







NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are a school for every student, and we seek to fulfil the learning needs of every student. To this end we are increasing our leadership team to develop and enhance our learning activities in aboriginal education, academic extension and whole school literacy. We have long standing programs running in each of these areas and the focus will be on enhancing and refining of learning opportunities and outcomes.

Mid-year examinations are over, and we hope that all students Years 10 – 12 received the results they worked for and deserved. Thanks to all involved in examination administration and marking. This is a stressful time for teachers as normal learning activities continue while they undertake the extra marking load. I thank them for their professionalism.

We hope you enjoyed our new format newsletter. We always appreciate feedback and have had some after the recent edition – mainly positive. It is a massive document full of the activities and achievements of our students. We are a large school and every student, and every activity is important, so we try to present as many as possible to you. The index should be operational in continued editions and this will make navigation easier for readers.

The Arts learning area has been very active over the last few week with music, dance and drama performances. I am always impressed by both the parent support for these activities and the quality of the performances. Again, congratulations to all involved.

The benefits to students of the Duke of Edinburgh's awards continues to go from strength to strength.

The recent camp was for Bronze candidates roping and hiking for 30 participants who braved the freezing conditions at Dwellingup.

Thanks to staff members Jude Fapani, Sophie Mclean, Mat Gorringe and Chad Campbell for their efforts.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our staff and students here at Willetton in their many endeavours, from our clubs to our voluntary after school study and support classes right the way through to the many extracurricular and after hours sporting events that show that we as a school community are dedicated to success in its many forms.

The holidays are now fast approaching, and I take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and relaxing break ahead of our Semester 2 program.

Trevor Hunter



A REMINDER

As we are now in the cold and flu season, we wish to remind all families that if your child is exhibiting cold or flu like symptoms they should remain at home. This is more important than ever as the Covid-19 pandemic continues around the world.

UNIFORM CONCEPTS

30 Kembla Way, Willetton

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9am - 5pm

Thursday 9am – 6pm

Saturday 9am – 1pm

Please note the store will be closed for the first week of the July school holidays; Monday 5 July to Saturday 10 July inclusive.

General

UWAYE SCHOOLS OUTREACH-ENGINEERING

On Wednesday 9 June, three students from the UWA Engineering Outreach Program presented a workshop to interested Year 10, 11 and 12. During the workshop they talked about many things, including why Engineering was such a good pathway to choose. One of the key points that I gained out of the workshop was that engineering can take you anywhere and how there will be always be a high demand for engineers. The presenters talked about their respective majors and what they did in those areas as well as the companies that recruited them.

We were given a case study to solve, since engineering is all about problem solving.

A very interesting point is how engineers will always be in demand, not because of the specifics of their courses but due to the problem-solving skills that they develop along the way, within the engineering workplace and also across many fields of employment.

We came away with the reality that the course is not easy but if you work hard the degree is worth it. Overall it was extremely informative and refreshing and a great experience.

Aleena Shaji





STUDENT COUNCILLOR FORUM

On Wednesday 9 June we had our Semester 1 Councillor Forum – a meeting run by senior school councillors that occurs twice a year in which councillors from Years 7-12 come together to discuss relevant issues in the school and how they could be fixed.

The Year 12s run the Semester 1 forum and this one started with Tanaya Kickett's acknowledgement of country and her explanation of why it is important to include at meetings and events. We then moved on to our Head Girl and Boy, Isla Simeoni and David Kuppers' speech about what it means to be a councillor and what is expected of us. This, I found, was a very important inclusion as usually in our excitement of organising fundraisers and socials we forgot that first and foremost our job is to represent the students and this speech reminded us.

Afterwards, we moved on to our discussion section of the forum, in which we split up into our respective year groups to discuss the topics of the forum. The Year 7 to 9s each discussed the environment, and the Year 10s and 11s discussed student representation, specifically; how best to improve the connection between councillors and our peers and how we can encourage students to pass on their ideas to the school. The group then came back and discussed our ideas together. We then had a quest speaker, Ms Bradley, talk to us about an exciting project linking mental health and the environment. Collectively, there were many brilliant ideas suggested to her about this and overall, the forum was a success.

As a Year 11, it will be my council's responsibility to run the next two forums. I feel that from watching this one play out the main things I have learnt and that we can implement in our forums are to have a set structure, to stick to it and that doing this makes the forum run smoothly. The Year 12s ran

it this way and it was inspiring seeing them work together so well. The idea of putting a survey out to the students was a great way of getting the whole school involved and gathering new ideas. I think that the forum was well put together and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Having such a large group of like-minded people in one room exchanging views on relevant topics was great. I particularly believe the section where we asked each other questions about our groups' chosen goals was important as it got us thinking more deeply into the implementation of our goals and we were able to hear outside thoughts that add to our ideas.

Overall, it was a very productive and enjoyable day. Big congratulations to the Year 12s and as for everyone else make sure to keep an eye out for what the student councillors have in store to further develop our amazing school.

Jemma Walker

Year 11 Councillor

INTERACT CLUB

Over the past two terms, Interact raised \$1202.55 for our chosen charity, Zero2Hero, through the election day cake sale and sausage sizzle, our Easter raffle and Mother's Day stall. Zero2Hero educates youth about mental health, healthy coping mechanisms and suicide prevention in Western Australia, through their amazing camps and programs. Recently, the founder of Zero2Hero, Ashlee Harrison, came into our general meeting, to tell us all about her amazing journey and where the money we raised will be going to. The money we raised will be used to support Zero2Hero's programs and camps, and educating and changing the lives of today's youth. As someone who participated in Zero2Hero's camp, I am glad that funds are going to such an amazing cause, and I look forward to some of our younger members participating in Zero2Hero programs, in the future.

On Saturday 19 June, members of the club participated in a tree-planting event, with SERCUL, whom we partner with annually. Organised by our awesome Horizon's committee, a group of students between Years 7 and 9 who work on community events within Interact. The tree planting event was a fantastic success. We were able to plant over 4500 trees and also raised \$261 for Fred Hollows Foundation, through hot chocolate and curry puff sales. The Fred Hollows Foundation works towards eliminating avoidable blindness, especially in developing countries and marginalised communities. Their services for people at risk of avoidable blindness include training, research and development of technologies, advocacy and education.

Members of Millennium Kids, students from Harrisdale, Rossmoyne Senior High Schools, Burrendah Primary School, Councillors Yaso Ponnuthurai, Mark Bain, parents and friends all came together to plant trees back into the natural ecosystem at Bannister Creek Reserve. It was amazing to see over 75 people from different parts of the community, come together to help the environment.

Over the past few weeks, the club has been split into five groups of mixed years, each planning a community event or fundraiser. These groups have allowed executive members to take a broader leadership role and have helped the club to have more of a community spirit, by mixing up the Interact network of students. I've thoroughly enjoyed seeing the culmination of each group's creative ideas, and I look forward to seeing each of these to fruition over the next two terms.

Cheers to the awesome community in Interact.

Emily Ong Interact Club President



DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE CAMP

DWELLINGUP JUNE 11-13

Friday afternoon, 30 students and four teachers (Ms McLean, Mr Gorringe, Mr Campbell and Ms Fapani), packed the bus (tetras style) and made their way to Dwellingup for a weekend of high ropes course, hiking and camping for a Bronze Duke of Ed journey. We camped at the new Nanga Brook campsite.

For many, it was the first time camping, first time hiking, first time roping and first time roasting marshmallows on an open fire. Tent camping in June comes with its perks - fire season is open, so we were able to make the most of the huge fire pit at the campsite. June camping also comes with its downsides - cold (4 degree) mornings, cold (6 degree) nights, and generally being cold. However, the weather angels were good to us, and despite the cold, the days and nights were clear. This made for great hiking - mist and cloud lingering in the trees, spider webs glistening with dew and firm hiking ground with lots of coloured fungi and moss.

The ropes course was the highlight for most – newbies and old-hands (who had conquered the courses before), set out to challenge themselves on a variety of levels. With approximately five stages of difficulty,

there was something to suit everyone. The aim was to complete differing levels over two days (two hours per day) and challenge oneself on the second day to go further or be more creative on the courses. Healthy fears were pushed, and overcome, and sore muscles were felt where they seemingly didn't exist before.

The weekend presented many memories – navigating the *drop loos* (and getting locked in one!), getting double locked whilst stuck up a pole eight metres above ground, negotiating the awkwardness of a harness, making smores (and learning not to toast the biscuit and marshmallow at the same time – with your fingers), lying on the road stargazing, having wallabies visit your tent site in the early morning, listening to Ms McLean's drip, drip, drip story and discovering a bit of Dwellingup history and folklore – just to name a few.

Students had to prepare camp food and cook on a Trangia (camping stove), pack appropriately for the cold and wet, overcome fears, hike 12km (for the weekend), sleep in a tent during winter in the bush, stick to schedules, push their physical and mental limits, respect the environment and equipment, and work cooperatively and coordinate with peers they had not met. This is what Duke of Ed is all about – challenges and leadership.

Congratulation to the following students for completing an awesome weekend:

Year 12 – Kaitlyn Fogarty, Yi Herng Khoo, Mohammed Ariffin Rayn, Alise Wilton

Year 11 – Tanush Embari, Dionne Sebastian, Amani Fakhirah Binti Azlan, Liam Spozetta

Year 10 – Javandesh Dhamy, Kai Jun Khoo, Gayathiri Sekar, Saloni Asawale, Medha Bhushan, Huma Fathima, Mridula Gokulakrishnan, Johsua Ibukunoluwa, Abuzar Muddassar, Amarni Newton-Lowe, Yuhaoran Zhang

Year 9 - Aleena Mathew, Xeyon Mathias, Ethan Paget, Fareeha Ullah, Pallas Dai, Riyan George, Shaurya Govind, Zoe Iacobellis, Latika Koteswaran, Sophia Ody, Caleb Rochester

A huge thankyou to those teachers (and Ms Gauci, the Duke of Ed coordinator) who made this possible – and here's to many more adventurous journeys for all.

Jude Fapani HPE Teacher







On Tuesday 8 June, the second class of Year 7 Gifted and Talented students went to WA Museum Boola Bardip to explore case studies and examples of managing country across multiple museum galleries. This excursion replaced the Covid lockdown cancelled excursion from April.

Students were involved in an enquiry-based activity where they were required to collect evidence to the many ways that Aboriginal people have managed country over thousands

of years. The investigations explored the use of 7000-year-old tidal fish traps in Albany to the use of fire in the Western Australian central desert regions. Who would have thought that squeezing a frog to access water was a viable way to survive in the desert areas?

Students were also given the opportunities to discuss and debate their findings during a facilitated yarning circle in the Ngalang Koort Boodja Wirn gallery.

All the Year 7 students who attended were impeccable representatives of Willetton Senior High and were an absolute pleasure to take on excursion.

John Maxwell

Head of Humanities and Social Sciences

OUR BEAUTIFUL OCEAN CREATURES

More than 350 Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins can be found in the waters around Monkey Mia. In a practical exercise of science in action we present their fin shapes - a unique identifier of each dolphin.

The 2020 photography and identification was a unique project undertaken by our Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award participants with contributions from our Gifted and Talented Program students and School Pathway Program. The document was constructed for use by the public.

DOLPHIN FIN GUIDE

Monkey Mia is the number one behavioural research program in the world for bottlenose dolphins. More than 350. Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins (Tursiops adurcus) are found here. Each dolphin can be identified by their unique fin shape and by their association with other dolphins.



Piccolo Date of Birth 06/12/1992 Family Puck Fun Fact. Has been a part of the dolphin experience for the longest of all the current delphins.

Kiya

Gender: Female

Family Puck

father- Real Notch.

Date of Birth: 13/12/1997

Fun Fact: Piccolo and Kiya are full.

sisters, meaning they share the same



Pan Date of Birth: 14/10/2018 Family Purk (Piccola's call) Fun Fact: She is missing half of her tail due to a shark encounter when she was three months old.





Urchin Date of Birth: 1990 Family, Uhf (Unholeyfin) Fun Fact- Part of the Red Cliff Rascals

Lips

Gender-Male

Family Lick

Morsel

Gender: Male

Family Godiva

Smokey

Date of Birth: 2005

Fun Fact: Part of the Shoreburds alliance

Fun Fact. Missing the top of his fin. Part.

of the Red Cliff Rascals alliance.



Gender: Female Date of Birth, 2005 Family-Uhf (Skruff's call) Fun Fact. Most of the dolphins names in this family end in an 'uff' sound.

Piper

Gender: Mala

Date of Birth: 27/10/2011

Family-Puck (Piccolo's calf)

is his father. Often seen alone.

Fun Fact: Wirriya's father. Part of the

Kroker Spaniels alliance.

Huff

Fun Fact. Piccolo's only male calf. Morsel.



Flute Gender-Female Date of Birth: 13/11/2007 Family: Puck (Piccola's calf) Fun Fact: She is missing the top of her fin due to a shark encounter.



Summer Candar, Male Date of Birth: 04/02/2019 Family: Puck (Eden's calf) Fun Fact. He has a small shark bite at the base of his dorsal fin.



Gender, Male Date of Birth: 1988 Family Surprise's brother Fun Fact: Bent over fin possibly due to a tail slap from another dolphin. Part of the Red Cliff Rascals alliance.



Hugs Gender: Male Date of Birth: 21/11/2019 Family: Uhf (Huff's calf) Fun Fact. Often seen with Summer



Wirriya Pronounced Widdeeya Gender: Female Date of Birth: 07/11/2012 Family: Puck (Kiya's calf) Fun Fact: Her name means salt water in the Indigenous Malgana language.



Samu Sender Male Date of Birth: 12/12/2009 Family, Puck Fun Fact: He has a small hole in his dorsal fin from a shark tooth. Attempting to join the Shoreburds alliance.



Lugh Date of Birth: 1998 Fun Fact: Missing part of his tail fluke and dorsal fin. Part of the Red Cliff Raerale allianna



Woof Gender: Female Date of Birth, 1998 Family-UM Fun Fact. Has an almost perfect semicircle missing from heir dorsal fin.



Eden Gender, Female Date of Birth: 20/11/2003 Family: Puck (Piccolo's first calf) Fun Fact. She has a notch on the back and front of her fin from fishing line



Shiver Sander, Male Date of Birth 39/11/2006 Family, Surprise Fun Fact: Often seen with Samu. Attempting to join the Shoreburds



Blimev Gender: Female Date of Birth: 22/11/2011 Family, Holeyfin (Bliss' calf) Fun Fact: Often seen with Sonic or sometimes with her second cousin. Fin

Fun Fact: She was taken in at three years

old by her aunty, Rhombus, after her

Rockette

Gender, Female

Family: Peolet

mother find

Date of Birth: 2012



Ashton Gender: Female Fun Fact, One of few dolphins who use sea sponges as tools to dig up fish.



Ashton's Calf Gender: Unknown at time of print Date of Birth: 12 /2020 Fun Fact. It will be taught the spone technique by its mother. Only the female calves retain these skills.

Sonic

Gender, Female Date of Birth: 17/11/2010 Family Surprise Fun Fact: Surprise's only living female



Burda Gender-Mak Date of Birth: 21/01/2003 Family Surprise For Fart, Part of the Sharehords alliance named after him. His name means star in the Indigenous Malgana language

Health and Physical Echool Sport wa cross country

In May, 23 Willetton students took to the track to compete in the 2021 School Sport WA Cross Country.

The event was initially postponed due to the Covid restrictions in place early in Term 2 however, this did not deter our eager runners who continued to train in preparation for the event. These efforts resulted in a gutsy performance in warm conditions on the day. Race times were fast, and the open boys race kicked us off with some personal best times. As the day progressed there was plenty of challenges and cheering.

Special mention of Harrison Skipper in Year 7, who qualified 4th in the 12-year-old boys' category qualifying him for national selection. Rhys Cameron and Zac Wakefield also finished in the top 20 of their respective races among hundreds of competitors.

A great effort by all involved and the Willetton students are to be commended on their behaviour on the day. Well done.

A special thank you to those parents who attended and supported our runners.

Clare Jennings HPE Teacher



TOUCH FOOTBALL SSSWA CARNIVAL

A cool, but sunny day on the Touch fields, where three Willetton teams and 30 other school teams assembled for the Junior Touch Carnival at Manning. Two boys' teams and one girls' team from Years 7-9 took to the fields against a variety of experienced school teams. Some of the boys, and many of the girls, had not played Touch since 2019.

All teams ran hard, scored tries, denied tries and were applauded by other coaches and refs for their sportsmanship and honest play. The boys' teams used this as a good training run for their upcoming Rugby tournament.

Regardless of the draws, wins and losses, all teams learnt a lot about the game, and improved throughout the day, despite being exhausted after six games. Thanks to all the players for their dedication to the game, and for representing Willetton in such a superb manner. Thanks also to coaches Mr Mac Gorringe and Ms Jude Fapani and to alumni Naseh Hasan (class of 2019).

Jude Fapani HPE Teacher







YEAR 9 LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

Year 9s participated in the Lightning Netball Carnival on Wednesday 16 June. Our A1 netball team were outstanding, worked well as a team and won in their division. The A2 and C1 division teams played hard and won three games each throughout the day.

As usual our students competed with enthusiasm and their behaviour and support for their team mates was excellent.



Humanities and Social Sciences

MOCK TRIAL TEAMS

The Mock Trial team after winning Round 2 against St Hilda's



YEAR 11 POLITICS AND LAW

Year 11 Politics and Law class in Supreme Court Gardens while visiting the Frances Burt Law Museum and the Perth Law Courts



2021 AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

In Term 1 of this year, students from Year 8 and Year 7-10 Gifted and Talented Education classes challenged their geographical skills and knowledge in the annual Australian Geography Competition.

Our students were amongst 73 000 students Australia wide from 727 state and private schools who took part in the 2021 Australian Geography Competition, which has been running for twenty-nine years. Willetton Senior High School was once again well represented in the competition with 535 students taking part. The competition was challenging and required the completion of a test, which involved three main cognitive processes and associated skills. The first process Knowing, tests a student's ability to recall, recognize and describe. Then second process Applying, tests a student's knowledge to compare, contrast and classify. Reasoning, tests geographic understandings to analyze, synthesis and generalize. The competition was in the form of a set of multiple-choice questions where students' knowledge, application and reasoning on developing countries, environmental issues, geopolitics, maps, current events and physical terrains were tested.

The table below indicates the number of students at Willetton Senior High School who received the higher certificates.

The following ten students are to be commended on their fine results, achieving a certificate of HIGH DISTINCTION and finishing in the top 1% in Australia. This was a doubling of the number of students who attained this level of achievement in 2020.

Year 7 – **Kiana Annuar** with a score of 24/30

Year 8 - Mathew Miller with a score of 25/30

Year 9 – Clare Convery with a score of 33/40; Chudy Isidienu with a score of 35/40; Xinghua Zhu with a score of 35/40

Year 10 – Rachel Cheong with a score of 35/40; Neil Becker with a score of 34/40; Ryan Kway with a score of 34/40; Zachary Williams with a score of 35/40 and Ananya Sanivarapu with a score of 36/40, which was the highest score at Willetton Senior High School.

All 82 students who achieved a High Distinction certificate are to be congratulated as most were in the top 10% in the country in their year group. The Willetton Senior High School results were an improvement on last year's results and demonstrates how the study of geography continues to be a strength for achievement in lower school,

Chudy Isidienu, Ananya Sanivarapu and Rachel Cheong



Willetton SHS Results				
No students	HD	D	С	
535	82	86	102	
%	15	16	19	

HD High Distinction, D Distinction and C Credit

at the national level. While these results are pleasing, there is still work to be done in this area of study and there continues to be opportunities for further improvement.

I look forward to future student achievement and improved results in this competition in 2022.

John Maxwell

Head of Humanities and Social Sciences



Languages

DORAYAKI (JAPANESE SWEETS) SESSION



Our assistant, Mari Hatada, organised another Japanese sweets making session after school on Friday 11 June. Dorayaki is Japanese pancake with sweet bean paste. The session was so popular – attended by about 30 Year 7 and Year 8 students (apologies to those who could not attend because of not enough spots).

Thank you to all the Year 12 students (and past students) who helped on the day, and a big thank you to Mari sensei for organising and the running of the session. Everyone had a great time decorating and eating dorayaki, Doraemon's favourite food.

Haruko Nomoto Japanese Teacher

Maths

YEAR 7 TRANSFORMATIONS

The Year 7 classes have just finished studying transformations and have enjoyed the change of pace in their maths classrooms. They have been focussing on the effect of different transformations and drawing shapes after they have undergone either a translation, a reflection or a rotation. To consolidate these concepts, students were given Mathspace questions and a fun activity from Desmos.

YEAR 8

The Year 8 classes have been working on algebra this term. Ms Mack's class enjoy competing with their classmates, playing algebra games. They have been using their algebra substitution skills to play an equivalent expression card sorting game and a binomial expansion loop.



Isabella Fontaine showing us the Desmos activity while Elika Sharafi and Sara Garner on the Mathspace questions



Claris Chiang, Kate Cleasby, Joanne Chong and Sophia Lee Forooghi with the Mathspace auestions



Charles Teo and Saad Rasool showing some Mathspace transformation questions

Ryan Toor and Dihien Samarasinghe showing the Desmos activity.



Lucas Murray and Mitchell Bass on Mathspace

Taryk Edalere on Mathspace

Science



CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT - CLIMATE WATCH

The Year 11 Biology students got first-hand experience on what a field biologist does when they went on an excursion on to Bold Park in City Beach. Students braved the rain, put on their plastic ponchos and dived right into monitoring and collecting data to assess plant biodiversity in three Banksia woodland sites – mostly restored, partially restored and unrestored areas.

Bold Park is 437 ha of Banksia woodland that was cleared in the 1800s and became a quarry for limestone. In 1983 the Environmental Protection Authority recommended that Bold Park and adjacent bushland be preserved because of its high conservation, recreation, and education value. Sir David Attenborough visited the park in 1989 and referred to it as a great refreshment of the spirit for people who live in towns.

The Year 11s participated in the Citizen Science project where they collected data for a longitudinal Climate Watch study. They observed and recorded the stage of flowering of ten endemic Banksia woodland plant species. The data collected

will be added to the databank that is used by researchers to make predictions on the effect of climate change on endemic plants of the Banksia woodland – an ecologically threatened community. By participating in Citizen Science projects like this, students learn strategies to care for the natural environment and help scientists make changes for a sustainable future.

Charissa Man and **Elizabeth Conocono** Science Teachers

CROSS-CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY

A Year 10 Psychology class have been engaging in discussions surrounding cross-cultural psychology, that is, looking at psychology from different cultural perspectives. Students gathered at the Yarning Circle in the Bush Tucker Garden to learn a little more about Indigenous culture, before cooking marshmallows in the fire that the generous gardeners had prepared for them.

Erin McNulty

Pre-Service Teacher



WHAT DO OWLS EAT?

Year 7 students are studying biology this term. They have been looking at food chains and food webs. In this lesson they were dissecting owl pellets as a way to learn what owls eat. They used a chart to identify the bones they found, and the animal that the bones come from. There were bones from shrew, moles and rodents in the pellets.

Kathleen Davies

Science Teacher



BOARD CHAIR REPORT



I am excited to announce that from Term 3 onward, as part of the Board's initiative to increase student representation at Board level, we will be inviting two Year 10 students to join and participate in School Board meetings. We believe student representation will help promote student voice, consider their ideas and viewpoint and importantly, provide students direct access to Board members to raise difficult issues and challenges faced by them at Willetton.

In a similar vein, we welcome Araan Kousari to the School Board as community representative. As some of you may remember, Araan was the Head Boy for 2019 and graduated from Willetton less than two years ago. Araan's passion is admirable, and he is already contributing positively by helping to run some of the social platforms to better connect the Alumni to the school.

On a different note, the Board will be setting up a relief fund to assist students who may be struggling with basic school supplies to purchase stationery and other items required in class. This fund will be managed by Student Services. So, if any student needs help in this area, please approach Student Services for assistance.

John Yeo

School

MEETINGS

The next School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 August, 5.30pm in the staff room. A list of Board meetings for this year can be found on the school website, under the School Board information. All are welcome. With the fluctuating COVID restrictions, please contact the Board office at willetton.shs. schoolboard@education.wa.edu.au to register your attendance.

WA SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP

The WA Secondary School of the Year Scholarship recognises a student who shows strong leadership skills. The scholarship is awarded to a Year 7 student already enrolled at Willetton Senior High School and presented in 2022. More information will be available from the School Board office, when applications open in Term 3.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY 2021 AUSTRALIAN HONOURS



We congratulate former Board member Professor Tele Tan who was recently announced in the Queen's Birthday 2021 Australian Honours List, for significant service to information and communication technology, and to people on the autism spectrum.

https://govhouse.wa.gov.au/1109-australiansrecognised-in-queens-birthday-honours-list-2021/

We acknowledge Tele for his exceptional service and achievement through the Autism Academy for Software Quality Assurance (AASQA) which has directly benefitted a number of our students, providing them a bright, positive future.

https://research.curtin.edu.au/projectsexpertise/institutes-centres/autism/

Tele's work for young individuals with autism is changing lives and gives hope to many more. Tele will be awarded the Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/awards/2009393



PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD

Do you have a business and would like to partner with the School Board? The Partnerships arm of the School Board is inviting expressions of interest from suitable businesses or individuals who would like to partner with us, as we work to enhance educational opportunities for our students. Partnerships may take the form of financial donations, prize donations, internship and work experience or mentoring opportunities, within the scope of Department of Education policies and practices.

Currently, the Board's focus is on the *Green Space Project*, creating a calm environment for students experiencing mental health challenges. With a growing body of evidence to demonstrate the connection between contact with nature and mental health, the green space will be located next to Student Services, as an added resource for individuals and groups.

Contact with nature is considered a key protective factor for mental health and well-being, and is psychologically restorative. Green environment is associated with improved attitude,

concentration, relaxation and receptivity for behavioural change. It can also aid recovery from excessively aroused states such a experienced by students on the spectrum. The space will incorporate sheltered student seating, plants and student artwork of WA flora and fauna.

The project has been kick started with a small grant from Alcoa. If you wish to partner with us in this project, please contact willetton.shs. schoolboard@education.wa.edu.au

DONATION OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Has your child outgrown their school uniforms? Need to clear space in the wardrobe? You can donate your uniforms to the second hand uniform shop. Proceeds from all sales will go towards funding projects around the school. Only uniforms that are in reasonable condition can be sold, and these can be dropped off at the front office Monday to Friday 8am-3.30pm.

FUNDRAISING WITH

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP FUNDRAISER

Entertainment memberships are now 100% digital, which means you can have your savings on you, all year round. New businesses are also added to your membership through the year.

Willo parents and community members are encouraged to support this fundraiser by purchasing your membership at https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/904a46 as all profits raised will go towards a Student Leadership Development Program initiated by the Board.

Memberships may be purchased at any time of the year, with your 12month membership starting from the date of activation. This makes it a great gift any time of the year. With school holidays upon us soon, this is the perfect time to maximise your savings.



For the first time ever, any purchase of a \$69.99 Single City Membership will be upgraded to a Multi City Membership valued at \$119.99 for FREE! That's a saving of \$50 and access to over 10,000 offers.

As we are currently unable to travel overseas, more people are exploring Australia and New Zealand, which makes the Multi City Membership upgrade a great bonus.

Multi City Membership covers 21 cities and regions including Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney, Darwin, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth, Canberra, Cairns, Geelong, Gold Coast, Launceston, Newcastle, Townsville, Wollongong, Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Waikato and Wellington.

This special limited offer has been extended to 30 June 2021.

For enquiries, please contact Helen Wong on helen.s.wong@education.wa.edu.au or 9334 7217 (Monday and Wednesday).

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS (SOS) PROGRAM

We have registered with Gilbert's Fresh Market, Southlands to be part of the Support Our Schools Program. Please sign up with them in-store and for every purchase you make, 1% of your purchase spend will be donated to the school. It does not cost to sign up, and it's a great way for you to support the school. Funds raised through this program will go back towards projects around the school that enhance your child's educational opportunities.

Since our registration, your participation in the SOS program has raised nearly \$2000, with funds being put towards student scholarships. Thank you for your support!



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP AND BOOKSHOP

	Trading Hours During school term	Location
Second Hand Bookshop	Wednesdays	Room B23 in the undercover area, next to the canteen
	9am-11.30am	Eftpos facilities now available
Second Hand Uniform Shop	Wednesdays	
	9.15am-11.15am	In the PAC building

MASSIVE BOOK SALE ON NOW!

Bookshop clearance sale on Wednesdays, during school term – many books no longer on the current booklist are on sale for just \$2.00 a book! There are textbooks and workbooks across the learning areas including physics, chemistry, human biology, economics etc, and are still excellent resource material.



HOW TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

To find out more about the School Board or how you might get involved, please contact the School Board office by email <u>helen.s.wonq@education.wa.edu.au</u>

Willo Parent Group

MEETINGS

The Willo Parent Group is a very friendly group of parents who meet each term, coming together for parent information sessions or meeting socially over morning tea. This is a great way to meet with members of the school community and find out what is happening around the school. Suggestions for meetings are always welcome. For details of Willo Parent Group events, please contact willetton.shs.schoolboard@education. wa.edu.au or refer to the school website.

STUDENT SERVICES ROLE AND EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

On 22 June, our Student Services team presented at the Willo Parent morning tea. We hope parents have a clearer understanding of the support Student Services offer and the various educational pathways available.

COMING UP in Term 3

R U Legal?

For our next Willo Parent event, we look forward to welcoming R U Legal?

R U Legal will discuss about the age of criminal responsibility and the law in general, focussing on the following topics:

- Cyber bullying
- Sexting and image-based abuse
- Sex and Consent
- · School Fights
- · Drugs and alcohol
- Leavers

R U Legal?

Hosted by: Willo Parent Group

Presenters: R U Legal?

Where: Willetton SHS Staff Room Time: 9.00am to 10.30am When: Tuesday 10 August 2021

Gold Coin Entry

Please bring a plate of morning tea to share over a cuppa and RSVP your attendance to <u>willoparent@gmail.com</u> by Friday 6 August

MAILING LIST

If you would like to be included in a mailing list for Willo News and upcoming events, please contact the Board Office at Willetton.shs.schoolboard@education.wa.edu.au