



WINMALEE HIGH SCHOOL

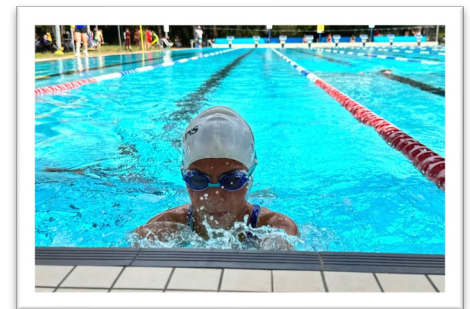
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Term 1 Week 2 Communication – Friday 10 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami. Welcome to our communication for Week 2.

Swimming Carnival – on Tuesday, our annual swimming carnival was a great success. Year 12 students excelled with their fancy dress outfits and all students who attended were outstanding. Feedback from the pool staff was that the conduct of our school was exemplary. Congratulations to all those who competed on the day and well done to Yellow Rock House for taking out first place. See below for the outstanding highlights from the event. A huge round of applause goes to these students!



Please see [this album](#) for more photos of our carnival.

Girls Age Champions

- 12 Years** – Amalia Tredoux
- 13 Years** – Amelia Di Battista
- 14 Years** – Sophie Knight
- 15 Years** – Lacey Bowman
- 16 Years** – Evie Bullock
- 17 Years** – Ellen Henderson

Boys Age Champions

- 12 Years** - Lincoln McGown
- 13 Years** – Malachi Smith
- 14 Years** – Luke Minard
- 15 Years** – Max Henderson
- 16 Years** - Jeremy Taylor
- 17 Years** – Ari Vidler

Champion of Champions

Girls – Evie Bullock

Boys – Ari Vidler

Splash & Dash

Girls

- Year 7 & 8** – Zoe Mein
- Year 9 & 10** – Evie Bullock
- Year 11 & 12** – Bella Sandford

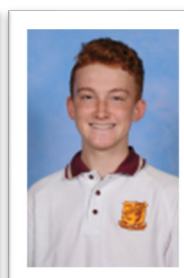
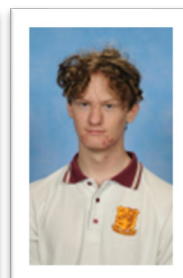
Boys

- Year 7 & 8** – Joshua Benaud
- Year 9 & 10** – Jeremy Taylor
- Year 11 & 12** – Scott McLenaghan

NSW Public Schools Drama Company at NIDA - The final selections have been made for this year's NSW Public Schools Drama Company ensemble and we are proud to announce that three of our Year 12 students have made that list. There are only 20 students across NSW public schools selected for this opportunity, and it is based on auditions. We are thrilled that students, Reginald Hewitt, Max Jackson and Ryan Taylor auditioned and were successful. Congratulations!

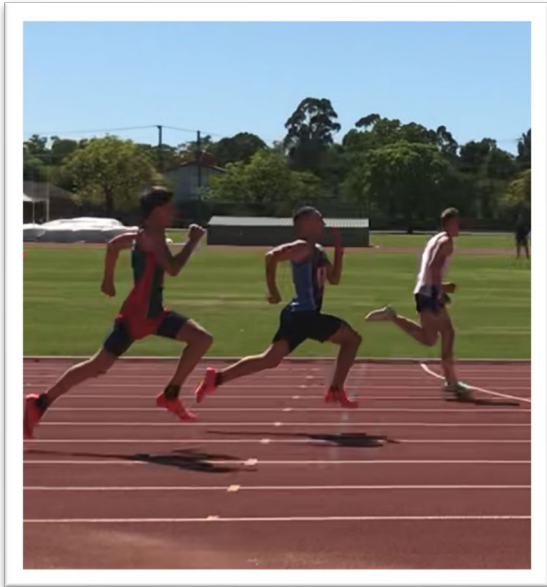
The department's Arts Unit is partnering with NIDA to present the Drama Company performance.

We look forward to sharing news and images of their performance in Term 2, and we wish Reggie, Max and Ryan all the best for their upcoming rehearsals.

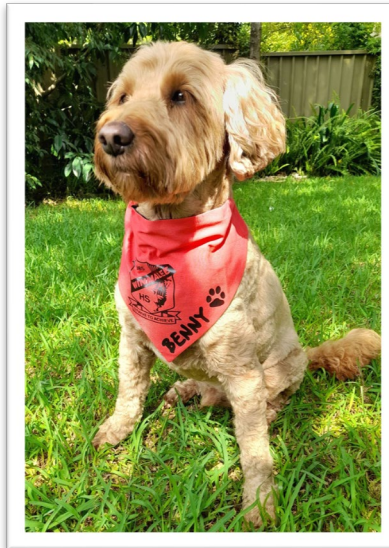




Regional Athletics success – Congratulations to Year 8 student, Rowan Davies on his recent achievement at the Regional Athletics Carnival held at Dubbo last weekend. Rowan competed for Springwood, and he had an impressive race, coming second in the 100m boys U14s. He is off to State in March! Well done, Rowan. (Rowan is pictured below in the middle).




School Support Dogs – we had our two support dogs start school this week. We have Benny, on duty in the front office area, and Harley, who had his first day in the Learning Hub today. Prepare to be inundated with pics, because these two pooches are just cuteness overload! Below is a picture of Benny trying on his Winmalee High bandanna for the first time. As you can see, he is taking his duties very seriously. Next week, we will share some more photos and formally introduce Harley.



At our first assembly, we introduced Benny and Harley and explained the important guidelines that need to be followed with the dogs. We have asked students to let us know if they are not comfortable to be near the dogs, or if they have any allergies, so we can manage any issues. Thanks to our families who completed the consultation survey on us introducing school support dogs. We love the way students respond and the joy that these dogs bring to our school.

Crochet Club – Over 20 students arrived for the first crochet club for 2023: a great turn out. The group also invited Benny along, and he offered great encouragement to students. Thank you to staff Yvette and Karen for making crochet club happen again. Donations of wool are always welcome 😊





NAPLAN 2023 (Year 7 and 9) - The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is moving to Term 1 and will take place from **Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March**. The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly.

We will email Year 7 and 9 parents soon with some more information about the assessment program.

Students and parents can access the [public demonstration site \(https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site\)](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available.

School Photo Day Thursday 23 February 2023



All photos are prepaid, and more information is available in the Parent Portal in the School Communications folder.

For online ordering: go to www.advancedlife.com.au, and enter the code **445 65V ALZ**.

Photos of sibling groups and individual students who are absent on 23 February will be taken on the morning of Thursday 2 March 2023.

Sport Uniform for Year 9 and 10 – Students in Year 9 and 10 have the option of wearing their maroon sport shorts, or plain black shorts to sport. This includes recreational sport, school sport and grade sport. If students opt to wear black shorts, they should be plain black, with no logos or stripes (small, discreet logos are acceptable). Bike pants, and skins are acceptable to be worn under sport shorts. However, other shorts, leggings, bike pants or 'hot pant' style shorts are not suitable for school and should not be worn for sport. This increased flexibility has been introduced to encourage participation, reduce cost for those families requiring several changes of sport uniform over the week, and to support consistency. This is only for Year 9 and 10 students. We have emailed Year 9 and 10 families this week with more detailed information about Wednesday afternoon sport.

*There has been no change to the Year 7 and 8 sport uniform. Students can wear skins or bike shorts under their sport shorts if they wish.



Winmalee High P&C – our first meeting for the year was held this week. Thank you to those who attended. The P&C will be holding their next meeting face to face at the school on **Wednesday 8 March at 6.45 pm**, and all are welcome. We will be doing a group activity on the School Excellence Framework, and parents and carers will have the opportunity to share ideas and feedback on areas relating to learning and wellbeing. We would love your input if you can make it. The official meeting will take place after the group activity, so guests can leave early if they like. If you want to find out more, you can contact the school or

Mr Dean Goddard, P&C President by email at president@winmaleehighschoolpnc.au



Assessment Schedules – all assessment schedules are available [on our website](#) and in the parent portal.

- The Junior Assessment Schedules (7-9) were distributed to students during roll call last week.
- The Year 10 Assessment Handbook was distributed to students yesterday in a Year Meeting.
- The Year 11 Assessment Handbook was distributed to students today.

The **Year 7 2024 Student Expo Day** will be taking place on Tuesday 28 February 2023 from 10.00am – 12.30pm, and the **Year 7 2024 Parent/Carer Information Evening** will be on the same date from 6.30pm. Please see the flyer at the end of the Communication for more information.

Finally, we would like to leave you with a link to some resources which may interest you. As part of safer internet day, there are a range of free webinars and resources available. They are designed to help your children navigate their digital world and educate them to avoid harmful online experiences. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/cybermarvel/safer-internet-day/parents-and-carers>

Best wishes,

Winmalee High School



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Year 7 2024 – Student Expo Day

Tuesday, 28 February 2023

10.00am - 12.30pm

Year 6 students are invited to an Expo Day at Winmalee High School. A range of activities and events will be held on the day including taster lessons, morning tea and a concert performed by our students.

Winmalee Public School students will walk to and from Winmalee High as a group. Students from Springwood Public School and Ellison Public School will be picked up by bus and transported to and from Winmalee High.

Students from other local schools who would like to attend should contact Winmalee High via phone or email to reserve a place.

Further information regarding arrangements for each school will be shared with primary schools and with individuals who have reserved a place for Expo Day.

Year 7 2024 - Parent/Carer Information Evening

Tuesday, 28 February 2023

6.30pm - Winmalee High School Hall

Parents/carers are invited to attend an information evening for Year 7, 2024 students.

Parents/carers will be provided with an opportunity to ask questions, join a tour of the school and seek further information about enrolment.

For further information please contact the school office:

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