

Balcatta Bulletin

2022 Semester 2 Reflections



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From The Principal

The second half of the school year has been extremely busy, as we were able to return to a 'normal' school environment due to the changes to the COVID-19 restrictions. There was a marked increase in the number of excursions, incursions, camps and other activities which provided an opportunity for our students to participate.

This year, we acknowledged the 40th Anniversary of the Specialist Dance Program which is a significant milestone for our school. The "40" Dance Showcase was held at the Octagon Theatre on Saturday 22 October. The program was a celebration of the past 40 years, with Specialist Dance Coordinator, Alison Martin, outlining the educational outcomes, as well as the requirements and history of the program. Two guest speakers, Sian Chapman (Dance Coordinator in 1990) and Heather Meldrum (ex-student) shared their experiences. We also watched video messages from a number of past students, including a number who followed dance as a career and performed nationally and internationally. Our current Years 7 to 12 students gave a performance which displayed their talent, creativity and professionalism.

New Initiatives

1. The opening of the new parking zone on Amelia Street for parents to drop off and pick up students.

2. Career Practitioner – Mrs Nicole Anderson was appointed at the start of the year as one of 70 Career Practitioners allocated to public secondary schools. Mrs Anderson has been extremely busy supporting our students with a number of career initiatives, which included:

- providing Year 9 HaSS students with 'virtual reality' experience. This involved external provider MindFlight7 providing a virtual reality experience and exploring career pathways. Mrs Anderson put forward a submission to the P&C to purchase our own 'virtual reality' goggles. The submission was approved which will result in other learning areas being able to utilise the goggles.
- other careers experience which have been on offer this year is the numerous Try-A-Trade activities for Year 9 and Year 10 students. This year many students experienced 'tasters' in hospitality, bricklaying, IT, plumbing and painting, and painting and decorating.

3. House System and Student Leadership – The House System was launched earlier this year and aligns with our Student Leadership Model. All students had the opportunity to earn points for their House either through acknowledgement of academic, behaviour, community, cultural involvement or sporting endeavour. The launch of the "Principal House Awards", in which the top 10% of students who earned House points are acknowledged with the receipt of a letter and a certificate. Students were able to nominate as House Captains and undertake an interview process. Successful House Captains formed part of the school's Student Leadership Model which included the Student Councillors. The student leadership team had a major role in the coordination of the whole school events, including sporting carnivals and social and well-being activities such as "Act-Belong-Commit" Week.

4. Clubs and extra-curricular activities – The school has always offered students the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities, such as homework class for Numeracy/Literacy support and after school sport. This term saw the launch of two new clubs:

- Team Connect Cricket for Girls which is a community engagement program for young women to have the opportunity to have fun and to create positive connections with the school and community. Currently, we have eight girls participating in the Saturday cricket program. On Tuesday 29 November, coordinator, Maria Manera and the girls attended a Team Connect Gala Day at the WACA.
- Book Club - the inaugural Book Club meeting was held and attended by a very enthusiastic group of students

and staff. The Book Club is called "Pages and Tea" and will be held after school on Thursdays, once per month. Students have lots of ideas about books and activities for the club.

Year 12 Class of 2022

A significant event for our Year 12 students was the farewell to the class of 2022 on Friday 23 October and the Year 12 Presentation Event on Wednesday 26 October which was held in the new gymnasium. These are significant events for the students and their families where, as a community, we acknowledge their completion of 12 years of schooling. In line with our school motto "Building the Future", we have ensured the Year 12 students are well-positioned for the next part of their learning journey. Congratulations to our Year 12 students. We wish them the best for their future endeavours. The Year 12 Student Representatives, Adzi Zein and Saadah Mahmoud have represented the students and school, always demonstrating our school values of "Respect-Unite-Excel".

School Opportunities and Events

During this semester, our students from all year groups were able to participate in a range of activities (some very unique and exclusively for Balcatta SHS students). Many of these events have been shared on our social media platforms, Balcatta Update and in this issue of the Balcatta Bulletin – Reflections. A snap shot of Semester 2 events includes:

- Aston Villa Football Club training clinic (who were in Western Australia as part of the Perth Festival of International Football)
- Formula 1: Girls on Track Inspire Event
- Maths Empowering Girls
- University of WA Space Camp
- Representing the school in athletics and sporting events
- Showcasing their talent through visual art, dance and music
- Participating and organising activities such as the Health Expo, writing workshops, Science Fair, drama, work experience and excursions/incursions
- Student representatives/leaders as part of National Science Week and assisting with primary school transition events
- Actively promoting mental health and well-being initiatives.

There have been many highlights this semester and I thank the staff who have initiated these opportunities.

Finally, I acknowledge and sincerely thank the members of the School Board and P&C Association. These members are volunteers and I value their perspective and input into shaping the direction of our school. I wish to personally thank the P&C members stepping down from official roles at the end of this year, Mrs Georgie Dragicevich-Knight (President), Mrs Christine Durgutovski (Secretary) and Mrs Helen Notis (Treasurer).

I wish staff and students a successful end to this semester and a restful and relaxing break and look forward to a successful 2023 for Balcatta Senior High School.

Helen Maitland
Principal

For other news and photos, please refer to our website (<https://baltattashs.wa.edu.au/>), under **News & Events**:
[Choreography Nights - Act One; Continuum](#) - 4-5 August
[Year 11 Health Expo](#) - 5 August
[National Science Week](#) - 15-19 August
[Years 7-10 Vaping Presentation](#) - 26 August
[Primary School Art Competition](#) - 21 September
[Farewell to Year 12 Students](#) - 21 September
[Year 12 Presentation Event](#) - 26 October
[Year 9 Youth Focus presentation](#) - 17 November
['40' Dance Showcase](#) - 22 October
[Girls on Track - Inspire event](#) - 18 November
[Annual Gifted & Talented Art Exhibition](#) - 23 November
[Year 6 Orientation Day](#) - 29 November

Student Achievements

2022 National Games in Launceston, Tasmania

Special Olympics WA is part of a global community, providing year round sporting opportunities to people with an intellectual disability. The goal is to ensure people with an intellectual disability have special moments which give them joy and confidence that will stay with them for a lifetime.

The 2022 National Games offered nine sports, for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The games were held in Launceston from 17 October. Launceston holds a special place in the history of the Special Olympics National Games, having hosted the first National Games in 1986.

Ex-student, Leroy Sassine recently returned from the Special Olympics having represented WA in the basketball. His team was placed third, receiving a bronze medal. Leroy played in defence and thoroughly enjoyed his experiences at the games.



Team Connect - Cricket for Girls

Team Connect WA is a nationally award winning community engagement program using community sport to engage Year 7 girls at potential risk of social isolation. Their vision is for all young women to have the opportunity to have fun, creating positive connections to school and community. Everyone deserves a sense of belonging and to be given the opportunity to lead healthy and productive lives. Without this connection, children can become disengaged, which increases vulnerability to negative influences and heightens educational risk. Through this program, young women have fun, engage with their communities and develop a sense of belonging. As a result, educational, social, mental health and physical health outcomes may improve.

On Tuesday 29 November, the students were invited to attend the Team Connect Gala Day at the WACA Grounds. The aim of the event assisted in developing confidence and sociability, gave exposure to positive role models, improved social connections to develop leadership. Thank you to Coordinator, Maria Manera who has taken on the ownership of this program.

Year 7 students:

Nataliah Bodney, Dakota Bodney, Chanelle Bodney, Izabell Cramer, Ava Grzelec, Maria Riolo, Eva Rudd, Ada Spadacini, Tahnee Vardy, Nicola Vlahos and Deshek Wangmo.



The girls at their first game of cricket



Team Connect girls showing off their uniforms

Parliament House Luncheon

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 Blazeviski, Eva Veljanoski

Year 11 students - Alyce Flatters, Ra Szep

Year 12 students - Saadah Mahmoud, Adzi Zein

A particular highlight of the day was to be 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.



Year 12 Presentation Event

On Wednesday 26 October, we acknowledged and celebrated the Year 12 Class of 2022 on their successful completion of 12 years of schooling. The event was held in our new gymnasium and was a massive undertaking to host such an event. Thank you to all staff involved who contributed to this significant milestone event for the Year 12 students.

The evening opened with a very special performance from our Year 10 Specialist Dance students who performed "Mantra".

Special guests included:

Hon. David Michael MLA

Mayor Mark Irwin

Lou Marchesani, Osborne Park Rotary Club

Kevin Fraser, School Board Chair

Members of the School Board - Chris Hatton, Phillip Saraceni, Carli Sanbrook, Clive Barstow

Michael Yates, Coordinator Regional Operations, Nmero

Anna Bruni, Acting Engagement & Transitions Manager, Nmero

Georgina Dragicevich-Knight, P&C President

Congratulations to the following Special Award winners:

Senior School Special Commendation Award – Lily Karamfiles
North Metropolitan Education Region Commitment to Excellence Award – Fatema Alyaser

ADF Future Innovators Award – Lauren Holman

ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award – Adzi Zein

Sportsperson of the Year Award – Adzi Zein

Joan Ewers Community Service Award – Adzi Zein

Ampol Best All Rounder Award – Hana Abbott

Outstanding Achievement Award – Marko Saltamarski

Congratulations to the Dux Award winners:

ATAR Dux – Fatema Alyaser

General Dux – Jessinee Law

Congratulations to our Year 12 students. We wish them the best for their future endeavours and look forward to hearing about the next part of their learning journey. Good luck to the ATAR students sitting their final WACE exams. It is also the end of the Balcatta SHS journey for a number of our families. Thank you for your support of the school over the years.



Hon David Michael MLA presenting the Senior School Special Commendation Award to Lily Karamfiles

Michael Yates presenting the Nmero Commitment to Excellence Award to Fatema Alyaser



Kevin Fraser presenting the Sportsperson of the Year Award to Adzi Zein



Principal, Helen Maitland presenting the Outstanding Achievement Award to Marko Saltamarski



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"40" Dance Showcase

Balcatta SHS celebrated 40 years of Dance with the "40" Dance Showcase held at the Octagon Theatre on Saturday 22 October.

The first half of the event was a celebration of the Dance Program. Specialist Dance Coordinator, Alison Martin outlined the educational outcomes as well as the requirements and the history over the past 40 years of this very unique program.

Two speakers, Sian Chapman, Coordinator 1990s and Heather Meldrum, ex-student, spoke and shared their experiences and journeys, as well as video messages from a number of past students (including a number who have followed dance as a career and are working nationally or internationally).

The second half of the program comprised performances from our current Balcatta SHS Dance students from all year groups. The talent, commitment and pride the students displayed was exceptional.

To view the videos from the night, click on the QR Codes below:

Graduates Messages

"40" Photo Montage

Balcatta SHS "From the Archives"

It was a fantastic celebration and thank you to all involved, especially Alison Martin and Jessica Pesti for their work, both with the 40th planning and the work with current dance students.



Scan QR Codes to view videos from the night



Year 9 students performing "Live in Living Colour"



Year 8 students performing "Leave a Light On"



Year 9 students performing "Overthinker"



Years 11 and 12 students performing "MJ Megamix"



Years 11 and 12 students performing "Levitating"

Year 10 students performing "Deep in the Meadow"

Act - Belong - Commit Week

From Monday 5 September to Friday 9 September, we celebrated Act-Belong-Commit Week with an extensive program promoting mental health and well-being, led by our Student Services team. The Act-Belong-Commit message is all about keeping mentally healthy by keeping active and engaging in activities which provide meaning and purpose.

The program included:

- Staff vs students – volleyball, basketball and dodgeball games in which the staff won 2-1
- Giant games such as Jenga, Connect 4, bean bag throw, chess
- Tapestry with Ms Curtis
- Table Tennis
- Circus skills with Ms Gatti
- Nail painting with Ms Holmes
- Clay art with Ms Anderson
- Flash Mob by the Specialist Dance students

On Friday 9 September, the timetable was suspended for Period 4 and Period 5 which allowed students to participate in a range of other activities and visit information stalls provided by external agencies such as:

- WA Football Commission
- Team Connect (WACA Cricket)
- Helping Minds
- City of Stirling
- City Wide Youth

Other activities on offer included:

- Silent disco
- Drumming
- Giant board games
- Karaoke
- Virtual Reality experience

As an Act-Belong-Commit school, we take a pro-active approach and role in supporting the mental health and well-being of students, staff and the wider community.

Wear It Purple Day

The purpose of celebrating “Wear It Purple” strives to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for rainbow young people. This year, we celebrated “Wear It Purple Day” on Friday 26 August.

Students and staff participated in photo opportunities with frames painted by our Gifted and Talented Visual Art students. Ms Holmes also organised a “purple” finger nail painting activity.



Epiphany Kondo-Morcom and Sadie Woodard



Mrs Moore and Ms Martin



Giant Chess game



Giant Connect 4

R U OK? Day

Thursday 8 September was R U OK? Day, the national day of action to remind all of us that every day is the right time to ask ‘are you OK?’ and start a meaningful conversation if you spot the signs that someone you care about might be struggling with life.

It is estimated over 2 in 5 (21.4%) Australians aged 16–85 have experienced a mental disorder in their lifetime. An even greater number of us will feel a negative impact on our mental well-being as a result of social, lifestyle, economic, family and professional pressures, which is a huge proportion of the population who may need support at some time or another.

Mental health is not an individual issue to be kept secret, and it’s not a subject we should be avoiding, There’s no stigma in struggling, but sadly, asking for help is not always easy to do. RUOK is doing an amazing job of helping to raise awareness and provide the tools to start conversations that could change, or save a life on a daily basis.

Student Services want everyone to show their support and remind our community how important you are, how much your life matters and how much you can do to help those around you with just one simple conversation starter, “Are you okay...?”



Year 7 students, Tahnee Vardy, Nicola Vlahos and Ava Grzelec

Emoji Biscuit decorating activity

Learning Area News

Science News

National Science Week

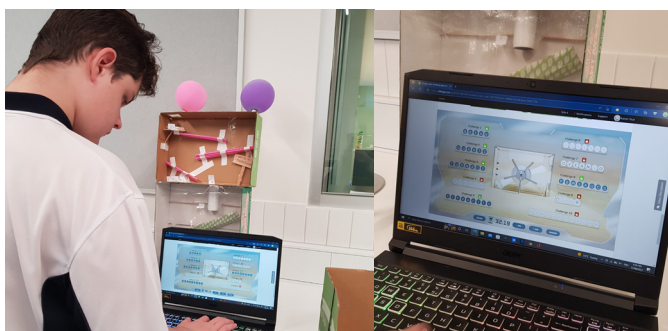
Balcatta SHS celebrated National Science Week from Monday 15 August to Friday 19 August. The theme for 2022 was "Glass: more than meets the eye". Dr Rea's Year 8 Science class combined their Chemical Sciences curriculum understanding of states of matter and their artistic strengths to create edible "stained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

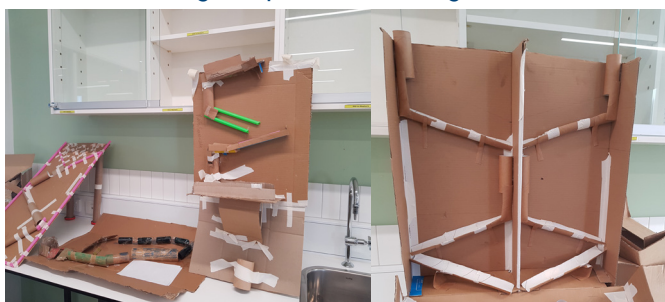
On Thursday 18 August, we invited the Year 5 students from Balcatta, Osborne, Tuart Hill and West Balcatta Primary Schools to experience hands-on science experiments which can be performed at home using simple ingredients. The students had a fantastic time working with Ms Dewi's Year 9 Academic Extension 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.



Creating Escape Room challenges



Some examples of Marble Runs



Year 9 Marble Run winners - Garima Choudhary, Annie Frencham, Alina Chaudhry (absent)

Year 10 Marble Run winners - John Novatscou, Kaiser Htat and Umang Bajracharya



Samples of stained glass

Space Camp

During the October school holidays, four Balcatta SHS students had the unique opportunity to attend a three-day Space Boot Camp at the University of Western Australia (UWA), which is an initiative by UWA and the International Space Centre (ISC). The motive of the camp is to allow students who have an interest and passion for space to explore it with professionals in the field, such as Associate Professor Danail Obreschkow, Head of the International Space Centre and Professor Peter Quinn, Head of the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research.

Multiple topics were discussed including space, rocketry and propulsion, law and robotics. Each allowed students to reach a deeper understanding of space and its lucrative careers. The carefully selected team of experts includes 150 researchers, 12 research nodes and 20 PhD students.

Our students found that attending the camp expanded their understanding of the vastness and problems of space outside of our world, the universe and our place in it. It also allowed an opportunity to expand their knowledge of the different processes of the formation of stars, planets, nebulae and black holes. Our students were incredible representatives of our school in asking deep questions and debating the nuances of space theory.

Year 9 – Danielle Fryer, Leena Meel

Year 10 – Jude Broomfield, Jaeger Peters



View the rocket launch!

English News

Write a Book in a Day Competition

Most writers take months or years to write a book, but a very talented group of Balcatta SHS students from Years 7, 8 and 9 took up the colossal challenge to write a book in a single day! Our diligent and very excited teams began working at 8.00am, and the last group to finish submitted their picture book 12 hours later.

Students needed to draw on a broad skillset to accomplish such a task. There were intense planning workshops where our writers demonstrated a remarkable ability to share ideas and combine the best of these. The communication needed to work independently yet weave the chapters together was beautiful to behold. The result: four wonderful picture books.

Of course, nothing could have been accomplished without the guidance of Mrs Sookraj, who coordinated the Balcatta assault, and Ms Duong, Mr Attey and Mrs Santarelli, who supervised, offered moral support and, more importantly, a constant stream of food. Many teachers dropped by to see the work in progress and their encouragement was greatly appreciated. Best of all, by being involved, our students raised money for childhood cancer research.



Technologies News

Year 10 Childcare and Year 11 Children, Family and Community

At the beginning of Term 3, Year 10 Childcare and Year 11 Children, Family and Community students participated in the 'Baby Think it Over' program offered by Red Ginger Wellness. The aim of the program is twofold. Firstly, is to help young people understand youth sexual health issues, focusing on the challenges of having a baby and secondly, to promote the role of the general practitioner and other Youth Health Services within the community.

The core of the program is the use of a virtual baby and a pregnancy vest. Students also participated in a 1 hour class conducted by the Program Manager, covering sexual and reproductive health topics.

The baby will cry at random, unpredictable times 24 hours a day. The baby stops crying when the ID key is touched to the baby's chest. The baby will then require some attention, a nappy change, feeding, burping or rocking. This could take from a few seconds to 60 minutes. On occasion, the baby may cry for up to 3 minutes to replicate a fussy baby. The baby will also cry if held in a position it does not like or if it is roughly handled. The students experienced a few sleepless nights but managed to survive the ordeal!



CO2 Racing

The Design & Technology Department congratulates Edoardo Russell for winning the annual CO2 Dragster competition. Eddie displayed an exceptional work ethic, designing and decorating the most aerodynamic vehicle and building the fastest dragster from 50 other contestants. Eddie earned 50 house points and his name will be engraved on the CO2 Dragster Trophy.



Area News

Technologies News Cont.

Excursion to Murdoch University

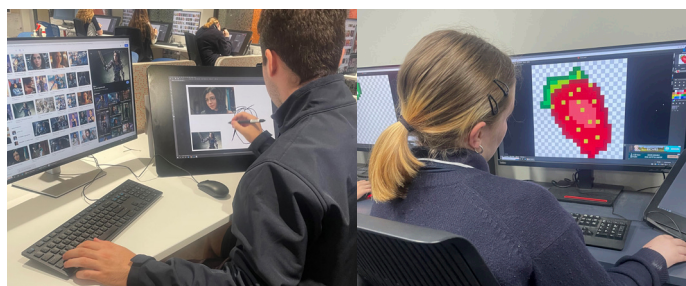
On Monday 31 October, the Year 11 Media & Production and Year 9 Photo Media classes, as well as the Year 8 & 9 Gifted and Talented Visual Art students, attended Murdoch University for creative workshops. They experienced tours of the campus as well as speeches about university life and possible pathways for entry.

It was a fantastic experience for our students. They responded to the possibilities of exploring further education in a creative context. Thank you to Jonathan Giles and Jamie Arkeveld for organising the excursion, as well as David Curtis, Miles Attey and Michelle Murning for attending and supporting the students on the day.

The students participated in workshops such as Character Design, 3D Animation, Pixel Art, Screen Writing and Green Screens.



Students participating in Creative Art workshops



Careers News

MindFlight7 Virtual Reality

In Term 3 and within the HaSS learning area, our Year 9 students were excited to experience the world of Virtual Reality (VR). The unique Mindflight7 VR learning method activates and excites secondary students with relevant HaSS curriculum and career direction with specific educational experiences delivered using immersive VR technology. Our students were excited to learn about different biomes and use their pre-learning to explore glaciers, volcanoes and the African jungle. Our Year 9 students and staff were fully immersed in the experience and were able to take away an insight into the different environments.

The Mindflight7 staff guided each of the participants through the process and created a most engaging learning experience. The event sent a 'buzz' around the school and we were most thankful to the Mindflight7 crew, who stayed after school to run a staff professional learning event to allow teachers the opportunity to explore how far VR has come and how we can best use it to the benefit of delivering engaging curriculum lessons to our students.

Secondary school students are provided with contextualised VR learning programs. Students can experience the reality of what it might be like to learn about or work in a particular field, without having to leave the classroom. This is a virtual window on the world and work which takes students on a mental and physical journey into exciting worlds they might otherwise never consider or get a chance to experience. It will assist them with subject based learning, subject selection and more focused, relevant career choices.



Students experiencing Virtual Reality

The Arts 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, 40 young artists from 11 high schools 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.



Artwork by Jeryn Huntley



Artwork by Isla Ellis

Artwork by Reese Abastillas

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 Choudhary

Year 10 – William Gath and Sonam Tshokey

Year 12 – Khurt Baylon and Kaitlyn Pope

Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists

The City of Subiaco presented the 20th Annual Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists in 2022. This visual art award was open to Western Australian school students and encouraged imagination, innovation and creativity. The exhibition was held in the Subiaco Library from 11 July to 7 August.

Lekzin Tobgay, Year 7 student had her artwork titled "The Abstract Fish" selected for the exhibition.

The following Year 7 students had their artwork entered in the exhibition:

Ivanka Safranek, Charlie Parker, Annie Lai, Ava Grzelec, Nicola Vlahos, Faith Muyembe, Elizabeth Horabin, Alexandra French, Mia Wallace, Oscar Muller and Amy Yabuka.



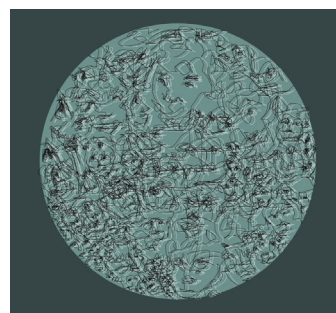
"The Abstract Fish" by Tekzin Tobgay, Year 7



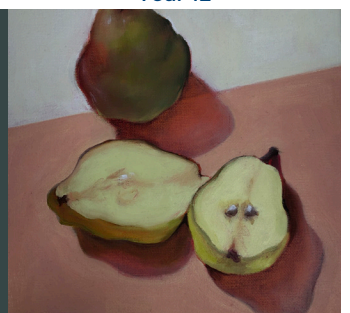
Artwork by William Gath,
Year 10



Artwork by Khurt Baylon,
Year 12



Artwork by Kaitlyn Pope,
Year 12



Artwork by Sonam Tshokey,
Year 10

Artwork by Year 12 Visual Art ATAR Students

The following Year 12 students successfully completed their Visual Art ATAR course:

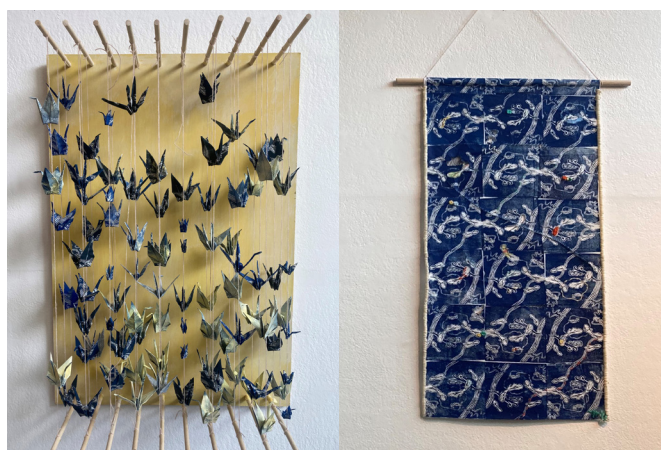
Reese Abastillas, Hana Abbott, Samantha Antulov and Zoë Thatcher.

Some examples of their artwork are below:



Reese Abastillas - Vogue

Using oil paint, Reese looks at her Philippines heritage and the impact Western culture has had on traditional standards (especially for women and LGBTQIA+ folk)



Hana Abbott - Culture's Odyssey

Hana exploring her Australian/Japanese heritage with printmaking, embroidery and origami



Sami Antulov - Oxygen

Sami looks at sustainability and the environment with a living terrarium and projected animation

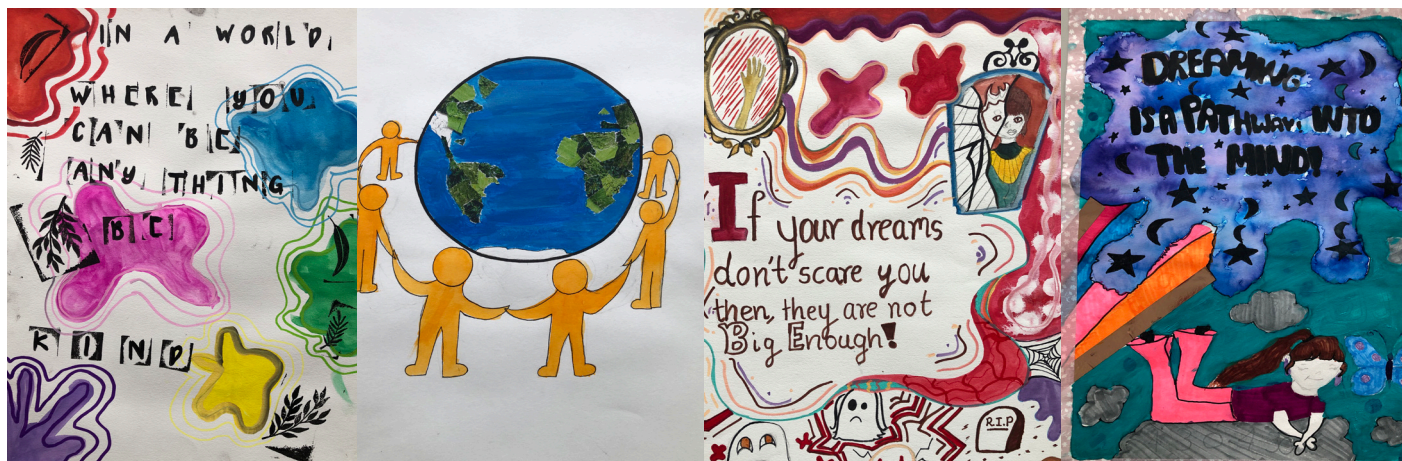


Zoë Thatcher - Fish on Ice

Zoë ponders pollution and the fishing industry with 3D suspended crochet and gouache

Awesome Arts Festival

The Year 7 Gifted and Talented Visual Art students attended the Awesome Arts festival on Wednesday 21 September. They were invited to participate in the Little Impressions exhibition. With the theme, "What do you dream about for the future?", students were asked to harness their sense of wonder to create an exciting poster/flag. They will be added to the AWESOME bunting with the idea to string their dreams together to celebrate an inspiring vision for the future.



Artwork for the Awesome Arts Festival

The Arts News Continued

Cake Exhibition

Year 8 Gifted and Talented Visual Art students worked on a cake-themed exhibition inspired by the work of well-known American Pop Artist, Wayne Tiebald. Tiebald worked on this theme during the 1960's producing lavish pastel-coloured paintings with edible looking paintwork. Our students set up and photographed elaborate cake displays. As well as eating their subject, they created mini compositional studies of their ideas before embarking on the final painting, some using oil paint for the first time.

The "CAKE" Exhibition was held in the Ron Murphy Art Gallery on Friday 9 September.



Primary School Art Exhibition

On Wednesday 21 September, Year 5 and Year 6 Primary School students from our local intake primary schools, Balcatta, West Balcatta, Osborne, Takari and Tuart Hill Primary Schools, were invited to participate in our annual art competition. The theme this year was "Endangered Australian Animals".

Parents attended the exhibition which was held in the Ron Murphy Art Gallery. One student from each primary school and year group was awarded a Certificate of Excellence and Certificate of Merit. There was also a Principal's Award which was won by Isabelle (Year 6), West Balcatta Primary School.

The attendees had the opportunity to select a People's Choice Award winner which was awarded to Ethan (Year 6), Tuart Hill Primary School.

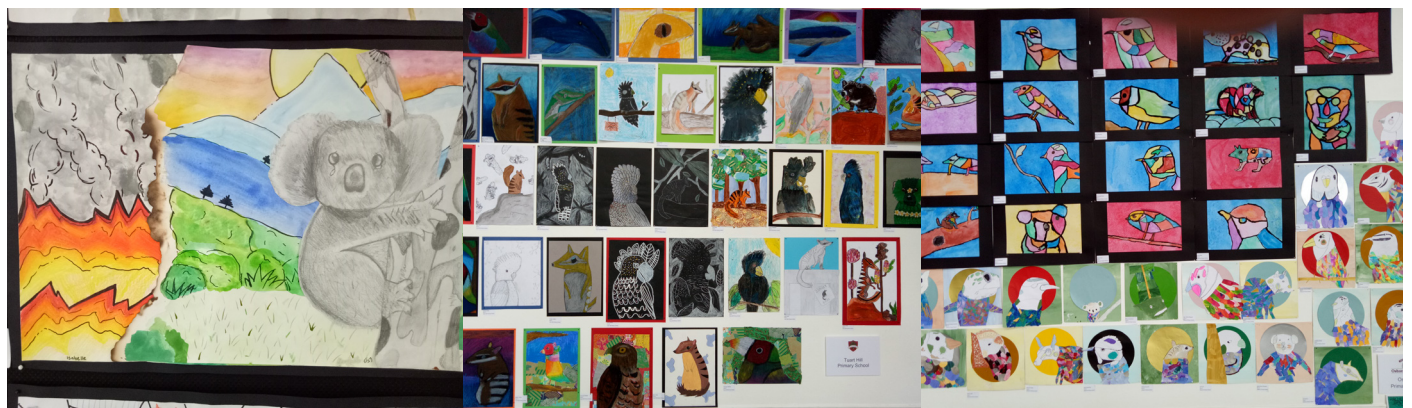
Thank you to the many parents, carers, primary school teachers and students who attended this event.



Artwork by Balcatta PS



Artwork by Takari PS



Principal's Award winner - Isabelle,
Year 6 of West Balcatta PS

Artwork by Tuart Hill PS

Artwork by Osborne PS

Annual Gifted and Talented Art Exhibition

The annual Art Exhibition featuring the artworks of our Gifted and Talented Visual Art students was held on Wednesday 23 November in the Ron Murphy Art Gallery.

The night commenced in the A block quadrangle, with performances from our talented music students.

The quality of the artwork on display was exceptional, very talented and creative. The top performing students were acknowledged as follows:

Awards of Excellence - Year 7 Alexandra French, Year 8 Adela Maldonado Revegino, Year 9 Annie Frencham, Year 10 Sonam Tshokey, Year 11 Jeryn Huntley and Year 12 Khurt Baylon.

Shaun Tan Emerging Artist Award - Year 11 Jessica Betti.

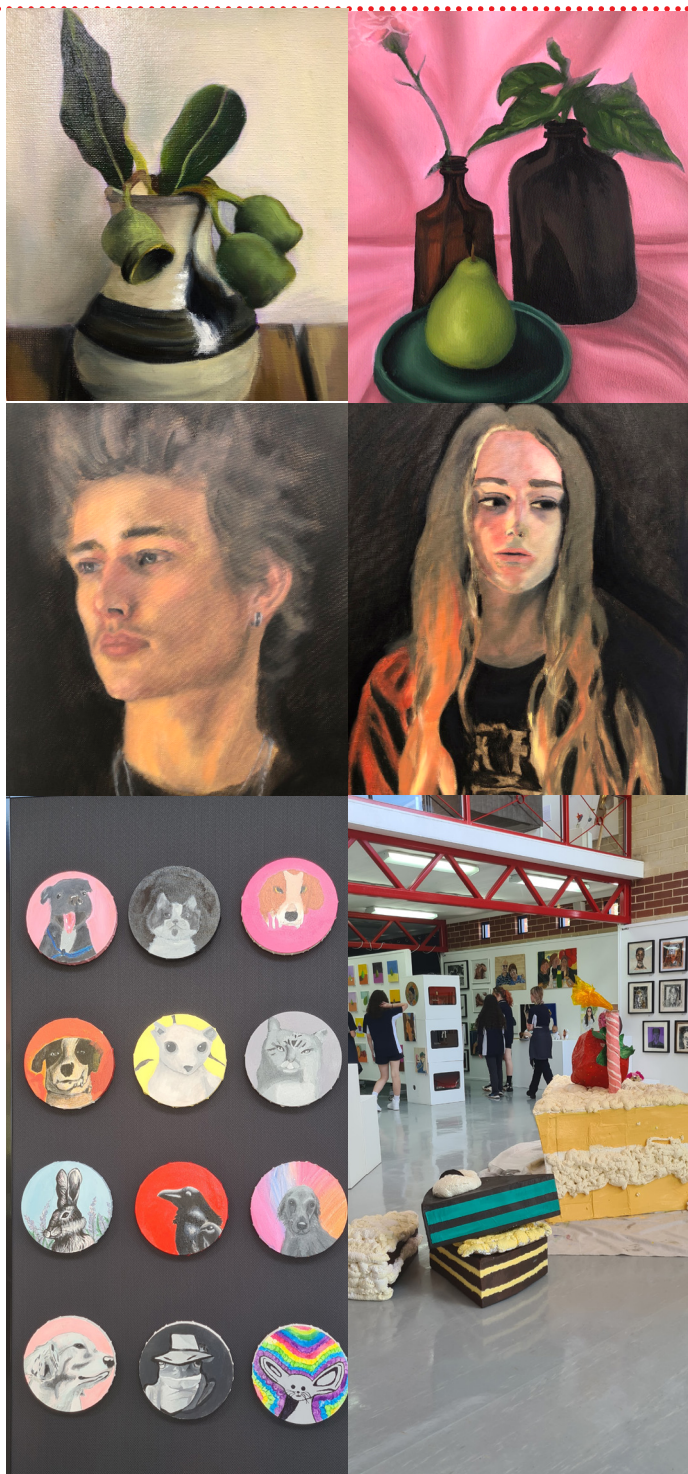
Congratulations and farewell to the Year 12 students - Reese Abastillas, Samantha Antulov, Sara Avramovic, Khurt Baylon, Kaitlyn Pope, Jonny Smith, Zoë Thatcher and Ashleigh Willis.

The wearable art fashion parade was amazing, with 26 students showcasing their creations and make-up artistry.

There were significant numbers in attendance and a lot of positive feedback/comments were received.

This is a BIG undertaking with so many staff involved who help to shape this event, from printing invitations, setting up the art rooms, displays, music/audio and the stage, as well as cleaning, hanging art work, catering, photography and assisting the students with the wearable art, the cleanup, pack up and lock up at the end of the night.

Acknowledgement for the planning of this event goes to Sherree Tomlinson, our Gifted and Talented Coordinator, the Arts Department and Home Economics Department.



Music Language Workshop with Gina and Guy

On Monday 6 December, we were honoured to have Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse present a workshop for our Years 7 to 10 Music students. The workshop offered an introduction of Noongar language songs and focused on the importance of keeping Noongar language and culture alive as well as learning original Noongar language songs. The workshop was structured as a mini concert, with Gina sharing her inspirational story through song.

As a duo, they have won many awards including "Indigenous Act of the Year" for 2013 to 2016 and 2018. Gina was awarded 2017 Western Australian of the Year in 2017 and was inducted in the WA Women's Hall of Fame in 2018.

The workshop was an amazing experience for our students.



Health & Physical Education News

Whole School Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival was held over two days. Tuesday 30 August for Years 9-12 and Wednesday 31 August for Years 7-8. There were a number of students competing in events and earning House points. The results are:

Champion	Boy	Girl
Year 7	Tenzin Kedah Chogyel	Deshek Wangmo
Year 8	Jordan Duong	Daniella Santich
Year 9	Jaime Macapagal	Faith Patrick
Year 10	Dylan Pike	Minaida Peters
Year 11	Levi Susac	Tiana Crompton
Year 12	Adzi Zein	Eloise Vlatko-Rulo

HOUSE RESULTS

1st	Poseidon
2nd	Zeus
3rd	Aurora
4th	Artemis

Congratulations to our champion students and to the students who 'had a go'. We are hoping next year to see the return of the whole school athletics carnival being held on the same day.



Junior Basketball Tournament

On Friday 12 August, Balcatta entered six teams into the annual Northern Suburbs Junior Basketball tournament held at Warwick Stadium. The teams consisted of two Year 8 boys teams, two Year 9 boys teams, one Year 8 girls team and one Year 9 girls teams representing the school. Students nominated themselves to participate in the competition. They trained every Wednesday and Thursday in the lead up to the big day.

It was the first time we have had girls play in the tournament and they did such a great job working together against some quality opposition throughout the entire day. Judging by the smiles at the end of the day, it could be clearly seen they had a great time. The Year 8 boys struggled against the older teams but have gained a great understanding of the level of basketball they need to attain before next year's competition. The Year 9 boys played some great games and we can be so proud of how they matched their skills against much larger schools. Both teams won multiple games and only just missed out on going to the next stage of the tournament. All games were played in great spirit and we are immensely proud of how they handled themselves throughout the day in the way they won and lost their games.

All of the teams are quite keen to keep training and working together and to nominate themselves for further competitions. A big thank you to our Year 11 and Year 12 students who helped with coaching, scoring and umpiring. Without your help, days like this could not go ahead.

Year 9 Outdoor Recreation Camp

The Year 9 Outdoor Recreation students held their camp at the Ern Halliday Recreation Centre, Hillarys from Wednesday 23 November to Friday 25 November.

They left school on their bikes and headed to Hillarys Boat Harbour to participate in aquatic activities and lunch. Afterwards, they headed off to Ern Halliday Recreation Centre to unpack the bus and set up their camp site. Once the camp was set up, they began their underground caving activity. Some of the spaces were pretty tight but all students made it out (with lots of scratches and bruises for their efforts!). It was then time for the students to cook up their gourmet meals on their portable gas stoves before heading out into the dark to try to complete a scavenger hunt exercise called "Escape The Night". It was a game of Spotlight combined with a scavenger hunt and fun punishments on the way, if "the rangers" caught you moving by the light of their torch.

The next day, one group headed across to the beach for kayak paddling while the other group participated in Mr Birkett's famous Mini Olympics. Students learnt the basics of paddling, challenged themselves to kneel or even stand on their kayaks and played games and Follow the Leader.

After lunch, the students cycled to Hillarys Boat Harbour to meet up with RecFish West who taught them how to bait a hook and cast a line. They also gave them plenty of information on bag limits, legal fish sizes and protecting the marine environment. Nearly everyone caught some sort of fish! On the way back to camp, the students stopped at the Ninja Warrior course at Whitfords Nodes park and climbed the 21m high lookout and stairs.

The students headed back to camp to recharge, shower and cook some dinner before heading out to complete a series of challenges in "Minute to Win It".

The next morning, it was time to pack up and cycle the 13km back to school.



Year 8 Boys Basketball Team 1



Year 9 Girls Basketball Team



Year 9 Boys Basketball Team 2

All students thoroughly enjoyed the camp and showed a great amount of resilience when presented with many challenges (including no mobile phones). A great representation of the fantastic students here at Balcatta SHS.





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