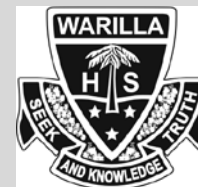


Warilla High School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Our 2013 HSC candidature have just about completed their final exams and are looking forward to receiving results in late December.

This time of year is always filled with some degree of anxiousness as Universities make determinations about placement offers. For 30 of our students, this anxiety has given way to excited relief as they have been offered early admission to the course of their choice.

It is an outstanding result to think that nearly 1/5 of our Year 12 cohort have gained early admission in a very competitive process which includes public, private and catholic schools from across the region and beyond! Well done!

You have no doubt heard media coverage about the new funding model to be used to support NSW Government Schools in 2014 - the Resource Allocation Model (RAM).

This is a significant departure from the previous funding formula and in line with the Government's, *Local Schools Local Decisions* reform agenda. Essentially, the RAM will give schools more autonomy and discretionary power to respond to local need and circumstance and to provide relevant and timely support to students at point of need.

All schools will see 2 key elements of this funding deployed in 2014 - Aboriginal Education and Socio Economic Circumstance - with the remainder of the RAM components to be transitioned over the next few years.

Initial financial advice to Warilla High School has been very positive and will provide the capacity for targeted and focused interventions to be used to enhance student learning outcomes. I hope to be in a position to provide more details around these funds in the next newsletter in December.

Our preparation for 2014 continues to gather momentum, with most of our primary schools having completed an orientation process for Year 6 students.

The kids were certainly excited to be here on their respective orientation days and actively involved themselves in a range of lessons and selected activities. I am certain the enthusiasm and eagerness to learn will continue in 2014 as well!

One of our key preparation activities for our incoming Year 7 group is the implementation of our Core Academic Program. Many selected students were invited to sit entrance examinations to participate in this class which will be a cutting edge means of addressing the identified needs of gifted and talented Year 7 students. I look forward with a great degree of excitement to how this initiative will unfold.

During the first week of November, we hosted a visit from staff from Bega High School who were keen to explore the scope and breadth of our student well-being structures. Put simply, they described what they saw as "inspirational". I acknowledge and applaud the work of Mr Stanizzo and the Welfare and Equity teams who work tirelessly for - and on behalf of - our kids.

Our School's Core Values:

Finally, it would be remiss of me if I did not acknowledge our Deputy Principal Mrs Raison, who a few weeks ago was recognised by the Australian College of Educators with an award recognising the significant contribution she has made to the school and education. A prestigious award well deserved!

With my kind regards
John Hambly

Deputies Report

The term is very quickly getting on, and it is hard to believe that we are over half way through the final term of the year.

Last Wednesday saw the official end of the Higher School Certificate examinations and we wish these students all the best as they await their final results. It is amazing to note that over 30 of these students have already been accepted early into a range of University courses. The school is very proud of these students and I am sure their families are equally thrilled.

Other students are looking for employment and TAFE as alternate destinations; we wish all of our students the best for their future endeavours. It is impressive how many employers are keen to take on ex-students from Warilla High School as they have a reputation of being hard working and well behaved.

Behaviour of another kind is also causing the school quite some concern. Over the past few months some of our students have had interactions using Facebook and a website called "AskFM". These interactions are not always pleasant, and we recommend to parents that if these incidents occur outside of the school it is an offence and the police can become involved. Some people are silly enough to think that being anonymous means they have permission to say hateful comments about others.

Local police have interviewed a number of students and that includes other high schools in the area, over comments made and then their behaviour afterwards. Parents and carers need to be diligent and keep an eye on their child's actions on these sites, or better yet delete them, especially AskFM. One of the values we encourage at Warilla High School is respect, and being respectful of self and others is a conversation worth having at home as well.

Having said that, most of the students at Warilla High are wonderful and highly respectful. It is heart-warming to walk through the school and have a chorus of students saying hello.

Ms Brook & Mrs Raison
Deputy Principals

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

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Coming Events

Week 6B

11 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rememberance Day Ceremony Year 8 ESSA Science Test
12 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Meeting Year 11 Society & Culture Excursion to State Library ISER Ensemble in Hall Year 11 into Year 12 HSC Evening 6pm Year 8 ESSA Science Test Year 11 In2Uni in Library
13 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 HSIE Zoo Excursion Year 8 ESSA Science Test
14 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 ESSA Science Test Year 12 Formal at Fraternity Club 6pm 'The Story Factory' Excursion
15 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 ESSA Science Test

Week 7A

18 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Start Smart Workshop
19 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Sports Day
22 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kokoda Memorial Excursion – select Year 9 & Year 10

Week 8B

26 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 2014 Information Evening
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Sport

Girls Netball Gala Day

On Thursday 31 October, 50 of our students competed in the Netball Gala Day held at Fred Finch Park. Five teams from Warilla High School were entered in the competition. We had one Year 7 team, one Year 8 team, two Year 9 teams and one Year 10 team.

The students in the Year 7 were; Mikayla Armour, Ellen Forsyth, Jessie Purvis, Jemma Carey, Breeze Brimson, Rachel Ristovski, Chloe Nicholson, Cassidy Graham and Alofa Tauee.

The students in the Year 8 team were; Erin Dalley, Karlie Zwolsman, Macie Dodd, Nicole Papadimas, Melanie Johnston, Caitlin Parker, Abbie Lucas, Teyarna Woods, Taleah Porter-Renwick and Grace Skarratts.

The students in the Year 9 teams were; Sarah Knoll, Olivia Kerr, Hayley Bromley, Alexandra McGirr, Soutara Potter, Tahlia Marsh, Elle McFarlane, Mackenzie Mallia, Louise Bell and in the second team were Shaylee Dodd, Brianna Luque, Aimee Fuller, Kayley Smith, Elise Bright, Olivia Tickle, Rachael Kane, Abbie Hattenfels, Eleanor Pousderkos, Emerson Leighton.

The students in the Year 10 team were; Danielle Thompson, Ashleigh Fahey, Paris Pusell-Makepeace, Courtney Trindall, Tiffany Holz, Ashleigh Serafini and Madison Parker.

All girls played competitively with all teams that they played against and demonstrated tremendous sportsmanship. Across all teams we had mixed results and had three teams compete in the semi-finals. The Year 8 team lost narrowly to Dapto, the Year 10 team also lost narrowly to Oak Flats and

the second Year 9 team won through to the final and were victorious against Figtree 11-6.

Most Valuable Player's for each team were: Alofa Tauee (Yr7), Erin Dalley & Karlie Zwolsman (Yr8), Mackenzie Mallia, Kayley Smith & Elise Bright (Yr9) and Courtney Trindall (Yr10)



A huge thank you to all the girls who competed and especially to those girls who filled in player spots at the last minute, as well as the girls who generously umpired some of the games.

It was a pleasure to accompany these girls on the day and I'm proud of you all for your efforts and commitment to sport and representing Warilla High School.

Congratulations! I'm looking forward to competing again next year and maybe adding to the trophy cabinet.

Miss Fotheringham
PDHPE Teacher

Disability Provisions Program (Special Provisions) 2014

Students are able to apply to the Board of Studies for Disability Provisions for the Higher School Certificate.

Some of the conditions covered by Disabilities Provision include literacy difficulties, anxiety / depression, Asperger's / Autism, vision, hearing, colour blindness, diabetes, mental health disorders, medical conditions and physical limitations.

There are many options available to the students.

The Board of Studies offer this support to allow students to have a fair attempt to show what they know in an exam.

The application for Disability Provisions Program is lengthy and time consuming. Supporting documentation is required for the application and often includes reports from health / medical practitioners.

If you or your child wishes to apply for Disabilities Provisions Program for the Higher School Certificate, or you would like to find out more, please contact Ros Gaynor, School Learning Support Teacher at school.

Applications generally close at the end of Term 1 2014; however the Board of Studies will consider applications lodged after this date in extenuating circumstances.

Ros Gaynor
School Learning Support Teacher

WACKY WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

The canteen is selling coke, lemonade, Lollies, chocolates, custard tarts and caramel slices.

Year 7 School Uniform and Book Packs for 2014

Dear Year 7 2014 Parents and Guardians,

This letter outlines some important information for our Year 7 2014 students regarding school uniform requirements and book packs for next year. In 2014 all of our Year 7 students will wear full school uniform that will be purchased through the school. Warilla High School has undertaken a lengthy process to ensure we now have a purpose designed school short and skirt for girls and school short for boys. Each of the school uniform items have been endorsed by our P&C and SRC. These items are presentable, comfortable and an appropriate length for school uniform.

From the beginning of 2014 it will be compulsory for Year 7 to wear the school endorsed skirt or shorts, along with our school polo shirt and in cool weather the school jumper. PE/Sport uniform is compulsory for each PE/Sport lesson and will be brought to school for these lessons. PE/Sport uniform will also be worn each Thursday for sport day. Each day student's must also wear fully enclosed, predominately black or white shoes. Canvas shoes such as "Rabens" are not acceptable due to WH&S regulations.

School shirts, shorts, skirts and jumpers, along with full PE/sports uniform will need to be purchased this term from the uniform room within the foyer area of our school office during school hours. Please see the attached price sheet for information regarding the price of each item. To assist Year 6 parents in purchasing school uniforms for Year 7 2014, the school office will be staffed for added hours during the week of the Year 6 into 7 Information Evening in Week 8 this term.

The uniform room opening times will be:

Monday 25th November 3.00pm – 5.30pm

Tuesday 26th November 3.00pm – 5.45pm (closed for Parent Information evening)

Wednesday 27th November 3.00pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 28th November 3.00pm – 5.30pm

Friday 29th November 3.00pm – 5.30pm

In an effort to further assist busy parents and families, the uniform room will also be open by appointment on Saturdays. Please call the school if you would like to make an appointment for a Saturday this term. In all other school weeks this term, uniforms can be purchased during school office hours 8.00am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday.

The Year 7 2014 Book packs will be available from 20 November. These are organised and sold through our P&C run canteen, however during the Year 6 orientation period they will be available for purchase at the school office for \$25.00 cash or cheque payment (please note cheques for book packs must be made out to *Warilla High School Canteen.*)

Parents and guardians are asked to contact the school if they require assistance in purchasing uniform or equipment for their child.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Information Evening on 26th November at 6.00pm in the school hall. We are also very much looking forward to seeing Year 7 2014 arrive next year in their full school uniform and with all required equipment to start their journey as a student at Warilla High School.

Please contact the school on 02 4296 3055 if you have any questions.

Junior Uniform Price List

WHITE POLO SHIRTS	Price \$27
SPORT SHIRTS	Price \$31
SPORT SHORTS (New Unisex Royal Blue design)	Price \$30
GIRLS NEW PLEATED NAVY SKIRTS	Price \$36
GIRLS NEW NAVY DRESS SHORTS	Price \$35
BOYS NEW NAVY DRESS SHORTS	Price \$35
TRACKSUIT TOPS	Price \$51
TRACKSUIT PANTS	Price \$40
POLO FLEECE JUMPER / JACKETS	Price \$29

Careers

Best Wishes to the 2013 HSC Student Cohort

It is with great pride and sadness that I wish this student group all the best with their post school options. They are a wonderful group of young adults who have been a pleasure to work with. Always remember that the Careers Office Day is still open to you for any assistance any time this year or next. Students have my email address and can still access Edmodo to contact me if you need to. Enjoy your Christmas break and all the best with your HSC results.

vanessa.royle@det.nsw.edu.au

Year 11 – 12 Transition Interviews

Tuesday 12 November all Year 11 students will participate in a Transition interview with a teacher to support the school's HSC Launch.

These interviews have a focus of providing students with information about TAFE, University and Employment in regards to marks required, entry requirements and how to best prepare themselves over the next 12 months to achieve in their chosen career pathway.

Any students absent on the day will need to see Mrs Glasgow to organise a new time for their interview. At these interviews students will create an Action Plan for their HSC studies and will take with them an information pack about the many pathway options.

In addition ATAR students will complete their registration for the UOW Discovery Day that is on Tuesday 4 February 2014.

TVET Human Services Graduation Ceremony

It is with great pleasure that I get to attend the TVET Certificate III Health Services Australia Graduation Ceremony for three exceptional Warilla High School students.

These students have been studying Nursing as a part of their HSC and have achieved outstanding results and are well on their way to entering the Health Services Industry.

Congratulations to:

Samantha Bryant

Shaye Hanson

Stacey Ratliffe

StartSmart Program

On Monday 18 November all Year 10 will be participating in a StartSmart Program that looks at the financial side of employment and provides students with information regarding wages, salaries, superannuation, budgeting and more.

It will be presented in a practical manner and at their level of understanding. The cost is free and students will attend during class time.

Discover Engineering Events

Mr Kershaw has been busy with his Year 11 Engineering class and a selected group of interested Year 10 students who have attended both the 'Discover Engineering Day' hosted by the Illawarra Regional Group of Engineers Australia and the University of Wollongong Engineering Studies Day.

Attending such events not only supports the learning and skills of students, provides valuable information regarding career pathways in the industry but it also shows evidence of passion for a career which is needed in not only cadetship and traineeship applications but Early Admission applications to University.

Mrs Glasgow
Careers Advisor

Welfare News

On Monday 28 October, 55 Year 10 students attended the RYDA Road Safety Education Day at Croome Rd, Albion Park. This program has been developed in order to equip young people with the tools and knowledge they need to stay safe on the road.

53 Year 9 students attended the UNique Experience Day at the University of Wollongong on Tuesday 5 November. Over 700 Year 9 & Year 10 students from across the region had the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a university student.

Our students participated in a variety of taster sessions on the day which included: nursing, medicine, early childhood teaching, game observation, fresh water organisms, hydraulics, maths and business production lines. The students are to be commended for their participation and behaviour on the day and I would like to thank Ms Fotheringham and Sharon Maher for attending.

Time is running out for any Year 11 Advanced English students who would like to take the opportunity to undertake a six credit point subject titled "Belonging in the Community" at the University of Wollongong during the January school holidays.

Students will have the opportunity to study as a university student in the faculty of Law, Humanities and The Arts.

7 current Year 12 students took part in the program in 2013 and each student has been offered a place at the University of Wollongong in 2014. I strongly recommend that as many current Year 11 students as possible take up this offer.

A reminder to all students that you need to hand in your merit certificates to your Year Adviser by the end of Week 7 in order for Silver Certificates and Gold Awards to be processed by the end of 2013.

Maths tutoring is available for Year 11 students on Tuesday afternoon from 1:45pm to 3:30pm, tutoring for Year 11 chemistry students is continuing to take place on Wednesday afternoons from 2:45pm to 4:00 pm and tutoring for English is available on Thursday afternoons from 12:30pm to 2:30 pm. If you are interested in your Year 11 student accessing this service feel free to contact me at school.

Year 11 students who are driving to school are required to return their 'permission to drive' authority forms to Mr Stanizzo or Ms Hand. If any Year 11 student does not have a form they need to see Mr Stanizzo as soon as possible.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that there will be a Year 9 camp in 2014 which will be held at The Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen from Wednesday 8 October to Friday 10 October 2014. More information will be provided regarding this camp before the end of the year.

Michael Stanizzo
Head Teacher Welfare