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#### **Principal's Message**

So here we are, the last newsletter of the year, and while in some ways it seems to have taken an eternity, in other ways it has rushed by. Another milestone is that while I have been leading the school for the past 18 months, it is also officially one year since I have been substantively in the Principal's role, and what a year. I am proud to say that despite the many COVID issues, I have not missed a day being at work and ready to serve the students and Staff of Warilla High School.

Looking at the last 12 months, it is hard to believe we have done so many upgrades and refurbishments to the school. The absence of students and Staff (during the lockdown) has given me the chance to really get stuck in to updating so many different areas. At the moment we are about 2/3 of the way through renewing many of our roof surfaces. E Block (which houses English, PE and the Foreshore Centre) and D Block (which is home to many Science labs and Maths rooms) now own new shiny and waterproof roofing. This week we are starting on a substantial change to the Library Block, and during the holidays we will finish off this program by doing some pretty amazing things to the Hall, which includes re-engineering the gutters and overflow water.

During this year we have been pretty systematic working our way through the various classroom Blocks fixing things such as renewing blinds, replacing carpet and fixing holes in walls so that each and every classroom is a fit place for our students to focus on their learning and be proud of their environment. Further to this, we have now completed my plan to have "hydration stations" in every Block. Again, my plan is to make the school as comfortable as possible for our students so that their focus is on learning, so if having chilled and filtered water free to students in every Block that must be a good thing.

Moving from the buildings, there have been many other things happening that we should celebrate. Friday Week 8 saw the Aboriginal Education Awards event. With over 100 Aboriginal students in the school, it was great to share with them an event which celebrated their outstanding academic achievement, attendance rates of 85 to 100%, and other events such as their work on NAIDOC week this year. Here is where I would add that Thomas Nicholls, one of our Year 12 2020 students received a Statewide award, called a Nanga Mai Award, for his academic excellence. Even though we had to follow COVID restrictions and no family were allowed to attend, it was a great event. The students were the MCs, they Acknowledged Country and congratulated each other for their outstanding achievement. I thank Ms Neden, Ms Jennifer Maher and Ms Simons for supporting the students, but also for letting the students host and drive the event.

Last week also saw our second "Christmas Stalls" organised by the SRC, Ms Campbell and Ms Crnogorcevic. It was a wonderful day when students and the Foreshore Centre, who were stallholders, sold their various produce to the rest of the school and some outside vendors came, in COVID safe conditions, outstanding quality of our students, and I join them in this endorsement and support of our students. At the end of the day, every vendor commented on the good manners and kind behaviour of the students of Warilla High School. This is a wonderful endorsement of our students, and I look forward to next year when I am sure the SRC will again excel in this area.

It seems like ages ago, but only two weeks ago our Year 12 finished the final HSC exams. I want to congratulate all our Year 12 students and their families for their incredible fortitude in what has been a challenging year for us all. We know our students have worked hard for the HSC and it is important that our exams proceed as planned. They finished with the same excellent attitude they showed all year. At their formal farewell, the careers and security staff



commented on what amazing young people they are. On the evening they presented beautifully, and their families would have been proud of their behaviour at the event. We are hoping for good results from this great group of students, many of whom have already been accepted into university because of their exceptional results during the year.

End of year reports will become available on Friday of Week 9. Following on from our half-year reports we are offering to publish our students' reports electronically, and parents and carers can access these on the Sentral portal. We have also sent home an "opt in" alternative for those families who would like a "hard copy" to be printed for their collection. We are pleased to be joining the community in being "greener" and saving paper with this option.

With various changes around COVID rules continuing, we are following the current guidelines and unfortunately our Prize Giving Ceremony next week will not be open to the general public. We will still be celebrating the achievements of our Year 7 – 11 students and awarding many students with certificates and gift certificates to mark their excellent achievements during 2020. I am sure you will join us in celebrating the hard work of our students during this very challenging year. Year 10 and Staff will be the audience for this event.

Finally, with the school days of 2020 coming to an end, can I thank you for your support of the school during this very difficult year. We have gone to some amazing measures and cost to ensure the safety of your students, but this has been money well spent. Mind you I do get frustrated sometimes, as I have just had the fourth soap dispenser ripped off the wall in the Junior Boys toilets in a matter of weeks. Hopefully early next year, there will be good news around possible vaccination and greater certainty around the well-being of our students and the wider community. School finishes for students, with the last day of term being Wednesday 16th December, and Staff have two days of professional learning after that. Very soon we will all be enjoying a well-deserved break.

With the end of the year, there will be a few changes in Staff ready for next year. I would like to thank Ms Luckman and Ms Masters who have been relieving Deputy Principals for the year, working alongside the highly valuable Mr Hales. Ms Luckman and Ms Masters have been a vital part of the senior executive team, and their hard work is very much appreciated. 2020 has been an immensely difficult year with lockdowns and so many restrictions with what schools have been allowed to do, and they have helped to make this the best possible version of 2020 at Warilla High. I have benefitted from working with them and appreciate their compassion and genuine connection to the students.

In the meantime, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe celebration of the New Year. Our teachers are returning to work on Wednesday and Thursday 27th and 28th January next year. This is slightly different from previous years as Staff will have two days of professional development before Year 7, 11 and 12 will be coming for their first day on Friday 29th January 2021. Finally, Years 8,9 and 10 will join us on Monday 1st February 2021. Keep safe and well until we see you again.

With kind regards, Ms Brook, Principal

#### **Deputies' Report**

The final weeks of school for 2020 have now arrived, and it is important to focus on the positives from the past twelve months and look forward to a bigger and brighter 2021.

A positive for 2020 was that we found the majority of our students were resilient in the face of change. They readily adapted to online learning platforms during the period of school lockdown and demonstrated care and consideration when the health restrictions associated with COVID-19 were at their height. They navigated a school year where they were essentially deprived of those extra-curricula activities that make the school one of the most memorable periods in a person's life. They may not have been able to participate in sporting competitions, school excursions or had the opportunity to share their successes with family members and loved ones, yet they have walked out of our school gates at the end of each day with a smile on their faces. Overall it is gratifying to know that our future is in such good hands.

As a response to the disruptions caused to student learning by COVID-19, the state government has invested extra funding into schools for the 2021 school year. This funding will be available for the first 20 weeks of next year with the guidelines that it be used to improve or remediate student literacy and numeracy. As part of the process, a student's performance will need to be measured at the commencement of an initiative to provide baseline data and then again measured at the end of the time period to ascertain growth. The

school already has a number of data sources available from 2020 including Best Start and Snap testing which has allowed us to commence the planning around the best way to deliver a program that will see sustained student growth in these two fundamental areas. We will be able to supply more information on how this funding is to be used early in 2021.

In preparation for 2021, we believe it is important that all in the school community appreciate that a school needs to present a positive image to the wider community. Great things may be occurring behind the school gates, but it is important it is for these triumphs not to be overshadowed by negative and unfounded community perceptions. A simple example can be found in the wearing of school uniform. A uniform provides a sense of belonging, and this feeling is amplified when it is worn with pride and the knowledge that the wearer will be viewed by all in a positive light. This year the high standard of uniform compliance did slip. This is understandable as shortages, again due to COVID, made the purchasing of some uniform items difficult. The good news is that these shortages are no longer an issue.

Our uniform shop is stocked and our supplier, Daylight, cannot see future supply difficulties. New items of uniform will become available in 2021 including elastic waisted school shorts, a winter jumper and a thick winter jacket. These winter items are expected in-store around March or April before the cold weather does really set in. We do request that if you are considering buying winter clothing before these items are available, you stick with a plain navy blue pullover or jacket. Multi-colours and hoodies do not reflect a positive image of the school and jumpers worn under school shorts have presented both safety and hygiene issues in the past. (Yes, believe it or not, we have had students suffer heat exhaustion when, for the sake of fashion, they have felt that they have been unable to take off a jumper worn under a shirt. Also, some of our male students, on days warmer than expected, have failed to recognise the impact that body odour may have on those around them. They have therefore continued to wear a jacket under their shirt. This has led to some awkward and embarrassing moments and conversations.)

In 2021 the school will be welcoming back Mr Ind and Mr Kershaw to the Deputy Principal positions at our school. Both have been working in roles outside of our school, and the new skills and the experiences that they have gained will be integral in driving our school's new Strategic Improvement Plan. Our three Deputy Principals will therefore be Mr Hales (Years 7 & 11), Mr Kershaw (Years 8 & 12 and Mr Ind (Years 9 & 10).

Ms Luckman, our 2020 Deputy for Year 7 and 11, has been successful in gaining a newly formed position, Teaching Quality Advisor — Learning Ecosystems. This position will see Ms Luckman working both within our school and at a regional level to develop greater community consultation and input to benefit the learning of students. This is a real coup for both Ms Luckman and the school, and we congratulate her on this appointment.

It would be remiss at this point not to acknowledge and thank Ms Master who in 2020 filled the role of Deputy Principal responsible for Years 8 and 12 and leading our Excellence for All portfolio. Your passion for education and the care shown for those students in your year groups has been on show for all to see.

Finally, we would like to wish all of our students and their families a happy and safe Christmas and New Year period..

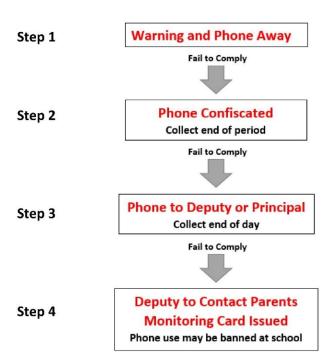
Mr Hales, Mrs Luckman and Mrs Masters



# Warilla High School Mobile Phone Policy



- It is recommended that students <u>do not</u> bring phones to school. Students who bring a phone, do so at their own risk
- Mobile phones (including earphones/airpods) are to be out of sight and in bags during all lessons, unless otherwise instructed by the classroom teacher
- If students <u>fail to comply</u> with this rule then they will be issued a consequence following a <u>4 step process</u>





# Warilla High School Uniform Policy

# **Junior**



Navy Shorts

Skirt or Skort

Navy Trackpants







#### Shoes

should be predominantly white or black & be fully enclosed.



- Any unbranded uniform must be **plain navy**.
- Shorts, skirts or skorts should be mid-thigh in length.
- A plain white long sleeve t-shirt may be worn under the white polo.

Leggings or tights are to be worn under shorts, skorts or skirts
- not on their own.

Please note this infographic is a summary. Please refer to comprehensive Uniform Policy on the WHS website.

Warilla High School, 2020



# Warilla High School Uniform Policy

## Senior



Senior Shirt

School Jacket

Senior Jersey









**Navy Shorts** 

**Pleated Check Skirt** 

Navy Trackpants







#### Shoes

should be predominantly white or black & be fully enclosed.



- Any unbranded uniform must be plain navy.
- Shorts, skirts or skorts should be mid-thigh in length.
- A plain white long sleeve t-shirt may be worn under the senior shirt.

Leggings or tights are to be worn under shorts, skorts or skirts
- not on their own.

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Warilla High School, 2020



# Warilla High School Uniform Policy

# **Sport**



Representative Jumpers





**Navy Shorts** 

**Navy Trackpants** 





#### Shoes

should be predominantly white or black & be fully enclosed.



- Any unbranded uniform must be **plain navy**.
- Shorts, skirts or skorts should be mid-thigh in length.
- A **plain white** long sleeve t-shirt may be worn under the sport polo .

Leggings or tights are to be worn under shorts, skorts or skirts - not on their own.

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Warilla High School, 2020

#### WARILLA HIGH SCHOOL - UNIFORM POLICY

Warilla High School is a proud uniform wearing school. This is in accordance with the Department of Education policy and supported by the whole school community – students (represented by Student Representative Council), parents and families (represented by the P&C), and staff.

Wearing school uniform presents a positive public image to the community of our school. School uniform also fosters a safer school environment by enabling students to be easily identified. All students are expected to wear full school uniform every day.

Years 7 - 10
Junior School
Uniform –
Boys & Girls

Boys	<u>Girls</u>		
Plain* White Polo Shirt	Plain* White Polo Shirt		
Plain* Navy Blue Jacket or Jumper	Plain* Navy Blue Jacket or Jumper		
Plain* Navy Trousers	Plain* Navy Trousers		
Plain* Navy Mid-thigh Shorts	Plain* Navy Mid-thigh Shorts or Skirt		
School Tracksuit	School Tracksuit		

Years 11 – 12	Boys	<u>Girls</u>
Senior School	Sky Blue School Button Up Shirt	Sky Blue School Button Up Shirt
80.0000	Plain* Navy Blue Jacket or Jumper	Plain* Navy Blue Jacket or Jumper
Uniform –	Senior Jersey	Senior Jersey
Boys & Girls	Plain* Navy Mid-thigh Shorts or	Plain* Navy Mid-thigh Shorts or
	Trousers	Trousers
		School Checked Pleated Skirt
	School Tracksuit	School Tracksuit

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- \*PLAIN means WITHOUT patterns, stripes, slogans of ANY kind.
- A plain **WHITE** T-shirt may be worn underneath the normal white school polo shirt for Years 7-10 or the blue senior shirt for Years 11 and 12. Shirts must be buttoned up at all times.
- In very cold/wet weather any jacket worn MUST BE PLAIN NAVY BLUE.
- Shoes: Predominately white or black fully-enclosed sneakers or joggers. Note: Light canvas 'Raben' shoes/ballet style shoes do not meet Workplace Health & Safety regulations.
- Leggings or tights are to be worn under skirts or shorts not on their own. Offending students will be asked to report to the Deputy Principal where they will be given a skirt or shorts to wear on loan.
- Skirts and shorts must be of appropriate length ie: mid-thigh.
- Skirts, shorts or pants must also be worn at a socially acceptable height at all times so that there is no gap between the shirt and skirt.
- Jewellery is to be kept to a minimum and be unobtrusive, including studded body piercing.
- School representative sport jumpers are only to be worn on sports day ie Thursday.

#### **Physical Education and Sport Uniforms**

**Footwear** Sports shoes or joggers must be worn.

**Shirt** The Warilla High School Sports Shirt must be worn for PE and Sport.

**Shorts** The Warilla High School Rugby/Soccer Sports Shorts must be worn for PE and Sport.

**Tracksuit** The school tracksuit for both boys and girls.

**Jewellery** No earrings (except studs), rings, bangles, necklaces or watches.

ON THURSDAYS STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO WEAR THEIR PE UNIFORM ALL DAY. IT MUST **NOT** BE WORN IN NORMAL CLASSROOM LESSONS ON **ANY OTHER DAY.** 

24 September 2019

# **WARILLA HIGH SCHOOL - UNIFORM PROCEDURES**

#### If a student is unable to wear school uniform they:

- have a note from the Parent/Caregiver explaining the reason
- Roll Call teacher will record on Sentral ('Toggle uniform') and refer to Head Teacher for a Uniform Slip
- produce uniform slip on request from teachers throughout the day
- be aware that if the correct shoes are not worn students will be unable to participate in some practical activities (see below)

#### When a student has a note from home, Head Teacher:

collects student note, issues Uniform Slip and records incident on HT Uniform Tracking Sheet

#### When a student has no note, Head Teacher:

- issues Uniform Slip and records incident on HT Uniform Tracking Sheet
- counsels student regarding uniform
- contacts parents on the 2nd incident in a term
- issues a HT lunch detention
- exclusion from school activities for 3 or more incidents in a term

#### When a student is out of school uniform with no Uniform Slip:

- the teacher will request student removes item of clothing immediately, if appropriate
- if a student refuses to follow instructions seek support of HT or send student with a note and a responsible student to the Faculty HT
- the Teacher/HT to record incident and follow up on Sentral

Long term non-compliance will result in non-participation in extra-curricular and whole school activities including but not limited to: Incursions, Year Excursions, Camps, Formals, Ski Trip, Other non-curriculum based activities eg. Sporting teams

If student is **not** in the correct footwear they will be unable to participate in activities in the following areas: Science Laboratories, Industrial Arts, Food Technology and Textiles, Visual Arts

#### Calendar

#### Week 10B

16/12/2020	Last Day for Students
18/12/2020	Last Day for Staff

#### Week 1A

27/01/2021	Staff Development Day
28/01/2021	Staff Development Day
29/01/2021	Years 7, 11 and 12 return

#### Week 2B

01/02/2021	Years 8, 9 and 10 return
02/02/2021	Core Skills – Parent Information Night
04/02/2021	School Swimming Carnival
01/02/2021-	Year 7 Best Start
05/02/2021	real / Best Start

#### Week 3A

08/02/2021-	Year 7 Best Start			
12/02/2021				
10/02/2021	Year 7 Immunisations			

#### Week 4B

15/02/2021	School Photos
15/02/2021	School Photos (Catchup)
18/02/2021-	SRC Camp
19/02/2021	Sinc camp

#### Week 5A

No Events

#### **IMPORTANT MESSAGES**

#### **LATE ARRIVAL – CHANGE OF PROCEDURES**

Up until 9.30am 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 9.30am 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.

#### **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.

#### **OPAL CARDS**

Dear Parents,

Representatives from 'Premier Illawarra' have asked us to inform the school community that they will be active as of Monday the 02/11/2020 enforcing the need for students to have and use their OPAL cards on the school buses.

When a student taps both on and off a school bus, the data is recorded, and this information has two purposes. The first is to help track a student's movements if a safety issue arises. The second is headcount to determine whether a bus route is still required or whether additional buses need to be added to a particular route. Unless an accurate headcount is maintained, there is no guarantee that these services will be able to be maintained into the future.

Premier has informed the school that on Wednesday 04/11/2020 they will not be transporting any student without a card or proof that a new card has been requested. Parents will therefore need to arrange alternative transport arrangements for these students.

If your child has misplaced their OPAL card, either telephone OPAL on 136725 or visit <a href="https://www.opal.com.au">https://www.opal.com.au</a> for information and directions on replacing cards.

#### Year 9

This year is one we won't forget, and Year 9 have proved to be a group of resilient young people. It has been wonderful to see students step up to the challenges of learning and develop their interpersonal skills. Students eased back into a normal school routine and ceased opportunities like Peer Support and the Save a Mate program.

Student achievement was acknowledged during the Year 9 Merit assembly. An abundant number of students received Semester awards and Year Advisor awards. Once again, I would like to congratulate these students, and I'm looking forward to celebrating student achievements next year. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back next year in Year 10.

Mrs Ratajkoski Year 9 Advisor

#### SRC

The SRC has once again had an extremely busy Term 4. Our biggest event of the year is the Christmas Stalls that we run for the students of the school to buy and sell products. This day was once again, a huge success. Charlie Ryan in Year 9 sums up this day perfectly.

"On the 21st of November the SRC held the Christmas stalls. An event I look forward to every year. This year though seemed extra special, with everything that's been going on in the world this event was something to look forward to. After weeks of planning by the stallholders and the SRC, we were able to make the event happen. The atmosphere was incredible, and the store's decorations were amazing. Stores ranged from sweet treats to macrame plants. This event lifted everyone's spirits and brought the school together, sharing joy and Christmas spirit.

A big Thank you to the SRC, external vendors, stallholders, Mr Nolan (for taking photos on the day), Mrs Vasos (for creating a short film), Mrs C and teachers, others who volunteered time to help out and most importantly Mrs Campbell - SRC coordinator for making everything happen".

In the weeks that followed, the SRC ran a Christmas mufti day and BBQ to support local charities with their Christmas appeal. We raised close to \$400 which will be donated to the Illawarra Women's Health centre to help them to provide Christmas dinner for families in need, to help reunite communities separated by COVID and to provide gifts for children. Thank You to all of our school community that donated and supported this cause.

The SRC has represented the student body to offer suggestions for new uniform options next year. I couldn't be prouder of the maturity and professionalism with which they presented their ideas to Mrs Brook, and we are excited to see these options become a reality in 2021.

We are still up and running with TOMRA and our partnership with Return and Earn venues at The Links, Killalea and Shellharbour Square. Please support us by returning your bottles to these venues and selecting Warilla High School as your choice for direct donation. Please remember us over the Christmas and Holiday period.

It has been an absolute delight to work with such a proactive group of students this year. It has been challenging, and many of our initial ideas had to be changed quickly or totally revamped. The versatility and dedication to improvement for their fellow students that embodies the SRC is astounding. Thank you to everyone who has helped or supported our initiatives this year.

Mrs Campbell SRC Organiser

#### **From the Library**

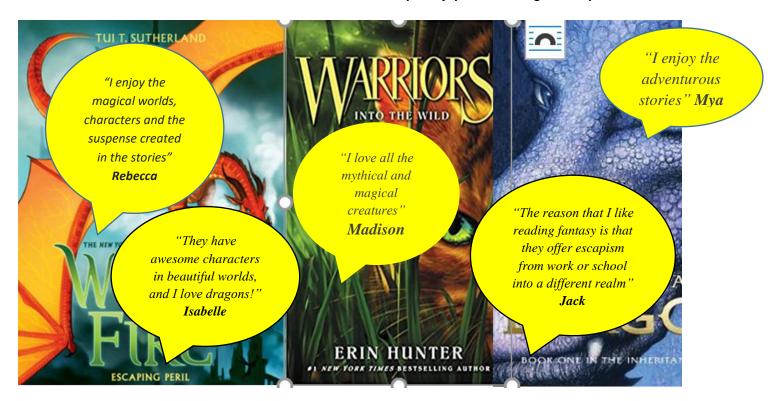
We finally have our new large display board! This allows us to showcase lots of new books and series with you all.

This months 'Genre of the Month' is FANTASY





We asked some of our avid readers "What do you enjoy about reading a fantasy novel?"



This year we have introduced a 'Device Free Zone' (unless completing school work) every Monday and Wednesday second break. It has been great to see students using this time to play Chess, Uno and other board games, read or just relax in the bean bags chatting to friends.







Next year during these breaks, the Library team will be setting up a Makerspace to create further opportunities for collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and creativity using LEGO.

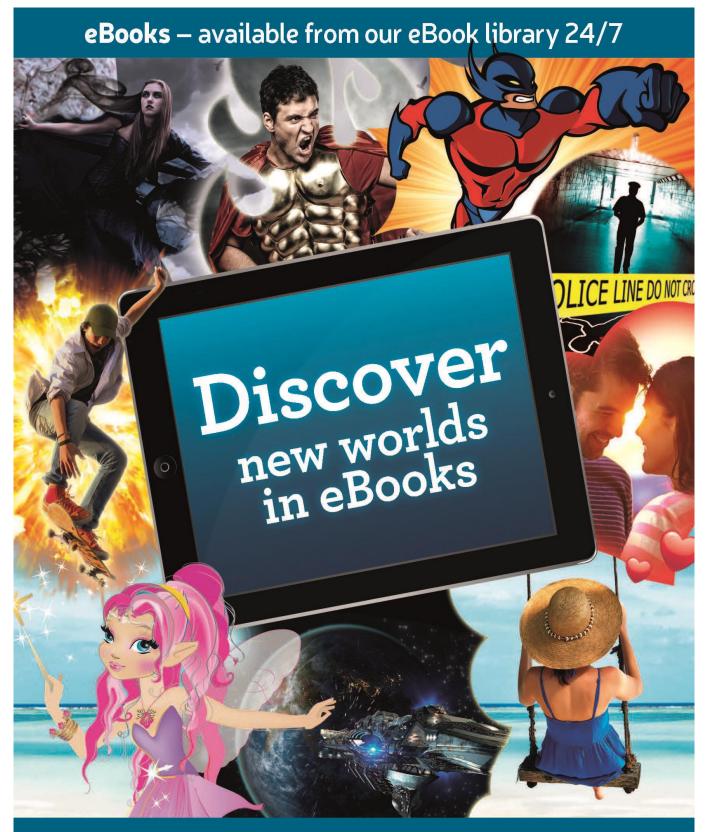
Lego has already been utilised by Year 7 during some of their Library lessons. Many students have been busy recreating scenes and characters from their favourite books.











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#### **Year 8 Marine Studies**

Students from Marine Studies classes recently went on a kayaking trip in Jervis Bay. They kayaked from Callala Bay boat ramp around to Red Point and back. The weather was a bit grey, but the water was calm & provided great conditions for kayaking. The students and staff all had a fantastic day!

Thanks to Jervis Bay Kayaking and Paddlesports for taking us out on the water.

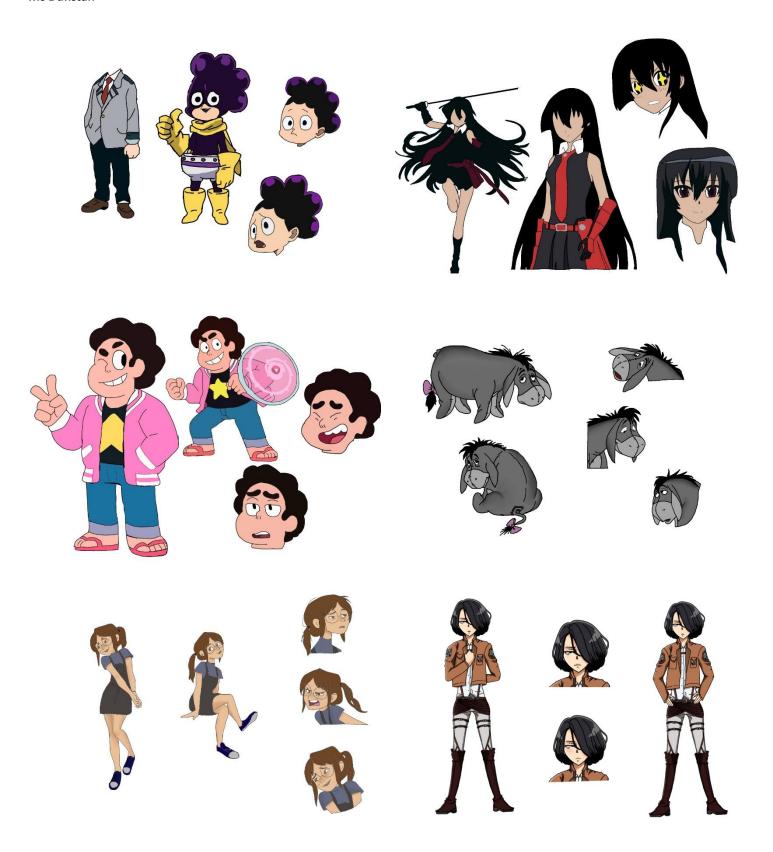
#### **Mrs Hanson**

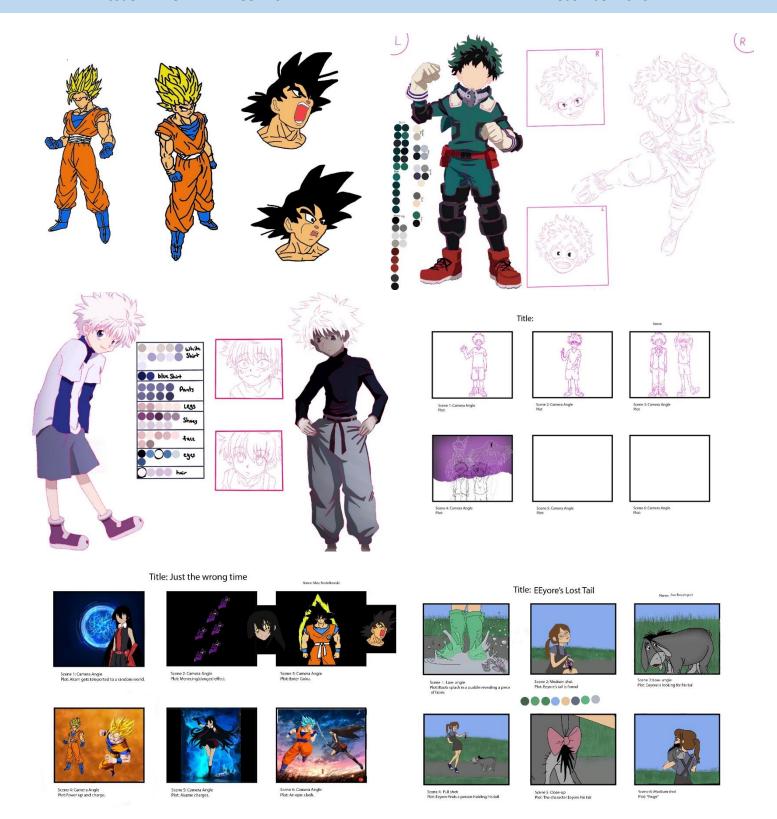


#### **Year 8 Digital Art**

Students in Year 8 Digital Art have been learning how to use Digital Drawing tools to create Character Designs and Storyboards. Students have studied and analysed Digital Animations to understand colour selection, costume design, character emotion and camera angles. Students have learnt a variety of tools and built numerous skills to digitally draw, paint, blend and sculpt in Photoshop, both on computers and on iPads. Students were able to build character designs based on their favourite characters and then used these to form a storyboard for a short film. Students are currently building 3 Dimensional Characters using innovative software which we hope to share with you through WHS social media platform soon.

#### Ms Dunstan



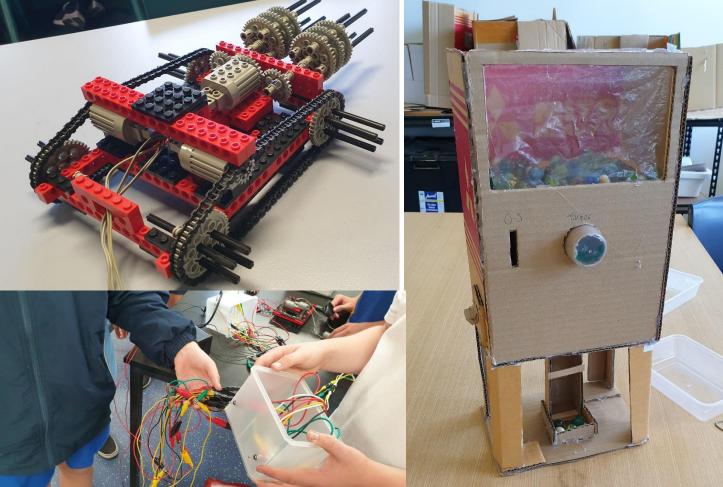


#### **STEM**

The brand new custom-designed STEM room has already been put to good use, with our students in the STEM electives working on a range of project-based learning programs under the guidance of Mr Koglin and Mr Berry. With programs ranging from designing and building models of green sustainable housing, to building and wiring Lego 'Battle Bots' for their ultimate showdown (including a student-produced 'short-film' to accompany it), to teleconferencing with real-life engineers to receive feedback on their projects, to designing and constructing cardboard gumball dispensers as part of the student-directed STEM program; our students in the STEM electives are enthusiastically utilising their opportunities to develop their 21st Century learning skills!

2021 is also shaping up to be a promising year, with Mr Koglin developing plans for a 'STEM Club', which will allow students the opportunity to utilise the STEM room and develop their skills working on self-directed project-based activities such as coding, soldering, electronics and other related STEM projects.





Mr Koglin

#### **Careers**

#### **Education Support Traineeships**

Congratulations to Ebony Best (Yr 10) & Jade Cattell (Yr 9) who were successful in gaining a traineeship in Education Support. Both girls will be completing their traineeships at Warilla High school assisting our SLSO's, whilst completing the qualification at TAFE NSW.





#### **UOW Summer Master Class**

Congratulations to the 23 Year 12 students who were successful in applying for the UOW Summer Master Class for 2021. Students who successfully pass their Summer Master Class subject will at minimum be guaranteed an Early Admission Interview to the university degrees that align with the Summer Master Class subject. They may also receive credit towards a UOW degree and may be eligible to skip a whole subject when they study at UOW.

#### **Work Experience**

During a year of workplace disruption due to covid, it was great to see Warilla High had over 50 students who recognised the value of engaging in a work-experience placement with an employer.

All students developed key employability skills, with many also converting the experience into an apprenticeship or traineeship.

#### **Community Garden**

Mr Cairncross and Mr Gosharevski have been champions of the community garden. They often take students out to develop employability skills such as teamwork, enterprise & initiative, teamwork & leadership.

This is a project that is gradually evolving work in progress and will serve to become a great facility for external classes to create, learn, relax & enjoy.

Much of the produce is used by teachers and students to consume and propagate more plants.











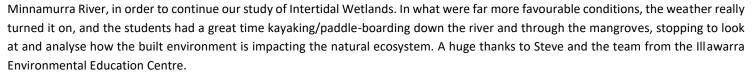
#### Geography

In 2020 the pandemic has impacted all our students in various ways, not least, our Stage 6 Geography students who saw the cancellation of excursions and subsequently, fieldwork. Whilst we adapted and completed some online virtual field trips, nothing beats getting out into the environment and having a hands-on look at the environments being studied in the classroom.

In Term 4, we have seen a relaxing on these restrictions leading to a busy couple of weeks for the Stage 6 Geography class who have managed to complete fieldwork in two different locations in two weeks.

Firstly, we travelled to Towra Point Nature Reserve to look at Intertidal Wetlands as part of the Ecosystems at Risk topic. The students battled the elements, the environment and their own minds as they waded through shin-deep mud, dealt with relentless mosquitoes and tropical humidity in order to complete their fieldwork. There was whingeing and a few tired sleepers on the bus home, but overall, a great day was had. Thanks to the Staff at Kamay Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre for the day.

We then followed that up with a trip a bit closer to home, to the



Can I also thank the students from our Stage 6 Geography class who attended these days, they were great ambassadors for themselves and the school, typifying our core values of Excellence, Respect, Integrity and Compassion. Hopefully, we can continue to get out of the classroom and apply our skills as we progress through the course.

I hope everyone has a great festive season, recharges over the holidays and comes back fit and ready to tackle 2021!

Yours in Geography,

#### Mr White









#### **Dance Company 2021**

Registrations are now open for the WHS 2021 Dance Company. This is open to students who are in Years 8-11 in 2021. The company will be performing in the Dept of Ed South Coast Dance Festival, Wollongong Eisteddfod and Just Dance Extravaganza. Those students interested in joining the company next year can see Miss Little in the Maths staffroom for a note.

We will also be establishing a Year 7 Dance Company in 2021. This will be a separate company just for Year 7 students; more details will be out at the beginning of next year.

#### Miss Little

Photo: Annika Little, Allyssa Dunning and Olivia Kontopolous



#### Southern Stars 2021

We are super excited to announce that dates have been released for Southern Stars next year, performances will be on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August. It may be a modified format, but we are hoping to participate in the mass dance and choir. This opportunity will be open to all students in Years 7-11, and no dance or singing experience is needed. This is all about giving our students the opportunity to perform.

Here are some photos from last year's Southern Stars to get you excited for next year.

#### Miss Little





#### **Sport Report**

Sport was moving along nicely until 16<sup>th</sup> of March when strict COVID restrictions put a halt to so many plans and aspirations of students around the nation.

Although our major sporting awards will not be acknowledged this year, it is important to congratulate those who were able to participate in the sports, they put time and effort into playing.

#### **NSW CHS Girls State Championships**

This was the first event of the year at a state level that involved any of our students.

Year 9 Cricketer India Bellhouse was our representative at this competition where South Coast finished fifth from 10 competing regions. India has been a member of this team since Year 7 and has also made the NSW Country Cricket team outside of school that competes in the National Championships.

The first event and one of the last trials of the year – well done to India who has gained selection again for the CHS State Championships in 2021. Women's cricket is one of the highest rating sports for males and females on free to air TV. Our Australian Women's T20 team has just been awarded the Sport Australia Hall of Fame prize for performances deemed to have inspired a nation. I'm sure India has higher-level selection as one of her goals, and we look forward to watching her journey – absolutely no pressure India ©.

#### **Under 15 Boys and Girls South Coast Touch Trials**

These trials did go ahead, and Warilla HS had the following players selected: Brooke Fahey, Indie Bostock and Kailee Haines. For the boys Drew Langdon, Zacc Lewis, Zac Smith. These selections were as far as the students progressed unfortunately.

#### **South Coast Netball Trials**

Again – held with Jessica Almond and Danielle Clark making the squad and this trial went no further.

#### Southern Illawarra Under 15 and Open Boys Rugby League Trials.

These trials saw the following players earning selection to try for the South Coast Team. This selection day did not go ahead.

Congratulations to Sean Trindall, Trey Barlow, Coleby Smith, Will Starling and Jack Bostock for the Open team.

Taj Devine, Jack Rhodes, Zacc Lewis, Eden Hodges, Dextar Grant, Tobi Rosewarn, and Zac Smith were all successful in gaining selection in the Southern Illawarra Under 15 team.

#### **NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships.**

These championships are held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre in Penrith. The competition was completed in late February.

We have a small but enthusiastic group of students who compete each year.

This year we had two Junior teams consisting of: Kyra Martin (Run), Jazlyn Cleary (swim) and Gabriella Mangulabnan (bike).

As well in the junior section: Alexis Bell (bike), Lara Pero (Swim) and Matilda Best (run) came SECOND in the CHS girls' relay. A truly fantastic achievement and hopefully the girls are in training to be ready to compete again in 2021.

As well, Alexis Bell completed the individual competition the day before and finished third overall in the CHS section. This was enough to have her make the State team as a shadow reserve for the Nationals. Although Alexis was not required to participate at the next level, she can be very proud of such an outstanding result.

In the Intermediate section Flynn Langdon (Bike), Ashleigh Goncalves (Run) and Brielle Lambert (Swim) were competitive in a very highly contested event.



Photo of the successful Junior Girls Alexis Bell, Matilda Best and Lara Pero.

#### **South Coast Swimming Championships**

Our students finished third overall in the South Coast Swimming Championships behind Woonona and Smiths Hill out of 28 schools who competed.

All of these students would have competed in the NSW CHS Swimming Championships this year.

Students who should be acknowledged for outstanding efforts include:

Jayden Wells 17-19 South Coast Age Champion with first place in 200IM, 100 Breast and 100 Backstroke.

Nathan Robinson first in the 17-19 50m Free with a time of 25.29 secs – the current record is 25.19!!

Angel Jones continues to set records in every Multi-Class event as it is a new addition to the Southern Illawarra and South Coast program. This means Angel has set records in 50m Breaststroke, backstroke, Butterfly and freestyle at Zone and South Coast in the 12-15 Year age section.

Our girls 15 years 4 x 50m relay team are Zone and South Coast Champions. Congratulations to **Tylah Richards, Ivy Halliwell, Brie Hlis** and Jordyn Martin for their success.

Our boys 12-19 All Age 6 x 50m Relay are Zone and South Coast Champions and have set a new record with a time of 2:56:42 beating the previous record of 3:03:12. Congratulations to Matthew Ballinger (12), Storm Balmain (13), Kynan Burke (14), Jackson Walsh (15), Brock Neall (16) and Nathan Robinson (17).

Our boys Medley Relay team of Jack Charlston (Back), Jayden Wells (Breast), Jackson Walsh (Butt) and Nathan Robinson (Free) broke the Southern Illawarra Zone record with a 2:25:25 time and then won the South Coast event.

Bring on 2021.

#### **NSW All Schools Surfing Championships**

Congratulations to Oceanna Rogers (Yr 10) who was able to represent her school and state at this event in Coffs Harbour in August. Oceanna is an incredibly fit and agile athlete, and she continues to strive to reach the highest level in Surfing.

#### NRL U16 Mixed League Touch Gala day

This was a new initiative offered in Term 4 in 6-a-side 3 boys, 3 girls maximum 12 players per team format.

The rules allowed for good creativity – kicks allowed on any tackle including grubbers and bombs; marker, minimum 7m back in defence and plenty of room to attack.

Warilla fielded 2 teams and played against Figtree, Woonona, Keira, Oak Flats, ISH.

Warilla Gold enjoyed good success on the day. They won their first 3 pool games comfortably and were beaten by Figtree in the final pool round 5-1.

They then played ISH in the semi-final and had a 4-4 draw. However, Warilla scored first meaning they progressed to the Grand Final against Figtree.

A very different game saw Warilla play smarter and especially work for each other in defence. This included some ongoing and desperate defence from the likes of Flynn Langdon and some smart play by Bailey Check to get the ball out of their defensive half at crucial stages of the final. Warilla were up 3-1, 4-1, 4-2 and 4-3 when the full-time siren blew seeing Warilla crowned champions on the day.

An example of the growing confidence of females in these league type sports can be seen by acknowledging a pin-point bomb from Ella Headrick for Sean Trindall to leap high and score the first try of the final and, a 20m chip kick over the defence by Caitlin Russell for a running Jake Fanke to take the ball on his chest and run 40m to score the fourth try reflects the enjoyment and confidence girls showing in trying these plays.

Well done to all the students who participated on the day and Mr Jordan Collyer for his first sporting excursion at Warilla HS.

The successful Warilla Gold team: Back: Sean Trindall, photo bomber Zacc Lewis, Brodie Breakspear, Drew Langdon, Bailey Check, Flynn Langdon, Jake Fanke

Front: Charli Ryan, Brooke Fahey, Caitlin Russell, Ella Headrick and Bindi O'hara.



#### All Schools Athletics December 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> at Homebush

Telaya Blacksmith, Riley Phlekan, Ryan Keen, Jada Schillert, Charli Ryan, Ashleigh Goncalves all nominated to allow themselves the opportunity to compete in a school-based athletics competition in 2020.

The students are exposed to high-quality competition across all school systems and across the cohort competed in Walking, triple and long jump, discus, shot, 100m events and 400m events. Ryan Keen enjoyed success in the 15 boys Discus (57.59m) and Shot Put (14.85m) with two silver medals.

Congratulations to these students.

Warilla HS has the opportunity to compete in so many sporting activities that are usually in close proximity to their home and school – unless of course, they achieve the highest level and compete in State and National Championships.

In 2021 the usual sports will be offered. Girls Volleyball will be added to the calendar as our Grade Sport team enjoyed some success in their first year playing and competing.

https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/Calendar/TermCalendar?t=210&a=6&sp=&el=0&et=&act=&st=2,8,3,5,4&pl=true&par=true&disetrue&se=true&nep=true&nes=true&ml=False&vat=true&vaw=false&vad=false

the link above should give parents access to the 2021 sporting calendar that includes South Coast and CHS carnivals and Trials.

It does not include Zone events, Oz tag and other Gala days or All Schools events. Other events will be advertised throughout the 2021 School Year as information becomes available.

Have a safe, enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break.

#### Mrs Clune

Representative Sport Coordinator

#### **Wellbeing News**

#### **Breakfast Club**

What a great success! Breaky Club reopened in the second half of term four and had many happy customers arriving for the assortment of food.

Sponsored by Bakers Delight Warilla (thanks Fiona and Toby Napper!), we had a menu of toast, Milo milkshakes, juice and other breakfast goodies. The Wellbeing Team ensured the "Grab 'n' Go" format worked well, and all students could enjoy the benefits of the food available.

Ms Clark kept the place under control and running smooth, Mr Ralston-Bryce did his regular run through the quad gathering students, Claire kept the warm toast flowing, Kim washed and cleaned and kept us all in line, while Richo whipped up Milo milkshake after Milo milkshake. A great team effort.

As the students rolled out the door, they could even fill their bags with Bakers Delight savoury rolls, muesli bars and fruit. We finished the term with a great pancake breakfast which was a great way to end the term.

Watch out term one 2021 for the Breaky Club kick-off date!







#### Save a Mate

Through the reliable effort of our wonderful Red Cross presenter Annie Lucas throughout 2020, we delivered the 'Save a Mate' program to the majority of Year 9 students. Save a Mate is a drug use first aid course, educating students about drug use/abuse so that they know what to do if there is a need for first aid with one of their peers. Having a general knowledge about the way drugs affect a person equips our students for potentially dangerous situations. Students expressed that they learnt important information and now feel more confident in dealing with the issues. Our thanks to Annie (the wonder presenter) Lucas!

#### **Insight Group**

This term a group of year eight girls were invited to take part in an Insight Girls Group. The program involved evidence-based techniques and strategies of Mindfulness. The outcomes aimed to improve concentration, reduce worries, help with anxiety and regulate emotions. We will be looking to continue these valuable programs throughout the coming year.

#### **Love Bites – Healthy Relationships Program**

The Love Bites program was implemented this term successfully, to the whole of year ten. It was great to see the students so engaged and participating in a program that deals with violence in relationships. Some of the issues covered were: how to recognise red flags, what constitutes abuse, the legal implications, and how to be a supportive bystander. Having an awareness of these areas can empower our students to make healthy choices in their relationships. The feedback was hugely positive, and we look forward to rolling it out next year!

Ms Clark HT Wellbeing

#### **Year 7 2021 Enrolment Booklet**

Misplaced your Year 7 2021 Booklet or haven't receive one? It is now available online via our website. It has great information for all new Year 7 students.

https://warilla-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/w/warilla-h/localcontent/Year 7 Handbook 2021.pdf



### Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

### Uniform Shop is located within the school

#### January 2021

Monday	18th. January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
Tuesday	19th. January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
Wednesday	20th. January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
Thursday	21st. January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
Friday	22nd. January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
Monday	25th. January	CLOSED
Tuesday	26th. January	CLOSED
Wednesday	27th. January	8:00AM - 4:00PM
Thursday	28th. January 8:00AM - 4:00PM	

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	SNR Sky Blouse	32.00			
Girls	Girls Shorts (hold)	36.00			
	SNR Tartan Skirt	48.00			
Paus	SNR Boys Sky Shirts	32.00			
Boys	Boys Navy Shorts (hold)	36.00			
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	Microfibre Jacket	60.00			
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You can take short vocational courses over the summer period, and both short and long vocational courses across 2021.

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Buddy up with a friend or sign up to discover new passions and meet likeminded school leavers across the state.

More information about the support package and courses on offer are available via the NSW Department of Education web page at

You can use these fee free training courses to:

- find out what you may be interested in long-term
- learn new skills that can lead to part-time job or career
- get a head start on further study or full-qualification.

education.nsw.gov.au/summer-skills



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#### I NSW Department of Education



#### What courses are on offer?

Places are limited and course offerings are based on local training providers, so contact us to find out where training is taking place near you.

Summer Skills Illawarra & SE NSW

December 2020 to February 2021

Location	Skillset/Courses, When	Training Provider	Contact
Nowra	Build Creative Digital Imaging Skills, January 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
West Wollongong	Build Creative Digital Imaging Skills, January 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Shellharbour	First Aid for Early Childhood, December 2020	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Nowra	First Aid for Early Childhood, December 2020	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Wollongong	First Aid for Early Childhood, December 2020	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Moruya	First Aid for Early Childhood, December 2020	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Shellharbour	First Aid for Early Childhood, January 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Nowra	First Aid for Early Childhood, January 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Wollongong	First Aid for Early Childhood, January 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Moruya	First Aid for Early Childhood, January 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Online	Build Creative Digital Imaging Skills, December 2020 - February 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Online	Business Admin Skills, December 2020 - February 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Online	Business Presentations, December 2020 - February 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Online	Build you digital literacy with coding, December 2020 - February 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Online	Digital Security Basics, December 2020 - February 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Online	Horticulture Essentials, December 2020 - February 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Online	Mental Health, December 2020 - February 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Online	Social Media Engagement, December 2020 - February 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Online	Social Media tools to engage customers, December 2020 - February 2021	TAFE NSW	13 16 01
Bowral	Personal Care Assistant, December 2020 - January 2021	The Medcast Institute Pty Ltd	1300 652 046
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Bowral	Personal Care Assistant, February 2021 - March 2021	The Medcast Institute Pty Ltd	1300 652 046
Merimbula	Wait staff skill set, December 2020 - January 2021	Local Employment & Training Services Pty Ltd	1300 643 484
Online	Management skill set	The Illawarra ITEC Ltd	02 42233100
Bomaderry	Barista, January 2021 - February 2021	Kiama Community College Inc	02 4232 1050
Kiama	Clerical and Administration skills, January 2021 - February 2021	Kiama Community College Inc	02 4232 1050
Keiraville	Aged or Disabled Carer, January 2021 - February 2021	The Illawarra Business College	02 9791 6555
Nowra	Aged or Disabled Carer, January 2021 - February 2021	The Illawarra Business College	02 9791 6555
Burradoo	Aged or Disabled Carer, January 2021 - February 2021	The Illawarra Business College	02 9791 6555
Keiraville	Aged or Disabled Carer, February 2021 - March 2021	The Illawarra Business College	02 9791 6555
Keiraville	Clerical and Administration skills, February 2021 - March 2021	The Illawarra Business College	02 9791 6555
North Wollongong	Provide Cardiopulmonary resuscitation January 2021 - April 2021	Local Employment & Training Services Pty Ltd	1300 643 484
North Wollongong	Work Safely in Construction Industry, January 2021 - May 2021	Fusion Training Solutions	02 4228 358
North Wollongong	Provie First Aid, January 2021 - April 2021	Local Employment & Training Services Pty Ltd	1300 643 484









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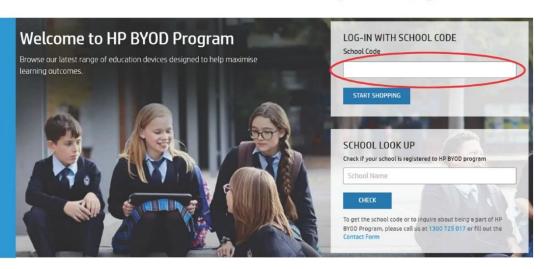
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