

From the Principal

I can't believe it has been one year since we moved into our new building and we finally have our electronic gates operational.

Please note, the gates close at 8.45am each day as this is the start of Period 1 and all students should be in class. The pedestrian gate is also automated and will also be locked at 8.45am. Late students must use the intercom system at the gate to access the school grounds and must report to the Student Administration Office on the Ground Floor. Visitors can also use the pedestrian gate as visitor parking is limited. Please remind your child to arrive at school on time.

Year 12 Presentation Event

On Tuesday 19 October we acknowledged the Year 12 Class of 2021 on their successful completion of 12 years of schooling. This is a significant milestone for them. We celebrated the success and achievements of our Year 12 students at the Octagon Theatre, University of WA, with a musical performance from talented Year 10 student, Callum Case-McGlade. He performed an original piece on the acoustic guitar.

Special Award winners were:

Learning Support Certificate of Commendation – **Sebastian Foran**

ADF Future Innovators Award – Tyson Smitham

ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award – Vyom Patel

Stan Perron Award – Katerina Rufov

Ampol Best All Rounder Award – Tahlia Wells-Vasile

Sportsperson of the Year Award – Nathan Hamilton

Senior School Special Commendation Award – Lois Watbwami

NMERO Commitment to Excellence Award – Elise Beirne

General Dux – Glenn Leano

ATAR Dux – Elise Beirne

Congratulations to our Year 12 students. This is a very unique and talented group and we wish them the best for the future and look forward to hearing about the next part of their learning journey. Good luck to ATAR students sitting their final WACE exams.

School Board

All parents and guardians are invited to attend the annual public meeting of the Balcatta SHS School Board to be held on **Wednesday 3 November 2021 at 6.00pm**. The meeting will be held in the Administration Conference Room at Balcatta SHS, 56 Amelia Street entrance.

Staffing Update

This term we have some staff changes, as follows:

- Ms Tegan Walker – fixed term position in Port Hedland (for 14 months). Ms Tessa Curtis will be the Student Services Manager for Term 4 while recruitment process is under way.
- Ms Sally Hill – fixed term position (2 years) with the Department of Education Flying Squad
- Mr Matthew Johnston – permanent employment to a private school
- Mrs Cathie Bonner – deferred Salary Scheme for 12 months. Ms Allison Nolan will be backfilling for Term 4 while recruitment process is under way.
- Ms Mary Griffiths (Tue, Thu, Fri) and Mrs Sharlene Sookraj (Mon, Wed) will be backfilling as the Senior School Associate Principal for Term 4.

Helen Maitland
Principal



Important dates

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| 26 Oct | Interschool Athletics Carnival |
| 27 Oct | 6.30pm P&C Meeting |
| 28 Oct | 7.00pm 'Elysian' Dance Showcase at the Dolphin Theatre, UWA (Rehearsals all day) |
| 2 Nov | Gifted & Talented Visual Art Exhibition in the Ron Murphy Gallery, Poincarre Street |
| 3 Nov | 6.00pm School Board meeting (Annual Public Meeting – all parent/guardians are invited) |
| 5 Nov | School Development Day (students do not attend school) |