

Warrawong High School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents & Carers



Welcome back to term 3, 2018. For all families within the Warrawong community, I would like to re-introduce myself as the proud new principal of Warrawong High School. My association with Warrawong dates back to 2013 when I was appointed as Deputy

Principal. Previous to this appointment, I held a senior executive role at Illawarra Sports High and a consultancy position with the Department of Education's Regional Office. Throughout my career, I have been part of the Executive Team in three comprehensive high school settings over the past 22 years working for the Department of Education. My experiences in these positions and relieving as principal for extended periods, holds me in good stead to lead our school community into a bright future.

Beginning my new role brings much excitement as well as an unrelenting desire to build upon our current programs whilst further consolidating our students' learning outcomes, building teacher quality, improving futures focused learning and increasing engagement with our community partners. Our overall goal at Warrawong is to cater to the individual needs of our students, raising their educational aspirations whilst ensuring a positive transition into society as creative and confident young adults.

Term 3 is traditionally an extremely busy term at Warrawong High School. We are beginning the planning process for our 2019 curriculum, staffing and the evaluation of current school programs. The school also has a range of activities and events planned for this term including; Education Week celebrations, Senior Work Placement, Subject Selection Evenings, Year 11/12 Exams, Senior Major Works, Positive Report Morning Tea, Parent Teacher afternoon and evening, Interim School Reports and our monthly Parent Engagement Group meetings. We fully extend a warm invitation to all families of Warrawong High School to attend and participate in the activities and presentations

that we have planned. A full calendar of the term is outlined further in this newsletter.

With a new Principal comes change, as such I am delighted to announce that Warrawong High is implementing a New School Uniform from 2019. Our Deputy Principal, Mr Micheal Stanizzo has led a uniform review team through the process of evaluating our community's beliefs, values and attitudes towards the current school uniform and logo. Utilising a range of communication platforms, students, staff and parents were overwhelmingly positive in their response for change. As a result, the evaluation team has engaged a school uniform supplier, Daylight to develop a preferred uniform from 2019. After much communication, debate and consideration the uniform and logo will soon be showcased to the community. To ensure a positive transition the team have been inclusive of all stakeholders whilst ensuring our new uniform is affordable and accessible to all families.

Once the uniform prototypes are available, we plan to display the new uniform at an information evening with our families. In the meantime, I ask all families to be patient as we further develop our timeline, expectations and communication processes regarding the implementation and purchase of the new uniform. The transition phase is for three (3) years and will only include Year 7 and 11 in 2019. I further remind our new Year 6 students and current year 10 students who are moving into Year 11, that the uniform previously purchased from Lowes will be excluded from year 7 and 11 in 2019.

Finally, thank you to all staff, families and students for the warm welcome that I have received since my appointment as Principal. I look forward to working with you in providing your child with the very best of opportunities that Warrawong High School and Public Education has to offer.

Regards

Mr Brad Hughes
Principal



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Deputy Principal Report



It has been a busy start to the term and we would like to commend the vast majority of our students for the positive manner in which they conducted themselves so far. In the last week it was fantastic to see so many parents/carers together with their children attend the Year 10 Subject Selection Evening. All attendees had the opportunity to hear information on NESA

guidelines relating to the Higher School Certificate together with an outline of the extensive learning support, wellbeing support and careers advice available that makes Warrawong High School a leader in the region in terms of a student focused values platform. During the evening there was also the option of speaking to faculty Head Teachers regarding various courses being offered plus representatives from the University of Wollongong, TAFE NSW and Workplace Learning Illawarra were in attendance. Following this all Year 10 students will now engage with academic coaches who will provide intensive individual assistance to ensure that each student is making the correct subject choices.

We have also had a number of our Year 11 students take part in learning conferences with their respective teachers and parents/carers. A big thank you to Mrs Hijazi who did wonderful job in organising this. Currently we have a number of Year 11 students actively participating in work placement related to TVET courses they are undertaking here at school.

A reminder that the Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations will begin on Thursday 23rd of August. In order to provide the best possible preparation for our students the school has engaged the external supervisory team from NESA to coordinate and oversee the examinations. Mrs Goldspink will be organising information workshops regarding rules and regulations pertaining to the HSC procedures in the lead up to the trial examination period. Each student is responsible for ensuring that they attend each examination on time and are aware of their obligations.

As many of you may already know recently there have been some changes to the makeup of our wellbeing team. It is with a mixture of sadness tinged with overwhelming joy that we say goodbye in the short term to Mrs Murdzewski as she takes maternity leave. We wish her and her husband all the best for the remainder of her pregnancy and cannot thank her enough for the invaluable job she does each day in supporting our students at Warrawong High School. Following an external expression of interest process we would like to welcome Maree Yates from Oak Flats High School to our school as the Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing. Also, we would like to thank Miss Barton and Mr Sovrano for the great work they have performed as Year Advisors but welcome into the fold Miss Fletcher as Year 10 Advisor and Mrs Fallo as Year 7 Advisor.

Christine Goldspink Deputy Principal
Michael Stanizzo Deputy Principal

News Article from the English Faculty



So far, in 2018, the English Faculty has been busy delivering an engaging yet challenging curriculum to our students at Warrawong High School. Students have been involved in the study of a variety of texts, including canonical literary texts such as *To Kill a Mockingbird* and texts that have been popularised in recent times, such as the

Hunger Games. Junior classes have also engaged in the study of variety of texts, but Year 7 in particular had the opportunity to complete a genre study of both fantasy and horror, and from the feedback their teachers received, it was thoroughly enjoyed! A special mention needs to go to Miss McGoogan and Mrs Gilmartin and their 10.1 & 10.4 English classes as they have been working hard on the Port Kembla Youth Magazine Project. It culminated with the students attending the University of Wollongong's Innovation Campus to edit and design their magazine articles. We are looking forward to seeing the finish product.

Mrs A Simpson
Head Teacher

Year 10 Subject Selection Evening



I would like to personally thank all of our year 10 students, parents/caregivers, teachers and executive staff for a successful and informative subject selection evening. As mentioned on the night, we do not expect you to memorise the entire subject selection/ NESA process – you can access the NESA information from:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/home> and remember you can speak to your coaches regarding your subjects as well as speaking to myself or Mrs. Goldspink.

I am so excited to be a part of your educational journey, your senior years are going to fly by and before you know it you will be heading off to your first job, TAFE, University or perhaps some travelling! Please take the time to chat with your parents/caregivers and make wise decisions that reflect your interests and future endeavors.

Thank you,

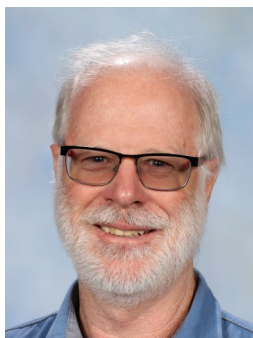
Jenna Fletcher
Year 10 Advisor

Dear Miss Barton,

The past few years with you as our Year Advisor have been absolutely amazing. We all can't thank you enough for everything you have done for us. You have been with us through thick and thin and you were always there for us whenever we needed someone to listen and support us. As a year, we all want to say we love you and wish you all the best in your life.

Year 10

Maths World



There have been a few changes in the Maths faculty this term.

A big thank you to Ms Motbey, who has recently accepted a position at Kiama High. Ms Motbey spent a semester with us and in that short time, she made a huge impression on her students and fellow faculty members. Mr Cummins has stepped into Ms Motbey's large shoes and is settling in well.

We will also have the effervescent, Ms Cook back with us for a few weeks while a couple of our staff are overseas on leave.

Year 12 students have entered their last term and need to have organised a study program and be aware of key dates. This final term will be hectic for our Mathematics students as the Trial HSC

examinations are in weeks 5 and 6 and there are also a number of assessment tasks due very soon. The staff room door is open to all students, and we will support you in any way we can. You just have to ask.

Mr Robert McKee the Head Teacher of Mathematics has been pleased to note that the majority of students who visit this part of the school are positively engaged in class room activities and in fact they are often reluctant to leave class when the Recess bell rings!. Mr McKee and his staff are constantly revising and reviewing our teaching programs as well as assessing individual student needs so that all students are placed in the appropriate class levels and getting the support needed.

The Mathematics community and the community at large are placing an increased emphasis on STEM based skills. Here at Warrawong, within the Mathematics curriculum we embed aspects of STEM where possible, including the use of Computer Technology covering research and Spreadsheets. Where possible we encourage students to bring their own devices (BYOD) so they become used to using them as an everyday tool, not something they pick up and use when directed to.

Mr Bob McKee
Head Teacher

ICONIC - SOUTHERN STARS 2018



There's just a couple of weeks remaining until students arrive at the WIN Entertainment Centre for Show Week and the final preparations leading up to the performances on August 31 and September 1.

Last week's mass dance rehearsal was a great success with students getting their first opportunity to see many of the amazing dance items that make up the show.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, don't delay! The Saturday matinee show is ideal for families and younger children in particular. Friday night is selling fast and Saturday night is likely to be another sell out show.

Keep up to date with the show's progress with pictures and video from rehearsals uploaded daily to our Facebook page **Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular** and our Instagram page at **southernstarsarenaspectacular**. Keep looking out for ticket giveaways starting this week.

And don't forget – buy your tickets **ONLY** through Ticketmaster at: <http://www.ticketmaster.com.au/Southern-Stars-tickets/artist/2017467>

Ms Robyn Fallo



- 20th August—14th September
Week 5—Week 8
Year 11 Retail Work placement
- 23rd August 2018
Yr 12 Trial Exams Start
- 27th August 2018
Naplan On-Line Readiness Test Commences
- 28th August 2018
Parent Engagement Group Meeting
10am-11am
- 31st August 2018
Yr9-10 AIME Excursion to UOW
- 4th September 2018
Trades Roadshow Yrs 9/10/11/12
- 17 Sept 2018 - 24th Sept 2018
Year 11 Yearly Exams commence

Year 5 Taste of High School Day



The Year 5 Taste of High School Day held on the 27th June, was an excellent opportunity for local primary students to experience a day in a high school setting. The day allowed students to get hands on involvement in a range of subject areas including Art, History, Mathematics, Cooking, Science and Physical Education.

120 students from our local primary schools participated in this event, and by all accounts it was a very successful day, with lots of excitement and stories to tell. The day experienced some gloomy weather, with on and off drizzle and rain, but this did not deter the determination of the Year 5 students to make the most of the day. This event was a team effort with help from SRC members, Hospitality students and other keen helpers. The high school teachers put together fantastic lessons and really showcased what the high school has to offer. Warrawong High School really enjoyed having our local primary students visit, we hope to see them again at future events.

Mr Daniel Mendygral
Primary Transition Coordinator



Education Week Activities

A number of Warrawong High School students were fortunate enough to participate in Education Week celebrations at Cringila Public School on Tuesday the 7th of August. Jennifer Saveska, Courtney Donley, Caitlin Cooper, Dylan Francisco and Christopher Tudzarov volunteered to spend their afternoon reading to primary school students and engage them in the colourful world of imagination. This event is an important part of building strong relationships with our community of schools and helps develop our community profile and showcase the quality of our student leadership. The afternoon was well received by all those lucky enough to take part, with many of the Primary school Teachers impressed with the level of engagement, even as the last few minutes of the school day ticked over. A big thank you to these students who volunteered their time for a worthwhile community service.

Mr Daniel Mendygral
Primary Transition Coordinator



IEC Open Day 2018

Last Wednesday the 8th August, the IEC hosted its annual Open Day in the Warrawong High School Hall. Open Day is IEC Graduation Day for all the students who have left us to go to their mainstream schools over the past 12 months. Special guests in attendance were Mr Brad Hughes, Principal WHS, Mr Michael Stanizzo, Deputy Principal WHS, Mr Bill Field, Director of Education, Ms Sharon Bird, Member for Cunningham and Mr Gordon Bradbery, Lord Mayor of Wollongong. Mr Zjelko Kanostrevac, a former student, delivered an inspiring speech as our guest speaker. Mr Kanostrevac arrived as a student at the IEC from Bosnia more than twenty years ago and encouraged us all to focus on our dreams and work hard to make our goals a reality. The IEC choir sang two verses of the National Anthem beautifully. The formalities concluded with an international morning tea and an opportunity for teachers and students to catch up with friends old and new. It was a wonderful day thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Ms G Harvey
IEC



BE ORGANISED for UAC UNIVERSITY APPLICATION

Write the following information out below

PERSONAL DETAILS - make sure that your names on the application MATCHES your official ID (passport or birth certificate). You will need ID for enrolment if no match, may prevent enrolment at uni

EMAIL ADDRESS

POSTAL ADDRESS

Year 12 student BOS NUMBER

UAC NUMBER

(this can be changed after you've applied)

UAC APPLICATION NUMBER

(a 9- digit UAC application number will be given to you after you have applied keep this in a safe place for when you wish to check and change your preferences. You can change the password)

	COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	UNIVERSITY NAME
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

**** You can start an application and save and check and come back to it before you submit.**

WHEN YOU SUBMIT THE APPLICATION: you will be able to download your **Confirmation of Application**. Check the details and if you need to change contact details, preferences or add study into the application you can CHECK AND CHANGE on the UAC website. (p 28).

You can apply for Second Semester (spring session) start at a university.... And it needs to be included

AFTER YOU HAVE APPLIED TO UNI

You can visit the UAC website www.uac.edu.au to do the following:

- o Change you UAC pin number
 - o View/ print your confirmation of application
 - o Change your preferences for each round
 - o Check your personal details
 - o Check your ATAR score after the HSC on 14th December 2017
- Check if you have received an offer

2018 NSW HSC results will be released on Thursday 14th December 2017

ATARs will be released by UAC on their website on Friday 15th December from 9 am. You can opt for the rank to be sent to you via phone.

BOTH will be posted to your postal address after Friday 15th December.

NB: **Check that your postal addresses are up to date both at school and when you apply to UAC.**

UNI OFFERS page 36-39 of the UAC guide

EARLY OFFERS: UOW has an Early Admission Scheme and other unis may have the SRS scheme (below).

HAVE YOUR FIRST PREFERENCE FOR UOW Early Admission to be given an offer from UOW.

If you get an offer ACCEPT, then remove the course from your UAC preference list. ACCEPT every offer, there is no guarantee you will get another. Be sure to change your ORDER of preference after each offer to possibly get another offer in later rounds. MOST offers will be made in December or January.

CHANGING YOUR PREFERENCES You can change these as often as you like on the UAC website but remember there are different dates for different rounds. Check inside cover of UAC guide for changing preferences cut off date for each round.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES (EAS)

For students you have experienced long-term education disadvantage such as – disrupted schooling, financial hardship, excessive family responsibilities, personal illness or disability you can apply for support. Download an application form from www.uac.edu.au EAS applications open on Wednesday 1 August 2018 and close on Friday 8 February 2019, but we recommend students apply by 23 November 2018.

STUDENT RECOMMENDED SCHEME (SRS) For students applying to universities that wish to be recognised for early offers from a list of universities. Schools are asked to rate your eligibility to a course. Applications close 28th September 2018. These are for institutions other than UOW.

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Students receiving income support such as – Youth allowance, Austudy and Abstudy - you may be eligible for a START UP or Equity scholarship. Updated information can be found from: www.uac.edu.au/equity

Equity Scholarship applications open on Wednesday 1 August 2018 and close on Friday 8 February 2019, but we recommend students apply by 23 November 2018.

INDIVIDUAL UNI SCHOLARSHIPS

Depending on the uni that you are applying for there could be scholarships. Check these out on the various uni websites. This includes: academic, sporting and equity etc

UOW Early Entry

Refer to the UOW Course Directory & Early Admission Guide, (uow.edu.au/early) which lists all UOW courses; outlines all what you need to know about what Early Admission is, how it works and how to apply. If you have any questions about Early Admission please send them through to the Early Admissions team early-admission@uow.edu.au. All students who are completing Yr 12 and receiving an ATAR are eligible to apply for UOW early admission. Any international student completing Yr 12 at Warrawong High are also eligible.

- Step 1 CHOOSE 2 courses (2 is the maximum). Use the guide, website or UAC
- Step 2 Have a personal email set up
- not your school email
- Step 3 APPLY on line. Wednesday 1st August – Applications Open.
Friday 24th August – Applications close at 5pm. - do not wait to the last week to submit. You can apply and save then submit.
- Step 4 Attend the UOW Open Day 11th of August to speak to staff and Head Deans. This makes a great impression for future early admission interviews. Registrations for the day are open now at the UOW Open Day website
- Step 5 UOW will notify via email on the 7th September if you have an offer for an interview at Wollongong Campus. You will be notified if you have 1 or 2 interviews. Register for the interview. Attached to this email will be a PDF document for you to print and have signed by your subject teachers to verify the marks/grades the student submitted are true and correct. You will need to show your reports to Mr Cattle then we can sign and make sure your application is accurate. The application system will accept grades (A, B, C, D) as well as numerical marks.

You will need to provide this signed document to prove the marks you use are correct and accurate **when you attend the interview.**

- Step 6 3-5th October – Early Admission interviews at UOW

- Step 7 15 – 16th October – Early Admission outcomes via email sent to applicants
- Step 8 If you receive an offer you will receive an official offer from UAC in November. Make sure that the course you are offered is the **FIRST UAC preference** so that you receive a FORMAL OFFER from UAC early December. ACCEPT the UAC offer by the deadline in the letter/email
- Step 9 If you want to receive more offers at the same university or another university and different courses, you HAVE TO change the UAC preferences. That means, either REMOVE the Early Admissions offer or put it as the last preference. Check the UAC dates for different offer deadlines.
- Step 10



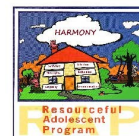
Want to communicate better with your teenager?
Want to manage conflict more effectively?
Join the Resourceful Adolescent Parent Program!

The Resourceful Adolescent Parent program is a free workshop to help parents keep their home a positive and safe place for the entire family. Parents will attend three sessions which aim to help build resilience, improve understanding of teenage development, provide skills to respond to difficult behaviour and foster a positive relationship with their teenager.

Shellharbour: Wednesday 15/8/18, 22/8/18, 29/8/18 10:30am–1pm.
Held at the Southern Youth and Family Services office at 33 Pioneer drive, Oak Flats

Wollongong: Wednesday 5/9/18, 12/9/18, 19/9/18 10:30 am–1pm
held at Headspace at 7 Atchison street, Wollongong

Contact: Charo Serventy and Hamish Simpson
0412 999 965 (Bookings essential)



Course materials, tea/coffee, and light refreshments provided
The Resourceful Adolescent Parent Program is run by Southern Youth and Family Services in partnership with Headspace Wollongong.



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5 apps for beating exam stress



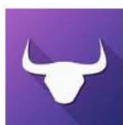
1. My Study Life

This app is kinda like a digital diary, and it's designed to help you keep on top of due dates and study schedules. It's totally free, and can be used to track deadlines: just input an assignment name and the date that it's due, and the app will remind you as often as you like. Best of all, it can synch up across a whole bunch of devices – and is even accessible offline, so it won't chew up all your data.



2. ReachOut Breathe

You know that terrible, tight sensation you get in your chest whenever you start to feel anxious? It's caused by stress affecting your breathing, creating exactly the kind of pain that the ReachOut Breathe app is designed to help you with. The free app helps you to slow and maintain your breathing, while also measuring your heart rate. As a result, it's not only good for exam time; it's useful for dealing with stress in general.



3. Habitbull

One of the hardest things to do when preparing for exams is getting into a good study routine. It's just so easy to get distracted by the internet, friends, your phone or games. After all, you've got stacks of time! No need to rush studying, is there? But before you know it, you're cramming the night before a test rather than preparing for it weeks in advance.

Enter Habitbull. A motivational app, Habitbull allows you to track and input good habits, even giving you a score based on how well you're keeping up with routines. It's great for noticing patterns in your behaviour, too: maybe there are specific days when you're more alert than others, or maybe you tend to work better on the weekends rather than on school nights.



4. Recharge

When you're studying hard for an exam, often the first thing to go out the window is your sleep cycle. You stay up late, you wake up early... And even if you're not spending all night studying, you're spending all night thinking about studying, which is just as disruptive.

Recharge can help with that. The app helps track your sleep schedule, gives you some activities to do in the morning to get the blood pumping, allows you to track your mood, and – maybe best of all – comes with a super-loud, super-effective wake-up alarm.



5. Pause

Mindfulness – an anxiety-calming skill that helps you monitor worried thoughts – is a hard thing to master. Practising mindfulness doesn't have

to be boring. In fact, Pause, a free app, has been designed to turn mindfulness into a kind of game.

Pause gets you to focus on small blobs as they fly across the screen while calming music plays. This might make it sound simple, but that's because it's meant to be. By getting you to focus on very basic shapes, Pause can increase your concentration, slow your breathing, and generally calm you down if you're feeling stressed.

Information for Parents



Parents and carers play a vital role in supporting their teenagers through exam time. However, it can be difficult to know how best to support a teenager to manage their stress. It's important to let parents know of the tools and support available to them to help them help their teenager.

We've developed newsletter copy to engage parents in student wellbeing throughout exam time. You can include this copy in your school newsletter, social media channels and website. You can also help parents by printing the fact sheets from the links below and circulating them at school events where parents are in attendance.

Help your teenager to beat exam stress

It's normal for teenagers to feel stressed out in the lead up to exams, particularly those teenagers in year 12.

Your teenager may feel anxious about just one or two exams, or every exam may cause them increased stress.

Stress around exam time doesn't impact only on the person sitting the exams; it can also be difficult for the whole family. It's important to learn how to support your teenager during exam time, in order to help them

manage their stress and to reduce any tension at home.

ReachOut Parents has over 140 fact sheets and practical tools. Here are a few that will help you to support your teenager with exam stress:

▶ [7 tips for helping your teenager manage exam stress](#) ▶ [A parent's survival guide to year 12](#)

▶ [How your teenager can manage distractions](#) ▶ [A parent's story about beating exam stress](#)



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Sat 4th Aug
Sat 1st Sep
Sat 13th Oct (School Hols)

Sat 10th Nov
Sat 8th Dec

KIAMA LEAGUES CLUB

109 Terralong St, Kiama

Sat 18th Aug
Sat 22nd Sep
Thur 11th Oct (School Hols)
Sat 27th Oct
Sat 24th Nov

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314 Squadron is recruiting for 2018!

Between 13 and 18? Attend an information session with your parent(s) or guardian(s).

Date: Tue, 31 Jul, 07 Aug or 14 Aug

Time: 7 pm, for approx 1 hour

Location: Lake Illawarra Cadet Facility
2/1A Northcliffe Drive
Warrawong

(between the Illawarra Rowing Centre and The Illawarra Yacht Club)

More information:

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co.314sqn@aafc.org.au
(02) 4276 3906 (Tuesday nights)



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Early literacy event

PAINT THE GONG REaD!

Join BrightSpark, Billy Backpack and our special guest star story tellers for our annual reading day to celebrate Book Week! All families with children 0-5 years are invited!



**Thursday 16 August
10am - 12pm**

**Warrawong Plaza
Meet at centre stage**

**STORIES
ACTIVITIES
READING TENTS
MUSIC MAT
CREATIVE CRAFT
+MORE!**



24/7/18

Re: Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination Program

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Earlier this year you should have received an information pack and consent card for the Meningococcal Vaccination Program. This vaccination is being currently offered in all Illawarra and Shoalhaven High Schools for students in Years 10 and 11, and covers 4 types of meningococcal disease (strains A, C, W and Y).

The program is being offered due to an increase in a particular type of meningococcal disease (meningococcal W) that is more severe and kills more people than the other types seen recently in Australia. The only vaccine available to provide protection against this deadly strain, also contains protection against 3 other types - A, C and Y. Your child has most likely received the meningococcal C vaccine recommended at 12 months of age, however that vaccine does not provide protection against meningococcal W.

This year we have found that a significant number of students did not return the consent form, and therefore were not vaccinated when we visit the school.

We understand some choose not to have the vaccine, or elect to have it at their local GP. However, some may have simply forgotten to bring the consent back. We encourage you as parents and guardians to return a consent form to the school ASAP if you wish your child to have the Meningococcal vaccine for free this year at school. We cannot guarantee that your child will have another opportunity to receive this vaccine for free.

If you have any questions about the vaccine itself we would be happy to answer your queries.

www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/meningococcal-w-faq.aspx

Regards

Illawarra Shoalhaven Public Health Unit
Immunisation Team
4221 6700



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