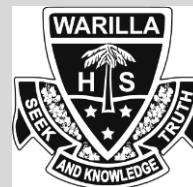


Warilla High School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

It is with much pleasure that I welcome you back to the new school year with a very special welcome to those new parents and care providers of the Year 7 cohort that have just started their High School journey.

All of the kids looked great in their uniforms and I am sure they will wear them with pride in the years ahead.

I was pleased to see so many parents attend on the first day, and I would extend an invitation to our P&C meetings, which commence on Tuesday 12 February at 7pm in our library. I am sure you will find the meetings informative and give you an insight into the strategic intent of our work both within and beyond the classroom.

Our total enrolment at this point is 1185. There have been many out of area enrolment applications which may, when they are processed, swell this number even further.

I take pleasure in introducing some new staff to the school, including Mr Glenn Smart (Science), Ms Melanie Lever (CAPA) and Ms Michelle Brooks, our new Deputy Principal.

Each of these new people bring to the school significant expertise in both the curricula and extra-curricular domains and I look forward to the contributions they will make to improve student learning outcomes.

We have a number of key priorities in 2013 including the introduction of a new approach to HSC teaching and study in the senior school.

The Study and Response Matrix – STORM - will see a forensic approach to HSC study and preparation that has a proven record of success in moving students into the top bands in the HSC examination. I am genuinely excited by this initiative and remain confident of the capacity it has to ensure the success of our HSC students.

Another key target is a Spelling initiative in Year 7 which will provide direction for future support in this area. We continue to work closely with our primary schools in a Community of Schools partnership that emphasises the learning continuum, K-12.

To support these initiatives, staff have undertaken ongoing Professional Learning which will continue to be a feature of our work.

The introduction of Phase 1 of the Australian Curriculum is scheduled for 2014 and the school has arranged for every member of staff to work with colleagues from 8 other high schools to share resources, programs and understandings relevant to the new syllabus documents.

This is an exciting development and one that I am sure will be successful at our school.

I look forward to working with you in 2013.

With my kind regards

John Hambly
Principal

Deputies Report

Welcome back to all of our students, staff and parents.

A special welcome to new students and staff at Warilla High School.

Year 7 have settled into High School exceptionally well, participating in a number of vital orientation activities and events including their Bonding Day on Friday 8 February. The fantastic work of our Peer Support Student and Teacher leaders has been terrific in assisting Year 7 transition from Primary School to Warilla High School.

Welcome also to the students who have started as new enrolments at Warilla High School in Years 8-12 in 2013. Make sure that you utilise the many and varied opportunities offered here at our outstanding school.

For our students returning to Warilla High School we hope the holiday break was enjoyable and restful. It is time now for all students to start 2013 with the positive and dedicated approach that will assist students to maximise their learning and reach their goals.

With timetables being issued during the first week a number of students have had questions regarding their classes and/or patterns of study. It is important to work through any concerns or questions students and parents may have as soon as possible. Students should ensure that the appropriate Year Advisor or Deputy Principal is contacted straight away with any concerns or questions that they have about their timetable or pattern of study.

In the first few weeks there have been a number of opportunities and events that have involved a large number of our students. On Thursday 7 February our swimming carnival was held. This year the carnival ran for competitors and Year 7 students. Our students represented the school with pride and we saw some terrific achievements in the pool. Thank you to the PD/H/PE faculty for their organisation of this annual event.

On 7 February a group of Year 12 students also visited the University of Wollongong to take part in the 2013 UOW Discovery Day. Once again our students were outstanding representatives of the school while getting a taste of University life for a day. Thank you to our Careers Adviser, Mrs Glasgow who organised this day for Year 12. Discovery Day is one of a number of programs that Warilla High School are involved in with UOW. It is absolutely fantastic to see our students, who are considering tertiary study, visiting the University and setting their sights on their future.

Later this term our school will be hosting a Year 6 Education Expo. The Expo will occur at Warilla High on Tuesday 5 March between 5pm and 7pm. The aim of this evening is to showcase our students, staff and school including our many and varied achievements for our prospective Year 7 students for 2014. Further information and invitations will be provided to our partner Primary Schools in the coming weeks.

2013 is shaping up as a tremendous year at Warilla High School. We are looking forward to seeing our students achieve their best across all areas of the school.

Our School's Core Values:

Care for your environment
Embrace honesty
Respect others and value yourself
Seek knowledge



It has been fabulous to see our students return in full uniform, with the required equipment and with a positive and enthusiastic attitude. We will continue to work with students this year regarding acceptable uniform with the focus early this year on appropriate footwear and the acceptable length of our girls' shorts and skirts. Thank you to the parents who have been extremely supportive of the school in raising the standard of our uniform and the presentation of our students at school and within the community. A copy of the Warilla High School uniform requirements is attached to this newsletter. Please contact Mrs Raison or Ms Brook if assistance is required for school uniform.

Enjoy the first weeks of Term 1. All the best to students for a terrific and positive start to our school year.

Mrs J Raison and Ms M Brook
Deputy Principals

Roles of Deputy Principals

Mrs Raison will be responsible for students in Years 8, 10 and 12 along with the supervision of the PD/H/PE, Maths, Industrial Arts, CAPA and the office areas of the school.

Ms Brook will be responsible for students in Years 7, 9 and 11 along with supervision of the Science, HSIE, Home Economics, VET and English areas of the school.

Please direct your enquiries to the appropriate deputy.

Mrs J Raison and Ms M Brook
Deputy Principals

Coming Events

Week 4B

19 February	• Zone Swimming Carnival
22 February	• 50 x Year 11 & Year 12 English Advanced students to Phoenix Theatre Coniston

Week 5A

25 February	• Year 7 & Year 8 Anti-Bullying Workshop
	• Year 8 – 12 Girls Self Image Workshop

Week 6B

5 March	• Year 6 into Year 7 Open Afternoon / Expo
6 March	• Regional Swimming Carnival

Careers

RTA Indigenous Secondary School Scholarship

A big congratulations to Corey Belsito of Year 12 who has been awarded the RTA Indigenous Scholarship. This scholarship is for Year 11 and Year 12 students who are interested in the field of Civil Engineering and students are awarded with funding of up to \$5000 to assist with their HSC studies. It is a very competitive scholarship and we are very proud that Corey has been selected.

Year 10 Career Lessons

All Year 10 students have a timetabled Careers Lesson this year. This is a great opportunity for me to see each class once a fortnight and work with students on career choices and investigations, resume writing, on-line job applications, subject selections and creating digital portfolios.

Mrs Glasgow
Careers Advisor

Late To School

If you are late to school you must bring a note and report to the 'Late Office' in 'A' Block, where you fill in one (1) admission slip. After this slip has been signed you are to give it to your classroom teacher. Late arrivals without a note will be recorded. Persistent late arrivals will result in school sanctions including afternoon detentions and school service.

A STORM is coming.....

Storm (Study and Response Matrix) is a HSC writing strategy that aligns study with responding in the HSC. It involves structuring all forms of study - lesson format, note taking, summarising texts, listening to music, interviews, watching clips, conducting experiments, and studying at home - in the manner of an ideal HSC extended response (i.e. essay). This is a change from the traditional method of covering content and then tackling a HSC extended response using that content.

The current Year 12 cohort and all staff have been workshopped on the use of STORM. Year 11 will be participating in workshops on Tuesday 12 February. Ongoing support for students, and staff, will be available to further develop the use of this strategy, and not just for Year 11 and Year 12.

The HSC is a culmination of 6 years of high school education. As such the plan is to embed this structure into Stages 4 and 5 in lesson format and, increasingly, in study technique. The goal is to develop, over time, the ability to logically and concisely respond to HSC questions, effectively addressing the complexity of the key verb. Our students will then be more confident and successful, and it is hoped less anxious, when taking on the challenge of the HSC exams.

Your STORM team

Mrs Fallo-Cranney, Mrs Hollingsworth, Mrs Luckman, Mrs Potts and Mrs Masters

Absentee Notices

When providing explanations for school absences, parents are responsible for providing valid reasons for their child's absence.

The school is unable to justify an absence based on a broad explanation, i.e.: "Family Reasons" or "Personal Reasons".

As these notes relate to the fulfilling of requirements under the Education Act 1990, absentee notes become a legal document once tendered to the school, and the Principal has the responsibility of validating these notes. As a result, the school is **unable** to accept the above reasons as a valid reason for student absences.

These absences will be marked down as UNJUSTIFIED absences until an appropriate reason has been given.

2.2.4 The Principals may decline to accept as satisfactory an explanation for an absence. The parent must be notified that the explanation has not been accepted and a reason for the decision provided

2.2.5 The Principal may request a medical certificate or other documentation where the absences explained as being due to sickness are frequent or prolonged

"NSW DET: Student Attendance In Government Schools: PROCEDURES"

Girls' Supervisor

I would like to inform students, parents and carers that I have been appointed Girls' Supervisor for Warilla High School.

I have just finished my role as Year Adviser, my Year 12 having completed their education at Warilla High 2012.

For those parents who do not know me, please feel free to ring or chat to me on the Year 7 Parent / Teacher afternoon.

If I am on class please leave a message at the office with your name, telephone number and the topic of concern.

My responsibilities include all associated welfare and health issues that may arise with female students. Additionally I will be assisting Mrs Potts with vaccinations. I encourage all female students to include me in their list of "staff able to assist" and I am available in B10 staffroom should the need arise.

Mrs Julianne Orton

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The School Community has decided that uniform is compulsory for students attending Warilla High School. The uniform requirements are outlined below:-

JUNIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM – BOYS & GIRLS

Boys

Plain White Polo Shirt
Plain Navy Blue Jacket or Jumper
Plain Navy Trousers
Plain Navy Mid Thigh Shorts
School Tracksuit

Girls

Plain White Polo Shirt
Plain Navy Blue Jacket or Jumper
Plain Navy Trousers
Plain Navy Mid Thigh Shorts
Plain Navy Mid Thigh Skirt
School Tracksuit

SENIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM – BOYS & GIRLS

Boys

Sky Blue School Button Up Shirt
Plain Navy Blue Jacket or Jumper
Senior Jersey
Plain Navy Mid Thigh Shorts or Trousers
School Tracksuit

Girls

Sky Blue School Button Up Shirt
Plain Navy Blue Jacket or Jumper
Senior Jersey
Plain Navy Mid Thigh Shorts or Trousers
School Checked Pleated Skirt – mid thigh
School Tracksuit

Shoes: Predominately White or Black Sneakers or Joggers

Note: Light canvas 'Raben' shoes or similar are not acceptable.

NB: For Occupational Health Safety reasons thongs are not acceptable. Students who wear thongs to school will be sent home.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Jewellery **must** be kept to a minimum and be unobtrusive
- A **plain white** T-Shirt may be worn under the white polo shirt
- Shirts **must be buttoned to a socially acceptable height**
- **Plain** means **without** patterns, stripes, slogans of any kind
- In cold/wet weather any jacket worn must be **plain navy blue**
- School shirts **must** be worn under sweat shirts or jumpers

A NOTE FROM YOUR PARENT / CAREGIVER IS REQUIRED IF YOU ARE OUT OF UNIFORM

- If a student is unable to wear an item of uniform on any particular day then they must report to the Student Administration Area before 8.25am. The student will be given a uniform exemption note.

- On the third occasion of reporting without a note an After School Detention will be given.
- An 'out of uniform' student who does not have a uniform exemption note will receive an After School Detention immediately. 'Random checks' are also regularly carried out on assemblies etc.
- Parents or caregivers will be contacted when students are frequently out of uniform without a note from their parents or caregivers.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT UNIFORMS

Footwear – Sports shoes or joggers must be worn

Shirt – Warilla High School Sports shirt must be worn for PE and Sport

Shorts - Plain royal blue (soccer, basketball or rugby style)

NB: Cargo, surf wear or other fashion shorts are not permitted

Tracksuit - A royal blue tracksuit or the School tracksuit can be worn

Jewellery – No earrings (except studs), rings, bangles or necklaces

NB: Sports uniform may be worn **all day** on Thursdays for Sports. You must have a note from a parent / guardian if you are out of uniform or unable to attend PE or Sport.

PE LESSONS

Students must change into their PE Uniform before the lesson and change back into their school uniform after the lesson. Students who are out of uniform will still participate in the lesson; however appropriate disciplinary consequences will be enforced. Students who have major difficulty meeting these requirements see Mr Morris to discuss and resolve their problem.

SCHOOL POLO SHIRT, TRACKSUIT, JUMPER AND SCARVES

These items can be purchased from the school's front office. Second hand items are available from the clothing pool.

Welfare

I would like to commend Mr Cairncross for the outstanding job that he has done over the first couple of weeks of the school year as Year 7 Advisor. Year 7 appear to be settling into the routine of high school seamlessly and this is largely due to the efforts of all those who have been involved in our comprehensive school transition program.

Thank you to our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders who attended school a day early in order to partake in a number of activities and assist Year 7 with their orientation into high school. These programs would not be able to take place without talented and dedicated staff overseeing them and we are very fortunate at Warilla High School that Miss Fotheringham and Mr Orange are willing to co-ordinate the Peer Support Program.

On Monday 25 February, Year 7 & 8 are invited to participate in separate Anti-Bullying Workshops which will be taking place at school. Both workshops will be presented by "Bamboo Theatre". The workshops are interactive and will look at the consequences of online actions and provide students with an opportunity to recognise their own behaviour and that of their peers. On the same day a workshop titled "Crisis of a Female Kind" will also be offered to female students in Year 8-12. This workshop will concentrate on image and resilience. Any students wishing to attend any of these workshops need to pay \$5 at the school front office by Friday 22 February. All students will receive permission notes regarding these workshops in the next week.

Our popular after school tutoring service will resume on Tuesday 12 February. All students are welcome to attend and the tutoring is conducted in E21 from 1:45 pm to 3:30 pm. All subjects are catered for in the junior school and any interested

senior students need to see Mr Stanizzo to see what subjects are available for them.

A reminder that the school will be once again organising an excursion to the Easter Show. This excursion is offered to Year 7, Year 10 Peer Support Leaders and the SRC. Any Year 7 students intending to attend this excursion will need to earn 5 merit certificates, attend the Anti-Bullying Workshop and have maintained a positive behaviour record.

Mr Cairncross has issued each Year 7 student with a further reminder about the Year 7 Camp which is taking place at the Tops Conference Centre from 8-10 April. The school encourages all students to attend and full payment of \$235 is required by the end of Week 7.

It is important that all students and parents / caregivers notify the school immediately regarding any bullying or harassment issues. All allegations are taken seriously and thoroughly investigated but it makes our jobs difficult if incidents are not being reported.

Congratulations to Holly Kane, Emma O'Neill, Tammy Kennedy, Eloise Neto, Ambia Tzaneros, Heather Currey and Leah Reid who successfully completed a 6 credit point subject titled "Belonging in the Community" at the University of Wollongong over the holidays. This subject will count towards their degree if the students enrol at the University of Wollongong in the Bachelor of Arts in 2014.

Senior students who are driving to school or travelling as passengers in a vehicle being driven by another student are reminded that you need to return the necessary documentation to Mr Stanizzo. These forms are available at the school front office or via Mr Stanizzo. The school reserves the right to issue sanctions if this paper work is not completed and returned.

Michael Stanizzo
Head Teacher Welfare

Parent and Community Association

Why come to a P&C Meeting?

It is a friendly environment to become informed about what is happening in our school.

Have your say and help make decisions about your school and issues affecting your children.

Ask questions and make suggestions about how to improve our school.

Learn how to help your child do well at high school.

Meet other parents in your local community and make new friends.

There are other ways to become involved by helping in our school canteen as all profits benefit the students of Warilla High School.

Come along to a P&C meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month. The meeting starts at 7pm in the library.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 12 February and we look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,
Julie Holloway
Vice President

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

SCHOOL FEES

Invoices for school fees will be sent to parents/guardians by mail late in Term 1.

The 2013 fridge magnet calendar with 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.

STUDENT DIARIES

This Year diaries will only be issued to Year 7 and new students.

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 can be made through the front office.

WARILLA HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU PRICE LIST 2013

HOT FOOD		SANDWICHES		DRINKS	
CHICKEN BURGERS	\$3.00	SALAD SANDWICH	\$2.50	PLAIN MILK	\$1.00
HOT DOGS	\$2.20	Cheese, tomato, beetroot, carrot & lettuce		300ML FLAVOURED MILK	\$1.40
PIZZA SLABS	\$2.60	CHEESE & TOMATO SANDWICH	\$2.00	600ML FLAVOURED MILK	\$2.50
PIZZA ROUNDAS	\$2.50	CHICKEN, LETTUCE & MAYO SANDWICH	\$2.50	FRUIT JUICES Small	\$1.40
MEAT PIES	\$2.50	EGG, LETTUCE & MAYO SANDWICH	\$2.00	Medium	\$2.00
POTATO PIES	\$2.80	HAM, CHEESE AND TOMATO	\$3.00	Large	\$2.20
SAUSAGE ROLLS	\$2.00	<i>OTHER SANDWICHES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST WITH LUNCH ORDER: TUNA, HAM, VEGEMITE</i>		FLAVOURED MINERAL WATER	\$1.40
PASTIES	\$2.80			BOTTLED WATER	\$1.20
SPINACH/CHEESE TRIANGLE OR ROLL	\$3.00	ROLLS AND WRAPS		UP'N'GO	\$2.00
CHICKEN OR BEEF NOODLES	\$2.40	SALAD ROLL OR WRAP	\$3.00	POPPER	\$1.20
VEGETARIAN NACHOS	\$3.00	CHICKEN, LETTUCE & MAYO ROLL OR WRAP	\$3.00		
SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN WRAPS	\$3.50	<i>OTHER ROLLS OR WRAPS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST WITH LUNCH ORDERS ONLY</i>		EXTRAS	
		SALAD CONTAINERS – order only	\$3.50	YOGHURT	\$2.00
		CHOICES: CHEESE, EGG, HAM, TUNA, CHICKEN	to \$5.00	BOTTLED CUSTARD	\$3.40
		ICE CREAMS		JJ'S	\$1.00
		FROZEN JUICE CUPS	\$0.50	CHIPS	\$1.00
		BILLABONGS – Chocolate or Rainbow	\$1.50	CHOCOLATE OR BLUEBERRY MUFFINS	\$1.30
		FROZEN YOGHURT	\$1.70	BANANA BREAD	\$1.30
		MILO ICE CREAMS	\$1.60	TOMATO SAUCE	\$0.10
		VANILLA CUPS	\$1.00	BUTTERED BREAD ROLL	\$0.50
		ICY POLES	\$1.20	2 SLICES BUTTERED BREAD	\$0.50
		CHOC OR STRAWBERRY MOOSIE	\$1.20	FRUIT CHUNKS	\$2.00
		FROZEN JELLIES	\$0.30		
WINTER ONLY					
CHICKEN AND GRAVY ROLLS	\$3.00				

NB: PRICES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR