

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December

Thurs 14th

Students last day of Term 4 2023

Mon 25th

Christmas Day - Merry Christmas 

January

Wed 31st

Students First Day of Term 1 2024

February

Mon 12th

Year 12 Formal Assembly

Tues 13th - Wed 14th

Year 10 Immunisations

Mon 26th - Fri 8th March

Year 11/12 OLNA

March

Fri 1st

Year 12 Ball



Eleven Year 10 Adventure Recreation students planned and executed an expedition on the South Cast in the Albany Region. A theme developed throughout the expedition which allowed the students to explore and examine the difference between “real risk” and “perceived risk” and to prepare for, and overcome the challenges that fall in both categories. Read more on page 10.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the school year already. This term has been one of celebrations including our Year 12 Valedictory quickly followed by our CASP showcases, Annual Art exhibition and most recently our assemblies recognising academic achievement and effort. Thank you so much to the parents who attended the assemblies to support students, it is so exciting to be able to share these moments with parents, carers, aunties, uncles and grandparents. We even saw some ex-students return to celebrate with us! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff - teaching and non-teaching - for their investment and commitment to our students over the course of 2023. The time, energy and excitement that staff bring to the school and the day to day work of our school helps to create the opportunities that so many of our students take advantage of.

This year sees the end of a milestone for Craig Chadwick our Associate Principal. Craig is retiring after 39 years in public education working in a diverse range of setting from John Forrest SHS, Warburton Remote Community School, the Morawa Agricultural College (where he was Principal) and Warnbro CHS to name a few. We wish Craig all the best, knowing Craig he won't be relaxing but focussing on big projects he doesn't get the chance to spend enough time on including the restoration of his vintage cars. I know that there are plans in the works too to take the caravan across Australia with his wife and Pugsley the dog. All the best Craig.

As with every school year we say goodbye to staff who have been with us and hello to new staff.

This year we are saying
goodbye to:

- Craig Chadwick
- Fiona Powley
- Kara Addison
- Drewan Kennedy Baxter
- Taryn Neville
- Kiesha Kirkwood
- Rob Schmidt
- Michelle Cross

In 2024 we will be welcoming:

- Anthony Pittman - Associate Principal
- Nicole Parrella - Student Services
Manager
- Clive Mkize - Maths
- Jan Mofokeng - Maths
- Curtis Killian - HPE
- Tracey Henry - Science
- Sophie Wyatt Smith - Science
- Jody Reed - English
- Jenna White Nyaseda - HaSS
- Raine McIntyre - HaSS
- Lindsay Sparkes - D&T
- Katrina Farmer -
Community Health Nurse
- Anna Brown -
Anglicare Well Being Officer



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Over the coming days cohort messages will come out through Connect with useful contact numbers should families or students need to access support over the break. Thanks also to our school community for their generosity during our recent food drive. 25 WCHS families have received a hamper with more food being donated to local MLA Paul Papalia's food drive.

Finally I would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday break. Whatever you are doing I hope that you find some time to be with people whose company you enjoy wherever you are.

Take care and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Debra Bright
Principal



YEAR 11 AND 12 NEWS

Our Year 11 students finished their school year at the end of Week 5 with our ATAR students completing their exams in Week 6. It has certainly been quiet around the school without them here. We have just finished up meeting with our Leaver's Jackets provider and will shortly have several designs for our Year 11 students to choose from next year.

Preparations are now underway for the Year 12 School Ball, which is booked for Friday the 1st of March 2024 at the Fremantle Sailing Club. Students must have their good standing in place to buy tickets to this event and ticket sales close on the 16th of February. This means that the timeline to regain good standing at the start of 2024 is very tight. Students should check with Mr Tyrrell on Day One next year to make sure they are on track.

Wishing everyone a fabulous holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Ms Simpsn Associate Principal



After a fantastic Year 10 River Cruise, in which we were treated to an acrobatics show by a pod of dolphins, our Year 10's have finished the year with diligence. It's a great time of the year to reflect and see just how much our students have matured throughout the year. Well done! We eagerly wait in anticipation to see you again next year, ready to take on senior school. I always say, enjoy the break, rest up and be prepared to hit the ground running at the start of the new school year.

We celebrated our last week with our advanced standing rewards and formal assemblies. Students who have routinely demonstrated behaviour aligned to our 3B's were rewarded with a visit from the ice-cream van and our top and most improved students were recognised during assemblies. Again, well done to all of those students.

And finally, I would like to acknowledge Eejay in Year 9 who was awarded the 'best participant' award in our term long Armed for Life intervention program. He received a pair of signed gloves as a prize. Well done Eejay!

"I want to thank Tony and Liam for showing up each week and mentoring us. We had heaps of fun doing Muay Thai while learning about respect and self-discipline. I hope we can see them again next year"- Eejay

Mr Tyrrell
Student Services Manager



YEAR 9 AND 10 NEWS

As we bid farewell to another year, our Year 9's and 10's have undoubtedly left a mark on our school community. They have been dedicated to their studies and our school community.

First off, a massive shout-out to each and every one of you for showing up, trying your best, being responsible and being respectful members of WCHS. Whether it was acing that tricky math problem, scoring a goal in PE, creating a masterpiece in Arts / Technology or just surviving Monday mornings, you did it.

Beyond the classroom, these students have showcased remarkable teamwork, compassion, and leadership. Whether engaging in extracurricular activities, community service projects, or sports, Year 9 and 10 have consistently embodied the values of collaboration and sportsmanship, enriching our school culture.

They have represented the school at Peel Sporting Carnival, Interschool Athletics, attended Adventure Recreation camps, created amazing art works and performances, attended career tasters, advanced standing activities, excursions to the universities and TAFE, been a part of the KIC and ABCN programs, listened to guest speakers to guide them with their careers and pathway choices and involved themselves in whole school days and events. We have even had a number represent teams and participate at events at a regional and state level.

The Year 10's River Cruise was a night that many students looked forward to and their behaviour was amazing, students looked fantastic, danced the night away and hopefully they all had a great night. Staff who attended commented on positive behaviour shown and the way everyone seemed to enjoy the night. Year 9's the cruise has already been booked for 2024.

As we reflect on the memorable moments, achievements, and personal growth that have defined this academic year, let us celebrate the diverse talents and unique contributions of each student. Congratulations to all of the students who received awards at the Formal Assemblies and thanks to all the families for attending these also.

Wishing well-deserved break. Here's to the memories created, the lessons learned, and the exciting possibilities that await in the upcoming year!

Ms Wetton
Associate Principal



YEAR 7 AND 8 NEWS

So here we are at the end of another year.

Our Year 8 students had a very successful camp at Ern Halliday Recreation Centre in Hillary's. A huge shout out goes to Mr Nalapraya, Ms McKenna Green and Mr Hayman for their organisation of and participation on the camp. Everyone looked happy but suitably shattered when they returned last Friday.

Apart from that both Year 7 and Year 8 students have been completing their final assessments over the last three weeks and are now winding down to the end of the year.

This is a different time for me personally as I retire from teaching after 39 years on Thursday. This is my final bulletin and my final farewell to my cohorts and to the school.

I hope that you all continue to do the work needed to be successful and to push yourselves just that little bit harder to achieve things you never thought you could do. If you push just that little bit harder, I am sure most of you will surprise yourselves with what you are actually capable of.

Have a Merry Christmas and a great new year and all the best for the rest of your school journey.

Mr Chadwick
Associate Principal



CASP NEWS

As 2023 comes to an end so does the 2023 CASP Season. Our CASPIes have had a busy year. We have visited North Metro Tafe for the 'Reel thing' excursion and road tripped to the city to watch the Ballet, collaborated with Comet Bay College for a dance workshop and presented our Semester 1 Showcase 'Our Story'. We have created artwork for NAIDOC Day, enjoyed WAYTCo Drama workshops and CO3 Dance Workshops. We have worked with Perth Academy of Performing Arts and Barking Gecko for skill development incursions, welcomed Sharon Meredith to facilitate projection photography workshops, had Art by Row visit for a Visual Art portrait incursion, had Studio pieces displayed in the Art Exhibition as well as KIC and finished the year on a high with our Semester 2 Showcase 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Classes were a buzz in Term 4 in the lead up to showcase. All students were working towards projects that would be displayed for parents, guardians, friends and family over our 2 night run in the Sanbrook theatre.

In Year 7 Dance the students worked on a piece they devised as a class as well as a routine choreographed by the Year 11 General Dance students that was embedded into the traditional script of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. In Media the Year 7's used the showcase theme to design and capture their final photography portrait piece.

In Year 8 Drama our CASPIes manipulated drama elements to perform a devised children theatre version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and in Media students created short films using the showcase theme as the prompt.

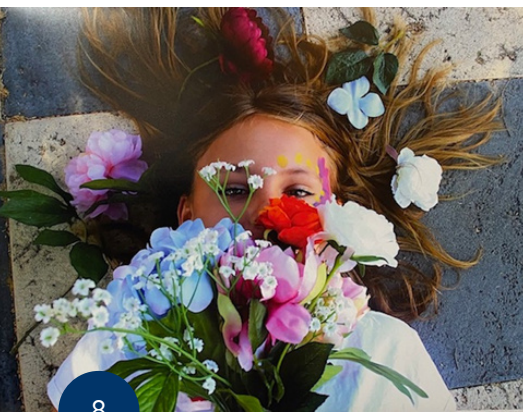
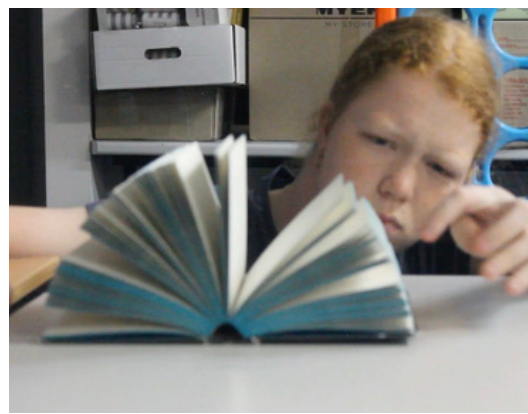
In the 9/10 Performance class our CASPie's were given the hefty task of learning the original Shakespearean script of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' for Drama. In Dance they learnt 3 devised pieces that were embedded into the play, to support the storytelling.

The 9/10 Studio Visual Arts students created self-portraits through dreamscapes, personal symbolism and aspirations. In Media students worked on their final task, an interactive photo booth installation for showcase that incorporated projection technology.

Showcase was a smash. The students really rose to the occasion, and we could not have asked for more. We are incredibly proud of our CASP family and the effort they put into making the Semester 2 Showcase one of the best yet.

For now, it's time to rest up and plan for 2024. But watch this space, the CASPIes will be back in 2024 bigger and better!

Ms McNeill
CASP Coordinator





ADVENTURE RECREATION NEWS

Year 10 South Coast Expedition

Real Risk

Toolbrunup Peak is considered to be the most difficult mountain to ascend in the Stirling Range and by many, in all of Western Australia. Although the trail is only 2km to the summit, the terrain is very challenging and there is a 540m elevation gain to reach the summit at 1052m tall.

To successfully summit this mountain, the students planned for and conducted themselves to the highest standard. They understood the gravity of the challenge and that to be successful, they would need to function individually and as a group to ascend the mountain safely.

The feeling at the summit was sensational a true achievement that can never be taken away from them. Also a great spot to eat lunch with views extending out across the range.



ADVENTURE RECREATION NEWS

Perceived Risk

What feels dangerous is not always dangerous. Abseiling off a sea cliff is one of those things. Although for some people, it may be the most daunting thing they ever participate in. High quality equipment and safety systems ensure that the level of risk is very low. This does not change the fact that participants are still repelling off a sea cliff.

Abseiling at the Natural Amphitheatre near The Gap in Torndirrup National Park requires mind over matter. The students have been honing skills on the artificial wall at WCHS this year and this was the day that they would use this skills on a natural site, and quite an intimidating one. It's a 20m vertical descent into the amphitheatre, all the while there are waves crashing onto the cliffs, they are strong enough to spray you with mist while at the top.

There were some very nervous first abseils that day. However, repetition builds fluency and within a short time students had gotten past the fear in the situation and applying a variety of repelling skills after they abseiled time and time again. In the past, it has always been the students that have finished and wished to stop. This time, I kept calling for anyone else that was keen on another abseil, and they just kept coming including those who were petrified at the start.

The Last night

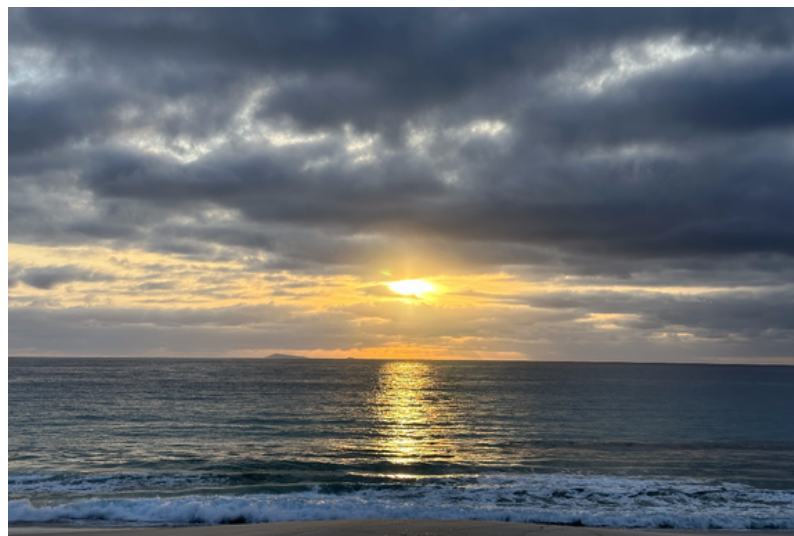
The last night of the expedition was at Shelly Beach in the West Cape Howe National Park. There was plenty of time for reflection and enjoying each others company for the last night of camp in the Adventure Recreation program. It was clear during the final debrief and through conversations at the camp site that these students have been on a journey. This journey has taken them from wherever, whoever they are now and whoever they are going to be in the future. The personal growth that I have seen over the last 4 years is inspiring.

Rand, Darcy, Ella, Leah, Maddison, Keenan, Aidan, Rogan, Jimmi, Oceana and Zac, I am truly proud of what you achieved on this expedition and the people that you are.

To me you will always be... Da Legends!

Mr Stevens

Adventure Recreation Coordinator



CAREERS NEWS

Wow! What a busy year it's been. Since Term 1 we have had over 400 individual students from Years 7-12 engage with some form of Careers event outside of the classroom. These events have included a range of Year 9 Career Taster courses, guest speakers, advice sessions from the Jobs and Skills Centre, workshop and programs delivered by Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN) and Kwinana Industries Council (KIC).

In Week 5, we had 15 of our Year 9 and 10 students attend a Process Plant Operator Career Taster at Gilmore College's Peron Training Centre. Students learnt about hydraulically controlled machinery and created a hydraulic machine out of wood and water. This was followed by setting up a pumping station where students got very wet as they pumped water from one end of their table to another. The session finished with a look into a simulated processing station operation room. This was a great opportunity for our students to see what is involved in Process Plant Industry, as well as experience the PPO certificate that they could apply for in Year 11 and 12.

To finish off the year, 16 of our Year 9 and 10 students attended an 'Interview to Impress' Workshop held by the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN). Students had the opportunity to learn about interview techniques and how to present themselves for a job interview. This was a great opportunity for some of our students to learn about answering interview questions with confidence and what employers look for in applications. Special thanks to Miss Kirkwood and Ms Pearce for taking students into the city for this great opportunity!



CAREERS NEWS

Partnerships

Throughout 2023 we have been working with several organisations to assist us in delivering some amazing opportunities to our students. These partnerships will continue in 2024.

Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN)

The Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN) is a purpose-led, not-for-profit organisation that brings businesses and schools together to address educational disadvantage. They connect volunteers from member companies with students to provide fun, workplace-based mentoring programs that develop students' confidence, skills and aspirations vital for thriving in the workplace of the future.

In 2023, we had two workshops delivered by ABCN, including the Future Thinkers workshop which helped to build students problem-solving skills with design thinking and Interview 2 Impress where students learn interview skills to build confidence and interpersonal skills.

We wish to thank ABCN for their support this year and look forward to working with them again in 2024!

Kwinana Industries Council (KIC)

The Kwinana Industries Council (KIC) is a not-for-profit association with its membership drawn from the major industries and businesses in the Kwinana Industrial Area. They provide educational programs showing high school students the sorts of careers that are available in the industry, and working to show them how they might aspire to these sorts of careers.

This year we had 8 students in Year 10 attend one of the KIC iProjects which are designed to provide students an opportunity to further explore what career pathways may be available in the Kwinana Industrial Area.

KIC also provide Pre-apprenticeships programs over 2 years for Year 11 and 12 students. Students complete a TAFE qualification in either Electrotechnology, Engineering, Female Engineering and Heavy Diesel Plant Mechanics. We have 8 students joining the KIC Pre-Apprenticeship Program in 2024, 3 of these students attended the iProjects program this year.

This program has had a far-reaching impact on our students with students often finding employment after completing their Pre-Apprenticeship.

We wish to thank the KIC team and members for their support this year and look forward to working with them again in 2024!

CAREERS NEWS

Industry Links

Workplace Learning

During 2023 we have had over 10,000 hours of experience completed by our Workplace Learning Students in years 11 and 12. These hours would not be possible without the generous support of our local companies and businesses. We would like to thank the following businesses for their support this year and we hope to continue working with you in 2024.

Starting in 2024, we will have three new certificate courses in year 11 at WCHS. These certificates are to assist students in gaining a VET qualification to assist in future employment or training.

These certificates are:

Certificate II in Creative Industries has an arts and creative industries focus. This certificate will develop students' skills and knowledge in the arts and creative industries including front of house duties and design processes.

Certificate II in Sports and Recreation has a focus on the practical parts of the sport, fitness, and recreation industry. This certificate develops the skills and knowledge needed to deliver a variety of sport and recreation activities.

Certificate II in Work Skills which is an entry-level position across a diverse range of business services and can open the door to a variety of employment opportunities. This certificate builds common transferable skills and knowledge required in almost any workplace.

We will also continue to offer the Certificate II in Hospitality, which offers students general Hospitality knowledge and a range of food and beverage service skills.

Ms Popperwell
Careers Practitioner

THANK YOU!

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ABS Welding	Mandurah Cabinets
Ausdrill	Marley's Transport
Baseload Electrical	Mechanics in Motion
Bergmans Auto Group	Midas Plumbing
Best & Less Rockingham	Muffin Break Baldivis
Brandon's Plumbing & Gas	Pin Up Alterations
Bungaree Primary School	Plumbing & Gas Solutions WA
Caravan Culture	Plumbing Bros - Mandurah
Castle Equipment	Ritz Plumbing & Electrical
Crushing Mining Services (CSI)	Rockingham Volkswagen & Holden
Drip Hunters	Shamai Nail Bar
Flex Industries	Sims Metal
GM Fabrication & Welding	Super Tap Man
Good Price Pharmacy Warehouse	TAMS Group
Goodstart Early Learning PK	The Escape Hunt Experience
Hunters Patios	UComputers
Hydes Bricklaying Pty Ltd	Vlosity Auto Care
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JP Fine Timbers	WA Police & Community Youth Centres (PCYC)
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COMMUNITY NEWS



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