



HAMPTON
Senior High School

Family Update

Wednesday August 9, 2023

Dear Families

The current season of Djilba is a transitional time of the year with some very cold and clear days combining with warmer, rainy and windy days, mixed with the occasional sunny day or two. We are certainly hoping for a sunny day for our upcoming Athletics carnival on Wednesday August 30th. We welcome families to this event once again and look forward to the combination of competition, fun and food trucks for this fabulous Hampton school community event.



If you have a family member or friend with children planning to start Year 7 next year at Hampton, please ensure enrolment applications have been submitted. Our Specialist Program afternoon sessions are booking up quickly and information about transition, Orientation Day and Parent Night will be sent out to families who have enrolled, very soon. We don't want anyone to miss out on this information.

A reminder that taking time off during the school term for holidays is not considered an approved absence by the Department of Education while time for compassionate, cultural or medical reasons is authorised. In all cases of student absence, parents/guardians are required to advise the school of the reason for an absence. It is important for you to consider the impact with consideration given to what your child is going to miss, such as assessments, exams and important events.

Contact for advising of reasons and dates for all student absences can be made by text message to 0407 192 197, and by Email to hampton.shs@education.wa.edu.au

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Program

Hampton SHS is proudly implementing the PBS program throughout our school. We are currently prioritising the implementation of this in Years 7-9. Our goal is to ensure that teachers can focus on student engagement, explicit teaching and high impact teaching strategies through consistent implementation of positive behaviour strategies as well as clear processes and consequences. This will result in increased student engagement, progress and achievement, and facilitate confidence from families regarding our pastoral care processes.

Rowan Brookes has taken up a "special project" Deputy role for the semester, working with our new Student Services Manager, Danielle Larkin, Instructional Coach and PBS Leader, Caroline Dixon and the Year 7, 8, 9 Year Coordinators, to fully support classroom behaviour management and implementation of PBS. Christine Colameo will step into the HOLA HPE role for Mr Brookes.

Connect and Respect

The Department of Education has recently released [Connect and Respect](#), a suite of resources to assist school communities in setting shared and respectful expectations to enable us to continue to work together in the best interests of our children.

This includes when and how to contact the school, what you can expect from us and the behaviours that interfere with teaching and learning. These resources and guidelines will assist us to continue to build upon our culture of connection and engagement and we will implement them to support our staff to deliver quality education at our school.

Our school community is a vibrant and diverse representation of society where children learn and grow. We rely on the local community, parents and families to partner with us in their children's learning journey and encourage open communication. We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence. Parents, carers and other visitors to our school support safety by ensuring communication, conduct and activities at school, are respectful. We all have the right to feel safe and be safe at school.

The following links provide Department of Education WA information on [Engagement](#), [Expectations](#) and [Escalation](#).

Welcome to new staff

- Danielle Larkin is our new Student Services Manager Years 7-9 after Glendah Migro won a position in the Pilbara. Coincidentally, Danielle has come from another Pilbara school with a wealth of experience.
- Level 3 Teacher Laura Buchanan is welcomed into our HASS Department. Laura is also our new Year 7 Coordinator. Tegan Hunt will coordinate Follow the Dream and lead the improvement of Aboriginal student achievement and attendance outcomes.
- Congratulations to Education Assistant (EA), Julie Finch, who won a Student Support Coordinator position at Kelmscott SHS. We welcome EA, Phil Larkin, to Hampton.
- Joshua Laurito is an outstanding new teacher in HPE filling in as a leave replacement for the remainder of the year.
- We welcome Maureen Tamsen permanently to our Admin Services Team.
- Our new Community Health Nurse, Mandy Gerritse, has quickly become an integral part of our Student Services team.
- We are currently advertising for 2024 staff, including Science teachers and lab technicians

Alice

The three nights of *Alice* were amazing performances. A cast and crew of over 100 students showcased the depth of our performing arts - dancing, acting, visual arts, media and a song reflecting our fledgling music program. The creative, collaborative production had the crowd clapping, laughing and singing the praises of staff and students. Our Arts staff pushed themselves beyond expectations to make the goal of Hampton's first whole school integrated showcase, a success. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the support of our fantastic P&C members for opening the canteen before the show and at the interval.



Languages Week

Last week we enjoyed Languages Week for the first time at Hampton. Not only do events like this provide cultural links to our Italian Language Program, they also allows us to celebrate the many languages spoken amongst our students. Congratulations to Italian Teacher in Charge, Liam Van Hemert, and Italian teacher, Olivia Cosentino, for organising such a wonderful week. Lunchtime Events included:



- A Languages Week Staff Quiz run during morning tea
- A Student Quiz held in the Rose Garden
- A Pasta Eating Competition held in the Rose Garden at lunchtime. Staff, Ben Levey and Tony Granich, battled it out against some hungry students
- A Sistine Chapel Drawing Competition
- A Gelato Van for Year 7 students

Vocational Education & Training

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Bella Bonney, who was successful in her application for a role at the Director General of Education's office. Bella accepted a full-time position as Level 3 Executive Assistant to The Director General of Education, working one day a week until she finishes Year 12 in the coming months. Bella will be working as part of a team of 5-7 staff who directly assist the Director.

This week Bella met her new colleagues and had an amazing experience, viewing her office and learning about her role. She will be the face of the Director General's Office, greeting visitors and attending meetings with DG Lisa Rodgers, as well as a host of other Level 3 tasks.



Japanese Student Tour



We currently have 18 exchange students from Japan visiting for about two weeks. Some of the students are being hosted by Hampton families from our P&C and School Board. They spend some of their time seeing Perth sites, and the rest of their time with us at school with a Hampton host buddy.



They shadow this buddy to their classes where they will participate in English learning experiences. A few wonderful teachers have also volunteered to conduct "Aussie" lessons in their learning areas. A big thank you to Tahlia Thomson, Christine Colameo, Karen Cosson, Liam Van Hemert, and Nicole Whiteside. Our guests have been having a lot of fun, including taste testing the wonderful Australian treats we all

know and love so well; Lamingtons, Vegemite, meat pies and Caramello Koalas. We know too that our Hampton host families have been showing the exchange students some of the amazing sights around Perth.

Access to Free Period Products

Details were recently sent out to all families via SMS regarding the provision of free period products for all secondary students. Students will be able to take what they need when they need it. Both single-pack Libra-branded pads and multipack tampons are available. Libra products are Australian manufactured and made to Australian Standards. Dispensers are located in Student Services, the Health Centre and the Year 8/9 Accessible Toilet.

Change of buildings

The repurposing of Student Services, Admin Services, Executive Reception, Follow the Dream and the A9 Meeting Room has allowed for more effective function and use of many spaces. A huge thank you to MCS, Fiona Bode, and Lead Grounds and Maintenance, Dylan Clement, for their work throughout the school holidays, working long days to ensure everyone was able to commence their work on the first day back this term. Coming up later this term, English, Science and Maths will move offices, creating two additional classrooms to be timetabled in 2024.

The ASD Specialist Program build is yet to be completed. You can see the progress of this at the rear of the school rugby oval. The program itself has started successfully in the meantime and we anticipate all program placement positions will be taken up by the start of the 2024 school year.

Wellness Wednesdays for Staff

Throughout Term Two, Hampton staff were treated to a self-care journey led by members of our Wellbeing Team. Student Support Coordinators, Jen Attwood and Gizella D'Alesio, were the masterminds behind Hampton's 'Wellness Wednesdays,' which aim to *promote a self-care culture amongst staff*. Self-care has so many important outcomes like increased productivity reduced staff absences, with a positive flow on effect to the students. Regulated staff means regulated students thereby improving student outcomes. *Based on the evidence, it is apparent that learning is most efficient when both teachers and students are in good health.*

Each Wednesday focused on a different self-care theme with information including fun facts and strategies emailed to all staff and displayed throughout the school in areas such as the staffroom and restrooms. The pièce de résistance was the themed surprise, placed into the pigeonhole of each staff member, with a wonderful staff morning tea surprise (pictured) donated by Benara Fresh one day last term.



We welcome your feedback about all that we do at Hampton SHS. if you would like to contact me about any of your concerns or to share positive feedback, please email me at tracy.griffiths@education.wa.edu.au. Later this term, we will be encouraging you to complete the National School Survey. This information allows us to continue to improve our processes for students and families.

I look forward to seeing you at the Athletics Carnival!

Regards

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