



Balcatta Update

28 November 2024

From the Principal

The last few weeks have been extremely busy as students have been engaged in a number of excursion and incursion, including:

- Year 8 Science students to WA Museum Booja Bardup
- Year 7 and Year 8 Futsal Tournament
- Years 7-10 Academic Extension students went to the "Scribblers Festival"
- Year 9 Outdoor Education camp
- Year 10 Science students to SciTech

Leaving School Early – no student is permitted to leave the school grounds without permission from their parent/guardian. Parents/guardians requiring permission for their child to leave the school grounds must provide the student with a note or alternatively contact Student Services either via Compass Notes (stating time of collection, reason and how student is being collected, i.e. by parent or by public transport) or via email at balcatta.shs@education.wa.edu.au. Students must sign out at Student Admin (with a pink pass from Student Services) allowing them to leave the school grounds.

Mobile Phones – are to be "off and away all day" when students are on school grounds. Students not following the government's Mobile Electronic Devices Policy will have them confiscated. Please read our [Mobile Electronic Devices Policy](#) on our website.

The Arts

The annual Gifted and Talented Art Exhibition was held on Thursday 7 November. Students from Year 7 to Year 12 had their completed school-based projects displayed. Some of the artwork were available for sale. The evening began with performances from our Guitar Ensemble students accompanied by their IMSS teacher, Amy Nordsvan. The event was well-attended by parents, families, students and community members.

The Wearable Art fashion parade was a highlight, which showcased the students' talents through their use and design of recyclable materials. Art tutor Jody Davidson provided a commentary about the students' creations as they paraded them.

The Top Student Awards were presented to the top student for the various arts contexts.

The winner of the *Shaun Tan Art Award "Emerging Artist" Award* was Jaime Jalla, Year 10 student, as she immerses herself in each project with boundless imagination and dedication.

The Year 12 Gifted and Talented Visual Art students were acknowledged and awarded Completion Certificates for their many hours of Saturday morning art classes and producing excellent work over the years.

It was a lovely event enjoyed by all who attended.

Minister's Innovation Challenge

Forty teams of Year 8 students from WA public schools participated in The Minister's Innovation Challenge. Students applied their design-making skills to develop innovative solutions to local issues or problems. Our seven Year 8.1 (AEP)

students worked on their video submission about a tool they created which is a modified diary called the 'Helping Hand Diary' to be used by our Year 7 students, to assist with their organisational skills and to promote a positive mindset towards their schooling. On Wednesday 27 November, the students and their teacher Ms Burns, participated in an *Online Exhibition* to celebrate the schools involved and to announce the top five winners.

Transition Activities

The Year 5 Balcatta Academic Challenge took place on Friday 22 November. 50 students were nominated from our local intake primary schools to experience academic extension and enrichment activities. They competed in five challenges which spanned across all learning areas, including English, Science, Maths, Humanities & Social Science and Dance. Students earned points for each challenge, with Tuart Hill Primary School students earning the most points and were presented with the Balcatta Academic Challenge perpetual trophy. All students displayed excellent teamwork, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Year 6 Orientation (for Year 7 in 2025 enrolments)

On Monday 25 November we hosted the Year 6 Parent Information event. There was over 120 people in the audience. Parents were provided with an informative presentation, which covered the following:

- Balcatta SHS—our values and expectations
- Being a Year 7 in 2025
- Policies – Attendance and Mobile Phones
- Student Services
- Parent & Citizens Association information
- COMPASS information

Tudor Uniforms provided a "pop up shop" and representatives from Stott Hoare spoke to parents about Parent Own Devices (PODs).

On Tuesday 26 November, 190 Year 6 students participated in an engaging Transition Program, which had them immersed in a range of activities from the various learning areas. They were supported by class teachers and Year 7 school ambassadors. The program ended with dance and music performances from our Year 7 students. We look forward to welcoming the students back for the start of 2025 as they return as Year 7s.

Helen Maitland
Principal

News

Teen Triple P – Transition to High School

Teen Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) is offering a FREE session about "Transitioning to High School – Doing Well in High School". Transitioning to high school can be a stressful and overwhelming time. It can also be exciting to watch your child build their independence. This FREE session will cover six key skills children require to be successful in high school, and how you can support them during this time.

In this session, you will learn:

- How to help your children develop self-discipline.

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- How to promote independence and help your child solve problems on their own.
- How you and your child can be involved in high school activities.
- How to help your child follow the rules, routines and expectations in high school.
- The importance of supportive friends and how to foster positive social connections.
- How to support your child's engagement at high school and the importance of attending school regularly.

When: Friday 29 November 2024

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Venue: ONLINE via Webex.

Scan the QR code to register.



Second-hand School Resources Sale

On Monday 2 December commencing from 3.15pm to 4.00pm, students will be setting up a second-hand stall in the old canteen area. Students are encouraged to bring their second-hand textbooks, uniforms and other school resources to sell. It is **cash only** (sellers keep proceeds from their sales). All items bought must be checked before purchasing as there will be **no refunds** given.

Education Support Music and Dance Showcase

Staff and families of Education Support students are invited to attend the Education Support Music and Dance Showcase Extravaganza, "Let Us Entertain You".

Time: 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Date: Tuesday 3 December 2024

Where: Performing Arts Theatre (PAT)

Please RSVP via email to Balcatta.SHS@education.wa.edu.au (stating how many people will be attending).

2024 General Art Exhibition

Staff, students and families are invited to view artworks from our Year 7 to Year 10 Visual Art and Photography students. The exhibition will display fantastic works of art created in various mediums such as sculptures, paintings, photography, animations, murals and much more.

When: Wednesday 4 December 2024

Where: Ron Murphy Art Gallery, 31 Poincaire Street, Balcatta

Time: 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Year 7 Science Fair

Year 7 Students are participating in the annual Science Fair where they create posters based on their own scientific investigation. The event will run in the library and allow students to showcase their work to other students and the wider community.

Session 1 – Science classes 7.5, 7.6 and 7.7

Parents have been invited to attend at any time between 09:30am and 10.45am for this session.

Session 2 – 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4

Parents have been invited to attend at any time between 12:05pm and 1:25pm for this session.

Presentations will be made to students during Period 5.

UWA Space Boot Camp

The University of WA International Space Centre is holding a Space Boot Camp from 30 January to 31 January 2025. The camp is catered to highly passionate Year 11 (in 2025) students looking to extend their current knowledge in space studies. If your child is interested in attending the UWA Space Boot Camp, please complete the application by clicking on the following link: <https://share.hsforms.com/1CINxAz1xQ-22oN6VjcnGwnupxf> Applications close on 30 November.

Important dates

28-29 Nov	6.15pm Years 7/8 Soundwave Music Concert in PAT
30 Nov	8.00pm Osborne Park Show (performances by the Specialist Dance students) Big Art Day Out in the Ron Murphy Art Gallery (31 Poincaire Street, Balcatta)
3 Dec	1.30pm Education Support Program Performing Arts Concert in PAT
4 Dec	3.00pm General Art Exhibition in the Ron Murphy Art Gallery
5 Dec	Year 7 Science Fair (parents are welcome to attend – refer to article above) 6.00pm Year 9 Reward Excursion (Dance) in PAT
6 Dec	Team Connect Gala Day Cricket at the WACA

Small changes,
big differences.

Teen Triple P – Positive Parenting Program
TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL
'Doing Well In High School'

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When: FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am
Venue: ONLINE via Webex.
SCAN the QR Code to register →

Registration is essential and will close 24 hours before the scheduled workshop. You will be sent an email with information and a link to join on the morning of the workshop. We would recommend downloading the [Triple P app](#) ahead of the workshop.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTRE

ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN
for January 2025

SPACE BOOT CAMP

JAN 30-31
→ For students aged 17-19
→ For students who are entering Year 11 in 2025
→ \$120pp (GST Inc)
→ Catering and transport between venues included

The 2025 UWA ISC Space Boot Camp is tailored to highly passionate Year 11 students looking to extend their current knowledge in space studies.
No prerequisites are necessary, but as places are limited, a short admission essay will be required.

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