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Senior High School

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Dear Families

Welcome to Term 4. As I write this update, our Year 12s are approaching their final assessments and events in their 12 years of schooling. We have an action-packed term of academic achievement, sporting events and competitions among other things.

This week Hampton competed in our first B Division Interschool Athletics Carnival and came third with the slimmest of margins from second. We won the Meritorious Shield and outstanding individual student performances resulted in three year group champions and two runners up. This is a real tribute to the success and dedication from Matt Dean's leadership of the Athletics Academy.

Autism Specialist Program 2023

Yesterday the Minister for Education and Training announced that Hampton SHS will open a Specialist Program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. In partnership with Hampton Park Primary School, we are very proud to be the first schools in the new additional locations for 2023. The program provides specialist and intensive support to students with autism - without intellectual impairment - who have the capacity to learn at or near their academic year level standard with support but may have specific social and emotional development needs that are related to their autism.

The Minister's announcement and general information can be found on our [website](#) along with Frequently Asked Questions. Enrolment processes commence in Term 1, 2023. Please contact Reception or email hampton.shs@education.wa.edu.au with any enquiries.

IMSS (Instrumental Music School Services) 2023

Another program Hampton is pleased to re-establish after many years is the IMSS Music program for students. Many Year 6 students are already learning an instrument in primary school so this will provide a seamless pathway to continue their musical journey. It will also strongly support our Gifted & Talented Dance, Specialist Drama and Specialist Cheer programs and the School Musical.

The areas we will be offering are Brass, Clarinet, Flute, Voice and Guitar with the 2023 program based on student selections. We will open up offers to Year 7-12 2023 beginner places following music aptitude assessment and practical auditions. Application forms can be found [here](#)

Gifted and Talented Program 2024 Family Information Night

On Wednesday November 9 at 6pm Hampton will host a parent information evening for prospective Gifted and Talented Dance students for 2024. Every year, there is an audition process for Year 6, 8 and 10 students to apply for the following year. The final dance night, "Reimagined" was a resounding success last week. The professionalism and enjoyment shown by the teachers and dancers was an outstanding showcase of our programs. Please feel free to either register through the Try-booking link on our website for the evening or email Arts HOLA Sascha Bragaglia for more information.

Hampton Art Beautification and Update

Visual Arts Teacher Megan Aplin has spent countless hours with the Year 12s putting together the Year 12 2022 art piece and it looks amazing. If you are in the school, check out the wall between the Quad and



the Canteen and be captivated by the thought bubbles.



A second Hampton Visual Arts Teacher Nicole Whiteside has been managing the Art Beautification and Update program and we can finally say it is happening. Check out the front school fence for the 10 new tiles to advertise to the community our wide range of pathways and programs. Corridor panels coming soon...

Reporting Changes

This year, our feedback and reporting processes have been undergoing review. I would like to take this opportunity to outline the proposed changes, reasoning behind these changes and the communication and consultation phase we are about to embark on.

In Western Australia, reports provided to parents/carers at the end of each semester need to:

- be readily understandable.
- give an accurate and objective assessment of the student's progress and achievement.
- include an assessment of the student's achievement in terms of the Western Australian achievement standards and include, for subjects studied, an assessment of the student's achievement in terms of the grades A, B, C, D and E, clearly defined in terms of Western Australian achievement standards.
- include an assessment of the student's achievement in terms of the Western Australian achievement standards in relation to the performance of the student's peer group.
- include information about the student's attitude, behaviour and effort (ABEs).
- include any additional information the school considers relevant, for example parent interview requests, attendance and OLN results.

In the past years, Hampton SHS has included end of semester teacher comments for each course undertaken by students. End of semester comments are written by teachers 3-4 weeks before the end of term. Parent feedback indicates that this is very general feedback that is not timely, relevant nor useful.

We would like to improve the way we provide information about your child's achievement and progress by replacing the summative comment on end of semester reports with ongoing specific, constructive and proactive feedback throughout the year that is timely, clear and targeted. As this point in time, the same end of semester report format will be used with the comment boxes left blank, the same as we did in Semester 1 this year. Hampton staff, the School Board and the P & C have voted in support of these changes.

Teachers are developing a clear feedback plan for students and parents/carers about student progress regularly throughout the year through a variety of forms:

- Verbal feedback directly to the student in class
- Written feedback and annotations on students' completed work
- Marks and attendance shared with parents/carers and students via Connect
- Parent/carer contact by email, SEQTA DMs, parent interviews or phone
- Rubric style feedback on a variety of assessments
- Semester 1 and 2 Reports
- Task Reports emailed at the end of each term

COVID UPDATE

From Friday 14 October, COVID-19 mandatory isolation requirements were removed. This change was agreed to at National Cabinet. Please visit healthywa.wa.gov.au for up-to-date COVID-19 related support and advice. We encourage families to continue to keep unwell students at home and to wear a mask at school when they return if they have any symptoms of illness.

Students on work placement and work experience, and staff who visit these students, will be required to follow any public health restrictions and testing and isolation protocols applicable to their work placement site.

Please contact hampton.shs@education.wa.edu.au if you have any queries about COVID-19 safe measures in our school. Thank you for your continued support of the school community in keeping our school community safe.

Year 12 Graduation

Our Year 12 Graduation is happening tonight at The University of WA, I am really looking forward to celebrating student success in the academic, sporting and community arenas. A full list of award winners will be published next week, I wish all of our graduates the very best for the future.

2023 Planning

If your child isn't returning to Hampton in 2023, could you please send an email to advise where they will be attending school to hampton.shs@education.wa.edu.au this helps us to make sure our timetable planning is as accurate as it can be.

As always, I value parent feedback about what we are doing in the school so please don't hesitate to email me directly, tracy.griffiths@education.wa.edu.au or use the Hampton email above to communicate with me.

Regards



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