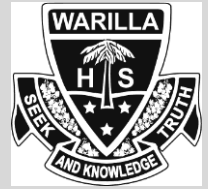


# Warilla High School Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

As this is the final Newsletter for this term, I would like to begin by wishing you all a safe and happy holiday break.

Of course our Year 12 students have a "STUDY" rather than holiday break which I am sure they will use wisely to prepare for the HSC proper which will commence in early October.

I would also like to take the time to comment on perhaps one of the most contentious issues for all families - bullying. Nothing stirs the angst of parents more than a child who comes home upset, or worse, doesn't want to attend school for fear of being harassed.

The problem is exacerbated by social networking sites which are used by some to perpetuate such vile and cowardly behaviour.

This school is committed to eradicating this socially unacceptable behaviour, as is the DEC. We are currently reviewing our practices in this area to ensure we are both proactive and developmental in instilling in students a values code which rejects such behaviour.

It is bitterly disappointing when some parents / caregivers believe the school in some way tacitly accepts such behaviour.

We do not!

What we do need is support from students by early reporting of such behaviour to staff, especially Year Advisers, Head Teachers, the Deputy Principals' and myself.

We will do everything possible to work with students to ensure this behaviour is stamped out. Indeed suspension and / or expulsion is definitely on the table, as is the concept of procedural fairness, which dictates that all involved be afforded access to due process as defined by DEC policy.

I look forward to progress in this area in the months ahead.

I am sure that those parents /care-providers that had the opportunity to view the Industrial Technology Major Works, which were on display in the library came away in awe at the abilities of our students. It would be remiss of me not to mention both Mr Orth and Mr Kershaw who gave up plenty of weekends to work with students to move them to the exceptional quality of finished products on display.

Likewise with our Creative and Performing Arts staff who hosted the CAPA evening recently. The rich bank of talent at this school in the arts is both refreshing and delightful! Well done to all!

Finally, I would like to invite you to attend our P&C meetings, held on the second Tuesday of each month. We are trialling the earlier starting time of 7pm. Please come along and join the current small but active group who discuss school policy, direction and practice within the school.....I promise you won't get a job!

With my kind regards,

**John Hambly**  
**Principal**

### Deputies Report

#### Year 12 Farewell

As Year 12 complete their final weeks at Warilla High School we would like to wish them all the best for their final revision and HSC examinations. Year 12 will participate in their Graduation Ceremony on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am in the School Hall. This will be followed by a morning tea for Year 12, their parents and teachers. This formal ceremony will allow the school to farewell Year 12 and acknowledge their achievements over the past six years.

#### Year 11 Exams

Year 11 are currently working their way through the Preliminary Course Exams. These exams are an important assessment period for Year 11 and it has been good to see our Year 11 students display a mature and positive approach. We wish them a safe and restful holiday ready to come back to school in Term 4 and begin the HSC course.

#### Appropriate Behaviour in the Playground

Recently there have been some reports of unsafe and unacceptable behaviour in the playground. The safety and wellbeing of our students is paramount and all students have been addressed regarding their responsibilities as a student at Warilla High School. Students who chose to disregard these expectations will be given appropriate consequences. In recent times the playground has been left in an untidy state following break times. Students have been spoken to about this issue on various occasions. Following these warnings, if the playground continues to be left in an untidy state students will be asked to take responsibility for the areas that they access at break times.

#### Visitors to Warilla High School

A reminder for parents and family members visiting the school for any purpose that all visitors to the school are required to enter through the front office area at all times. This is an important process that we require everyone to follow. If a parent or visitor would like to speak to a staff member our office staff will make contact with the staff member and organise the most appropriate time to meet.

#### Subject Information for Year 11 2013

During this term Year 10 have made initial selections regarding their study patterns for 2013-2014. Information will follow during Term 4 for these students regarding final 2013 Year 11 selection information. It is important for Year 10 to note that from 2013 they will be expected to maintain 12 units of study at Warilla High School as they move from Year 11 into Year 12. We believe the retention of 12 units into Year 12 study will have benefits for student outcomes and student welfare. This is a change in procedure at our school that has been endorsed by staff and our P&C. Further detailed information will be provided to Year 10 and their parents in the coming weeks.

#### Year 11 Crossroads Camp 2013

Preparations are underway in the planning for the 2013 Year 11 Crossroads Camp. Our Year 11 Camp will take place in May 2013 at Wombaroo in the Southern Highlands. A friendly reminder that deposits are due and can be paid at the front

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office. Please contact Mr Meizer or Ms Hand with any questions regarding the camp.

### School Uniform

The majority of our students have been coming to school in uniform this term and most of those who cannot due to poor weather etc have been following the required process. This process involves students bringing a note from their parent/guardian and then obtaining a uniform note from the school before Roll Call that morning. Students who have been wearing tights or shorts/skirts that are shorter than mid-high have been told that this not acceptable. Thank you to the many parents who have provided outstanding support when contacted and have quickly assisted their student to acquire and wear the correct uniform. If families require support to purchase appropriate school uniform please do not hesitate to contact Mr Morris or Mrs Raison.

**Jenni Raison & Ian Morris**  
**Relieving Deputy Principals**

## Coming Events

### Week 10A

17 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Yearly Exams</li> </ul>
18 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Yearly Exams</li> <li>Under 15's Netball Knockout at Fred Finch Park Berkeley</li> </ul>
19 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Yearly Exams</li> <li>Year 12 Mystery Day</li> <li>Year 9 Graphics Excursion to Kiama CBD</li> </ul>
20 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Graduation</li> <li>Year 12 Formal</li> </ul>
21 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shades of Grey Workshop</li> <li>Last day of term</li> </ul>

### Week 1A

8 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students &amp; Staff return</li> <li>Year 8 Camp</li> </ul>
9 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 Camp</li> </ul>
10 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 Camp</li> </ul>
12 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer Support training</li> </ul>

### Week 2B

15 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HSC Exams</li> </ul>
16 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HSC Exams</li> </ul>
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## Careers

### Edmodo

To increase communications with students and provide all the necessary information students need about education and employment, we use a private and secure educational social media platform called Edmodo.

At present the majority of students from Years 9 – 12 are on Edmodo. If your child has an account we can issue a parent code where parents can access the site to see what is happening.

Ask your child about Edmodo and if you are interested in joining as a parent please feel free to contact me. At present there is a lot of information being advertised about:

- Cadetships and Scholarships for Year 12
- Apprenticeships
- University and College Open Days
- Jobs at Woolworths and McDonalds
- HSC in the Holiday Workshops

### University Admissions Centre

On Thursday 2 August all Year 12 students completing an ATAR HSC and interested in applying for University were given the opportunity to attend an information session during sport time on how to complete their University applications. Students were issued with a copy of the UAC booklet and were given a summary report with all important dates. Please look over these resources and discuss with your child what their preferences are for 2013. If any assistance is need with UAC applications please don't hesitate to ring me at the school.

## Welfare

Recently, "Outstanding Semester 1 Report" morning teas were held for students in Years 11 and 12. On Friday 31 August students in Years 7 – 10, who also received an excellent report in Semester 1, were invited to a luncheon and presented with certificates.

A reminder that all monies must be finalised by Friday 14 September for all Year 8 students who are attending the camp from 8-10 October.

Any Year 11 students who are intending to attend the Year 12 camp next year must pay an initial deposit by the end of this term.

A Peer Support day was held for all of Year 7 and their Year 10 Peer Support Leaders on Wednesday the 29 August. The focus of this workshop was bullying and effective coping strategies. I would personally like to thank our Peer Support co-ordinators Miss Fotheringham and Mr Orange for their wonderful organisation. A special mention to Mrs Napier and Miss Munro for their contribution in making the day a success.

The Year 7 AFL Social Skilling Program concluded on Monday 3 September. Thanks to Stuart Haack, who is the Sydney Swans School's Development Co-ordinator for the Illawarra, for running the program. I would also like to thank Mr Neill, Sam Clune and George Papadimas for assisting in the supervision of the students during this program.

The Save-a-Mate Drug and Alcohol Education Program which is being co-ordinated by The Red Cross is nearing its completion. This program has targeted all of our Year 9 students and has proven to be quite successful.

Mr Neill has recently conducted and is still in the process of organising further Individual Learning Plan meetings for all of our students with identified disabilities who receive funding support, plus other identified students.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Cobbin who has recently been appointed as the school's Equity Team Co-ordinator. At the moment Mrs Cobbin and the rest of the team are putting in

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place some terrific policies and procedures which will be of great benefit to all of our students in the foreseeable future.

Recently, Prue Salter from Enhanced Learning Educational Services, ran a study skills session with Year 10-12 students and a study skills evening with Year 7 parents and students.

The main area covered for Year 10 was the importance of using the next 6 months as a training period to prepare for senior studies. Students need to learn how to work effectively at home, manage distractions, make brain-friendly study notes and work out which study techniques work best for them.

Year 10 students should also complete the self-evaluation quiz at the back of their handout which will give them an indication of how ready they are for senior studies and what areas they need to work on.

The main topics for the Year 11 session were setting up an effective home study environment, managing resources for school, both paper and digital, working effectively at home and dealing with distractions, using the diary as a planning tool, making brain-friendly study notes and using a wide variety of active study techniques.

The session for Year 12 focused on the upcoming Trial HSC exams and how students should approach the next few weeks. Year 12 also learnt how research about the brain could be used to make their study more effective.

The Year 7 parent / student evening helped families put systems in place to help students work towards achieving their personal best in an efficient and effective way. Students examined their home study environment, the way they organise and manage their papers, how to work effectively at home and deal with distractions. They also learnt how to manage the workload in high school, and the steps to studying in high school - making study notes, learning the notes by testing yourself and doing as much practise as possible.

Parents are encouraged to review the handout from the sessions with students and discuss the main areas identified where changes need to be made. Parents can also find extra study skills tips on the following website: <http://studyskillstoptipsparents.com/>

Louise Hakkenbrock, who is our resident Youth Worker from Shellharbour City Council, is currently running Rock and Water anti bullying workshops for Years 7 and 8 students and a Healthy Choices program for a number of identified students.

Just a reminder that After School Tutoring is still available on a Tuesday afternoon from 1:45pm in E21. A number of parents / caregivers have expressed an interest in accessing this service throughout the year, but numbers have remained low.

Mrs Mavrikis' Year 10 Maths class, Mr Cairncross' Year 7 Health class and Mr Jones' Year 8 Gifted and Talented Class are currently participating in the In2Uni Program where University of Wollongong students have tailored a specific program over the course of the whole term.

Also our Year 11 and Year 12 students who are part of this program recently completed their Term 3 workshops focusing on essay writing and transition.

## Support Unit Bunnings BBQ

Warilla High School Support Unit has for the last 2 years been fortunate enough to have been able to use Bunnings Shellharbour facilities to have a fundraiser BBQ.

All monies raised goes to our students. This enables the students due to subsidising, participate in life skills excursions that they normally might not be able to attend due to financial hardship. The support staff works tremendously at teaching and supporting the students all year round.

I personally would like to thank the staff who has willingly over the 2 years given their personal family time up to help at the BBQ.

These staff are: Ian McDonald, Tracey Iacovelli, Michell Cruickshank, Janet Grillo, Bernice Dedini, Sue Lloyd, Libby Munro and Donna West.

A special thanks goes to Ruth Delaney, who is casually employed with us, but has helped for 2 years running; Ian McDonald for interrupting his long service leave to help; Tracey Iacovelli for helping me all day for both years.

These people truly need a medal because without them I wouldn't have been able to raise over \$2000 in the 2 year period for our unit and your children. Thanks once again.

I would also like to mention a big THANKS to Lena and Nick Kolevski from Marina Petrol Barrack Heights, for generously donating all the drinks for both years; Bakers Delight for generously donating our fresh bread also for both years. Without these companies we would never have been able to raise this money. Thank you.

**Lee Hutchison**

**Support Unit**

**School Learning Support Officer**



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## SRC

As we are coming to the end of another Year 12, we farewell the current school leaders and deputy leaders and make way for new ones.

Our current School Leaders have led the school with pride and have been excellent ambassadors for Warilla High School. As SRC co-ordinators we have had the pleasure of working alongside these talented young adults and are very thankful for the contributions they have made to our school. On behalf of the School Community, we wish them luck in their HSC exams and in all their future endeavours:

### 2012 School Leaders

Eryn-Maree Taylor and Sophie King

### 2012 Deputy School Leaders

Celeste Crawford, Scott Devall, Georgia Duncan and Lauren Fairweather.

**It is with pleasure that we announce the School Leaders for 2013 and congratulate them on their appointment:**

### 2013 School Leaders

Corey Belsito and Kyla Hakkenbrock

### 2013 School Deputy Leaders

Yasemin Ali, Kurt Field, Holly Kane and Lara Roche.

We look forward to the year to come and being a part of this amazing team.

### SRC Co-Ordinators

*Justine Berghouse and Grant Neill*

*SRC Head Teacher Michael Stanizzo*

## Southern Starts – INSPIRE 2012

INSPIRE was a magnificent show which highlighted the incredible talent in the Illawarra and South East Region.

3000 students and 250 teachers participated in the 2012 show.

Warilla High School had 36 students involved this year in dance.

The dance troupe had three dances to learn this year, travelling between Wollongong and Nowra for rehearsals.

Students were then involved in four intense, long days of rehearsals and performances at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre.

Rachael Holland of Year 8 successfully auditioned for the ballet section and was outstanding. Her ballet technique was exquisite and her movement graceful. We are hoping the Rachael can successfully audition for the ISER Company next term for 2013.

Thanks to the parents who gave so generously of their time and believed in the experience. We would also like to thank the many staff who covered our classes at school, so that we were able to be involved in the Southern Stars show.

*Yours in dance*

*Mrs Neden*

