



WARWICK

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER NO 1

Administration Office (Front Office) Hours

Monday to Friday

8:15 am – 3:30 pm

Uniform Shop Hours

FRIDAY 8:00 am – 8.45 am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

FANTASTIC 2013 RESULTS

Warwick SHS Year 12 students had an outstanding year winning many awards from the WA School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) including a student who topped the state in the Psychology subject. As you can imagine we are very proud of these students and their achievements.

Warwick Year 12 High Achievers 2013

- **Course Exhibition (Top Student in WA) – Psychology 3A/B:**
Jessica Catterall (Teacher: Malcolm Dodds)
- **Certificate of Distinction- Human Biological Science (Top 0.5% in state)**
Jessica Catterall (Teacher: Damien Stirbinskis)
- **Certificates of Commendation:**
(Greater than 20 A grades over Year 11/12): 4
Jessica Catterall, Caitlyn Underwood, Larissa Fairlie, Hayley Tavanyar
- **Certificate of Distinction VET**
(Top 0.5% students completing Cert II or above)
Larissa Fairlie, Hayley Tavanyar
- **Westscheme Award for Excellence in VET:** Louise Allen
- **Scholarship winners:**
UWA Excellence Award – Mattulah Mher
CURTIN Principal's Recommendation Scholarships Maysen Kinslow

Highest ATAR: 99.5

Graduation Rate: 100%

Median ATAR: (middle score): 74.6

We are very proud of the hard work and effort of these students and in fact, all 2013 Year 12, and congratulate the staff who have taught and guided the Year 12 group so effectively. Well done to everyone.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

As the year starts, I would like to remind everyone of the expectations of students who attend Warwick SHS. As Principal, the basic expectations I have of students are:

- Attend school every day and be prepared to work.
 - Bring the necessary equipment to school i.e. pens, pencils, rulers, files, paper etc.
 - Wear the uniform, including the new PE uniform.
- and most importantly**
- Have RESPECT for everyone else on this school site.

I will not tolerate students who bully or harass other students and/or do not respond in a respectful manner when spoken to by a Warwick School staff member. (These are the basics of human decency!)

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 1

**PLEASE REFER TO THE
ENCLOSED PARENT PLANNER
FOR THE FULL YEAR CALENDAR**

MONDAY - 3 MARCH

Labour Day Public Holiday

WEDNESDAY - 5 MARCH

Ball Partner Interviews 6 pm

MONDAY - 10 MARCH

Interscholar Swimming Carnival

TUESDAY - 11 MARCH

Year 6 & 7 Parent Night – Tour 6.30 pm
and Meeting 7.00 pm

WEDNESDAY - 12 MARCH

Year 11 Parent Night 7.00 pm

MONDAY - 17 MARCH

Parent Seminar Study Skills 7 pm

MONDAY - 24 MARCH

P&C Meeting – 7.15 pm

Staffroom (above Administration)

Year 8 Immunisation (HPV [1] and
Chickenpox)

WEDNESDAY – 2 APRIL

Anzac Assembly 2.00 pm

FRIDAY – 4 APRIL

Year 8 Great Start Awards Assembly

WEDNESDAY – 9 APRIL

Parent/Teacher Report Evening
5.30-8.00 pm

THURSDAY – 10 APRIL

School Ball Caversham House 7.00 pm

**These dates above are a guide only
and may be changed throughout the
year.**

UNIFORM 2014 – THANK YOU!

Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported the school's request to have all students (except Year 12) in the new uniform for 2014. Looking at the whole school assembly I can see the majority of students are in the new uniform. I was pleased to see it has had the desired effect of having a true "uniform" look and has smartened up the appearance of the student body. There are only a few sizes of skirts/shorts still to arrive and you will be notified when they arrive. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

WELCOME BACK TO 2014 SCHOOL YEAR

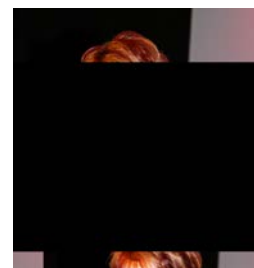
Welcome to all students and staff to the new school year. A big welcome to our Year 8 students and new students in Years 9 to 12. New staff to the school are welcomed:

- Mr Wayne Bariolo – Associate Principal (replacing Mr D Hodge)
- Ms Tess Shipley – Home Economics and English
- Mr Michael Wrenn – ACE Program
- Mrs Jasmine Cousins – Mathematics and Science
- Ms Bree Barber – Netball Program/Physical Education
- Mr David Greeshaw – School Psychologist
- Mrs Jill Burns – Netball Program/Physical Education
- Mrs Natalie Rodney – Aboriginal & Islander Education Officer

Staff who have left Warwick include: Mr Andrew Neho, Mr Mike Sever, Mr Steve Davidson (on leave) Mr John O'Malley (on leave).

I hope that all staff and students have a great start to the new year.

Lesley Wintle
Principal



YEAR 8 VACCINATION PROGRAM

In 2014 the Department of Health is offering a free vaccination program for Year 8 students. The program offers booster doses of childhood vaccinations, as well as an additional vaccine for human papillomavirus (HPV).

Students in Year 8 have received an information pack at school in February 2014 which contains details of the program and a consent form for parents to sign. Parents are asked to sign and return the consent form to enable their children to participate in this free program. For more information, including a video about the vaccination program, visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au. If you have misplaced your envelope, spares are available from the WSHS Administration Office. Please return completed forms as soon as possible.

Vaccination day at Warwick Senior High School for Year 8 students is on Monday 24 March.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Thanks for a great response from the majority of the parents with returning the Health Care cards. Only a few more to be handed to me. Please return these as soon as you are able to and hand them into the front office reception.

It is advisable for you to keep the school informed of changes to your child's health status and any changes in address or phone numbers.

Thank you,

Ros Webster, School Nurse

P&C MEETING NOTIFICATION

The Warwick SHS Parents and Citizens' Association next general meeting will be held on the 24 March 2014 at 7.15 pm in the staffroom (above Administration).

New members welcome. No one is forced to take on Executive positions.

Angela McGuinness - President

Up to date notifications from **Warwick P&C**.
Find us on our **Facebook** page. "LIKE" us on **Facebook**.
<http://www.facebook.com> Warwick senior High School P&C

WSHS P&C NEWS

Welcome to all parents new and returning.

Our P&C AGM and General Meeting was held on the 24 February and I am pleased to report there was an increase in attendance and we also welcomed new members for 2014.

P&C Committee elected: President: Angela McGuinness Vice President: Natalie Tavanyar
Secretary: Helen Hames Treasurer: Corrina stone

Log on to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Warwick-Senior-High-School-PC/576921025674313>

"LIKE" us and follow us to receive notifications on all P&C uniform and canteen news.

UNIFORMS

Our school polo stock has arrived and most orders are now completed and ready for collection. Some items are still on order and we appreciate your patience. Please place your Winter Uniform Order NOW so your student/s can have them in time for the cooler months. **Orders need to be placed by 15 March 2014.**

The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday from 8.00 am to 8.45 am however you can still order and pay online at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

CANTEEN

To ensure that your child receives the lunch or recess that they want, order by 9.00 am each day through the online ordering system.

Any P&C enquiries can be directed through Facebook or online at wshsaccts@gmail.com Send us an email to go into the draw for a school jacket or jumper.

Wishing you all a great year at Warwick and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Angela McGuinness, P&C President

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR WSHS

Please note the change of WSHS Enquiries email address.

warwick.shs.enquiries@education.wa.edu.au

Please use the above email address to advise the school of your family email address.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Congratulations to the 30 students in VET who have completed their Construction Industry Safety White Card training.

Induction for Year 11 Workplace Learning students was held in the Library all day on Friday 21 February. This was compulsory for all students in the Workplace Learning Course of Study.

Workplace learning commenced for Year 12 students on 21 February and will commence for Year 11 students on 7 March.

Congratulations to the following students who have signed up for a School Based Apprenticeship – Ricky Livock and Nelson Summers will be studying Certificate III in Plumbing and Gas Fitting, and Tayla Stevens – Certificate III in Commercial Cookery.

I am available every lunchtime in the Library for any student who would like information on courses or to discuss career pathways.

Elise Smith – VET Coordinator

DIARIES NOW AVAILABLE



At a parent meeting in 2013, parents requested, that students have a hard copy diary in which to enter their homework/assessments. The school has organised for diaries to be available to students. They can be purchased from the Front Office at a cost of \$10.00.

The following students MUST have the school diary:

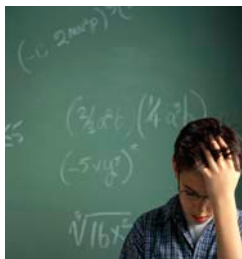
- All Year 8 students
- All Year 9 students
- Year 10 Academic Extension Program students
- Year 11 and 12 ATAR students.

The use of the school diary will be linked to our Study Skills program and it is important that all the above mentioned students have a copy.

We thank parents/carers for their support in ensuring students have all the appropriate equipment for school.

Marisa Del Pin – Associate Principal

STUDY SKILLS SESSIONS



Year 8 to 11 students will participate in a number of Study Skills sessions in term 1.

The sessions are run by Elevate Education and cover the following topics:

- Year 8 (19 February) – Study Skills Kick Start
- Year 9 (19 February) – Memory and Mnemonics
- Year 10 (25 February) – Study Sensei
- Year 11 (7 March) – Time Management

Year 12 students will prepare for their Semester 1 exams by having a study session on 2 May titled “Ace your Exams”.

Feedback from students and teachers indicates these sessions are valuable and assist the students with their studies.

Marisa Del Pin – Associate Principal

BANNED ITEMS AT WARWICK SHS

There are a number of banned items that parents/carers need to be aware of. They are banned for safety or health reasons.

They include any **aerosol spray cans**, any **illegal substances**, **laser light points**, **thick permanent chemi-pens (i.e. textas)** and **weapons**.

Students are also asked not to bring caffeine based “energy” drinks onto the site, as these have been shown to not be good for a teenager’s health.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL?

If your child is going to be absent from school and you wish to advise the school of your child’s absence via text message.

The number to use is
0407 983 896.



2013/2014 Contributions & Charges

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Are you eligible for the \$350 Secondary Assistance Scheme?

To be eligible to claim for the Secondary Assistance Scheme you must hold one of the following cards:

Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
Centrelink Family Health Care Card
Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner concession Card (blue card only)

These cards must be current in the first term of 2014

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school
- \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school

Application is made by the parent or guardian for students enrolled in Years 8 to 12 at a secondary school *or by a student who holds their own Health Care card and has been declared independent by Centrelink (e.g. living away from home)*. A letter from Centrelink confirming independent status must accompany the application form.

Application forms are available from the front office.

Applications close on Friday 11 April 2014.

2014 Contributions & Charges are now payable

Students whose charges are not paid up to date may not be invited to attend extra curricular events e.g.: reward excursions, river cruises, camps etc. **Year 12 students must have outstanding charges from previous years paid.**

To allow the school to provide all students with optimal educational outcomes, please make every effort to pay the Contributions and Charges. These funds go directly to the Learning Areas to subsidise resources and equipment for the use of our students.

WORK PLACE LEARNING (WPL)

The subject charge for Work Place Learning (WPL) is \$100.00.

50% due **before** participating in the Induction Program
50% is due **before** the commencement of the first work placement.

ACCESS TO CAREER AND EDUCATION (ACE)

Students enrolled in the **ACE Program** are reminded that 50% of charges are to be paid on enrolment and the remainder to be paid by the end of Term 1 2014.

Payment Options:

- Cash/EFTPOS – in person at the front office
- Cheque/ Money order – payable to “Warwick Senior High School”
- Credit Card
- Internet

ACCOUNT NAME: Warwick Senior High School

BSB: 306 074

ACCOUNT No.: 419 704 8

Reference: student name

Are You Experiencing Financial Difficulties?

The school is sympathetic to families suffering financial hardship. If your family is experiencing financial difficulties; please contact Christine Lott, School Officer on 6240 4400 to arrange a payment plan. Contributions and charges may be paid off at as little as \$10 per week.

Thank you to all the parents who have already made payment to the school.

Rose Gannaway - Business Manager

WSHS DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

A selection of light industrial heavy machines for sale.
e.g.: lathes, drill presses, band saws etc. from the D&T area. Contact the Business Manager 6240 4415.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Staff at Warwick Science

As seems to be the norm lately, Warwick Science farewells staff and welcomes new staff members to our ranks. Our long time Laboratory Technician Ms Marita Ratcliff, won a promotion and has left to work at the Shared Services section at the former Padbury S.H.S. We welcome Mrs Lena Durbridge who is acting in this position until April when a permanent replacement will be appointed. Mr Geoffrey Dawson who taught one class last year has moved full time to the Society and Environment Department replacing Mr Stephen Davidson. Filling his position we welcome Mrs Jasmine Cousins to the department for 2014. The existing staff of Mr Graham Johnson (HOLA), Mrs Donna Birch, Mr Malcolm Dodds and Mr Damien Stirbinskis return for this year, for another year of discovery.

ATAR Success for Science

The 2013 ATAR results were a spectacular success story for Warwick Science. I hardly know where to start, but perhaps the best place to start is at Number 1. Warwick Science had the best Stage 3 Psychology student in the state in Jessica Catterall. This outstanding result was not only a reflection on Jessica's commitment to her studies but also on the work of teacher Mr Malcolm Dodds. It was the first time that Stage 3 Psychology was taught at the school and this result would not have been possible without the tireless effort of Mr Dodds. Jessica was also ranked in the top 0.5% of all students taking Human Biological Science with the help of teacher Mr Damien Stirbinskis. Again a great effort by both parties! However we were not just one hit wonders with the median ATAR score in Psychology, Human Biological Science, Physics and Chemistry all being above state average. This continues a run of ATAR results being either above state or 'Like Schools' for the past 3 years. This is a credit to all the Science teachers at Warwick for not only their work with these classes but the work they do with our lower school classes in preparation for Year 11 and 12.

Student Workbooks

Once again the Science Department will issue all students in Years 8 to 10 with a student workbook for each of their science strands this year. These workbooks will contain activities that will make up most of their homework throughout the year. You can help your child by checking work in this book to see if it has been completed when required. Students will need to regularly do homework from this book throughout the year. Lost copies can be replaced by purchasing another copy or downloading it from the Warwick Science website (www.warwickscience.info) and clicking on the Student Workbooks link.

Information Letters for Parents

Inside the front pages of the Lower School workbooks we have included an Information Letter for Parents for you to read. This letter is designed to supply you with information about the policies, procedures and expectations for all students in science this year. If you have not received your copy please ask your child to show you their student workbook, ring your child's teacher and request a mailed copy or go online to the science department website (www.warwickscience.info)

and click on the **Information for Parents** to download a copy.

Exercise Books

On the booklist for this year we requested that all students purchase individual exercise books for their use in Science. The reason for this is simple. We wish to be able to collect their workbook to reinforce organizational and completion strategies that we feel are important in your child's science learning. When students use the spiral binding 5 subject binders it makes this impossible to do this without disrupting other classes. We also find that the students' organization within these binders is somewhat lacking. We therefore respectfully ask that if they have been sent to school this term with a 5 subject binder, that an exercise book, either 48 or 96 pages is required for use in Science.

Science Department Focus in 2014

The Science Department this year has decided to place an increased emphasis on assisting students who miss time at school to catch up. Students miss school for a number of reasons from illness to vacations and whilst it really doesn't matter what the reason is, it's imperative that students catch up. So the Science Department is aiming to produce a number of different resources that will assist students to catch up on missing work. It must be stated that it is not only the responsibility of the Science Department to assist students to catch up on missed work. Every time a student is away they need to either speak to a classmate to find out what was covered or talk to their teacher. As Science is a subject that builds in terms of complexity, if you miss work it will be difficult to understand new material.

School Battery Recycling Program

We are part of the School Battery Recycling Program and in the two years we have been involved, we have collected an amazing 44kg worth of batteries. This means that the batteries we collected won't end up in landfill contaminating the soil. So this year once again give your used batteries to your child and get them to drop them off to their Science teacher so we can dispose of them in our battery bin. Once the bin is full it will be picked up by the City of Stirling and the batteries recycled. Dry cell batteries such as AA, AAA, C, D, button batteries, 9V and 6V are recyclable, not car or mobile phone batteries. Help us help the environment.

Making Teacher Contact

We always encourage teachers to make regular contact with parents to keep parents informed on their child's progress. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress please make contact with the Science Department on 6240 4413.

The Science Department wishes all students a happy and successful year in 2014.

Mr Graham Johnson - HOLA – Science

REQUIRE MULCH FOR YOUR GARDENS?

Do you require mulch for your gardens? If so please call our School Business Manager, Rose Gannaway for further details. (08 6240 4415).

**RECYCLE UNWANTED WARWICK SHS
SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

Recycle your student's unwanted WSHS school uniform. Please make sure they have been laundered and are in good condition.

You can drop off all donations at the front Administration Office. These may be used to loan to students who are sometimes out of uniform or may need an emergency change of clothes during the day.



Thank you in advance for your donation.

SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAY BREAKS 2014

TERM 1 Monday 3 February – Friday 11 April

HOLIDAYS: Saturday 12 April – Tuesday 29 April

TERM 2: Wednesday 30 April – Friday 4 July

HOLIDAYS: Saturday 5 July – Monday 21 July

TERM 3: Tuesday 22 July – Friday 26 September

HOLIDAYS: Saturday 27 September – Monday 13 October

TERM 4: Tuesday 14 October – Thursday 18 December

HOLIDAYS: Friday 19 December

2015 COMMENCES – Monday 2 February 2015

INSURANCE COVER FOR STUDENTS

Please be advised that the Department of Education does not cover students for injury due to accidents while at school.

Parents are required to purchase insurance cover for their children if they so desire.

EBM Insurance Brokers offer a 24 hour a day, 7 days per week insurance cover for \$29 per year. This includes medical cover, ambulance cover and many other aspects.

You can apply online at:
www.studentcover@ebmininsurance.com.au

We encourage you to pay this small cost for your peace of mind, and possible financial benefit. Those in specialist sporting programs are strongly urged to apply.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**PUBLIC CYBER AWARENESS PARENTING SEMINAR
YOUR KIDS ONLINE**

Seminars and Workshops – Learn how to interact and protect your kids.

This public event runs in April and May and will be held at the Perth Zoo.

Cyber Savvy parents means better informed students!
Further information and purchase of tickets for this seminar can be obtained online at www.YourKidsOnline.com.au

**WANNEROO DISTRICTS NETBALL ASSOCIATION
(At Kingsway)**

Rangers Netball Club are looking for players aged 10 and over to fill several vacancies at the club.

For more information and enquiries:

www.facebook.com/rangersnetball

www.rangersnetball.com

Amy Blitvich – 0433 742 255 or ablit@inet.net.au

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Applications are now open for Rotary Youth Exchange 2015 (close March 31) for Western Australian students who would like to spend a year overseas, and should anyone be interested in exchanging in future (students aged between 15-18 years as at January 1 the year they leave can apply) hosting is an excellent way to learn more about the program.

Further information can be found www.youthexchange.asn.au/ or on the District's Youth Exchange Facebook page www.facebook.com/D9455RotaryYouthExchange. If you are interested in Hosting, or you are interested in applying for Rotary Youth Exchange 2015, please contact Trish Lynch on 0417 188 651 or pelynych@wn.com.au

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