



WINDSOR
HIGH SCHOOL

Week 7 Term 4 2019

SAFETY TEAMWORK ACHIEVEMENT RESPECT

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Self Portrait—Mackayla Year 7



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At Windsor High School we ensure student achievements are frequently and regularly acknowledged, which creates a positive school culture and a motivation for students to adopt our core STAR values of safety, teamwork, achievement and respect. One of the highlights of the week where we acknowledge the great achievements of our students is our weekly assembly, where students who have received the most VIVO points receive High Flyers awards and teachers are acknowledged for distributing their positive VIVO points. Regrettably we did not have an assembly last week as on Tuesday morning the air was very thick with bush fire smoke and we deemed it unsafe to have students and staff exposed to poor quality air.

The rest of the week was very positive with great things happening both inside and outside of school grounds.

WALKING TOGETHER - LEARNING TOGETHER

As a part of our linkages program, where we provide enriched learning opportunities to students in our feeder primary schools, our Hawkesbury Harvest program culminated this week with students harvesting the produce they have grown over the past 10 weeks and making a gourmet meal formally served in our library. On Tuesday it was Windsor Park Public School 's turn and on Thursday Windsor Public students were present. From the farm to the table, both Windsor and Windsor Park enjoyed the Schools Hawkesbury Harvest Program. Lunch even included freshly made goat cheese ricotta just for that added gourmet experience. These days just don't happen without lots of hard work and commitment. Mrs Ruis received flowers from Windsor Park Public School in appreciation of the Hawkesbury Harvest Program. This program also provides leadership opportunities for our students who can practise their skills in a supportive environment. Thank you to our Year 9 helpers Amber, Jeremy, Ryan, Casey, Zac, Sienna, Patrick and Riley. The feedback from the primary schools has been very positive. Well done Mrs. Ruis and students!



Windsor Park Public School



Windsor Public School



Going to high school for the first time from primary school can be very daunting. At Windsor High school we provide many ways to support this challenging transition. We have two Transition Days where year 6 students try taster lessons and learn where facilities are within the school. We then have an Orientation Day where they get to meet new friends from other schools as well as further develop their knowledge of where everything is. We pair up the incoming Year 6 students with students currently in Year 9 so that on the Orientation Day they will have a reliable person who can answer all their questions. These same students then continue to meet regularly with the same students when they are in Year 7 to continue that support. Across year friendships develop which further provides ongoing support as well as further leadership opportunities for the older students. Our 2020 Peer Support Leaders are in the middle of their 2 day training workshop, getting ready to assist Year 7 with their transition to high school and in Home Group classes next year. Check out some of the creative action from Day 1!



We have been working hard at Windsor High School to ensure every student's talent is allowed to grow to its full potential. Sometimes the talents are academic, sometimes creative and sometimes sporting talents. Supporting students who display lots of creative talents was made possible this year when we were lucky enough to be successful with two groups being selected to be a part of the School Spectacular live performances. One group joined the amazing combined choir and the other group joined the Aboriginal Dance troop. There have been months and months of training and rehearsal, but the performances over the weekend were, as you would expect, spectacular! Thank you to the students for all their hard work, and to Mrs. West and Ms Walker who are exhausted after very long hours and commitment to support these students for which the last week will have created memories that will last a lifetime.



Supporting students with academic talent was evident when Windsor High School competed in the History Mastermind Competition held at St Clair High School. Students in Years 7 and 8 were selected to participate in this inter-school competition, where many selective high schools attended. Questions were asked around the Stage 4 syllabus, which made it very difficult for the Year 7 students who have only done half of the course. Even so – they thoroughly enjoyed it, and have asked to go back next year. Congratulations to our Windsor High “B” team who finished 9th out of 32 schools in the History Mastermind Competition!



Our Support Unit is a highly valued part of our school. The students in the unit complete similar syllabus content in their classes, albeit modified or adjusted for their individual learning needs. Our Support Unit students made dioramas of Renewable Energy townships as part of their Science lessons over the past few weeks, to enhance their learning and understanding of environmental issues. They had an exhibition of their dioramas in the Support Unit for the whole school and had a competition for the best diorama. Each student, or groups of students had to make a presentation about their diorama. I was so pleased to hear the depth of knowledge in their explanations. Having to select one as the winner was one of the hardest things I have had to do this year. Congratulations to Bowen who came first, and to Daniel and Ayrton who received the highly Commended Award. Well done to both staff and students for creating such great work.



First place winner—Well done Bowen



RICHMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES FREE GROUPS & ACTIVITIES 2020

<u>Parent Connect 2020</u> With FREE childcare	For Dad's & Mums of children aged 0—8 years	<u>Term 1:</u> 17th Feb, 2nd, 16th & 30th March 2020 <u>Term 2:</u> 4th & 18th May, 1st, 15th & 29th June 2020	10am—12noon
<u>Supporting Kids Through Loss & Grief</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 26th February 2020	6.30 - 9pm
<u>GUTS—Growing Up Through Separation</u>	For kids aged 7-12 years who have experienced parental separation	6 x Tuesdays 25 th February, 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th 24 th & 31 st March 2020	3.30-5pm
<u>Conflict Resolution for Couples</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	3 weeks ongoing Saturdays: 7 th , 14 th and 21 st March 2020	10am - 12.30pm
<u>Be A Great Dad</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 4th March 2020	6.30 - 9pm
<u>ADHD Diagnosis—Next Steps</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	Parents/primary carer of kids 0-12years	Monday 9th March 2020	9.30am—1pm
<u>Helping Kids Relate Well to Others</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 11th March 2020	10am - 12.30pm

We will be closed for Christmas/New Year from Monday 23rd December 2019—Friday 3rd January 2020 inclusive, re-opening on Monday 6th January 2020

Hawkesbury's Helping Hands
Inc.



Formal Wear Shop

Hawkesbury's Helping Hands is pleased to announce that our **Formal Wear Loan Service** is available for 2019.

Students who need a helping hand to attend their formal, farewell or graduation, can borrow a full outfit (including shoes and accessories) **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Bring along student ID and Guardian ID.

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CALENDAR TERM 4 2019 & TERM 1 2020

Monday 18th November to Friday 22nd November	Year 11 Work Placement
Wednesday 27th November	Year 11 State Library Workshop
Wednesday 11th December	Year 10 Formal
Thursday 12th December	Presentation Day Period 3
Wednesday 18th December	Last Day Term 4
Wednesday 29th January 2020	Year 7, 11 & 12 Return
Thursday 30th January 2020	Year 8, 9 & 10 Return
Thursday 13th February 2020	Swimming Carnival