



# Balcatta Update

21 July 2023

## From the Principal

Welcome to the start of Term 3. The Year 7 and Year 8 students started the term with an assembly. They were reminded of key messages and expectations including uniform, attendance, mobile phones and our school values. The students were issued with their Semester 2 timetables.

### Staffing update

At the end of Term 2, we farewelled the following staff:

- David Curtis, Years 11/12 Coordinator / VET Program Coordinator – has gained a promotional position at Aveley Secondary College.
- Arul Niroshan, Mathematics teacher – has gained a teaching position at Harrisdale College.
- Portia Hartley Turner, English/HaSS teacher – returning to studies.

I wish to sincerely thank them for the contributions made during their time at Balcatta SHS.

Staffing changes for this term are as follows:

- Miles Attey – Years 11/12 Coordinator
- Jane Balcombe – VET Program Coordinator
- David Charlesworth – Media/Photography teacher (acting for Jonathon Giles while on leave)
- Tayla Nicholls – Dance/HPE teacher (acting for Kristina Balic while on leave)
- Lisa Inger – English/HaSS/Italian teacher

We are hosting Prac Teachers (undertaking their final 10 week practicum) in the following Learning Areas – The Arts, Health & Phys Ed, HaSS and Science.

### Public School Review

All Western Australian public schools are reviewed by the Department of Education's Public School Accountability directorate. The review acknowledges the achievements of the school and provides feedback to support the school with improvement planning. Balcatta SHS undertook the review process as part of our accountability and school improvement planning, and provided self-assessment validation for each of the domains. I am pleased to advise the Department review panel endorsed our report and were satisfied it will provide the basis for sustained school improvement.

I wish to thank staff, students, parents and board members for their contribution towards our review. The [Public School Review Report](#) can be viewed on our website on the Home page.

### Standing Together Against Violence

As you are aware, the Education Minister, Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA, launched new plans to combat violence in schools and empower Principals. At Balcatta SHS, staff and students have the right to a 'safe' environment where students are actively engaged in their learning.

Each of us has a role in providing a safe and supportive environment for everyone. The Department of Education has

recently released resources to assist school communities in sharing respectful expectations. For more details, please read the Minister's statement "[Standing Together Against Violence](#)" and "[Connect and Respect](#)".

We have strong relationships with our parents, P&C and School Board. These newly developed resources and updated action plan will strengthen our partnerships.

### Scheduled Building Condition Assessment

The Department of Education conducts regular building conditions assessments. Balcatta SHS's assessment is to be conducted on Saturday 29 July which includes the use of drones. If you live in the vicinity of Balcatta SHS, please click on the [link](#) for information to properties around the school site regarding our scheduled building condition assessment.

### Awards Assemblies

The Years 7 to 12 Awards Assemblies will be held in the new Gymnasium on Thursday 27 July. Parents of students receiving awards will be invited to attend and will be contacted by SMS.

Helen Maitland  
Principal

## P&C News

Welcome back to our school community. We hope you had a restful holiday and are ready for an eventful Term 3.

At the P&C meeting held on 19 June, we welcomed two new members. We are excited and thankful to see new families joining the committee. Having these members present at the meeting meant we could approve the funding applications put forward for the school's Learning Areas.

The P&C members discussed each application and ensured they met a number of criteria for approval, such as:

- range of year groups the resource or program involves
- benefits that the resource or program provides to the students and school community
- overall value of the resource or program

In total, the P&C has donated \$17,985.50 back to the school to cover the costs for the new resources, workshops and programs as outlined below and the courses where they will be utilised.

- Specialist Dance workshops with CO:3 dance company
- LEGO education SPIKE Prime sets - Technologies (partial funding)
- Resourceful Adolescent Program (training) Mental health - Student Services
- Circuit machine and accessories - Textiles/Beauty/Food and Childcare
- Risograph stencil machine - Urban Art/G&T Art/ATAR Art
- PA upgrade - Music/School events.

We look forward to seeing how the new resources and programs enhance our students' educational programs.

## Balcatta Update

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 24 July** in the school's boardroom (Admin) commencing at 7.00pm. All families are welcome to join the meeting either in person or via the Teams link (on request).

Email your request for an online meeting (via Teams link) to [pandcbalcattashs@gmail.com](mailto:pandcbalcattashs@gmail.com) or contact us via our [Facebook](#) page.

### P&C Quiz Night Event

Friday 18 August 2023  
1st Amelia Heights Scout Hall  
51 Delawney Street, Balcatta

Doors open 6:45pm and the quiz starts at 7:30pm

Grab some friends for a great night of trivia and help us raise some money for our school community. Tickets cost \$20 per person and can be purchased through our [Trybooking](#) link. Each table will sit 6-8 people.

This is an 18+ event.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Stacey Litchfield  
President

## Important dates

24 July	7.00pm P&C meeting (Level 1)
28 July	Year 9 (am) and Year 11 (pm) Career & Employment Expo Excursion to PCEC
3 Aug	9.00am to 11.00am AEP Testing (Round 2)
4 Aug	Year 11 Health Expo
7 Aug	Year 9 AEP (Science) Perth Big Ideas Challenge Excursion
9 Aug	5.00pm School Board meeting
14-18 Aug	National Science Week

BALCATTAS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL P&C

# QUIZ Night

TICKETS \$20 PER PERSON


Test your knowledge at our Bamboozled Quiz Night. Invite some friends, buy your tickets and have a chance to win some great prizes!  
18+ event

Friday, 18th August 2023  
6:45pm - 10pm  
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51 Delawney St, Balcatta

Purchase tickets through the try-booking link or scan the QR code  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CJZ0D>

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