



# WARWICK

## SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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### 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**

### WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

On Monday 9 June, the West Australian newspaper reported that 'More Schools to Merge, Close'. The paper listed eight secondary schools in the North Metro region that 'may close or amalgamate due to having fewer than 600 students'. I was really angry to see this as this is UNTRUE! The Minister for Education, Peter Collier, spoke to 200 Principals at our annual conference on Tuesday 10 June and told the group categorically that there are 'no plans for mergers or closures in the north metro region'. (I heard him say it!)

Many of the schools mentioned have under 600 students now due to the ½ year cohort (who are now in Year 12) and bigger public schools taking out of boundary students. These factors have changed leading up to the start of 2015 and our enrolments will increase due to the ½ cohort graduating, and larger schools being restricted from taking out of boundary enrolments, to make space for their Year 7 groups.

I expect Warwick's school population to be over 750 in 2015! Please spread the word: "Warwick SHS is not closing or amalgamating!"



**Lesley Wintle**  
**Principal**

### **STUDENTS BEING TAKEN OUT OF SCHOOL BY PARENTS/CARERS**

Consistent attendance at school is important. Success in an educational program requires students being in all classes and engaged in their learning.

Recently, a number of parents/carers have arrived at the school asking to take their child out of school for the remainder of the day. We ask parents/carers keep this practice to a minimum. Please arrange, where possible, all medical/personal appointments for after school hours.

Warwick SHS is a school that finishes earlier than most (2.45 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 2.30 pm on Thursday). There is ample time at the end of the school day for appointments and attending to personal matters. Please support your child's education by leaving them at the school for the entire school day and not removing them unnecessarily.

**Marisa Del Pin – Associate Principal**

### **P&C MEETING NOTIFICATION**

The Warwick SHS Parents and Citizens' Association next general meeting will be held in Term 3 on Monday 28 July 2014 at 7.15 pm in the staffroom (above Administration).

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

**Angela McGuinness - President**

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<http://www.facebook.com/WarwickSeniorHighSchoolP&C>

## **DATES TO REMEMBER** **FOR TERM 2**

### **FRIDAY – 20 JUNE**

Year 12 start Work Place Learning

### **TUESDAY – 24 JUNE**

Year 10 Lightning Carnival – Australian Rules only

**Reports mailed home**

### **WEDNESDAY – 25 JUNE**

Year 8 Home Ec. Parent Afternoon Tea – 2.00 pm

### **THURSDAY – 26 JUNE**

Year 8 Home Ec. Parent Afternoon Tea – 1.50 pm

### **FRIDAY – 27 JUNE**

Year 8 Home Ec. Parent Morning Tea 10.00 am.

### **MONDAY – 30 JUNE**

Year 10 Course Counselling for Year 11 - 2015

Year 9 Outdoor Ed. Camp - Guilderton

### **TUESDAY – 1 JULY**

School Assembly -  
Top Student Awards - 8.45 am

Year 10 Course Counselling for Year 11 - 2015

### **WEDNESDAY – 2 JULY**

Students commence School 11.15 am (½ day)

**Parent/Teacher Meeting**  
**3.00 to 5.30 pm**

### **FRIDAY – 4 JULY**

School holidays commence 2.45 pm

### **TUESDAY – 22 JULY**

School resumes 8.30 am for students

### **MONDAY 28 JULY**

**P&C Meeting – 7.15 pm**  
**Staffroom (above Administration)**

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

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



**Tyrese Miller**



**Billygene Johns**



**Harley Stack**



**Jake Eeringa**

**Tyrese Miller** (Year 10), **Billygene Johns** (Year 9), **Harley Stack** (Year 10), **Jake Eeringa** (Year 9) participated in the State Schoolboys' Football Squad trials held over the last few months.

The school has been advised that **Tyrese** and **Billy** were successful at the trials and will represent Western Australia in the 2014 State AFL 15s Team. They will be competing at the National Schools Championships in Sydney in July 2014. All these boys participate in the Warwick SHS Specialist Football Program.



**Harley Stack** (Year 10) was successful at the State Schoolboys' Football Squad trials and was chosen to represent WA in the KickStart Cup Under 15 Indigenous Football Carnival. Harley is pictured here at Patersons Stadium receiving his 2014 Flying Boomerangs squad jumper. Harley is also an East Perth Football Club junior footballer.



**Alan Kenny** (Year 11)

*'Kenny pitches Western Australia to Bronze Medal'*

Alan recently participated in the 2014 School Sport Australia Interstate Baseball Championship held in Wollongong. Selected as a relief pitcher, Alan pitched 4.1 scoreless innings resulting in winning one game and not giving up any runs in his appearances. Alan came into both games with runners on base and pitched well enabling Western Australia to win both games that he appeared in. Western Australia won the bronze medal after defeating Queensland 6 – 2. Alan is currently in the



United States with the Perth Heat Colts playing against various high school and college teams. Alan was a member of the State Under 18 team last year and has been a regular member of the Warwick SHS baseball team.



**Nathan Dear** (Year 8) – Nathan has completed five years of training in Taekwondo and is now a Black Belt Second Dan. At the Perth Taekwondo Open Competition earlier in the year Nathan won Gold (12-14 years Cadets). On 6 June he competed in Perth at the International Clubs Taekwondo Association competition (this included contestants from Thailand, Korea, Malaysia and Indonesia). Nathan gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 12-14 Years Cadets. Nathan will be competing in the WA State Competition in July.

### **BANNERS IN THE TERRACE ART COMPETITION**

(Placegetters designs can be viewed on the Joondalup City's School Connections site)

**Matthew Trieu** (Year 9) [left] Won First prize in the City of Joondalup Banners in the Terrace Art competition. Matthew's design will now be transferred to a large banner to represent Joondalup and will be displayed in St George's Terrace in Perth, during Local Government Week (27 July – 9 August) with 80 other banners.

**Han Nguyen** (Year 9) [right], was selected as Second place.

**Congratulations.** Their prizes will be presented to them at a school assembly after August 18.



## Have you tried the school's free Yoututor service yet?

Traditional tutoring is expensive and not everyone can afford the cost. Additionally, some students are excluded from resources because of their geography and the distances they must travel every day. Yoututor at its core aims to be an equal-access resource, erasing some of the boundary between the 'haves' and 'have nots'.

### yourtutor:

- (a) Creates, or supports, an after-school homework centre;
- (b) Encourages students to complete homework earlier in the afternoon, rather than later;
- (c) Allows for homework help on the weekend, particularly when assignments are due Monday;
- (d) Helps senior school students, who often work on assignments later in the evening or who manage sport and work commitments.

## Students: Win a \$100 iTunes voucher thanks to ECU

Next time you get stuck on a homework question or even if you just want to revise a concept you're not sure about, log in at [www.ecu.edu.au/yourtutor](http://www.ecu.edu.au/yourtutor), and a live tutor will be waiting online to help you figure it out.

Students who fill out the brief survey, and have a tutorial, will be entered into the draw to win a \$100 iTunes voucher, so don't forget to complete the survey before or after your tutorial to be in the running.

### Wayne Bariolo – Associate Principal

#### **PARENT/TEACHER REPORT AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY 2 JULY – 3.00 PM to 5.30 PM**

A letter has been mailed to all parents/carers inviting them and detailing the timetable for the Parent/Teacher Report afternoon on Wednesday 2 July, to be held in the S&E Activity Area and classrooms. There will be supervised private study in the Library from 8.30 am till school commences. Please call the school to register that your child will attend from 8.30 am. Normal classes for students will start at 11.15 am.

Information about the online booking procedures will be enclosed with your child's report, which will be mailed to you on Tuesday 24 June.

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent/Teacher Report afternoon.

### Wayne Bariolo – Associate Principal

#### **COURSE COUNSELLING FOR YEAR 10 ENTERING YEAR 11 IN 2015**

Parents/carers of Year 10 students will have received the information to book an individual appointment to help select courses for Year 11 2015. The interviews are scheduled for 25 minutes duration and will take place on Monday 30 June and Tuesday 1 July. Bookings can be made using the Parent/Teacher On-line booking system via a link on our school website at [www.warwickshs.wa.edu.au](http://www.warwickshs.wa.edu.au).

For parents/carers who do not have access to the web at home you can contact our office and we will assist you with your booking. Year 10 students and parent/carers are encouraged to research possible careers or courses of study to assist in the senior school course selection progress.

### Marisa Del Pin – Associate Principal

#### **2015 TIMETABLE PLANNING**

Planning and preparation for the 2015 Timetable is well underway. This timetable will be a little more complex than usual with the arrival of the Year 7 into the secondary school system.

Year 7 and 8 students will study a compulsory course of English, Mathematics, Science, Society and Environment, and Physical and Health Education as well as a 'taster' course comprising a variety of subjects. These include courses such as Home Economics, Design and Technology, Information Technology and Art.

Year 9 and 10 students study the same compulsory courses as the Year 7 and 8 students as well as Career Education.

Current Year 8 and 9 students will choose their non-compulsory courses early in Term 3. Handbooks with course descriptions and course costs will be distributed after the July holidays.

Year 11 and 12 students will be completing courses to achieve their Western Australian Certificate Education.

Timetabling is a complex process and the school endeavours to meet as many student choices as possible based on our teacher expertise, available resources and student selections.

### Marisa Del Pin – Associate Principal

#### **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.**



## SCIENCE NEWS

### National Youth Science Forum



Year 11 student **Sarah Evans** has been successful in gaining entry to the regional finals for the National Youth Science Forum. The forum, which is held in Canberra in January is a highly competitive conference that requires students to apply for positions, attend interviews and submit academic records. Sarah was ranked as the top applicant in the district selections held by the Karrinyup Rotary Club. We

thank the club for their support and interest in Science education at Warwick. We have had a long standing and positive relationship with the Rotary Club of Karrinyup. From here Sarah will go into the regional finals. The NYSF program consists of a mix of scientific, formal, personal development, and social activities. These range from laboratory visits to sports evenings and a bush dance.

### Student Workbooks

For every strand in Science, every student is given a student workbook. The workbook is designed to assist students with not only their science education but also their literacy and numeracy skills. Most of the homework given by staff will come from this book so please ask your child about their book and check it every two weeks to ensure that the book is being completed. Along with being at school, which is the most important factor, completing all required work will give you child the best chance of succeeding in Science.

### School Battery Recycling Program

Our school battery recycling program is off to a great start with 7 kilograms of batteries being collected in the first month of the program, a fantastic start. Please keep the batteries coming in. We are aiming for more batteries in our second month. Dry cell batteries such as AA, AAA, C, D, button batteries, 9V and 6V are recyclable, not car or mobile phone batteries. Help us care for our environment and send the batteries into the front office or with your child's Science teacher.

### Students Changing Classes

At the end of each strand of work, the Science staff sit and critically analyse the results of each student in our lower school classes. As a result some students will be moved into a class that better reflects their ability in Science. Our Academic Extension class is highly competitive and students who do not reach the required academic level will be moved into a lower class, with their place taken by a student who has performed well in a another class. All students do exactly the same course and assessment items so consistent and valid judgements about performance can be made. However, the Academic Extension students have expectations of producing higher quality of work and gaining better results.

### 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.

**Mr Graham Johnson - HOLA – Science**

## WA GRANDCARERS SUPPORT PAYMENTS AVAILABLE

### GRANDCARERS SUPPORT SCHEME

The above scheme was launched by the Department of Local Government and Communities in November 2013. However, many grandparent carers are still unaware of this potential source of much needed financial support. Wanslea has been contracted to deliver the above support by assessing applicants against the eligibility criteria. (The criteria and contact for information is included on the enclosed flyer).

## 2013/2014 Contributions & Charges

### 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 or certificates, reference and graduation photos may be withheld.**

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.

### 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 School Officer, Christine Lott, 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**

## YEAR 8 VACCINATION PROGRAM

### GARDASIL VACCINE

If your child misses one of the Gardasil vaccinations either call the City of Joondalup and book your child in to have this vaccine in one of their Tuesday morning clinics. Bookings essential, phone 9400 4938.

OR

You can make an appointment at your General Practitioner (this may incur a fee).

**Remember:** It is important to have all three (3) Gardasil injections. They are also quite costly, so it is important your child does not miss out on this opportunity.

**Ros Webster – School Nurse**

## SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAY BREAKS 2014

- 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**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### JULY HOLIDAY WACE REVISION

10 hour subject revision, high quality, small group classes with specialist WACE teachers. Enrol online to attend Rossmoyne SHS, Churchlands SHS and Perth Modern School at [www.academictaskforce.com.au](http://www.academictaskforce.com.au). Or enrol online to attend UWA or Corpus Christi College at [www.academicassociates.com.au](http://www.academicassociates.com.au). Or call 9314 9500 or email [learn@academictaskforce.com](mailto:learn@academictaskforce.com) for further information.

### MASTER MIND AUSTRALIA ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

#### JULY REVISION PROGRAM

Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision  
For all students in year 10, 11 and 12

This revision program aims to prepare students for Term 3 and Mock Exams. Courses will be conducted at: Christ Church grammar School, Hale School, All Saints' College and Willetton Senior High School  
Early Bird enrolment discount applied if received before 22 June 2014.

For further information on these programs contact:  
Dr Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377  
[www.mastermindaustralia.com.au](http://www.mastermindaustralia.com.au)



## Join your local library today

Join any City of Joondalup Library between Monday 19 May and Saturday 19 July 2014 to win an iPad Air.

Current members will also be in the running to win an iPad Air just by borrowing an item between Monday 19 May and Saturday 19 July 2014.

[joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au)