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17 JUNE 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs Adrienne Scalse, Principal

YEAR 7 2022 PARENT WELCOME EVENING

On Monday 13 June we welcomed our Year 7 Parents on site for our P&C supported Parent Welcome Evening. For many parents, this was their first time on site and despite the cold, the evening was enjoyed by all in attendance. Parents met other parents from their daughter's class, toured K Block, listened to our Jazz Ensemble and heard from staff and student representatives. Thank you to our P&C for catering the event and to all staff and students who attended. I look forward to many more opportunities where we work together in partnership.

YEAR 12 STUDY DAY

On Friday 17 June our Year 12 Students participated in a Study Day that was initiated by the executive to support students as they prepare for their final year of high school. The day provided an opportunity for students to develop their major works/projects, seek support from teachers, meet with university ambassadors and engage in fun activities. Feedback from the day has been incredibly positive and we thank Year 12 for their engagement across the day.

ZONE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the recent Zone Athletics Carnival where we placed second in the overall point score. Thank you staff who assisted and to all students who showed great spirit on the day.

LOCKDOWN DRILL

We recently participated in an emergency lockdown drill as part of our work health and safety protocols. The drill provides staff and students with a clear understanding of how to respond effectively in the event of an emergency. Thank you to all staff and students for their support with the lockdown.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Yesterday a number of our students participated in the Regional Cross Country Carnival. We are certainly very fortunate to have students performing at this level. Congratulations to all who participated.

BRONZE AND SILVER AWARDS

Each semester Bronze awards are awarded to students by teachers for demonstrating school values including improving in learning, showing kindness, community service within and outside the school

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Aleah D (12) working on her HSC Visual Art body of work on Year 12 Study Day



WGHS P&C



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Next P&C Meeting will be held:
Tuesday 21 June 2022 - 7pm at school, K Block

- ✓ 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) or online
- ✓ 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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community, leadership and so on.

If a student is awarded five (5) or more Bronze Certificates in one semester, then she qualifies for a Silver certificate which we celebrate at a special assembly at the end of the semester. Bronze awards will be handed out in year groups next week and students will receive their Silver Awards at a Silver assembly in the last week of term. Congratulations to all recipients.

NEW SYSTEM: SCHOOL BYTES

We have recently started using School Bytes for all variations to routines (excursions) as we look to improve our systems for online payments and forms. Online forms including permission notes, will be sent to you directly via School Bytes with a link enclosed. Select the link to open the secure online form. The online form will have information about the activity with a section for a digital signature (either with a mouse or your finger) prior to submitting.

We ask for your support in ensuring:

- your email address and contact details are up to date
- that emails sent to you from noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education are not marked as spam/junk in your email system.
- that you monitor your inbox for communication we send you
- you respond to digital correspondence received via email or complete the online digital form and submit.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 June in K Block from 7pm. I look forward to welcoming parents to site and providing an update on the many programs and initiatives we have.

Mrs Adrienne Scalese
Principal



TERM 2&3 2022 CALENDAR*

Tuesday 21 June

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 22 June

Y11 Biology excursion to Taronga Zoo

Monday 27 June

Silver Merit Assembly

Tuesday 28 June

Y9 & Y11 Parent-Teacher Meetings (at school)

Thursday 30 June

Y10 Vaccinations

Friday 1 July

Last Day of Term 2

TERM 3

Tuesday 19 July

First Day of TERM 3

Y8 Information Night 5pm (Students and Parents)

19-22 July

Y10 Subject Selection Week

Friday 22 July

CHS (State) Cross Country

25-26 July

Sydney North Regional Athletics

Tuesday 26 July

Y10 Information Night 5pm (Students and Parents)

Monday 1 August

Y8 Parent Teacher night

Y10 Parent Teacher night

Tuesday 2 August

Y10 Be Street Smart Excursion

3-5 August

Year 8 & 9 Ski Trip

Tuesday 9 August

Y7 Gala Day (with Y10 PASS student coaches)

1-15 August

Y12 Trials

**Subject to changes due to Covid restrictions*

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Mrs Jennifer Watts, Deputy Principal - Wellbeing



COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. When your child attends school everyday, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other students.

Education is compulsory for children in NSW between the ages of 6 and 17 years, and the Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

For more information about compulsory school attendance and your responsibilities, please see the flyer from the Department of Education at the end of this Newsletter.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniforms identify students with a particular school and give 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.

WEARING SPORTS UNIFORM

PDHPE - The sports uniform may only be worn in PDHPE sports lessons and during scheduled sporting activities. This applies to all students (Years 7 to 11).

WEDNESDAY SPORT - Years 9 to 11 are reminded that they are required to wear full school uniform to school on Wednesdays, recommencing Term 3. Grade sport participants can change into their sports uniform at recess on Wednesday. All other students participating in House or recreational sports are to change into their sports uniform at lunchtime.



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NO JEWELLERY, NAIL POLISH OR BRIGHTLY COLOURED HAIR

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 Girl's High School.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS – WINTER

Please ensure all uniform items are labelled with a student's name.

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: Year 12 Jersey, 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.

What should students do if they are cold?

It is recommended that students wear undergarments that can protect them from the cold in the winter months. These include stockings and underwear such as singlets and thermal underwear, which cannot be seen above their uniforms. The school sports jacket can be worn over the formal school uniform if the school pullover is not an option, or alternatively, the Black School coat.

FROM THE DEPUTY

Ms Janet Atchison, Deputy Principal – Curriculum & Assessments



SUBJECT SELECTION PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 10

Decisions about subject selections for 2023 Year 11 are very important. To assist students and parents with this important decision, we will conduct a Subject Selection Program for Year 10 students from **Tuesday 19 to Friday 22 July 2022** during normal school lesson time, and a Year 10 Subject Information Evening on **Tuesday 26 July 2022**. Parents/guardians will receive details about the evening later in the term.

Note: During the four days, the Year 10 students will also be sitting for their HSC Minimum Standard tests.

This Year 10 Subject Selection program will provide information to assist students who will enter Year 11 in 2023. In particular, it will focus on issues related to the award of the NSW Higher School Certificate including; requirements, assessment, the UAC and VET courses.



As English is the only compulsory subject for the HSC, students entering Year 11 in 2023 have some very important decisions to make regarding their subject selections. The Senior School Curriculum Booklet for Year 11 2023 and Year 12 2024 will be emailed to students and parents early next term. In the same email, a link for the subject selection process will be provided.

Relevant links, such as UAC, NESAs and curriculum, will be emailed to parents/guardians soon. Hopefully parents/guardians will gain a better understanding about the Higher School Certificate, promoting and allowing informative discussions with your daughters in the holidays.

Students in Year 10 are encouraged to start thinking about their subject selections for 2023, students should choose subjects which they have an interest in, suit their capability and their future career aspirations. 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. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school. Thank you.

SUBJECT SELECTION FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 8

A Subject Information Evening (Year 8 into 9) will be on **Tuesday 19 July 2022**, providing information to assist students who will enter Year 9 in 2023. Parents/guardians will receive details about the evening later this term. The evening will focus on issues related to the award of the NSW Record of Student Achievement (RoSA) 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 must choose three elective subjects to be studied in Years 9 and 10.

For Year 9 2023, 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 2023 and Year 10 2024 will be emailed to students and parents early next term. In the same email, a link for the subject selection process will be provided.

YEAR 7 2022 PARENT WELCOME EVENING

On Monday evening, 6 June 2022, together with the P&C, we hosted the Year 7 2022 Welcome Evening at Kblock. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us. It was a wonderful to be able to invite Year 7 parents to the school for the first time.

Parents entered the school to the music of the Jazz Ensemble billowing out from the top of Kblock, creating a lovely atmosphere. Thank you to all the members of the Jazz Ensemble for the entertainment.

Speeches were made by the Principal, Mrs Adrienne Scalese, the P&C President, Mr Thomas Day, The Year 7 Year Advisor, Ms Evie Menhinick, our School Captain Abbey Thomas, our Student Representative Committee (SRC) President Meg M, and our Year 11 Peer Support Leaders Zara R and Emilie T.

Thank you to the students who spoke beautifully and provided hospitality to the parents.

The P&C provided catering which was enjoyed by the parents as they got to know each other for possibly the first time.

Students receive a quality education when the team of teachers, parents and students work together. We look forward to many more opportunities. Our next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 21 June. It would be lovely to have some Year 7 parents join us.



SCHOOL TOURS HAVE RESUMED

With the easing of Covid restrictions, we are excited to offer small group Guided Tours of the school. If you have a daughter who is hoping to start at Willoughby next year, and would like **to organise a tour, or if you have any questions about enrolment, please contact us on 02 9958 4141 or email willoughbg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

We also have a virtual tour online where you can meet and hear from teachers and students and find out about opportunities for your daughter, subjects, extra-curricular activities and more. [Click here.](#)



YEAR 11 PDHPE FIRST AID TRAINING

Tivija K, Year 11

On Monday 30 May, Year 11 PDHPE took part in a day of First Aid Training in which we, as students, had the opportunity to further enhance our knowledge and understanding of First Aid, which covers the practical aspects of our PDHPE First Aid elective. We thoroughly enjoyed the day, learning new skills to obtain our Senior First Aid Certificate!

After completing a series of modules created by The Royal Life Saving Society (Australia), we were able to gain an understanding of a diverse range of components regarding First Aid; including resuscitation, patient assessment, respiratory emergencies, anaphylaxis and bleeding and wounds. By learning the theory components, we were able to perform the practicals with ease and confidence on the training day.

Having received our first aid kits, we began the day by practicing resuscitation processes on both adult and infant mannequins, which was challenging but definitely worthwhile and educative!

As we progressed through the day, we became well aware of how to treat different health conditions and injuries, before ending the day off with practising a real-life first aid scenario. Practising the different scenarios allowed us to perform first aid techniques with more confidence, as it provided us with insight of what such situations could look like!

I'm sure my fellow classmates would agree with me that the day would be of huge benefit in the future and we would be able to say strongly that we can treat first aid! I would like to thank Ms Best, our PDHPE teacher for coordinating such an enriching experience.



SECOND OVERALL AT ZONE ATHLETICS - FRIDAY 3 JUNE

Katie V (10) and Olivia M (10)

Zone Athletics was intense, competitive, and exciting this year! An amazing effort to all the girls who competed, some qualifying for the Sydney North Regional meet! Mackellar Girls were our top competition challenging us in every event throughout the day, particularly sprinting.

Our 16s relay team had a showdown with Mackellar and although they came second, they fought until the end and are going to State later in the year. Grace C stood out at the carnival, throwing 21 metres in the discus and running in the 15s relay who came second in the race, among many more successful achievements.

This year was the first year in many years that we have had competitors in multiclass events. Emma F competed in the 400m, 100m, and shot put events, while Issa S competed in shot put and 100m with her race running frame. Issa will continue on to Sydney North Meet for the 100m event.

The girls who participated in 1500m and 800m were extremely impressive and persisted no matter where they were coming in their race, making Willoughby very proud.

Scarlett M, in Year 10 came first in javelin, throwing 23.95 metres, and came 3rd in long jump, as well as running in the 16's relay.

Despite Mosman and Cammeraygal's best efforts, our Willoughby Girls outshone them in almost every event! **Overall Willoughby finished second.** We are proud of those who competed and thank those athletes who stepped up to fill in for events.

This is the Willoughby Team who competed at zone:

YEAR 7

Macy C, Chloe D, Angharad E, Mali F, Amelia F, Emma G, Lily H, Eisha K, Cloe LG, Han Nah L, Ruby L, Lena M, Ruby N, Isabelle R, Audrey S, Livia T, Olivia Y, Calista Z

YEAR 8

Eireann B, Avani B, Sian C, Yiwen F, Sasha H, Alison L, Sia M, Ruby M, Pin Pin M, Eden M, Isabella S, Trinity S

YEAR 9

Erica B, Juliet D, Elise G, Caitlin J, Lola J, Sacha J, Isobel M, Jemma M, Willow TD, Akari V, Cassie W, Keira W

YEAR 10

Matilda B, Tia B, Zoe B, Grace C, Camille G, Kirra J, Frances K, Stephanie K, Stela LK, Olivia M, Scarlett M, Jacqueline M, Emma P, Mira T, Katie V, Gabriella W

YEAR 11

Roselyn DL, Cameron G, Freya H, Saloni K, Rhiannon L, Risa N, India N, Xin Min T, Swann W, Annabelle W

YEAR 12

Samara D, Breah G, Aurelia H, Rowena T, Chloe W, Ansley X, Nancy Z



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OUR REGIONAL ATHLETICS TEAM

Mr Andrew Reid, PDHPE Teacher

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete at the Sydney North Athletics carnival after their success at the zone carnival:

Ansley X (12) - 100m

Sacha J (9)- 200m and 400m

Aurelia H (12)- 400m and 800m

Pin Pin M (8)- 800m and 1500m

Issa S (8) – 100m Multiclass

Grace C (10), Frances K (10), Matilda B (10), Sacha J (9) - 4 x 100m relay

Breah G (12), Rhiannon L (11), Aurelia H (12), Ansley X (12) - 4 x 100m relay

Elise G (9)- High Jump

Camille G (10) - High Jump

Nancy Z (12)- Long Jump

Jemma M (9) - Shot Put and Discus

Kirra J (10)- Shot Put

Amelia F (7)- Discus

Grace C (10)- Discus

Sian C (8)- Javelin

Trinity S (8) - Javelin

Isobel M (9)- Javelin

Scarlett M (10)- Javelin

Chloe W (12)- Javelin

YEAR 8 ART

Mr Franc Maltese, Head Teacher Visual Art

Year 8 Visual Arts students have been exploring what an Australian cultural identity is this semester and produced block prints to reflect this. Some students have worked on one colour prints, while others have developed cutting out more areas and overprinting in a darker colour.

The students have also researched Australian printmakers such as Barbara Hanrahan, Vera Zulumovski and Salvatore Zofrea to help them with their techniques and theme.



Madi, Ella, Jess, Isabelle, Scarlett



Hannah, Ella, Isabelle



Bella J and Lily G



Maisie, Sophia, Eden

HOW TO FOLLOW OUR NEW WGHS FACEBOOK PAGE

It is very exciting that we are on Facebook! To ensure you never miss a post, please follow us today.

To follow us you can either:

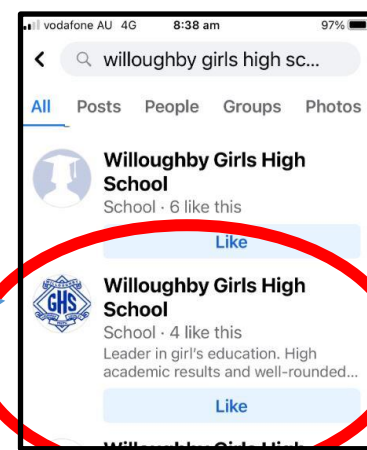
Click <https://www.facebook.com/WilloughbyGirlsHighSchool>

and then "like" and "follow" the page.

or

In facebook, search for "Willoughby Girls High School".

Please ensure you find the official page (the one with the blue WGHS logo next to it (circled in this picture))



Y8 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO CHATSWOOD CBD

Mr Adam Noronha, Relieving Head Teacher Social Sciences

On Tuesday 7 June, Year 8 students undertook a fieldwork excursion in the Chatswood CBD focusing on investigating the liveability of Chatswood. Students were lucky enough to be visited by Willoughby Council Mayor Tanya Taylor and council town planner, Ian Arnott, who shared their views on what makes Chatswood liveable and outlined the role council plays in improving the liveability of the area.

Students visited a range of community organisations and facilities to develop a better understanding the role government and community plays in making a place liveable. Students also undertook number of field work activities including a field sketch and a survey to enhance their understanding.

A special thank you to Nicholas Yu and Willoughby City Council, and the Willoughby District Historical Society for assisting the school with the organisation of the excursion, and many thanks to Mayor Taylor and Ian Arnott for visiting our students.



YEAR 9 COMPETED AT NATIONALS FOR JUDO

Congratulations to Rose Y (Y9) who participated in the Australian National Judo Championships last weekend.

Rose is a Green belt and she was beaten by the Australian Champion who is a Brown Belt (Rose needs to achieve her Blue Belt before she becomes a Brown Belt).

"It was an amazing experience. My competitor was so good, especially at Drop Seois." said Rose. "The experience was hard, but I really enjoyed the atmosphere, the competition and seeing myself improve. I hope I get to go there again next year".



YEAR 8 SEWING SECRET AGENT BAGS

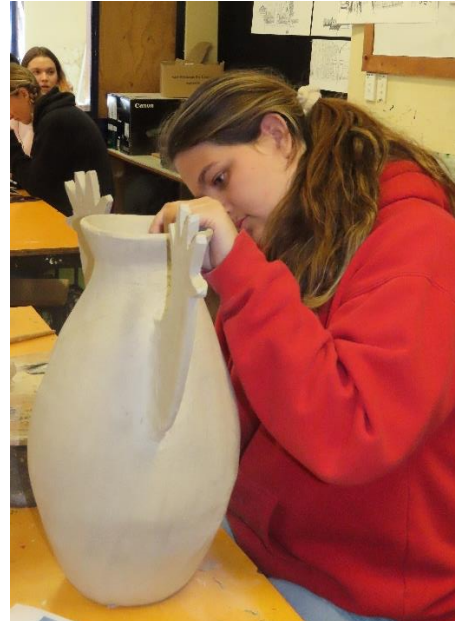
Lily Z and Trinity (8TEM6)

In Year 8 Technology Mandatory, we are making a bag for a special Agent. We get to choose the fabric and the style of the bag but it has to include a 'secret pocket' that can fit a USB. It also needs to have a closure mechanism and an embellishment. We have two terms to plan, design and make the bag. We are all really enjoying using the sewing machines and being creative.



YEAR 12 STUDY DAY

On Friday 10 June, we had a Year 12 Study Day to help the students prepare for the final chapter of their secondary education. Students were offered opportunities to develop their major works/projects/private studies, seek assistance from teachers of different curricula and career advice, and engage in fun activities such as Yoga, Zumba and Pilates.



YEAR 10 LATIN DANCE

Victoria S, Year 10

Over the past 4 weeks Year 10 have been busy mastering the art of Latin dance. Throughout this term, we have been working enthusiastically to create a routine that incorporates strong relationships between partners and communicates a story with a variety of movements. I have thoroughly enjoyed this unit as it improves relationships amongst peers and challenges us to think outside the box. We are practising these routines as a preparation for a final performance in front of the class, which will be assessed. These routines bring people together to share an emotional connection with the music and traditions, carrying on for generations to come.



YEAR 7 SELECTED FOR NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL STAGE DRAMA ENSEMBLE

Congratulations to Camelia BS in Year 7 who has been accepted for 2022 NSW Public Schools Stage Drama Ensemble. At the auditions she had to do a recitation and an impromptu performance. She is extremely excited to be part of this ensemble and is looking forward to starting classes next week and being part of the production in October.



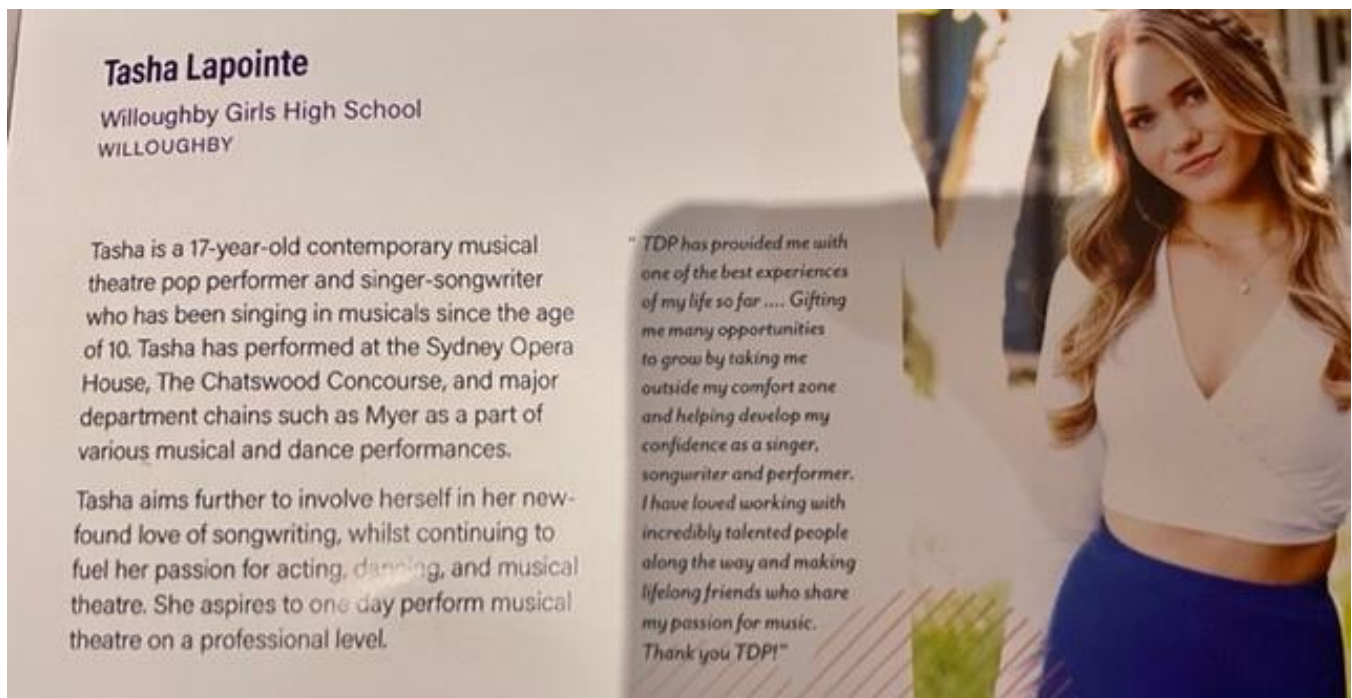
FIRST STUDENT TO REPRESENT WGHS AND GRADUATE FROM TDP

Mrs Caroline Jarvis, Music Teacher & Year 12 Advisor

Congratulations to Tasha L (Year 12) for her success in the NSW Department of Education Arts Unit Talent Development Project (TDP). She was selected as one of 10 TDP participants to complete the full program and performed at the graduation concert on Friday night.

In addition to this, Tasha was selected to be one of the 5 featured singers in the video "Learn how to Fly" released as part of the NSW Arts Unit's Schools Spectacular Inspired Project:

<https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/spectacular-schools-inspired?fbclid=IwAR3SeAOr9PfbX8tctcrxQmMsSNpgpWif0vCPIODiqYKv1-gTjP-IBKZpzZs>



The Biography of Tasha in the TDP Graduation leaflet

PREFECTS ATTENDED PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Abbey T (WGHS School Captain), and Mila B (WGHS School Vice-Captain) spent the day at Parliament house and Government house meeting some of the leaders of our community including our local member Tim James and the Lieutenant Governor.



YEAR 7 CREATED BURGERS

Ms Kirsty Stringer, Technological & Applied Studies Teacher

Year 7 has been working hard in the kitchen, cooking their individually designed burger recipes for their Food and Agriculture unit of Technology Mandatory. Lots of discussions have taken place over cheese on the patty or cheese on the bun? Salad then patty, or reverse? Overall, the girls have learnt valuable skills in food preparation and how to follow and adapt recipes to make them healthy and delicious! Bon appetite!

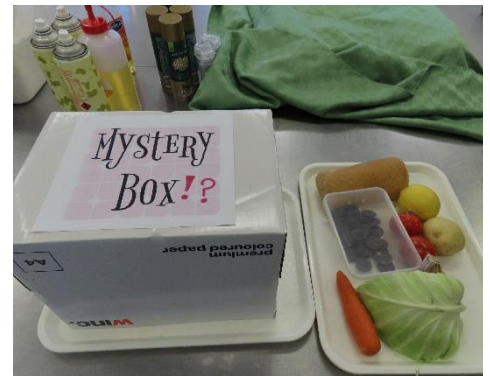


YEAR 11 MASTER CHEF MYSTERY BOX

Mrs Cheryl Blomfield, Head Teacher, Technical & Applied Studies

Year 11 Food Technology participated in a "mystery box challenge" this week. Students did not have access to the list of ingredients before the lesson. Students did not have to use all the ingredients and could barter with others in the class. They had access to pantry staples.

Students managed to create pancakes with chocolate ganache and a lemon drizzle, Chocolate chip pancakes, lemon pound cake, pub style chicken sandwich with potato chips, Chicken, tomato and cabbage on a garlic roll, Chicken and tomato toasted roll with carrot and potato chips and a Steamed milk pudding. Students were creative in their presentation techniques.



The Mystery box with a chicken breast too.



PROTOCOL FOR EMAILING THE SCHOOL

The Administration Team

If you need to email the school please title the email with the student's first name, surname and Home Room. This makes it a lot easier for us to deal efficiently with enquiries and absences. Thank you so much for your assistance.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS AT WILLOUGHBY – Years 9 & 10

Ms Alex Parker, Teacher Librarian / Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

It is exciting to be able to again offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award after the pause due to Covid restrictions. An online information session for interested Year 9 and 10 students was held on 2 June.

To date over 100 students have registered for the WGHS Bronze Duke of Edinburgh program.

In 2022 WGHS is offering:

- The Bronze Award to students in Years 9 and 10.
- Direct entry to the Silver Award only to Year 10. This involves self-organised Adventurous Journeys.

Students please see Ms Parker in the library if you are interested. *This only applies to students not yet registered. **Registrations need to be finalised by Friday 24 June (Week 9).**



Silver Duke of Edinburgh participants in 2021

YEAR 12 SELECTED BY NSW CRICKET

Congratulations to Kinjal K (Year 12) who was selected in the cricket NSW U19s metropolitan female academy program.



FREE FLU VACCINATION FOR STUDENTS & SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Village Pharmacy Lindfield

Go to <https://pharmacybookings.com.au/home>

Select Organisation Code and type in NSWFREE

Select Suburb 'Lindfield'

Choose 'The Village Pharmacy Lindfield'

Pick your scheduled time slot available and complete the booking by completing the form.

Please type in your Medicare number correctly so we can upload the vaccination in your immunisation history.

If you have any issue with bookings please contact:

The Village Pharmacy, Lindfield

19-21 Lindfield Ave, Lindfield (opposite the train station on Lindfield Ave)

Ph: 9416 7550, Email: dispensary@tvpl.com.au

NSW Department of Education



Compulsory school attendance

| Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

NSW Department of Education

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order**

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



More information

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

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