

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.

ALL WELCOME AT OUR FIRST P&C MEETINGS

The P&C will meet on Tuesday 23rd 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.

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ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- Year 7** - Parent information evening was held on 2nd February.
- Year 8** - Issued to students on Wednesday 3rd February.
- Year 9** - Issued to students on Wednesday 3rd February.
- Year 10** - Issued to students on Wednesday 10th February.
- Year 11** - Parent and student information evening is Tuesday 16th February. Absent students must see Mrs Standage for the handbook.
- Year 12** - Students received their Assessment Policy Term 4, 2020.

Please ask for the copy and discuss with your student.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Welcome to Mr Leigh Wood (Science).



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

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

If parents want 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

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12 2020

We congratulate Dux of Year 12, Ted Stadler.

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.

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.

SCHOOL 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.

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.

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.

UNIFORM

Students look very smart at the 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.

IS YOUR STUDENT HAVING TROUBLE COMPLETING HOMEWORK?

Homework help is available for all students during break 2 in the Learning Support Room on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Students can bring their lunch and use the computers, access the internet or consult any of the reference material we have.

If your child needs help completing homework, assessment tasks, projects or just time to catch up on class work, remind them to come along!



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.

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.

AWARDS PRESENTATION 2020

Congratulations to the ever increasing number of students who are achieving at a high level and were therefore acknowledged during our Awards Presentation held last Thursday, 4th February.

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.

VACCINATIONS

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2021 the following vaccines will be offered:

Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine

WHAT'S ON

Term 1 - February 2021

16th February	Year 11 Assessment Information Evening 6pm Library
23rd February	P&C Meeting 7pm Library

Term 1 - March 2021

3rd March	Year 7 Camp
11th March	Year 7 Vaccinations
19th March	School Photos
30th March	P&C AGM 7pm Library

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 - 4th March

U15 Boys AFL - 23rd February

Open Boys and Girls Basketball - 8th March

U15 and Open Boys Rugby League trials - 26th March

Open Boys and Girls Hockey - 19th March

Open Boys and Girls Soccer - 16th March

Open Girls Netball - 9th 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 game 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.

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.

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.

2021 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Cedar

Captains: Luke Bennett and Melia Carroll

Vice: Samson Atkins and Madison Bambach

Grevillea

Captains: Kivah Franze and Tippi Goehr

Vice: Will Hosier, Indi Flanagan and Charlotte Hofbauer

Melaleuca

Captains: Billy Kliendiest and Ciarn Larrescy

Vice: Matthew Plater and Ambria McConnell



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 and 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 brought 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.

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 18th February 2021
Where: Wollumbin High School Library
Time: 11.35am 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**



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

Students who intend bringing a device to support learning and accessing 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.

COVID-19

Following is the link which will provide you with the latest information regarding COVID-19.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19.html>

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>

talkabout

KOREAN

In NSW high schools, languages is a key learning area and an essential tool for life in the 21st Century. Learning languages provides the opportunity for students to engage with the linguistic and cultural diversity of the world and its peoples. Students broaden their horizons in relation to personal, social, cultural and employment opportunities in an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world.



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

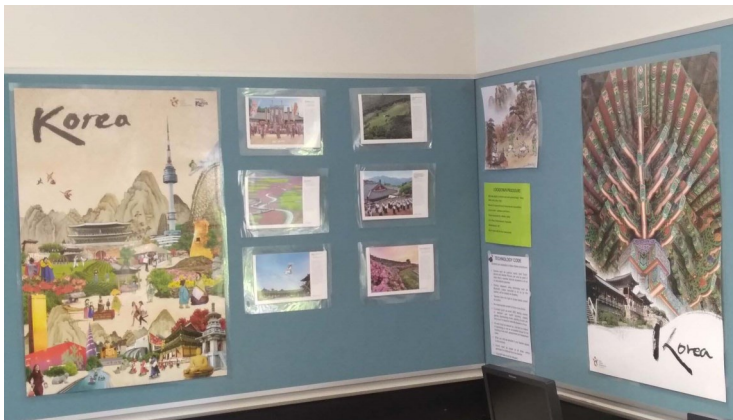
Korea is one of Australia's significant Asian neighbours, and with the rapidly growing interest in Korean culture across the world, the number of people learning Korean is also increasing in many countries. Through learning the Korean language, students engage with modern Korea, including popular culture as well as the rich cultural tradition of this part of Asia.

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. I would like to congratulate the following students for Term 1, 2021;

7E	Captain: Noah Rawat	Vice-Captain: Parker Brooks
7I	Captain: Harrison Golds	Vice-Captain: Matilda Mitchell
7F	Captain: Jameson Foreman	Vice-Captain: Bonnie Taws

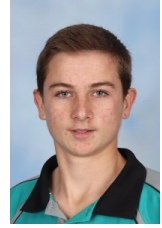
Additionally, our Year 8 elective class has settled in nicely and is practicing their learned Korean from last year.

Learning a new language is fun and I hope that all students enjoy learning Korean in 2021!



CONGRATULATIONS

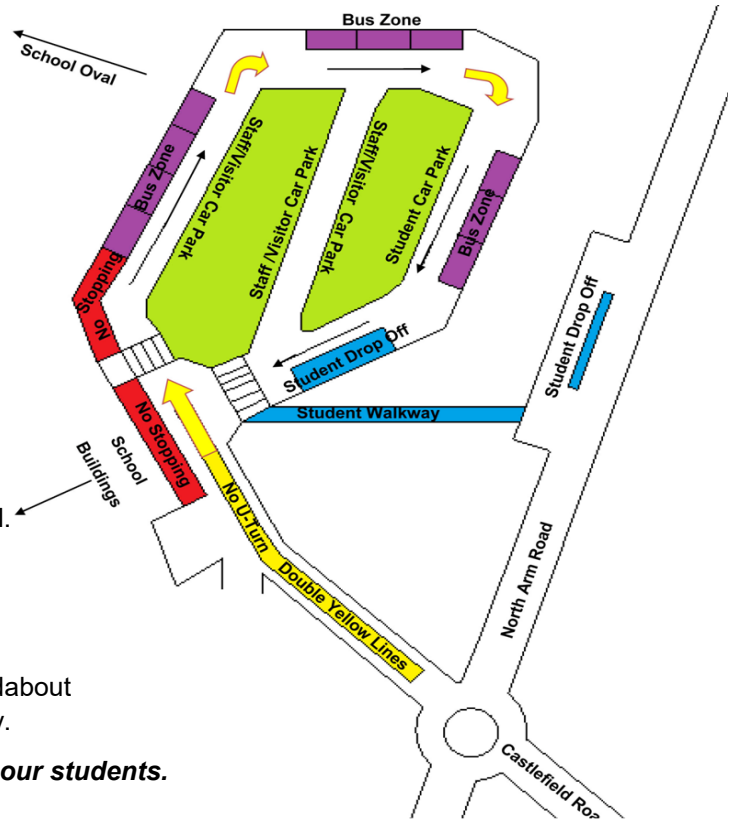
Congratulations Xane Bowen, who recently competed for the Tri NSW Academy in Sydney and won the Billigence series. Well done Xane!



CAR PARK SAFETY — (see diagram on right)

DO NOT DROP STUDENTS NEAR THE CROSSING AT THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE - IT IS DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL AS IT IS A NO STOPPING ZONE

1. A “**10 km/h speed limit**” applies to all motorists
2. Note the “**ONE WAY**” movement of traffic within the car park (clockwise)
3. The “**NO STOPPING**” zone strictly needs to be adhered to by all for traffic safety concerns. Students are not to be dropped off in this area.
4. “**Disabled Parking**” zone is allocated to the closest access to the administration building.
5. The “**30 minute parking**” zones are allocated only for parents picking up infants/primary students from the bus zones directly opposite.
6. Parents are to utilise the “**student drop off zones**” allocated. This greatly reduces congestion and improves car park safety. Students then cross at the pedestrian crossings to enter school.
7. “**Normal road rules apply**” within the car park e.g. indicating when turning.
8. **When dropping or collecting students in North Arm Road** please ensure you park as far away as possible from the roundabout to prevent traffic congestion which compromises student safety.



We appreciate your co-operation in maintaining the safety of our students.

WANT TO WIN A NEW PHONE?

Tweed youth can win a smartphone of their choice by simply telling Council what outdoor recreation activities, facilities and events they want.

Youth, 12 to 24 years, who live in the Tweed can take the Youth Outdoor Recreation Plan survey by Sunday 28 February for a chance to win a smartphone.

The survey will only take less than 10 minutes and it will inform the development of a Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan.

We've already heard from over 400 youths and here are some things from their wish list: a pump track; BMX and more bike tracks; more skate parks and improvements to existing skate parks including lighting; more free events and markets that appeal to young people including music, skate, dance, sport and environment events; outdoor cinema; clothing exchanges; off-leash dog parks.

The survey will also influence which projects are selected for the co-design workshops to be held early this year. These workshops will give you the opportunity to tell Council what should be included and how open public spaces should be designed to meet the needs of young people.

The youth survey has been extended to Sunday 28 February, so head to yoursaytweed.com.au/youth-voice

YOUTH What do YOUTH want?



10 February 2021

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Yours sincerely,



Guy Wright
Principal

I give permission for my child _____ of Year _____, to participate in the after school study program at Wollumbin High School on Thursday afternoons.

I understand that I will need to arrange transport for my child.

Parent/Carer Signature

Date

Please return to the Administration Office