

Warrawong High School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to 2017

So far the start to 2017 has been settled and we are certainly excited to be back and ready to build on the successes of 2016. In particular, our Year 12 students and teachers should be congratulated because last year's overall HSC result were the best we have had for the past 10 years.

2017 marks the final year of our current school plan, as is the case for all public primary and secondary schools across NSW. We are very proud all that has been achieved over the past two years thanks to our dedicated staff.

At Warrawong High School, we have some amazing extra curricula and engagement programs running across the school along with authentic professional learning and quality teaching occurring in all classrooms. All these make our school great, however, there are 3 factors that impact on the tone of any school:

Punctuality and attendance – being at school every day and on time increases students' ability to be successful. This also includes attending all classes and being on time. At Warrawong High School we have excellent systems for tracking and monitoring student attendance.

Behaviour – abiding by the school's behaviour expectations means that students are not distracted from their learning and teachers can do their work in the classroom effectively. Students who take responsibility for their learning by having the correct equipment for class will be successful learners. All students at Warrawong High School are expected demonstrate the behaviours outlined in our Values Platform.

Uniform – Wearing the correct school uniform

shows that students are prepared for school and willing to follow our Values Platform. It also shows that they feel connected to the school and want to be part of a 'team' approach to their learning. Uniform helps the community identify our school and helps to form positive opinions of the school and our students. Warrawong High School is a uniform school and we will be working hard to improve this aspect of our work.

School Staffing

At the end of 2016 we farewelled a few of our staff because of retirement and promotions. Therefore, we have now welcomed some new staff in both permanent and temporary positions.

Ms Gulsen Antinok is our new permanent Visual Arts teacher. We have Ms Sandra Gilmartin (English Faculty), Ms Elise Pullan (HSIE Faculty) and Linda Shearer (Support Faculty) on temporary appointments.

We also several new staff in the Intensive English Centre including: Ms Linda De Heaume; Ms Dianne Lendrum; Ms Emily Wililo and Ms Megan Zingel.

Mrs Goldspink is Relieving Deputy Principal during Term 1 and Ms Simpson is Relieving Head Teacher English during this time.

Ms Babis will be working two days per week in the English faculty and three days per week as Teacher Librarian.

Ms Simi is our Sports Organiser for 2017 as Ms Allnutt is the Year 7 Adviser.



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HeadSTART Program

We have rebranded our primary school transition program as the **HeadSTART** Program. Mr Sovrano remains our Primary Transition Coordinator and will continue his great work in engaging students and teachers from our partner primary schools in a range of programs throughout the year.

Our Open Afternoon is the first of the events and will be held on **Wednesday 1st March** from 3:30pm.

Thanks to Ms Allnutt, our Year 7 Induction Program was extremely successful and has given our new students a great start to High School. This program will now be an important event in our **HeadSTART** calendar for future incoming Year 7 groups.

Parent Focus Group

Towards the end of Term 4 last year we had our first Parent Focus Group Meeting, thanks to a small group of parents who initiated it.

We have agreed to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00am – 11:00am in our Staff Common Room.

Our first meeting for the year is on **Tuesday 22nd February**. Any interested parents are welcome to join us.

Assessment and Reporting

Based on recommendations from our 2016 Assessment and Reporting Evaluation we are working on 4 reporting periods over the course of this year.

Basically, in Term 1 we will have a Parent/Teacher Afternoon at which Yrs7 and 11 will be issued with a Term 1 Interim Report. Half Yearly Reports will be issued at the end of Term 2. There will be another Parent/Teacher Afternoon in Term 3 followed by Yearly Reports being issued at the end of Term 4.

These cycles of reports and Parent/Teacher Afternoons may be slightly different for Year 12.

Dates to Remember

- **Feb 22** – Parent Focus Group 10am-11am
- **Mar 1** – Open Afternoon 3:30pm
- **Mar 10** – School Photos
- **Apr 5** – Yrs7 and 11 Interim Reports Issued

Rick Coleman

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2017 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students*:

- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months
- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that students who commence HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8. Students who have any HPV doses at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic either as a physical card or a text message sent to the mobile number recorded on the consent form (within 1 business day). Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Welcome to Science at WHS

The Science staff would like to welcome all students back to school and in particular, welcome our newcomers, Year 7 of 2017.

For our first time reader I'd like to introduce the Science Staff.



Mrs Weir - Head Teacher



Mr Boscoscuro



Mr Walker



Mr Gunner



Mr Gander



Mr Koglin



Mr Curley (Learning Support Teacher)

We also couldn't do without our Lab Assistant Ms Genoveve Vieira.

The Science faculty is providing a range of courses this year. Senior courses in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Senior Science and Marine Studies are well underway.

In the junior school we have Marine Studies running as a Year 9 Elective, The Living Classroom Project, Science Club, STEM activities and aquaponics.

We hope everyone has a great year.

Mrs Weir

**Wollongong Junior Chess Club
Junior Chess Tournament
2017 Summer Sunday
(Under 18 Year Olds)**

7 Round Swiss

When: Sunday 26 February 2017 (10am to 4pm)

Where: Fairy Meadow Community Centre
Keira Room
Guest Park

Corner Cambridge Ave & Princes Hwy
Fairy Meadow (Opposite Woolworths)

Trophy Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd + Age Groups

Games will be rated by NSWJCL

Results will influence qualification to
NSWJCL Country Championship

Entry Fee: \$10

Lunch: Players should bring their own lunch and refreshments.

Arbiter and Information: JOHN MAZZIERI

Phone: (02) 4283 3080

e-mail: mazzieri@exemail.com.au

WOLLONGONG JNR CHESS CLUB
meets Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm (not school hols)

Links to Learning

Warrawong High School has been involved in the Links to Learning program for many years. Ten year 9 students are selected for the program annually. The 2016 members were Rouaa Altinawi, Moise Badesire, Milena Dimeska, Stephaninie Milosevski, Claude Ndengeye, Tayla Ristovska, Rouha Sheike Ahmad, Nathaniel Sturgess and Jamal Issa.

The students attended the program every Tuesday and completed a number of recognised courses such as First Aid and Retail operations as well as taking part in workshops relating to goal setting, aged care and volunteering.

A graduation ceremony held at Panorama House on the 30th November was a fantastic way to end the year and celebrate the student's achievements.



As part of the Links to Learning Program, the highly prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Award is offered to the students. This is a very challenging award that includes a two-day trek where students need to show determination, work as a team and support one another. This year two of our students successfully completed this part of the program. As a special way to honour the commitment and dedication of these outstanding young people, Links to Learning arranged tickets to the highly acclaimed live show, of the life story of Anh Do "The Happiest Refugee", on Saturday the 4th February 2017 at the Convention Centre Darling Harbour.

Congratulations Moise Badesire and Claude Ndengeye!!!!



I look forward to working with the 2017 group of Links to Learning students.

Mrs N. Hijazi

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12 - 16 years

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Summer Term Cost \$160

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Marine Studies

This Year at Warrawong High School, Marine Studies is back up and running! There are two classes with Mr Gunner teaching Year 11 and Mr Gander teaching Year 9. Every second Friday in Term 1 both classes go to Port Kembla Pool to learn about Ocean safety and begin their testing for the Surf Survival Certificate. Over the course of the year the students will also have the opportunity to breed and study Crayfish Biology, build aquariums and aquaponics systems, study rock platforms and ocean ecosystems, fishing, snorkelling and many other hands on learning experiences. Looking forward to a great year.



Mr Gander & Mr Gunner



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PDHPE/LOTE Faculty

Welcome parents and students to 2017. The PDHPE and LOTE Faculty are a very dynamic and enthusiastic team which deliver high quality, engaging lessons as well as extra-curricular activities on a daily basis throughout the school. This faculty consists of:



Mr Aaron Davis –
Head Teacher PDHPE/LOTE
PDHPE teacher,
School Timetable co-ordinator
& organiser of the Elite Soccer
Training Program



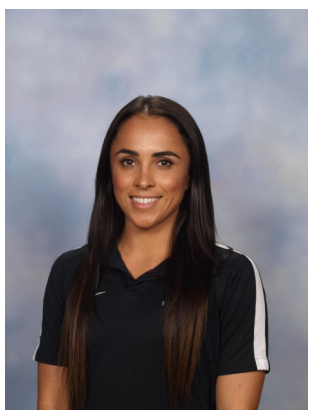
Mrs Lyn Ramsay
Head Teacher Wellbeing
PDHPE Teacher



Mr Josh McCarthy
PDHPE teacher and
VIVO co-ordinator
(school merit system)



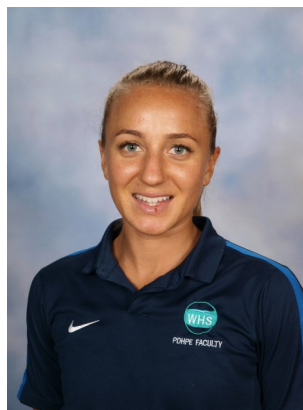
Ms Cristina Carvana
Languages teacher;
Distance Education &
Saturday School Supervisor



Miss Amanda Allnutt
PDHPE teacher,
Year 7 Advisor,
Sports Organiser &
Sports Committee co-ordinator



Mr Trent Sovrano
PDHPE teacher
Primary Transition Co-ordinator
Elite Soccer Training Program
Coach



Miss Jessica Simitsiotis
PDHPE teacher
Sports Organiser,
IEC Health program teacher &
Sports Committee co-ordinator



Mr Jack Doyle
PDHPE teacher
Support Unit Teacher

If you any questions in regard to the PDHPE program, Language Program or Sport and Carnivals at Warrawong High School, please contact us for further information.

Mr Aaron Davis
Head Teacher PDHPE

News from the Library

I am very pleased to be sharing the role of teacher Librarian with Ms. Tiernan in 2017. You will find me in the library on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays. As many of you are aware there are some exciting changes occurring in the library this year. Commencing with the new refurbishment hopefully beginning half way through this year, which will result in a 21st Century library for both students and teachers to utilize. I am in the process of organising game sessions that will take place during Lunch 1 Wednesday and lunch 1 and 2, Thursday and Friday. Students will be able to partake in card games, board games and other fun activities during these breaks. Keep an ear out in the daily notices for further information. Also new to the library this year is the introduction of VIVO points. Students will be allocated 5 VIVO's for borrowing and 2 VIVO's when the loan is returned before the due date. I am looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and getting to meet some new faces this year, especially the year 7 students. Don't be shy, come into the library and say hello. All are welcome!



Ms Babis
Librarian

TASAM Faculty 2017

The TAS, Visual Arts and Music Faculty is settling in to a busy Term 1. We have welcomed a few new faces to our Teaching Staff this year, including Miss Altinok who is our new Visual Arts teacher replacing Ms Habicki, Mrs Bonacina who is sharing the role of TAS teacher with Mr Croft, Mrs Van Der Merwe is filling the role of TAS/Food Technology teacher and Ms Rath is continuing her work in the Visual Arts/Photography/Music role.



From Back Row-Clockwise: Ms Van der Merwe; Ms Rath Ms Bonacina and Miss Altinok.

All programs are underway across all Stages and an information letter regarding subject contributions is coming home via your child.

An exciting year of learning is planned and we look forward to particularly engaging our new Year 7 students in various context areas in Technology Mandatory, Visual Arts and Music. Elective students have been given an outline of their learning outcomes for Term 1 and we look forward to meeting parents at our Parent-Teacher afternoon in Term 2.

Ms Bridgette Evitt
HT TASAM

Every day is National Tree Day at WHS

Normally National Tree Planting Day is celebrated in July but a WHS every day is National Tree Day with hundreds of trees and plants being planted in the school Permaculture garden every year. Every term a new crop of students from the IEC starts work in the garden. Students at the IEC spend only one year at WHS before going on to different high schools and usually work two terms in the garden. Coming from many different countries including Liberia, Congo, Macedonia, Italy, China, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Burma, Thailand, Vietnam, and The Philippines they bring many skills and stories

about gardening and food from their countries and make a valuable contribution to the maintenance and upkeep of the garden. This term classes have been working hard planting trees, digging, weeding, mulching paths, making compost, preparing beds for planting and also reaping the benefits of harvesting and preparing delicious food to share with each other.



HSIE/ Ab. Ed News

Exciting times at Warrawong High in the HSIE Faculty. I would like to warmly welcome all new and current students to the new year. In HSIE this year we have plenty planned; already in week 4 year 12 Geography are going on an excursion to Pymont Sydney for their Urban Dynamics topic with Mr Mendygral; and all staff are busy preparing their lesson plans to implement the new Geography Australian Curriculum in years 7 and 9.

We also welcome Mrs Salma Al Hindi our Literacy and EAL/D support teacher who will be working closely with our team and the HSIE Literacy support classes to maximise on the learning needs of our students.

Once again our faculty will be working closely with the Permaculture team at Warrawong High, Wollongong Green Connect, the Illawarra Environmental Education Centre, Multi-Cultural Communities Council Illawarra and Wollongong Youth Services to create dynamic and engaging lessons for our students this year. Stay Tuned!

Our 2017 HSIE Team is:



Mr Robert Oczos
Head Teacher
Aboriginal Education Coordinator



Mr Petelo Fangupo
Year 12 Advisor



Mr Daniel Mendygral



Mrs Lillian Kriss

Ms Alison Lee (photo unavailable)



Mr Illya Szwec



Ms Elise Pullen



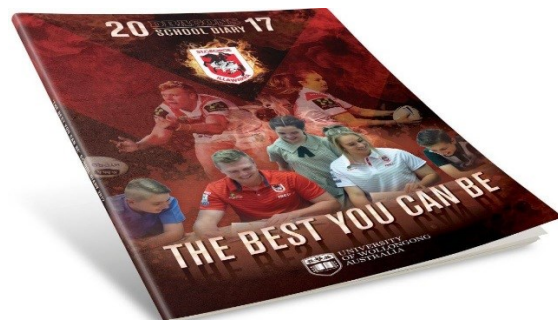
Mrs Salma Al-Hindi
Literacy & EAL/D Support



Mrs Lani Balzan
Aboriginal Education Officer

Mrs Lani Balzan our AEO has already been busy starting Koori group every Tuesday period 2 with all of our ATSI students and the 'Best You Can Be Program' sponsored by the St George Illawarra Dragons and University of Wollongong with our Year 7 and 8 ATSI students. The program will be run by Mrs Balzan and our Librarian Ms Babis.

The '**Best You Can Be**' program supports our aim of encouraging youth to make positive choices around health, education and social issues. The program also has a strong literacy focus and includes tips for students to set achievable goals. The program will run every Thursday period 4 in the school library.



Mr R Oczos
HT HSIE/ Ab. Ed. Coordinator

Mathematics 2017

The Mathematics Department has a highly experienced and enthusiastic staff with most having over 20 years experience. We have been making sound progress and are proud of our achievement. Last year, our 2016 HSC results have been most impressive in all courses: Maths Extension, Advanced, General 2 and the Information Processes and Technology course.

Mathematics is fundamental in any future study or vocation. It promotes logical thinking and helps students solve problems in a systematic and logical way.

In 2017, we have a number of initiatives. All students will have access to Maths Online at a subsidised price. This will allow students to work at their own pace and can watch the lessons as many times as they like until they understand the concept. Years 7-8 at \$10 for the year and Years 9-12 at \$20 for the year.

All students must have a scientific calculator as it is a requirement of the NAPLAN tests and will be used during most lessons. If you need a calculator, we have purchased a large number of **Casio fx-82AU Plus** at a special price that we can pass on to students for \$21 each. All they have to do is pay \$21 to the office and bring their receipt to the Maths Staffroom.

We are enforcing the BYOD (Bring Your Own Devices) policy. All students will be required to bring a familiar personal device to school to use as their primary technological device. If a student cannot afford a device, they can apply for a loan device from the existing pool, through the Student Assistance Scheme, by contacting Ms Ramsay. For more information, see the attached flyer on BYOD or download the BOYD brochure from the Warrawong High School Website.

<http://www.warrawong-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/whs-byod>



The Mathematics Staff are always willing to assist students with problems during lunch times and after school. A number of staff are also running afternoon tutorials to help senior students with their HSC. Mrs Maria Pestana's photo unavailable.



Mr Bob McKee
Head Teacher Mathematics



Mr Rade Mijakovski



Mr John Kane



Mrs Franca Frank



Mrs Donna Acev



Mrs Angela Crockett



Mrs Wendy Cook



Mr Paul Brown
IT Co-Ordinator

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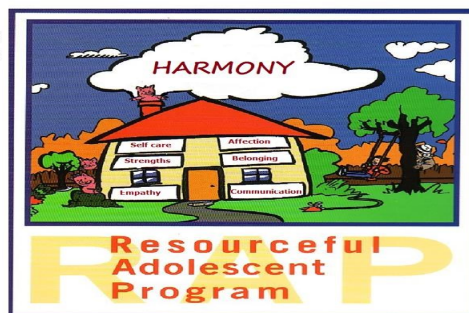


Southern Youth and Family Services

Want to communicate better with your teenager? Learn how to manage conflict more effectively? Join RAP-P!

The Resourceful Adolescent Parent program (RAP-P) is a free workshop to help parents keep their home a positive and safe place for the entire family. It focuses on parent resilience, understanding teenage behaviour, managing arguments and building positive relationships with your teenager.

- What?** Three free parent sessions 2.5 hours each
- When?** Thursdays March 2, 9 and 16; 10:30-1pm
- Where?** 33 Pioneer Drive Oak Flats
- Contact:** Charo Serventy (Family Counsellor)
4256 5468 or 0412 999 965 (Bookings essential)
Course materials, tea/coffee, light refreshments provided



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