



# Balcatta Update

20 September 2024

## From the Principal

The end of Term 3 is always especially significant for our community as we farewell our Year 12 cohort.

Our Year 12s celebrated this milestone with oval activities on Thursday morning, where they got to enjoy a range of fun events including the slippery slide on the hill. On Friday morning, the students were treated to a breakfast before coming to the whole school Year 12 Farewell Assembly. This is the opportunity for the families, teachers and students, across all year levels, to hear about the journey over the last six years for this cohort. We wish the Year 12s a successful future, whatever path they take and good luck to the students who are sitting their mock ATAR exams during the holidays.

This week was the annual Primary School Art Exhibition. The theme was *Australian Native Flora and Fauna*. The artwork from the Year 5 and Year 6 students from our local intake primary schools was fantastic. So many different techniques were used, displaying students' creativity to highlight our unique Australian plants and animals. It was wonderful to see the families and staff from each of the schools attend the function to celebrate the exhibition.

Last week we highlighted Act Belong Commit week, supporting the focus on positive mental health. Activities were held across the week to promote engaging with opportunities to support your own and others wellbeing. One of the big events was *The World's Greatest Shave*, where students and staff nominated to participate, raised just over \$2,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

I hope everyone has a relaxing, safe holiday, making the most of the joys of spring, and look forward to seeing you all again for the final term of the year.

Tessa Curtis  
Principal

## News

### Compass

Balcatta SHS is working towards a streamlined communication platform – COMPASS.

Compass enables parents/guardians to communicate with our school and provide essential information with the following:

- Attendance notes.
- Events calendar.
- Parent/teacher/Admin communications.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Compass is our preferred communication platform for attendance. If you have not logged into Compass, we will be sending you log in details to get you started. If you have any questions, please email:

[Balcatta.SHS.Attendance@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Balcatta.SHS.Attendance@education.wa.edu.au).

## Important dates

7 Oct	<b>Term 4 commences for students (Monday)</b>
17-18 Oct	"Querencia" Dance Showcase
21 Oct	9.00am Year 12 Presentation Ceremony Rehearsal in PAT
	6.00pm to 8.00pm Year 12 Presentation Ceremony at Winthrop Hall, UWA, Nedlands

Learn more about Compass using our parent guide available by clicking on the link – [A guide for parents & families | Compass Education AU](#).

### "Querencia" Dance Showcase 2024

On **Thursday 17 October** and **Friday 18 October**, the Specialist Dance students will be performing in our annual End of Year Dance Showcase commencing at 6.30pm and finishing at 7.45pm on both nights. This performance is a culmination of the year's technique and choreography work and gives the students further opportunity to work in a professional theatre setting. **Tickets are available for \$15.00 from [Eventbrite](#). (Please take care when selecting your preferred date).**

### Year 12 Presentation Ceremony

Clearance Day Procedures for ALL Year 12 students - students are required to return any borrowed materials, collect work left behind and pay outstanding school fees (charges).

The Presentation Ceremony rehearsal will be held on Monday 21 October commencing at 9.00am in the Performing Arts Theatre and will finish at approximately 11.00 am.

The Presentation Ceremony will be held at Winthrop Hall, University of WA, Crawley Drive, Crawley commencing at 6.00pm and finishing at approximately 8.00pm. Students must dress formal casual attire.

There is a cost of \$65 per Year 12 student which includes the venue ticket, gown hire, a commemorative sash (to be kept by the student) and a yearbook. Consent and \$65 payment must be completed via the Consent2Go email invitation sent. If you have any queries, please contact the Admin Office.

Tickets for families are available for purchase for \$10 per guest (no limit on the number of guests) via link:

<https://www.ticketswa.com/event/balcatta-senior-high-school>

Note: Only guests with tickets will be admitted into the hall.

Bliss Studios will be available in the Undercroft from 5.00pm before the Presentation Ceremony and after the Presentation Ceremony for individual and group photographs. Photographs will also be taken of all students receiving certificates and awards. No payment is required on the evening.

Images will be available to view at [www.blissstudio.com.au](http://www.blissstudio.com.au).

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6. **Due Date** for orders **Thursday 21 November 2024**.
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# CREATIVE ARTS PORTFOLIO ENTRY INFORMATION SESSION & WORKSHOP

The workshops will provide you with portfolio entry expectations and how to apply for the Bachelor of Creative Arts at Curtin University.

Choose to attend a workshop in Fine Art, Screen Arts or Theatre Arts. Working with a practising artist and tutor, you will create a series of work that shows a progression of techniques and ideas that can be used for a portfolio entry and your current studies.

#### EVENT DETAILS

**DATE:** Friday 4 October 2024

**TIME:** 9:30 am - 1.00 pm

**LOCATION:** Curtin University, Building 202, Room 165  
Kent St, Bentley WA 6102, Australia

To register scan the QR Code or  
visit [curtin.edu/BCA-portfolio-workshop](http://curtin.edu/BCA-portfolio-workshop)

Questions? Email: [helen.trenos@curtin.edu.au](mailto:helen.trenos@curtin.edu.au)

