



# Balcatta Update

11 October 2024

## From the Principal

Welcome to the start of Term 4, with all classes resuming on Monday 7 October.

I would like to thank Ms Tessa Curtis for backfilling for me while I was on leave over the last four weeks of Term 3 and Mrs Sookraj and Mrs Balcombe for backfilling as Associate Principal. It is going to be a busy term with a number of events planned such as the upcoming Dance Showcase, Year 12 Presentation, Interschool Athletics Carnival (and that is only the first three weeks of the term. There are also numerous curriculum excursions and OLNA testing.

### Staffing Update

This term we have the following changes to staff:

- Poppi Shedden, Maths teacher (returned from study leave)
- Sharon Beccarelli, Manager Corporate Services has moved to Butler College, after thirteen years at Balcatta SHS. Sharon was instrumental in a number of initiatives at Balcatta including the management of the new building and refurbishment.

### Year 12 ATAR

The Year 12 ATAR students undertook their mock WACE exams during the holiday break. The ATAR teachers have been providing a comprehensive study program during Week 1 and Week 2 to provide students with feedback from their exams as well as specific exam revision practice and exam study techniques. All Year 12 ATAR students should be participating in this opportunity. We wish our Year 12 ATAR students the best in their upcoming final WACE exams.

### School Board

Parents and guardians are invited to attend the annual public meeting of the Balcatta SHS Board to be held on Wednesday 23 October commencing at 5.00pm. The meeting will be held in the Staff Common Room (Level 1), 56 Amelia Street entrance.

Helen Maitland  
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

## Important dates

14 Oct	7.00pm P&C meeting in Admin Conference Room
17-18 Oct	"Querencia" Dance Showcase in PAT
18 Oct	Interschool Athletics Carnival (and breakfast)
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
23 Oct	5.00pm School Board meeting in Staff Common Room on Level 1

**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).

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

### Year 12 Presentation Event

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 Event 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 Event 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 in 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 **by Monday 14 October**. 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. Students will receive a photographic flyer in their presentation folder on the night for further information.

## P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 14 October commencing at 7.00pm in the Admin Conference Room.