

Uniform Donations

We are currently looking for donations of Wingham High School uniforms in good condition to go into the clothing pool.

We would appreciate only shirts and jumpers with the WHS logo as well as navy trousers, tracksuit pants, shorts and skirts.

You can drop them at the school during school hours or send them in with your child.

Any questions, please contact the school on 6553 5488.

Payments for excursions etc, can be made online at www.winghamh.schools.nsw.edu.au

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Are emailed to: all students @education emails parents/carers with registered email accounts.

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Macquarie University brought their InRoads Program to Wingham High School virtually

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to what has been a start more in line to what we are usually accustomed to. The COVID-19 pandemic is obviously always central to planning and we continue to keep abreast of the daily updates, we are committed to making the learning environment as stable and structured to allow all students to continue to move forward in their learning. So, whilst 'business as usual' is clearly different to past practice, our classrooms are focused on student learning and best possible learning outcomes.

Whilst the year has definitely impacted on all of our students, I definitely feel for the students completing their HSC this year. The end of six years of schooling is not quite as expected. Again, we are ensuring that learning is as close to what would previously occur. Part of the students' preparation is the Trial HSC Examinations. Students will still be sitting these exams during weeks 5 and 6. That is; Monday 17th August until Friday 28th August inclusive. We of course will be supporting students outside of their allocated exam times, where they can be on campus and access teacher support.

The school is busy in the early stages of a new planning cycle. Our new School Improvement Plan, which entails a 4 year planning period, asks for schools to provide a clear snapshot of their current performance. Wingham High is in the process of gathering as much information so that our decisions are well founded and are goals can then be clearly defined. To help with all this information gathering we will be asking parents and community for their thoughts on different matters within the school. Your thoughts will be of great significance. Those surveys (COVID will likely limit a lot of interaction to online collection) will be coming out in the not too distant future.

As always, we are interested in your thoughts and only a phone call or email away. Enjoy the read.

Paul Ivers

Careers News

Year 12

I am in the process of interviewing every student in Year 12 as part of their transition from school to university, TAFE or employment. These interviews are a great opportunity for students to discuss individual plans, ideas and options for their future. Parents are welcome to attend these interviews by phone or zoom. Unfortunately, the Year 12 Careers Evening for students and their parents will not be able to go ahead this year as it has in previous years. However parents are most welcome to call me if you have any particular questions regarding your child's transition from school.

Whilst, due to COVID 19 Year 12 have not been able to participate in Careers Excursions this year, students are encouraged to attend university, TAFE and private provider Open Days virtually. These Open Days will take place throughout August and September. A number of the universities are also running Parent Information Sessions which are also a valuable way to find out institution specific information.

EVET/TAFE

Students in Year 9, 10 or 11 have the opportunity to study a TAFE course for next year one day per week. Students must fill in an Expression of Interest Form – there is only a short window of opportunity to do this until September 4.

Macquarie University Conference

Macquarie University brought their InRoads Program to Wingham High School virtually on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st July. This program is funded by the Federal Government as part of Macquarie University's LEAP (Learning Education Aspiration Participation) Program to encourage regional students to aspire to university study.



We had a representative Lotus here with us on site and each of the presenters zoomed in. This program would normally take place on campus in Sydney or with the presenters all coming to Wingham. Unfortunately, this was not possible this year due to COVID 19.

The sessions the students heard about were Astrophysics, Linguistics, International Business, Security Studies and Criminology, Biological Sciences, Media, Communication and Cultural Studies, Law Society, MQ Sport, Global Leadership, MQ Accommodation, Campus Wellbeing and Cognitive Sciences. These sessions showcased some of the range of disciplines available at Macquarie University.

The following students participated in this wonderful opportunity:

Isobel Butler-Kwa, Stephanie Davis-Stone, Josiane De Souza Rodrigues, Annaleah Doherty, Miranda Frendin, Amelia Hansen, Anh Maggs, Amber Loretan, Amber Moore, Amber Pereira, Mia Polley, Yam Sarakam, Dean Stacey, Emily Summerville, Lea Urquhart, Shari Urquhart and Kali Wells from Year 10.

Ava Beck, Sarah Busuttill, Halle Dawson, Lincoln Harrell, Mew Khamual, Kevin Le, Harrison Sharp, Keely Smith-Laws, Liam Sullivan, Ciara Todd and Meggan Watkins from Year 11. Eliza Baker, Dimity Bartlett, Jim Byrne, Danny Bisby, Alicia Evans and Aaron Smith from Year 12.

Thanks so much to our wonderful host Lotus and her colleagues Margaret and Nick who hosted the program at Taree High School. Your passion to encourage regional students to aspire to tertiary education is commendable.

Thanks to Judy and Keegan in the Canteen for organising the catering for the two days which the LEAP team funded.

Most of all thanks to the students who participated either in full or for part of the program. Your enthusiasm was wonderful to see and you were excellent ambassadors for Wingham High School.

I look forward to a time where we will once again be able to visit universities in person so that students can make informed decisions about their future study options.

Mrs Shirley Clissold – Careers Adviser.



SRC News

The Environment group has been working with Mrs Blanch and a group of students to try and get composting in the staff rooms. They've also been finishing off the bags made out of old denim jeans and skirts. The bags will be selling at \$5 for a small and \$7 for a large.

Within The next couple of weeks the Events team has been coordinating with the PE department to have some lunchtime games happening such as 3 a side half-court basketball and futsal.

Please make sure to not stand in the walkways in the morning and between classes as this makes it hard to get to class.

Year 8 Street Art

Students in Year 8 Visual Arts enjoyed a lesson in the sun on Friday the last day of term where they practiced a form of street art using chalk in the main quad. They came up with some great results and it was a good lead into Fun Fantastic Friday. This unit of work is a CAPA project connecting learning across art and music.



Garden

On the Friday, 31st of July, it was School's Tree Day and we went to the garden at the front of the school. The Mid Coast Council generously donated a selection of native plants for us to put in the garden.

Before we planted the trees, we had to look up the plants because we didn't know how big they got, or where the best place was to plant them. The Wakul Gudida group and a few other interested students helped plant these plants in places where they would look nice. After that we pulled out all the weeds and made the garden look better, we also found some rubbish and we picked that up.

The garden looks great when it is weeded and kept clean. We hope it stays that way.

Ivy Jobson and Haylea-Jade Lewis



Links to Learning

A group of Year 9 and 10 boys have been participating in the Links to Learning program since 25th February 2020, every Tuesday. They began with time at Wingham park and pool, then the YMCA in Taree before it was postponed due to Covid-19. It is a wonderful opportunity, where students are provided with learning opportunities aimed at improving their education, future employment and life skills. The delivery of foundation and employability skills are a feature of all projects.

The program recommenced on 21st July 2020, with a slightly different focus. Exploring our Ag farm and looking for a project to work on together.

Links to Learning is run by Darren and Mel from the Mid North Coast Community College, Josh from the YMCA with support from Wayne Walker and Meg Goodsell, along with Mrs Clissold at times. The group continues for a total of 16 weeks.

We are very lucky to have this program running at our school.



Meet Meg our Student Support Officer (SSO)

Meg Goodsell has been working at our school since April 2019 working as our Student Support Officer. Many of you will know Meg but some may not, so we would like to introduce her formally.

Meg has been a Youth Worker locally for many years, previously working at Mission Australia and working with Wingham High since around 2010. Her job at school is to support the wellbeing of Wingham High students.

Her role is varied as all of our students are unique. She may refer students to various people and services within the school and community, run individualised or group programs, or just have a chat with students who are struggling and not sure what to do. Meg can also liaise with parents, carers and families to work out how to best support students. Meg shares an office with Mrs Boyle upstairs next to the Careers Adviser office.

Meg can be contacted on the school number or students can speak to her at school.

iCan program with PCYC

Since February 2020 a group of Year 9 and 10 girls have been participating in the iCan program. "iCan" is all about having a go and believing in yourself.

The girls have had a taster of many of the activities available at the PCYC; gymnastics, volleyball, boxing, basketball and yoga. They have had some inspiring guest speakers who have shared stories of overcoming adversity and supported the group.

After a Covid-19 enforced break and the second school holidays, we were able to recommence the program but only at school. There have been lots of fun games and challenges along the way.

Last week we tested out our new tennis courts. The program finishes soon and there will be a mural to remind our students that anything is possible when you believe in yourself.

Meg Goodsell



Year 11 & 12 Hospitality

What a week for Wingham High Hospitality students. Both Year 11 and 12 students completed practical assessments, much to the delight of staff.

Year 12 had their final practical assessment for Hospitality and catered morning tea to the staffrooms. They made an assortment of treats including bruschetta, arancini balls, pulled beef tarts, profiteroles and cupcakes. The students had to demonstrate their ability to work as a team to produce a range of dishes using different methods of cookery and a range of food preparation equipment.

Year 11 had their first practical assessment and had to produce multiple serves of a dish. This demonstrated their ability to work in a team and use hygienic practices to produce food items. They made either poached eggs with smashed avocado or french toast with maple bacon.

Also a big thank you to our kitchen assistant Tara Hawksford who went above and beyond this week to help our students complete these task.

All students did an amazing job, well done!!

Mrs Ripley
Hospitality Teacher

Thank you
Year 11 & 12 Hospitality 2020
Fantastic effort catering for the staff lunch & recess





Canteen Roster Term 2 August 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Leanne J Lorraine Mc	4 Jennifer H	5 Judy A Julie P	6 Ray L Bev B	7 Elissa Jenny Angela C
10 Leanne J Louise S	11 Jennifer H	12 Judy A Marina K	13 Ray L Bev B	14 Elissa Jenny
17 Leanne J Cheryll B	18 Jennifer H	19 Judy A Bev B	20 Ray L Lauren R	21 Elissa Jenny
24 Leanne J Cheryll B	25 Jennifer H	26 Judy A Bev B	27 Ray L Marina K	28 Elissa Jenny
31 Leanne J Lorraine Mc	1	2	3	4

September 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31	1 Jennifer H	2 Judy A Julie P	3 Ray L Bev B	4 Elissa Jenny Angela C
7 Leanne J Louise S	8 Jennifer H	9 Judy A Marina K	10 Ray L Bev B	11 Elissa Jenny
14 Leanne J Cheryll B	15 Jennifer H	16 Judy A Bev B	17 Ray L Lauren R	18 Elissa Jenny
21 Leanne J Cheryll B	22 Jennifer H	23 Judy A Bev B	24 Ray L Marina K	25 End Term 3 Elissa Jenny
28	29	30	1	2
School Holidays				

Wingham High School Canteen Roster 2020

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

All you need is a free Volunteers Working with Children's Check and one simple form for you to enjoy a free morning tea and lunch and a good laugh with our fabulous canteen team. However, most importantly you are helping our students receive nutritious, NSW Government approved meals. You won't have to serve or handle money.

So come in and lend a hand as much or as little time as you like - and you don't have to have a child at this school to help!

Please call Judy on 6553 5488.



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