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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As this school year draws to a close, I would like to thank all the parents/carers who have supported the school this year.

A child's education is a 3 way partnership between the teacher, the student and the parents. When this is a successful partnership then the child can gain the best results possible from their schooling. Over my time at this school, I have always found the parents/carers to be willing to support the school and respond to the advice given about their child's education.

Warwick has had another very successful year in many aspects, and the items highlighted in this newsletter are a testament to this.

My sincerest thanks go to the School Board, who are fundamental to good governance of the school and the P&C Association who give the parents a voice and raise funds which buy resources for student use.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy festive season and a great new year. In your travels, stay safe on the roads and I look forward to another great year at Warwick SHS.

Ms Lesley Wintle
Principal



Staff in the new STEM building planning for
Year 7 Digital Learning



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



MIA RUSSO DRAFTED TO THE WEST COAST EAGLES

On Monday 15 December, Year 12 student and school captain Mia Russo, was drafted by the AFLW West Coast Eagles team as pick number 20. Mia and her family kindly invited Warwick staff to join them at the draft party held at West Perth Football Club and to share in the celebrations.

From the West Coast Eagles Football Club

Pick 20: Mia Russo

DOB: 06/08/2007

Height: 165cm

Position: Midfielder

Recruited from: West Perth

Draft bio: Russo is an inside midfielder who is both powerful and competitive and is a stoppage star who can shrug off opponents and exit congestion with ease. She can also push forward and hit the scoreboard, which she did kicking two goals in trying conditions in WA's thrilling win over Victoria Metro. Russo averaged 19 disposals per game against the National Championships and was rewarded with All Australian selection. She also received that honour at Under 16s level in 2023, where she also claimed the Pool A Best and Fairest. She had an excellent year at senior level with West Perth this year, averaging 20 disposals in eight matches. A member of the Marsh AFL National Academy.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CONTINUED

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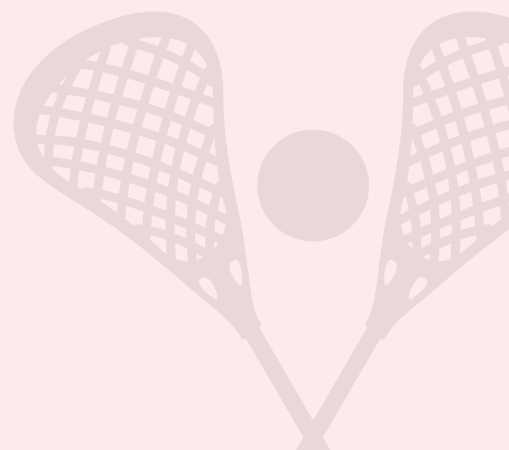
The below Warwick students recently represented Western Australia in the boys and girls teams at the Lacrosse Australia Under 15 National Field Lacrosse Tournament.

- **Evie Gould (Year 7)** - Girls team
- **Tim Gould (Year 8)** - Boys team
- **Jasper Venn (Year 9)** - Boys team
- **Kade Lakin (Year 9)** - Boys team

Tim and Kade have also represented U15 WA teams in previous years..

- **Charlotte Huxtable (Year 7)**

Charlotte was chosen for a development squad team to gain experience during the Tournament process on her journey to hopefully represent WA in future years.





TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES



27 JAN: SCHOOL OFFICE IS OPEN

2 FEB: TERM 1 COMMENCES FOR STUDENTS

3 FEB: YR 7 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

WEEK 2: WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

17 FEB: YR 8 - 12 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

18 FEB: SPECIALIST GROUPS AND SIBLING PHOTO DAY



CHRISTMAS DONATION APPEAL



Thank you to all students, staff and families who donated for the Christmas Donation Appeal.

A boot full of items was collected and delivered.

We hope to be a part of this cause again next year.



MOVEMBER

With Mr Dow, Mr Edwards, Mr Pesce, Mr Curry, Mr Persie, Mr. Scurria & Mr. Chapman



During Week 6, 7 male brave teachers put their names forward to face the wrath of students and their donations all in the cause of Movember to raise awareness for men's health. Students placed their highest bids for the opportunity to redesign the staff beards and moustaches. Thank you to all families, staff and students who donated and to those staff members who had to maintain a different look for a couple of weeks.





CANBERRA AND SYDNEY TOUR



Parliament House

Year 9 students recently returned from a fantastic educational tour of Canberra and Sydney. The group of 30 students travelled across the country to explore Australia's history, government, and culture first hand.

The Canberra leg of the trip brought the Civics and Citizenship curriculum to life. Students toured the High Court of Australia, Government House, the Australian War Memorial, and both the old and new Parliament Houses. A particular highlight was the opportunity to meet with Dr Anne Aly, the Federal Member for Cowan.

Beyond the political history, students explored the world of science at Questacon and the Deep Space Communication Complex. The itinerary also allowed for plenty of fun and team building, including bowling, laser tag, and a memorable climb of the Sydney Harbour Bridge at sunset. The group also enjoyed sightseeing at the Sydney Opera House and Bondi Beach before flying home.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to our school in the amount of \$765.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion, to defray total costs.

Mr Max Curry
HASS Teacher and Tour Coordinator



One small
step for...girl...



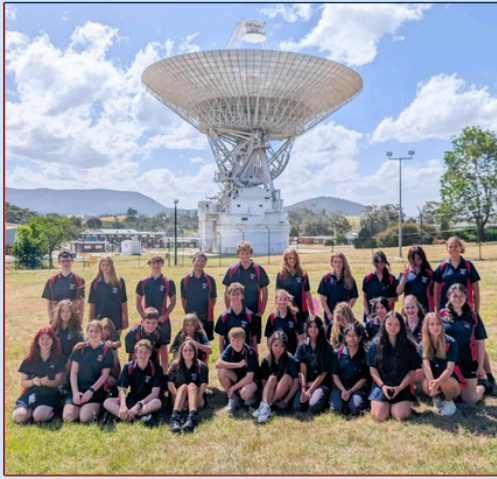
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Plane Trip



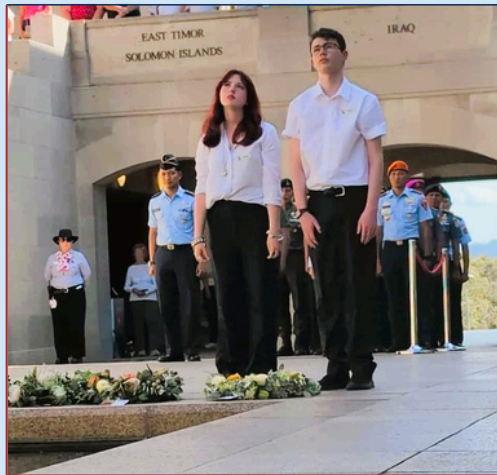
Stop and smell the roses



Deep Space
communication complex



Melbourne Airport Stop



Australian War Memorial

CANBERRA AND SYDNEY TOUR



Questacon



Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb



YEAR 7 CURTIN UNI GAMES

Year 7 students recently took part in an exciting and rather hot games day at Curtin University Stadium, joining students from other schools for a high energy day of sport and challenge based activities.

The event provided a valuable introduction to university life, encouraging students to think about future pathways in a supportive and welcoming setting. Throughout the day, students demonstrated impressive teamwork, skill and sportsmanship, all while having plenty of fun along the way.

Congratulations to all Year 7 students involved for their enthusiasm, cooperation and positive attitude.



Year 8

SPEECH AWARDS

On Tuesday 9 December, the Year 8 cohort gathered for the annual Year 8 Speech Awards in the new Performing Arts Centre. This event showcased a series of compelling persuasive speeches and lively debates by a group of self nominated Year 8 students.

Throughout the morning, students presented speeches on a range of thought provoking topics. The individual speeches began with Paige De Stefano, who delivered a grounded argument on why animal testing should be banned. Bailey Terepai followed with an insightful discussion on the divide between private and public schools and Meim Ser concluded the segment with a compelling speech on the impacts of the civil war in Myanmar.

The debates kicked off with Caitlin Bisset and Isabelle Janssen presenting a well structured and evidence based discussion on whether developed nations have an obligation to provide foreign aid to developing countries. The event concluded on a light hearted note, with a passionate debate between Chloe Upton, Aleah Petsos and Sahara Vukomanovic on why seagulls should be arrested. Their performance was a brilliant example of how expression and body language can captivate an audience.

The awards ceremony followed the presentations, where students were recognised for their outstanding work. Judging the event were three adjudicators: Ms Kate Morrison, Mr Ben Farrell and Mr James Buchan. Each presentation was judged based on the speaker's engagement with the argument, persuasiveness and audience awareness.

The Year 8 Speech Awards was a fantastic opportunity for students to celebrate their hard work, resilience and belief in one another. Congratulations to all the participants for their efforts!

Ms Pinithi Siriwardana
English Teacher

Participants

Individual speeches

Bailey Terepai
Paige De Stefano
Meim Ser

Debates

Group 1

Caitlin Bisset
Isabelle Janssen

Group 2

Chloe Upton and Aleah Petsos
Sahara Vukomanovic

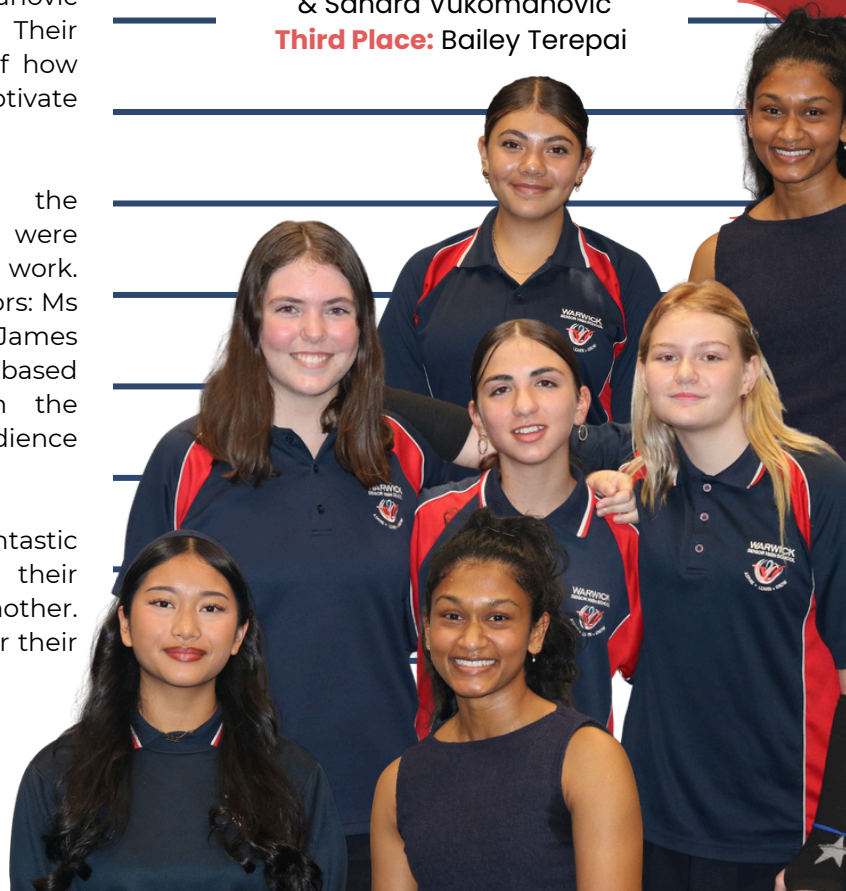
Award Winners

First Place: Meim Ser

Second Place:

Chloe Upton, Aleah Petsos
& Sahara Vukomanovic

Third Place: Bailey Terepai



YR 10 FOOTBALL

The Year 10 group has finished off the year with back to back games against Pinjarra Senior High School and Governor Stirling Senior High School, coming away with a 1 – 1 record.

Travelling to Pinjarra, the group got away to a quick start, kicking 3 goals to the opponent's 1 in the first quarter. The momentum stayed with them, as we were able to outscore Pinjarra every quarter to come away with a convincing win.

Governor Stirling visited us the following week, and again Warwick were away to a quick start, kicking the first 2 goals of the game. Unfortunately, our opponents switched into gear shortly after and from there on in controlled the remainder of the game.

Many thanks to Mr Pesce for accompanying the team to Pinjarra and also thanks to our captain, Thomas Bloxsome, who was unable to play either game due to injury but stood up and acted as field umpire for both games.

Mr John Batten
Specialist Football Program Coordinator

Warwick 16 – 9 – (105) def Pinjarra 3 – 6 – (24)

Goals: Boardman 3; Robson, Iga 2; Prior, Watson, Atkin, Oliver, Nelson, Damovski, Daly, Yannopoulos, Russo

Best: Watson, Prior, Boardman, Russo, Iga

Governor Stirling 10 – 5 – (65) def Warwick 3 – 2 – (20)

Goals: Atkin, Prior, Boardman

Best: Iga, Boardman, Prior, T Watson



Warwick Grove Art Expo



A stunning showcase of creativity from the Year 11 and Year 12 General Visual Arts students was on display at Warwick Grove Shopping Centre.

Visitors could also view, Year 12 student Klaudia Houlis', impressive 3D artwork featured in the Jamaica Blue visual merchandising display.

The Arts team are incredibly proud of all the students involved.

An online gallery of Semester 2 work from all year groups will be available in Term 1.





WARWICK SHS ORIENTATION DAY YEAR 7 2026



In Week 8, Warwick SHS welcomed Year 6 students who will be the 2026 Year 7 students for a full “day in the life” experience as Warwick students with Orientation Day.

The future Year 7s immersed themselves in a taste tester of subjects across the school, including HASS, Mathematics, English and Science, along with Arts and Technologies areas such as Media, Home Economics, Robotics and Visual Art.

While some students began the morning feeling a little shy and reserved, it didn't take long for the smiles, laughter and confidence to shine through. By the end of the day, new friendships had formed, nerves had settled and many students were excited by what high school life has in store.



The day helped the 2026 cohort feel more comfortable with the school grounds, staff and the opportunities ahead. They will be welcomed back for their first official day of high school in 2026!

Snippets of the day can be viewed via the school Youtube channel: <https://youtu.be/snpgefvtZOU>

We look forward to seeing them next year.





Top Student Awards



Congratulations to all students who receive top student subject awards and endeavour class awards this week reflecting their hard work, dedication and results of Semester 2.

YEAR 7 TOP STUDENTS

Maths	Layla Dean
English	Melody Cobb
Science	Angela Vu
HASS	Melody Cobb
Health	Mali Contencin
Physical Education	Emily McMath
Physical Education: Specialist Football	Logan Jones
Physical Education: Specialist Netball	Siahna Koteka
Digital Technologies	Blake MacPherson
Design & Technologies	Kayla Taylor
Visual Arts	Melody Cobb
Performing Arts	Melody Cobb
Dance Elite	Mali Contencin
Music Elite	Melody Cobb

YEAR 8 TOP STUDENTS

Maths	Chloe Upton
English	Anna Nguyen
Science	Jessica Thatmun
HASS	Anna Nguyen
Health	Anna Nguyen
Physical Education	Kate Baker
Physical Education: Specialist Football	Jake Doyle
Physical Education: Specialist Netball	London Rakanui
Digital Technologies	Oliver Hogan
Design & Technologies	Lucas Girando
Visual Arts	Anna Nguyen
Performing Arts	Anna Nguyen
Dance Elite	Sienna Ebrahimi
Music Elite	Bailey Terepai

YEAR 9 TOP STUDENTS

Maths	Jack Cameron
English	Phoebe Schwitter
Science	Phoebe Schwitter
HASS	Jack Cameron
Health	Sarah Shehzad
Physical Education	Samuel Little
Physical Education: Specialist Football	Kade Kelly-Lewis
Physical Education: Specialist Netball	Chelsea Babic
Digital Technologies	Samuel Little
Design & Technologies	Borian Kandovski
Visual Arts	Karissa Molina
Performing Arts	Karissa Molina
Dance Elite	Chloe Marshall
Music Elite	Kyla Manaloto

YEAR 10 TOP STUDENTS

Maths	Ethan Luong
English	Nash Bullen
Science	Brock Prance
HASS	Nash Bullen
Health	Gracie Smith

Physical Education

Physical Education: Specialist Football	Annabella Petticrew
Physical Education: Specialist Netball	Jack Boardman
Digital Technologies	Tayah Granland
Design & Technologies	Arlo Buchanan
Design & Technologies	Sophie Leonard

Dance Elite

Music Elite	Sophie Leonard
Music Elite	Mitch Pilgrim

Year 11 students will be presented with top student and endeavour awards in Term 1.

Reward Excursions

The Year 7 students wrapped up their first high school year with a thrilling day at Bounce, a well deserved celebration of their accomplishments.

Additionally, Year 8 tested their balance at the Rollerdom, Year 9 students attended Zone Bowling and Year 10 students were lucky enough to visit Outback Splash on a very hot day.

These excursions were rewards for the students' hard work, dedication, and consistent demonstration of the school BEES values throughout the school year.

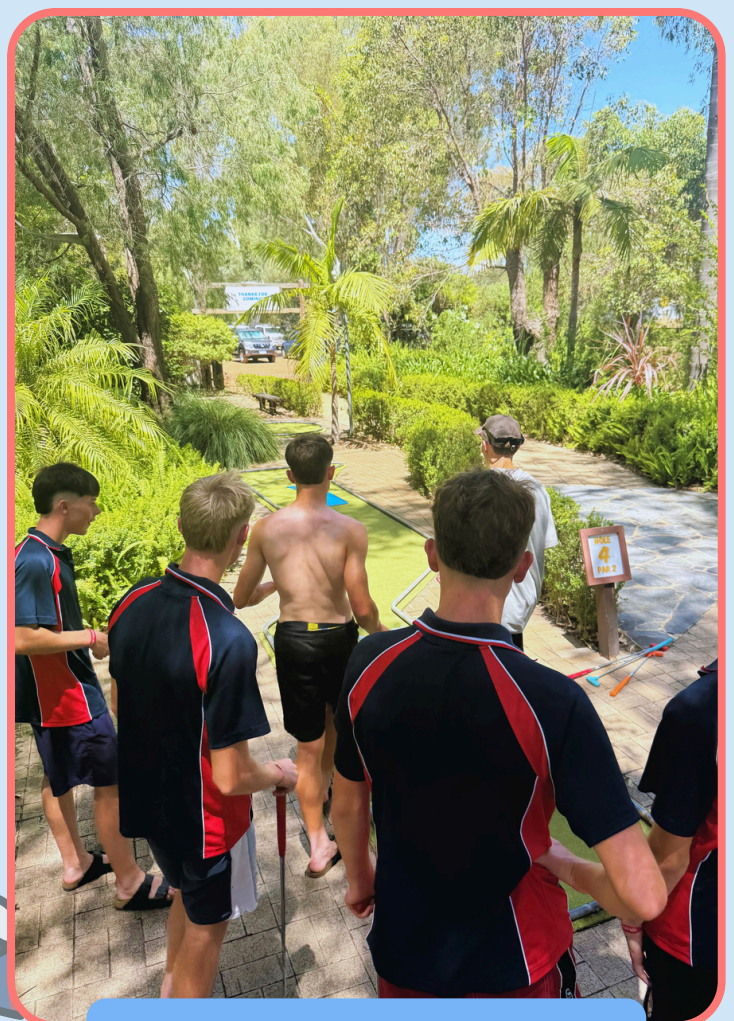
Year 7 Bounce Excursion



Year 8 Rollerdom Excursion



Year 9 Zone Bowling Excursion



Year 10 Outback Splash

EXTERNAL NOTICES



STEM EVENTS AT ECU

Summer of STEM is a multi-day holiday program that provides students who have an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) with an opportunity to engage in a variety of interactive workshops.

ECU hosts this event at its Joondalup and Bunbury campuses during the summer break in January. The program aims to boost high school students' interest and participation in science, raise their awareness of STEM careers, and encourage them to continue their science studies onto senior school and University. ECU welcomes students aged 14+ from across Western Australia, to participate in fascinating science-based activities and workshops facilitated by a welcoming team of ECU scientists and current students.

Time: 9:30 - 3:30 daily

Cost: \$190 (JO) or \$130 (SW)

On the final day of Joondalup and Bunbury programs, we will host a graduation ceremony at 2.30pm that all families are invited to. Please indicate if you'll come and how many people you'll bring when you register your child.

*This is a non-residential program. The cost does not include lunch, accommodation or transport to and from the program. It may include some snacks throughout, so please let us know any dietary requirements.

Location

ECU Joondalup - 270 Joondalup Dr, Joondalup
WA 6027, 21-23 January 2026



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