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Newsletter

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## SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING

The school office will be open from Monday 24 January (closed Wednesday 26 January Australia Day)

## STUDENTS DAY 1

Year 7 students will be welcomed at 8.15am on Monday, 31 January on the front lawn by Mr Coe, their Year Coordinator and student Peer Leaders who then accompany the group to The Arts courtyard.

Year 8 – 12 students meet in the central quadrangle by 8.30am with Year 8 students seated at the front through to Year 12 students at the back, near the library.

Year 7s will be introduced and welcomed by the rest of the school as they move from The Arts courtyard to be seated. Once they are seated, the Welcome to Country and our Mr Hunter's welcoming address are delivered.

At the end of the assembly students are called to move off in their year groups to meet with their Year Coordinator. Here they are called into their tutor groups and move to their tutor group room. Timetables and diaries are distributed here. The first classes will commence around 9.45am and for most students this will be with their tutor teachers in their tutor room.

Students unable to attend on the first day of schooling –

Parent/caregivers must inform the school in writing of the reason for the delay in attending and state the anticipated date on which the student will commence classes.

This should be sent by email to [Willetton.SHS.Studentdetails@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Willetton.SHS.Studentdetails@education.wa.edu.au)

Transperth Guide to travelling to school High School Services ([transperth.wa.gov.au](http://transperth.wa.gov.au))

## NEW STUDENTS' ACCESS TO THE COMPUTER NETWORK

The majority of students who attended a WA Department of Education school in 2021 are able to use their 2021 login details in 2022 at Willetton SHS.

Students should make a note of the username and password they have been using at their school in 2021 and have it with them on Day 1 of 2022. This will enable most of them to sign into the Willetton SHS network from the beginning of next year.

Students who forget their passwords or those whose Department password does not function at this site and students who did not attend a WA Department of Education school in Semester 2 of 2021, will be provided with access to the network in the first days of school. Details of what students need to do to arrange this will be provided by tutorial teachers and the Year Coordinators in 2022.

## STUDENT DEVICES

Teachers at Willetton Senior High School often integrate information technologies into their classrooms to provide a wealth of rich educational resources and tools that deliver positive teaching and learning outcomes. The school has adopted a *Bring Your Own Device* model, meaning students are requested to bring a personally owned laptop to school for the purpose of enhancing their learning experience. If possible the device should support the use of a stylus/pen which allows students to annotate and highlight work directly on the screen.

Parents are reminded that students are provided with free access to the Microsoft 365 suite of applications including Word, Powerpoint and OneDrive so there is no need to purchase this. These applications are able to be installed on five devices. Students should use OneDrive to store their schoolwork as it is automatically backed up without need for a thumb drive or external storage. Further information is available on the school's website under Parent Essentials.

## SUBJECTS AND COURSES 2022

The number of enrolments at Willetton SHS continues to increase and this has been very marked in Term 4 with a large number of students expected in Year 7 2022. There may be some changes to the subjects allocated to Year 7 to 9 students as a result of this continued increase in numbers. Parents may not be advised of this until the commencement of the 2022 school year.

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## YEAR 11 AND 12 COURSES CHANGE REQUESTS 2022

**Year 12** students are advised that they may submit applications for **Private Study** after they are advertised late in Term 1 2022, Private Study applications can be made until 22 July 2022.

**Year 11 and 12** requests for course changes can be made at any time until 7 March 2022. Many requests are made for changes at the start of the year, please be patient if you make a request during the first three weeks of Term 1. Students are advised against sending emails without the form as it gives important information about the program of study and reasons for the request.

## SCHOOL SITE ACCESS – COVID RESTRICTIONS

### PARENTS/CARERS, VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS AT A SCHOOL SITE

- Parents/carers and visitors who pick up and drop off students **are not** required to be vaccinated.
- Parents/carers, volunteers and community members who visit sites (for events such as assemblies, dance and musical performances, parent teacher interviews and sports carnivals) **are not** required to be vaccinated.

### Ad hoc visits to a school

- Parents/carers, volunteers and community members attending an ad hoc rotating parent roster in the classroom with students are not required to be vaccinated.

### SCHOOL BOARD

- School Board members who come on to a school site on a regular basis **are** required to be double dose vaccinated from 31 January 2022 and to have received their first dose by 1 January 2022.
- School Board members who attend meetings and/or participate in school events on an **ad hoc** basis **are not** required to be vaccinated.

### CONTRACTORS AND EXTERNAL PROVIDERS

- Contractors or external providers who attend school sites on a regular basis **are** required to be double dose vaccinated from 31 January 2022 and to have received their first dose prior to 1 January 2022. For example, this includes contractors, sub-contractors, any person engaged to provide goods, services and/or works at the school site, representatives from other government departments, school chaplains, social workers, nurses and any other external providers.
- Compliance will need to be monitored by the site manager/principal.

### THIRD PARTY/COMMUNITY USER – FACILITY ACCESS

- If third party/community users are working on a school site **after school hours**, they **are not** required to be vaccinated. For example, this includes sports groups, language classes, musical groups, scout groups, volunteering groups, dance classes and church groups.

### OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

- **Camps and excursions:** all excursion providers and external staff associated with excursions are not required to be vaccinated.
- **School balls:** guests who are attending school balls **are not** required to be vaccinated for the event.
- **Interschool events:** spectators **are not** required to be vaccinated.

## YEAR COORDINATORS



### FROM THE 2022 YEAR 7 COORDINATOR

#### Hello to all of the parents of Year 7 students in 2022.

I hope all of you, and your children, are as excited as I am for our newest cohort to begin their journey through high school next year. I'm taking this opportunity to introduce myself and share some insights which may be helpful for your families next year.

Before joining the Willetton Senior High School community as a science teacher, I enjoyed a long career with Scitech, leading their science communication team and managing their science theatres. I have brought my enthusiasm for teaching and learning science, aptitude

for engaging students, creative approach to communication and inspirational leadership qualities to Willetton Senior High School. My move into teaching was motivated by a drive to make as much of an impact as I can inspiring young people to engage their curiosity and use their strengths to make positive change. I look forward to capitalising on the responsibility and privilege of the year coordinator role to inspire the very best out of each of your children next year and beyond.

Please remember that the transition into high school can be tricky for some students and their families, and that good support is based in strong and open communication. A big part of my role is to help all of you have the smoothest transition possible and maintain a productive culture throughout your children's schooling. I encourage parents to actively communicate with their children about their experience in school – your advice, understanding and motivation will be of great benefit to your children. Keep yourselves informed and your children advised on their academic and social pursuits and their general wellbeing. Please also contact me if you feel your child needs support at school in any of these areas.

Believe me when I say I am excited to get to know your children next year and lead them through a successful six years with us at Willetton Senior High School.

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# UNIFORMCONCEPTS

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## UNIFORMS

30 Kembla Way, Willetton, WA 6155

Online Ordering available by visiting website [nellgray.com.au](http://nellgray.com.au)

## OPENING TIMES

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9am – 5pm**

**Thurs: 9am – 6pm**

**Sat: 9am – 1pm**

Closed on Sundays, Public Holidays

**Closed for the Festive Season from Saturday  
18 Dec 2021 until Tuesday 4 Jan 2022**

Telephone: 08 9270 4669

Email: [willetton@uc.nellgray.com.au](mailto:willetton@uc.nellgray.com.au)

Website: [www.nellgray.com.au](http://www.nellgray.com.au)

## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Our uniform promotes our public image and enhances a sense of belonging and pride in the members of our school community.

Learning appropriate clothing is part of student acquisition of a positive self-image and teaches them community and employer dress expectations as they enter the world of work.

The overwhelming majority of our students wear the uniform every day with pride. Full uniform compliance is also essential for staff and students' safety and welfare as it clearly signals those who are and are not permitted to be on-site.

The uniform has been designed by students, parents and staff so that it is comfortable, affordable and attractive. A continual review of the uniform is undertaken to ensure this remains the case.

The Willetton Senior High School Board has endorsed this School Uniform Policy stipulating that every student will wear all items of school uniform and uniform items are purchased from the School Uniform Shop.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

- School, rugby or knitted jumper worn with shirt underneath
- Blue Lower School short sleeve shirt
- White Senior School short sleeve shirt
- Blue Lower School long sleeve shirt
- White Senior School long sleeve shirt
- Summer Skirt
- Navy blue school pants
- Navy blue shorts
- Dress
- School scarf

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### YEAR 12 GRADUATION DRESS CODE

- Short sleeve white shirt (no t-shirt underneath or leavers' jumper)
- Navy blue school pants (long) or school skirt
- Black stockings
- Appropriate black shoes
- School tie (on loan from the school)

There are issues which we consider to be important in setting the appropriate tone. They are as follows;

- denim garments and tracksuits are not part of the school dress code
- shoes must be closed
- leggings are not permitted
- stockings only with skirt or dress – not with shorts
- stockings must be plain black or nude in colour
- minimal ear piercing with stud/sleepers or one small nose stud only permitted
- a school shirt must be worn beneath the school uniform outer garments
- dangling earrings, spikey bracelets and chokers are health and safety hazards and are not permitted
- t-shirts/undershirts are to be short-sleeved and white only, with no motifs and not to protrude beyond the sleeves/hemline
- extreme hair colours and styles are discouraged. Only natural colours and hues are acceptable, such as blonde, brunette, black or auburn
- students are not permitted to wear clothing or other items that will cause offence to a reasonable person
- caps are encouraged for sun protection
- Students wearing clothing associated with religious or cultural identity should keep within school colours.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS (PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS):

#### Lower School

WSHS PE shorts  
WSHS light blue PE top

#### Senior School

WSHS PE shorts  
WSHS dark blue PE top for ALL Physical Education Studies students

WSHS dark blue PE top for Lifecare students

### SHOES

- suitable sandals/sneakers which can be tightly laced must be worn on the oval and in the gym
- no skate shoes, bare feet, slip-ons or open-ended footwear is to be worn

### HATS AND SUNSCREEN

- no hats are to be worn in the gym or classroom
- a broad brimmed hat is highly encouraged for outdoor activities but is not compulsory
- sunscreen will be provided for students in Term 1 and 4 on request
- personal supplies of sunscreen and the use of water bottles is highly encouraged

### SECOND-HAND BOOKSHOP

#### 2022

Thursday	27.01.22	9.00am-11.30am
Friday	28.01.22	9.00am-11.30am

#### Week 1 Term 1 2022

Monday	31.01.22	9.00am-11.30am
Wednesday	02.02.22	9.00am-11.30am

For further information, please contact the bookshop on 9334 7282 during opening hours or Helen Wong at [helen.s.wong@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:helen.s.wong@education.wa.edu.au) or 9334 7217 (Mondays and Wednesdays)

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## 2022 STUDENT PHOTO DATES

Student photographs are used for identification at school through our confidential data base and are also available for you to purchase. Photos will be taken by Fotoworks on the following dates:

Year 11 & 12	Week 2	Tuesday	8 February
Year 7 & 9	Week 3	Friday	11 February
Year 8 & 10	Week 4	Friday	18 February

Students will be given an envelope from the photographers which should be with them on the day of the photos even if not purchasing a photo. Each envelope has a unique code which assists us with the naming of each photograph. Envelopes will be sent home during week 1.



*We wish all our families a very happy Christmas and a healthy and restful holiday break*

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