



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a year 2023 has been! There have been so many excellent achievements and so much to celebrate, with more yet to come. I wish the very best of luck to our class of 2023 who will receive their VCE and VCE VM results next week (and IB results in January). Whatever the result, we are here to support and guide you on your path to success.

I also wish to say a huge congratulations to our students who were recognized at the recent college awards night. It was a great evening, celebrating so many wonderful academic, sporting and community accomplishments. Well done. I look forward to seeing more of you up there next year! Another recent enjoyable event was the year 11 formal. What a beautiful night of dinner, dancing and celebration. You all looked fantastic, and it was such a great vibe, great memories and great way to end your year.

To our amazing staff, thank you for everything. Without your tireless commitment we wouldn't have achieved the things we have this year. Your daily efforts are seen and appreciated. I hope you all have a relaxing holiday break ahead. To those who aren't returning to WSC next year, I wish you the very best of luck in your future endeavors. To Ms Marcan and Mr Hartley who are retiring after many years of dedication both to the teaching service and to our college, I thank you and wish you a very happy and enjoyable retirement.

To our students and families, have a very safe and enjoyable holidays and a very happy new year. I look forward to seeing you back in 2024, well rested and ready to learn in the new school year. *Respect* and *Responsibility* – Keep practicing our values and striving to *Live Worthily*.



Narelle Bean
Acting Principal

2023 COLLEGE AWARDS PRESENTATION EVENING

CONGRATULATIONS WSC 2023 AWARD WINNERS

The annual Werribee Secondary College awards presentation evening was held on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at Encore Events Centre, Hoppers Crossing.

This year we welcomed the Honorable Joanne Ryan MP to the ceremony, who presented the Julia Gillard Award to Dravin Dileep, and the Lalor Heroes award to Penelope Bensted. Acting principal, Ms Narelle Bean presented our new prestigious awards, the Global Citizenship award to Neemi Thomas and the Live Worthily award to Alyssa Rantino.

We congratulate all of this year's award winners, over 200 students across all year levels and categories, for their outstanding commitment and contributions this year. We would also like to thank the staff and sponsors involved who made this event possible. In addition, we thank the parents, families and friends who showed their support on the night, and both our 2023 and 2024 College Captains for Emceeding the evening.

'The School Photographer' was present to capture professional photos of the evening which are available to purchase via their website. *(Photo details are provided on Compass or scan this QR and enter the access code 23S3905WSCP)*



EVENTS

12 December

Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition Day
(WSC Student Free Day)

13 to 19 December

Activities Week

18 December

Front Office Closes for 2023 (4pm)

29 January

Curriculum day (staff return)

30 January

Years 7 and 12 Commence

31 January

Years 8, 10 & 11 Commence

1 February

Year 9 Commence

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UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

It is very important that we have up-to-date contact information for all students so we can contact parents or guardians quickly in case of emergency. If you have changed your address, phone numbers or emergency contact person, please complete an **'Update Contact Details' form** and forward to the General Office or email to werribee.sc@education.vic.gov.au



Parents & Friends

The Parents & Friends invite all incoming WSC 2024 year 7 parents & carers to a morning tea in the college Library at 9am on Transition Day (12 December) and on the first day of school (30 January). We look forward to meeting you then!

The next meeting of the Parents & Friends Association will be held:
Friday 16 February | Social coffee & chat 9am, meeting 9.30am
Venue to be confirmed in the new year

Learn more about the Parents & Friends Committee or apply for free membership online:
werribeesc.vic.edu.au/community/

BUY & SELL SECOND-HAND BOOKS & UNIFORM

Families of Werribee Secondary College can use the online listing service of the Sustainable School Shop site free of charge; Simply pay the seller directly for any uniform or book purchases you make. Buy or sell using our pre-loaded lists, making the process of finding or listing an item easy, fast and accurate. **Try it at:** sustainableschoolshop.com.au



SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

The current school bus runs are as follows:

- Hoppers Crossing 1 to Werribee Secondary – depart Heaths/McIntosh at 08:00am
- Hoppers Crossing 2 to Werribee Secondary – depart Pannam Drive at 08:02am
- Wyndham Vale 1 to Werribee Secondary – depart McGrath/Heaths Rd at 07:50am
- Wyndham Vale 4 to Werribee Secondary* – depart McGrath/Ballan Rd at 08:05am
- Wyndham Vale 5 to Werribee Secondary* – depart Westminster Dve/Ballan Rd at 8.18am
- Tarneit to Werribee Secondary – depart Tarneit/Heaths at 7.30am
- Werribee Sth 1 (DET bus) – depart Aviation/Point Cook Road at 7.35am
- Werribee Sth 2 (DET bus) - depart Aviation/Point Cook Road at 7.35am
- Riverwalk Estate to Werribee Secondary College (2 buses) – depart Mansfield Drive at 8:10am

All bus routes and times are subject to changes due to roadworks: Refer to Compass for any updates.

Copies of bus routes and the code of behaviour for safe bus travel can be found on our [College website](#).
For any further information regarding school bus departure times please contact CDC Werribee on 9977 9911 who can assist with locating your nearest bus stop and current timetable.

SCHOOL PICK UP & DROP OFF REMINDER

School drop-off and pick-up time can be very busy and we encourage you to use the **Soldiers Reserve drop off point** where possible to avoid congestion at the front of the school.

We ask that parents **do not stop in the designated disabled carparks at the front of the school** unless permitted to do so. There are disabled members of our school community who require these parks.

Please observe all signage regarding bus zones and keep them clear and do not stop in front of the staff carpark gates. Pedestrians please use the designated school crossing. Drivers please be prepared to stop for the crossing.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

UNIFORM INFORMATION

All Werribee Secondary College uniforms can be purchased directly from Academy Uniforms.



- ✓ Shop online or in-store
- ✓ Free delivery
- ✓ Pricing displayed on the order page

[Click here to visit Academy Uniforms](#)

The NEW Academy Uniforms store is located at
1/195 Old Geelong Road
HOPPERS CROSSING

Phone: 9768 0312

Email: info@academyuniforms.com.au

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm | Sat 10am-1pm



Please contact Academy Uniforms directly for all uniform sizing, ordering or delivery queries.

The Academy Uniforms link can also be found in the favourites menu in [Compass](#) and on the [College website](#).

BOOKLISTS

2024 Booklists for Werribee Secondary College are now available to order online at JP Books.

[Click here to visit JP Books](#)



- Purchase your items online for home delivery, or school collection.
- Order before 20th December 2023 if you wish to collect from the school on 29th January 2024.
- Full ordering information and related dates are provided in the sidebar of the relevant book list.
- For further assistance with books or orders please phone JP Books directly on 9314 0529.



Second-hand books and uniforms can be purchased and sold via the Sustainable School Shop.

A free subscription is provided for all WSC families upon sign-up and booklists are pre-loaded to make finding or listing the right items easy.

[Click here to visit Sustainable School Shop](#)



NEW YEAR, NEW MEDICAL PLAN!

If your child has a medical plan for the management of a health care need, please ensure you have provided the College with the most current version.

You can update or add to your child's medical plan details any time via email to werribee.sc@education.vic.gov.au or by providing a hard copy to the office.

LIBRARY NEWS

REMINDERS:

- All overdue borrowed library items are due for return before the last day of term.
- Please look after your student ID cards over the holidays as you will need them for term 1, 2024.
- Good luck to the exiting year 12 students, welcome to the new year 7's for 2024 and it will be lovely to see everyone back for 2024

LIBRARY CATALOGUE



Scan the QR code or follow the [link](#) in the Compass favourites (star) menu to view the Library Catalogue

FREE LIBRARY DATABASES



JSTOR: Log in to www.jstor.org
Username: *werribee* | Password: *library20*

ANZRC: Access via the [library catalogue 'News' tab](#) or *Compass > Community > School Documentation > Research Database- Australia/NZ Reference Centre*

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

WSC Council held its final meeting for the year. We reviewed some of the events happening around the school as the year draws to a close and discussed plans for 2024. The involvement of WSC in the ['NatureWise at School'](#) program will bring many exciting opportunities for students and the school community to enhance the school's connection to nature and sustainability, and I encourage any parents or guardians with an interest to get in touch with Ms Sommers at the college to see how you can become involved.

School Council approved the awarding of the preferred canteen service provider. Council also discussed a draft review by the Department of Transport and Planning of the school bus network that provides specific school bus services to our community. Details of the review will be released as soon as possible.

The Parent Payment Arrangements were approved by Council, and these will be made available very soon. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the voluntary financial contributions from the school community greatly help us to keep up with the rising costs without having to reduce the quality of educational programs and to provide for increased experiences for students,

as well as helping to maintain and improve the school's grounds and facilities. This has included improvements to the school oval, for example, which the students have been enjoying. Please consider what you can contribute to the school to support all our students.



On behalf of WSC Council I wish all the WSC staff, students and families a happy and safe holiday break and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Damian Marinaro
School Council President

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday 13th November, all Werribee Secondary College classes paused for a speech and minute of silence after recess in recognition of Remembrance Day which fell on Saturday 11th November.

We thank our WSC Cadets, Wafi and Meghana, for performing a wreath laying ceremony under the flag poles at the front of the school.

Lest We Forget.



2024 BELL TIMES & TERM DATES

A reminder to all families that the college bell times have changed for 2024.

The school day will commence at 8:50am and end at 3:04pm.

Each normal day will continue to commence with a 15-minute homegroup session.

2024 Commencement Dates:

Years 7 and 12 commence on 30th January.
Years 8, 10 and 11 commence on 31st January.
Year 9 commence on 1st February.

Please ensure that any known absences are communicated to Year Level Coordinators in advance.

Bell times and term dates can also be found at any time on the college website.

2024 BELL TIMES

PERIOD	NORMAL DAY	SHORTENED DAY
Homegroup	8:50 - 9:05	
1	9:05 - 9:54	8:50 - 9:36
2	9:54 - 10:43	9:36 - 10:22
Recess	10:43 - 11:04	10:22 - 10:44
3	11:05 - 11:54	10:44 - 11:30
4	11:54 - 12:43	11:30 - 12:16
Lunch	12:43 - 1:25	12:16 - 12:58
5	1:26 - 2:15	12:58 - 1:44
6	2:15 - 3:04	1:44 - 2:30

2024 TERM DATES

TERM	COMMENCEMENT DATE	END DATE
Term 1	29 January (staff) Student Commencement Dates: Year 7 & 12: 30 January Year 8, 10 & 11: 31 January Year 9: 1 February	28 March
Term 2	15 April	28 June
Term 3	15 July	20 September
Term 4	7 October	20 December (varies by year level)

Refer to Compass for the most up-to-date information regarding curriculum days and special events.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

What a year it has been. Congratulations to all students on making it through a challenging but rewarding 2023.

To our Year 8 students, well done on completing your time in Junior School. Ahead of you are more choices (electives) and brand-new opportunities. We hope that when you return from holidays, you will be refreshed and recharged and ready to take on the challenges ahead. To our Year 7 students, you are now no longer the youngest in the yard. With this comes responsibilities, as you will now have to set the standards for the new students coming from grade 6.

At the time of writing, Junior School has made significant changes to classes and assignment of electives for Year 7 into 8 and for Year 8 into 9. During this process, class readjustments have been made to further address the learning and social needs of students. Reviews of student performance and attendance were considered as well as student elective preferences. We hope that parents support us as we manage the complexities of this process including timetable and teacher restraints.

UPDATES TO JUNIOR SCHOOL FOR 2024

After spending 12 months as Junior School Director, Chris Duffin will be taking on the role of Director of

Health, Physical Education and Food. We are pleased to announce that Sarah Hill will now be the Junior School Director for 2024, Jodie Hugo will be the Year 7 Coordinator, and we welcome Jonathon Lynch who will be the Year 8 Coordinator.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS & 2024 COMMENCEMENT

School will return for 2024 for our new Year 7's on Tuesday 30th January, our Year 8's will return on Wednesday 31st January, whilst the Year 9's are back on Thursday 1st February.

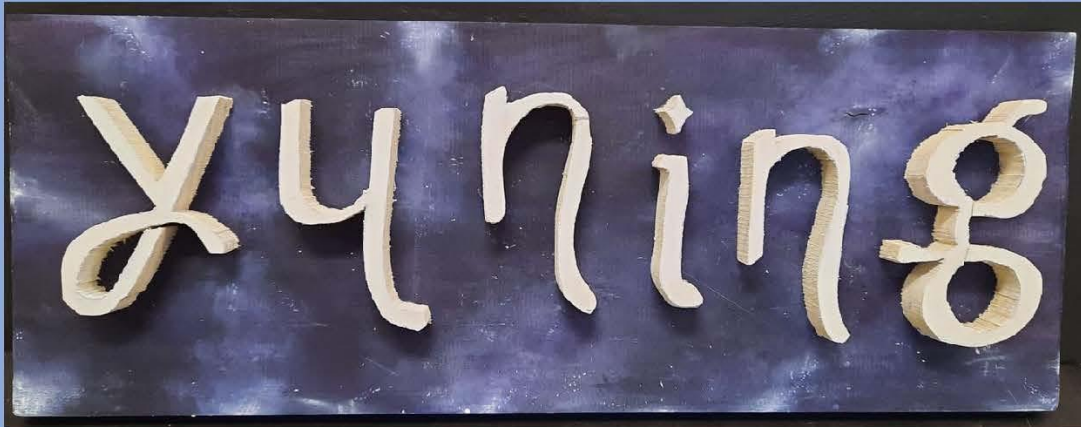
If you are not returning on these dates, it is important to understand that classes will be beginning, and work may be assigned. You should contact the Junior School Office to lodge your absence. A reminder that holidays are not considered an approved absence and assessments missed will result in 0.

We wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. We understand that there has been many ups and downs, challenges and opportunities, and ask that you continue to work with us to best support your child.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

- **The Junior School Team: Mr Chris Duffin, Ms Sarah Hill, Ms Jodie Hugo, Ms Michelle Vincent & Ms Anita Francis**

YEAR 9 DESIGN MATERIALS



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

As we reflect on Term 4, it has proven to be an unforgettable experience for both year levels.

YEAR 9 EXCURSIONS

Our Year 9 students embarked on enriching excursions this term. They explored Werribee Zoo for a geography adventure and visited ACMI and the Shrine of Remembrance for insights into modern history. At the Shrine of Remembrance, students learned about its origin as a war memorial for World War I veterans and its current role honouring all Australians who served in any war.



YEAR 9 COURSE CONFIRMATION & ELECTIVES

Middle School has worked hard to complete Year 9 into 10 classes for 2024. We have done our best to get students into their elective preferences. This information has now been made available to new Year 10 students for parents to begin organising appropriate books. We will not be making changes to electives once they have been selected. Compass will update student timetables in the days before classes commence in 2024. Students should familiarise themselves with this so they can organise themselves for day 1.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE AND ORIENTATION

In Week 8, our Year 10 students participated in work experience, impressing teachers with their professionalism and dedication. Positive feedback highlighted the exemplary representation of Werribee Secondary students. In Week 9, Year 10 students began their senior studies during the Year 11 orientation, marking the commencement of their final years and transition to the Senior School.

KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Congratulations **Shruthe Chandrasekar** and **Sushanth Josh Gorre** for successfully joining the University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program, Class of 2025. We commend all Year 10 students who applied, as their academic performance and community involvement were highly impressive. The program, with nearly 2000 applications, offers a supportive university community and peer network through tailored events. We eagerly anticipate

Shruthe and Sushanth's achievements over the next two years.

CONGRATULATIONS - 2023 AWARDS NIGHT

We would like to congratulate all Years 9 and 10 students who received awards on Awards Night. Witnessing students celebrate their hard work and successes is truly rewarding.

A very special congratulations to **Amatulkareem Thomas**, recipient of the Global Citizenship Award, recognising her appreciation for cultural diversity and active engagement in Indigenous and global issues.



LEAVING WSC AT THE END OF 2023

Any students that are leaving Werribee Secondary College at the end of 2023 should come to the Middle School Office to collect an exit form. This must be completed and signed by all relevant people and returned prior to being exited from our college. This process can take time and should be initiated as soon as possible.

We wish these students all the best at their new school and for those Year 10 students who secured an apprenticeship, congratulations and wishing you well as you embark on your desired career journey.

2024 TEAM CHANGES

As we look ahead to next year, we bid farewell to Ms. Baxter and Ms. Hammond, who are taking on different roles in 2024. We would like to welcome Mr. Gavin (Yr. 9 Coordinator) and Ms. Hart (Yr. 10 Coordinator) to the Middle School Team, they will join Ms. McLaughlin and Ms. Wearmouth in providing support.

On behalf of the Middle School Team, we extend warm wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday to all our Year 9s and 10s. See you next year!

Lastly, From the entire Middle School Team, thank you for your hard work and effort throughout the year. Congratulations to all the students for their achievements over the course of the 2023 school year. This is deserved recognition for the hard work that you have put in this year, for which you should be extremely proud. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and hope to see you all in 2024.

- **The Middle School Team**

TECH TALK!

DEC 2023



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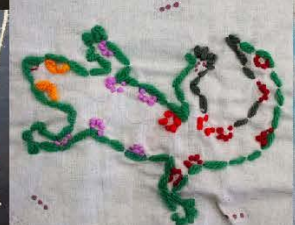
It's been a fabulous year in Technology with thousands of creations being made! Students have worked with many different types of materials and projected what the future may look like by exploring emerging technologies. Next year we double in size and time! We welcome 2 new Technology teachers, and of course our fabulous existing teachers remain to deliver exciting new curriculum! A HUGE thank you to our sponsors; Altona Bunnings, Spotlight Head Office (South Melbourne) and Datta Victoria. Congratulations to everyone.



OVER 165 Year 7 Bookends Made!!

TECH TALK!

DEC 2023



SUPERHACK

EVENT @ UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

A high-school engineering hackathon for non-binary, gender diverse and female students hosted by the University of Melbourne Electrical Engineering Club (MUEEC). Students from schools across Victoria were invited to compete in teams and solve engineering design challenge. This year the theme was "Assistive Technologies". In the first session, students learnt to program Arduino and to use various accessories. In the next three sessions, they had to identify a need, design and build a gadget and present it to a panel of four judges.

Thirteen students from Werribee Secondary College participated in this two-day workshop. Despite the challenges with Melbourne trains over the weekend in November, they all arrived and participated with enthusiasm. Each team had two university students as their mentor. They also got to hear from industry experts from CSIRO, Worley and Defence, Science and Technology (DSTG) group of the Australian Defence Agency.

Well done to:

Team: Akshita, Manahil, & Luneah of year 11

Gadget: Bumble Bee - Rescue people from rubble.

Team: Ria, Ersheen, Ruth & Peiyong of year 11

Gadget: Positive Hearts - Sends a message when elderly people fall or need help

Team: Xin Yu, Ishani, Charisse, Ipsa & Chatterjee of year 10 (pictured with two mentors)

Gadget: Bin Compactor - Compactor attachment to rubbish bins in toilets



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 12 VCE RESULTS AND OFFERS

VCE results and ATAR will be released by VTAC online at 7AM on Monday 11 December (via the Results and ARAR app). Students will have until 4PM on Wednesday 13 December to change their preferences.

Ms Devereux, the Careers Counsellor, will be available to support students with change of preference. Please contact the Careers Office to make an appointment with Ms Devereux on 99748638 or 99748619.

First round offers will be available at 2PM, Thursday 21 December, through individual student VTAC accounts.

YEAR 12 IB RESULTS AND OFFERS

The IB provides a service for candidates to be able to access their own results via a secure website, candidates.ibo.org. Each student will be provided with a unique alphanumeric username and PIN issued and distributed by Ms Sommers. The PINs will enable the students to access their results from candidates.ibo.org. Candidates will be able to see their subject grades as well as core grades and overall qualification results. The notional ATARs for IB students will be released by VTAC on January 4, 2024 at 9AM.

'Change of Preference' is a period where students can reassess their VTAC course preferences once they receive their final results. Students may wish to modify preferences by repositioning courses, adding courses or deleting courses for university offers which are released on January 12, 2024 at 2PM.

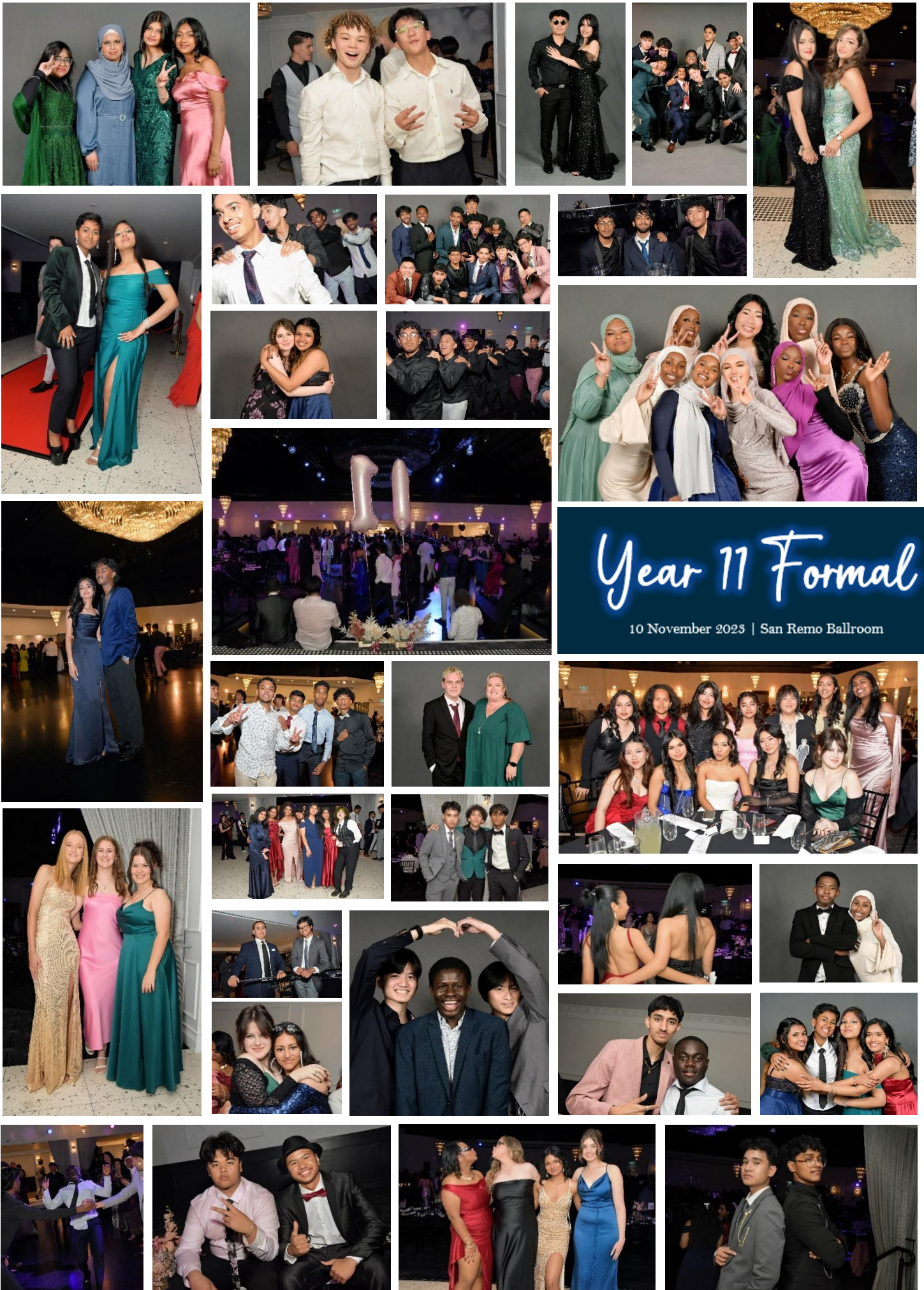
Change of preference dates are between January 3, at 3PM to January 5, 4PM for the main Offer Round on January 13, 2023. Further *limited* offer rounds occur through February for domestic IB students.

Once IB students receive results, careers appointments can be obtained by emailing Ms Devereux on jennifer.devereux@education.vic.gov.au. All IB careers appointments occur on January 4, between 10AM-4PM.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

All 2024 Senior School students have been provided with a link to the Orientation OneNote via their school email, and Compass. The OneNote contains the material that was covered during the orientation period as well as the holiday homework that is required to be completed. The holiday homework is due the first lesson back, for each subject, in 2024. The holiday homework is the first piece of assessment for 2024 which will be entered into Compass therefore it's imperative all holiday homework is completed to avoid students starting the year off on the backfoot.

- **The Senior School Team**



Year 11 Formal

10 November 2023 | San Remo Ballroom



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP & STUDENT VOICE

GLOBAL AMBASSADORS

Well done to our 2023 Global Ambassadors, Aravind, Hayyan, Muhammad, Abbas, Navid and Zarah, who committed to being Global Ambassadors throughout 2023. They collaborated all year with each, and students from other schools, to identify a social problem within our community and work to address it. Through their advocacy at school assemblies and on their website and Instagram page, the group campaigned for Nude Food lunchboxes, to cut down on rubbish within the school grounds. They even negotiated a 50c discount at the canteen for students who brought their own container for food items! Please check out the school Facebook page to see a video of their project. We look forward to seeing further efforts by these change makers in 2024!

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

On November 23rd, we hosted a blended MUN here on campus, in conjunction with students from Zhong Zheng Senior High School in Taipei, Taiwan, who joined us online. Our students represented a range of countries such as India, Denmark, Gabon and China, discussing the issue of Climate Change and collaborating to pass a mock resolution. MUN is a great way to learn about global politics and diplomacy, along with the inner workings of the UN General Assembly. Next year, there will be many more opportunities for students to be involved in MUN events, including some that are competitive, so stay tuned for Compass notifications in 2024.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP RETREAT

On November 27th, our new College Captains and Vice Captains for 2024 returned to campus to participate in the Student Leadership retreat. Tyra, Sanhae, Jacob and Wafi met with Student Leadership Coordinator Ms Manovski-Maddox and Assistant Principal Ms Sommers to reflect on their individual and shared values, and how these will help them work together as a team next year. They then spent some time collaboratively planning for student events in 2024 and what the new student leadership structure will look like. It was a positive and inspiring day, and it was so exciting to hear the wonderful ideas they have for our school community next year. We are so fortunate to have such fantastic young leaders within our student body.



NATUREWISE PROJECT

On 7th December, several members of our school community met to discuss a pilot project the school will be involved with next year in collaboration with People & Parks Foundation. Our working group consists of staff, students and parents who will work together in 2024 to help our school community start to regularly 'nature dose', which means interacting meaningfully with nature for 20 minutes a day for a minimum of 2 hours a week. Our work with People & Parks Foundation involves funding and support to create, enhance and connect nature spaces at work, rest, learning and play that are *naturewise*; that provide recognisable benefits for the local environment, for people and sustainability.

Creating, enhancing and connection nature spaces across campus gives the whole school community an opportunity to better connect with an care for nature – benefitting ourselves and the environment. Our new nature spaces, created as a result of this project, will offer opportunities for everyone to practice Nature Dosing – connecting with and caring for nature – at work, rest, learning and play.

Over summer, there are many ways you can meaningfully nature dose. Please see the attached Nature Dose guide to help you get started! If you would like to be involved with this project, please send me an email at: joanna.sommers@education.vic.gov.au

THE NATURE DOSE

It's important for our health and wellbeing to regularly connect with nature. Research shows we should spend a minimum of 2 hours a week connecting with nature to feel the benefits. At the People & Parks Foundation, we call this 'Nature Dosing'. We define a Nature Dose as a regular, intentional, multi-sensory connection with nature, including caring for nature. We can all build our 'Nature Dose' on a daily, 15-30 minute step of caring for ourself and the planet. Use our Nature Dose Pyramid to plan your own personal Nature Dose at work, rest, learning and play!

My Nature Dose looks like...

I will connect with and care for nature by:

Stuck indoors?
It's always better to get out and into nature, but sometimes that's not possible. If you're indoors, you can still get a Nature Dose by connecting with:
Nature Samples – use vision, and other senses, of plants and soils
Nature References – e.g. images, sounds, smells of nature

The key to the Nature Dose is REGULARITY, nature benefits us and we need to value and care for nature in return.

THE NATURE DOSE PYRAMID:
Daily
Weekly
Monthly
Every few months
Each Year

THE NATURE DOSE:
Daily
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Monthly
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Each Year

PEOPLE & PARKS FOUNDATION

THE NATURE DOSE

Need some help to get started?
Here are some ideas for connecting with and caring for nature:

- Try camping
- Have a picnic in the park
- Build a bird or possum box
- Experiment with a plant-based diet
- Find a native plant in your street
- Find some grass, take your shoes off and feel the grass between your toes
- Close your eyes and listen to water flowing over rocks, or the wind rustling the leaves of a tree
- Notice what season it is based on the nature you can see
- Think about how weather affects the nature around you (including you)
- Take a snap of something in nature that grabs your attention
- Discover something new about your favourite animal
- Join a group caring for nature
- Watch the sunrise or sunset
- Go outside at night to notice the moon
- Eat breakfast in nature
- Search for parks in your area and visit one
- Go outside and smell nature's scents: sit against a tree and feel the bark against your back
- Wherever you are, Acknowledge Country
- Check your local council website to know what to recycle
- Plant a local, native tree
- Find out a nature fact and tell someone else
- Share a picture of your favourite nature spot
- Watch the sunlight filter through the trees
- Walk slowly and stop to notice nature
- Watch an insect
- Pick up some rubbish
- Take your lunch outside
- Have a coffee outside in nature
- Take photos in nature with a friend
- Adopt a pot plant and care for it
- Practice before-and-after fast fashion
- Eat locally sourced food in season
- Touch a rock or a tree (it might be rough or smooth?)
- Choose your favourite plant – is it native to your area?

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A MAJAK VISIT TO WSC

Last week, the VCE VM orientation group were treated a special guest speaker – none other than Majak Daw, the former North Melbourne AFL player. Majak brought a wealth of inspiration and motivation as he engaged with the students, emphasising the significance of striving to be the best version of oneself.

During his talk, Majak shared the remarkable journey of his upbringing, from Sudan to his family's relocation to Werribee. He delved into the pivotal moments that led to his drafting into the AFL, offering valuable insights into the choices he made and the path he navigated to reach his current position. He also generously took the time to address the burning AFL-related questions that the students had.



IB | YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY

This year, a group of Year 11 IB students had a great opportunity to be involved in 'Youth in Philanthropy.' We were allocated \$10,000 from the Lord Mayor Charitable Foundation, from which we chose three charities to donate the money to, as a group of YIPPERS. The giving of effort, time, and resources including money to charitable causes by students/young people is called Youth in Philanthropy. We started off with a weekly meeting discussing the issues in our society that can benefit people and our environment. As IB students it is our responsibility to be aware of the current issues that people are facing in today's society and step up to help solve these problems. We came up with the three charities that help with humanity, homelessness, care, and support.

Our selected three charities are:

1. **Habitat for Humanity to whom we donated \$5,000.** Habitat for Humanity helps to build affordable housing for Victorian families in need, they believe 'everyone deserves a decent place to call home.'
2. **Homie Pathway Alliance to whom we donated \$2,500.** Homie Pathway Alliance's mission is to 'support young people affected by homelessness or hardship.' They gift t-shirts, jumpers, crewnecks, shorts, track pants, and accessories.
3. **Sacred Heart Mission to whom we donated \$2,500.** Sacred Heart Mission helps 'adults of all ages and background who are experiencing homelessness, disadvantage and social exclusion to a free meal, care, and support'.

This experience of helping these charities has been eye-opening, as researching the issues some people are facing in society is devastating. To give back to these charities, we know there is still faith and humanity in people who are willing to donate to help create a better environment and form relationships and peace. As IB students, we develop our 10 learner profile attributes; Principled, Open-Minded, Inquirer, Balanced, Caring, Thinker, Communicator, Risk-taker, Knowledgeable and Reflective. We have used these 10 learner profiles throughout the YIP experience and will continue to do so in the present and future.

We would like to thank our supervisor for Youth in Philanthropy, Mr. Phillip Hood, as he helped guide and educate us through this whole experience.

- **From the students: Daanika, Anamika, Jack, Ha-Young, Bhavana, Tejaswini and Yasmin**

Term 4 has seen several transition programs for our IB students. Our Year 11s transitioned into Year 12, which generally means continuing with their classes. However, this cohort demonstrated their commitment and perseverance to their studies, by choosing to come in after their classes ended to get a head start on their Maths Internal Assessment and their Biology practs.

Our current Year 11s also helped immensely with the transition program for our Year 10s moving into Year 11. Our Year 10s had an energetic and exhausting week, spending time in all their new subject areas, as well as learning about Theory of Knowledge, the Extended Essay and Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS). There was also plenty of time for team building through the Marshmallow Challenge and Scavenger Hunt, led by our current Year 11s. Our Year 11s also led a Student Q & A for the Year 10s, sharing their expertise and insights after a year in the program.

Both Year 10s and 11s were also taken through effective research and referencing tips by the State Library of Victoria. Membership to the library is free, so jump online and access their fantastic resources!

Finally, the Alamanda P-9 College students who are joining us in the IB Link program in Year 10 next year spent a day on campus for orientation. They were joined by both current IB Link students and some of Year 11 IB students, who gave them a tour of the school and helped settle any nerves!

Thank you to all current IB students who gave up the start of their summer holiday to help mentor younger students and promote the program. It is always so wonderful to see you give back to your community and demonstrate our school values of respect and responsibility.

In 2024, I will be running an IB Information Evening for the Werribee community. Please stay tuned for further details.

-Ms Joanna Sommers
Assistant Principal & IB Coordinator



At Werribee Secondary College the visual arts are an integral part of everyday life, permeating all levels of human creativity, expression, communication and understanding.

Throughout 2023 the IB Diploma Programme visual arts course encouraged our amazing Year 2 students Chen Ju, Angel, Jie, Iris, Julie, Kitchie and Ywah Hay to challenge their own creative and cultural expectations and boundaries. During Year 1 & Year 2 of the Visual Arts course, students developed analytical skills in problem-solving and divergent thinking, while working towards technical proficiency and confidence as art-makers. In addition to exploring and comparing visual arts from different perspectives and in different contexts, the students engaged in, experimentation with and critically reflected upon a wide range of contemporary practices and media.

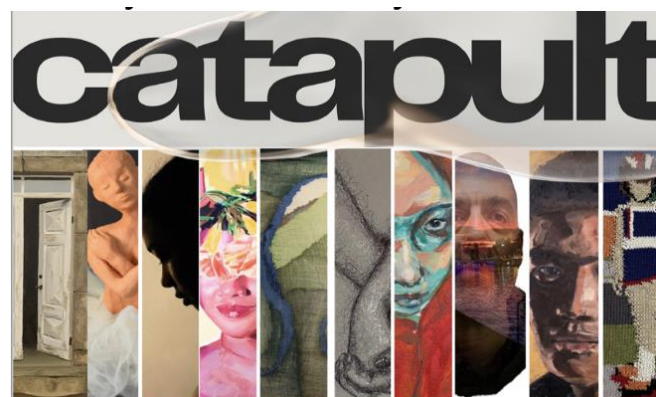
On Monday 2nd of October 2023 our Year 2 IB Visual Artists were able to have their final art exhibition beautifully displayed within the Ray Finlay Gallery. The exhibition counted for 40% of the final grade for IB Visual Arts and as such is an important component of the course. The exhibition was diverse as ever, showing works created in many different mediums including, drawing, painting, photography, 3D sculptural work, printmaking and even a digital video installation.

Four of our Year 2 IB students have been selected to have their individual artwork presented in the Annual 2024 Victorian and Tasmanian International Baccalaureate Diploma Visual Arts Exhibition. We are extremely proud of the students' achievements within the Visual Arts and are delighted of their selection within this prestigious exhibition.


On Sunday 11th of February 2024 both Year 1 & Year 2 IB Visual Arts Students will attend the 2024 IBDP Seminar at the Glen Eira Town Hall which will provide them valuable insights into the Visual Arts program.

The seminar will include:

- An opportunity to view the 2024 IB Visual Arts Exhibition
- The opportunity to listen to both Teacher / Examiner & Student speaker presentations.
- Past students discussing their IB experience and their artwork within the exhibition.
- Multiple Contemporary Australian Artist Presentations
- Access to high-scoring examples of Process Portfolios and Comparative Studies
- A showbag





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"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2023 Year 2 IB Visual Arts students for their hard work and dedication to make this a wonderful moment of celebration for the Werribee Secondary College community. Well done everybody and good luck with your future creative endeavours".

**- Mr Gorsuch
Year 2 IB Visual Arts Teacher**

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REMINDERS

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare and Private Health Insurance.

PERSONAL PROPERTY INSURANCE

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