



Balcatta Update

23 August 2022

From the Principal

It is now half way into Term 3 and students and staff at Balcatta SHS continue to be involved in a variety of incursions, excursions and other activities which provide opportunities to enhance day-to-day curriculum.

On Friday 5 August, the Year 11 Health Studies students (three classes in total) presented the annual [Health Expo](#) which involved weeks of planning and co-ordination. There were 20 stalls in total and each had to design an educative and interactive presentation on a common health issue among students. A variety of games, prizes, pamphlets, music and plenty of fun were involved, all while learning about serious health issues and how to prevent them. The students were very busy as they educated more than 700 students throughout the day. They were all extremely professional and experienced a real taste of what it's like to work in health promotion.

On Thursday 11 August and Friday 12 August, selected Year 7 and Year 9 students participated in the ACARA NAPLAN item trial for Writing and Conventions of Language. The students' participation will assist in the development of the test items for 2023 NAPLAN nationally. None of the students' results from this trial will go towards their NAPLAN data.

The Member for Balcatta, Mr David Michael MLA, invited the following student representatives to [Parliament House](#) for lunch on Wednesday 17 August 2022. They were accompanied by Mr David Curtis.

Year 10 students - Summer Blazeski, Eva Veljanoski

Year 11 students - Alyce Flatters, Ra Szep

Year 12 students - Saadah Mahmoud, Adzi Zein

A particular highlight was to be seated, present and mentioned by the Speaker of the House during Question Time. The students were well-presented and very excited to be a part of this invaluable opportunity. We are proud to have received such positive feedback from the Members of Parliament about our student representatives.

On Friday 12 August, we held the [Year 7 to Year 10 Semester 1 Award Assemblies](#). It was wonderful to see our students receiving recognition for their efforts in both academic excellence and demonstrating our school values through the Respect-Unite-Excel Awards. Congratulations to the following students:

Academic Excellence Awards:

Year 7 – Suhaan Harikumar, Elizabeth Horabin

Year 8 – Bipran Adhikari, Epiphany Kondo-Morcom

Year 9 – Danielle Fryer

Year 10 – Kaiser Htat

Respect-Unite-Excel Awards:

Year 7 – Tabitha Betti, Tsheyang Lhazom

Year 8 – Adela Maldonado Reveggino

Year 9 – Alina Chaudhry

Year 10 – Ahmed Wario

The Year 11 and Year 12 Semester 1 Awards Assembly was held on Wednesday 29 June with the following results:

Academic Excellence Awards:

Year 11 – Finn Holman

Year 12 – Fatema Alyaser

Respect-Unite-Excel Awards:

Year 11 – Norbu Yangzom Tshering

Year 12 – Hana Abbott

The following student representatives were also elected via a

voting process by their peers:

Year 7 – Ava Grzelec, Svikriti Sharma

Year 8 – Madeleine Glasson, Rigsel Wangchuk,

Year 9 – Ashleigh Sharman, Samten Zangmo,

Year 10 – Summer Blazeski, Eva Veljanoski

Year 11 – Alyce Flatters, Ra Szep

Year 12 – Saadah Mahmoud, Adzi Zein

Balcatta SHS celebrated [National Science Week](#) from Monday 15 August to Friday 19 August. The theme for 2022 was "Glass: more than meets the eye". Dr Rea's Year 8 Science class combined their Chemical Sciences curriculum understanding of states of matter and their artistic strengths to create edible "stained glass" from melted (and re-solidified) lollypops.

Multiple classes across the Year 7 to Year 10 cohorts created marble runs where they were judged by path complexity, conservative material use, aesthetics and incorporation of a "through the looking glass theme".

On Thursday 18 August, we invited the Year 5 students from Balcatta, Osborne, Tuart Hill and West Balcatta Primary Schools to experience hands-on science experiments which can be performed at home using simple ingredients. The students had a fantastic time working with Ms Dewi's Year 9 Academic Extension class and Miss Christopher's Year 9 Academic Aspirant class. They were involved in activities such as making honeycomb, hidden messages on toast, magic milk, dancing raisins and much more. The demonstrations by our students were amazing and very informative which reflected in how the Year 5 students were captivated throughout the session.

Miss Christopher's Year 10 Academic Extension class supported the Year 6 students from Takari and Osborne Primary Schools in a range of hands-on activities. These included building some fundamental skills such as measurement, microscope work and biological diagrams, as well as some dramatic dry ice demonstrations.

Students across a range of year groups participated in a "Breaking Glass News" Escape Room which involved multiple glass themed challenges for the students to solve within their groups. Every student involved managed to escape before lunch.

On Tuesday 16 August, the Years 9 to 12 students attended a presentation by Legal Aid WA representatives titled, "R U Legal?". This is a program developed by Legal Aid WA to provide young people with information about the criminal justice system and the laws that affect them. Years 9 to 10 students were presented with topics such as cyber bullying, sexting and image-based abuse. The Years 11 to 12 students were presented with the same topics plus sex and consent, cars and driving. They learnt about criminal offences, consequences of online harassment, physical assault and how bystanders receive the same penalty as the person/s performing the assault.

As part of our 40th Anniversary of Specialist Dance at Balcatta Senior High School, the Dance students will be performing their annual showcase combining a celebration of the Specialist Dance Program. The ["40" Dance Show](#) will be held on Saturday 22 October 2022 at the Octagon Theatre, UWA at approximately 6.30pm.

Tessa Curtis

Associate Principal

News

Outside the Frame Art Exhibition

The city of Armadale established the *Outside the Frame* Art awards 21 years ago as a platform to assist developing young artists and to celebrate the creative talents of the younger generation. This year, entrants from 11 high schools with 40 young artists exhibited their artworks. The awards encouraged creativity, interpretation and critical thinking, key skills students need for the future, whether in the arts or another industry. The exhibition was held at the Armadale District Hall from 7 August to 15 August. The following students had their artwork entered in the competition:

Year 11 students – Jeryn Huntley, Norbu Tshering, Sabaa Khan and Isla Ellis; and Year 12 students – Reese Abastillas and Zoë Thatcher.

The Young Originals

2022 marks the thirteenth year of hosting the *Young Originals* by the Western Australian Secondary School Executives' Association (WASSEA). Delivered in partnership with the Sangora Education Foundation, Edith Cowan University – School of Arts and Humanities and the Department of Education, the exhibition celebrates visual arts programs delivered across Western Australian public schools and the talents of our young artists and designers.

The last thirteen years have seen Young Originals grow in popularity and prominence. This year we moved to Spectrum Project Space and over the month of August presented a wonderful array of artworks. The exhibition was opened on Wednesday 10 August

The following students had their artwork entered in the exhibition:

Year 9 – Lucas Palamara and Garima Choudary

Year 10 – William Gath and Sonam Tshokey

Year 12 – Khurt Baylon and Kaitlyn Pope

Information for Parents

New Parking Zone

The new carpark for “drop off and pick up” on Amelia Street opened on Monday 8 August. The gates will be open from 8.15am to 8.45am in the morning and they will reopen from 2.30pm to 3.30pm in the afternoon each day.

For safety reasons, students will need to use the footpath to access the new carpark. They are not permitted to walk through the staff carpark.

Parents, please be cautious and courteous when dropping off and picking up your child/ren. When exiting the carpark, there is NO RIGHT TURN onto Amelia Street.

Important dates

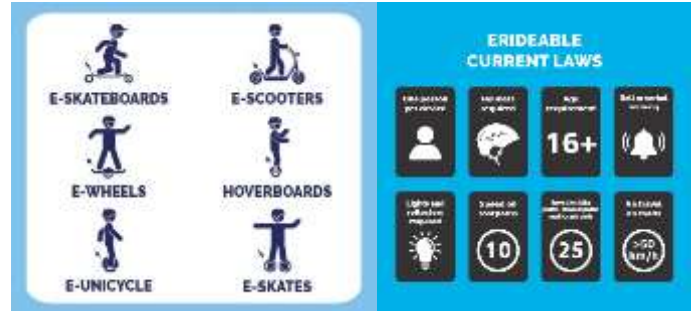
24 Aug	6.00pm P&C meeting
26 Aug	Wear It Purple Day
29 Aug	OLNA Writing – Year 10 (Period 2), Years 11/12 (Period 4)
30 Aug	Years 9-12 Athletics Carnival (Periods 3 -5)
31 Aug	Years 7-8 Athletics Carnival (Periods 3 -5)
31 Aug	5.00pm School Board meeting
1 Sep	OLNA Reading – Year 10 (Period 2), Years 11/12 (Period 4)
5-9 Sep	Act-Belong-Commit Week
7-9 Sep	Year 12 Outdoor Education Excursion to Rottnest
8 Sep	R U OK? Day

Important Information regarding eRideables

Please read the following information regarding eRideables.

What is considered an eRideable?

- A small electric rideable device with at least one wheel
- Is less than 125cm long, 70cm wide and 135cm high
- Is 25kg or less and not capable of travelling faster than 25km/h on level ground.



What IS NOT considered an eRideable?

- eBicycles (power-assisted pedal cycles)
- Segways (electric personal transporters)
- Motorised wheelchairs
- Motorised scooters less than 200w.



Balcatta SHS supports the Road Safety Commission with ALL rideable device rules. Please familiarise yourself with the following rules to maximise safety for everybody in our community:

- Riders must wear an approved helmet
- Riders must wear / display lights and reflectors
- A bell or warning device must be fitted to the device
- No doubling up / dinking
- No device is to be ridden on Balcatta SHS grounds.

Balcatta SHS take no responsibility for theft or damage.