



WINMALEE HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 4 Week 10 Communication – Friday 15 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami and welcome to the final school day for 2023. It's been a week of celebration and acknowledgement of student effort, progress and excellence, as well as community resilience. HSC results were released yesterday, and we are so thrilled for the class of 2023! They have done extraordinarily well, with 30 course results from 20 students on the Distinguished Achievers List, and 106 Band 5 results. We look forward to welcoming students to a morning tea on Monday so we can congratulate them in person.

We are also so proud to announce that for the first time in the school's history we have not only received nominations but acceptance into the prestigious HSC showcase concerts /exhibits, Encore, OnSTAGE and ArtExpress all in the same year from the same cohort of students. Well done to year 12 students Reggie Hewitt, Max Jackson, Jackson Fitzgerald, Zak Harrison, Ryan Taylor (OnSTAGE) Lili Baran & Liv Yarwood (Art Express) and Jackson Fitzgerald (Encore) on such a fabulous achievement. A massive thank you to CAPA staff for their tireless work with our creative and performing arts students.

International Netball Festival – Congratulations to **Erin Kenn and Florence Rooney (Year 7)** on their successful participation in the International Netball Festival held in Fiji. Over the past week, they played multiple games, and on day three they remained undefeated. We heard early Wednesday morning hot off the press from Fiji that the competition drew to a close, and their team finished the festival as runners up in the U13 division going down by one goal in the grand final. An excellent result!

Florence won the most valuable player in the team throughout the festival, which was voted on by the families. To the bottom left is a photo from their semi-final (Erin is the C and Florence the GD), and to the right is Florence and Erin on day three of the festival.



Presentation Day Assemblies – our presentation assemblies were held on Monday and Tuesday, and hundreds of students received awards across the year groups. First in Course, First in Class, Commitment, Effort and Excellence across subjects, attendance and Winmalee Medal awards were presented. We would like to congratulate all award winners once again, and also thank the Senior Student Leadership Team for chairing all assemblies, the students who performed at each event, and the students who prepared and delivered a speech for their year group.

On the following page are group photos of students from Year 7-11 with their awards.





Presentation Evening was held on Tuesday evening. Major Awards, including Dux for each year group were presented. Congratulations to all award winners for achieving the highest level of recognition at our award ceremony. We would like to mention the **2022 Dux, Jack Mein**, who attended and accepted his award. Jack achieved an ATAR of 96.25. Jack is currently pursuing a double degree in Renewable Energy Engineering and Commerce at UNSW. Jack has maintained his outstanding academic excellence and has achieved Distinctions for his first year at university. (Jack is pictured below)

Well done to our School Captains, Ari, Lucas, Belle and Brianna for emceeing the evening. Thank you also to all staff and special guests who contributed to making the evening a success.

On Monday the **Grand Final of the Mixed Lunch Touch Football Competition** for 2023 was held. More than 70 students, from all year groups, participated in this social competition with a high level of skill and fun. Congratulations to "The Hendogs", who won for the second year in a row, defeating Year 10's "Day One", 4-3 in extra time. "The Hendogs" were

rewarded with a pizza party at lunch on Tuesday.

Thank you to the students for sacrificing your lunches and competing in good spirit.



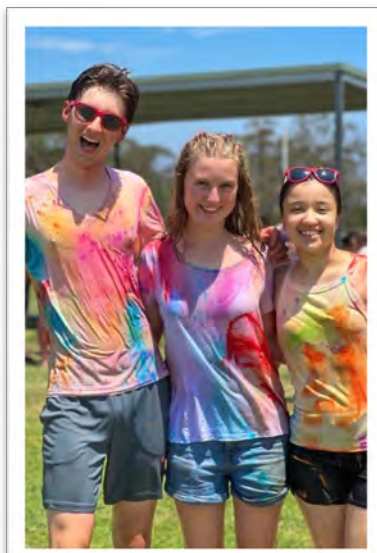
Spirit Week – Congratulations to the SRC for leading a successful Spirit Week for our students. **Tahlia McGown and Oscar Stone** (Year 10) prepared and led a very moving assembly, commemorating the 2013 Bushfires that significantly impacted our community. Special guest, Ken Wade Ferrell, RFS volunteer of 51 years, addressed our school and he shared lots of stories of challenge, loss and hope.

After recess, a group gathered to do the Nutbush and raise funds for the Haven, raising close to \$100. Then students dispersed and participated in a range of activities such as Staff vs Students Volleyball, Karaoke, Just Dance, FIFA, Bracelet Making, Board Games and Digi Art. For the afternoon, students joined in the Colour Run. Thank you to Mr Booth and Mr Robertson for setting up the obstacle course. A huge thank you to our families for donating a range of resources and to **Pitstop Tyre and Service Center** for donating the tyres and their trailer.

It was great to see so many students getting involved. They did a great job of cleaning up after themselves and making sure they didn't colour the buses on the trip home.



There are a couple of great albums of [photos](#) on our website. Thank you to Yvette Wheadon Davis for these photos! [Album One](#) & [Album Two](#).



RoSE Breakfasts – Yesterday and today, we welcomed Year 7-10 students and families to our Semester 2, Recognition of Student Achievement ceremony. It's so wonderful to see so many students achieving excellent results and working consistently at a high level. We just love that our families make the time to attend so we acknowledge students together. Below are our RoSE recipients in their year group photos.





Mountain of Youth Film Project – Congratulations to **Addy Quicke** (Year 9) for her successful participation in the Mountain of Youth Film Project. Last night the film she had worked on creating, along with peers from Springwood High, was screened at the Springwood Hub Theatre. The film which was written, directed and produced by the students, was an engaging and exceptional piece of cinema. It was inspiring to see the high-quality production. Congratulations to the Mountain of Youth Team for their leadership and support of creative young people in the Blue Mountains.

Semester 2 Academic Reports 7-10 – reports were issued to students this morning. Don't forget that the reports can be accessed via the Sentral Parent Portal. There are instructions included on the following page if you haven't already logged in to the Portal.



The **2024 School Carnival Permission** Notes are now available in the Parent Portal and are attached.

They contain information regarding all of the major sporting carnivals that will be run by Winmalee High School in 2024.

- ★ Swimming Carnival: Thursday 8 February 2024.
- ★ Cross Country Carnival: Wednesday 10 April 2024.
- ★ Athletics Carnival: Thursday 16 May 2024.

Attached to our final communication for the year are a few things:

- 2024 Equipment List.
- Uniform Shop January opening hours.
- School holiday activity flyers - NPWS and Stronger Families Alliance.

A reminder that the first days of school for 2024 is Thursday 1 February for Year 7, 11 and 12 (and Peer Support Leaders) and Friday 2 February for Years 8, 9 and 10.

Finally, thank you to all families for their support throughout 2023. We wish everyone a happy Christmas and New Year. Have a good rest!

Happy Holidays!

Winmalee High School



HOW TO VIEW YOUR CHILD'S REPORT VIA THE SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL

- If you haven't registered for the Sentral Parent Portal, you will need to do this first before accessing your child's report.
- If you require assistance with this or think you have not received your family access key to register please contact the office on 4754 2822 or email winmaleeh.school@det.nsw.edu.au

How to view your child's report on a computer

- Go to <https://winmaleehs.sentral.com.au/portal>
- Log in using your email address and password
- Once logged into the main dashboard click on your child's name
- on the top left corner
- Click on Academic Reports at the bottom of the menu on the right-hand side and you will see the latest report
- You will be able to download the report, save and/or print as required

How to view your child's report on the Sentral for Parents app



- Log into the app
- Click on student at top of screen
- Click Student Details
- Click on Academic Reports and you will see the latest report
- You will be able to download the report, save and/or print as required



WHS Equipment List 2024

English

- Mandatory - A4 exercise book (or folder, Year 11/12)
- Mandatory - pens
- Recommended - pencil case with glue, scissors, ruler, highlighters etc

Maths

- Grid book (5mm grid)
- Calculator
- Pens - multiple colours
- Ruler



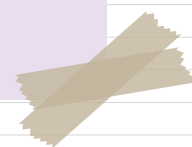
Science

- A4 exercise book
- Pens - multiple colours
- Ruler, glue stick, scissors
- Fully enclosed solid leather upper shoes (for full safety protection)
- **Note: mesh or canvas shoes do not meet safety requirements**



HSIE

- A4 exercise book
 - Pens - blue, black, red
 - Lead pencil
 - Ruler
 - Glue stick
 - Scissors
- Year 11-12**
- highlighters and all the above



TAS

- Pens - blue, black, red, pencil, eraser, ruler
- **For all practical lessons in kitchens and workshops:**
- Fully enclosed solid leather upper shoes (for full safety protection)
- **Note: mesh or canvas shoes do not meet safety requirements**
- **For practical lessons in kitchens:**
- White aprons - provided on verification of payment of fees - receipt shown to class teacher
- Two tea towels
- Airtight container
- Plastic bag to take wet equipment home for laundering

Music

Year 7-8

- A4 exercise book
- Black/blue pen
- Pencil, ruler, eraser

Year 9-10

- As above plus display folder

Year 11-12

- as above plus display folder
- Music 2: Manuscript book

Visual Arts

- Pens, pencil, ruler, eraser
- Year 11-12**
- all the above and A4 exercise book

Year 7 Wellbeing

- A4 Exercise book

Drama

Year 9-12

- A4 exercise book
- Pens, pencils, ruler, eraser
- Black shirt and pants for performances

Year 9-10 Visual Design

- Pens, pencil, ruler, eraser
- Secondhand shoes for design project

Year 11 Photography

- Pens, pencil, ruler, eraser



PDHPE

Year 7-10

- PE uniform
- A4 exercise book

Dance electives Year 9-10:

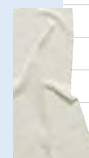
- Dance shirt
- A4 exercise book

PASS elective:

- PE uniform
- A4 exercise book
- Pens

Child Studies:

- A4 exercise book



JANUARY 2024 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

Open hours for the Uniform Shop in January 2024.

APPOINTMENTS MUST BE MADE VIA THE BELOW LINK

<https://daylightschoolwear.au/winmalee/booking>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT. ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE https://daylightsportswear.com/winmalee/					6 CLOSED
7 CLOSED						13 CLOSED
14 CLOSED						20 CLOSED
21 CLOSED	22 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	23 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	24 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	25 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	26 AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY CLOSED	27 CLOSED
28 CLOSED	29 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	30 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	31 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	FEB 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	FEB 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	FEB 3 CLOSED

Online ordering available through the below link.

<https://daylightsportswear.com/winmalee/>

You will be notified by the Uniform Shop when your order is ready for collection.

Ph: 02 4754 2155 - Only switched on during opening hours

Return to Normal Trading Hours from Monday 5th February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CLOSED	8AM - 11AM	CLOSED	8AM - 11AM	8AM - 11AM	CLOSED	CLOSED



Things to do in the School Holidays

Come and join the fun with NPWS ranger-guided activities for kids, teens and families. Discover, create, imagine and explore!

Summer 2024



Claustral Canyon Virtual Reality

Experience one of the world's most spectacular canyons – Claustral canyon in the World Heritage Listed Greater Blue Mountains Area – using Oculus Quest VR.

NPWS Blue Mountains Heritage Centre

Looking for a unique gift or experience these school holidays? Choose from a great range of gifts including Blue Mountains locally-made MTNS Made products, Australian made, and Australian designed products.

We also offer **gift vouchers** for your friends and family to experience the famous Claustral canyon located in the Blue Mountains with a virtual reality experience (\$10.00 per person)



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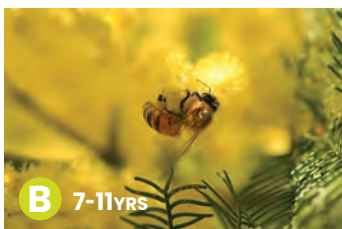


#NSWParks

Join our team this January for some exciting school holiday activities.

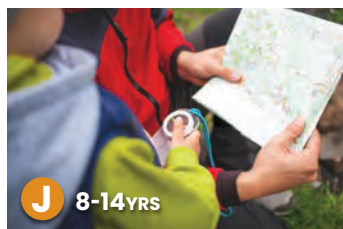
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S For the Small and Curious **L** Living Country **B** Bush Alive **J** Junior Rangers



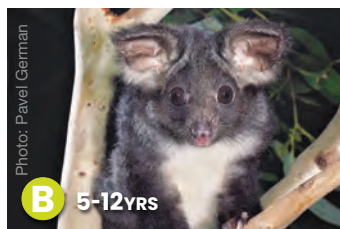
B 7-11YRS

The Buzz on Bees
Wednesday 3 January



J 8-14YRS

Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering
Thursday 4 January



B 5-12YRS

Spotlight!
Friday 5 January



B 6-10YRS

Leaping Lizards
Tuesday 9 January



L 7-11YRS

Aboriginal Games for Kids
Wednesday 10 January



J 8-14YRS

Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering
Thursday 11 January



B 5-12YRS

Spotlight!
Friday 12 January



L 7-11YRS

Aboriginal Games for Kids
Monday 15 January



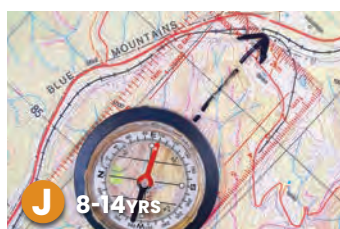
B 6-10YRS

Leaping Lizards
Tuesday 16 January



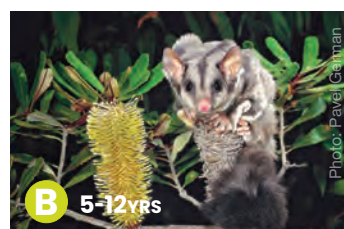
B 7-11YRS

The Buzz on Bees
Wednesday 17 January



J 8-14YRS

Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering
Thursday 18 January



B 5-12YRS

Spotlight!
Friday 19 January



B 6-10YRS

Leaping Lizards
Monday 22 January



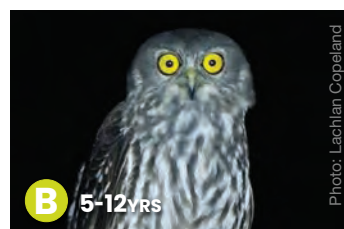
L 7-11YRS

Aboriginal Games for Kids
Tuesday 23 January



J 8-14YRS

Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering
Wednesday 24 January



B 5-12YRS

Spotlight!
Thursday 25 January

Photo: Lachlan Copeland

For more information and bookings visit
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kids-and-family-activities

Holiday activities \$20 per person. All activities are onsite at Blackheath from 10am-12pm, except for Spotlight which is held in Katoomba from 8pm-10pm. Meet 15 mins before activity start time.

T 02 4784 7301 E BlueMtns.Education@environment.nsw.gov.au



#NSWParks

Stronger Families Alliance activities calendar



Find out about affordable, local and fun activities
for children, families and young people.

And all in the one place!

Visit strongerfamilies.net.au

