

MESSAGE FROM MR GUY WRIGHT PRINCIPAL

I would like to begin this newsletter with the acknowledgment of the high quality work of Karen Connell, the previous principal of Wollumbin High School. I have been at Wollumbin High School now for one week and I am so impressed with the school in all areas.



This is due to the high quality of leadership that Karen has given to the school and community over many years. The quality relationships between students, staff and the community are highly visible in each of the interactions I have had during this week.

In my time at Wollumbin, I would like to build upon the solid foundation that Karen made and ensure that the qualities she has clearly developed throughout her principalship remain steadfast in the culture of the school moving forward.

I am so impressed by the quality of the teaching staff. I have taught in many schools across NSW and have had many opportunities to travel the world looking at other educational systems and schools and the staff at Wollumbin High School are of the highest quality.

Even though I have only had the opportunity to meet a very small number of students, I am already impressed with their desire to learn and their positive view of the school. I look forward next week (when students return to school for one day per week) to meet each student and developing positive relationships with each year group.

A little about myself. My teaching career began at Mullumbimby High School as a Social Science (now HSIE) teacher where I spent 2 years. I then transferred to Dunheved High School for 5 years, then Asquith Girls High School. I then spent 22 years at Kingscliff High School where I became Head Teacher ICT. I then worked at Bonnyrigg High School in Sydney and then spent the past 8 years as Principal of Woolgoolga High School.

Throughout my career I have been fortunate in that I have had many opportunities to look first hand at quality schooling in many parts of the world and across Australia.

I bring that experience to Wollumbin High School and I always bring technology and 21st Century learning material to the schools in which I work which I lead.

I firmly believe in creating life long learners and I will ensure that **all** students will be prepared for their own individual future.

I am a very approachable principal and if there are any issues moving forward, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am passionate about the learning of **all** students and will always do what I can to gain the best education for each student so they can realise their **full** potential in life.

The COVID - 19 crisis has impacted significantly on society and our school. I would like to congratulate parents, caregivers, staff and in particular the students for the way they are dealing with this significant issue. The key message from me is that we all need to keep safe.

We are following the guidelines set out by the Department of Education and hope we can return to a normal school life environment in the near future.

The school website www.wollumbin-h.schools.nsw.gov.au will continue to be updated on COVID - 19 as it relates to the school. You will find our school specific information on our website.

Below is a link from the Department of Education which has some advice for families:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

From 11th May, students from 7-11 will be returning to school one day per week, with Year 12 attending all five days. Please read the updated information placed on the school website.

Please note the school canteen will operate from 11th May only to the end of break 1.

Until next time.

Stay safe.

Guy Wright
Principal
Wollumbin High School

CONGRATULATIONS DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

- Year 7 Millie Rosolen, Kiahn Taprell, Talin Hall, Alfie Bartlett, Leah Ditton, Grayson Hall, Leto Mitchell
- Year 8 Kayla Boyd, Bruno Freeman, Sophie Haley, Wade Doueihy
- Year 9 Kohen O'Neill, Zali Grennan, Levi Corrigan

CONGRATULATIONS PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

- Year 7 Bruno Freeman, Kohen O'Neill, Wade Doueihy
- Year 8 Sophie Haley

CONGRATULATIONS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- Year 7 Wade Doueihy, Kohen O'Neill, Bruno Freeman
- Year 8 Levi Corrigan

ANZAC DAY

Emily Hart took the time out on Sunday 25th April to pay her respects on ANZAC Day. Emily is wearing the war medals of both her great grandfathers. The smaller set was awarded to Richard Claude Dunn during WWI and the larger set awarded to Russel Claude Philp in WWII.



SCHOOL OPERATIONS UPDATE

Term 2, Weeks 3 onwards (Monday 11th May until further notice by NSW Govt)

Consistent with NSW Govt advice, Wollumbin High School students will return to school for one day each week based on the following schedule.

This schedule applies for both Weeks A & B.

Monday: Year 11 & 12

Tuesday: Year 10 & 12

Wednesday: Year 9 & 12

Thursday: Year 8 & 12

Friday: Year 7 & 12

Year 12 students are to continue working with their assignment and coursework on all days and are encouraged to make contact with their course teachers to have individual, small group or class tutorial sessions. The teacher roster will see almost all teachers onsite for a minimum of 2 or 3 days each week on varying days to assist Year 12 students.

Students will continue to work on either their paper packages or online work at their own pace.

No formal lessons will be taught at school to ensure students who choose to remain at home due to Covid-19 are not disadvantaged.

Year Advisers will be rostered on the days their year group is attending school.

The canteen will be open each day on reduced hours. The canteen will operate up until the end of Break 1.

For more information on communicating with the school, go to the school website, COVID 19 Advice, Term 2 Operational Update or copy and paste the following link in your browser:

https://wollumbin-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doi/sws/schools/w/wollumbin-h/covid-19_updates/School_Operations_Update_Wednesday_29th_April.pdf

WHAT'S ON

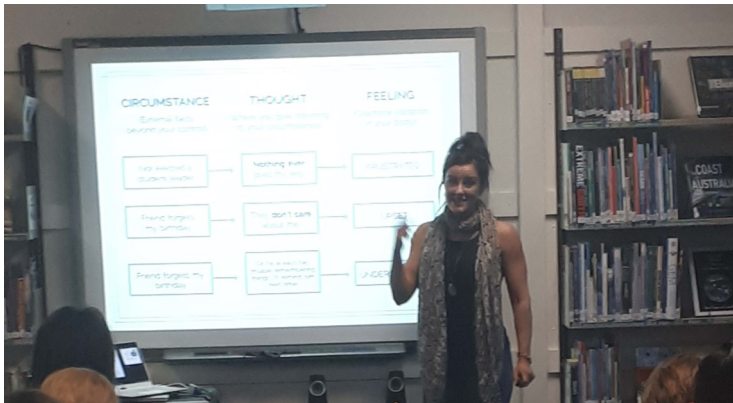
Term 2 - May 2020

11th May	Year 12 resume
11th May	Years 7-11 resume 1 day per week

TEEN RESILIENCE – KATE FITZSIMONS LIFE READY AND SENIOR SUCCESS DAY - MARCH 6TH

Year 11 students were involved in a series of workshops today! The day involved guest speakers, #Kate Fitzsimmons and Kirra Pendergast from Safe on Social Media, Mindfulness with Garry Shearman and important HSC prep with Miss Hall and Mrs Standage.

Kate Fitzsimons spoke to Year 11 about the death of her sister in an accident while traveling in Thailand, how she dealt with grief and how she bounced back. Kate is an engaging speaker whose message is about people using the power of their own **'response-ability'** to overcome adversity. Kate was voted in Australia's Top 100 Women of Influence (2016), NSW Young Woman of the Year Finalist (2019) and Finalist in Women's Weekly Women of the Future Awards (2016). Check out her podcast www.katefitzsimons.com/podcast or follow her on Instagram @katemaree_fitz



Kirra Pendergast (Safe on Social Media) discussed our digital footprints and the potential effects they can have on us now and in the future. Kirra demonstrated how scarily easy it is to access personal information online. Her work and life experiences really hit home with students. Sexting, extortion, bullying online (Dolly's Law) and opportunities for questions, gave our students valuable skills in staying safe to improve wellbeing. Remember once posted, it is forever! Keep an eye out in future newsletters for more information from Safe on Social Media www.safeonsocial.com



Mr Shearman, Wollumbin's own Zen Master, guided Year 11 students through a couple of mindfulness meditations, talked about the benefits of mindfulness, then took them on a mindful bushwalk.



Miss Hall and Mrs Standage introduced approaches to study in senior school. Year 11 started by reflecting on the positives and negatives of being a senior. Students then considered where they study, why they study and how to create a study timetable.

We will be running these workshop days each term.

HOW TO BE MORE OPTIMISTIC

If you tend toward mostly pessimistic thinking, you can get better at seeing what's good. Here are some things to try:

Notice good things as they happen. At the end of the day, take 10 minutes to run through your day and come up with things that you're grateful for.

Train your mind to believe you can make good things happen in your life. Get in a habit of telling yourself specific things you can do to succeed.

Don't blame yourself when things go wrong. Instead of thinking, "I failed that math test because I'm terrible at math," tell yourself: "I failed that test because I didn't study enough. I won't let that happen next time!"

When something good happens, give yourself credit. Think of what you did to make a good outcome possible.

Remind yourself that setbacks are temporary. As soon as something goes wrong, remind yourself that it will pass — and come up with a plan for making that happen.

KidsHealth / for Teens
Mary L Gavin. MD

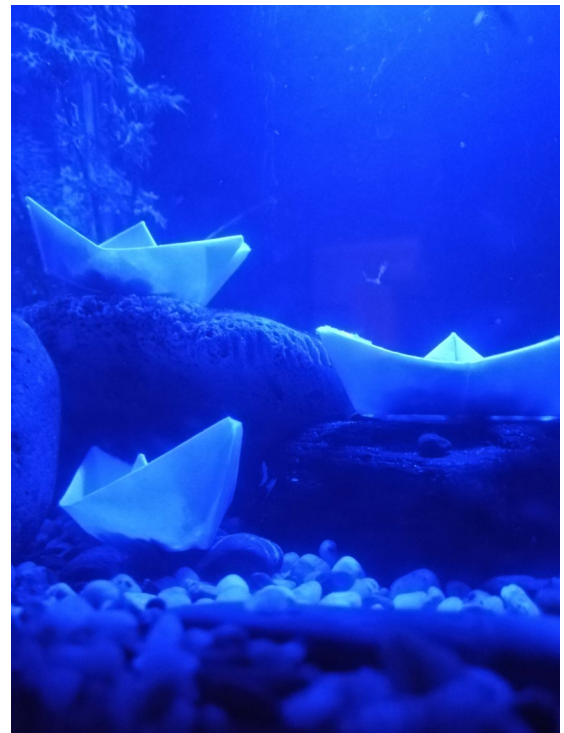


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STAGE 5 VISUAL ART

Our unit of work for Stage 5 Visual Arts was called the river. Circumstances meant that our final task needed to change. It became a site specific installation using paper boats.

These beautiful works are from Hope McDonald, Jed Byrne, Mihaiela Pansaru, Jessie Sibley, Lianna Sorenson, Melody Lorimier-Moreau and Lilliana Menin.



WOLLUMBIN DOWNTIME WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce our new Downtime website has been launched. Access this site to take virtual tours of galleries, museums, zoos, important environmental sites and other exciting places.

Follow this link to Downtime:

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/downtime>

The first time you try to access Downtime, you will need to request permission from the site's owner. This process ensures Downtime stays within the Wollumbin High community.

THE GOLD COAST VIRTUAL CAREERS FESTIVAL

Goes live on Friday 1st May 2020 !!! Check it out!!!

Students will be able to discover career pathways and opportunities for their future through this online event, from 1 May to 31 July 2020.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with a wide range of education and training providers, who will showcase their latest courses and pathways and provide invaluable tips on how to choose the right path, how to prepare for life after school and how to become job ready.



Access is completely free and registration is easy. Students simply head to the website, create a login and join instantly, without the need to download any software or apps.

What is on the site?

This year the event has transitioned from physical booths to virtual booths. Each education and training provider has set up a virtual booth with informative documents such as course guides, scholarship information, open day flyers with important dates and more. The virtual “swag bag” allows students to select items of interest and download them for review at their leisure, giving them access to relevant information for their chosen area/s of interest.

Informative videos including career resources, inspiring job opportunities and course programs are also accessible for all students to view. These include ATAR information, building a professional profile, resume & cover letters, life after school and much more.

Live Chat - on Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 May all users will be able to access instant information from the recruitment teams of education and training providers.

How to Access the Event:

1. Visit www.careers-festival.com
2. Click on the top banner through to the Event Registration Page.
3. Register your details – then return to page to log into site.
4. Start browsing the Virtual Careers Festival

Navigating the Virtual Careers Festival:

This is a user friendly site and is easy to navigate. Below are the features available at the Virtual Careers Festival:

- **Exhibitor Hall** – is all the booths – click on a booth to learn more about what they have to offer.
- **Video Vault** – browse the numerous videos that providers have uploaded (these are accessible via each booth as well).
- **Swag Bag** – the student's collection of documents they wish to keep looking back through.
- **Auditorium** – Stage Program with videos of Career Resources, Inspiring Job Opportunities and Institute Schools & Courses.
- **Networking** – **LIVE CHATS on 13 & 14 May** – students can speak directly to their preferred institutes and ask further questions about their future.

Stay tuned – further information will be provided next week including handout/worksheets to make the most of the website, the top go-to videos as well as profiles of the education and training providers at the Virtual Careers Festival.