

## From the Principal

On Friday 28 April, the school held an ANZAC Day ceremony. Feedback about the service from parents and staff was that it was a very moving, well-run and dignified service that acknowledged the meaning and spirit of ANZAC. We were fortunate to have Chief Petty Officer Radio Supervisor, Lynton Michael address the audience who shared his experiences and knowledge of the ANZAC tradition. Congratulations to our school prefects who had a key role in coordinating and conducting this event.

I have recently participated in a professional learning program, *Independent Public Schools Bridging Program: Changing Places, Changing Views*. I gained useful information that I have shared with the staff and presented to the School Board.

The school has received the Delivery and Performance Agreement document which provides schools with autonomy to make the best decisions for their students in consultation with their community. The Agreement sets out the performance and accountability expectations of the school, and the resources and support supplied by the Department of Education. I outlined this document at the recent School Board meeting and Board chair, Helen Notis, endorsed the agreement.

Students are reminded to adhere to the Balcatta Senior High School Uniform Policy, which reflects the requirements of the Department of Education's Dress Code for Students Policy. The Balcatta Senior High School Board has endorsed the Uniform Policy which also has the full support of the Balcatta Senior High School P&C. The Department of Education Dress Code Policy rules:

- All public schools are required to have a dress code;
- Students are required to comply with the code; and
- Clothing made from denim is not permitted.

The benefits of the dress code include:

- Promoting safety of students through easier identification;
- Assisting students to learn the importance of appropriate presentation; and
- Keeping costs of clothing within reasonable limits for parents.

With the change in cool weather, students are reminded that they need to prepare. Students are required to wear the school uniform which includes the school jacket, windcheater, school shirt, school pants, skirts and shorts.

Only wear leggings or tights as undergarments to a skirt or shorts.

Students must ensure their uniform is clean and tidy.

The following are **not** acceptable to wear to school:

- Clothing that exhibits any logo other than the school logo.
- Denim, chinos or other 'cut-off' styles of clothing.
- Mini-skirts, skirts with high splits or close fitting mini shorts or skirts.
- Clothing that has advertising or inappropriate language, styles, hoodies or pictures.
- Hats, hoodies or beanies in class or to formal occasions (including assemblies).
- Excessive make-up or jewellery.

We need to maintain a high standard of the dress code. Students out of uniform will be issued with a dress pass. Parents/carers of students who constantly do not follow the dress code will be notified. We ask all parents and carers for their support.

The uniform shop is open on Wednesdays from 8.00am to 10.00am.

At year assemblies students have been reminded about school values: Respect, Unite and Excel, and the expectation that these values should be exhibited by using appropriate language at all times, wearing school uniform and following school rules.

## NAPLAN

Year 7 and Year 9 students have completed NAPLAN tests. The tests covered reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. Achieving a high level in the tests in Year 9 also means that students will satisfy the literacy and numeracy requirements achieving WACE at the end of Year 12. At the classroom level it is important to remember that these tests are just one of a number of tools used by teachers to measure their progress. The individual student reports will be available in Term 3, 2017.

## Years 10 to 12 Exams

Exams for Year 11 and Year 12 students will be taking place in weeks five and six of the term. Year 10 exams will occur in week five. Year 10 students will attend normal classes in periods 1, 2 and 5 and their exams will be in periods 3 and 4.

Timetables for the exams have been distributed to students.

I expect all students to try their best in their exams to demonstrate their commitment to their own learning and academic progress.

Helen Maitland  
Principal

## News

### Elevate

This year, all students at Balcatta Senior High School will participate in the Elevate Study Skills Program. The aim is to arm students with more strategies to study more effectively, and ultimately improve their classroom performance. Elevate Education uses presenters who are age appropriate, engaging and can connect with all year levels. This year is the first time our school will participate as a whole school program. So far, Year 9 students have participated in a session called Memory Mnemonics and Year 10 students in Study Sensei. During this term, Year 7 students will participate in Study Skills Kickstart and Junior Time Management; Year 8 students will revisit the skills they learnt in 2016; Year 10 students will participate in a Time Management session; and Year 11 students will participate in a Study Sensei session. Class teachers are provided follow up material to reinforce the skills learnt from each seminar throughout their subject area.

### 2018 Enrolment Packs

The 2018 enrolment packs are being distributed to the local intake primary schools (Balcatta, Osborne, Takari, Tuart Hill and West Balcatta). Enrolment packs are also available from the front office. Enrolment applications need to be returned in person to Balcatta Senior High School by 26 June.

### Events around the School

#### Year 11/12 River Cruise

Year 11 and Year 12 students and staff enjoyed a leisurely and entertaining river cruise on the Chrystal Swan.

#### PARTY (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth) Program

Thirty of our Year 11 English, Health Science and selected Year 10 students recently attended a PARTY excursion to the Royal Perth Hospital Intensive Care Unit and Trauma wards. This Program is an interactive health promotion that is designed to help young people make informed choices about their behaviour and risk taking attitudes. It promotes their awareness of the consequences of risk taking behaviours in relation to drugs and alcohol.

#### Lightning Carnival

Year 7 and Year 8 students have taken part in Lightning Carnivals featuring a range of sports. The students have performed well and displayed keen sportsmanship at all events.

#### Year 10 Drama Excursion

As part of the Year 10 Drama studies students are required to view a play and write a review. Viewing live theatre is important for Drama students as they see first-hand how a play is staged and viewed. The Year 10 Drama students viewed a performance at State Theatre on 10 May. The play was the Lighthouse Girl, a courageous story that inspired the roaming spectacular of The Giants that visited Perth.

### International Competitions and Assessments for School Community (ICAS)

Selected Year 7 and Year 12 students have been invited to participate in the ICAS competition. ICAS is an international competition run by the University of New South Wales. It focuses on assessing higher order thinking and problem solving skills.

## From the P&C

A huge thank you to everyone who helped on and prior to Sunday 7 May at the Bunnings Fundraising Sausage Sizzle. What an amazing group of parents, staff and citizens who volunteered their time to help raise funds for the Balcatta Senior High School P&C. With your efforts, we raised over **\$1,755** which will go towards resources for our students. The event was successful. It was a massive day for the small group of volunteers, however, it was disappointing that only a handful of volunteers were available to help during the day. Please show your support to your P&C as all funds raised go towards our school and our students.

#### Scheduled P&C Meetings:

Commencing 7.30pm and held in the staffroom

- 9 August 2017
- 1 November 2017

**The position of Secretary remains vacant.** In this role, you will be required to provide support and assistance to our President, become familiar with P&C operations, rules and meeting procedures. If you are methodical, impartial, and persistent and want to be aware of the legal and constitutional requirements of the P&C, then you are perfect for this role. If you are interested in the position, please leave your name and details at the Canteen with Jenny on 9345 8229 or via our email [pandcbalcattashs@gmail.com](mailto:pandcbalcattashs@gmail.com) during the term.

On behalf of Jenny Ambler  
P&C President

## Important dates

22-26 May	Year 11 and 12 Exams
25-26 May	Year 10 Exams
23 May	Youth Focus Parent Info evening
5 June	Public Holiday
6 June	Year 9 Lightning Carnival
6-8 June	Year 7/8 Science Fair
7 June	Parent Tour 10.00am
8 June	Year 8 Immunisations
9 June	Nexus Dance Concert, Octagon Theatre