



# Balcatta Update

19 April 2024

## From the Principal

Term 2 commenced with students returning on Tuesday 16 April. Staff commenced on Monday 15 April and completed a comprehensive School Development Program which included information and workshops sessions such as School Improvement, Occupational Health Index (OHI) data, Community Nurse presentation and a whole teaching staff workshop facilitated by State-wide Services addressing "Cultural Responsiveness – Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework".

### Staffing Update

We welcome the following staff commencing this term:

Tim Platt – English

Robin Rosario – Mathematics

Elisabeth Chapman-Mortimer – Chaplain

We are hosting eight Practicum Teachers (from ECU and Notre Dame Universities) across Health & Phys Ed, Mathematics, Music, Humanities & Social Sciences and The Arts Learning Areas.

As you are aware, the SSTUWA has called a stop work meeting on Tuesday 23 April. [Communication](#) has been sent to our families. Balcatta SHS will be open but will not be able to offer normal timetabled classes from Period 1 to Period 4. Students will be supervised during this time.

Helen Maitland  
Principal

## Health News

### Year 10 Immunisations Rescheduled

Year 10 School-Based Immunisation Program 2024 vaccine ([Meningococcal](#)) is available to all Year 10 students and is scheduled for **Tuesday 11 June 2024**. No immunisation will be given unless a consent form has been registered. Please see below link to the new online consent form – [consentpublic \(health.wa.gov.au\)](#).

## News

### WA Student Assistance Payment

The State government announced the [WA Student Assistance Payment](#) which is an initiative offering a cost-of-living payment for every student in Western Australia to provide financial relief and assist families with their children's schooling.

Click on this [link](#) to make a claim. To be eligible for the payment, parents will require a valid WA Student Number (WASN). This 8-digit number can be found on Student SmartRider cards, School

Reports (including NAPLAN, Interim Reports, Semester Reports and your child's Contributions and Charges (fees) statements)

### School Tour for parents of students enrolled in our Education Support Program

If you are interested in enrolling your child into our Education Support Program for 2025, Balcatta SHS will be offering a [School Tour](#) providing information on our inclusive program and a tour of our wonderful facilities. The tour will be held on Thursday 23 May commencing at 4.00pm (for approximately 1 hour duration). Please RSVP to Laura D'Alonzo-Barkley via email at [Laura.DAlonzo-Barkley@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Laura.DAlonzo-Barkley@education.wa.edu.au) by Thursday 16 May 2024.

### Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

The Triple P and Child and Parent Centre teams are excited to offer a series of free online workshops for families. The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program gives parents and carers ideas and strategies to help their child develop the skills and behaviours they need for a healthy childhood. To learn more about Triple P, visit the [Education in WA](#) website. Please refer to this [link](#) for more information.

### Australian Government Career Information Resources for School Leavers

In March 2024, schools across Australia received hard copies of the School Leavers Information Kit and Australian Jobs 2023 which assist young people aged 15 to 24 years to make informed decisions about their career pathways.

The following products were included in the mailout and are also free to download from [Your Career](#), the Australian Government's ultimate hub for careers information:

[School Leavers Information Kit \(SLIK\)](#) – information for students on what's next; from higher education and training options to financial assistance or getting a job.

[Parents and guardians guide \(PGG\)](#) – support for parents and guardians in starting important conversations at home.

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander SLIK](#) – guidance on tailored programs and services available to First Nations young people to support them for life after school.

[Support for young people with a disability](#) – information regarding a range of programs and resources available for young people with a disability to support them for their life after school.

[Support for regional, rural and remote young people](#) – guidance and support to help young people in regional, rural and remote communities support themselves in life after school.

[Australian Jobs 2023](#) – an easy-to-read overview of the Australian labour market and an important resource for students, career advisors and those looking for work, wanting to upskill, or change career.

## Important Dates

22 Apr – 3 May	Years 10 OLNA Writing, Numeracy and Reading (Periods 2 and 4)
25 Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
26 Apr	P1 ANZAC Day Ceremony
2 May	Year 8 Lightning Carnival
9 May	Year 10 (for Year 11 in 2025) Parent Information Event
14 May	Year 7 Lightning Carnival