

NEWSLETTER

August 2019



Dear parents, carers and the wider Warrawong community,

We have had a busy start to the term with many wonderful events, performances, celebrations and achievements along with the core business of teaching and learning.

This past week has been the celebration of public education through our annual Education Week. The theme this year was, 'Every Student, Every Voice'. This notion is very appropriate at Warrawong High as our multicultural and rich diversity allows everyone to thrive in a dynamic and inclusive school environment whereby all students are known, valued and cared for.

Some of the events we celebrated through Education Week included:

Carnivale. It was inspiring to see our students in action on the school assembly, helping/participating in our open classroom demonstrations and having fun on the rides and games. Celebrating our young people and their learning through a connection with their community and school is the absolute purpose behind this event.

Regional Celebration evening. Our Drumming Group performed at a regional celebration dinner that included all schools across the Illawarra. Our young people led by Mr Gander and supported by Mr Mendygral and Mr Steffanelli brought great credit to the school and filled them with pride in representing our school at such a prestigious event. On display for all to see was great teamwork, synergy and connection.

Connection to Country workshop. We sent a group of students to Killalea National Park on Thursday to undertake a program, 'Connection to Country'. These students worked with students from our CoS to develop an 'Acknowledgement of Country' that can be used in our schools.

IEC Graduation and Open day and 40-year anniversary. Many dignitaries and educational leaders attended this event in celebration of the wonderful contribution our IEC makes to Warrawong High, public education and Australian society. The student performances and community support was amazing. Also, promoting the notion 'Every Student, Every Voice' we celebrated our school's rich diversity and our student voices through dance, speech, performance and achievement.

Some other events of note thus far this term include:

Subject selection evening. This event provided our current year 10 students with information regarding the HSC and subject selection. There was fantastic support and teamwork between our school, teachers, students, families and outside agencies including UoW, TAFE, ITEC, UoW College and IWPL. Thank you again in the support of this comprehensive process. Also thank you to our teachers for volunteering their time to promote their subject and the wonderful learning opportunities your faculty offers.



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HSC Trial Exams. Good luck to our teachers and students for the Year 12 HSC Trials. Thank you to our teachers, parents & carers for your efforts thus far in supporting our students through the final stages of their education.

Parent Teacher night. We had a successful parent teacher evening to start the term. Thank you to our community and teachers who attended this event. The purpose of gathering effective and timely feedback on student achievement and performance is an essential partnership we hope to continue to develop. Our high achieving students and their parents were invited to a 'positive report' morning tea whereby we celebrated their outstanding results.

Warrawong High is in the media. I anticipate that many of you in our community would have heard our recent radio advertisement on i98fm. This advertisement of our school Carnivale promoted our school in a positive light within the wider Illawarra. To complement this we also advertised in the Illawarra Mercury, including a recent story regarding some of our students engaging in a STEM project. You will find the link to the article on our Facebook page. This is a wonderful promotion for our school as we move towards futures learning including; learning spaces and pedagogy.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Brad Hughes
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

Thank you to all of the students and parents/carers who attend the Year 10 into 11 subject selection evening on Tuesday 6th August. Many of the external agencies who attended commented that our subject selection evening was the most engaging one they have attended across the various schools in the region so far in 2019. This validates the terrific work Mrs Napier, Mr Gunner and Mr Cattle have done in coordinating this process in order to best support our students in making the right choices for the future. We would also like to thank all of our staff who attended on the night. Year 10 are this week partaking in subject tasters for the first time ever at Warrawong High School and we are looking forward to the interviews which will be taking place from Monday 19th August when our Year 10 students will be making their final subject choices.

We would like to wish all of our Year 12 students the very best for their Trial HSC Examinations which began on Monday 12th August. Mrs Hijazi distributed a letter to all students on Friday 9th August which communicates all of the important events and key dates between now and the end of their schooling. Some of these major events include Year 12 Graduation Day, HSC starting date, school mystery day, school clearance procedures and the formal.

It is important that our Year 11 students start preparing for their Preliminary HSC Yearly Examinations which will be held at the end of this term. Also, any student who has received N Warnings must complete the outstanding tasks before the start of these examinations.

A reminder to all of our parents/carers that it is compulsory that all of our students wear the new school uniform from the start of 2020. The school will continue to heavily subsidise the new uniform next year in order to assist our families in meeting this expectation.

Congratulations to all of the students who attended the Outstanding Report Morning Tea on Friday 2nd August. These students were recognised for their excellence throughout Semester One and it was great to see many parents/carers take time out of their busy day in order to attend the morning tea. Thank you to our dedicated Wellbeing Team and in particular Mrs Murdzevski and Mrs Daenell for coordinating this event.

Michael Stanizzo and Christine Goldspink
Deputy Principals

SRC REPORT

Recently the Student Representative Council has been busy with several exciting things . Over the holidays, we had four representatives volunteer to be a part of the Burn Bright Leadership camp that took place in Vision Valley, Arcadia, Sydney. This was an opportunity for our school leaders to gain valuable knowledge and experience in communication, leadership, being an advocate for change and also having a lot of fun along the way! We can proudly say these students represented Warrawong High School fantastically and from all accounts, really enjoyed their experience.

In what has been a busy couple of months, we have seen the re-introduction of Warrawong High Schools Carnivale event to celebrate Education Week for NSW Public Schools across the region. The day showcased many of our students abilities through musical performances, public speaking, drumming, acting and much more. The SRC students have been instrumental in voicing their thoughts, opinions and suggestions for what would make the day successful and again, that was shown through the fun and enjoyment had by all of those in attendance (some even pushing their bodies to the limit on several rides). Days like these aren't possible to run if we don't have a student body, a student voice and a leadership team that are willing to drive change. Fittingly, the theme for Education Week this year was "Every Student, Every Voice", and so the Student Representative Council have been amazing advocates of this!

Anthony Stefanelli
SRC Co-ordinator



STEM REPORT

You probably already know that Warrawong High School offers STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) as an elective course in Years 9 and 10 because we know how important these skills will be in your childrens' future.

But here are some things you probably didn't know:

On Sunday, 11 August, Year 9 STEM students travelled to UNSW in Sydney to compete in the Young ICT Explorer NSW Finals after all 3 groups received invitations following a project report submitted to the panel of judges.

Of the final 8 teams in the 9-10 Division, Warrawong High School had 3! A fantastic achievement by our students as they make history for Warrawong High!... BUT there's more! One of our teams placed 3rd in NSW in their division! A huge congratulations to Brayden Hassan, Noah Imrie and David Buckley for their Vision Impairment Text-to-Speech project.

Year 9 STEM students got the opportunity to tour the world-class TRICEP Research Lab to look into the new world of 3D Bioprinting and its potential. They have also participated in a partnership program with UOW called STEM+X aimed at building leadership and communication skills through STEM.

After a 2 day intensive training bootcamp, students delivered STEM workshops to students at Cringila Public School.

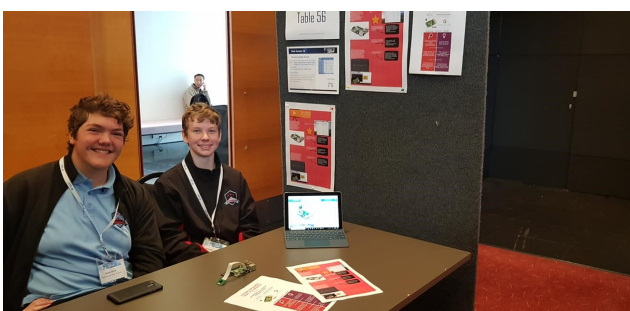
Year 9 and 10 STEM competed in the national Science & Engineering Challenge competition. They also participated in a Bluescope STEM careers and skills workshop.

Year 9 STEM students are about to begin a project in collaboration with researchers from UOW to support



Illawarra and Shoalhaven City Councils and LendLease to use digital sensors to better manage water and flood events. Check out this article for more info.

Marc Gunner
Science Teacher



NEWS FROM MR GUNNER—HEAD TEACHER ADMINISTRATION

Welcome back to Term 3 Warrawong High students!

A few things from me this newsletter:

Year 10 Subject Selections

Year 10 have already attended their Subject Selection Evening which was held on Tuesday 6 August in the school hall. During Week 4, Year 10 will be trialling Subject Taster lessons to get a realistic experience of the Year 11 courses. During Week 5, parents are invited to make an appointment with Mr Stanizzo to be present as our Subject Coaching Team supports students to their final subject selections for Year 11 2020. The Subject Coaching Team consists of Mr Stanizzo (Deputy Principal), Ms Napier (Head Teacher Secondary Studies), Mr Gunner (Head Teacher Administration), Mr Cattle (Careers Adviser) and Mr Freeme (Year Adviser).

Year 8 Subject Selections

On Monday of Week 5, Year 8 will be receiving their subject selection booklets containing all the information on what subjects are on offer. Students will have until Wednesday of Week 6 (28 August) to submit their selections online.

Year 12 HSC Trials

We wish our Year 12 students good luck as they complete their last ever school-based assessment tasks (the HSC Trial Examinations) before official HSC Exams commence in Term 4.

Term 2 Attendance Challenge Winners

A huge congratulations to Year 7 who took out the title of '**Most Punctual Year Group**' as part of the Term 2 Attendance Challenge. It has been a busy few weeks across the school, so Year 7 should stay tuned for their reward – a pizza afternoon!

Term 3 Attendance Challenge

This term's attendance challenge is set to really shake things up! Students should pay particular attention to how many days they have off school for this challenge, as year groups compete for the title of '**Highest Attenders - 95% Plus**'. Mr Gunner's hot tip is that Year 9 will stay strong at the top of the ladder for the whole term!

1st place – Year 9

2nd place – Year 7

3rd place – Year 11

4th place – Year 8

5th place – Year 10

6th place – Year 12

As always, don't forget that if your child is absent from school, it is your legal responsibility to provide the school with an explanation.

As many of you would be aware, our Parent Portal usage has skyrocketed and both parents and students are using this fantastic online tool more than ever before! Parents, you are able to use the Parent Portal to view and explain your child's absences at anytime, from anywhere.

Stay tuned for updates on Term 3's Attendance Challenge!



BOOK WEEK 2019

To celebrate book week we have some exciting activities throughout the school.

Mufti Day – Come as your favourite book character with a secret (or not so secret) power! Prizes for best dressed and a Gotcha for all participants. Gold coin donation to be donated to the chosen charity.

Photo Booth – Come to the library and get a photo in our superhero photo booth!

Author Visit – Year 7 and Year 8 Aspire classes will be attending workshops with Jeffrey E. Doherty

Book of the Year Soon to be announced!

Gotcha! Each book borrowed this week comes with a Gotcha and an entry into the draw for a book prize.

The library has copies of all of the older and younger reader CBCA shortlisted book as well as the picture books available for borrowing. Stay tuned for the winning books to be revealed!

Other library news.....

CHESS

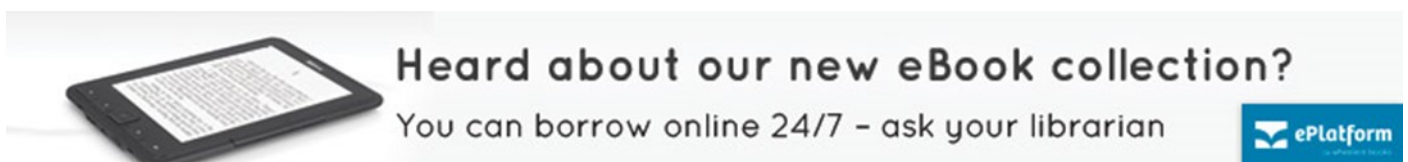
Our WHS Chess Team will be heading to Nowra on Thursday to play in the second chance draw. Good luck team!

TLC Study Sessions

Thursday afternoons (during sport) for assistance with school work. Years 9-12.

Homework Centre

Mondays and Tuesdays 3-4pm. Years 7-12



BOOK OF THE YEAR SHORT LIST 2019

BOOK OF THE YEAR: OLDER READERS

Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for readers in their secondary years of schooling. Ages 13-18 years (NB: These books are for mature readers).



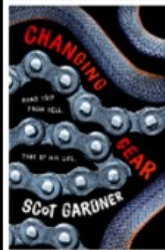
Between Us
Atkins, Clare
Black Inc. Books
ISBN: 9781760640217



Small Spaces
Epstein, Sarah
Walker Books Australia
ISBN: 9781921977381



Lenny's Book of Everything
Foxlee, Karen
Allen & Unwin
ISBN: 9781760529444



Changing Gear
Gardner, Scot
Allen & Unwin
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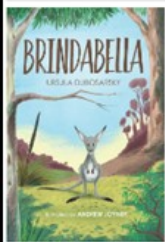
The Bogan Mondrian
Herrick, Steven
University of Queensland Press
ISBN: 9780702259982



The Art of Taxidermy
Kernot, Sharon
Text Publishing
ISBN: 9781925603743

BOOK OF THE YEAR: YOUNGER READERS

Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for readers from the middle to upper primary years. Ages 7-12 years.



Brindabella
Dubosarsky, Ursula
Illus. Joyner, Andrew
Allen & Unwin
ISBN: 9781760112042



Leave Taking
Marwood, Lorraine
University of Queensland Press
ISBN: 9780702260117



Black Cockatoo
Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea
Magabala Books
ISBN: 9781925360707



The Slightly Alarming Tale of the Whispering Wars
Moriarty, Jaclyn
Allen & Unwin
ISBN: 9781760297183



The Peacock Detectives
Nugent, Carly
Text Publishing
ISBN: 9781925603705



His Name Was Walter
Rodda, Emily
HarperCollins Publishers
ISBN: 9781460756188

PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR

Entries in this category should be outstanding books of the Picture Book genre in which the author and illustrator achieve artistic and literary unity or, in wordless picture books, where the story, theme or concept is unified through illustrations. Ages 0-18 years (NB. Some of these books may be for mature readers).

Note: Picture Books are listed by the illustrator, followed by the author



The Feather
Blackwood, Freya
text. Wild, Margaret
Hardie Grant Egmont
ISBN: 9781760124212



The Mediterranean
Greder, Armin
Allen & Unwin
ISBN: 9781760630959



Girl on Wire
Hurst, Elise
text. Estela, Lucy
Penguin Random House Australia
ISBN: 9780143787167



Chalk Boy
Ord, Mandy
text. Wild, Margaret
Allen & Unwin
ISBN: 9781760630683



The All New Must Have Orange
430
Speechley, Michael
Penguin Random House Australia
ISBN: 9780143788973



Cicada
Tan, Shaun
Hachette Australia
ISBN: 9780734418630

IEC CLASS 4L'S MAGAZINE PROJECT

Class 4L has been working on articles that will be published in a youth magazine later this year. We have been working on this for 6 weeks, in Term 2 and 3, with some Year 9 mainstream students. We were divided into groups of 3 and each group had a mainstream student to help. Before we were divided into groups, we played multiple games to help us get along with each other. We were given questions to ask each other so that we could get to know each other. We then had to find something that we had in common and that would be the topic that we would be writing about. These are the topics we chose: KPop, Travelling, Music, Shopping, Video games, Sleeping and the Beach.

We worked on each of our articles for 6 weeks with the Youth Development Workers, Katherine West from the Port Kembla Youth Program and Marissa Pitt from MCCI. They both worked so hard on this project to make it enjoyable for us. After 6 lessons, we were taken to the University of Wollongong Innovation Campus to design our articles and learn about designing magazines. We all had so much fun at the university, the Uni teachers were amazing and we were happy to learn new skills.

We would like to thank Katherine, Marissa, the University teachers and the youth development workers who have helped us with the articles because without them this whole project wouldn't have happened. We would also like to thank the high school students who participated with us on this project because they helped us a lot with the articles too.

Chanrasmei Chea



Learning for Life Scholarship

Northern Illawarra:
Tarrawanna and Warrawong



everyone's family

We are currently recruiting families who require financial support for educational needs.

What is the Learning for Life scholarship?

Learning for Life provides families with opportunities to increase their children's success at school, TAFE and University. Learning for Life helps each child reach their potential by supporting their education from primary through to post-school studies.

The Scholarship is granted to a student to help support the financial obligations of an education. Two payments a year can assist with purchasing school uniforms, shoes, textbooks, course materials and paying for excursions.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the Learning for Life scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- Possess a valid *Health Care Card* or *Pension Concession Card*.
- Demonstrate a commitment to education i.e. students must have and keep a 90% attendance rate.
- Children attend **Kindy to Year 8** and have been referred to us by a partner school. **Our partner high schools include Corrimal, Warrawong and Illawarra Sports High. Our primary schools are, Bellambi, Corrimal, Corrimal East, Tarrawanna, Warrawong, Kemblawarra and Cringila.**

What we ask of families:

To continue to receive scholarship payments over the course of their child's education, families must:

- Show a commitment to their child's education by ensuring their children attend school regularly.
- Complete a short student profile for their sponsor each year.
- Provide a copy of end of year school reports.
- Keep receipts of educational expenses and be able to show these if requested.
- Participate in regular contact and work with their Family Partnership Coordinator.

How do I apply for the Learning for Life scholarship?

If you feel that you know of a family who could benefit from this program, please send a completed referral form to Ellen Land. One family can have up to 4 children on the scholarship. They must all meet the required criteria.

For further information, please contact

Alison Bell on 0407 458 250

alison.bell@thesmithfamily.com.au

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MR MORALES' TIME MACHINE

This month's trip takes us back to Viking Age Europe in the year 850AD. The Vikings were originally based in Denmark, Norway and Sweden. They ventured across the seas in their longships seeking adventure, new lands, treasure and slaves. They were much feared throughout Europe and earned a reputation as bloodthirsty warriors. Viking women were also known to fight alongside the men. On this occasion Grace Stojkoski has travelled back to join a Viking raid.

**WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB**
JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT
2019 WINTER SUNDAY
(Under 18 Year Olds)
7 ROUND SWISS

WHEN: **Sunday 25-Aug-2019** (10:00am to 4:00pm)

WHERE: FAIRY MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE - KEIRA ROOM
 Guest Park - Crn Cambridge Ave and
 Princess Hwy Fairy Meadow
 (Opposite Woolworth)

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)
 Fairy Meadow Community Centre

Future SUNDAY TOURNAMENTS
 25-Aug WINTER Sunday
 10-Nov SPRING Sunday



Splash Swim Program

- ✓ Water Babies
- ✓ Water Confidence
- ✓ Learn to Swim
- ✓ Stroke Correction

MONDAY AFTERNOONS

Indoor Heated Pool

North Wollongong

AustSwim Qualified Instructors

Cost is \$11 per lesson with Concessions Available

Active Kids Provider (up to \$100 paid for school aged children)

Phone the Port Kembla
 Youth Project on 4276 1229



HOMEWORK HUB

for

Tutoring and Homework Help



Small Group Programs open to:

Primary Students

Junior Secondary Students

Senior Secondary Students

HOMEWORK HUB IS AVAILABLE ON
 TUESDAY AFTERNOONS

For enrolments, email pkyp@bigpond.net.au
 or phone Port Kembla Youth Project
 02 4276 1229

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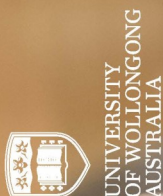
Learning Labs

JULY 2019

AN ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENTS FROM YEAR 7 TO YEAR 10

More information about the workshops on offer and the application process can be found online at
uow.info/learninglabs

APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2019



UNIVERSITY
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LEARNING LABS (FOR YEARS 7 TO 10 DURING 2019)

DATE: 11 and 12 July, 2019
LOCATION: University of Wollongong
TIME: 9:00am - 3:30pm
FEE: \$175 - \$185

LEARNING MINI-LABS (FOR YEARS 7 TO 10 DURING 2019)

DATE: 10 January, 2019
FEE: \$95
Location and times are same as above

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Learning Labs is an enrichment program designed for students who are excelling in their area of interest within their year group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays.

All workshops are held over one (mini-labs) or two days, and are presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. There will be sponsorship places available for some participants- please see more details on how to apply for these places on the website.

WORKSHOPS ON OFFER- FULL LIST & DESCRIPTIONS ONLINE

Learning Labs workshops cover a range of diverse and innovative disciplines that are designed to challenge and stimulate the interest of self-motivated and curious learners. Here are **some examples of what's coming up** in July:



From Idea to Stage

Are you a creative, dramatic, deep thinking, bubbly person? Do you yearn to have the bright lights of the theatre shining on you?

In this workshop, you will have the opportunity to perform and play with a range of styles using your voice and body as the tool, to create unique and interesting characters culminating with a performance at the end of each day. All you need is flexible ideas (and clothing) and the energy to make this happen.



Facial Approximation: Art, Anatomy & the Skull

This workshop is an intensive introductory experience in creating a 3D facial reconstruction.

Students will use clay to model the individual muscles, glands, fat and skin over a unique human replica skull, all the while learning about the methods used in archaeological and forensic facial reconstructions. After this workshop you will never look at a person's face the same way again!



Rules vs Laws

This workshop introduces foundational concepts in law, such as, rules versus laws, contracts, and dispute resolution using fun, lively and engaging activities. Why are rules and laws important and what is the difference between them? We will draw on and debate examples from everyday experiences, as well as learn to negotiate rights and obligations and draft a contract. Finally, what happens when things go wrong? How do parties settle their disputes? This is where the courts and the justice system come in.

A full list of the available workshops to choose from will be posted on the website in April 2019 when applications open. Please note that the program books up quite quickly, so ensure you submit your application as early as possible.

APPLICATION & CONTACT DETAILS

For more detailed workshop descriptions, how to apply, FAQ's, and the online application form, please go to:
uow.info/learninglabs

For all other enquiries, please contact the Learning Labs team via:

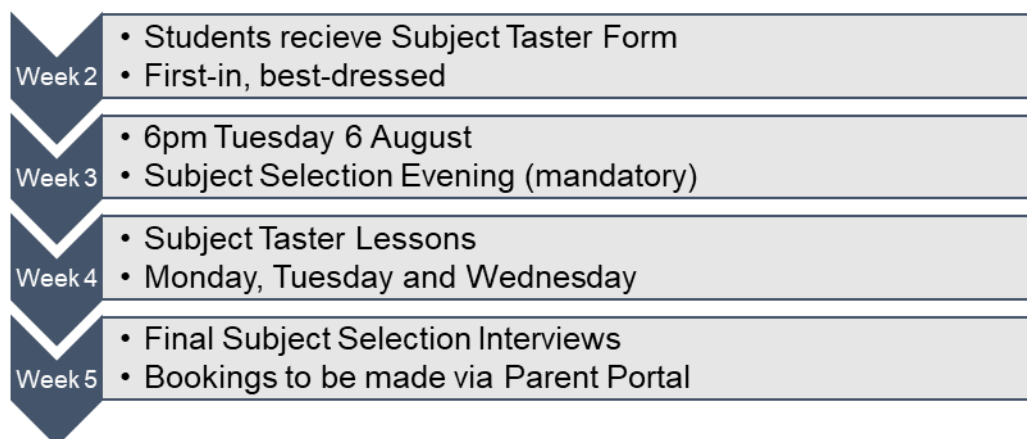
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APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2019

Subject Selection Timeline Year 11 2020



Year 10 students have been engaging in discussions surrounding Stage 6 and their HSC over the past four weeks. The students are about to enter into the last stage of their school journey and at Warrawong High School we believe that choosing subjects for their HSC should not only be a family decision but a whole school decision.

Year 10 students have been surveyed and participated in a Speed Career day with the opportunity to hear from people from the local business community. Year 10 students also were spoken to at a year meeting regarding NESA compliance, the subject selection process at WHS and the different pathways available to them.

At the Year 10 Subject Selection Evening on the 6th of August, there were a large number of students and parents present, all showing great interest in developing their understanding of the expectations of Stage 6 and the WHS 2019 Subject Selection process. Thank you to those parents and students who attended.

Throughout the evening faculty Head Teachers, course teachers and outside agencies such as UOW, UOW College, ITEC and TAFE, provided support to students and parents as they deliberated over the choices they are going to make over the next term. We were impressed with the student's eagerness and the maturity they demonstrated during the discussions we had with them towards the end of the evening.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, your child would have been provided with the Subject Selection Handbook. The information presented on the night is summarised in the Handbook.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of week 4 will see Year 10 students engaging in course "Taster" lessons. During these lessons they will be exploring the expectations and activities that would be expected of them if they were to select that course to study for their HSC. These "Tasters" aim to inform student choices, ensuring they are choosing the right subject for them.

During Week 5, each Year 10 student will be individually interviewed. Mr Stanizzo (Deputy Principal), Mrs Napier (Head Teacher Sec. Studies), Mr Cattle (Careers Advisor), Mr Freeme (Year Advisor) and Mr Gunner (Head Teacher Administration) will be conducting these interviews in order to provide support in assisting each student to make the most informed decisions regarding subject selections. Parents/Carers are most welcome to attend the scheduled interview with their child. Prior to your child's interview, please ensure you **complete Page 21 and 22 of the Subject Selection Handbook** with your child. If you have not yet booked an interview or are unsure of your child's interview time, please contact the school.

If you have any questions, please contact the Warrawong High School.



HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

From 2020, only students who meet the HSC minimum standard will receive a Higher School Certificate testamur.

Students will be provided with two (2) opportunities per year to pass the standard identified below.

To show they meet the standard students need to achieve:

- Level 3 or 4 in the online reading test.
- Level 3 or 4 in the online writing test.
- Level 3 or 4 in the online numeracy test.
- Some students with disability may be exempt from meeting the minimum standard to receive their HSC testamur.

On the 31st of August, Year 10 students completed the Reading test during an English lesson. Students have already received the results for this test. If your child failed to meet the minimum standard for reading, they will sit the test again next term.

During week 6, students will complete the Writing test. Teachers are currently working across the school to support the students to prepare for this test.

Students are able to sit each of the tests, twice a year. Support will be provided for your child if they continue to be challenged by these tests.

If you have any further questions, please contact Warrawong High School.

YEAR 8 SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

The Year 8 Subject Selection process has begun. Throughout years 9 and 10 students will be expected to complete the core courses which include English, Maths, Science, HISE & PD/H/PE. However, they will also have the opportunity to choose 3 elective courses.

Elective courses provide students with the opportunity to engage with subjects that they are interested in and/or support the development of their skills. The skills they during these years will ultimately support them throughout their HSC. It is important to note that elective courses should be chosen carefully and after consideration of the expectations of the course.

Students will receive a Subject Selection Handbook in Week 7. It is important that parents/carers discuss the information presented in the handbook with their child to support the decisions they make as they are now working towards a Record of Achievement (ROSA) and the expectations of their effort, application, attendance and completion of assessment tasks will become more significant.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Warrawong High School.

HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

FACT SHEET

You need reading, writing and maths skills to be successful in everyday life after school. That's why you're required to show a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the Higher School Certificate (HSC) from 2020.

To check you have the basics right, you need to sit short **online tests of reading, writing and maths for everyday life**.

You get two chances a year to pass each of the tests from Year 10 until a few years after the HSC. Your school will help you decide when you are ready to take each test.

If you pass the online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills you will show you've met the HSC minimum standard.



HOW IS THE STANDARD SET?

The standard is set at level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), which means students will have the basic reading, writing and maths skills needed for everyday tasks and future learning after school. It includes skills for tasks such as:

- ✓ Following safety instructions in equipment manuals
- ✓ Understanding a mobile phone plan
- ✓ Writing a job application
- ✓ Creating a personal weekly budget.

The HSC minimum standard is part of a plan to ensure students have essential literacy and numeracy skills.

WARRAWONG HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS' PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Warrawong High School Community of Schools' Public Speaking program was launched at Carnivale by Year 7 student, Patrick Ward. During his speech Patrick outlined the three initiatives taking place this term with our local primary schools. These included the Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program, Connecting Communities Workshop and the Public Speaking Competition. These initiatives aim to build confidence within our students providing them with the strategies they need to have a voice and be heard.

The Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program is underway with representatives from each of our feeder schools working with local leaders and professional public speakers to build both their leadership and public speaking abilities. Every week students take on leadership roles and/or present a prepared or impromptu speech followed by a peer evaluation.

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The Connecting Communities Workshop was an amazing experience for our community. The students worked with Aunty Jodie at Killalea State Park where they built their connection with country and each other. They also developed their own unique and inspiring Acknowledgement of Country that they will proudly present at their schools. Both Alex and I were very proud of their eagerness and ability to work together to build a stronger and more significant understanding of their identity and community heritage. Congratulations to Lully Brown, Jasmine Alderton, Coby Shaw-Worthington, Khalani Harris and Shaniqua Pombo-Campbell! You showed great maturity and pride, and we look forward to seeing you grow into mentors within our community.

Week 8 will see the first Warrawong High School Community of Schools Public Speaking Grand Final. Representatives from each of our feeder schools will come together at Warrawong High School to compete against students from their stage to win the title of the best public speaker for 2019. Students will be adjudicated on their manner and matter by Toastmasters and executive members of Warrawong High School. We are looking forward to showcasing such a prestigious event and cannot wait to see the calibre of presenters from within our community.



IEC OPEN DAY: 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Friday, 9th August, the Warrawong Intensive English Centre celebrated 40 years of teaching students from non- English backgrounds.

The audience was warmly welcomed by the event's MCs, Ali Mahmoud and Rebecca Uwimana.

The ceremony opened with a beautiful African dance by ten students from the IEC and high school. Graceful movement, traditional costumes and music created a spellbound atmosphere.

Mrs Ruth Cooke, Head Teacher of the IEC and Mr Brad Hughes, High School Principal, both paid tribute to the big personal journeys undertaken by all IEC students, past and present. Their resilience and courage in their new country are inspiring.

A cross cultural fan dance was performed by five IEC students from Vietnam, Japan, Thailand and Philippines. Their choreography and synchronicity with fans was pure delight to watch.

Fifteen IEC and high school drummers gave a stirring performance with their Djembe drums. Students from Japan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Syria and Indonesia thrilled the audience with their confidence, enthusiasm and skill.

Fatima Alhandal and Tran Luc Phan spoke eloquently of their respective Syrian and Vietnamese backgrounds, their challenges and many experiences in the IEC.

Three Eritrean dancers in beautifully stitched traditional costumes, performed a captivating and unique, traditional sequence of steps and movements reminding the audience of the rich cultural diversity of our students.

Elizabeth Jowan, the guest speaker and a former IEC student from Burma, spoke of her memories of warmth and encouragement from teachers during her time at the IEC.



The audience was treated to a dynamic and energetic traditional Kurdish dance, performed with spirit and enjoyment.

The ceremony concluded with all of the current IEC students proudly singing two verses of the National Anthem.



For support with life stuff, have a chat to our friendly youth workers

Tuesdays – Homework and Job Readiness Club

Get some help with your homework and increase your chances of getting a job. Free brain food provided!



Term 3, 2019

Free programs for young people aged 12-18*

3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Berkeley Community Centre

Wednesdays – Oz Tag

A relaxed environment for you to have a game of Oz Tag with your mates and learn some skills along the way!

Thursdays – Good Deeds

Are you wanting to help your community or causes and charities you care about? This program provides you with opportunities to do good deeds with like-minded people!

Want to play ping pong after school? Ask us for a loan of ping pong bats and balls!


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For the latest updates, events and programs, like us on Facebook!

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Want to make the world a better place?



GOOD DEEDS



KINDNESS PROGRAM

Opportunities for young people aged 12- 18 in Berkeley to support charities and issues you care about!


Thursdays @ Berkeley Community Centre from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Seed money is available to fund youth led projects supporting the Berkeley Community

For more info, call 4271 1661

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LEARNSAFE

Free 2HR workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers. Accompanied learner drivers welcome.

Workshops are held by Wollongong City, Shellharbour City and Kiama councils.

To help you with practical advice about:

- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the learner driver log book
- Providing on road driver practise
- L & P Plate licence laws

Workshops are held from 6pm – 8pm

Bookings are essential

Please contact Council for a suitable workshop

Wollongong

4227 7111
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Shellharbour

4221 6124
jenny.davies@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au
 Book online: www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au/youngdrivers

Kiama


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2019	16 July	Shellharbour
	14 August	Kiama
	10 September	Wollongong
	16 October	Kiama
	5 November	Shellharbour
2020	10 December	Wollongong
	17 February	Shellharbour
	10 March	Wollongong
	15 April	Kiama
	25 May	Shellharbour
	2 June	Wollongong

LEARNER LOGBOOK RUN

DO YOU HAVE YOUR L's?

Want to get more hours for your log book?



An opportunity for you and your supervisor to experience a variety of driving conditions to increase safe driver behaviour.

All learner drivers must have 40 or more log book hours

Bookings are essential. Please contact Council for a suitable workshop. See overleaf for contact details.

2019	23 July	6.00pm – 8.30pm	☾ Shellharbour & Kiama
	11 August	9.30am – 12.00 noon	Wollongong
	27 October	10.00am – 12.30pm	Shellharbour & Kiama
	24 November	9.30am – 12.00 noon	Wollongong
2020	22 March	Ultimate Learner Log Book Run 8.30am – 2.30pm (Special event)	Shellharbour, Kiama & Wollongong
	21 April	6.00pm – 8.30pm	☾ Shellharbour & Kiama
	17 May	9.30am – 12.00 noon	Wollongong
	14 June	10.00am – 12.30pm	Shellharbour & Kiama

☾ night run

COME ALIVE FOR SOUTHERN STARS 2019

Rehearsals for Southern Stars 2019 **COME ALIVE** are in full swing, with public school students taking part in a wide range of dance, music, drama and vocal rehearsals around the Illawarra - and the state.

COME ALIVE, featuring 3000 public school students, will take place over four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 23 (10am and 7.30pm) and Saturday August 24 (2pm and 7.30pm).

This year **COME ALIVE** features circus, the NSW Millennial Marching Band, 2000 dancers, a 600 strong choir, a full orchestra, our hugely popular boys vocal ensemble, the Aboriginal Dance Ensemble Yanggaa Garaba, and the amazing talents of the best featured student vocalists and performers in Southern NSW, and much, much more!

You don't have to know someone in the show to buy a ticket. Southern Stars is a world-class arena spectacular show which is suitable for all ages, and most of all is entertainment at its finest. Buy your tickets now before they sell out!

Remember to purchase your tickets **ONLY** through the registered ticket seller - Ticketmaster at: www.ticketmaster.com.au

You can 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](https://www.instagram.com/southernstarsarenaspectacular).



WHO CAN DO ATHLETICS

Lake Illawarra is referred to as a one sport club.

We are the only one in the Illawarra/South Coast that caters for athletes of all ages on the same night.

Registrations start from 3 years of age until 99+

Athletes of all abilities and backgrounds are able to compete at our centre

We are an athletics centre for all the family.

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LAKE ILLAWARRA ATHLETICS

2019-2020 Season Registration Information

Lake Illawarra Athletics Centre is entering its 49th year of competition, and our 2nd year with Athletics NSW

Registrations open on the 1st August 2019 and all registrations must be done online at <http://lakeillawarralac.net.au/registrations/>

COST

Tiny Tots and Under 6's—\$100.00*

Under 7's to 17's—\$120.00*

17's + start from as little as \$60.00

*registration fees will increase after the 1st October 2019

Please note that all registrations need to be completed and paid online

COME AND TRY NIGHTS

Come and try our centre before registering on the following nights:

Friday 23rd August 2019 from 5.15pm

Friday 30th August 2019 from 5.15pm

Myimbarr Community Park, Flinders

These nights are designed to give all athletes the chance to try events they may not know or do at school and for parents to ask questions of the committee. We will also take payments for online registrations.

Community News:



Australian Air Force Cadets

314 Squadron is recruiting for 2019!

Between 13 and 16? Attend an information session with your parent(s) or guardian(s).

Date: Tue, 30th July 6th and 13th August

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:

314sqn.aafc.org.au/join

314sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au

(02) 4276 3906 (Tuesday nights)

Berkeley Youth Project

Homework & Job Readiness Club

Assistance with homework and employment from youth workers, employment services, volunteers and mentors.

A safe + relaxed environment

Free food to fuel your study sessions!

Every Tuesday

12 to 18 year olds welcome

3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Berkeley Community Centre

40 Winnima Way Berkeley

For more information, please call 4271 1661



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