up to date with what's going on at your daughter's school. There are two meetings each term. P&C is a vibrant forum that is engaging and well supported by an involved Executive team and wider group of committed parents.

All meetings on Tuesdays, 7pm, Staffroom

Term 2: 18 June

Term 3: 20 August, 17 September

Term 4: 22 October, 26 November (AGM)

Secretary

Are you available two nights a term? Do you have a talent for admin?

We are looking for a new P&C Secretary. Our admin system has recently been upgraded so everything is readily available and accessible offline.

The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks related to decisions resolved at the P&C Meetings. Meeting agendas need to be prepared and circulated before meetings, together with sub-committee reports and relevant correspondence. You will need to attend P&C meetings and minute all discussions and actions. P&C governance including oversight of bylaws and document storage is also required, though there's significant support in this area from the Vice Presidents.

If you are interested, please contact secretary@wghspandc.org.au or come along to the next meeting.

We would love to have you.



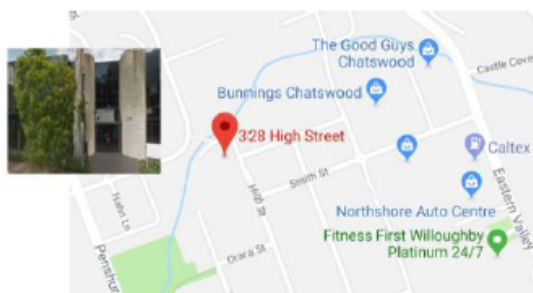
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Willoughby Girls Uniform Shop has moved! Noone Chatswood Uniform Super Store is now open.

Ground Level, 328 High Street, Chatswood Hours: Monday to Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-1

Plenty of parking – on street and undercover. Located near The Sydney String Centre.



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Friday 26th July 2019

6.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Club Willoughby
26 Crabbes Avenue
2068 North Willoughby

Book your ticket today
<https://www.ticketebo.com.au/bluesunsetdjparty>

Party for High school students in Year 7-8 and 9