

# Warilla High School Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

Two weeks ago the school received official confirmation that its application to establish a Trade Training Centre in the Metals and Engineering area had been approved.

This will be an outstanding addition to the infrastructure of the school and will involve an upgrade costed at in excess of \$970,000.

A state of the art facility will be established with the latest engineering equipment including computer guided lathes, sheet metal working apparatus, welding bays and trade standard portable equipment. In addition, a storage hanger with easy access will replace our existing storage area.

Mr Stephen Jones, the Federal MP for Throsby visited the school on the 2 September to formally announce this windfall.

He also met students and staff and emphasised the benefits this new Trade Training Centre will bring to both the school and the wider community.

It is anticipated that work will commence during Term 4 and be concluded in the first half of 2014. Obviously, this will cause some reorganisation of class rooms and student work areas but that will be a small price to pay for the long term gain it will bring.

Our National Partnership Literacy initiative is shaping up well. To date, our staff team of Literacy Leaders have immersed themselves in the targeted professional learning, underpinning the project. They have also undertaken some thought provoking work with two Professors of Education who are acting as our Academic Advisers and running an action learning program to compliment the work being undertaken by the team.

Our 2014 planning is well underway with students making decisions about elective options for next year. Again, I would stress the need for students to be realistic and choose subjects for which they have both an aptitude and an attitude that will generate success. I would also stress that resources are finite and not all elective options will run but we will do our very best to accommodate students with a curriculum pathway that is appropriate.

Another very interesting project currently underway at the school is the **PBS** (Positive Behaviour for Success) project. This is a very tangible approach to the values education agenda to reward positivity and adherence to our core values of *Knowledge, Respect, Honesty and Caring for the Environment*.

This approach has a proven success rate and it is hoped that the school community will embrace it when it is rolled out during Term 4.

Finally, I would again remind you that our P&C meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the library. Come along and enjoy some good company and the opportunity to critique the operation of the school.

*With my kind regards*  
**John Hambly**

### Deputies Report

As Term 3 comes to a close we would like to congratulate a large number of students of Warilla High School who have represented our school with great distinction.

The Southern Stars performers had rave reviews from staff and spectators at this outstanding Regional event. Our student performers were exceptional again this year and we congratulate the students, staff and parents who contributed to this terrific representation of the talented students at Warilla High and within Public Education.

Our construction students are working to complete a number of fixed outdoor seating structures at the front of the school. Students, staff and visitors to the school have commented on how fabulous these structures look and the great seating they add to the front of the school for our senior students. Well done to our senior Construction students and staff on these great features and thank you to the P&C for their ongoing support of this program at our school.

In Week 7 over 20 of our Aboriginal students attended a camp in Sydney. Our students joined with students from Keira High School to be involved in a range of fantastic opportunities such as visits to the QANTAS base, Fire & Rescue NSW, Sydney University, The Sydney Story Factory, Centrepoint Tower and a range of other wonderful venues. Thank you to Ms Fitzgerald and Mr Freeme for their supervision of our students. When they returned to school it was with the highest of praise for our students and their enthusiasm and commitment. Staff at the National Aboriginal Sporting Centre of Excellence have since commented on the outstanding behaviour of our students and how very well they represented our school.

The recent Creative and Performing Arts evening was an outstanding display of our students music performances, visual arts body of works and photography portfolios. Students, staff and parents were entertained and inspired by the terrific work on display.

Year 12 students have now completed their Trial HSC examinations and are moving into their final phase of secondary schooling. Many students are working with staff to utilise the STORM matrix to assist with study, revision and exam preparation. Year 12 should ensure they use all available time to work with staff in their final weeks at Warilla High School. All the very best to this terrific group of students for their upcoming graduation on the 20<sup>th</sup> September and of course their HSC examination early next term.

Best wishes also go to Year 11 as they move into their Preliminary examinations in the final weeks of Term 3. Students are attending school only for scheduled examinations during the examination period, however we encourage students to contact staff if they require assistance during the exams.

Students in Year 7, Year 9 and Year 10 have been working through their respective subject selections. These selections have been completed through the web choices process and staff have been extremely impressed with our students completion of these choices online.

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Finally, a reminder that all students must ensure that they display the very best behaviour while at school and while representing our school in public. This involves students travelling to and from school. It is critical that our students reflect respect, courtesy and positive conduct to their peers, staff and members of the public.

**Ms Brook & Mrs Raison**  
Deputy Principals

## Coming Events

### Week 9A

9 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Exams</li> <li>Year 12 Music HSC Practical Exam 10.30am - 5.40pm</li> </ul>
10 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Exams</li> </ul>
11 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Exams</li> <li>Year 7/8 Touch Football – all day – Beaton Park</li> <li>Year 9 Questacon Excursion</li> </ul>
12 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Exams</li> </ul>
13 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Exams</li> </ul>

### Week 10B

16 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Exams</li> </ul>
17 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Exams</li> </ul>
18 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Exams</li> </ul>
19 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 'Mystery Day'</li> <li>Year 12 Graduation Practice in Hall</li> </ul>
20 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>END OF TERM</li> <li>Year 12 Graduation Ceremony</li> </ul>

### Week 1A

7 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Holiday</li> </ul>
9 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 9 Peer Support Training in Hall</li> </ul>

## MEDICAL FORMS

Dear Parent / Caregiver

In July, documentation was sent home for you to complete and return to our school regarding updating your child's health care records.

It is important that this documentation is returned as soon as possible. Your child may drop it at the office.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

## 10 Homework Tips for Parents

1. Set aside a specific time for your child to do homework each night. This will help eliminate procrastination
2. Designate a quiet and well-lit place for your child to work
3. Protect your child from annoying distractions. Establish a quiet zone
4. Be sure your child has the necessary materials and supplies at hand to support his / her homework (e.g. pencil, pen, eraser, pencil sharpener, ruler, paper, etc.) Create a 'school-office' atmosphere for your child
5. Stay in close proximity to your child during homework time
6. Have your child invite a study buddy over to do homework together
7. If you are unable to help your child with an assignment, find a relative, neighbour or older student who is willing to help out
8. Always check your child's homework for quality and completeness
9. Connect with your child's school on a regular basis. Know the school's homework policy, ask how you can support what the school is doing and question the amount of homework and the purpose of the assignments. Inquire if daily and long-term homework assignments are posted on the school's web site
10. Homework should be thought of as an extension of your child's classroom. It is an opportunity for your child to review, practice and rehearse material that has been previously taught

Warilla High School also provides:

- Free After School Tutoring every Tuesday afternoon in Room E21 from 1.45pm

AND

- The Homework Centre is open every Wednesday afternoon in the Library from 2.45pm (light refreshments are provided)

**Mr Clifford**  
English Faculty

## Careers

### Stage 5 TVET

Congratulations to the following Year 9 students who were successful in their funding application to start a HSC Vocational Education and Training (VET) subject at TAFE in Year 10.

This gives them a head start on their career training and job opportunities. Each student's funding is worth about \$5000 over the two years of their Certificate training.

Hannah Boreland	Cert II Community Services
Reece Avnell	Cert II Baking Retail
Tyla Forsythe	Metals & Engineering
Joel McColl	Metals & Engineering
Jarryd Olsson	Cert II Construction – Carpentry
Mitchell France	Cert II Construction – Carpentry
Brayden Woll	Cert II Automotive – Vehicle Servicing
James Saxton	Cert II Automotive – Vehicle Servicing

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**Year 12 Career Workshops**

All Year 12 students have had the opportunity to attend a number of Career Workshops at school during sport. The University of Wollongong Student Adviser – Shannon Archer attended last month's workshop and assisted over 40 students on their Early Admission applications.

Students were also given their UAC guide and a number of support materials to help with both UAC applications and Equity Access Scheme and Equity Scholarship applications.

This month the workshop was about 'Alternative Pathways to University' and TAFE applications.

It has been wonderful working with the Year 12 students and their post school options. I wish them the very best in their HSC exams and the Careers Hub is always open for students to visit for assistance right through until the end of the year.

**Up2Now – ePortfolio Pilot Program**

Warilla High School has been selected to be a pilot school for a Board of Studies online Learning Portfolio Program. This is a great initiative which gives students' the opportunity to create an online portfolio with all relevant information including resume, cover letter, certificates and qualifications packaged together ready to be submitted for job applications.

Currently all Year 10 students are working on this program in timetabled Career lessons. To assist with this program, students need to scan documents to use in a digital format. If students do not have a scanner at home they can bring in their documents to be scanned at school.

**VET @ TAFE**

Warilla High School is currently completing enrolments for students in Year 11 and Year 12 2014 to study a HSC VET subject at TAFE next year and gain a Nationally Accredited Industry Qualification.

The response from students has been fantastic with over 100 students applying for courses that range from Animal Studies, Automotive, Computer Aided Drafting, Nursing, Electrotechnology, Baking, Tourism and Events, Beauty, Children's Services to Plumbing to name just a few of the 45 courses.

*Mrs Glasgow*  
Careers

**ASSESSMENTS FOR YEAR 10, YEAR 11 & YEAR 12****Year 11 Visual Arts Assessment Schedule****Term 3**

BOW / VAPD	19 September	30%
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**Year 11 Home Economics Assessment Schedule****Term 3**

CAFS	Yearly Exam	Week 9/10	20%
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**Year 11 Home Economics Assessment Schedule****Term 3**

Exploring Early Childhood	Yearly Exam	Week 9/10	20%
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**Late Arrival to School**

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

Warilla High School is required under the **Education Act 2009**, to record and report on all absences, be they whole day, or partial day absences. This includes students that are only five (5) minutes late to school.

Parents are responsible under the act to explain the absences of their children from school with either a note or a verbal notification in person or on the telephone.

Any late arrivals to school without this notification will be recorded as a partial absence, and **will be reported** as an 'Unexplained Partial Absence' on the students report card, and on the official record of student attendance.

Please discuss this matter with your child, and reinforce the need to have a good record of attendance on their reports, for when they want to move into the part time or permanent workforce.

If you have any questions regarding your child's whole day or part time attendance patterns, please feel free to contact me at the school.

**Mr S Kershaw**

**Head Teacher Student Administration**

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF YEAR 12  
IMPORTANT EVENTS**

A letter was mailed to all parents/caregivers of Year 12 students at the end of last week with important information on leaving procedures and important dates.

Some of these dates are:

- 19<sup>th</sup> September: Compulsory Graduation Practice followed by a Year 12 'Mystery Day'
- 20<sup>th</sup> September: Year 12 Graduation
- 14<sup>th</sup> October → 6<sup>th</sup> November: HSC Exams
- 7<sup>th</sup> November: Year 12 'Sign Out Day'
- 14<sup>th</sup> November: Year 12 Formal

*Please contact the school on 4296 3055  
if you did not receive a letter.*

**LOST PROPERTY**

If your child has lost any school clothing, can you please have them check the cupboards outside A3.

We have a large collection of lost clothing that is still waiting to be picked up.

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## 2013 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Monday 14 October	English Standard & English Advanced Paper 1 11.20am – 1.30pm
Tuesday 15 October	Design & Technology 9.25am – 11.00am
	English Standard & English Advanced Paper 2 1.55pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 16 October	Personal Development, Health & Physical Education 9.25am – 12.30pm
	Automotive (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 17 October	Legal Studies 9.25am – 12.30pm
Friday 18 October	Earth & Environmental Science 9.25am – 12.30pm
	Retail Services (VET) 9.25am – 11.30am
	Ancient History 1.55pm – 5.00pm
Monday 21 October	Modern History 9.25-12.30pm
	Information Technology (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday 22 October	Mathematics 9.25am – 12.30pm
	General Mathematics 1.55pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 23 October	Industrial Technology Timber Products & Furniture 9.25am – 11.00am
	Senior Science 1.55pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 24 October	Aboriginal Studies 9.25am – 12.30pm
	Mathematics Extension 1 9.25am – 11.30am
	Textiles & Design 1.55pm – 3.30pm

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Friday 25 October	Business Services (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm
	History Extension 1.55pm – 4.00pm
Monday 28 October	Business Studies 9.25am – 12.30pm
	Music 1 – Aural Skills 1.55pm – 3.00pm (approximate finish)
Tuesday 29 October	Construction (VET) 9.25am – 11.30am
Wednesday 30 October	Chemistry 9.25-12.30pm
	Hospitality (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm
Friday 1 November	Physics 9.25am – 12.30pm
	Community & Family Studies 1.55pm – 5.00pm
Monday 4 November	Biology 9.25am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 5 November	Human Services (VET) 9.25am – 11.30am
	Metal & Engineering (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm
	Society & Culture 1.55pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 6 November	Visual Arts – Arts Criticism & Art History 1.55pm – 4.00pm

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