Balcatta Update

17 June 2022

From the Principal

As we head towards the end of the term, staff and students are busy finishing their courses and the Year 11 and Year 12 students have commenced their Semester 2 program.

COVID-19 and the flu season are still impacting our school community with a number of staff and students absent. The Executive team have been visiting classes which I have personally found re-affirming and they are impressed with the engagement of our students.

As a community, we need to ensure we are still following Department of Health guidelines in relation to COVID-19. If your child is unwell, please keep them home and contact the school on 9345 8228 or via SMS on 0409 686 684 to inform us of their absence.

Students have completed their Semester 1 program. Parents will receive their child's report via email by early in Week 10 and will be able to book a teacher interview (see below for more details). To allow for more meeting times for parents to talk to teachers, I have requested and gained approval from the Department of Education to alter the configuration of the school day on Thursday 30 June for the Parent Reporting Interviews, from 1.30pm to 6.00pm. Learning programs will cease at 11.00am and students are to leave the school grounds. Transperth buses have been notified and will be able to pick up students at this time. Any students who are unable to go home will be supervised in the library.

I received some very exciting news which has just been announced this week. The design for Balcatta SHS was awarded top honours in the Education category at the recent Australian Institute of Architects WA Chapter Awards, receiving the Hillson Beasley Award for Educational Architecture. Hassell Studios were the architects for the rebuild project. I was pleased their team was able to pick up on some of the unique characteristics from the heritage buildings and there was a connectedness from the existing building to the new building, which features unique learning spaces. Details were displayed on our Instagram and Facebook sites.

Helen Maitland
Principal

News

Nexus 2022

The annual Dance Alliance Nexus 2022 concert was held on Friday 10 June at the Octagon Theatre, University of WA, Nedlands. Nexus is an annual event presented by students from Balcatta Senior High School, Shenton College and Cecil Andrews Senior High School. The following performances were choreographed by our Dance teacher, Jessica Pesti along with Giorgia Schijf and Georgia Brocklebank:

- "How Will I Know" – Years 11/12 students
- "You Will Be Found" – Year 7 students
- "Mantra" – Year 10 students
- "Sinking" – Year 9 students
- "Fight vs Flight" – Year 8 students
- "Retrograde" – Years 11/12 students

Semester 1 Reporting Event – Early School Closure

The Semester 1 reporting process is currently underway and parents will receive their child's report which will be sent out on Tuesday 28 June. From **9.00am on Monday 27 June**, bookings can be made by parents for the Years 7-12 Reporting Interviews. On Thursday 30 June, interviews (10 minute timeslots) will be held from 1.30pm to 6.00pm. Students will finish school at 11.00am on this day. The interviews will be held on Level 1 (follow signage as you enter the school).

SOBS Booking information can be found on the school's website.

Year 10 students going into Year 11, 2023

It is time for the Year 10 students to start the process of selecting their courses for Year 11 in 2023. Students have had information presentations regarding course electives. Bookings for Year 11 in 2023 Course Counselling Interviews will be conducted between Tuesday 20 July and Wednesday 4 August. Parents will be able to access SOBS from **9.00am Monday 27 June** to make appointments (25 mins timeslots) with either Tessa Curtis, Deb Middleton, Nicole Anderson, David Curtis or Luke Dragicevich. The 2023 Year 11 and Year 12 Academic Handbook for course selection details is available on the website.

Year 10 Career Planning

In readiness for Year 10 subject selections, students are working with their HaSS teacher and Career Practitioner on pathway mapping. The Year 10 Individual Pathway Planning booklet is guiding students through the subject selection process and highlights their personal skills and interests. Students will be working through this booklet during class time each week until the end of term. It will be a requirement that students bring this booklet with them to their interview together with their subject selection paperwork.

Please feel free to discuss this with your child. There is further information about supporting your student with this process under the 'For Parents' section on our school Careers page located at www.balcattashscareers.com

Learning Area News

Year 12 Children, Family and Community

Our Year 12 Children, Family and Community students are currently working on a task to create a care package for a vulnerable group in our community. As a class, they have

decided to support the homeless. They are busy making and collecting items to put in their care packages and would appreciate any donations you could add. Below is a list of suitable items which Ms Jones will be donating to a group called Street Friends WA.

Ms Jones had the privilege of seeing the amazing work they do for the community. Please feel free to check Street Friends WA website if you would like more information on services they provide.

Donations can be taken to Ms Jones' classroom in A Block or delivered to the administration office please.

Homeless Donation ideas:

- Beanies/winter hat
- Warm scarf
- Gloves/mittens
- Socks (new only)
- Bandaids
- Small packets of tissues
- Small bottles shampoo, shower gel etc (hotel size is ideal)
- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- Hairbrush
- Deodorant (roll-on only)
- Warm clothing eg jumpers, jackets, track pants
- Quilts and quilt covers, blankets
- Pillows and pillowcases

Important dates

17 June	Year 12 School Ball at Pan Pacific Hotel
20 June	4.15pm Parent Tour for Year 7 in 2023 parents
21,22,24 June	Year 9 Gifted & Talented students – Mural Painting Incursion
22 June	Year 10-12 Volleyball Competition at Bendat Basketball Stadium
23 June	Gifted and Talented Visual Art students - Excursion to Art Gallery of WA
24 June	Year 11 Dinner Dance at Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough
27 June	Years 7-12 Semester 1 Reporting Event – SOBS Bookings open for parents
28 June	Years 7-12 Semester 1 Reports emailed to parents
29 June	3.30 pm Parent Tour for Year 7 in 2023 parents
30 June	11.00am Early school closure for students
30 June	1.30pm to 6.00pm Years 7-12 Semester 1 Reporting Event
1 July	Last day of Term 2 for students