

Warilla High School Newsletter

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Issue1 – Term 4 – Week 3

Principal's Message

The Term has certainly started at a frenetic pace with the HSC underway and the School going through the process of an External Validation Audit of our operation as benchmarked against the *School Excellence Framework*. This is a process every school in NSW will undergo once every 5 years to ensure the integrity of the *Teaching, Learning and Leadership* domains of the Framework are a key priority and informed and refined by data generated by the school. This process has led us to establish- for 2017- three Head Teacher Teaching and Learning positions to drive differentiated teaching, focused professional learning and compliance with BOSTES requirements. I am genuinely excited by the capacity these positions bring and I am sure that Ms Pettit, Ms Sheridan and Mr Reid will ensure a philosophy of high expectation, inclusion and quality teaching practices are the hallmarks of their work.

As part of our work related to the validation process, the school joined with the FilmPond Group to develop a short film about our beliefs as a school and the "Brand" that is Warilla High School. This has been placed on our website and I would urge you to have a look at it as it clearly articulates the philosophy that drives our work and what the school aspires to do for your child. I think you will find it enlightening, insightful and reassuring.

Planning for 2017 is well underway and we are especially looking forward to hosting our Year 7, 2017 cohort as they visit us for their transition sessions. Our Year 7 Adviser, Ms Lambert, has spent considerable time developing a range of activities for these students that I am sure will whet their appetite for high school. Most importantly, the process undertaken with the primary schools to develop appropriate class placements has been exhaustive and I have no doubt our Core Academic, CORE Skills and mixed abilities groupings will allow us to target literacy, numeracy and problem solving excellence. Our year 6-7 Parent Information evening is scheduled for 22 November and I would urge parents of these students to save that date.

Perhaps it is timely with our new Year 7 almost upon us to reiterate some of the key expectations we have as a school. We have:

- Zero tolerance for violence of any type.
- Zero tolerance for bullying and harassment in any form.
- An expectation that all students will wear their uniform with pride, every day.
- An expectation that every student will attend each day, unless ill or on sanctioned leave.
- An unwavering conviction that every student is capable of excellence.
- A commitment to quality teaching and learning practices in a 21st Century context.
- A belief that our students will engage meaningfully with our wider community.
- A commitment to a school environment of gentle good humour, tolerance, respect and courtesy.

I have no doubt that these 8 expectations underpin quality schools- and Warilla High School is a quality school! Again, we don't work in isolation, and your emphasis on ensuring these same messages are relayed at home with provide alignment between the school and its broader community so that a consistent and clear message about our core business is maintained.

With my kind regards,
John Hambly

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Deputies Report

By the time you read this newsletter our Year 12 students will have already completed some of their HSC exams. For our students and their families this period can be a very challenging one. After many months of preparation our students have this final opportunity to secure the best possible results. I am confident that with the support of home and school combined with their own drive and commitment our students are well placed to demonstrate wonderful levels of understanding and prove that they have the capacity to create sophisticated answers and solutions.

Thank you to our dedicated teachers who spent time within their own vacation delivering tutorials. I know our students and their parents greatly appreciate such commitment.

With the end of Term 3, Year 11 students have now completed their Preliminary Course and their HSC Courses commenced at the start of this term. In light of this there is some important information to be understood regarding the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) and the number of units to study during the HSC year. Students may choose to alter their pattern of study slightly in terms of the number of units they wish to study for the HSC, but this is not allowed until 2017.

Important information for Year 11 to remember when considering changing subjects is that to be eligible for an HSC and ATAR students must study:

- At least 10 examinable units in total of Board Developed Courses including English
- At least 8 units of category A subjects
- Advanced English OR Standard English

To be eligible for an HSC only students must study:

- Subjects totalling at least 10 units
- At least six units of Board Developed Courses including English (NB General Maths 1 is NOT a Board Developed Course)
- At least 4 remaining units which may be either Board Developed or Board Endorsed Courses

To help parents better understand this process we are holding a Year 11 to 12 Information Evening for students and parents on Tuesday 29 November 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Library.

The students in the junior school are also busy, as this is the final term. Assignments are being handed in, class tests are being set, final units are being taught and yearly exams are being arranged. It is vital that students attend school every day during this busy time to ensure they are informed about what is happening in class. End of year reports are also written during this term, and it is exciting as we start this last term working at such high standards.

Deputy Principals

Mrs Raison, Ms Brook and Mr Stanizzo



We are proud to announce we now have a Facebook page!

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Week 3A

24 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 HSC Examinations
25 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 HSC Examinations Year 11 English Standard Assessment Task
26 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 HSC Examinations Years 6-7 Transition visits Flinders/Shell Cove and Barrack Heights
27 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 HSC Examinations Year 9 (100 hour) Listening Assessment
28 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 HSC Examinations Year 9 (100 hour) Listening Assessment

Week 4B

31 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 HSC Examinations Year 11/12 English Advanced and Standard Assessment Task
1 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 HSC Examinations
2 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 HSC Examinations Years 6-7 Transition visits Warilla/Shellharbour and Out of Area Year 8 VALID (Science) Test window
3 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 HSC Examinations Year 8 VALID (Science) Test window
4 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 HSC Examinations Year 8 VALID (Science) Test window

Week 5A

7 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 VET Workplacement Year 8 VALID (Science) Test window Year 11 Report Distribution Year 12 signout day
8 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 VET Workplacement Year 8 VALID (Science) Test window Year 12 Parent Information Evening 6.00PM
9 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 VET Workplacement Year 8 VALID (Science) Test window Year 6-7 Transition visits Flinders/Shell Cove and Barrack Heights
10 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 VET Workplacement Year 8 VALID (Science) Test window
11 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 VET Workplacement Year 8 VALID (Science) Test window

Week 6B

14 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative Year 12 Workplacement LEAP Financial Literacy
15 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative Year 12 Workplacement
16 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative Year 12 Workplacement Year 8 CAP Camp (1) Formal Assembly Year 6-7 Transition visits Warilla/Shellharbour and Out of Area
17 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative Workplacement Year 8 CAP Camp (1)
18 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative Year 12 Workplacement Year 8 Cap Camp (1) Gold Award Assembly Period 1 and 2 – Ms Lever

Week 7A

21 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Ribbon Day – Year 11 LEAP Financial Literacy
22 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6-7 Information Night

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

LATE ARRIVAL – CHANGE OF PROCEDURES

Up until 9.15am go to the side window of the Library between 'A' block and the Library block. One of the Office Staff will record your information and give you a late slip to get into class. After 9.15am report to the front office. Arriving late 3 times **without a note from parent/guardian** will result in parents being contacted by the school and consequences will apply.

SCHOOL FEES

Invoices for school fees will be sent to parents/guardians by mail during Week 5 of this term.

The fridge magnet calendar with 2016 important school dates will also be included.

UPDATING STUDENT DETAILS

If you change your address, phone number, including mobile number, or other contact details could you please let the school know as soon as possible.

PRIVATE PERSONAL PROPERTY

Personal property which is brought to school is the sole responsibility of the individual. The school is not insured to cover loss or damage.

PARKING IN SCHOOL ZONES

Heavy fines are imposed for illegal dropping off or picking up students in school zone hours. The school car park is for staff parking only and is not to be used for dropping off or picking up students.

RIDING A BIKE TO SCHOOL

Students who ride a bike to school are required by law to wear a helmet.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Students must bring a note to explain their absences. A green 'Absence Book' is available from the front office. Unexplained absences will appear on the student's report.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Parents experiencing financial difficulties can apply for support through the Student Assistance Scheme. Funds are available to help with subject fees, school uniform and books. All enquiries through the front office.

Attendance Update

“It’s Not OK to be Away” this is the catch phrase that heads up the recently updated Attendance Policy for Warilla High School. Everyone would agree that to get the most out of a good education, children need to go to school every day and that school attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school and are more likely to complete their schooling.

Did you know that all Australian state governments have agreed to a school attendance target for 2019 where all schools will achieve a minimum of 90 per cent attendance? Coming to school regularly also sets up good habits for life and employers often look at a student’s attendance rate when interviewing potential new staff.

So what can you do to help support school attendance from home?

- Talk positively about attending school and learning.
- Encourage your child develop a routine for getting ready to go to school stress-free and on time.
- Talk about the positive social aspects of the school environment such as friends and favourite classes.
- Have a conversation with your child about their long term goals and dreams and how school can help them achieve this and the benefits of daily attendance. By attending class regularly, all students are more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments. For senior students, being in school every day gives them a chance to learn more about university and employment opportunities, and to take the important exams they need to build a successful academic record.

Mandatory student attendance is a policy that schools take seriously. Unexcused absences will go on a student's permanent record. Babysitting, problems with a car or the weather are not permissible reasons to miss school. Frequently coming to school late may also make it difficult for your child to stay caught up with the first lessons of each morning.

Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results, including HSC, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

It’s never too late to improve attendance – going to school more often can lead to better outcomes. Every day counts.

There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference. Students should not be up late at night playing games and being on social media when they have school the next day.

If you wish to discuss your child’s attendance Mr Spooner is available for an appointment or phone conversation, as well as the appropriate Year Advisor. Let’s work together to make school attendance a priority. We want all of our students at Warilla High to get a great education, and the building blocks for this begins with students coming to school each and every day. Remember, **It’s not OK to be away!!!**

Ms Brook
Deputy Principal



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School Excursion Travel

Opal Ticketing Update

School group travel on Opal network

From 1 August 2016 all customers travelling inside the Opal network will need a valid Opal card or Opal single trip ticket. This will change how you plan your school excursion travel. Make sure you include ticketing and travel arrangements in your planning.

Opal ticketing options

All students and adults will need a valid Opal card or Opal single trip ticket. For students this will be a Child/Youth Opal card or a Child/Youth Opal single trip ticket which can be bought on the day of travel. Single trip tickets are available at certain train stations and light rail stops. Adults will need to travel with an Adult Opal card or an Adult Opal single trip ticket which can be bought on the day of travel. Adult and Child/Youth Opal single bus tickets are available on non-prepay buses.

Schools will need to decide well in advance how they want to manage this. Options include:

- Students use their own Child/Youth Opal card.
Child/Youth Opal card is used by children/ youth for travel. Please note: parents/ guardians should ensure they have enough credit on the Child/Youth Opal card to cover the travel. School Opal cards are valid for trips to and from a student's school and home. They are not valid for travel on school excursions, or for school excursion travel.
- Schools manage the Child/Youth Opal cards on behalf of their students.
These can be registered by the school with Opal. Registering the cards with Opal will enable the school to manage the credit amount, preserve the balance on any lost cards, and request replacement cards.
- Purchase tickets on day of travel.
Consider this option as a last resort. Schools will need sufficient cash or a credit card, and will need to purchase individual tickets for each person travelling on the day of travel. Please note Opal single trip tickets are only available at certain train stations, wharves and light rail stops. Opal single bus tickets are available on non-prepay buses.

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Payment options

- Cheques are no longer accepted for payment. Schools will need to use a credit card or cash.

More information on school excursion travel

- go to opal.com.au and follow the navigation path below



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Year 12

The end of Term 3 saw the end of a Secondary School era for our graduating year of 2016.

On Wednesday we went on the 'Mystery Day' excursion to Stanwell Park, the Sea Cliff Bridge and some fun and games and Coledale beach. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't perfect, but we made the best of it and had a last day of fun together as a year group.

Thursday 22nd of September was the official **Graduation Ceremony** held in the hall in front of family and friends. It was a very proud day for all of the students to have successfully reached the end of Year 12. It was followed by a delicious morning tea catered by the current Year 11 Hospitality students – although it could have easily been mistaken as supplied by a professional catering company.

Now that Term 4 has resumed, Year 12 are already in full swing of their HSC examinations. Now is the time to demonstrate all that they have learned to do – stay focused, study hard and best of luck. The final exam will be sat on Friday 4th November.

Year 12 Formal will be held at the Sage Hotel on the 10th November, 2016. Parents are welcome to attend from 6:30pm-7pm for pre-dinner mocktails and nibbles and to have photos with your children. If you are attending please pay \$15 /head online or at the front office by Tuesday 25 October, and email an RSVP to Deborah.m.murray@det.nsw.edu.au This is an alcohol and smoke free event.

Mrs D Murray
Year 12 Advisor





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*Mrs D Murray
Year 12 Advisor*

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Warilla High Schools' Community of Schools' Public Speaking Grand Final

The Community of Schools' Public Speaking Competition reached new heights this year as the local schools went head to head, showcasing the best of the best from each of our feeder schools and the Warilla High Schools' junior years. Students from Kindergarten to Year 9 stepped outside of their comfort zone and demonstrated amazing confidence and skill in their speeches about inspiration, influence and motivation. Each of the contestants delivered exceptional speeches that demonstrated their public speaking ability, engaging and entertaining our audience whilst impressing the adjudicators. Warilla High School would like to congratulate each of the contestants on their achievement.



Year 11 LEAP Students Discover Occupation Diversity

Year 11 LEAP had the opportunity of exploring both WIN Television and i98 FM Studios with Sean O'Shannassy and Rob McKnight. They explored every occupation, element of technology as well as the organisation and teamwork needed to ensure the success of the Win Corporation. The students conversed with the managers and supervisors within both studios as well as both Marty and Fairlie. Their discussion with the WIN Corporation Human Resource Manager, Alicia Simmonite, gave guidance, providing information on the "must do's" when constructing cover letters and resumes or participating in an interview. The most recognised message emphasised by many declared that success isn't measured by certificates and degree's but through hard work and determination. While experience is important, your work ethic is what ensures your ability to achieve and enhances success.

This was one of the many opportunities provided to this group of students aiming to develop their career prospects, providing them with skills, attributes and knowledge beyond the traditional classroom environment.

A huge thank you to the Station Manager of i98fm, Sean O'Shannassy, for helping make this opportunity reachable for our LEAP students. It was a memorable and insightful day for all of us.



*Cassandra Napier
English Teacher*

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Year 11 Girls Workshop

On Tuesday 11th October all the girls in Year 11 attended a workshop on Women's health and safe behaviour. Denika from the Women's Health Clinic gave the girls a very informative presentation. The girls were involved actively in discussions and group work regarding issues relating to women's health. I would like to thank the Year 11 girls for the behaviour and active involvement in the workshop.

Ms J Neden
Year 11 Advisor

Aboriginal ED.

Friday 21st October Year 7 & 8 AIME session at Wollongong University.

Friday 28th October final AIME session/end of year celebration for Year 9,10,11 and 12

Families of Year 7 and 8 students will be contacted over the coming weeks for PLP meetings in the Aboriginal Hub.

Mrs K Simon
Norta Norta Program
Aboriginal Education Unit

Year 12 – DER Laptops

In previous year's students were allowed to keep their laptop but this changed for the last roll out of computers. Students will need to return their laptop and charger to the school before or on sign out day. Students who fail to return their laptop will be issued with an invoice for the cost to replace this device. This is a mandatory part of the Year 12 sign out procedure.

Mr. Baldwin & Mr. Morrow

SPORT

7/8 Touch

During the last week of Term 3 Warilla HS entered a boys and girls team in the South Coast 7/8 Touch Championships held at Dalton Park Fairy Meadow

Schools competing included government and non-government schools.

Our girls' team played 5 games and were competitive in all games. Congratulations to the following girls who were excellent representatives for Warilla HS: Tayleah Handcock, Emma Seery, Imogen Dos Santos, Angelica Barraza, Celeste Moir, Bridie Brett, Natalie Stevanoska, Ashleigh Goncalves, Mya Duffy, Brielle Lambert and Emma Carberry.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who were at the grounds supporting their children.

The boy's team enjoyed a very successful day and defeated all their opponents. They now travel to Penrith in November for the State Championships.

Congratulations to Mr Banfield and his team: Trey Barlow, Tyler Johns, Jordan Morn, Jake Miller, Flynn Gibson, Jaxon Manakonga, Riley Curry, Nathan Robinson, Jack Bostock, Toby Peters, Josh Carberry, Lachlan McInnes and Joel Whalan.

Warilla High School are the Champion School in the State For Athletics.

To be able to write the above heading gives me a great deal of pride. 23 students represented South Coast at the CHS Athletics Championships at Homebush in Term 3. As a result of their accumulated points the following details have been sent to the school:

CHS Team Rankings

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| 1. | The Hills Sports High | 197.5 points |
| 2. | Westfield Sports High | 157.5 points |
| 3. | Warilla High | 126 points |

Warilla Girls finished 14th a very impressive effort with only 7 competitors

Warilla Boys finished 4th - 1st The Hills SHS 2nd Westfield SHS 3rd Sydney Boys 4th Warilla HS

Sports High Schools are not considered because of their opportunity for specialised programs within their school.

Congratulations to the following students who all contributed to this sensational achievement:

Joel Whalan, Isaac Shaw, Mitchell Dalby, Lachlan Cairns, Matthew Hutchinson, Tayleah Handcock, Trey Barlow, Jack Bostock, Nathan Scollary, Justin Check, Rosemary Boyland, Emma Hutchinson, Luke Hunter, Jack Clinch, Jarod Falconer, Trent Clarke, Finlay McPhillips, Shayla Szakacs, Shenay Edwards, Emma Scollary, Kade Szakacs, Erin Dalley and Jye Edwards.

The students who won medals for their events are:

Isaac Shaw	3 rd 12yr 800m	Tayleah Handcock	3 rd 12 yr 800m
Trey Barlow	1 st 13 yr Shot put 1 st 13 yr Discus	Nathan Scollary	2 nd 14 yr 800m
Rosemary Boyland	1 st AWD Shot Put	Finlay McPhillips	3 rd 16 yr 1500m
Shayla Szakacs	2 nd 16yrs 1500m	Shenay Edwards	3 rd 16yr 1500m
Kade Szakacs	1 st 17 yrs 800m		
Jye Edwards	1 st 17+ 1500m	1 st 17+ 3000m	

Congratulations to the parents, extended families, coaches who have all played a major role in the success of these students. We are extremely proud to have you as part of our Warilla High Community.

Well done athletes.

Best wishes to Kade Szakacs and Jye Edwards who have completed their representation for Warilla High, Southern Illawarra Zone, South Coast, NSWCHS and NSW All Schools and in Jye's case, Australia. They have been fantastic role models and leaders in their school and sporting communities. We wish them all the best for the future and know they have inspired many young athletes to enjoy their love of Cross Country and Athletics.





Mrs D Clune
PDHPH Teacher

Next Gen Surfing Stars

A day after Culburra's Tyler Wright claimed her maiden womens world surfing title, around 40 of the region's hottest surfers took part in the second annual Illawarra Sports High's Undercard event at Sandon Point.

A massive showcase of talent lapped up the 3-4 foot waves with a southerly swell which gave all competitors a chance to shine.



Some of Australia's top youngsters including Kiara Meredith (Warilla High School), Keanu Miller (Bulli HS) and Summer Simon (Illawarra Sports High) were among the standout performers.

"It was an amazing day of junior surfing," event organiser and Illawarra Sports High Talented Surfing Program coordinator Geoff Latimer said.

"All of the South Coast can be extremely proud of the talent we have in our school surfing ranks. It was a really high standard of performances in all divisions and really close surfing all day.

"A wave here and there and executing the cuts and right move at a critical time was often the difference in making the top two. Seeing Tyler Wright win her first world crown just a day earlier would have been a huge driver for some of these talented kids.

"They know what it takes to make it to the top in Australian surfing and then who knows what you can achieve."

The Undercard event featured four divisions with Illawarra Sports High's Summer Simon taking out the Junior Girls titles for under 15s for years 7-9 students.

"Summer is a class surfer and just maneuvered herself really well to take the division," said Latimer.

Bulli HS's Kasey Hargraves was runner-up.

Kiara Meredith (Warilla HS) took out the Senior Girls title for students in years 10,11 and 12. Outstanding Bulli HS surfer Billie Melinz was runner-up.

"They had a great battle and it was fantastic for everyone to see two top surfers go at it," Latimer said.

Cullburra-based Beau Buckpitt from St John the Evangelist Catholic High School, Nowra won the Junior Boys title, from Finn McLaren (TIGS).

Finally, Keanu Miller (Bulli HS) took out the Senior Boys division and earned a wildcard spot in the dp surfboards Battle Royale on the Saturday.

Miller won from Benny Buckpitt, brother of Beau Buckpitt, with Darcy DeClouett (ISH) third.

The event was perfect timing with 22-year-old Culburra junior Tyler Wright winning the world title, in France a day earlier.

Wright won her first world tour event at age 14 after taking a day off from school to compete and eight years later is world champion.

Illawarra Mercury

CAPA



Mel Lever
CAPA Teacher

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Year 7

Year 7 Camp is approaching quickly. Please hand in notes to Mr Nolan and payments to the front office.

Year 8

Year 8 have begun Term 4 with many positive inputs coming into Sentral from across all subject areas. Students are reminded to continue collecting merits and keeping up the hard work until the end of the year as merits can be carried over to the next year. It is their last opportunity to prove themselves for classes for Year 9.

There are a few concerns and students are reminded to keep mobile phones off and out of sight,

with some students claiming parental contact during class time which is not permitted.

Otherwise Year 8 are progressing well and have established themselves well within our school community and they are all encouraged to keep up their efforts.

Year 9

Year 9 were fantastic at their recent camp in Narrabeen. Students are to be congratulated for their behaviour and attitude towards the challenges and activities they faced throughout the camp. Well done!!

Year 10

Year 10 are going through their final assessments and their grades are to be finalised for the ROSA during this term. Please ensure that all tasks are completed. In coming weeks all Year 10 will be completing 'all my own work' a program designed to ready students for the workforce and senior school.

All students should have chosen their subjects for next year. In preparation for Year 11 it is important to understand that during Year 11 students need to complete the Cross Roads Program. This is a Department of Education requirement for all students beginning their senior year. Warilla High complete this course by attending a camp. The dates are yet to be finalised, however, we anticipate the dates to be in late Term 1 or early Term 2 2017.

Congratulations to Kiara Merideth on her latest win in the undercard surfing contest last week at Sandon Point.

<http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/4233017/schools-out-for-our-next-gen-surfing-stars/?cs=2469>

Year 11

Year 11 have started the HSC course this term. Students are not required to attend sport however they must have completed the Crossroads course and booklet, please see Ms Tregonning. Another item for Year 11 is that there is to be no dropping of HSC subjects, students at WHS are required to carry 12 units. Any changes to this need to be a letter in writing to Mr Hambly explaining an educational reason as to why a change would be necessary.

Ms Lever

Relieving Head Teacher Welfare

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WELFARE What's on

GOLD AWARD ASSEMBLY A celebration of students who have received GOLD, Platinum and Diamond 18th November	
Presentation Night 6th December 6pm	White Ribbon Event Raising awareness and promoting healthy relationships
WEEK 4 MERIT WEEK YEAR 7 CAMP 7, 8, 9 DEC SRC CAMP 1 -2 DECEMBER	Year 6 - 7 info night 22nd November
Learning Labs UOW See your Year Advisor for more details....	

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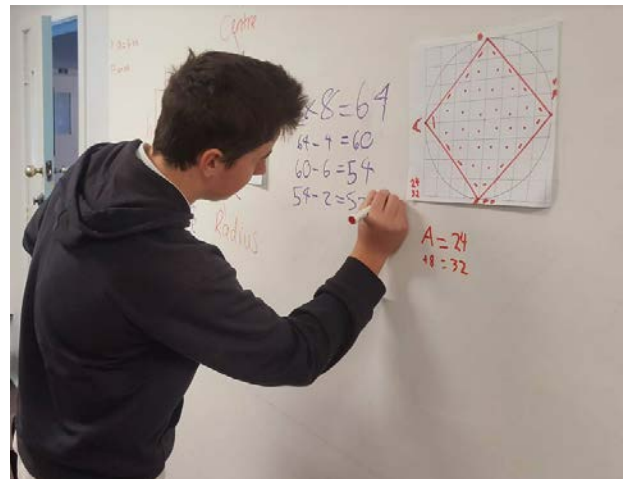
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21st Century Mathematics

The Year 8 Core Skills class have been the innovators in learning in Mathematics this year. Mrs McNamara has been working hard to get students out of their comfort zone and learn in different ways. “Working Like a Mathematician” involves students getting out of their chairs and solving problems collaboratively on non-permanent vertical surfaces (whiteboards).

Warilla HS students have been involved in research at the University of Wollongong to measure levels of engagement, and as a result the school’s engagement, the IMSITE project at UOW have funded one of our Maths classrooms to be fitted out with whiteboards.



STEM Roadshow

The University of Wollongong STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Roadshow visited Warilla HS last term, and introduced students from Year 7, 8 and 9 to a range of new Science Engineering and Maths principles.

Students enjoyed engaging in the following practical, interactive activities:

- 3D Printing
- Timber beam building and testing
- Water storage tank building and testing
- The making and testing of bottle rockets
- Driving an open-wheeler racer driving simulator
- Extraction of the genome of strawberries
- Radioactive isotope half-life

A number of students have selected to study the Year 8 STEM elective at Warilla HS, which has been introduced 2017, and there are plans in place to implement more STEM activities across the relevant curriculum areas.



*Mrs R Pettit
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning*

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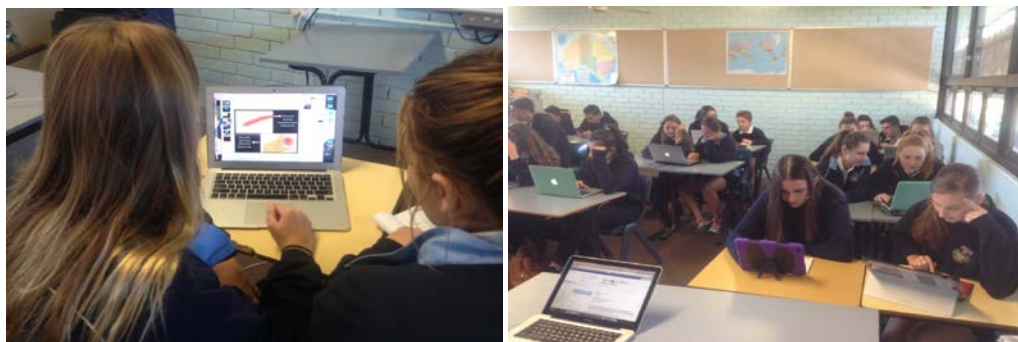
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BYOD Update

Use in the classroom

First of all, I would just like to congratulate all of the parents and students who have embraced the concept of BYOD and are bringing their devices to school every day. Although it is still too early to make judgement on the impact this technology will have on our students overall academic results, there is no argument against the fact that it will dramatically increase the amount of information and knowledge they will have access to in the classroom. And as technology becomes an ever-increasing part of the workforce, it also enables us to equip students with the type of skills that will increase their likelihood of employment. A fine example of this is demonstrated in the current Year 11 Business Studies classes here at Warilla High School. Prior to the implementation of the BYOD program students in these classes were learning about the business world predominately through textbooks. As a result of the BYOD program, students are now not only learning the theory, but they are also designing their own business websites, creating advertising commercials and have access to advice from successful entrepreneurs' at their fingertips.



Financial Support

As mentioned previously, we recognise that just like uniforms, supplies, and extracurricular activities, a device for student use represents a significant investment for families. In response to this we will continue to offer a range of support options for those families who are unable to meet these expectations due to financial hardship. Please ask students to come and see Mr Jones in the HSIE staffroom for an application form if financial support is required with regards to purchasing a device. In order to enable future-focused 21st Century Learning programs to continue to be implemented at Warilla High School it is very important that all students actively participate in the BYOD program.

Recommended Devices

We will continue to provide recommendations on suitable devices based on consultation with local providers as well as observation of student use of certain devices in the classroom. It is important to remember that we are not suggesting that these are the best devices, however they meet all of the requirements to be used within the classroom and are placed in the lower pricing point.

One such device we have observed a large number of students using recently is the HP Stream Laptop (see details below). As teachers who use laptops extensively in the classroom, students who are using these particular devices have been able to participate in every activity we have set that requires the use of a device. They can be purchased at a range of local providers and at somewhere around the \$290 price point, are certainly a more affordable option than some of the other devices on the market.

<https://www.ibhifi.com.au/computers-tablets/laptops/hp/hp-stream-11-r007tu-11-6-laptop/842537/>



HP Stream

Key Features

Intel® Celeron® N3050 Processor (1.6GHz, 2MB L2 Cache)
11.6-inch diagonal HD AntiGlare WLED-backlit Display (1366x768)
2GB RAM/32GB eMMC Storage
UMA Shared Graphics
1 x HDMI
2 x USB 2.0 Ports
Micro SD Card Reader
Webcam
Bluetooth 802.11ac Wi-Fi

It is also important that laptops brought by students are suitable for use at school. Please be aware that some older laptops and Android devices will not work on the school's 5 GHz wireless network. Details of the minimum specifications and the types of devices suitable for use in the school environment are available on the following website;

- <http://warillahighbyod.weebly.com/>

Students will also be able to access Microsoft Office and some Adobe software free of charge to place on their device. Please DO NOT purchase these software packages.

We appreciate your ongoing support and participation as we continue with this transition. We will continue to keep you informed.

Ben Spooner / Barry Jones
Computer Co-ordinators

OPAL Cards




Almost 340,000 school students are now travelling to and from school using their new School Opal cards.

Students have embraced travelling with Opal, completing over 370,000 journeys each day. And most students are remembering to tap on and off each trip, with almost 80% of journeys taken with School Opal cards being successfully completed.

As always with the start of a new school year, some students have needed to update their operator selection as they have moved home, school or campus. We've successfully updated 4,500 School Opal cards with the correct operator to help students travel. If a student gets a "Card not valid – 65" message, they are not approved for that service and should go online at transportnsw.info/school-students to request an update of operator(s).

With most school holidays starting on 11 April, it is important to remember that School Opal cards, including School Term Bus Passes, will not be enabled for travel on weekends or during school holidays. School Opal cards will be reactivated when term two starts on 26 April.

Below are some reason codes students may see on Opal card readers if they use their School Opal card during these times.

	The card is not approved for this mode or operator
	The card is not valid for this date, e.g. is being used outside school term
	The card is not valid for the current day type, e.g. is being used on weekends

Customers who currently have a School Term Bus Pass, that is due to expire after term one, will also receive an email notification from Transport for NSW reminding them to renew their pass. These customers simply need to go online at transportnsw.info/school-students and apply for a new School Term Bus Pass, and their existing School Opal card will be updated if the application is submitted and approved prior to the start of Term 2.

How you can help

- Endorse any new School Opal card applications and send these to Transport for NSW.
- Remind students to travel with a Child/Youth Opal card for travel on weekends and school holidays.
- Remind students to tap on and off every time.

Thank you for your support.
The Concessions Team

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Make Online Payments (POP)

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit/debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the [schools website](#) by selecting \$ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called “other”, this would cover items not covered in the previous heading. ‘Other’ can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the student's name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the student's name, and
- Date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment, as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner and these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the office staff on 02 4296 3055 or alternately email; warilla-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The Office Staff

Warilla High School Attendance

During the last two terms, a growing number of students have been coming late to school, that is after the bell rings for the commencement of the school day, without a note from a parent or caregiver.

Warilla High School is required under the *Education Act 2009*, to record and report on all absences (whole day or partial day absences). This includes students who are “a few minutes late”. Parents are responsible under the act to explain the absences of their children from school with either a note or a verbal notification in person or on the telephone.

Listed below is a table of justified and unjustified absences as determined by the NSW Department of Education.

<u>Justified Reasons</u>	<u>Unjustified Reasons</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor's/dentist appointment – must provide evidence, such as a doctor's certificate or letter. • Appointment with other health care professional or similar service – must provide evidence, such as an appointment card or letter. • Special family circumstances – note/verbal explanation must be provided. • Bus delayed – school will check to verify. • Interview with Principal, Deputy Principal, Counsellor or other school personnel – staff involved must inform the front office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleeping in / alarm not working • Missed the bus • Traffic / road works • Walked to school • Waiting for parent • Minding sibling • Shopping • Other similar reasons

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Please Note: A note from a parent or verbal explanation from parent who drops student at school for any reason listed above as “unjustified” **DOES NOT** make the reason “justified”.

Any late arrivals to school without this notification will be recorded as a partial absence and **will be reported** as an ‘*Unexplained Partial Absence*’ on the student’s report card and on the official record of student attendance. In addition, any student who is late without a justified reason will be placed on detention by a member of the Senior Executive.

Late Arrival Change of Procedures – Students arriving late between 8:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. are to report to the side window of the library. Any late arrivals after 9:15 a.m. are to report to the front office. Students who are late should bring a note from a parent or caregiver.

Your cooperation with our obligations under the DEC Attendance Guidelines is greatly appreciated.

Mr Ben Spooner

Relieving HT Student Engagement and Retention



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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. 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 Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

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)

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 and Communities 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 Department of Education and Communities 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.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

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

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/goto/school/a-z/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

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.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5129

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Emergency Procedures

In a life threatening emergency, for FIRE, POLICE and AMBULANCE

DIAL 000

In **ALL CASES**, advise the Principal.

Exits

For your safety, make sure you know the location of your nearest exit.

Evacuation Alarm



CONTINUOUS RINGING OF BELL

Evacuation Procedures

When the evacuation alarm sounds:

- Evacuate the building and proceed to the assembly area identified below.
- Do not re-enter until advised to do so.

Lockdown Alarm



3 LONG, 2 SHORT BELL RINGS

Lockdown Procedures

When the lockdown alarm sounds:

- Move to the closest secure point and ring the office to alert them to your whereabouts.



- ★ Fire Hydrants
- ★ First Aid Kits
- ★ First Aid Room
- ★ Evacuation Point



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Warilla High School

Safety Briefing

For Contractors

Visitors and Volunteers

The New South Wales Department of Education and Communities is committed to the occupational health and safety of employees, students, contractors and all other visitors.

For your safety and the safety of others, it is a condition of entry to this site that you take a few minutes to read this brochure.

Mandatory site requirements:

- All visitors are required to report to the main office on arrival.
- Observe all speed, parking and vehicular restrictions.
- Obey all safety signs and barricades.
- Violent, threatening or other unacceptable behaviour is not tolerated on NSW Department of Education and Communities premises.
- All contractors to have completed the [Safety procedures for engaging Department of Commerce contractors](#) OR [Safety procedures for engaging independent contractors](#)

- ❖ **Smoking** is not permitted on DEC premises.
- ❖ **Alcohol and Illegal Drugs** are not permitted on DEC premises.
- ❖ **Weapons**, including knives, are not permitted.
- ❖ **Dangerous Goods and Hazardous Substances**
Visitors and contractors intending to bring dangerous goods on site must declare these at the main office prior to entering the site.
- ❖ **All Injuries, incidents and hazards** must be reported to the main office.
- ❖ Injuries will be recorded in the *Register of Injuries*.
- ❖ **First Aid** treatment is available on site.
- ❖ **Other**
Add information about site specific issues here



All Department of Commerce contractors report to the principal or delegate to:

- indicate the location and duration of the job
- sign the school's Site Visit Log book
- advise the status of the job before leaving the site.

All non-Department of Commerce contractors must in addition:

- produce a copy of their safety management plan including use of personal protective equipment and controls for site specific hazards
- produce public liability insurance documentation before work is commenced
- complete a Prohibited Employment Declaration

I have complied with all WHS issues:

Signed: _____ Contractor

Contractor name: _____

Company: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Warilla High School

Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

2017



January 2017

Monday	23rd. January	08:00AM - 02:00PM
Tuesday	24th. January	08:00AM - 02:00PM
Wednesday	25th. January	08:00AM - 02:00PM
Thursday	26th. January	CLOSED
Friday	27th. January	08:00AM - 04:00PM
Monday	30th. January	08:00AM - 04:00PM
Tuesday	31st. January	08:00AM - 04:00PM

February 2017

Wednesday	1st. February	08:00AM - 04:00PM
Thursday	2nd. February	08:00AM - 04:00PM
Friday	3rd. February	08:00AM - 01:00PM

THEN EVERY WEDNESDAY:

12:00pm - 05:00pm

FRIDAY:

08:00am - 01:00pm

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Warilla High School UNIFORM SHOP**Tax Invoice**

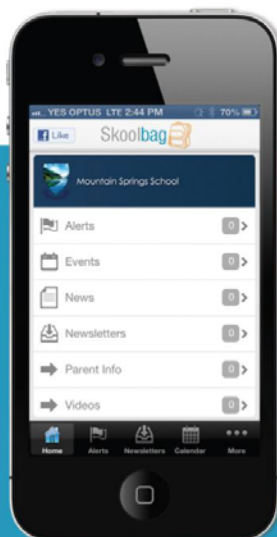
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ITEM		PRICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL INCL GST
Girls	SNR Sky Blouse	28.00			
	Girls Navy Shorts	36.00			
	JNR Navy Skirt	40.00			
	SNR Tartan Skirt	48.00			
Boys	SNR Boys Sky Shirts	28.00			
	Boys Navy Shorts	36.00			
Unisex	Fleecy Jackets	39.00			
	JNR Polo	30.00			
Sports	Sport Jackets	55.00			
	Sports Shorts	25.00			
	Trackpants	37.00			
	Sports Polo	35.00			
Accessory	Navy Scarf	12.00			
	Boys Navy Tie	20.00			
	Girls Tie	10.00			

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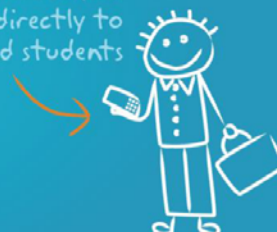
Smartphone school to parent communication



Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How to Install Warilla High Skoolbag On Your Smartphone!

iPhone/iPod & iPad Users

1. Click the "Apple App Store" icon on your device.
2. Type in Warilla High School in the search.
3. If iPhone/iPod, you will see our school appear, click "Get" then "Install"
4. When Installed click "Open"
5. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Warilla High School.
3. Click Warilla High School when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button/
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we don't modify any of your persona; data on your devices).
6. Click "Open" when installed.



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