

Parent Update

Term 3 /Week 7
2nd September 2022



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IMPORTANT DATES

3rd September

- WA Public Secondary Schools' Choral Festival (Churchlands SHS)

5th - 9th September

- OLNA Round Two: Reading
- Year 12 Revision Workshops

6th September

- Years 7, 8 & 10 Immunisation Catchup

7th September

- Year 11 UniReady Parent Information Evening 5:45 – 7pm in PAC
- R U OK Day

8th - 10th September

- WA Schools' Junior Concert Band Festival (Churchlands SHS)

9th September

- Music Department Spring Concerts & Year 12 Presentation Ceremony

10th - 11th September

- WA Schools' Junior Orchestra Festival (Churchlands SHS)
- Year 12 Masterclasses – Invite Only

12th - 16th September

- OLNA Round Two: Numeracy
- Year 12 Revision Workshops
- YOHFEST

15th September

- Year 7/8 Colour Run
- School Board Meeting

School Activities and Student Achievement

Keep up with all the exciting activities and student achievements that occur in the school by regularly checking our webpage, Facebook or Instagram pages.

Website <https://applecross.wa.edu.au/>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ApplecrossSeniorHighSchool/>
Instagram https://www.instagram.com/applecross_shs/
School Calendar <https://applecross.wa.edu.au/parents/calendar/>
Parent Update <https://applecross.wa.edu.au/parents/parent-update-newsletter/>

Update from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

A wide range of very positive activities have happened in the last few weeks. Many of these are alluded to later in this newsletter; however, I do want to publically acknowledge the work of the Applecross SHS staff in hosting these events.

- House Athletics Carnival
- Principals Cup
- Hovercraft Trials (STEM)
- Wear it Purple day
- Ex-students visit for current Year 12 High Flyers
- Premier's visit
- Drama night
- Parent Evening on Cyber Safety
- Year 10 English Workshops
- After school Study Hacks
- Interschool Volleyball
- Year 8 AA & AE excursion
- Music Ensembles at Canning Vale SC
- 2023 Student Leadership selections
- And many more.....

Premiers Visit

The Hon. Mark McGowan, Premier of WA, and Ms Kim Giddens MLA, Member for Bateman, visited the school on Wednesday, 24th August. Our guests were welcomed by student leaders Mason Calter (Head Boy) and Sienna Johnson (Deputy Head Girl). The Premier visited our Hospitality Café, where he spoke with Ms Henderson and Year 12 students Zali Bird, Sacha Gawel and Sally Graham. He was then served coffee and spoke with our School Board Chair, Damien Ewington, P&C President, Sylvia Barrie, and a small group of staff and students. Topics discussed included the school's pandemic response, plans for our new P&C Hospitality Café due for completion in 2023 and plans for our new STEM Centre due for completion in 2024. The Premier then visited Mr Naude's Year 11 Chemistry class and spoke with several groups of students who were conducting experiments.

Visit our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to view the photos of the visit.

House Athletics Carnival

The annual House Athletic Carnival ran last week with an extremely high number of senior school students attending. It was great to see such a high level of engagement from all students attending the event. Congratulations to **Challenger** for taking home the House trophy. I would also like to acknowledge the [top male and female athletes for each year group](#).

Thank you to Ms Jana Gianotti, Head of Sports, Mr Lance Hinds, Health and Physical Education HoLA and the entire HPE team for this highly successful event. This is an important part of our school's social fabric, allowing the whole school to come together for a special event, supporting student health and wellbeing.

Visit our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to view the photos from the carnival.

Update on Progress with new School Business Plan (SBP)

The 2023-2026 SBP is progressing well. After reviewing the available performance data and a range of recent surveys, the focus has now been formalised. They will be:

1. Student achievement and wellbeing
2. Teaching for impact
3. Staff development and wellbeing

The School Board are currently reviewing the draft plan, which expands these statements of intent, links to milestones, clarifies how this will be supported and then tie to DoE strategic intentions. Learning Areas and Student Services will then work on this plan in Term 4 to develop their operational plans.

This plan is well aligned to current DoE priorities, clarifies what is important to the smooth running of Applecross SHS and prepares us well for the next three years. We look forward to sharing this plan with the ESAT team, who will undertake our next external school quality assurance in Term 1 of 2023.

Kind regards
Paul Currie
Acting Principal

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Changes to NAPLAN from 2023

by Paul Leech - Principal

As you may be aware, earlier this year, Education Ministers around Australia announced that from 2023, NAPLAN will be conducted in Term 1 rather than Term 2, enabling schools and parents to receive their children's results earlier in the year.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has advised that in 2023, the NAPLAN test period will be from Wednesday, 15 March to Monday, 27 March in Term 1.

Schools and parents will benefit from receiving their children's results earlier in the year. Teachers will be able to use these results to further tailor teaching and learning programs to each student's needs.

Schools will receive results in two parts. Preliminary results for the non-Writing tests will be available in the beginning of May 2023. Final results, which will include the Writing results, will be available after the Writing tests have been marked. Parents will receive one report after the Writing results are made available to schools. This will likely be in early July, 2023.

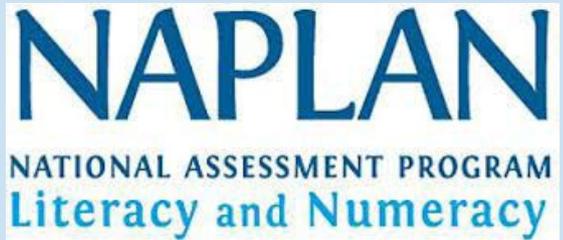
You may have some queries about school activities that usually take place in Term 1. Please be assured that schools are reviewing these activities to see how they can best be accommodated around the new NAPLAN test dates.

As the Test Administration Authority (TAA) in Western Australia, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) is working with schools to discuss how they can best be ready for NAPLAN in March, 2023.

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found on the Authority website www.scsa.wa.edu.au.

Information is also available on the ACARA website: www.acara.edu.au.

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2022 NAPLAN Individual Student Reports

by Admin Computing

The 2022 NAPLAN Individual Student Reports will be available via SEQTA under the Reports tab early next week.

Please contact the ICT Helpdesk Applecross.SHS.Helpdesk@education.wa.edu.au if you experience difficulties or are unable to access your SEQTA Engage account.

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OLNA: (Online Numeracy and Literacy Assessment)

by Anna Edwards - Literacy Coordinator

The OLNA Round 2 tests have begun with relevant students sitting the OLNA Writing Test in Week 7. The Reading and Numeracy Tests are running from Weeks 8 – 10. Student Timetables have been sent home via SEQTA, and students can also view their test dates and times on their SEQTA timetables.

Reading Test: Tuesday, 6th September

Numeracy Test: Monday, 12th September; Tuesday, 13th September

All students sitting an Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) are strongly encouraged to utilise the practice and example tests provided by SCSA. These can be accessed by using the details below:

<http://assess.scsa.wa.edu.au/>

username: 4002

password: prac

All students also have assigned practice tasks to complete in Education Perfect. Additionally, Year 11 and 12 students have access to OLNA Support: <http://olna.com.au/>.

If you have any queries regarding the testing preparation, login information or specific test details, please contact Anna Edwards, Literacy Coordinator, at anna-mary.edwards@education.wa.edu.au.

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Year 10 Study Hacks – Next Session After-School

by Rex Lilleyman - Associate Principal Years 9-10

A reminder that the next after-school session for all ATAR bound students is scheduled for Thursday, 15th September, from 3.00-4.00 pm. This session will focus on 'Active Recall' strategies, which follow up from their session with Dr Jane Genovese on Thursday, 8th September. Jane's recent presentation was on developing memory retention skills – ultimately, you need to train your brain as you would your muscles! Practice, practice, practice!

As a parent, the key things that you can do to support your child in developing effective study habits are:

- Provide a clear, quiet space for their study to be conducted
- Ask specific questions about their classes, test them with content and recall knowledge
- Encourage regular exercise
- Encourage and assist with developing organisational skills
- Encourage them to read more
- Get rid of distractions – mobile phones should be in a different room when they are studying
- Remove any electronic devices from your child's bedroom
- Encourage 'spaced practice' – regularly reviewing their work and committing key concepts to memory

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Year 9 Speed Careering 2022

by Rex Lilleyman - Associate Principal Years 9-10

In Week 6, Term 4 (Wednesday, 16th November), all Year 9 students will participate in a 'speed careering' activity. To enable us to expose students to a wide range of careers/ jobs/ professions, we are seeking volunteers from our parent body to come in to spend some time talking to our students about your jobs. We require approximately 30 volunteers on the day. We have two sessions running. If you can donate your time, can you please contact Brad Snell (Year 9-10 Program Coordinator) Brad.snell@education.wa.edu.au to register your interest or get further information about the day.

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Year 12 Personalised WACE Exam Timetables

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Year 11-12

On Thursday, 8th September, students will be able to download a Personalised Exam Timetable for the Year 12 ATAR exams. This will show students when all their individual exams are scheduled and the venues and times. Most exams are at Applecross SHS, but not all of them. Students need to bring this document to each exam. **I would encourage this timetable to be printed off and several copies to be placed in various places in your home as well as in parents' calendars.**

Unfortunately, on rare occasions, students misread the timetable and fail to attend an exam. There is no opportunity to re-sit the exam if it is missed. It is a very stressful time for everyone involved, particularly the students, so your help in ensuring they are ready for the exams will greatly benefit your child.



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Year 12 Final Weeks Schedule

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Year 11-12

Our Year 12 students are rapidly approaching the end of their secondary schooling at Applecross SHS. Please take the time to read the [schedule of events and KEY Dates](#) for your child. Attendance at school for ATAR students is not optional; they are all expected to be present for all scheduled classes. This is critical to them maintaining momentum leading up to their WACE exams.

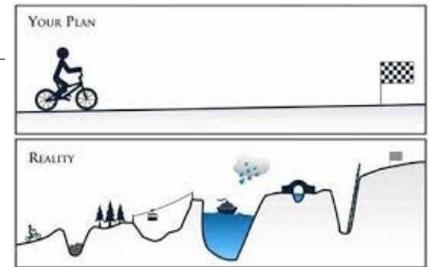
The most successful students maintain a rigorous schedule/ timetable once their formal classes have ended. The time to 'rest' and take their foot off the accelerator is after their final WACE exam in November. General and VET students are NOT required to attend classes in Term 4. However, this is only if they have completed all tasks to ensure they achieve their WACE. Students are invited and encouraged to attend the final whole school Year 12 Awards assembly on Wednesday, 19th October, during Period 1. Parents are also invited to attend this event. More information will be emailed to you on the details.

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Year 11 Students: Applications for course changes and dropping courses for Year 12

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Years 11-12

Students studying four or more ATAR courses MAY be eligible to 'drop' a subject for Year 12. All students wishing to 'drop' a course must complete an application form (available from me personally) and discuss the best option for them and what will enable them to achieve their academic success. This process will begin in Term 4, and students will be notified when this will be possible. Some students may need to wait until they have completed their exams to determine their most appropriate course of action.



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Year 11 Semester 2 Revision Workshops

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Years 11-12

The Semester 2 [Revision Workshop Schedule](#) occurs during the second week of the October holidays. It is highly recommended that students attend these workshops in preparation for their Semester 2 exams which commence in Week 3 of Term 4.

Bookings can be made via the Qkr app. All courses are \$60 per course totalling 4.5hours each.

*Please note that these workshops occur three days in a row at the same time for 1.5 hours each. **All workshops will be held in the C Block near Student Services***

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UniReady 2023 option for Year 11 Students

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Year 11-12

On Monday, we held an information session for all Year 11 students regarding the Curtin Unready course for Year 12 students. UniReady is the alternative entry course for entry into Curtin University at the end of Year 12.

This is a program that students do as part of their Year 12 program, which allows students who are borderline or below the required 70 ATAR entry score for university entrance to enter Curtin and potentially Murdoch and Edith Cowan without studying a minimum of 4 ATAR courses in Year 12. The course is designed to give students the skills required for university success without the pressure and high workload associated with doing a full ATAR load. This is still a demanding course and should not be seen as an easy way to get into university. It is an alternative way of getting there that does not have the same workload and stress as the ATAR option.



It does not get you into all courses as it will give the student the equivalent of a 70 ATAR. There are, however, a wide range of courses available to students following the successful completion of these courses will allow them entry into university. Students will complete four courses in Year 12, one of which must be English, and the other two courses will be UniReady. This is an excellent option for students who are not quite at the required level to do well in ATAR courses but have the desire and potential to enter university.

Many of our current Year 12 UniReady students have already received their offers for their preferred courses at Curtin for 2023.

Students were given some information and had the PowerPoint sent home via CONNECT to look through with their parents. The Parent Information evening is scheduled for **Wednesday, 7th September at 5.45 pm** for all parents of interested students. [Click here](#) to book your tickets.

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Unwanted LEGO for the HaSS Learning Area

by Bridget Trevaskis - HoLA HaSS

Calling all parents- do you have any Lego sitting at home that your children/grandchildren grandkids/ spouses are no longer using?

The Applecross HaSS Department is looking for donations of any LEGO that you may have available so that we can build our collection to assist students in using their creativity to create liveable cities and ancient historical structures. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



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Year 7, 8 & 10 Immunisation Catchup

by Student Services Admin

The Department of Health's Immunisation Team will be at the school on Tuesday, 6th September, to hold immunisation catchups for students in Years 7, 8 and 10 who were absent when this occurred at the beginning of the year.



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Student Update Details

by Admin Computing

Parents will receive a Student Update email shortly. Please return the email with the updated information to the email address in the correspondence as soon as possible.

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Leaving Applecross SHS in 2023

by Admin Computing

If your child is not returning to Applecross in 2023, please inform the school via the below link as soon as possible.

Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated. Thank you!

[Click here](#) for the link.



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Year 12 School Reports and Email Access

by Admin Computing

Once the school year concludes (16th December), Year 12 students and parents will no longer have access to school reports and their student email account.

We encourage students to download all school reports and transfer/save any information they require from their student email account prior to this date.

**Access to
Reports
Online**

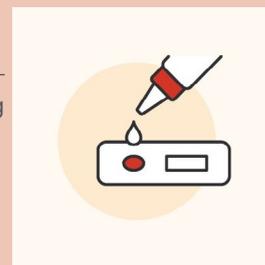
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RAT Test Distribution

by Admin Computing

The second distribution of Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits were handed out to students at the beginning of Term 3.

If your child was absent at the time of the distribution, they are able to pick up their pack of RATs from Reception any day after school.



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Year 7 and Year 8 COLOUR RUN is ON AGAIN!

by Ben Kelly (Year 8 Coordinator) and Charissa Efthymou (Year 7 Coordinator)

Our colour run is on again - THURSDAY, 15th September (Week 9) - Period 5. A fun hour of music, running, colour and laughs! Students can elect to run a 2km loop or as many laps as they can in the period. Either way, it's a great celebration and challenge whilst raising awareness of our chosen charity. Students can elect not to take part in the colour run, and they will sit on the edge of the oval and spectate.

Students participating in the run should bring a plain (old) set of clothes to change into at lunchtime. No school uniform will be permitted on the run as the colour powder can stain some fabrics.

We are raising funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities (WA).

Our fundraising portal is active, and students are encouraged to start fundraising. To start fundraising, start by watching this instructional video: [HERE](#)

More detailed instructions will be promulgated to students next week.

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House Athletics Carnival Results

by Jana Gianotti - Head of Sport

Wednesday the 24th of August we held the House Athletics Carnival for 2022. Congratulations to all students who participated and came down to support their house on the day. Placings were:

- 🥇 1st place: Challenger (2761 points)
- 🥈 2nd place: Success (2329 points)
- 🥉 3rd place: Investigator (2219 points)
- 🏅 4th place: Amity (1537 points)

Student results from the day will be available via ResultsHQ. Assistance on how to log in is linked: <https://support.timingsolutions.com.au/hc/en-us/articles/6439335720729-School-User-Account-First-Login>, and all first-time passwords are ACSHS.

Once you have logged in for the first time, you can change your password.

Selections for the Interschool Athletics team are in the process, and both students and parents will be notified when this has been finalised. The competition is **Week 2 of Term 4, Tuesday the 18th of October.**

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EYES on VET

by Melinda Kennington - VET Manager

Welcome to another edition of Eyes on VET!

Year 10 students will be given the opportunity to participate in Work Experience for one week in Week 9 next term. It has been fantastic to meet many Year 10 students who have been dropping their Employer Placement forms into the VET Office for processing. At this stage, 42 students have secured placements for work experience. Forms are due to the VET Office by Friday, 9th September.

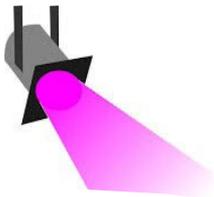
Work Experience encourages students to engage in employment in a particular field of personal interest. It can also assist students in making decisions about their future pathways. The students gain invaluable skills and experience from participating in this opportunity. It is beneficial to be able to include this work in a Resume for casual employment and TAFE or Alternative Entry to University applications in the future.

Year 10 and 11 VET Connect students have completed their applications for a variety of external courses in 2023 and are now eagerly waiting to hear the outcomes of their applications, which should be early next term.

Our four Year 11 Hospitality classes assisted the Student Services team in raising well over \$1,000 for the **Wear It Purple** organisation. Students tested recipes and prepared all of the food - some in advance and some on the actual day. They also served 280 Rainbow Cupcakes, and 80 Pride Shakes to a swarm of customers at recess and lunch. A fantastic effort by all involved.



Year 12 VET Connect students are in their final weeks of schooling as they know it, and many students have already started making plans for life after school... this is such an exciting time for students. Next week TAFE will open up their applications for full-time study in 2023. Keep an eye on Connect for more information.



Spotlight on the Premier's Visit to the School to see our Hospitality Program in Action

It was very exciting to have the Premier, Mark McGowan and our local MLA, Kim Giddens, visit the school last week to see our Hospitality Cafe. The Premier and Kim were joined by School Board Chair (Damien Ewington), P&C President (Sylvia Barrie) and a few staff members. We were served with a smile by three Hospitality students and trainer Kerriann Henderson. The Premier was very interested in

talking to students about the Hospitality program and hearing all about our future plans to meet the growing interests of students in Hospitality at our school.

Well done to all the Hospitality trainers, students and Home Economics Staff who did a fabulous job preparing and catering for the Premier's visit with only two days' notice... and of course, I did not miss the opportunity to ask the Premier for a photo!



eyes on VET

by Melinda Kennington - VET Manager



Snapshots around the workplace....



Aidan Rose at Fremantle Hydraulics

FREMANTLE HYDRAULICS
INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE



Ben Schwarz at Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety



Elliott Gorman at Cablewise Electrical and Communications



Keira Williams at Kensington Primary School



...to **Callum Boyce** (Year 10) on gaining a work experience placement at WesTrac in Week 10.

...to **Hayden Treversh** (Year 12 VET Connect) who gained a full-time apprenticeship with Davies Electric.

...to all **Year 10 students** who have already organised their work experience placements for Week 9 in Term 4.

Well done to all these students on their achievements!

Please keep your **eyes on VET** in the next Parent Update.

Best wishes
Melinda Kennington - VET Manager 😊

Sponsorship Assistance - Year 10 CORE Program

by Ben Kelly - Year 8 Coordinator

Each year, a large group of Year 10 students participate in the Challenging Outdoor Resilience Experience (CORE) during late Term 4. This year we have over 130 students embarking on a CORE program in the South West and here in Perth.

We are exploring potential corporate sponsorship opportunities to support the program and potentially expand it to make it more accessible to more students. We are seeking suggestions and/or support from our parent community who may be able to connect us with potential corporate sponsors or who have the capacity to sponsor single participants. A single participant program sponsorship is between \$800-\$1000, and larger corporate sponsors could contribute between \$20,000-\$30,000 annually to reduce costs for all participants. If you would like more information or have possible corporate sponsor suggestions, please email benjamin.kelly@education.wa.edu.au.



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Year 10 CORE Deposit Due

by Ben Kelly - Year 8 Coordinator

The deposit to secure your position on either CORE South West or CORE Metro is now due. Please see the previous correspondence emailed to parents/guardians on 16th August. Access the Qkr app to pay the deposit. For any questions or queries, please email benjamin.kelly@education.wa.edu.au.

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Spring Concerts

by Tim Stapleton - Head of Music

The Music Department is pleased to inform you that we will be holding our Spring Concerts on Friday 9th September. These performances feature our senior ensembles, and at the end of the second concert, we will be saying farewell to our dedicated Year 12 Music Students. Please see the poster below for the concert details.

Applecross Senior High School Music Department

SPRING CONCERTS

and Year 12 Music Student Presentation Ceremony

Friday, 9 September 2022
Performing Arts Centre

Concert 1 - 6.00pm
Concert 2 - 8.00pm

Scimitar String Orchestra
Senior Guitar Ensemble
Concert Band 1
Jazz Band
Choir

Tickets - \$12 www.trybooking.com/CCBUU



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Important School Network Update

by Chun Lim - Network Support Officer

At the start of Term 4, we will be implementing a full SSL inspection on our school network to improve internet traffic monitoring.

What is a Full SSL Inspection?

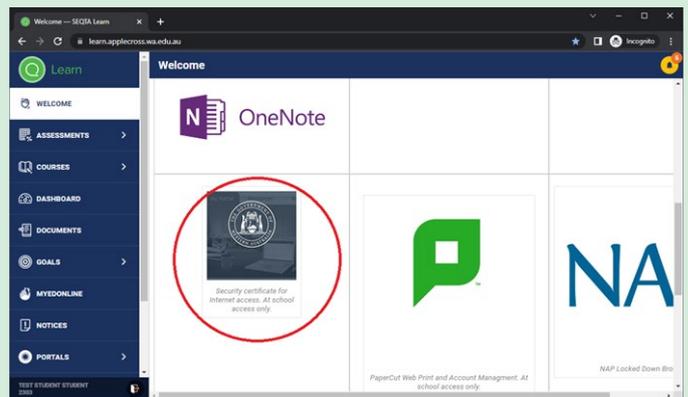
Full SSL Inspection is the ability to view encrypted Internet packets (HTTPS traffic) on our school network. For security reasons, many popular websites such as Google, YouTube and Facebook encrypt their traffic to hide confidential information such as search results from anyone who may be attempting to inspect this traffic.

With this process, we will be able to see exactly what Internet content students are accessing over our school's network. Encrypted traffic can pose a security threat since our firewall cannot identify and block potential threats that may exist within this traffic.

BYOD Requirement

For SSL inspection to work, a security certificate needs to be installed on any device connecting to the school network to allow access. This is available to install now, and instructions on how to do this at school can be found in SEQTA.

The IT Office can assist with any issue that may arise. This will mean during the first week or two of Term 4, there will be interruptions to network access while everyone gets the certificate installed and any issues are resolved. To minimise this interruption, it is recommended that students install this certificate earlier.



Some Things to Note

- We can only provide support for Windows 10/11, macOS 10.12 or later devices.
- BYOD Chromebooks are not supported. We have not officially supported Chromebooks since 2020. However, we still have some students with Chromebooks at school. With the new update, BYOD Chromebooks will no longer have Internet access on the school network.
- Mozilla Firefox Compatibility. If this is your preferred browser, please make sure it is up-to-date. Older versions of Mozilla Firefox will not work.
- Some anti-virus software can interfere with SSL inspection. If we find this is the case when troubleshooting student devices, we will ask students before deactivating the anti-virus software at school. If you do not wish us to deactivate the anti-virus software, please ensure your child notifies us.
- Installing the security certificate requires local administrator access to the computer.

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A SPECIAL REPORT: Building Belonging Post Pandemic

by SchoolTV

Having a sense of belonging involves more than simply knowing other people. It is also focused on gaining acceptance, attention and support from others, as well as having the opportunity to provide the same to other people.

As human beings, we have a basic emotional and biological need for connection. It provides us with feelings of identity, security, support, acceptance and community. When the pandemic interrupted our lives and changed how we live, this meant that many of our young people's main sources of connection with peers and extended family members were removed overnight without warning.

Students who have a sense of belonging will experience these feelings, which in turn supports their academic, psychological and social development. When young people come together again after a period of instability, there is a period of adjustment. Whilst the rules of the group may be established, acceptance remains paramount and can therefore mean some behaviours become far from rational, making it difficult for their brain to focus on things, such as learning. All these factors combined leave young people open to being vulnerable. It can sometimes tempt them into making choices or becoming involved in situations they might not ordinarily consider.

As a result of the pandemic, there are still many young people struggling to connect and regain their sense of belonging. This Special Report provides guidance to families who find themselves in this situation. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please seek medical or professional help. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

Here is the link to your special report https://applecross.wa.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-building-belonging-post-pandemic.

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Social Media Highlights



Premier and MLA Kim Giddens Visit



Year 7 Science Excursion to WA Wildlife Hospital



Science Week Celebrations - Year 9 Scitech Incursion



Year 10 Tennis Foundation Course

Visit our Facebook/Website to read about the achievements and events/activities held over the last couple of weeks.

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