

Warilla High School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that I am writing my last Newsletter article for 2016. The year has literally flown and with it a range of initiatives, programs and successes that I would like to reflect on:

- Trade Skills Centre:** We took possession of our much anticipated Trade Skills Centre early in Term 1. It has become a wonderful piece of infrastructure which exposes students to the latest and most sophisticated technology related to Metals and Engineering. Students have utilised the facility to great effect and it has been little wonder there has been a spike in student interest in this aspect of our curriculum. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank the tireless efforts of Mr Orth and Mr Kershaw who kept the contractors on their toes and ensured a world class facility was established.
- Café:** In what has been a year of infrastructure development, a café was established in B Block with Industry Standard equipment and infrastructure to support students wishing to train in the Hospitality and associated employment sectors. The Café is still in its infancy with staff coming to terms with the demands of its operating regime.
Colin – The local owner/operator of Vode Café in Warilla – has made a significant donation of his time, energy and expertise to guide the school in establishing the Café's operating protocols. I very much look forward to re-engaging with Colin in 2017 to continue a partnership that will have significant and ongoing implications for our students.
- HSC Success:** Our students continue to grow as learners with well over 90 from both 2015 & 2016 gaining early entry to University prior to the HSC even commencing. This is a wonderful achievement and reflects the emphasis on quality teaching practice which has always been at the heart of our work. I look forward to our 2016 cohorts results which are scheduled for release in the last week of Term.
- Resource Allocation Model (RAM):** You will no doubt have heard and/or read about the significant funding being made available to schools under the so-called Gonski Model. Not only have schools been given extra funding, but also the discretionary authority to deploy it to support programs and initiatives that have been validated by authentic research and endorsed by both staff and our P&C. To this end, we have/will:
 - Engage & deploy key staff as change agents to ensure quality teaching and learning practice is the norm at WHS. This will see 3 Head Teacher Teaching and Learning positions in 2017.
 - Continue to fund a third DP position to ensure the well-being of both staff and students alike is maintained.
 - Support the refinement and growth of our Student Welfare Programs. I am unaware of a comprehensive school in NSW that offers a broader or more thorough program of support than what currently exists at our school.
 - Continue to engage School Learning Support Officers to enhance student learning.
 - Maintain an emphasis on innovation and 21st Century learning with the creation of innovation rooms that will engage students in different modes of learning.
 - Fund targeted and individualised Teacher Professional Learning that will equip teachers with the most current knowledge of best practice in their respective areas of accountability....And most importantly, continue to be flexible, creative and adaptable when responding to the needs of our kids!
- Sport:** Warilla HS has always had an outstanding reputation as a sporting school with many of our students going onto State, National and Olympic representation. Despite our sporting pedigree, I was unprepared for an honour that I had not anticipated. In 2017, Warilla HS was named NSW Combined High School Champions in Athletics. This means we prevailed

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over every other public school in NSW, including those classified as Sports High Schools who have significant additional funding attached to their programs and actively “head hunt” the best athletes in their districts with inducements such as Sponsorships, Scholarships and promises of professional opportunities. I continually tell our kids you can do ANYTHING from this school – you can!

6. **Enrolment Demand:** It is little wonder given the brief overview I have provided that enrolment demand for positions at this school continues, unabated. Each year I turn away over 100 non-local enrolment applications. What I hadn’t anticipated is that many “in-area” students who initially went to other private or religion based schools in the area are now opting to come to us as is their entitlement under the DOE enrolment policy. It is reassuring to know that not even some of the private schools offer our level of support!

Finally, on behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. I have absolutely no doubt that our ongoing educational partnership will secure the success of your sons and daughters as they enter the 21st Century world.

Enjoy the break and please accept our sincere best wishes for Xmas and the New Year.

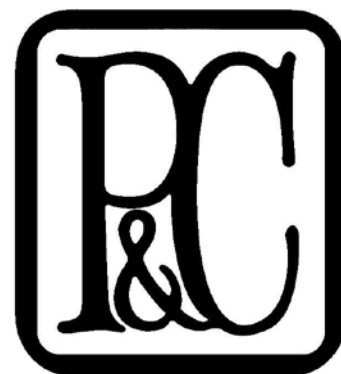
*With my kind regards,
John Hambly*

Warilla High School P&C

I would like to provide an open invitation to attend our P&C meetings. These are important meetings that serve as a forum to critique the work and direction of the school. It is an opportunity to tease out areas of concern and to make informed comments about the policies and processes that make our school tick. It is NOT a fundraising P&C in the traditional sense and I promise no one will be given a job.... unless they want it!

I look forward to seeing you at our first P&C Meeting on Tuesday 14 February, commencing at 6pm in the library.

**WHS P&C President
Natasha Saltalamacchia**



Newsletter Date Changes

From next year we will be changing the weeks that the newsletter is distributed.

It will change from Weeks 3 & 8 to Weeks 5 & 10. The next newsletter won’t be released until the 20th February 2017.

Deputies Report

It is hard to believe that this will be the last “Deputy Item” for the year, as it has flown by. However, before we start thinking of relaxing times ahead we need to attend to a few more important items.

**** November 29 – Year 11 into 12 Evening**

This event is for students and parents or carers of our Year 11 students, as they transition into the Higher School Certificate course. Many students and parents have a range of valid questions they would like answered, and any concerns you have should be addressed at this evening. We look forward to seeing you on the night, in the library for a 6:00 pm start.

**** December 6 – Presentation Evening**

This is one of the highlights of the year for the Warilla High School community. At this event, the students, staff and their families come together to celebrate the success of many of our students as we reflect on their learning and accomplishments for 2016. This is a very popular evening and we anticipate a packed hall full of proud families and excited students.

While these two events are highlights of the upcoming weeks, it is still business as usual in the meantime, as we continue teaching and learning at this wonderful school.

Now the warmer weather has returned, many students are starting to wear shorts to school. The correct school shorts for both boys and girls are available in the Uniform shop. Sports uniform is only to be worn to school on Thursday. Students are to wear their normal uniform to school and change into their sports uniform for PE on other days.

As the holidays approach soon teenagers across the country will have plenty of spare time to relax, regenerate and thoroughly enjoy the warmer weather. It is at this time that I want to remind all our students to enjoy their holidays safely, ensuring they return to us to start the 2016 school year in one piece!

As parents, there are many simple things that can be done to promote safety for our teens. Often teens do not want to be told what to do such as swim between the flags, wear a helmet and be home by a certain time. However, insisting your teen follow guidelines such as these is not unreasonable, even though they will try to tell you they are. Your teenager will insist that you are the only parent imposing boundaries; I’m here to tell you that you are not! It is often easy for teenagers to disappear all day to be with friends during the holidays. At these times there is the potential for you to have less daily influence on them than you feel you need to as a parent. It is not unreasonable to insist that your teen spend some time with you and the family during the holidays to balance the time they spend with their friends. Having this time allows you to help them plan their activities ensuring they are going to be safe, accounted for and not at a loose end which can often result in trouble. During this time please keep in mind that safety is not just physical but cyber safety is important as well. Unfortunately, we are very aware of predators that pose as others that can try and lure our students into making decisions that are not in their best interest. Please be vigilant in keeping an eye on your child and their Internet habits during the holidays.

We are already busily planning classes and lessons in readiness for next year, which will come around with surprising speed. In the meantime, have an enjoyable Christmas break and we will do it all over again in 2017. Years 7,11, and 12 start on Monday 30th January and Years 8,9 and 10 return the next day Tuesday 31st.

Deputy Principals

Mrs Raison, Ms Brook and Mr Stanizzo



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

Please visit the link below, like and share our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/WarillaHigh>

Our Facebook feed will also appear at the bottom of our website and in our Skoolbag App.

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Week 8B

28 November	• Year 11/12 English Advanced and Standard Assessment Task
29 November	• 2017 HSC Parent Evening
1-2 November	• SRC Camp

Week 9A

6 December	• Presentation Night
7-9 December	• Year 7 Camp

Week 10B

14 December	• Year 7-10 Report Handout
15 December	• HSC Results released

Week 11A

19 December	• Staff Development Day
20 December	• Staff Development Day

Week 1A

27 January	• Staff Return
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Week 2B

30 January	• Years 7, 11 and 12 Return
31 January	• Years 8, 9 and 10 Return
3 February	• Peer Support Bonding Day – Ms Lever

Week 3A

8 February	• Immunisation – Visit 1 • UOW Discovery Day – Year 12
22 November	• Year 6-7 Information Night

Week 4B

	• No Events Scheduled
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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 Cool to be at School" this is the catch phrase that heads up the recently updated attendance policy for Warilla High School. Everyone would agree that a good education is effectively delivered when a student is in class every lesson of every day. Research has also shown that high levels of student attendance deliver better results when compared with students who have attendance concerns.

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 percent attendance? Regular school attendance also created good habits for future employment opportunities and is desired by employers.

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

- Talk positively about attending school and learning at school
- Encourage your child to develop a routine for getting ready to go to school stress-free and on time
- Talk about the positive social impacts 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 at school every gives access to the most our school has to offer with post-school opportunities and also classroom material to help students prepare for assessment success.

Mandatory student attendance is a policy that schools take seriously. Unexplained student absences will be listed on a student's attendance record. Baby-sitting, problems with a car or the weather are not permissible reasons to miss a school day.

Remember it is never too late to improve attendance – going to school more often can lead to better outcomes. Every day counts.

If you wish to discuss your child's attendance, please contact the school and book an appointment with Mr Spooner.

Mr Spooner

Relieving HT Administration

Koori Awards

"Koori Awards Day" is on Wednesday 14 December in the Aboriginal Unit - 11.00am till 2.00pm. Invites are in the mail. Please RSVP by Friday 9th December. We would love to see as many of our community and family members as possible.

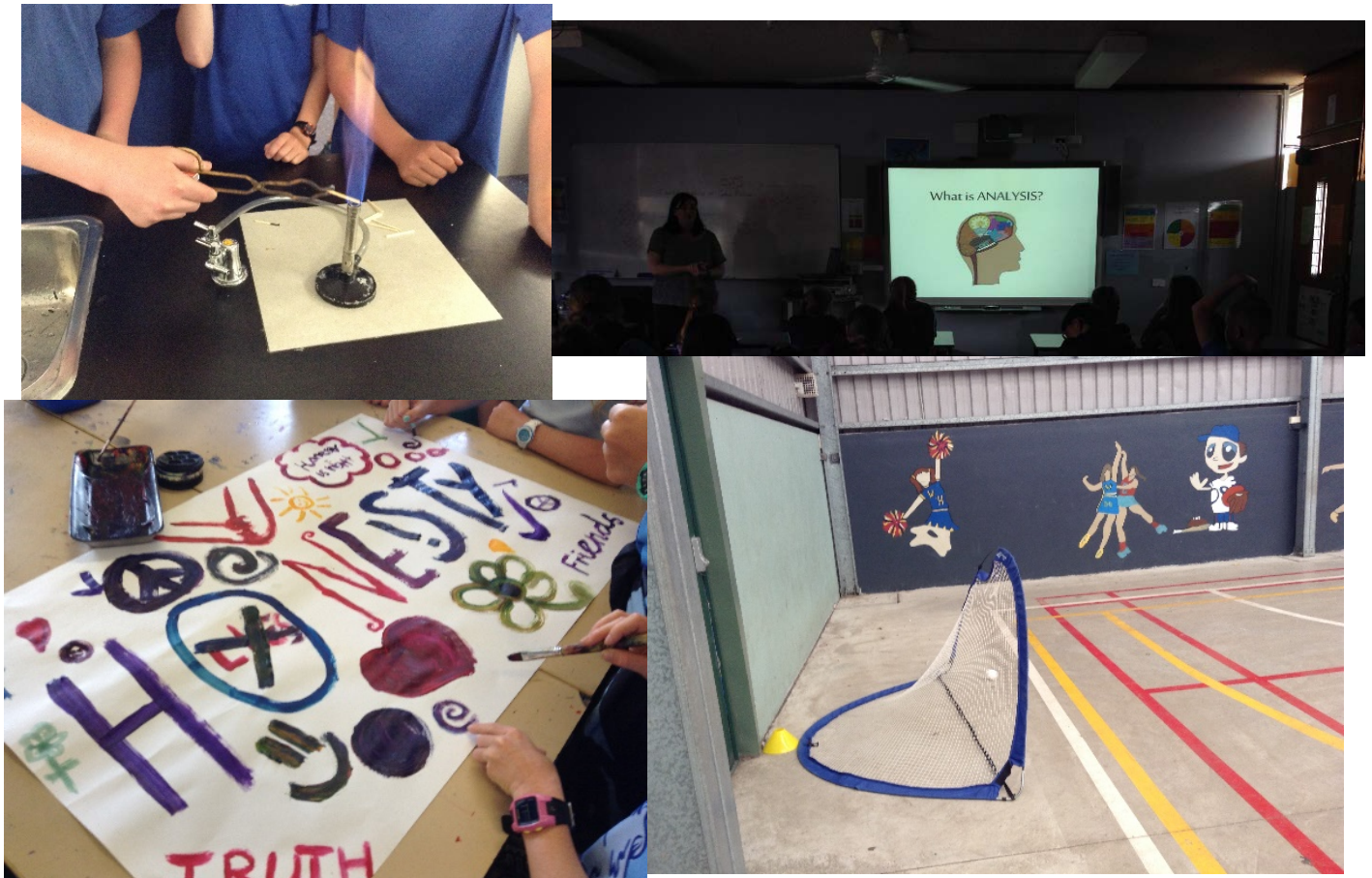
Thanks

Katrina Simon

Aboriginal Education Unit

Year 6-7 Warilla High School Transition Visits 2016

Over the past month our Year 7 2017 cohort engaged in high school simulation lessons and activities including, English, Maths, Science, PDHPE, Music, Art, Technology (cooking, woodworking metalwork) in preparation for Yr 7 transition to High School in 2017.



The students thoroughly enjoyed their experience and have already begun to build relationships with their Peer Support Leaders and Classroom Teachers. Many of the students do have older siblings already at Warilla High School and I would like to send my congratulations to all the Year 6 students for their positive behaviour during the visits. I wish them all a happy Christmas break and look forward to starting the new school year in 2017 with them as their Year Advisor.

Mrs. Lambert

Year 7 Advisor 2017

Year 11

Year 11 are currently selecting a venue for the formal 2017 and are required to pay a \$30 deposit by the end of the year. The formal will take place after the HSC exams and will be only for WHS students.

UPP (University Preparation Program) will be taking place on Tuesday 29/11/16 period 1 for interested students.

Ms Neden

Relieving Year 11 Adviser

Year 10

Year 10 had the opportunity to attend the Royal North Shore Hospital to participate in their P.A.R.T.Y (Prevention of Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth) program. This excursion allowed students to look at risk-taking behaviours in regards to youth and road safety. Year 10 were able to engage in road trauma rescue and treatment, we also heard from victims of road trauma. It was definitely an eye opening experience which I am sure will stay with the students for a long period of time.

The crossroads camp is in the progress of being organised. Please return your permission notes to the PE staff room and start paying the money to the front office.

Drew Cairncross

Year 10 Advisor



Special Provisions for HSC Examinations 2017

Disability Provisions for the 2017 HSC examinations are now open.

Disability Support provisions are practical support for students with a disability. Students' special examination needs may include learning (literacy difficulties), medical (including diabetes, epilepsy, chronic pain), vision or hearing difficulties.

Examples of provisions available include: braille or large-print papers, use of a writer and/or reader, use of an oral interpreter, extension of test time, rest breaks, separate examination supervision and permission to take medication.

If your child is considering applying for Disability Support (formerly known as Special Provisions), here is some important information from BOSTES regarding changes to Disability Support:

- Evidence should be no older than term 4 of the year prior to the HSC.
- Students experiencing an anxiety disorder should seek appropriate treatment or therapy **prior** to applying for provisions to ensure they have adequate strategies to cope in an examination situation. A course of evidence-based treatment often removes the need for disability provisions. Applications are likely to be declined unless the student has first undertaken treatment or therapy. If treatment has not adequately addressed the issues, only then should provisions be sought to assist the student in an examination situation
- A new provision has been added for 2017. This provision does not involve a variation to marking guidelines.:
 - **examiner aware - speaking or performance:** for a student in a speaking or performance examination who may require accommodation where, for example, the student:
 - has a stutter or is unable to maintain eye contact
 - lip reads and needs to face the examiner
 - is on the autism spectrum and may miss drama cues
 - requires enlarged stimulus material where appropriate

BOSTES prefers that applications for existing conditions are submitted to them by the end of Term 1, 2017. It is possible to lodge a late application.

If you have any queries regarding Disability Support applications, please contact Ros Gaynor Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) 42963055

Ms Gaynor

Learning and Support Teacher

Year 9

What a wonderful 2016 it has been for our Year 9 students! It has been a busy year which has included – Camp, Naplan testing, Peer Support training, outstanding academic results, wonderful sporting achievements, welfare programs and Year 10 subject selections – just to name a few. It's time to finish the year strong and prepare for the beginning of the ROSA in 2017. Well done Year 9. Stay safe and enjoy the break!

Mr Roskell

Year 9 Advisor

Year 8

As Year 8 Progress into Year 9 the fast approaching NAPLAN will be taking place in Term 1 2017. Students are encouraged to practice NAPLAN-style questions in order to be fully prepared and to engage wholeheartedly in practice tasks in class. Students are now required to meet the benchmark of a Band 8 in literacy, reading and numeracy to qualify for an HSC in Year 12. If this benchmark is not met in Year 9, the test can be re-taken until students reach the required benchmark. As with any examination, the more prepared students are the more likely they are to be successful. I will be printing and handing out past papers to students so encouragement at home to practice will be highly beneficial to their results

Mrs Bujaroski

Science Teacher and Year 8 Advisor

Online Uniform Store

Looking to purchase your child's school uniform online?

We now have a brand new 'Shop Now' button on our Facebook page, click it and it will take you straight to our online store! No need to get out of your chair!

Alternatively, you can visit our school website (www.warilla-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) -> Our School -> Uniform -> Online Store and this will take you there.



United Nations Global Goals Youth Forum

On Friday 21st October, Jordyn Burke, Tyson Wood, Emily Cook, Jovan Ristevski and Hayley Velasco attended the United Nations Global Goals Youth Forum at the Nan Tien Temple. The students were involved in problem-solving activities around seventeen major world issues and discussing possible solutions to global problems.

The day was an enriching activity with influential speakers from around Australia including an opening address from the member for Keira Mr Ryan Park MLA inspiring students to think as a team and brainstorm possible solutions. I would like to thank Warilla High School for funding the students who attended and Warilla Bowling Club who provided their bus for the day and finally a big thank you to Mrs Pettit for her bus driving.



Mr Ben Spooner

Year 7, 2017 Vaccinations

Each year, NSW Health works in partnership with our school to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents, as part of the school vaccination program.

All year 7 students (male and female) will be offered:

- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine

This is the adolescent booster needed by all students at this age

- Varicella (Chicken pox) vaccine

This is a catch-up for students who have **not** had the vaccine or disease.

- Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV)

This vaccine provides protection against a virus which could lead to disease in later years.

Students cannot be vaccinated unless a completed and signed consent form is returned to the school.

First Vaccination date is **Wednesday 8th February, 2017**

Second visit: Wednesday 17th May, 2017

Third visit: Wednesday 11th October, 2017

Look out for consent forms early in 2017!

Further information will be provided in Parent Information Packs, given to Year 7 students on the first day of school. It is also available in many languages at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Immunisation/schoolprog/index.asp>

A record of vaccination will be given to your child at the time of each vaccination. Please keep these for your records and provide a copy to your local doctor. Please note that these Year 7 vaccinations are provided free only while your child is in Year 7.

For questions or concerns, please contact NSW Public Health or Emma King (Girls supervisor) at school. Further information will be issued closer to the date.

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Ms King

SHE IS THEIR HERO CAN YOU BE HERS?

There are thousands of Australians who personify heroism.

They're strong, brave and tough; but they're not athletes or celebrities.

They're men and women who find courage to flee from abusive households, who find strength to overcome disadvantaged upbringings and who make incredible sacrifices to protect their children.

They're people like Anna, who Vinnies and its volunteers assist each and every day.

It's your generosity that will let us continue to rebuild their strength and help them overcome adversity this Christmas.

If you can find it in your heart, please donate at vinnies.org.au/christmasappeal or call 13 18 12.



WELFARE What's on

YEAR 7
CAMP
7, 8, 9 DEC

Presentation
Night
6th December
6pm

END OF YEAR
ACTIVITIES
12TH DEC

SRC CAMP
1 -2
DECEMBER

HOUSE SURVIVOUR
DAY
13TH DEC

CAPA
Virtual

Gallery

Year 8 Visual Art Extension.



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KEEP IT OUT OF SIGHT DAY & NIGHT



STOP THEFT FROM YOUR VEHICLE

A message from the NSW Police Force



NSW Police Force



Transport
for NSW

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.

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.

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



Home > About Opal > Opal for school students > Opal for school excursions

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18 Lee Street, Chippendale NSW 2008 | PO Box K659, Haymarket NSW 1240

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**Transport
for NSW**

School travel 2017

Application information Nov 2016

Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) for 2017

With preparation well under way for 2017, it is a great time to begin thinking about BYOD. Warilla High School has no commercial connection to any local businesses, however, we have been working with Domayne Warrawong for some pricing options on some entry level devices.

The range of devices now available in a price range under \$500 has expanded this year as retailer's source a wider range of affordable devices for students. The range offered in the Domayne Flyer is a great example of devices appropriate for students at Warilla High School.

As we approach the Christmas period and the post-Christmas sales many retailers will have specials on laptops so keep watching for specials offered by local retailers and online stores. Also, it is important to consider insurance and product replacement plans that are available because any device that arrives at school is a student responsibility.

Other considerations related to BYOD include protective cases, a wireless mouse and a carry bag to protect the device. Retailers both instore and online offer many different extras brought to Warilla High School will not be a school responsibility.

Warilla High School's BYOD website <http://warillahighbyod.weebly.com/> also offers suggestions on devices appropriate for school and free software available through the Department of Education student portal to minimise costs. Retailers offering BYOD are listed below.



Domayne
119-121 King St, Warrawong NSW 2502
(02) 4255 1800



JB Hifi
Lake Entrance Road, Shellharbour NSW 2529
(02) 4295 312



Harvey Norman
157-161 King St, Warrawong NSW 2502
(02) 4223 8800



Joyce Mayne
113 King St, Warrawong NSW 2502
(02) 4276 0000



The Good Guys
79-85 King St, Warrawong NSW 2502
(02) 4255 2600



Office Works
145 Princes Hwy, Fairy Meadow NSW 2519
(02) 4224 4500

Ben Spooner/Barry Jones
Computer Coordinators

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D O M A Y N E

YOUR APPLE & WINDOWS EDUCATION EXPERTS

OPTION 1



Laptop Minimum Specifications

HP Stream 11-r007tu Laptop \$288

Perfectly portable with a 11.6" screen, HP's Stream is ideal for web browsing & document writing

*Intel Dual Core, 2GB Ram & 32GB Storage

\$4.35 p/w when you FLEXIRENT over 24 Months

OPTION 1 BUNDLE

- Device
- 1 Year Internet Security
- Powerguard ChargeAll
- Extra 1 year Replacement Plan
- Targus 12" Case

\$581 or \$8.95

a week when you FLEXIRENT over 24 Months*

OPTION 2



Laptop Recommended Specifications

Acer Aspire r3-131T-C62X 11.6" \$398

Acer's Inspire 2 in 1 Device, with a massive 4GB Ram its the perfect device for both school & home.

* Intel Dual Core, 4GB Ram and 32GB Storage

\$6.22 p/w when you FLEXIRENT over 24 Months

OPTION 2 BUNDLE

- Device
- 1 Year Internet Security
- Powerguard ChargeAll
- Extra 1 year Replacement Plan
- Targus 12" Case

\$671 or \$10.31

a week when you FLEXIRENT over 24 Months*

OPTION 3



Laptop Premium Specifications

Lenovo Yoga 11.6" 2-in-1 Laptop \$498

Featuring a lightweight and ergonomic design, Lenovo's 2 in 1, packs touchscreen with convenience

* Intel Dual Core, 4GB Ram and 500GB Storage.

\$7.74 p/w when you FLEXIRENT over 24 Months



Flexirent offer Protection against loss, accidental damage & theft.

Often repayments are tax deductible.

Flexible end of term options also available.

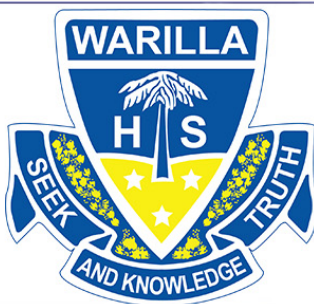
Conditions: Applicant must be employed earning more than 20K to apply

OPTION 3 BUNDLE

- Device
- 2 Year Internet Security
- Powerguard ChargeAll
- Extra 1 year Replacement Plan
- Targus 12" Case

\$827 or \$15.75

a week when you FLEXIRENT over 24 Months*



Warilla High School

Don't see the computer you want listed? Come in-store for more specials

D O M A Y N E

119-121 King street Warrawong ph: 4255 1800

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

Make Online Payments (POP)

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 [school's 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 art 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 students name, and
- class and reference number OR

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- the students 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

Please Note: A note from a parent or verbal explanation from a 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

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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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PRICE LIST / ORDER FORM ON THE BACK

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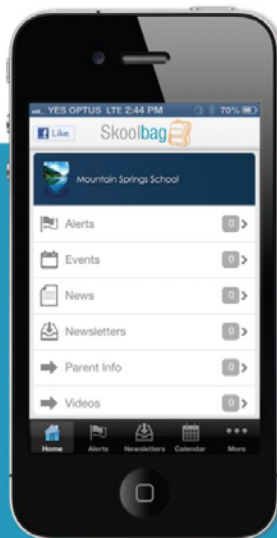
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ITEM		PRICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL INCL GST
Girls	SNR Sky Blouse	28.00			
	Girls Navy Shorts	36.00			
	JNR Navy Skirt	40.00			
	SNR Tartan Skirt	48.00			
Boys	SNR Boys Sky Shirts	28.00			
	Boys Navy Shorts	36.00			
Unisex	Fleecy Jackets	39.00			
	JNR Polo	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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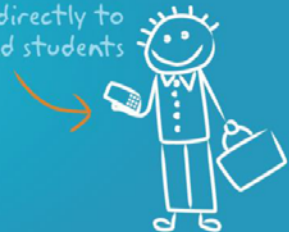
Smartphone school to parent communication



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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Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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