



WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

A Leader in Girls Education

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ms Diprose, Principal

WELCOME TO 2021

Welcome back to all students who have returned to Willoughby Girls and a special welcome to all new students and families. We have 155 new Year 7 students this year who are currently enjoying a week of orientation activities before being placed into their classes for Term 1. All are settling in well and looking forward to engaging in plenty of new learning in each of their subjects.

We have a number of new teachers this year who I also warmly welcome to our Willoughby team. You can find more information about who these people are on the next page. I also welcome back our regular team of teachers who have returned, eager to work with all our students on many new learning challenges.

We have a few changes to our Wellbeing team and Executive team: Ms Topic is the new Head Teacher Wellbeing and Ms Henzell has joined the executive team as Head Teacher EALD (English as an Additional Language or Dialect). We are fortunate to have some additional teachers and support staff on loan to us from the Intensive Language Centre – Ms Dragoi, Ms Sinclair and Ms Florence.

HSC RESULTS 2020

Our 2020 HSC results were outstanding, despite COVID and other disruptions. Last year's Year 12 group had a very difficult year, beginning with the loss of their classmate Winona L. However, the group was also very supportive of each other and their teachers worked hard to ensure they were not disadvantaged by the disruption to school during the "learning from home" period. Their Year Adviser, Ms Pryor, and assistant Year Adviser, Ms Mak also provided outstanding guidance to the group throughout their six years at Willoughby, and especially through their HSC studies.

138 students sat their HSC at Willoughby Girls last year. Of these, 41 achieved an ATAR of 90 or more (30% of the cohort), and of these 21 achieved an ATAR of 95 or more (15% of the total). The top ATAR was 99.3 by Rachel Z, followed closely by 99.2, scored by Aela M.

Nine students were 'all rounders', meaning they scored a mark of 90 or more in all their five top subjects. These girls are: Madeleine F, Heidi F, Ruby K, Holly L, Aela M, Philippa T, Chloe W and Rachel Z.

Three girls placed in the top ten of their subjects:

Ella C – Hospitality

Madeleine F – Design and Technology

Heidi F – Society and Culture

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WGHS P&C



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Next P&C Meeting will be held:
Tuesday 16 February 2021

- ✓ 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.

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In addition, several students received HSC showcase nominations for their major works:

ArtExpress – Visual Art show-case:

- Ella C
- Phyllis C
- Emma F
- Haoyi H
- Melanie H
- Madeleine P

TexStyle – Textiles and Design show-case:

- Ruby K
- Philippa T

Shape – Design and Technology show-case:

- Madeleine F

Encore – Music showcase

- Anika C

Nine students also achieved Merit Awards for their

Society & Culture Personal Interest Projects (PIP):

High Distinctions:

- Michelle F
- Madison W
- Sophie R

Distinction:

- Stephany L
- Heidi F
- Allegra N
- Lucy M
- Savannah K
- Lucinda D

46% of the students received early offers to various universities – Australian National University (ANU), Sydney University, Macquarie University.

The fact that the girls achieved so well is testimony to the school's emphasis on ensuring students develop independence in their learning. Of course, this comes with excellent support and encouragement from all teachers but, in the end, it is up to the students as individuals and as a group, to do the work and engage effectively in their studies. We are all very proud of this group of young women who have earned well-deserved results.

We ended 2020 on a very high note and have begun 2021 with an equally positive outlook. We are looking forward to a fabulous year of learning, fun and positive social relationships.

Ms Diprose – Principal



TERM 1 2021 CALENDAR

Tuesday 16 February

- P&C Meeting

Wednesday 17 February

- Yr 11 Study Day (P1--4)

Friday 19 February

- Welcome evening (TBC)
- Newsletter distribution
- Yr 12 Study Day - all day

Monday 22 February

- School Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 16 March

- School Photographs
- P&C Meeting

Wednesday 31 March

- Easter Services

Thursday 1 April

- Last day of term

Tuesday 20 April

- Term 2 begins










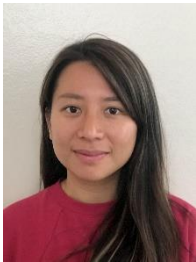






HSC ARTWORK

Phyllis C's major work titled "Two Cultures" is on show at the Foyer Exhibition Space as part of Willoughby Council's Lunar New Year celebrations.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS

The school has 16 new teachers this year.

<p>Ms Alyssa Bunan ESL / French</p> 	<p>Ms Esther Deshwal Science</p> 	<p>Doina Dragoi ESL</p> 	<p>Mr Sam Glazebrook Science</p> 
<p>Mr Peter Kurtz History</p> 	<p>Mr Ismail Mod-Ali-Jinnah (Mr Ismail) Social Science</p> 	<p>Ms Kelsey Robertson PDHPE</p> 	<p>Ms Caitlin Rudd English</p> 
<p>Ms Gabriela Saldivar Art</p> 	<p>Ms Rain Wu Science</p> 	<p>Ms Rachel Schroers Music</p> 	<p>Ms Kirsty Stringer TAS</p> 
<p>Ms Desiree Sinclair Learning Support</p> 	<p>Ms Annie Wye Learning Support</p> 	<p>Ms Florence Lim Learning Support</p> 	<p>Ms CaryInn Yong Social Science</p> 

COVID REQUIREMENTS

Mrs Watts, Deputy Principal

A reminder that for the safety of our staff and students, the school is operating under COVID guidelines. Please note:

- Parents should email all requests for early leave and explanations of absences.
- No parents/visitors are to be on site without prior appointment
- Students displaying symptoms of COVID 19 are not to attend school. They should not return to school until they return a Negative COVID test.
- All students travelling by public transport are to wear a mask while queuing and travelling.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Mrs Watts, Deputy Principal



School uniforms identify students with a particular school and gives the students a sense of belonging to the school population. Uniform also helps students understand the importance of wearing appropriate attire.

Willoughby Girls High School and its community are committed to the wearing of school uniform. Students are required to wear full school uniform every day, including when on excursions and during examination periods.

The Sports jacket is only to be worn during sport or PE with the sports uniform, and not at any other time. The sports uniform (including the sports jacket) may only be worn in PDHPE sports lessons and during scheduled sporting activities. This applies to all students (Years 7 to 11). Years 9 to 11 are reminded that they are required to wear full school uniform to school on Wednesdays. Grade sport participants can change into their sports uniform at recess on Wednesday, as can Year 11 students participating in Bowling or Rock Climbing. All other students participating in House or recreational sports are to change into their sports uniform at lunchtime.

In addition, no form of jewellery may be worn apart from studs or sleepers where a student has pierced ears. Makeup, nail polish or brightly dyed hair is not permitted at school. Adhering to the uniform policy is an important part of belonging to Willoughby Girls High School.

All students are reminded to ensure that they are well equipped to start the winter season. A school jumper is essential. Please ensure all uniform items are labelled with your name.

Uniform Requirements - winter

Junior Uniform: (Years 7 - 10)

- A-line pinafore tunic in school check
- Long sleeved white blouse with collar (Knit or other style shirts are **NOT** acceptable)
- White skivvy (optional) under white blouse with long sleeves
- Royal blue jumper with V-neck and school crest
- Royal blue blazer with school crest
- Short white socks covering the ankle or black stockings (with black socks if desired)
- Black laced college shoes
- Optional: Navy scarf, Navy gloves, Black School Coat

Senior School Uniform: (Years 11 and 12)

- Royal blue skirt
- White blouse with collar and school letters (Knit or other style shirts are **NOT** acceptable)
- White skivvy (optional) under white blouse
- Royal blue jumper with V-neck and school crest
- Senior blue blazer with school crest
- Short white socks covering the ankle or black stockings
- Black laced college shoes (Sandshoes, sandals, boots, shoes with higher heels and sneakers are **NOT** permitted for safety reasons)
- Winter tie (Year 12 Prefects only)
- Optional: Navy scarf, Navy gloves, Black School Coat

Note:

- Regulation blue long pants are available from the Uniform Shop and may be worn with school blouse throughout the year.
- A cotton jumper is available to order for students who are allergic to wool.
- If additional warmth is required, an optional black coat is available for purchase. No other coats are to be worn.

SUBJECT SELECTIONS IN 2021

Ms Atchison, Deputy Principal

Willoughby Girls High School offers a 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 language choices of French or Japanese 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, a parent can email or 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 a one-week window; **Year 11 in Week 3 (Mon 8 to Fri 12 Feb 2021)**, and **Year 9 in Week 4 (Mon 15 to Fri 19 Feb 2021)**. Requests outside this window will NOT be considered at all.

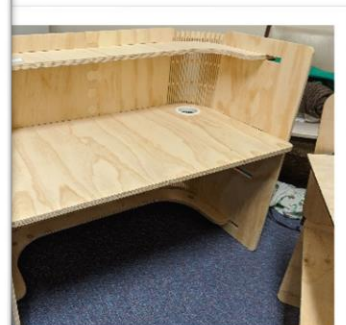
Should you have any questions or wish to discuss your daughter's subject selections, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Atchison on 9958 4141. Thank you.



TOP MAJOR WORKS

Mrs Cheryl Blomfield, Head Teacher Technological & Applied Studies

Congratulations to Ruby K and Pippy T on their selection for the Textile & Design Showcase and Madeline F for selection for the Design and Technology Showcase.



WELLBEING REPORT

Mrs Dianne Topic, Head Teacher, Well Being

Welcome back to all staff and students. The wellbeing of the students and staff is very important to ensure everyone feels safe, secure and comfortable to learn in an engaging environment.

For any wellbeing concerns, please contact the Year Advisor.

For subject area concerns, please contact the Head Teacher of the faculty.

The Year Advisors and Assistant Year Advisors for 2021 are:



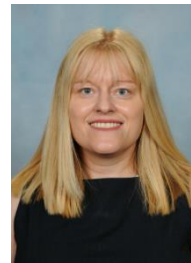
Yr 7 - Mrs Nola Budd



Yr 7 - Ms Adel Frames



Yr 8 - Mr Daniel Yeung



Yr 8 - Ms Karen Tilson



Yr 9 - Ms Wigan



Yr 9 - Ms Anastasie Veleviski



Yr 10 - Ms Natasha Lemaic



Yr 10 - Mr Sam Glazebrook



Yr 11 - Mrs Caroline Jarvis



Yr 11 - Ms Rachel Schroers



Yr 12 - Mr James Chen



Yr 12 - Ms Grace Tyerman

School Counsellors:



Head Teacher, Wellbeing
Mrs Dianne Topic



Monday & Tuesday:
Ms Gemma Jenkins



Wednesday & Thursday:
Mr Will Chen



Friday:
Ms Nicole Castles

YEAR 7...WELCOME TO WGHS

Ms Nola Budd, Year 7 Year Advisor

So many bright-eyed faces, filled with anticipation and a little bit of fear, sat in the hall ready for the next educational phase of their lives. The new group of Year 7 Students were keen to know more about the school and learn more about themselves. Their first few days of High School were filled with a range of Orientation activities to assist Year 7 in getting to know each other and the school. These activities included peer support activities, numeracy and literacy testing and fun treasure hunts to locate key parts of the school.

As the Year 7 Year Advisor, I look forward to working closely with Year 7 and supporting their High School journey

To fully capture the experiences of Year 7 I asked a number of students to describe their first days of High School, which included:

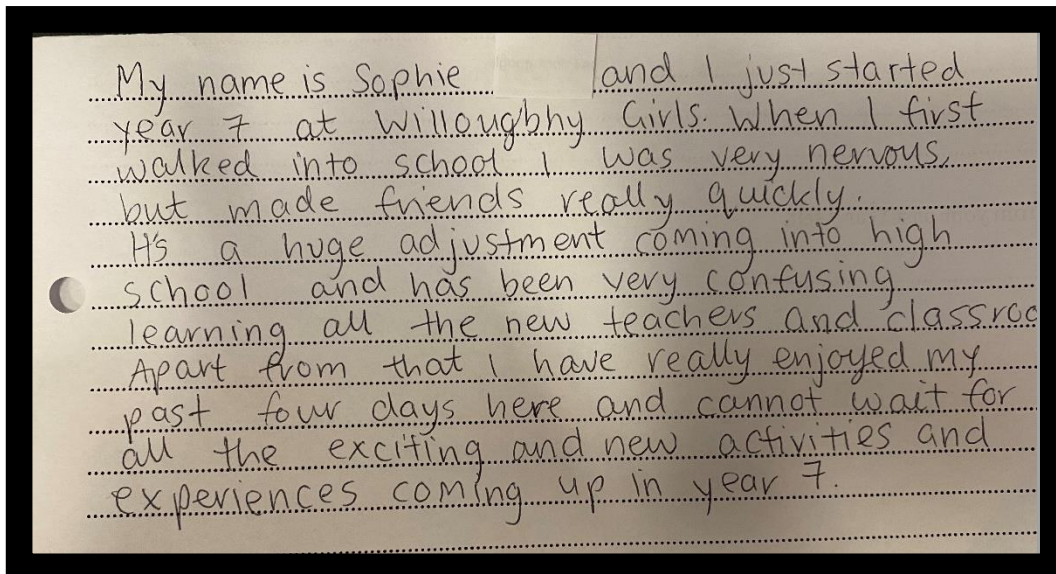
"FUN AND I HAVE MADE NEW FRIENDS"

"HIGH SCHOOL IS DIFFERENT BUT IN A GOOD WAY"

"I FEEL MORE RESPONSIBLE BEING A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT"

"FUN AND CHALLENGING"

"IT'S BEEN A FUN TIME BUT CONFUSING TO FIND MY WAY AROUND THE SCHOOL"



I look forward to watching this special year group learn and grow. Best Wishes Year 7 and welcome to Willoughby Girls.





NEWS FROM ART

Mr Frank Maltese, Head Teacher, Art

We are pleased to announce that a number of students from WGHS have had their artwork selected for three separate exhibitions, celebrating the high standard of work produced at the school.

Three bodies of work from last year's Year 12 are currently on exhibition in Art express. This showcase exhibition is a joint venture between the Department of Education and NESAs, and celebrates outstanding HSC bodies of work produced as part of the Visual Arts course. Congratulations to:

- Ella C for her photo-media work titled ...---... (*Help*),
- Emma F for her ceramics series titled *Sideshow*
- and Melanie H for her sculptural work titled *In Dagada Da Vida*.

As part of Willoughby Council's celebrations of the Luna New Year, Phillis C has been invited to exhibit her work in the Foyer Exhibition Space at the Willoughby Council Chambers. She was one of three artists selected. Each artist explores concepts of culture and the importance of the Luna New Year.

Later in the year a number of Year 12, 2020 Visual Arts students will have their work exhibited at Smart Expressions. The exhibition, curated by Willoughby Council, showcases the HSC bodies of work produced by the schools in the local area. This show is held every year at the Concourse Artspace Exhibition Space.

My congratulations go to:

- Haoyi H with her watercolour series titled *Sprit Away*,
- Janelle C who produced a textile and fibre work titled *Behind the Door*,
- Seockyoung - Mandy J with her series of oil paintings exploring gender issues titled *Alex and Jesse*,
- Madeleine Page with her self-portrait photographic series,
Manifesting Alone,
- Liana W's nostalgic landscape paintings titled *Welcome to Suburbia*,
- Jemima B's series of watercolour portraits titled *Chrysalis*,
- Chantelle M's experimental video titled *Breathe*,
- and Anna B with her ceramic series exploring the theme of endangered animals titled *Menagerie*. The large variety of themes explored through the many different expressive forms reflects the students' engagement in their world, supported by the Visual Arts teachers at Willoughby Girls.

This year we welcome Ms Sladivar who will be teaching Visual Arts, and Photographic and Digital Media and also see the return of Ms Johnson (Ms Dykgraaf) from her maternity leave. We look forward to exploring new themes and ideas with students in 2021.

NETBALL REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Ms Narelle Best, Head Teacher PD/H/PE

Year Group	Grading/ Team Date
Year 8:	Sunday 7 th February
Registrations close: 5th Feb 2021	Wednesday 10 th February
Year 7:	Sunday 14 th February
Registrations close: 12th Feb 2021	Wednesday 17 th February
Year 9:	Wednesday 24 th February
Registrations close: 22nd Feb 2021	
Year 10- Year 12:	Wednesday 24 th February
Registrations close: 22nd Feb 2021	

Please check your email for further registration information, or contact: wghsnetball@gmail.com if you have not received this. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

GET READY SET FOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Olivia T, House Captain, Fry



Our WGHS Swimming Carnival is on Monday the 22nd of February (Wk 5).

We are asking all students to bring their swimmers and goggles, and get ready to dive into the new school year with the swimming carnival. Dress up in your house colours, and make sure to participate! Costumes are encouraged, so get creative!

Points will be awarded to everyone who swims, so we encourage students to do so. Be sure to try your very best no matter what the result is and support your friends!

The carnival will be at Lane Cove Aquatic Centre on the 22nd of February (Monday Wk 5) Please make sure all permission slips are in ASAP. Cheering will potentially be kept to a minimum due to COVID, however, expect some fun music and dancing to keep up the house spirit!

The swimming carnival is a compulsory event as it takes place on a school day, so students are expected to attend unless they are sick or have a valid reason. Please note that spectator space is limited due to COVID.

We can't wait to see you all make a splash on the day!

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

Instrumental Ensemble rehearsals started this week:

- 7.30am Wednesday Jazz Ensemble
- 7.15am Thursday Year 7/8 Wind Ensemble
- 7.15am Friday Senior Wind Ensemble

Please see Ms Schroers or Mr Burgmann if you have any questions.