



# Balcatta Bulletin

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## From the Principal

It has been a very busy and positive end to Semester 1. It is an appropriate time to reflect and celebrate the academic and sporting achievements and the wide variety of activities in which our students have been involved, representing themselves or the school. I am always keen for our students to be exposed to opportunities which promote our core values of Respect, Unite and Excel. I have conducted a number of school tours throughout this term, and am always pleased to see our students engaged in their learning programs and willing to share their experiences with the parents on tour.

### Academic Update

The Year 7 and Year 9 students have completed the national round of NAPLAN testing and we look forward to the release of their results next term. This is the last year that the test will be completed as a paper-based test. As from 2019, all NAPLAN testing will be completed online. Next term, we will be trialling some of the components of the online NAPLAN with a group of Year 7 and Year 9 students. One of the main advantages of the online testing is the earlier release of students' data, which will allow schools to review and plan accordingly.

The OLNA results were released for Year 10 to Year 12 students and it is very pleasing to note that a significant number of students achieved the required literacy or numeracy standard. Students yet to achieve the required literacy and numeracy standard have been followed up and action plans developed to support them in achieving the required standard for Round 2 OLNA which will occur in September.

Literacy and numeracy continues to be a whole-school focus, as both the NAPLAN and OLNA testing provide the school and parents with useful data to indicate student performance and identify areas of need to be addressed with targeted strategies. It is our goal at Balcatta Senior High School to ensure that every student is provided with support to achieve the required standard in literacy and numeracy.

Year 10 students have completed Semester 1 exams, which is an integral part of their assessment program for English, Humanities and Social Sciences, Mathematics and Science. Semester 1 reports outline students' progress and it is pleasing to note that a significant number of students achieved exceptional results due to their commitment to their learning program. I always remind students to reflect on their performance and conduct a mini audit - "Is this my personal best? Could I have done better?"

As part of our annual review cycle, all staff analyse student performance data and strategies to address Priority 1: Success for all students and Priority 2: Excellence in Teaching from our School Business Plan and Learning Area Plans to guide their planning of appropriate learning programs.

### Student Opportunities and Success

As you read through this edition of the Bulletin, you will see a vast range of opportunities which showcases our students' skills and expertise. I have had the privilege to watch our students in action at a number of events including:

- \* the debating students who continue to amaze me with their confidence and tenacity, with a pleasing win recently by our Year 7 team;
- \* the junior girls' soccer team who continue to demonstrate their sporting skills with some great performances this term;
- \* participation and performance at district lightning carnivals, where our students demonstrate appropriate sportsmanship qualities;
- \* the inaugural Arts roadshow, which included performances by our very talented dance and music students as well as an exhibition of students' art work at a number of our local intake primary schools;
- \* a successful Science Fair, which showcased Year 7 and Year 8 students' science experiments. This event was well-attended by parents and primary school students; and
- \* Try-a-Trade activities which have provided a number of students with valuable experiences from a range of different trade areas.

### Academic Extension Program

Planning is in progress for our inaugural 'Academic Extension Program' for incoming Year 7 students for 2019. Incoming students will be able to apply through an application process with follow-up testing and interview to be scheduled. The application information is included in the enrolment package distributed to all our local intake primary schools, however, this opportunity will be available to students from non-local intake primary schools. Our Academic Extension Co-ordinator, Ms Amy Blitvich, has been liaising with local intake primary schools to offer interschool spelling bee competitions and the inaugural Academic Challenge proposed for Term 4.

Next semester, as part of this program, we will be offering opportunities for existing students to take part in a variety of extra-curricular and enrichment activities.

### School Upgrade

As part of the 'Cabinet in Community' events, the Minister for Education, Ms Sue Ellery MLC and Member for Balcatta, Mr David Michael MLA visited the school on Monday 28 May, to meet with the architect, Mr Dave Guilland, who outlined the proposed schematic design. Mr Guilland will be presenting an update to the School Board on 28 June. Future information sessions will be advertised.

Various staff members have visited two recently-built schools, including Ashdale Secondary College and Joseph Banks Secondary College. The staff have shared their observations and how some of these ideas may be incorporated into the Balcatta Senior High School upgrade.

Helen Maitland  
Principal



# Special Events

On Friday 13 April 2018, we held our ANZAC Day Service. Special guests in attendance included Mr Ross Luckman (Co-ordinator of Regional Services), Warrant Officer Justin L Boylson (Class 2 Company Sergeant Major Delta Company 16th Battalion Royal Western Australian Regiment), Mrs Helen Notis (Chair of the School Board) and Mr Richard Karamfiles (P&C President).

The service was presented by our prefects - Robert Kollie, Ana Rychlak, Isaac Milner and Simon Naumoski. Crystal Loader acknowledged the past and present traditional custodians of the land, the Noongar people in the Whadjuk region. The Catafalque Party (guards) were represented by Aimee Parker, Jacqlin Parker, Damien Maddox and Joshua Miller. The Last Post and Reveille were performed by our Chaplain, Mr Matthew Denholm.



Year 12 Prefects and Army cadets, with Warrant Officer Justin L Boylson



The Catafalque standing guard over the flag



Year 12 Prefects, Mrs Maitland, Ms Curtis and Mr Fraser

To commemorate ANZAC Day, School Board member Trudie Dwyer proposed that the student body consider sending care packages to Australian Defence Force personnel deployed overseas. This proposal was taken to the Year 12 Prefects, who were delighted to take up the initiative. Students held a Free Dress Day and donated over \$435 to purchase the packages and their contents. The packages were packed full of goodies such as deodorant, shower gel, soap, biscuits, lollies, non-perishable

and canned foods. They also included a Matilda Poppy, letters from students and a copy of our recent Balcatta Bulletin. These were sent free of charge by Australia Post.

Thank you to all those involved in preparing the care packages and the student body for their generous donations. We hope these packages brought smiles and fond memories of home to the members of our Australian Defence Force.



Care packages being prepared to send overseas



Simon Naumoski, Ana Rychlak and Robert Kollie making up care packages

## Luncheon with Cabinet Ministers at Woodvale Secondary College

On Monday 28 May, the Honourable Mark McGowan, Premier of Western Australia and Ms Jessica Stojkovski, MLA, Member for Kingsley invited Mrs Maitland, together with the Year 12 Prefects and the Year 10 and Year 11 Student Councillors to a luncheon with State Cabinet Ministers, held at the Hospitality and Function Centre, Woodvale Secondary College.



Premier Mark McGowan and Mrs Maitland with our Prefects and Student Councillors

## City of Stirling Living Green Award 2018

Earlier this year, the City of Stirling offered grants for projects to assist in promoting sustainability. Science teacher, Mrs Kristina Hoy, submitted an application outlining Balcatta Senior High School's EnvirArt competition, which is the culmination of the Year 10 Science unit "Global Issues". Students were given the challenge of creating a piece of art that informed and motivated people to do something about these issues to lead a more sustainable life. Why? Because most people can't/won't/aren't able to attend scientific conferences or read lengthy scientific articles, so they needed to be reached in another way. The students' artistic skills were used to produce pieces of work that captivated and moved our audience here at the school. Due to the success of this task over the last couple of years, we made it even bigger this year and invited other schools to participate in our EnvirArt competition.

Students were asked to create a piece that portrays important issues such as Environmental Destruction or Climate Change. Linking to the HaSS and Science curriculums, students were required to incorporate their researched data into their pieces. Numerous schools were interested in joining our event, which was also recognised by a professional organisation in Melbourne, 'Climarte', which donated one of the prizes.

On Wednesday 9 May, the Principal, Mrs Maitland and Mrs Hoy attended the City of Stirling Living Green Awards 2018. Balcatta Senior High School was announced as one of the winners for this award and received a trophy. Congratulations to Mrs Hoy for showcasing the talents of our students and, in doing so, promoted Balcatta Senior High School. To be recognised by the City of Stirling in their Living Green Awards is a great honour for our school and our students.

The trophy is on display in the front office.



**Mrs Kristina Hoy and Mrs Helen Maitland**

## City of Stirling Community Reception

On Sunday 27 May, the Honourable Mark McGowan, Premier of Western Australia invited Mrs Maitland, together with the Year 12 Head Prefects, Ana Rychlak and Robert Kollie and Mr Richard Karamfiles, P&C President, to an event at the City of Stirling with various State Cabinet ministers. The event was opened by the Premier, Mark McGowan with David Michael MLA, Member for Balcatta as Master of Ceremonies.

The format for the event was a question and answer session where invited guests were able to ask a range of questions which included topics such as suburban infill, homelessness, support for sporting associations and environmental issues. The appropriate Minister provided informative responses.

The Premier also made an acknowledgement to the \$50 million upgrade to Balcatta Senior High School.



**Year 12 Head Prefects, Robert Kollie and Ana Rychlak with Mrs Maitland and Mr Karamfiles**



**Mr David Michael MLA addressing the audience**



# Events

## Celebration Assembly

Special guests Mrs Helen Notis, Chair of the School Board and Mr Richard Karamfiles, P&C President, recently attended the school's Celebration Assembly with staff and students, which celebrated the many activities and achievements that have occurred in the school during this semester.

There were various displays of artwork, soldier boxes made by Design & Technology students and performances by Chloe-Bree Schmiedte on voice/guitar and our Dance students. The Principal, Mrs Helen Maitland, congratulated Science teacher, Mrs Kristina Hoy, who nominated the Year 10 2017 Science classes for an EnvirArt project which was the 2018 winner of the City of Stirling's Living Green Sustainability Award – Art to Inspire. The following students were also acknowledged for their achievements:

Year 10 student, Leroy Sassine recently competed in the 2018 Special Olympics Australian National Games in Adelaide and won a gold medal in basketball.

Year 11 student Elroy Gelok recently participated in a local Rotary Club sponsored trip to Canberra where he wrote and delivered a speech on 'Youth Apathy Towards Politics and the Political Process' on the floor of the Federal Parliament.

Other areas of achievements were:

- 'Hav Sum Fun' participants.
- Nominations for WA Training Awards 2018:
  - Ajaypal Singh – WA Vocational Student
  - Judith Pazhooparambil – WA School-Based Apprentice
- Gifted and Talented Visual Art ambassadors
- Debating
- Make-up students received Certificates of Achievement.



Dance students



Guitar and vocals: Chloe-Bree Schmiedte

## Arts Roadshow visits local Primary Schools

On Wednesday 6 June, despite the rainy weather, our very talented Year 8 Specialist Dance students, Year 7 guitar ensemble students and one of our very talented senior music students attended the first Balcatta Arts Roadshow. The journey commenced at Osborne Primary School, followed by a lunch time visit to West Balcatta Primary School. As the last awards were given out, they kicked off their first performance with beautiful acoustic renditions of "Stay With Me", "Break Even" and "Budapest" by Certificate II in Music Industry student Chloe-Bree Schmiedte. She later closed our show with four more songs at West Balcatta Primary. Chloe-Bree has a special and unique ability of being able to capture her audience with her effortless, sparkling vocals and acoustic guitar skills.

Steve Sutherland, our IMMS guitar tutor took the floor with the Year 7 guitar ensemble to perform three of their favourite music pieces to conclude our Osborne Primary show. The last of three songs, "Sesame Street" was a crowd favourite with our young audience. Later in the day, at West Balcatta Primary, it sparked a full assembly 'sing along'. The classical renditions performed by Asha Budalich, Katie Borgogno, Iraia King, Callum Case-McGlade and Maxim Stadnik warmed our audience's hearts.

The excitement in the undercover area only grew as our dancers in their red and blue matching outfits took the stage. The energetic dancers brought cheers and excited applause from the audience as the group flipped and danced along in perfect synchronisation to the song. Congratulations to Ellie Brandis, Imelda Cortez, Mackenzie Dragicevich, Emily Gibbons, Lauren Holman, Alexandria Hull, Lilly Karamfiles, Jessinee Law, Anastasia Skordas, Chanel Vaatuitui, Gabrielle Velez and Madison Ward on your flawless choreography and representing our school so very well!

Engaging our local primary schools is a vital process in creating a strong connection for the future generations of students hoping to come to our school and be involved in the arts industry. We have amazing teachers who put an enormous amount of time and care into ensuring all our students have opportunities such as our performances today to gain experience and knowledge in Dance, Music and Gifted and Talented Visual Art. Thank you to our arts team, Alison Martin, Jamie Arkeveld and Sherree Tomlinson, for their continual contributions to their students and our Associate Principal, Kevin Fraser. Without their never-ending effort and support, days like this would not be able to occur.



Dance students



Music students performing for primary students

# Our People

## Leroy Sassine wins gold

Leroy Sassine was chosen to represent Team WA in basketball at the National Special Olympics Australia which was held in Adelaide from 15 to 21 April. The team returned with a gold medal and is now being called the 'Dream Team' by their peers. The City of Stirling supported Leroy in his bid to compete at the games and helped sponsor his sporting endeavours with a donation towards the cost of flights and accommodation. Leroy met with the City of Stirling councillor, Mr Adam Spagnolo, and Mr John Hughes who congratulated Leroy on his wonderful achievement



Leroy Sassine with his medal

## Elroy Gelok visits Canberra

Rotary Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC) is an intensive and fun filled week-long program to help prepare young adults for full participation as citizens of Australia.

Elroy Gelok was sponsored by his local Rotary club to be sent to Canberra together with around 35 other Year 11 students from across Australia where they are taken out of their comfort zones into new places, set amongst new faces and asked to do new things.

For a week, from Saturday 5 May to Saturday 12 May 2018, RAIC put the students 'inside' Canberra. Run in partnership with the Parliamentary Education Office, the students are immersed behind the scenes in Parliament House.

They view Parliament in action, including the Budget Speech and Question Time, meet their Federal Member of Parliament and Press Gallery journalists. Through role play, delegates participate in law-making debates and explore the functions of the Parliament. They were able to visit the US Embassy where they engaged in a diplomatic simulation scenario between the United States and a fictitious country. Elroy gave a speech to his peers and toured places of interest, such as the Department of Defence, the Australian Electoral Commission and Duntroon Military College.

One of the highlights is having morning tea with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Most importantly, they met and made friends with young people from all over Australia, making it one of the highlights of the RAIC program.



Leroy with Mr John Hughes



Leroy with Cr Adam Spagnolo



Elroy Gelok

### **Merrilee Wong, Chaplain**

Merrilee Wong is the Chaplain at Balcatta Senior High School. Merrilee commenced her duties at the beginning of Term 2 and finds it a privilege to be able to work with students, parents and staff and looks forward to becoming more involved with the school community.

Merrilee's role is about building relationships, offering care and support to the individual needs of the students and helping to meet the wider needs of the school. She has a vast amount of volunteer experience in working with teenagers through community development programs. Last year, she completed a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Psychology and Counselling. Merrilee is located in the Chaplain's office in the canteen area and will be available every Tuesday and Friday.



**Merrilee Wong**

### **Gifted and Talented Art tutor wins award**

Christophe Canato was the overall winner of the 2018 City of Wanneroo Community Art Awards and Exhibition, taking home the \$7,500 grand prize for his striking digital photograph, titled "Untitled". The Bayswater artist was one of nine winners whose artistic talents were recognised at the opening event on Friday 11 May, with each receiving a share of the \$16,800 prize pool. The City of Wanneroo received 230 entries this year, including 148 paintings, 56 works on paper and a record 29 sculptures. Those included 96 artworks by City of Wanneroo residents, while other entries came from around WA. An independent panel consisting of artists Janis Nedela, Clare McFarlane and Helena Bogucki judged the entries.



**Christophe Canato**

### **WA State Team selections**

Congratulations to Lexie Hull (Year 8) and Lily Johnston (Year 10) who have been selected as members of the WA State Team to compete at the 2018 National Artistic Rollerskating Championships being held at the Herb Graham Recreation Centre from 8 July to 13 July. The top skaters from around Australia will be competing in this event. We wish Lily and Lexie every success in their achievement.



**Lexie Hull, Year 8**



**Lily Johnston, Year 10**



## Year 10 HaSS excursion to Parliament House

On Thursday 17 May, Ms Blitvich and her students from the Year 10 HaSS class attended an excursion to the Constitutional Centre of WA and Parliament House as part of their study of Civics and Citizenship.

Students participated in a workshop at the Constitutional Centre about the role of the High Court in interpreting the Constitution and examined prominent cases from Australian history. They were engaged in learning and gained a lot of new information and examples about how the High Court has previously been involved in resolving confusion about our Constitution.

After they left the Constitutional Centre, the students walked to Parliament House and participated in a tour, finding out facts about our state's history and the formation of our Parliament. Students then attended a lunch hosted by our local member for Balcatta, Mr David Michael MLA who spoke about his journey into politics and his role as Government Whip.

Before leaving Parliament House, everyone sat in on the first half of Question Time in the Legislative Assembly. The students were excited to receive a mention from David Michael MLA as he asked a question to the Premier about the redevelopment of Osborne Park Hospital. They were entertained by both the theatrics of Question Time and the details about issues facing our state.

All the students were excellent ambassadors for our school and were engaged in learning for the duration of the day. Well done to all involved in a fantastic educational opportunity.



Year 10 HaSS students inside Parliament House

## Retail students serve up Bake Sale

On Tuesday 8 May, the Certificate III in Retail students hosted a bake sale to raise funds for our Cambodian Sister School. The students worked together as a team to plan and prepare the event with many of the students working in our industry-style kitchen for the very first time. Delicious mouth-watering treats were prepared with the favourites consisting of double chocolate chip cookies and the light and fluffy lemon cakes. The bake sale was set up during lunch time and was certainly a hit for both staff and students. The Certificate III in Retail students were very proud of their efforts as was their teacher, Mrs Powney. A total of \$293 was raised for our Cambodian Sister School.



## Certificate III in Retail students prepare their baked goods for sale

### Beauty Incursion

On 11 April, the Year 9 and Year 10 students attended an incursion for an Interactive Make-up Workshop on "Foundation, Contouring and Highlighting" with professional make-up artist, Vera Coleski. The workshop was held over one and a half hours and covered a wide range of information on foundation application, how to contour all face shapes and clever tips for highlighting. It was a fun, exciting and very informative afternoon.



Tia Patterson performing a deluxe manicure on Ivana Spanja

## Big Day In at Curtin University

Our Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology students went to Curtin University on Tuesday 8 May for an IT careers expo organised by the ACS Foundation. Students heard from speakers from Bankwest, WiseTech, Palo Alto, Department of Human Services, Avanade Australia, Marvel Media, Westpac and Microsoft.

The students were able to ask questions of the presenters and tour the stalls to find out more about possible future careers or further studies in digital technology. One message that came through was the growth in employment opportunities in remote control automation in mining and careers in cyber security. After the event, students said they enjoyed the experience, and a number of students said they now have chosen an IT-related career and have a plan in place to achieve that goal.



Brianna Papai trying out the RAC helicopter training virtual reality display unit



# m Events

## Career Expo

On Friday 18 May, 74 Year 11 and Year 12 students attended the Career Expo at the Perth Convention Centre. The expo was an opportunity for students to speak with University/TAFE and other training providers regarding future pathways. It was a very successful afternoon.



Year 11 students, Haider Alyaser, Nathan Notis, Leon Vonlanthen and Matthew Tennant

## Excursion to Foodbank WA

On Tuesday 29 May, the Year 12 Food Science and Technology class attended an excursion to Foodbank WA. The morning began with a tour around the facilities which included the community garden, volunteer kitchen and the Foodbank warehouse. The students participated in a number of healthy eating activities which provided visual representations of the fat, sugar and sodium content of fast foods versus their homemade counterparts. They prepared a banquet of healthy dishes for lunch including a herbalicious salad, supersonic dip and sporty banana bites. The excursion was an eye-opening experience which taught the participants about the effects of healthy food choices and educated the students about the fantastic facilities available to the wider WA community.



Janssen Pilapil and Kevin Nimeno making pizza



Kaye Ann Mendoza and Sherie Soronio making a Supersonic Dip

## Vocational Education and Training

During Term 2, a number of vocational activities have been available to our students.

Work Experience and Workplace Learning placements continue to provide students with the opportunity to experience the realities of the workplace and explore career options. A select group of Year 10 students are attending their placements each Thursday during Term 2 and Year 11 and Year 12 students have placements of eight weeks duration to fit in with their academic requirements. Year 10 students can still elect to participate in five day placements in Term 3 and Term 4. Applications are available in Mrs Middleton's office or from the Connect Career Information Library, as previously advertised.

A group of Year 9 and Year 10 students visited the Skill Hire Forrestfield training facility for three days to complete their white card and learn some basic bricklaying skills. Many of the Year 9 participants are also among the group of students who are participating in the Balcatta Onsite Skills Development Project. The project develops work skills, planning and designing and utilises bricklaying skills to create herb garden beds, seating walls and other items that can be used by the students at school, while developing useful skills for students to use on their own projects in the future.



Year 9 student, Lucas Cameron learning build-laying



Year 9 students, Marko Simovic and Keanu Rhoades working onsite preparing their worksite to build herb gardens

# 2018 Science

**‘Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is to not stop questioning.’ – Albert Einstein**

This term we had our 2nd Annual Science Fair organised by our STEM expert Mrs Hoy. Our Year 7 and Year 8 aspiring scientists have worked tenaciously to design, conduct and analyse their own scientific experiment. Mrs Hoy gave the students creative freedom with their experiment topic, dictating only one condition; it must be measurable. Two hundred students began excitedly brainstorming their hobbies and interests to come up with some intriguing and informative experiment topics.

This student-directed project motivated the students to take control of their learning and devise a realistic and relevant scientific experiment. We saw some students direct a class with determination and control, while others eagerly grew bacteria in the classroom to gather data for their experiments. The students explored some impressive concepts such as “Do video games affect our heart rate?”, “Can the average person throw faster than a pro-baller?”, “Does music help you concentrate?”, “Does wi-fi affect plant growth?”, “Does the five-second rule really count?” Across two thrilling days, the students displayed their experiments in the school library and presented their results to an audience of parents, grandparents, experts and students from the local primary schools. Dr Alan Aitken (University of WA - Geophysics), Dr Debbie Palmer (Telethon Institute - Immunology) and Lillian Kendall-Langley (PhD student - Geology) were invited to expertly evaluate each presentation and name a winner.

The judges had a tough decision deciding the winners for this year’s Science Fair as all students displayed impressive consideration to their chosen experiment, and devised concepts that they were clearly passionate about. When presenting the Year 8 winners, Dr Palmer said that although there were so many deserving projects, her winners were a clear choice, as they not only presented a detailed experiment, but they also included a reflection of what they could improve next time.

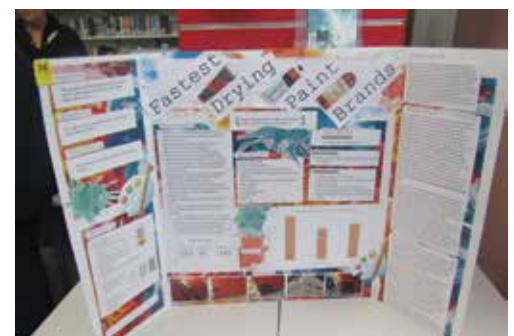
Congratulations to the following students:  
Year 7 first place winners were A’Janae Braysher and Asher Read.  
Year 7 second place winners were Alyce Flatters, Sonam Dorji and Samten Namgyal  
Year 7 third place winners were Mali Frazer and Shine Sharma  
Year 8 first place winners were Kanika Rawat and Gabrielle Velez  
Year 8 second place winners were Soham Patel and Karim Aghabalaiey  
Year 8 third place winners were Fatema Alyaser and Penny Ormket

Thank you to Mrs Hoy, our Science teachers, special guests, audience members and most importantly our aspiring Year 7 and Year 8 scientists for creating another successful and educational Science Fair.





# Science Fair



## WA Ballet Excursion

On Friday 6 April, our Years 7, 8 and 9 Specialist Dance students attended the West Australian Ballet Company to observe their morning class to learn about life as a professional ballet dancer. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to go behind the scenes and view the state's elite dancers in training. The students also took part in updating some of the Company's promotional material, being filmed, photographed and interviewed by professionals.



Year 7 student Joko Narra with the film crew

## Artist in Residence – Lynne Chapman

Children's book illustrator and artist, Lynne Chapman from Sheffield, England has been in Perth for the last two months as an artist in residence at the University of WA.

Lynne was flown to Perth with an all-expense-paid working holiday to draw. She was working with a research group and her job was to record small aspects of the interviews and put her artistic view on many different areas.

Lynne has loved her time in Perth. During this time she has managed to attend a few schools and run different workshops. We were lucky enough to be offered a day with Lynne by the University of WA.

Lynne gave a presentation to the students, which was truly inspiring, which included work she has completed throughout her career. This led to 'Urban Sketching Workshops' in which the students participated.



Lynne Chapman presenting 'Urban Sketching'

## Nexus 2018

Nexus 2018 is an annual event presented by the Dance Alliance, consisting of students from Shenton College, Balcatta Senior High School, Churchlands Senior High School and Rossmoyne Senior High School. All the students have achieved high standards in movement education and have performed works choreographed by themselves, their dedicated teachers and Perth dance professionals.

The performances aim to deliver excellence in both teaching and student learning. Students receive an opportunity to focus on technique and performance, as well as dance history, kinesiology, theory of dance and music, choreography and improvisation. The presentation offers the students experience in working in a professional theatre environment and the chance to see peers from other schools in rehearsal and performance.

As well as being talented performers, students in these dance programs graduate with presentation skills, self-confidence, leadership skills, an ability to work in a team environment, a sense of rigour and discipline and the want to strive for excellence. The qualities learnt in the dance classroom are life skills that hold them in good stead for any career choice.

The performances by our Years 7 to 12 Dance students included:  
 'River' – Year 11/12 students  
 'Hey Big Spender' – Year 9 students  
 'The Game' – Year 7 students  
 'This Is Me' – Year 8 students  
 'Finesse' – Year 10 students  
 'Iconic' – Year 11/12 students



## Art Gallery of WA Corsini excursion

On Friday 25 May, the Year 11 and Year 12 Gifted and Talented Visual Art students enjoyed a visit to the Art Gallery of WA to view the long anticipated Corsini Exhibition. This family collection includes portraits, landscapes, mythological and religious paintings, as well as fascinating decorative objects and furniture from the Palazzo Corsini. The artworks have been preserved over centuries, surviving the devastation of World War II and the great flood of Florence.

Students were fortunate to be able to see works by Italian artists such as Botticelli, Tintoretto and Caravaggio. The 'Perspectives' exhibition was also showing at the Gallery and showcased 52 selected Year 12 works from 2017, including a diptych print by former Balcatta Senior High School student, Ari Gillespie. Students were inspired by the amazing range and quality of works on display.

At the Cultural Centre, 'Hatched' was also showing, which exhibited the final contemporary artworks from the top graduating Visual Art students from across a variety of Australian universities. Much of the work used new technologies such as video and presented students with new ideas and a range of commentaries, some of which were quite challenging.





## Urban Landscape Excursion

Year 9 Photography students attended an excursion on Friday 1 June, to capture images of the 'Urban Landscape'. Focusing on the themes, 'Utopian City', 'Urban Decay', 'Lonely City' and 'Secret City', students walked through Northbridge and Perth City. They used different viewpoints to emphasise the soaring aspects and height of buildings, took close-up shots of buildings, emphasising grids and geometric patterns, captured reflections in glass and photographed aspects of the urban environment in decay. Students are now editing their photographs, which will be printed and exhibited early next term.



Year 9 Photography students

## Urban Art Program

This new art program at Balcatta Senior High School is engaging students with the expanding phenomenon of "Street Art", or "Urban Art", as it is more commonly being recognised. Students are having an opportunity to explore new media used by professional urban artists to express themselves through developing art skills relative to their interests and current popular culture. Projects include mural designs to be painted on the large sliding doors of most classrooms around the school, along with designing and painting their own rideable skateboard decks.



Skateboard designs in progress



Stencil skills designs with spraypaints

## Wearable Art Mandurah Exhibition

The beginnings of Wearable Art Mandurah began in 2011 as the 'Common Threads Wearable Art' competition which was part of the annual Stretch Arts Festival. In 2017, the project was separated into a stand-alone event now known as 'Wearable Art Mandurah'.

Some of our Gifted and Talented Visual Art students attended the Wearable Art Mandurah showcase event at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre on 10 June. Wearable Art Mandurah attracts entrants from across the world. The 2018 competition has seen the largest amount of entrants, with 132 participants from Australia and abroad, including Singapore, China, the UK, India, New Zealand, Switzerland and Romania. Wearable Art Mandurah encourages new ways of viewing the world through thought-provoking works of art for the body. Encouraging people from all walks of life to enter the competition and express their creativity, the event showcases artistic statements of individual, hand-made garments employing a variety of design mediums including fashion, textiles, industrial, fine art, jewellery, millinery, craft, sculpture and more. Every year, as part of the Wearable Art Mandurah competition, the best garments are selected for the showcase, which includes a creative and innovative production alongside music, dancing and theatre performances. Leilani King had her full wearable outfit displayed and worn by a model. Zoë Thatcher and Aimee Parker had headpieces on display in the foyer.



Lupa by Leilani King

## Atwell Youth Awards 2018

The 16th Annual Atwell Youth Awards is an open art exhibition for young artists of high school age. The award presentation was held at the Melville Bowling Club on Thursday 14 June.

The following students had their artworks entered in the exhibition:

Year 7 – Jessica Betti , A'Janae Braysheer, Jordan de Beer, Malisha Octian

Year 10 – Meg Bradsell, Aaliyah Geyer, Gabriel Martinez-Rivera

Year 12 – Leilani King, Georgia Pope, Lily Routledge

Congratulations to prize winner, Jessica Betti of Year 7, with her artwork titled 'Cool Leaf in the Warm Weather'.



Timing by Tyson Smitham, Year 9



Jessica Betti with her certificate



Artwork by Jessica Betti, Year 7



Lady Pet by Kanika Rawat, Year 8

## HyperVision

The Hyper Series is an arts program of large and small scale events and activities organised by a group of young volunteers and supported by a full-time program co-ordinator employed by the City of Swan. The series exists to support youth development through music and other contemporary arts events. Part of the series includes the HyperVision program which is a visual art exhibition and competition which will be held at the Midland Junction Arts Centre from Friday 6 July to Friday 3 August. The award presentation and opening of the 2018 HyperVision exhibition will be held on Friday 6 July commencing at 6.30pm.

Artworks from the following students have been selected as finalists:

Home Away from Home by Kaitlyn Pope

Self-Portrait by Maddison Curry

Portrait of Love by Meg Bradsell

Floating Home by Xavier Slater

Agave by Asher Read

Timing by Tyson Smitham

Lady Pet by Kanika Rawat



Home Away from Home by Kaitlyn Pope, Year 8



Agave by Asher Read, Year 7



# Health & Phys Ed News

## Lightning Carnivals

During Term 2, the Year 7 to Year 10 students participated in Lightning Carnivals playing a selection of sports including Netball, Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer and Football. The students had the opportunity to choose a sport and represent Balcatta in tournaments against other schools including Perth Modern, Churchlands SHS, Shenton College, Balga SHS, Carine SHS, Girrawheen SHS, Warwick SHS and Greenwood College. Whilst the emphasis is on fun, exercise and self-management skills, there is still room for the encouragement of healthy competition. Good reports of our students displaying sportsmanship and respect of rules, referees and the opposition have been extremely pleasing. The carnivals also give the opportunity for older students to display their leadership skills by taking on coaching and refereeing roles. The latter can be a pretty daunting task requiring resilience and the ability to make quick decisions with confidence. Year 7 students were given an interesting exercise during their Mentor period. All students were put into small groups which contained students from each sporting activity. Their task was to share their experiences and later volunteers reported back to the whole year group. The reports were given with enthusiasm and were extremely refreshing for the staff to hear as there was an array of experiences encountered, which indicates the value of such days.

## Senior Boys Soccer

The team is a great mix of characters from Year 10 and Year 12, with an extremely novice Year 11 goalkeeper. All players are extremely supportive of each other and their expectations are realistic, yet positive and hopeful. The first two games were against the favourites. The team lost to Dianella scoring 5-0 and Mercy College A scoring 3-0. If ever there was a story about resilience then Thomas Vlatko-Rulo has to be recognised for volunteering as goalkeeper, a position nobody wanted to take, thinking his basketball skills would be transferable. He was definitely a fish out of water in his first game, but with support from his team mates, he began to look the part in the following games. During the third game, he produced some match winning saves against St Andrews Grammar, which earned Balcatta a 5-2 victory. Special mention is to be given to Robert Kollie who walked many miles encouraging students to join the team, which looked extremely sparse during early training and now there are more students than needed wanting to represent the team. Stephen D'Souza has shown great leadership skills on away trips whilst on the bus, giving instructions to the team. Goal setting for the next two games was discussed at training but credit needs to go to the unselfish way all players willingly gave up their position to make sure all substitutes played a game. There is a true sense of belonging and a credit to each individual on the team.



Senior Boys Soccer team

## Junior Girls Soccer

The Junior Girls Soccer team includes students from Year 7 to Year 9. They have been training weekly this semester in preparation for their season. The team was entered into the School Sports WA competition and had two wins, one draw and one loss. Some excellent goals were scored from Captain Marina Minic, Samantha Ellen, Bridget Ntwari and Tryphena Kollie. The team worked hard in co-ordinating a brand new uniform which gave them confidence on the field. The team is extremely motivated and looking forward to the season ahead.



Junior Girls Soccer Team

## Respect-Unite-Excel Form competition

The Respect-Unite-Excel Form competition returned with basketball. The Years 7 to Year 10 competitions have been completed while the Year 11/12 competition is in full swing. Both teams and supporters have displayed the usual Balcatta passion. The competition emphasises the school's values and the students have upheld these values while demonstrating their basketball talents. Next term, the students will look forward to Indoor Soccer.



Year 7 Netball team with Coach Taylor Thompson



Year 9 Basketball team and coaches



**Mr Dave Guillard (Hassel architect), Mrs Helen Notis (School Board Chair), Mrs Helen Maitland (Principal), Mr Richard Karamfiles (P&C President), Mr David Michael MLA (Member for Balcatta) and Ms Sue Ellery (Minister for Education)**