

From the Principal

The term has started on a very positive note. We were able to hold the COVID-postponed events from Term 2. One of these events is our annual Year 7 and Year 8 Science Fair. The students showcased their scientific investigation skills with a range of very interesting and unusual experiments. We were privileged to have four judges, Dr Debbie Palmer (Telethon Kids Institute), Dr Jonathan Richetti (CSIRO), Dr Alan Aitken (University of WA) and Dr Matthew Nelson (CSIRO) from the science industry, who gave up their time to judge the students' work. The judges spoke very highly of the students' work and told the students that it was a very difficult task in coming up with the winning projects.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Year 7

- 1st Place – Jake Oliver and Francesco Russell (Rail Gun)
- 2nd Place – Gracie Lalley and Zoey Duong (Chia Seed)
- 3rd Place – Epiphany Kondo-Morcom and Belinda Rowland (Chewing Gum Concentration)

Year 8

- 1st Place – Jasmin Caccetta, Nadya Igusti, Xuka Le (Which mask is the best?)
- 2nd Place – Chloe Allen, AJ Caballes, Tandin Zam (Which gender is the most intelligent?)
- 3rd Place – Danielle Fryer (How does cooling rate affect crystal size?)

The Science Fair was visited by parents of Year 7 and Year 8 students. Year 5 and Year 6 students from Osborne, Tuart Hill and West Balcatta Primary Schools also attended.

Welcome to new staff

A very warm welcome to the following new staff:

- Mr Eddie Buckingham – Teacher Home Economics
- Ms Sally Bond – Generalist Teacher
- Ms Katie Lisle-Williams – Teacher Education Support
- Mrs Louise Taylor – Community Health Nurse (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)

We are also hosting pre-service teachers from University of WA, Notre Dame and Edith Cowan Universities in Music, English, Science and Physical Education learning areas.

Years 7 to 12 Parent Reporting Interview Event

This year we trialled an extended time period for the Semester 1 Parent Reporting Interview event, held on Thursday 22 July. Parents were able to book appointments between 1.30pm and 6.00pm. This allowed a more convenient timeslot for most parents.

Year 10 Counselling Process

Year 10 students are currently attending course counselling interviews to select courses and pathways for Year 11 in 2022. If families have not yet made an appointment, please use the SOBS [link](#) to make your booking. For more information, refer to our website [link](#). Click to view a copy of the [2022 Academic Handbook for Year 11 and Year 12 students](#).

Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) Day WA – 23 July

Parents, guardians and caregivers are the heart of Balcatta SHS and this week we acknowledge our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) on P&C Day WA.

The role of the P&C is vital at Balcatta SHS. I am so grateful for the ongoing support that is provided to the school. P&C fundraising has resulted in numerous resources such as microscopes, literacy and curriculum resources, library furniture, safety clothing and sponsorship of the Year 12 graduation awards. One of the most significant projects that the P&C have funded was our swimming pool.

As a school community, I wish to thank all parents and caregivers who have contributed to the P&C over the years by paying their voluntary contributions. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information, refer to our [website link](#).

St George's Art Exhibition

The Western Australian St George's Art has become a premier annual event in art, attracting schools from all sectors of education. Participation in this exhibition provided an outstanding opportunity for schools to present work by students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The art is displayed in the unique setting of St George's Cathedral.

Congratulations to Kurt Baylon, Year 11 and Nathan Hamilton, Year 12 who had their artwork entered in this exhibition.

Helen Maitland
Principal

Important dates

30 July	Health Expo
3 Aug	5.00pm Education Support Parent Information Event
4 Aug	6.30pm P&C meeting
11 Aug	6.00pm School Board meeting