



Balcatta Update

3 June 2022

From the Principal

It has been a very busy term with the Year 7 and Year 9 students undertaking NAPLAN testing. The school will receive the students' results towards the end of Term 3, at which time they will be sent home.

The Year 12 General students completed their Externally Set Tasks with the results contributing to their final grade. The Year 11 and Year 12 ATAR students have completed their Semester 1 exams and will receive feedback on their performance when they return to their normal timetable.

The Year 8 and Year 9 students had learning area talks regarding choosing their electives for 2023. Students are required to complete their relevant 2023 Course Selection form, numbering their preferences from 1 to 10. For Gifted and Talented Visual Art and Specialist Dance students, they are reminded to select the relevant course as their Number 1 choice. The forms are to be signed by the parent/carer and returned to the Admin office by **Friday 10 June**.

Year 10 students have commenced the course selection process for Year 11 in 2023 which has included course talks from each of the learning areas and the Career Practitioner. Parents were invited to attend a Year 11 in 2023 Information event held on Tuesday 24 May. Key information presented included:

- WACE requirements
- Presentation from each of the learning areas
- Course selection process

The PowerPoint presentation and the Year 11 and Year 12 Academic Handbook 2023 is available on the school's [website](#). Students should have received their personalised Course Selection form which they are to bring to their Course Counselling interview. Interviews (approximately 25 minutes) are being held from Tuesday 19 July to Friday 5 August. More details regarding how to make an appointment will be sent during Week 9.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates for National Reconciliation Week remain the same each year – 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey:

- 27 May – in 1967, 90% of Australians voted 'YES' in a referendum, giving the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and count them in the census.
- 3 June – in 1992, the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's special relationship with the land. This paved the way for land rights and Native Title.

The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "Be Brave.

Make Change" is a challenge to all Australians – individuals, families, communities, organisations and government – to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

Thank you to Akeisha Reid (Year 11) and Matthew Davies (Year 12) who addressed the whole school about National Reconciliation Week 2022.

Helen Maitland
Principal

News

Year 9 Lightning Carnival

The Year 9 Lightning Carnival will be held on Wednesday 8 June. Students will be competing against other schools in our area. Sports include netball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, football and hockey held at various venues. Please hand your consent forms and \$12 in to Student Services or Admin office as soon as possible before the event.

The Year 10 Lightning Carnival is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 21 June.

Nexus 2022

The annual Dance Alliance Nexus 2022 concert will be held on Friday 10 June commencing at 7.00pm at the Octagon Theatre, University of WA, Nedlands. Tickets are available for \$32.00 at www.ticketswa.com (Promo Code = Balcatta). For specific access and seating requirements, including wheelchair tickets, please contact Tickets WA on info@ticketsWA.com or telephone 6488 2440 between 12.00 noon and 4.00pm on weekdays.

Nexus is an annual event presented by students from Balcatta Senior High School, Shenton College and Cecil Andrews Senior High School. All students involved have achieved high standards in movement education and will be performing works choreographed by themselves, their dedicated teachers and Perth dance professionals specifically for the performance. The program represented in this performance aims to deliver excellence in both teaching and student learning. Students have the opportunity in these programs to focus on technique and performance, as well as dance history, kinesiology, theory dance, choreography and improvisation. The Nexus 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.

Congratulations:

Lexie Hull

Year 12 student, Lexie Hull has once again been selected for the WA State team to attend the National Championships for Artistic Roller Skating in Queensland from 2 July to 8 July 2022. The event was cancelled last year and in its place they held an

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Australia Cup, where skaters from all states had their competition scores collated, which provided the top three skaters in each category in Australia. Lexie was ranked first in Australia for Youth Ladies Figures event. We are very proud of her achievements and her commitment.

Alivia King

Year 10 student, Alivia King has been selected in the State Under 15s Netball team to compete in Canberra from 24 July to 29 July 2022. Alivia trains twice a week for 4 hours, in addition to the regular training schedule and strength/conditioning programs. We wish Alivia every success!

Student Mobile Phone Reminder

As you are aware, the State Government implemented a Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy. The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones, smart watches, earbuds, tablets and head phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. The policy is 'off and away all day'. Exceptions are allowed for students who have approval from the Principal to use a phone to monitor health conditions or when a teacher gives students permission to use mobile phones for a specific curriculum purpose. If a student needs to contact a parent/carer, they can ask at Student Services. Parents must always communicate through the school on 9345 8200 if they need to make emergency contact with their child/ren.

Uniforms

The majority of our students adhere to our school dress code. I am seeking your assistance to ensure your child adheres to the school dress code at **ALL** times.

Reminder: Leggings must be navy blue only and can only be worn with shorts or skirts over the top. Leggings cannot be worn as an item on their own.

Balcatta Senior High School's uniforms are supplied by Tudor

Uniforms, with uniforms ordered on-line 24 hours per day via their website: www.tudorschooluniforms.com.au

Learning Area News

Year 7 Science

In Term 2, Year 7 students are studying the Physical Sciences, beginning with a focus on contact and non-contact forces. Non-contact forces such as magnetic force, electrostatic force and gravitational force are able to affect objects without touching them. Later in the term Year 7s will learn about simple machines such as levers, pulleys and inclined planes.

Education Support Program

The Education Support students have been building Vege Pod garden beds. They problem-solved an issue where a part was broken. The replaced and fitted the part themselves. This has been an excellent life-skills journey so far. A compost tumbler and worms were also purchased using funding from the P&C. It is being used for our food waste. Students are in the process of learning how to correctly care for compost and will roll out a program to collect food waste from other places around the school such as from Home Economics.

Year 7 HaSS Incursion

On Wednesday 1 June 2022, the Water Corporation visited the school to present The Waterwise Experience, an interactive, multi-sensory incursion for high school students. The incursion focused on maintaining Perth's water supply into the future. Students were taught how our water supply has changed over time, the process of desalination and how we can 'future-proof' its water for future generations. The incursion assisted students in completing their research task for the term in which they are required to compare water scarcity between Perth and a location in either Northern Africa or Western Asia.

Important dates

6 June	Public Holiday (WA Day)
7 June	Year 10 Exams (P1-2 English, P3-4 Science) P5 normal timetable
8 June	Year 10 Exams (P1-2 HaSS, P3-4 Maths) P5 normal timetable
8 June	Year 9 Lightning Carnival
8 June	6.00pm P&C meeting in Admin Conference Room (via Amelia Street entrance)
9 June	Nexus 2022 Rehearsals at Octagon Theatre
10 June	Nexus 2022 Concert at Octagon Theatre, 7.00pm
