

Wagga Highlights

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Term 4 Week 2 – Monday 19 October 2020

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October		
20	Tuesday	First day 2020 HSC examinations
26 – Nov 6	Mon - Fri	Year 7 – 10 Assessment Weeks
November		
2	Monday	P & C Meeting (via Zoom)
12	Thursday	Year 12 Sign Out Day
13	Friday	Last day 2020 HSC examinations
16	Mon – Fri	Year 10 Enrichment Week
19	Thursday	Year 12 Formal

Good Luck

Everyone at Wagga Wagga High School would like to wish all Year 12 students the best of luck as they are about to sit their HSC examinations. You have all worked so hard in what has been an unusual year.

Australian Geography Competition

In Term 1 this year over 65,000 students from around Australia entered the Australian Geography Competition. The competition was open from students from Year 7 to Year 12 and we are very pleased to announce that two of our students have attained distinctions, placing them in the top 20% of students. Well done to **Eleanor Waters Jones** (Year 9) and **Charlotte Dare Edwards** (Year 10) for these fantastic results!



U16's Rugby League Gala Day



It was great to see the return of local sporting Gala days last week. Wagga High School entered a team into the U16's Rugby League Gala at McDonalds Park last Wednesday. Congratulations to **Angus**

Clark, Year 9, who was named Wagga High's player of the day.

NSW Ambulance Group Cover Scheme

Students enrolled at NSW Department of Education Schools are covered under the Ambulance Service of NSW Ambulance Group Cover Scheme – Schools.

The Ambulance Cover Scheme provides assurance that if a student has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, the cost will be met through the scheme.

If you receive an account from the NSW Ambulance Service, due to your child requiring an ambulance to be called for him or her, whilst at school or on a school activity, please forward it to the school to enable us to organise settlement of this account.

Morning Reminder

Students are reminded that they must move into the amphitheatre as soon as they arrive at school each morning. No hanging around streets near the school! Students are also reminded that under no circumstances are they to leave school, unless they have a leave pass or a study leave pass, or they are participating in an excursion. All students are reminded that the TAFE College is out of bounds for all students, except those who attend a course there.

Disability Provisions

What is Disability Provisions?

Disability Provisions are practical arrangements put in place during the HSC exams to reduce disadvantage in an exam situation. Disability Provisions require an online application with supporting evidence to NESA, our school Learning and Support Teacher will assist in completing this. Common Disability Provisions can include: rest breaks, small group supervision, extra time, a reader or scribe, use of a computer, diabetic provisions, coloured paper and food and water.

How do I know if my child needs to apply for Disability Provisions?

If your child has a diagnosed disability that will affect them during exams e.g. Anxiety, Diabetes, Irlen Syndrome, Crohn's disease etc., our Learning and Support Teacher is able to submit an application to NESA. The student should have received the requested provision in school examinations in the past. It is stressed that NESA may not grant provisions but each case is viewed and assessed individually. The definition of 'disability' in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* includes: Physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, neurological, and learning disabilities, as well as physical disfigurement and the presence in the body of disease-causing organisms. Disability provisions will only be approved if there is a clear disadvantage to a student.

Completing the application

Our Learning and Support Teacher will assist you in completing this application. The application has to be completed online by the school and submitted with extensive documentation. Parents and carers are required to supply supporting medical documents from the relevant practitioner that confirms diagnosis of a particular existing condition and states the affect it will have under examination conditions. The diagnosis needs to be current, less than 12 months old. Medical practitioners are also required to complete a 'Medical Provisions' form that can be collected by your student from Miss Pedemont in the Learning and Support staffroom (next to B9). Students are also required to complete their own declaration – this form can also be collected from Miss Pedemont.

More information on Disability Provisions can be found at: <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/disability-provisions>

If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Miss Pedemont on 02 6925 3611.

DOB in a DOER!

It's great to hear news of our students doing well in sporting and cultural activities outside of school, but we don't hear about all of them! How about letting us know of our students' successes? Just give the school a call on 6925 3611 and 'dob in a doer'!

Breakfast Club

Reminder to all students that Breakfast Club Program is back up and running in full swing. Each Friday between 8.00 – 8.50am in the school kitchens, all students are welcome to attend to enjoy what's on offer, fresh fruit, warm toasties and hot milo. This is a great initiative for students to come along and meet students from other years. The Breakfast Club is able to run due to the generosity of 'Rodney's Transport Service'.

Careers

Please take the time to have a look at the Wagga High School's Careers website page. You will see all the latest information and any vacant positions available, both full time and casual apprenticeships and traineeships. <http://www.wwhscareers.com>

The **School Leavers Information Kit** has been developed to help you understand the education, training and career opportunities and pathways available to you in 2021.

Transitioning from school can sometimes be challenging and COVID-19 has presented some additional challenges. The aim of this kit is to help support you in making decisions about your next steps after leaving school and to equip you with resources to be better informed about your education, training and work options. The National Career Institute's (NCI) School Leavers Information Kit has been especially developed to help you at this time and includes:

- Resources to support you to make decisions about the right career and pathway for you to get there post-school;
 - Information on work and education options such as university, vocational education and training (VET), apprenticeships, volunteering and community service;
 - Tips and resources to help you update your resume and apply for jobs;
 - Resources outlining government funding support and subsidies available to you.
- The NCI has also set up the School Leavers Information Service. This is a free support to help navigate the School Leavers Information Kit and the NCI's Your Career website as well as an opportunity to engage with a personalised career guidance session with a qualified career practitioner for up to 45 minutes. You can contact the service by phone on 1800 CAREER (1800 227 337), by texting 'SLIS2020' to 0429 009 435 or by email at schoolleavers.nci@dese.gov.au.

You can visit the School Leavers Information Kit at www.YourCareer.gov.au/school-leavers-support.

TAFE Information - FREE courses

NSW Government Subsidised Hospitality/Commercial Cookery Pre-Apprenticeship short course to be delivered at TAFE Wagga.

Course Details:

For those interested in a trade in Hospitality/Commercial Cookery.

- Use hygienic practices for food safety
- Use food preparation equipment
- Prepare & Present sandwiches
- Prepare & present simple dishes
- Use cookery skills effectively
- Provide responsible service of alcohol
- Prepare and serve espresso coffee

Course cost and eligibility criteria:

- \$0 Fee Free to eligible participants, To be eligible you must be:
- 17 years old or over
- no longer at school
- live or work in NSW
- an Australian citizen, Aust permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or NZ citizen

Course Start Date: week commencing 17 November 2020

Duration: 3 days per week over 3 weeks

Delivery Location: Wagga Wagga campus, Face to Face on campus

Student Payments

Students are reminded that payments for fees and excursions can only be made at the office before school and at recess. An envelope is provided at the payments counter and can be placed in the payments box above the office duty desk outside these times.

P&C News

- Our next P&C meeting will be held Term 4, on the 2 Novemebr. This meeting will be held online via Zoom. If you would like to participate virtually please send an email indicating your interest to the current P&C President Helen Mundy helen.mundy29@gmail.com
- The P&C have been asked to assist with a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for the Year 12 Life Ready Camp in Week 3 Term 1 2021. The date is Saturday 24 October and we require assistance from 8.30am to 4.30pm. 2 hour shifts are being organised, however if you can onlu assist with an hour this would be most welcome. Bunnings have a COVID plan for the safety of workers and patrons. If you can assist could you please email Helen Mundy on the email address given above or message 0448 255 040. The WWHS Leadership tteam will also be assisting.



Presents

Breathe...you've got this!

with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg
Australia's Leading Adolescent Psychologist

Learn how you can improve communication with younger people, in times of change, including effective use of technology for mental wellness

7.30pm (via Zoom link)

Thursday 22nd October 2020

A FREE INTERACTIVE EVENT

Limited spaces - book now!

Option 1: Online 'live' webinar

Registrations are essential to receive Zoom link by email

Option 2: In person in Wagga Wagga

The Range Function Centre
308 Copland Street, Wagga Wagga

Doors open 7pm for Covid-Safe reception process
Limited to 200 guests - 'live' webinar audience

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, supper will not be provided

Covid-Safe Protocols Apply for IN-PERSON attendees

Tickets: expectme.com.au/events

Suitable for parents, carers, teachers, school P&C members, youth workers, counsellors, sports coaches and our wider community

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