



Balcatta Update

28 June 2024

From the Principal

This is the last Balcatta Update for Term 2 (an eleven-week term), as we head towards a two-week break. I would like to take this opportunity to wish staff and students a restful and relaxing break.

As usual the last two weeks of the term have been extremely busy, with a number of firsts:

OPUS Music Concert

On Monday 17 June, I had the pleasure of attending the annual OPUS Music concert of outstanding instrumental and choral music from public school students, which is held at the Perth Concert Hall each year. Our rock band, "Serpentine", was invited to perform. The students showcased their talent and had the audience singing to a Bon Jovi classic. Congratulations to Kaldren Jatso, Holly Budalich, Siddarth Das and Edoardo Russell.

Civics Tour to Sydney and Canberra – 20-28 June

This is our first interstate tour for a number of years, which included 47 students from Years 9 and Year 10 and 5 teaching staff. They visited places such as the Sydney Taronga Zoo, new and old Parliament Houses in Canberra, the High Court of Australia, the National Gallery, the National Museum and the Australian War Memorial, and many more sites.

We look forward to seeing their photos and hearing about their trip.

Education Support Northern Network Performance Concert

This is the first time our Education Support students from Years 7 to Year 10 participated at this event, which is an annual event held at Belridge Secondary College. Our students showcased their talents including group and solo dance and singing performances.

Over the last couple of weeks, the Year 11 and Year 12 students participated in the following social events:

On Thursday 13 June, the Year 11 students were invited to attend a Dinner Dance event at the Beaumonde on the Pointe, East Perth. There were many colourful outfits including the two boys wearing bright pink suits. The students had a great night with lots of dancing and singing as well as taking entertaining photos in the photo booth.

On Friday 28 June, the Year 12 students attended a **reward excursion**, a celebration event for students who have their Good Standing and as a reward for their hard work in Semester 1. The students went to Karrinyup Hoyts Cinemas to watch Inside Out 2 then on to Archie Brothers Arcade (attached to Hoyts) after the film.

We farewelled our Year 10 Brazilian students, Maria and Bianca, as they will be returning home on Tuesday 2 July. The girls really enjoyed their time with us and had the opportunity to visit some of the sites of Perth.

On Wednesday 19 June, we held the Semester 1 Parent Reporting Event. It was pleasing to see the number of parents in attendance. It was a great opportunity for the parents to meet the teachers to discuss their child's progress.

Thank you to the parents who completed the Triple P survey.

Awards Assemblies

On Wednesday 25 June we held the Year 7 to Year 12 Semester 1 Awards Assemblies. The purpose of this event is to acknowledge the top performing students for their academic performance in their subjects and for students who uphold our school values of Respect-Unite-Excel.

It was wonderful to see our students receiving recognition for their efforts in both academic excellence and demonstration of our school values. Thank you to parents and family members who were able to attend this special event. Congratulations to the following students:

Academic Excellence Awards (Years 7-12) are awarded to the overall highest achievers for Semester 1.

Year 7 – Yeun Dela Cueva

Year 8 – Olivia Thompson

Year 9 – Rachel Cenci, Alexandra French, Anh Hoang, Daisy Roberts, Nicola Vlahos

Year 10 – Vivienne Antal

Year 11 – Mia Veljanoski

Year 12 – Thomas Robinson

Respect-Unite-Excel Awards: Students received a medallion to show their pursuit of knowledge and commitment to achieve. They work to the best of their ability and are enthusiastic about learning; they have self-respect and respect the rights of others; they strive to show consideration, empathy and kindness to staff and peers alike. They participate responsibly in social aspects of school life, building positive relationships with those around them and they show environmental responsibility.

Year 7 – Lavinia Mortimer, Tye Puccio

Year 8 – Tea Clare, Trafford Yee

Year 9 – Hazel McCallum

Year 10 – Oliver Nowicki

Year 11 – Keryl Fomba, Steven Le

Year 12 – Adam Merenda, Lakeisha Arifianto

NAPLAN

The school has received the data from the NAPLAN testing undertaken by Year 7 and Year 9 students in Term 1. Achievement in NAPLAN is now reported against proficiency standards made up of 4 proficiency levels. The individual student reports will be sent to parents early next term.

Helen Maitland
Principal

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Volleyball Competitions

During this term both Junior (Years 7-9) and Senior (Years 10-12) students represented Balcatta SHS in the SSWA North Coast Interschool Volleyball Competition held at Warwick Stadium. Our teams displayed incredible skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship, with both our junior and senior boys' team securing second place in their division. Congratulations to all the players for their hard work and dedication. We look forward to having them continue to represent Balcatta SHS in future volleyball competitions.

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The Arts and Music Roadshow

The music and dance students recently performed at Balcatta and West Balcatta Primary Schools. We received an email from the Balcatta PS Associate Principal with a request to "pass on their sincere thanks to all involved for providing an entertaining morning for our students. The level of talent was amazing in both music and dancing."

Drama Performance

The Year 7 Drama students performed their clowning routines to Year 1 students from West Balcatta Primary School. The Year 1s were very excited and entertained by the performances.

Gifted and Talented Visual Art Program

Congratulations to our Gifted and Talented Visual Art student Chenadi Rajapakse in Year 8. Her artwork has been selected to exhibit at the Midland Junction Arts Centre as part of the annual **HyperVision** exhibition. The artwork is titled: Croissants.

The opening night of the exhibition is Friday 26 July, commencing from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm and will also be open from Saturday 27 July to Sunday 25 August. Please feel free to pop in anytime to view Chenadi's and other fantastic exhibits.

REMINDER: Year 10 students going into Year 11, 2025

The Year 10 PowerPoint presentation, the [Year 11 and Year 12 Academic Handbook 2025](#) and a generic Course Selection Form is available on our [website](#). A personalised copy has been distributed to Year 10 students.

Bookings for the Year 11 in 2025 course counselling interviews will be conducted between Thursday 20 June and Friday 19 July (excluding school holidays and Monday 15 July). Parents will be able to access [SOBS](#) from **9.00am Monday 17 June** to make appointments (25 mins timeslots) with either Tessa Curtis (not available Week 11, Term 1), Dimi Martino, Jane Balcombe or Miles Attey. **Students must bring their personalised Year 11 Course Selection form to the meeting.**

Health News

Immunisations

If you have not registered your child, please click this [link](#) to the new online consent form.

If you wish your child to receive their vaccination outside of school or want to catch up sooner, please click on this [link](#) for a list of clinics.

Year 10 Immunisations

Year 10 School-Based Immunisation Program 2024 vaccine ([Meningococcal](#)) is available to all Year 10 students. If your child did not receive their vaccination on Tuesday 11 June, there is a catchup day scheduled for **Tuesday 19 November**.

Year 7 Immunisations

Year 7 immunisations have been rescheduled for **Tuesday 3 December and Wednesday 4 December**.

Important dates

15 July	School Development Day (student-free day)
16 July	Term 3 commences for students
16-19 July	Year 10 Course Counselling Interviews (for students in Year 11 in 2025)
23 July	Rehearsals for Choreography Nights
24-25 July	7.00 pm Choreography Nights in the Performing Arts Theatre

Handball Competition with..

Eagle, Tom Cole & **Eagle, Dom Sheed**

10th July | 11am - 12pm
Meet the players, score a prize!

To all the budding footballers and footy fans.

Come along!

Dom Sheed and Tom Cole from the West Coast Eagles will be visiting Dog Swamp Shopping Centre on Wednesday 10 July from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.

You will get a chance to meet the players, have a photo, get some footy tips and take part in a handball competition to win prizes.