

Balcatta Update

16 June 2023

From the Principal

There has been a “hive of activity” over the last couple of weeks with Year 11 and Year 12 ATAR students undertaking their exams and Year 10 students completing Semester 1 exams in English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities & Social Science. Students are working towards the completion of their Semester 1 program. Parents will receive their child’s report via email early in Week 10 and will be able to book a teacher interview (see details in this Update). To allow for more meeting times for parents to talk to teachers, I have requested and gained approval from the Department of Education to alter the configuration of the school day on Thursday 29 June for the Semester 1 Parent Reporting Event from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Learning programs will cease at 11.00am and students are to leave the school grounds. Transperth buses have been notified and will be able to pick up students at this time. Any students who are unable to go home will be supervised in the library.

The WA Student Council has been established to provide public students with a platform to influence education policy. The inaugural council commenced in September 2022, and each year it is represented by Year 10 and Year 11 public school students from across Western Australia.

The student council’s role is to:

- Advise the Department of Education and the Minister for Education and Training on education policy and reform
- Represent the interests of their educational regions
- Represent the interests of all students in WA
- Act as ambassadors for WA student leadership.

There were over 100 nominations from across the state and only 25 student councillors appointed to the 2023-24 council. We received some very exciting news with our Year 10 student, Charlie MacPherson-Lee being one of the 25 student councillors appointed. She made it to the interview process and was successful in being selected as a member of the WA Student Council. Congratulations Charlie and thank you to Ms Manera, Ms Gatti and Ms Holmes, who nominated and supported Charlie during this process.

Helen Maitland
Principal

News

Nexus 2023

The annual Nexus Dance Alliance 2023 concert was held on Friday 9 June at the Octagon Theatre, University of WA, Nedlands. Nexus is an annual event presented by students from Balcatta Senior High School, Shenton College and Cecil Andrews Senior High School. The following performances were choreographed by our Dance teachers, Alison Martin and Kristina Balic, along with Giorgia Schijf:

- “Shakira Shakira” – Years 11/12
- “Footloose” – Year 7
- “Poison” – Year 8
- “Conga” – Year 10
- “Out of Control” – Year 9
- “Rescue” – Years 11/12

Year 10 students going into Year 11, 2024

It is time for the Year 10 students to start the process of selecting their courses for Year 11 in 2024. Students have had information presentations regarding course electives. Bookings for Year 11 in 2024 course counselling interviews will be conducted between Monday 26 June and Friday 28 July (excluding school holidays and Monday 17 July). Parents will be able to access [SOBS](#) from **9.00am Monday 19 June** to make appointments (25 mins timeslots) with either Tessa Curtis, Claire Piesse, Joh Gatti or David Curtis. Students must bring their [Year 11 Course Selection form](#) to the meeting. The 2024 Year 11 and Year 12 Academic Handbook for course selection details is available on our [website](#).

Semester 1 Parent Reporting Event

Semester 1 Parent Reporting Event will be held on **Thursday 29 June from 1.00pm to 6.00pm**. Bookings by parents can be made via [SOBS](#) from 9.00am on Monday 26 June. **The cafeteria will not be open and the school will be closing at 11.00am on the day.** Students will be required to leave the school grounds. A normal school day applies for Friday 30 June.

VaccinateWA – School-Based Immunisation Program

The School-Based Immunisation Program (SBIP) is a well-established service which offers National Immunisation Program immunisations to students in Years 7 and 10.

The VaccinateWA system enables parents/carers to give consent for their children/dependants to receive vaccinations whilst at school. (Please note: VaccinateWA is not being used to book appointments for the School-Based Immunisation Program).

To provide consent for vaccination, the first step is to register your child/dependant on VaccinateWA. Log into your [VaccinateWA](#) account and follow the steps to “Add or manage dependants”. If you do not have a VaccinateWA account, you will need to create one for yourself first.

Step by step information for using VaccinateWA is available on the [HealthyWA](#) website. Please call 13 COVID (13 26843) if you have any technical issues with VaccinateWA.

Year 10 students are scheduled to receive their vaccinations on Friday 21 July. No vaccinations will be given to students unless you have provided prior consent.

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P&C News

Calling all parents, guardians and teachers.

Urgent! New members are required for our next meeting on Monday 19 June at 7.00pm.

Over the past few weeks our teachers have been busily preparing their funding applications for new resources for the classrooms. Previously the P&C has chosen Virtual Reality headsets, robotics kits and sports equipment for the gym, to name a few.

The resources we choose will be funded by your P&C contribution payment which many families have kindly paid.

We do not have, however, enough P&C members to action the motion required to provide the funds for these resources. Can you help make a difference?

Please contact us via email at pandcbalcattashs@gmail.com to let us know if you will attend this meeting in person or via a Teams link from home. If you wish to join the meeting via Teams, please [email](#) the school and they will send you a link to join the meeting. So please get in touch ASAP.

Important dates

19 June	9.00am SOBS open for parent bookings for Year 10 (Year 11 in 2024) Course Counselling interviews
20 June	Year 10 Lightning Carnival
26 June	9.00am SOBS open for parent bookings for Semester 1 Parent Reporting Event
26 June to 28 July	Year 10 (Year 11 in 2024) Course Counselling interviews (excluding school holidays and Monday 17 July)
27 June	Semester 1 reports to be emailed to parents
29 June	11.00am – early school closure for students
29 June	1.00pm to 6.00pm Years 7-12 Semester 1 Reporting Event (Level 1, Amelia Street)
30 June	Last day of Term 2 for students
1 – 16 July	School Holidays
17 July	School Development Day (Monday – no school for students)
18 July	Term 3 commences for students (Tuesday)



School holiday sports and activity programs for juniors

Basketball, Soccer, AFL, Cricket, Toddler Gym, Arts and Crafts, Cooking Classes and more!

Keep the kids active and engaged these school holidays with a huge variety of fun activities where they'll learn new skills and meet new friends. All programs are conducted by qualified coaches and attendants.

July School Holiday Schedule

Stirling Leisure Centre	Mondays: July 3 and 10	Tuesdays: July 4 and 11	Wednesdays: July 5 and 12	Thursdays: July 6 and 13	Fridays: July 7 and 14
Hamersley	Arts and Crafts	Mini Chef	Sports	Mini Chef	Teen Chef
Herb Graham		Sports	Mini Chef	Sports	
Scarborough	Sports	Toddler Gym	Sports		Toddler Gym

*Classes may be subject to change

For more information or to enrol in any of these programs, scan the QR code or visit www.stirling.wa.gov.au/schoolholidays



Breakfast Club – all students are welcome

Open every Monday and Tuesday

Where: Home Economics Cooking Room

Time: 8.00am to 8.30am



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