

WELCOME TO 2020

A warm welcome to all our new and returning students and their families. Thank you for choosing WHS staff to educate your children. We look forward to yet another exciting, challenging and fulfilling year.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Welcome to Mr Steven Harris (HSIE) and Ms Kayla Ellery (Science).



IMPORTANT! STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Full contact details are being posted out shortly. Please return to confirm current information or amend information if there are any changes. This enables us to have up to date contact details in the event of an emergency.

All students who return their contact details by the due date will be placed into a draw for a \$30 Gift card.

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Year 7 - Parent information evening was held on 13th February 6pm Library.

Year 8 - Emailed.

Year 9 & Year 10 - Students have been issued with their assessment overview. Please ask for the copy and discuss with your child.

Year 11 - Parent and student information evening is 18th February. Absent students must see Mrs Standage for the handbook.

AWARDS NIGHT 2019

Congratulations to the ever increasing number of students who are achieving at a high level and therefore acknowledged at our annual Awards Night. Thank you to the parents, special guests and staff who made the 2019 evening so special for our students.

ALL WELCOME AT OUR FIRST P&C MEETINGS

The P&C will meet on Tuesday 25th February from 7 - 9pm in the Library. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. The first meeting is a general meeting.

Please come and join our friendly, easy going P&C who work hard for your children.

STUDENT ABSENCE

The SMS message system is used to notify when a child is absent from school for all years. This will enable you to explain the absence by return SMS for this text only. This is not a dedicated number for future use. Parents are required to explain absences no later than 7 days from the first date of absence. This is a requirement of the Department of Education. If the school is not supplied with an explanation within that 7 day period the absence will be recorded as unexplained and appear as such on reports. Please phone, email, write a note or respond to the SMS to explain student absence.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

- Calendar
- Book Lists
- Positive Participation Policy
- School Fees
- PD/H/PE Advice
- Canteen Menu
- Assessment information Years 7-12
- Mobile Phone Procedures
- Uniform Order Link

If parents wish a hard copy of these documents, please contact Administration.

There is much information in this edition. Please take the time to read it.

WHS EXPECTATIONS

At our school we:

- Make Learning a Priority
- Are Respectful
- Act Safely

THANK YOU TO PARENTS

Thank you to parents who have already paid voluntary contributions and subject specific fees.

Subject fees pay for the consumables used by your child in completing projects. Voluntary contributions assist with the purchase of textbooks, ICT equipment, learning resources, paper - in fact a multitude of things used to support our students.

We have EFTPOS and Payment on Line facilities to assist parents with payment options. Of course cash and cheques are still accepted!

Your support with early payment is greatly appreciated.

TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The carnival was very early this year as we introduced a twilight event. We congratulate our students for their participation and behaviour. Thank you to the parents who joined us. Despite the weather the carnival was a great success. Thank you Mr Lambert and our staff.

YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations will take place on 12th March. Consent forms will be issued to your student. Please hand the signed consent form to the Administration Office.

OFFICE DUTY

Each day a student from year 8 will be on office duty. Students are notified in advance of their day on the Daily Information Sheet. Parents should speak with Mr Cutcher (Deputy Principal) if they have concerns about their student being involved in this school service activity.

Students are recognised for their school service with a Service to Others Outcome.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A CHILD IS ILL AT SCHOOL

Please do not send students to school if they are feeling ill or have uncovered wounds. It will require us to phone you to come and collect your child.

If a student presents with an illness or injury during the school day we will contact you.

If your child phones you on their mobile to say they are ill advise them to follow school procedures and to go to Administration to be assessed, and the school will call you. Please do not ask them to meet you out the front of the school. It is very important we are aware of their circumstances and that they are collected from the Administration Office.

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12 2019

We congratulate Dux of Year 12, Riley Pappin.

As a small high school we are proud of our HSC students who achieved a number of early entry offers to University.

Congratulations to all of Year 12 and their teachers who have worked closely together over the past 2 years to achieve results of which they can be proud.



KOREAN

All year 7 students are now engaged in their Korean studies and are enjoying learning the strange new characters in Hangeul (Korean alphabet). The students have learnt some of the vocabulary to introduce themselves, sing the alphabet and greeting song and are about to begin learning the number systems. They should be practising their new vocabulary at home.

As common practice in Korea, each Year 7 class has elected a class captain and vice-captain. Their responsibilities are to lead class greetings and assist the teacher with necessary duties. We would like to congratulate the following students for term 1, 2020;

7E	Captain:	Matilda McConnell
	Vice-Captain:	Bella Phillips
7I	Captain:	Rupa Morton
	Vice-Captain:	Rhyleigh Russo
7F	Captain:	Casey Van Egdom
	Vice-Captain:	Kohen O'Neill
7L	Captain:	Jonah Nepeca
	Vice-Captain:	Taylor Murphy

Learning a new language is fun and We hope that all students enjoy learning Korean in 2020!

RICHMOND TWEED REGIONAL LIBRARY.

Wollumbin High School students are given e-access to Richmond Tweed regional libraries to access ebooks (fiction and nonfiction), emagazines, streamed films, encyclopedias, dictionaries, and research and study databases. Year 7 are given their e-access cards late in term 1. These are linked to the school's address; the only data we provide Richmond Tweed regional library is student names and dates of birth. If students wish to borrow physical resources, they need to visit their local library with a parent to sign up for full membership. Explore Richmond Tweed's impressive range of online resources at www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au.

LEARNING SUPPORT ROOM

Homework help is available for all students during break 2 in the Learning Support Room on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Students may bring their lunch and access the computers, internet, or other reference material.



We have five computers and two laptops connected to the school network and Internet. Students can word process, search the net, consult reference books or receive help in any subject.

If your child needs help completing homework, assessment tasks or projects or just time to catch up on class work tell them to bring their lunch to Learning Support Break 2 Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

MANGA RATINGS AND SENIOR FICTION

The Wollumbin High Library follows the VIZ Media (<https://www.viz.com/ratings>) and Yen Press Rating Systems for Manga (<http://yenpress.com/manga-rating-guide/>). Whilst most of our manga collection is suitable for all ages, some of our books have content that some parents may consider inappropriate for younger readers. We have limited these books for loan to students in Year 9 or above.

Similarly, some of our fiction collection has been classified as Senior Fiction as these books contain adult themes. If you are happy for your child to read manga for Older Teens and/or Senior Fiction, simply write a note to the Teacher Librarian and have your child deliver it to Miss Hall.

AEROSOL CANS

Aerosol cans (including deodorants) are banned in NSW schools. Students are not to bring these to school. This is a safety issue and the cans will be confiscated.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN ENROLMENT FOR 2021 AT WOLLUMBIN HIGH SCHOOL

Please let them know to come to our Open House Tours from 3.30pm - 5pm.

Parent Information Session to be held at 6pm in the Library
Both events are held on 3rd March 2020

UNIFORM

Students look very smart at our start to the year in their uniforms. Thank you to the Canteen Staff and the P&C volunteers who contributed to the smooth sales of uniforms this year. If parents/carers need financial support to outfit your children please phone the Administration staff for an Application for Assistance form. Black shorts are to be Wollumbin High School approved. Students with inappropriate shorts (including length of shorts) will need to ensure they commence wearing correct shorts.

COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS

In addition to email and the website, we also communicate through our Facebook page and Instagram.



<https://www.facebook.com/WollumbinHS/>



These pages are targeted toward opening up further communication between the school, parents and the wider community. Please like, follow and share the page to help us build this platform.

YEAR 12 FUNDRAISING—BUNNINGS BBQ

On Saturday 29th February, Wollumbin High Year 12 students will be running a Bunnings BBQ at the South Tweed Bunnings store. This is one of the major fundraising activities that Year 12 coordinate and participate in throughout the year. Funds raised will assist with the cost of the Year 12 Formal as well as a donation will be made to a local charity of the students' choice. If any parents/guardians or students happen to be in the Tweed Heads area for the day, feel free to come along to Bunnings and purchase a sausage sandwich or two.

WHAT'S ON

Term 1 - February 2020

18th February	Year 11 Assessment Information Evening 6pm Library
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24th, 25th Feb	Primary School Visits
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25th February	P&C Meeting 7pm Library
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Term 1 - March 2020

3rd March	Open House Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm Parent session 6.00pm
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12th March	Year 7 Vaccinations
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16th March	Year 7 Camp commences
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24th March	School Photos
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24th March	P&C AGM 7pm Library
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SPORT INFORMATION

This term students will be very busy with many sporting commitments. Mr Lambert is the Sports Organiser.

Upcoming trials and knockout competitions

U15 Touch Football - 19th February

U15 Boys AFL - 25th February

Open Boys and Girls Basketball - 5th March

U15 and Open Boys Rugby League trials - 6th March

Open Boys and Girls Hockey– 12th March

Open Boys and Girls Soccer– 17th March

Students are asked to watch the sport notice board near the canteen where future events will be listed. They will also be listed in the Daily Notices. Some knockout games are run as gala days, while others are just a one-off games against another school. The School's major carnivals are Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics. The Athletics carnival is held in the grounds of Murwillumbah High. It is compulsory for students who study PDHPE electives to participate in these carnivals as this is part of their assessment. See your calendar for dates for these events.

Monies – Students pay for their sport weekly when travelling and receive a daily, colour coded bus pass. This is purchased on a Wednesday morning and will be collected as the student gets on the bus. Some sports also have additional fees which are collected on a weekly basis. We would prefer that you do not pay weekly sport fees online.

We expect sportsmanship from all students at any sporting activity. Failure to do so will result in a suspension from the game.

SPORT AND PD/H/PE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT

Mouthguards are compulsory to wear in the following sports: Rugby League, Rugby Union, Australian Rules Football and Hockey. Student must supply a mouthguard to participate.

It is advisable that students also wear mouthguards for the following modified games: Gaelic Football, Gridiron, Australian Rules Football and Austag. As shin pads are compulsory in competition Soccer, Futsal and Hockey, Students must ensure they bring this protective equipment to participate.

PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE

Wollumbin students are all entered into the Premier's Sporting Challenge. This occurs in term 2 where students record their physical activities over a period of 10 weeks. They are then recognised with achievement certificates which can be included in their Quality Portfolios.

YEAR 7 SPORT PROGRAM

Term 1 - Students will take part in rotational activities within the school grounds. This will give them general guidance on sporting skills.

Term 2-4 - Students are able to select their choice of sport from the range available. These selections are done electronically.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The WHS Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday 6th February at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to all swimmers who qualified for the Zone Carnival which will be held at Murwillumbah on February 18th. The winning house was Tamarind.

Age Champions for the swimming carnival are:

2020 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Cedar

Captains: Ella Curtis, Heath Barnes

Vice: Maddison Durrough, Edan Binder

Grevillea

Captains: Tippi Goehr, Kivah Nova Franze

Vice: Karly Gear/Tahlia-Belle Janetski, SianLuc Heart

Melaleuca

Captains: Hannah McConnell, Max Parker

Vice: Chloe Lopatecki, Lochie Pansaru

Tamarind

Captains: Summer Stome, Cooper Wolf

Vice: Amity Taws, Zephyr Ruhan

REBEL COMMUNITY GIVEBACKS

Wollumbin High School continues to participate in the Rebel Sport Community Givebacks Program. Under this program, our school can earn 5% of your purchases at Rebel Sport as in-store credit to spend on our sports program.

All you need to do is join Rebel Active (in-store or online), select Wollumbin High School from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase.

Spread the word to all your family and friends. The more supporters we have, the more credit we earn. This is a great program for the school and over the years, we have enjoyed building Wollumbin PDHPE and Sport programs with Rebel Sport donations.



MOBILE PHONES

Whilst Wollumbin High School recognises that mobile phones are everyday communication tools used in wider society, they have the potential to interrupt learning if used inappropriately within a school environment.

It is important that parents/carers are aware that students will only be checking their phones during breaks, before and after school. Should you wish to urgently communicate with your student please phone the Administration Office who will ensure your student is contacted on your behalf.

Procedures:

- Mobile phones owned by students are brought to school at their own risk. The school does not accept responsibility for damage, loss or theft and will not compensate for such. Student phones should be clearly labelled with their name.
- Mobile phones bought to school by students must be kept out of sight and **turned off during lessons**.
- Mobile phones are not to be used by students during mentoring, assemblies, meetings or events identified by the school.
- Mobile phones, including the use of headphones, may only be used in learning spaces, Library, PDHPE and Sport under direct instruction and supervision of teachers for educational purposes. The phone must be visible to the teacher.
- Mobile phones are not to be used when moving between classes.
- Use of mobile phones in senior student study periods is to reflect the School Expectations.
- Use of mobile phones before school, during break 1 or break 2 and after school, unless otherwise directed by a teacher, is permitted in line with the school expectations of safety and respect.
- On excursions and at carnivals, students must follow the explicit instructions of staff regarding mobile phone use.
- Under no circumstances is a student to take a call or SMS message during lesson time.
- Charging of mobile phones is not permitted at school.
- Mobile phone usage must follow the Technology Code of Conduct published in the student planner.
- Not following school procedures will have consequences.

AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP

Homework help will commence Term 1, Week 4 and will run every Thursday afternoon from 3.05 to 4pm in computer room 2. We thank Mrs Hirst for volunteering her time to run Homework Help.

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 12

You are invited to a workshop
for all Year 12 students

If you have any questions about University or TAFE they may be answered at this workshop which has been organised to inform Year 12 of a variety of future options.

When: Thursday 20th February 2020

Where: Wollumbin High School Library

Time: 11.45am to 12.35pm

Who: Year 12 Students and their Parents or Carers

Universities and TAFE will be in attendance at the workshop to provide the most up-to-date information.

**Year 12
University
Showcase**



STUDENT PLANNER

All students have been given their new planner. A replacement planner will cost \$10.00. Please take the time to look at the first few pages with your student as it contains valuable information about our school practices and awards system.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

Students who intend bringing a device to support learning and will need to access the Department of Education internet, must meet the BYOD requirements. If parents are thinking of buying their student a device to use at school we strongly recommend it be a laptop and that the specifications outlined in the information leaflets are followed. Not all devices will log on to the Department of Education internet nor are some devices capable of meeting the learning access demands. BYOD is not mandatory and we have some banks of laptops that students can use in class with their teachers. Students wishing to BYOD will need to complete the agreements outlined in the student guidelines booklet available from Administration and return the agreements to school.

SAFE INTERNET BEHAVIOUR

There is excellent information to assist parents on cyber safety on the following sites:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

<https://www.cybersafekids.com.au>

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

