



# WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

*A Leader in Girls Education*

## NEWSLETTER

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13 SEPTEMBER 2019

### SEPTEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

#### Week 9A 16-20 September

<b>Monday 16</b>	Year 11 Exams Year 9 Shakespeare Incursion
<b>Tuesday 17</b>	Year 11 Exams EALD 12 Author Visit – Favel Parrett HSC Music Exam
<b>Wednesday 18</b>	Year 11 Exams
<b>Thursday 19</b>	
<b>Friday 20</b>	Year 9 Author Visit – Belinda Murrell

#### Week 10B 23-27 September

<b>Monday 23</b>	Leadership Assembly
<b>Tuesday 24</b>	Year 12 Review Year 12 Luncheon
<b>Wednesday 25</b>	Year 12 Graduation Year 10 Northern Territory Trip
<b>Thursday 26</b>	Year 10 Northern Territory Trip
<b>Friday 27</b>	Year 7 & Year 10 Jump Rope for Heart Year 10 Northern Territory Trip
<b>Saturday 28</b>	Year 10 Northern Territory Trip
<b>Sunday 29</b>	Year 10 Northern Territory Trip

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

### Celebrating Student Leadership

I am very much looking forward to the Leadership Assembly on 23 September when we celebrate the contributions made by our 2019 departing student leaders and welcome the new 2020 leaders to their roles. This is always a joyful occasion as we have much to be grateful for in the work that Prefects, SRC members and House Captains over the past year.

These students have organised Charities Day, raised funds for several worthwhile charities, helped organise our annual swimming and athletics carnivals, raised House spirit throughout the student body and organised the annual Mufti Day.

Several students have had the opportunity to attend leadership events at NSW Parliament House as well as representing the school at ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies. I look forward to sharing this occasion with parents and friends.

### Year 12 Graduation

The end of Term 3 is filled with mixed emotions as we farewell the 2019 Year 12 students through several important events. Year 12 have organised a Trivia Night to raise funds for their school gift. This is always a fun event at which teachers attempt to win against the students – to date I do not recall us being successful in this. Year 12 students are putting the final pieces of their review together to share with the school body in the last week of term. This is an opportunity for Year 12 to reflect on their past six years at Willoughby Girls and take the opportunity to point out, in the most amusing and good natured way, some of the features of our school which could improve. Staff and Year 12 students also share memories at the luncheon, which is hosted by Year 11 student leaders. The celebrations end on Wednesday 25 September with the formal graduation assembly where we congratulate students on their achievements and remind parents, staff and the rest of the students about the wonderful experiences Year 12 have had at Willoughby Girls High School.

### Student Leave

I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that if you know ahead of time your daughter will be absent from school, she must bring a note to school before the absence occurs. For extended absences, at least two weeks' notice is required and a written explanation outlining why the leave is necessary must accompany the request. If travel is involved, relevant travel documents are also required. In the case of unforeseen absences, parents and carers are asked to reply to the email notification and for absences over three days, a medical certificate is required. If assessment tasks are impacted by any absences, prior notification (before the time of the assessment task) is needed. Parents / carers should phone the school and state that their daughter is missing an assessment task that day – please refer to the School's Assessment Policy for details.

**Ms E Diprose**  
Principal



WGHS P&C



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secretary@wghspandc.org.au



Next P&C Meeting will be held on:  
**Tuesday 17 September 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.

## Friendly Reminder for all Parents and Carers

On Tuesday 24 September 2019 a special Year 12 Luncheon will be held at the school during the afternoon. This is an in-house function for Year 12 and staff.

As teachers will be attending this function students in Years 7-11 will be dismissed from school at 1.00pm (instead of 3.20pm).

N.B. We have been unable to arrange for the usual school buses to collect students at 1.00pm. Please ensure your daughter/ward is aware of how to travel home at this earlier time.

If you are unable to make arrangements for your daughter, please indicate on the slip that was sent home and she will be supervised at school until the normal finishing time.

All students have received this letter in the Home Room on Thursday 12 September and are required to present the permission slip to their Period 4 teacher on Tuesday 24 September 2019.

Any student who does not return the slip will be required to remain at school until the normal finishing time.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs J Watts**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Duke of Ed

Congratulations to the 24 Year 10 student who completed their Silver Qualifying hike over the weekend. They braved cold and at times wet conditions, challenging hills and strong winds. Their resilience and positive self-talk was incredible and got them to the finish line. Great job girls!

**Ms Pryor – Duke of Ed Leader**



## SunSafe Student Ambassador Program – Melanoma Institute of Australia

On Wednesday 28 August, Claire O, Lily M, Emmy P and I accompanied Miss O'Brien to the SunSafe Student Ambassador Program at the Melanoma Institute of Australia. We, along with 17 other schools, were able to partake in numerous activities to learn about the hazards of Melanoma whilst developing our public speaking skills.

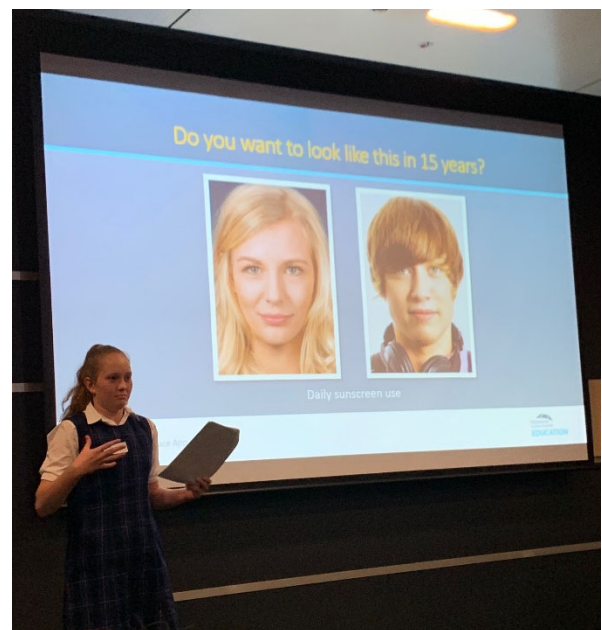
Of the many presentations we watched, one in particular was extremely moving. Natalie Fornasier, an ongoing melanoma survivor, told us of her painful experience as a cancer patient, highlighting many scary realities that can come of merely forgetting to put on sunscreen. She contracted the cancer at age twenty, and now, at twenty-five is battling stage 4 lung cancer. It was interesting to hear someone's experience with a disease, one that young people might not necessarily know much about, become an issue that we have to be mindful of every day. Did you know that melanoma is the most common cancer in young Australians?



Kat Collins, a TedEd speaker, was really fun to watch. She taught us many important things about both impromptu and rehearsed public speaking. We were then split into groups with students from other schools, and were given around half an hour to create a presentation on sun safety and present it to about 100 people, including Channel 7 news reporters. This was probably the scariest thing I've ever done!

We are looking forward to relaying the important messages we learnt at the program to students and staff at the next school assembly.

### **Olivia T – Year 9**





## State Athletics Carnival – Combined Schools

On Wednesday 4 September, we competed in the 4 x 100m relay at the State Athletics Carnival (Combined Schools) which was held at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. We missed out on getting into the final by one place but had an amazing time and enjoyed working as a team.

**By Grace C, Frances K, Eve R and Penny U – Year 7**





## Festival of Creative Arts Exhibition

On Thursday 29 August, the annual Willoughby Girls Festival of Creative Arts Exhibition opened to the public. All the Year 12 students and various other year groups displayed the beautiful art that they'd been working on over the year, including prints, portraits and landscapes. Gorgeous and imaginative sculptures like the fusion animals were lined up in succession, proving how creative we can be here at WGHS. The Mayor of Willoughby officially opened the exhibition, and I, as well as many other students, parents and community members, were then able to see all the incredible works formally displayed.

Year 12's bodies of work, always a highlight of the night, had such variety and showed so much talent. Congratulations to the award winners, Cassandra, Anna and Emily, all of whom demonstrated amazing conceptual and material practice, but each Year 12 worked so hard on their pieces and devoted so much of their time to creativity: it truly showed when all the works were displayed. The concepts and materials were so diverse and intriguing, and I am truly astounded that I am graduating alongside this talented group of girls.

Overall, it was an amazing night, thanks to the art staff. Thank you for giving us the chance to display our works formally. It was a brilliant event and opportunity, all rolled into one.

### **Gemima B - Year 12 Visual Arts Student**



View of the exhibition



Year 11 ceramics



Opening Night



Year 8 'Australian Stories'

STOP PRESS  
Festival of Creative Arts Exhibition  
People's Choice Awards  
Year 10 Portrait Prize and Year 9 Landscape Prize



Year 10 Portrait Prize People's Choice Award – Sofia Naran



Year 9 Landscape Prize People's Choice Award - Nancy Zhao



## Grade Sport

Grade sport is sadly over for another year! WGHS had another successful year in 2019 with six out of our seven teams making it through to the North Shore Zone finals, three of which were successful in making it through to the Superzone Finals – an outstanding feat!

A special congratulations goes out to both our Basketball team and Senior Netball team for triumphing during the Superzone Finals and winning the overall trophies for their respective sports!

I would like to thank all the girls who partook in Grade Sport this year for their energy, enthusiasm and quality sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the season! We received many positive reports from opposing schools on the excellent demeanour of our Willoughby Students. I would also like to extend a big thank you to the teachers who coached and guided their teams throughout the season!



Bring on Grade Sport 2020!

**Ms Garnett – PD/H/PE**



## 40 hour Famine Backpack Challenge!

Congratulations to the WGHS students who participated in the 2019 40 Hour Famine Backpack Challenge! They raised an amazing \$1,563 and being the 25th highest fundraising school in all of NSW!

Thanks so much for all the hard work they have done, and for the massive impact they are having on the lives of children and families caught up in the refugee crisis! They are changing the lives of the most vulnerable people and children in our world forever by giving them access to an education, medical care, clean water and so much more. You should all be extremely proud of your efforts.

We at World Vision, are humbled by their eagerness to make a difference in our world, and grateful for your own efforts to create empathy in their hearts, in Australia's next generation and leaders, so thank you!

For those students who were unable to participate in the challenges this weekend, it's not too late for them to do so!

Click [here](#) for the 2019 Backpack Challenges.

Start collecting your donations online to be a part of helping change lives of forcibly displaced children and families. The closure of the 40 Hour Famine Backpack Challenge Campaign is the 30th of September so, we are only 3 weeks out! It's time to start chasing up and collecting all those cash and promised donations and ensure they donated online before then.

**Ms Eleanor MacIntyre - SRC**

## SRC News

This week the members of WGHS SRC 2020 were announced and congratulations go to those students, who will be inducted in the Leadership Ceremony in week 10.

Thank you to all those who voted for your year group's five SRC members who will represent your student voice from term 4 this year.

The SRC 2019 members have been outstanding and we thank them for their commitment and energy. They are continuing to strive to make Willoughby Girls a great place to be.

Last Friday the SRC volunteered in Chatswood for Legacy. Thank you so much for giving your time to this worthy cause.

**Ms Eleanor MacIntyre - SRC**







## Senior School Uniform Fittings

As the official uniform supplier, NOONE will be conducting uniform fittings for Willoughby Girls High School senior students from Monday 2nd September – Saturday 12th October 2019

The uniform store is located at:-

Chatswood Store  
Suite 1, 328 High St  
Chatswood NSW 2067

Phone: 9436 - 1700

Trading Hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm.

There is undercover parking available by proceeding to the end of the street and turning left and parking under the building. There is access to the shop via the internal stairs.

We invite you to Book Your Child's Uniform Fitting on-line:-

Head to

1. <https://www.noone.com.au/school/willoughby-girls-high-school-willoughby-nsw>
2. Click on Find a Store – scroll down to find the Book Appointment box.
3. Select a date from the 'Book Appointment' calendar
4. Fill in the required fields
5. Click 'Send'

You will be notified of your booking request, and should receive email confirmation before the appointment time

We strongly recommend you make an appointment to ensure we can provide you with a personalised and efficient fitting service. In the event there isn't a suitable time available, I highly recommend you contact me to discuss.

Uniform will be available for purchase. Blazer fitting is recommended.

Methods of payment available are Cash, Eftpos, Visa and Mastercard.

**Heather Robertson**  
**Store Manager**



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# Music for a Warming World

7pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 26 September

Zenith Theatre, Chatswood

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A visually stunning eco-meditation concert with original music, it is an emotional and entertaining journey through our changing environment.

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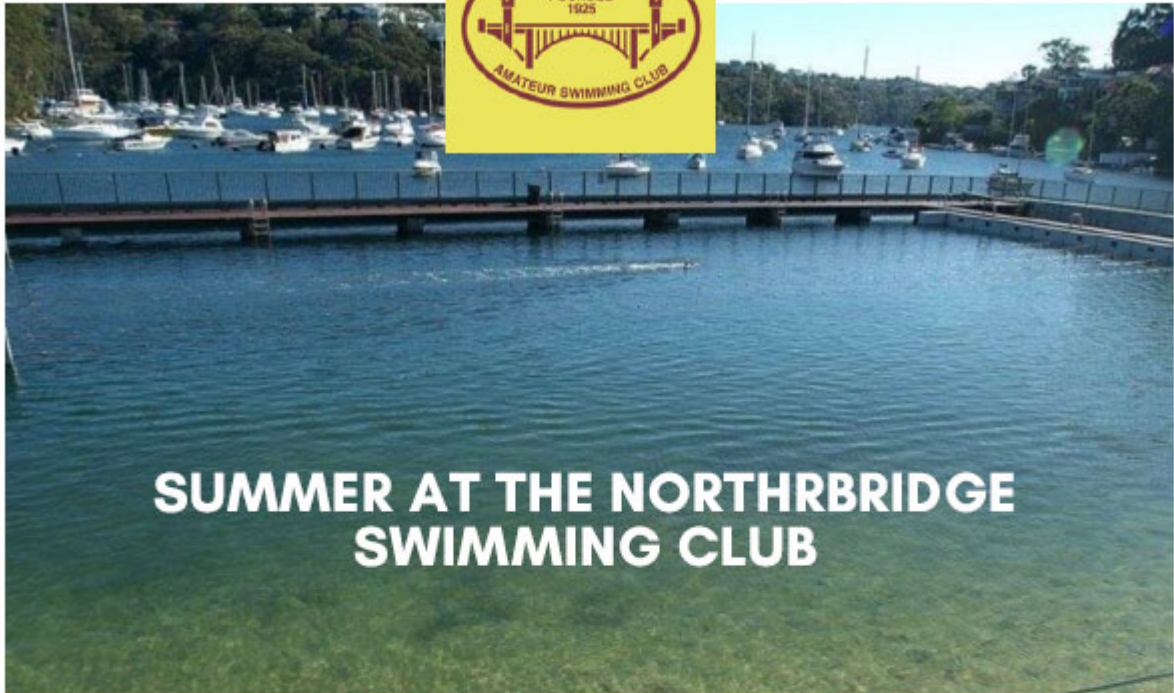
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### **SUMMER AT THE NORTHBRIDGE SWIMMING CLUB**

**Come down and discover your local swimming club  
and get fit for summer with the whole family!**

**We are a family orientated club  
catering for all swimming abilities. Members range in  
age from infants to those in their eighties.  
Races are from 15 metres to 200 metres and longer.**

**Saturday morning at 8am.**

**Season kicks off on Saturday 26th October**



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If you have any questions please contact:

Kelly Digby: 0405 307 061



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Presents

# Parents Prepared

Starting the conversation with young people about drugs

**When:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Time:** 10.00am – 4.00pm

**Where:** Coastal Environment Centre, Entrance Pelican Path,  
Lake Park Rd, North Narrabeen

**Presenter:** Belinda Volkov, Clinical Coordinator, SDECC

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BEZZS>  
to register

Supported by the Sydney North Health Network





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A poster for the musical Mary Poppins. The background is a blue sky with white stars. At the top, it says 'PROUDLY PRESENTING THE' in a curved font, followed by 'STAGE ARTZ' in large, stylized white letters with a red outline. Below that, it says 'PRODUCTION OF' and 'Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S'. The title 'MARY POPPINS' is in very large, bold, white letters with a thick red outline. Below the title, it says 'THE BROADWAY MUSICAL' in smaller white letters. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of the London skyline, including the Tower Bridge and Big Ben. Mary Poppins is shown flying over the skyline, holding her umbrella. The bottom section of the poster is black with white text.

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**MARY POPPINS**

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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