

Parent Update

Term 3 /Week 7
2nd September 2022



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IMPORTANT DATES

17th October

- [P&C Meeting](#)
- Year 12 Dinner Dance

18th October

- Interschool Athletics

19th October

- Whole School Year 12 Final Assembly
- Music Support Group Meeting 7:30pm in Music Room)
- [Year 12 Statement of Results emailed to parents](#)

20th October

- [Open School Board Meeting](#)

24th October

- Year 9 River Cruise

24th - 25th October

- Year 9 Science/HaSS Camp

24th - 28th October

- Super Science

24th Oct - 2nd Nov

- Year 11 Exams

27th October

- Year 7 Social

28th October

- Year 12 Grad Show Art Exhibition 6-8pm

31st Oct - 18th Nov

- [Year 12 WACE Exams](#)

31st Oct - 4 Nov

- Year 9 OLNA
- Super Science

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 Guardians

Term 4 began very smoothly, with staff and students benefitting from a well-earned break. We finished Term 3 with the wonderful news that Sophia Pitaro won the prestigious 2022 WA Training Award for the School-based Apprentice of the Year category. The award recognises an outstanding school-based apprentice or trainee who has demonstrated commitment to their formal studies at school and in the workplace. We commenced Term 4 with more exciting news: Jamie Wright has won the WA section of the National History competition and was only one mark off the national winner. Congratulations to both Sophia and Jamie; it is wonderful to see students rewarded for their passion, commitment and excellence.

The Year 12 students will complete their formal classes and finish school with a Whole School Assembly and "dress up day" on Wednesday, 19th October. This is both a stressful and exciting time for the Year 12s as they finish school and focus on trying to optimise their chances of direct employment, TAFE or University entry. We wish all Year 12 ATAR students the very best for their revision prior to the WACE exams commencing in November. The Year 11s will commence their Semester Two exams in Week 3, and the Year 7s will move out of the North Block to accommodate the Year 11 and WACE exams. This email contains a few quick updates and reminders of other current school events and activities.

School Board Nominations and Open Meeting

[Nominations for the School Board for 2023](#) are open and close on 17th November (see notice). Joining the School Board is a wonderful way to make an important contribution to ensuring that the school continues to provide a high-quality education for all students. The annual Open School Board meeting will take place in the Staffroom on Thursday, 20th October (5:30 pm - 7:00 pm), and all parents and community members are invited to attend and learn more about the school and the role of the School Board. Those interested in joining the Board now or in the future are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Adjustment to Student Leadership Titles for 2023

At the School Board Meeting in September, our current Head Boy and Head Girl discussed a proposal to adjust the title of Head Boy and Head Girl to something more inclusive. This topic has been discussed at the student, school and Board levels over the past few years, and the new student leaders now regard a change in title to be more inclusive. Following a consultative process, the Head Boy and Head Girl titles will be changed to 'School Captains' and 'Vice Captains' for 2023. Their role will not change, just the title. There will be a bit of work to do in terms of further inclusivity in the student nomination process. However, we will work with the student leadership to continue to refine the process next year. Parents wishing to discuss the change in titles are welcome to attend the Open School Board meeting.

Congratulations to the following students who will form the Year 12 Leadership Group in 2023: Vania Gharari, Declan Chidlow, Theo Scagliotta, Tricia Woo, Rachael Wende, Aaron Bollmann, Kate Ralli, Alexander Chan, Vashan Govender and Sienna Pettman.

Congratulations also to the following students who will form the Year 12 Student Executive in 2023: Captains Sienna Pettman and Theo Scagliotta and Vice Captains Vania Gharari and Aaron Bollmann

Staff Changes for Term 4

A warm welcome to the following staff members who have joined us for Term 4:

- Christina Lau (Science)
- Mandana Khoshneshin (Education Assistant)
- Jessica Ford (Science)
- Hayley Probert (Humanities and Social Sciences)

COVID-19 Update

From today (Friday 14 October), COVID-19 mandatory isolation requirements have been removed. This change was agreed to at National Cabinet Meeting. The management of COVID 19 (and other illnesses) is now a personal responsibility and there is no requirement for students to isolate. However, students are still advised to stay home if unwell (with any illness) and to report positive RAT results to the Health Department.

Please visit healthywa.wa.gov.au for up-to-date COVID-19 related support and advice.

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. Students are advised to continue to take care and follow all public health advice, particular Year 12 students with their upcoming exams.

We all play an important role in supporting a healthy community by following the advice outlined on healthywa.wa.gov.au.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Kind regards
Paul Leech
Principal

ARE YOU A FUTURE BOARD MEMBER?

OPEN BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER
5:30PM – 7:00PM



"Would you like to represent your community group within Applecross Senior High?"

Would you like to learn more about the hard work that goes on 'in the background' to help educate and nurture your child?

Have you ever considered joining the School Board?"



Now is the time to step up, and nominate to become a Community Board Member.

The role of the Board is one of advisory and approval. You need to be open minded, solution focussed, and a team player. The Board does not intervene in the control or management of the school, but rather partners the school on their journey to deliver exceptional education.

Your commitment includes attending two Thursday night meetings each term from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, along with the opportunity to attend school and community events to represent the Board.

What you can bring to the table through work and life experience, as well as connections to various industry and community groups, is always a value add.

To find out more, follow these links below for specific Board information.

[SCHOOL BOARD](#)

[ROLE OF THE BOARD](#)

If you are ready to apply, follow this link for an application pack.

[BOARD APPLICATION FORM](#)

COMMUNITY MEMBER

Voted by the Board

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

17/11/2022

(Board votes 24/11/22)

Overview of Latest COVID-19 Advice

by Paul Leech - Principal

We know that COVID-19 remains a risk to our health and well-being, particularly those vulnerable to respiratory illness, so it is very important for all of us to take personal responsibility to keep ourselves, our families and our colleagues safe.

First and foremost, stay home if you are unwell and get tested if you have cold or flu symptoms.

WA.gov.au has detailed information on how to access tests.

If you test positive to COVID-19, you are strongly encouraged to continue to:

- not attend work until the symptoms have resolved (unless advised otherwise by your employer)
- [register your RAT result](#)
- tell your household members and intimate partners that you have tested positive for COVID-19
- advise work that you have tested positive for COVID-19.

Please also continue to practise healthy hygiene habits and stay up to date with vaccinations.

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OLNA: (Online Numeracy and Literacy Assessment)

by Anna Edwards - Literacy Coordinator

OLNA tests for Year 9 students will occur during Weeks 3 and 4 this term. This will appear in students' SEQTA timetables prior to the test dates, and parents will be advised when they are visible.

The tests are scheduled as follows:

Writing: Monday, 24th and Tuesday, 25th October.
Reading: Thursday, 27th October.
Numeracy: Tuesday, 1st and Wednesday, 2nd November.

All Year 9 students needing to sit an OLN have been provided with a login for the OLN SUPPORT website. This was sent to students' school email addresses. All students sitting an OLN are strongly encouraged to utilise the OLN SUPPORT website. There are also additional 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

Please contact Anna Edwards, Literacy Coordinator, if you have any queries regarding accessing NAPLAN results, OLN SUPPORT login, testing preparation, or specific test details at anna-mary.edwards@education.wa.edu.au.

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Year 9 River Cruise

by Rex Lilleyman - Associate Principal Year 9-10

This is a reminder that the Year 9 River Cruise is running on Monday, 24th October. Students must have maintained their Good Standing to be able to attend. Please be clear that the boat leaves from Barrack St Jetty in the Perth CBD at 6:00 pm. It does not stop at Mends St in South Perth or Fremantle to pick students up. Students should be at the jetty by approximately 5.30. Please consider the traffic at that time of the day. The cruise leaves on time and cannot wait for late students.

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Year 9 Speed Careering Wednesday 16th November

by Rex Lilleyman - Associate Principal Year 9-10

All Year 9 students will participate in a 'Speed Careering' day on Wednesday, 16th November, at school. This is a very important event with people from a wide variety of occupations coming into the school to talk to students about their careers. We very much appreciate the assistance of all these presenters.

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Year 10 Academic Progress

by Rex Lilleyman - Associate Principal Year 9-10

This term is a very busy one for all Year 10 students. We will continue to monitor all students' academic progress and achievement. Past performance is the best predictor of future performance. We will be using this information to counsel students should we feel they are in danger of being unsuccessful in courses they are not suited for in Senior School. If you have any concerns from a parent's perspective, please contact either Brad Snell or Rex Lilleyman to set up an appointment. All Year 10 students should work conscientiously towards their exams and actively study regularly, irrespective of their 2022 chosen course of study. This is the time to set up positive habits to ensure success next year.

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Year 11 Exams Commence Monday 24th October

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Year 11-12

Year 11 ATAR exams begin **Monday, 24th October**. All students have had access to their exam timetable for some time now and should be well aware of what their schedule looks like in preparation for managing their study routine.

Students are not required to attend school during this time unless they have an exam. It would be appreciated if parents/guardians could ensure that students are aware of when their exams are scheduled.



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Year 11 Protective Behaviours Course – Module 2

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Year 11-12

All Year 11 students will be required to complete Module 2 of their Protective Behaviours program. Module 1 was conducted earlier this year and was facilitated by the 'Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman' foundation. To minimise the disruption to the commencement of their early start to Year 12 and exam review process, students will attend these workshops on one of the following two days:

Group 1 (students will be informed of their relevant group) will attend school on Thursday, 3rd November, from 8:20 am to 10:45 am.

Group 2 will attend on Friday, 4th November, from 8:20 am to 10:45 am.

This is for all Year 11 students, regardless of whether they are ATAR, General, or VET CONNECT. We will provide more information via a SEQTA email.



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Year 11 - 12 Early Start - Commences Monday, 7th November

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Year 11-12

All Year 11 students will return to full-time school on Monday, 7th November. They will be required to review their Semester 2 exams prior to commencing their Year 12 courses. The key focus during this three-week block is to develop further key skills required to be successful in Year 12 whilst learning the Year 12 content.

Attendance during these three weeks is compulsory. Non-attendance may result in a Loss of Good Standing, impacting the student's ability to attend the Year 11 Dinner Dance on Wednesday, 16th November. It is very important that students return from exams ready to work.

Course changes can be made once exam results are returned, and where students are in potential academic trouble, parents will be asked to attend an interview to discuss the best pathway for their child moving forward to ensure they are able to achieve success.



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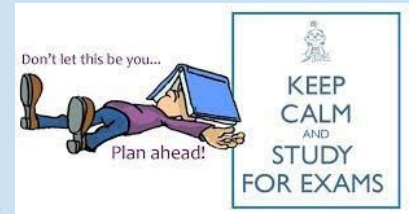
Year 12 Mock Exam Review

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Year 11-12

As you are aware, Year 12 students have recently finished their Mock Exams and Practical WACE Exams. Students generally followed all requirements for these exams, which was very positive; however, there were a few issues. The rules written by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority apply to all students sitting the exams in the state.

Please be aware of these issues leading into exams: water bottles that were not clear; a student had a mobile phone in their pocket; rulers that did not meet requirements; calculator covers being brought into the exam, and students not writing in pen. These rules are extremely strictly enforced in the WACE exams, and there are penalties for some of these breaches.

Parents and students have been sent the exam requirements in a previous Connect notice. We will also resend these rules through a SEQTA email to ensure that there is no grey area regarding what you can and can't do in the WACE exams.



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Year 12 WACE Exams (Monday 31st October to Friday 18th November)

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Year 11-12

This is a final reminder that the Year 12 ATAR exams commence on Monday, 31st October. All students must bring their personalised exam timetable to each exam. I strongly recommend that they put it in their bag and use the same bag every day for the exams. If they, for some reason, lose the timetable, new copies can be obtained from the Main Reception or Student Services. It is essential that students attend all exams regardless of whether they are eligible for an ATAR score or not. If students fail to attend an exam, they will not receive credit for having completed this course in Year 12. This will likely result in them not achieving their Western Australian Certificate of Education. The consequences are very serious, considering this certificate is the culmination of 13 years of schooling. It is essential that all students triple-check when their exams are scheduled. Under no circumstances are re-sits possible.

I would encourage parents to be aware of when the exams are running and have the schedule prominently located, so it is easy for students to be reminded when the exams are scheduled. Failure to attend an exam due to making a mistake with either the time or date is not an acceptable reason for missing an exam, and the consequences above will apply. Whilst most exams are at Applecross; this is not always the case. Please be aware of where students need to go to sit the exam. If it is not at Applecross, I suggest visiting the venue prior to the day. We have in the past had students being late because they got lost.

Any student unable to sit an exam due to illness or other reasons must fill in a Sickness Misadventure Form and **submit it to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) within three days.** (Please note that the Sickness/ Misadventure form must be the SCSA form and NOT the school form used for internal exams)

If it is a medical reason, a doctor's certificate must be provided, so students will need to make an appointment that day. This is an SCSA requirement. Above all, it would be appreciated if you could assist as much as possible with keeping students focussed and calm. The message the school has been giving students since they entered senior school is to do their best, as this is all we can expect. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at any time during the exam period.



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Year 7 Social

by Charissa Efthymou - Year 7 Coordinator

Our annual Year 7 dance will be occurring on Thursday, October 27th from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the PAC.

Tickets will be \$13 and will be released shortly via Consent2Go. Tickets are limited, so get in quick and start planning your outfits, as there will be prizes on the night for the best dressed!

Please see our weekly notices or the Consent2Go email for further information.



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Year 10 CORE Metro Positions Available

by Ben Kelly - Year 8 Coordinator and HaSS Teacher

There are still 14 positions available on the Year 10 CORE Metro program in Week 9 this term. (5th-9th December). This is a fun but challenging week away at the Ern Halliday Camp in Hillarys, where students complete a range of activities, including abseiling, kayaking, high ropes courses, caving and archery. The camp costs approximately \$650 - \$750. Please email benjamin.kelly@education.wa.edu.au for more information or to secure your spot. Placements on the program close at the end of Week 2, Friday, 21st October.

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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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EYES on VET

by Melinda Kennington - VET Manager

Welcome to another edition of Eyes on VET, and what a bumper edition of achievements it is!

I hope all students had a wonderful break. Term 4 is always a very busy one with the finalisation of Year 12 results, Year 11s starting Year 12 work during the term (as well as ensuring that all Year 11 work is completed on time), Year 10 Work Experience opportunities, and the Work Readiness Program with the new VET Connect student continues full steam ahead in preparation for 2023.

Since my last update, all six of our students who were nominated for the SCSA VET Awards were successful in making it to the next stage of the VET Awards process, which required an interview this past week with a panel of judges. Following these interviews, students may be awarded Certificates of Excellence in VET, and if ranked first in the selection process for a VET Certificate of Excellence, they may be awarded a VET Exhibition Award in their industry area. A maximum of one Exhibition is awarded in each VET industry area.

Students awarded a VET Exhibition then proceed to the final stage of the VET Awards process, and could be awarded the Beazley Medal: VET, which is awarded to the eligible student who has demonstrated the most outstanding overall performance in a VET Certificate II or higher and in their other WACE achievements. Best wishes to all of these very successful students! I look forward to seeing the final outcomes of these Awards in January.

During one of the last Year 12 Hospitality classes last term, Gabriel Halden's Italian Grandmother, Nonna, visited the students to show them how to make gnocchi. The students had so much fun learning how to make them. It was a nice way for students to end their class.



I look forward to a very exciting term and busy term ahead.

Spotlight on Year 12 VET Connect Student, Sophia Pitaro, who won the WA School-Based Apprentice of the Year at the WA Training Awards 2022

The Presentation Ceremony for the WA Training Awards took place on 21 September, at the Crown Perth. The Awards recognised the outstanding achievements of exceptional students, apprentices, trainees, trainers and organisations across 13 prestigious categories. Four high school students were finalists in the WA School-Based Apprentice of the Year, and our deserving student, Sophia Pitaro, took out this award. The award recognises an outstanding school-based apprentice or trainee who has demonstrated commitment to their formal studies at school and in the workplace. The winner

receives a \$3,000 prize and goes on to represent Western Australia at the Australian Training Awards in Adelaide in November. Sophia has been extremely busy preparing for these National Awards, with her calendar for the next month filled with preparation workshops and photo shoots.



Sophia also recently won NM TAFE's Ambassador Awards Program School Based Apprentice of the Year, and had an interview this week for the SCSA VET Awards. I would love you to take a few minutes to read an extract from Sophia's SCSA VET Award Student Statement where she shares her journey and achievements in the VET pathway...

"I chose the VET program at my school for my senior schooling and it was the best decision I ever made. This has allowed me to attend school 3 days a week and then spend two days a week completing workplace learning and training in a variety of qualifications through TAFE, private RTOs and a School-Based Traineeship (SBT). In 2020, I was successful in gaining a place in a special pilot program called the VET Pathways Program (VPP), limited to 20 Year 10 students. During the VPP, I completed a Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways through Skills Strategies International, as well as a Certificate II in Tourism through Redmako. The tourism course was an online course, which enabled me to complete an extra qualification when I could not attend my workplace due to COVID-19 lockdowns during that year.

As a result of my success in the VPP, I gained direct entry to the school's VET Connect program for Senior School. Through the program, I have already achieved a Certificate II in Tourism, Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways, Certificate II in Hospitality, Certificate III in Events, Certificate III in Sport and Recreation and am currently completing a Certificate IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies. I have had the opportunity to do work experience at a variety of locations around Perth and have also completed more than 1000 hours of Workplace Learning overall. I have been part of the VET Program at Applecross Senior High School for 3 years now. Prior to entering the program, I had no idea what I wanted to do for a career path and felt lost. When the opportunity came to complete a SBT in Sport and Recreation, I jumped at the chance, as the SBT could help me in the future if I was to choose to follow a sports pathway. I had the chance to gain a lifeguarding qualification, swim school teaching qualification, work with children sport coaching, as well as work in the centre's reception and café. Not only has the SBT helped me gain a lot of experience and training in different areas of work, but it has also helped me realise what career path I want to pursue.

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eyes on VET

by Melinda Kennington - VET Manager

Spotlight on Year 12 VET Connect Student, Sophia Pitaro, who won the WA School-Based Apprentice of the Year at the WA Training Awards 2022 (cont'd)

I am so thankful for the opportunities that the VET program at my school has given me and all the training I have received, both on and off the job while completing my VET qualifications. I have had the opportunity to work in an amazing workplace with supportive staff who have helped me with my career development. I have gained many employability skills, which I can use in future employment and even in everyday life. I now have great confidence to go out into the workforce and apply all my newly acquired industry specific knowledge, skills, and experience. At the end of September, I will be completing my Certificate IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies and have decided to apply at University to become a Registered Nurse. As a result of my training through Certificate III in Sport and Recreation, I found my passion to help others and have been able to make a decision on my future as a Nurse, something I never would have thought three years ago! With my qualification from the SBT, I will continue to work as a swim school teacher and lifeguard during my study to become a Nurse."

Since writing the student statement for the SCSA VET Awards, Sophia has completed her Certificate IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies. I warmly congratulate Sophia on all her success and wish her all the best for the future.



...**Adam Davey** (Year 12 VET Connect), who was successful in gaining a full-time apprenticeship with his current Workplace Learning employer

...**Gabriel Halden** (Year 12 VET Connect), who gained full-time employment with HSS Security

...**Jaz Reynolds** (Year 12 VET Connect), who successfully completed her School Based Traineeship at Winthrop Pharmacy, with a Certificate II in Community Pharmacy

...**Amber Sinclair** (Year 12 P2C), who gained a full-time electrical apprenticeship at Komatsu

...**Bianca-Lillie Clack, Sophia Pitaro, Annikka Postlethwaite, Jaz Reynolds, Madison Richards and Baylee Robertson** (Year 12 VET Connect), who have reached the next stage of the SCSA VET Awards process

...**Sophia Pitaro** (Year 12 VET Connect), who took out the WA School-Based Apprentice of the Year at the WA Training Awards

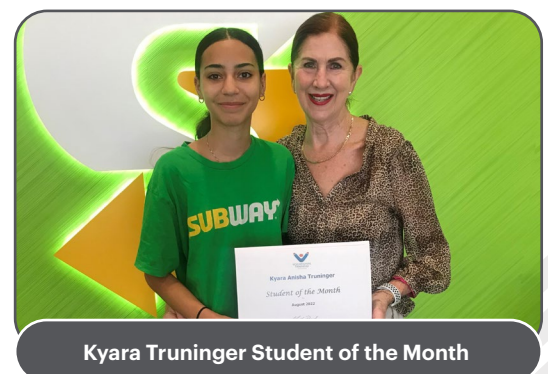
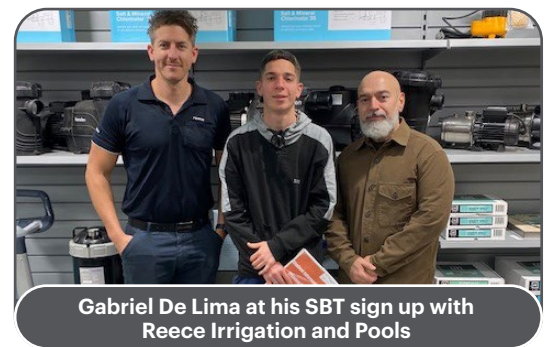
...**Gabriel De Lima** (Year 10 VET Connect), on gaining a School Based Traineeship with Reece Irrigation and Pools Osborne Park, where he will complete a Certificate II in Supply Chain Operations

...**Kyara Truninger** (Year 11 VET Connect), for being nominated Student of the Month at Vocational Training Services for her SBT at Subway Melville, where she is completing a Certificate III in Retail Services

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 😊



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