



Balcatta Update

February 2021

From the Principal

A very warm welcome to all parents and students. It has been a hectic start to the year as we had to deal with lockdown and mandatory wearing of face masks due to COVID-19 issues. It was pleasing to see all students complying with the request by the WA Government.

Overall, classes have started smoothly considering we still have ongoing construction occurring to the existing school buildings. We have experienced some glitches but students and staff have coped with these.

Reminders

School photos for all new students (Years 7 to 12) are scheduled for Monday 15 February. SmartRiders will be ordered for all new students and distributed during class when they arrive.

Parking and Student Drop Off

I am still very concerned about student drop off and pick up by parents on Amelia Street. I have been at the front of the school at the end of the school day and am horrified at driver behaviour, such as:

- Stopping on crest of hill to pick up students.
- Driving slowly while on mobile phone.
- Stopping in the middle of the road.
- U turns in front of oncoming traffic.
- Entering school grounds to pick up students.

Please note: there is NO capacity to park and collect students from the staff carpark.

Poincaire Street is available to pick up and drop off your child. Students are able to access through designated safe walkways. I strongly encourage you to instruct your child to use Poincaire Street. If using Amelia Street, ask them to walk to you at the bottom of Amelia Street - do not stop in front of the school to pick up or drop off your child.

Uniform News

Unfortunately, the Uniform Shop is not yet in operation at Balcatta SHS. Parents can order on-line or visit the Tudor Uniform showroom at Unit 1/75 Excellence Drive, Wangara. Visit our [website](#) for more details.

The next Balcatta Update will include more information and will be distributed on Friday.

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Principal