

Parent Update

Term 4/Week 10
13th December 2022



APPLECROSS
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

14th December

- Years 7-10 Awards Assembly

15th December

- **Last Day of Term 4 for Students**

1st February

- **Term 1 Commences**

1st - 3rd February

- Year 7 Big Days In

6th February

- Year 12 Awards Assembly

10th February

- Year 12 Ball

15th February

- Year 11 Parent Evening

15th - 17th February

- Year 7 Tennis Camp

20th February

- School Tour

21st - 24th February

- NAPLAN Practice Test

22nd February

- Year 11 River Cruise

23rd February

- School Board Meeting

27th Feb - 3rd March

- Year 11 OLNA Testing

1st March

- House Swimming Carnival
- Year 7 and 8 Summer Carnival

*Merry Christmas
to all and enjoy the
summer break!!*



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

End of School Year

As we near the end of the 2022 school year, I would like to thank parents and guardians for your crucial role in supporting the school and your child's learning throughout the year. Thank you also for your patience and flexibility in dealing with the various measures and adjustments we have had to make in response to COVID-19. Here's hoping that we have a smooth start to 2023 and a gradual return to normality. I wish all members of the school community a safe and happy Christmas and an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

Parents of students in Years 7-9 should have received their School Reports on Friday, 9th December, and Year 10s on Tuesday, 13th December. These reports provide students with an opportunity to reflect on their progress and achievement and to set goals for 2023.

Office Hours and Day 1 2023

- Reception closes at 3:30 pm on Friday, 16th December, for the school holidays and reopens at 8:00 am on Wednesday, 25th January 2023.
- Teachers are required to attend on the 30th and 31st of January (School Development Days)
- Students return to school on Wednesday, 1st February 2023.

The day will begin with a whole school assembly in the Agora or basketball area, followed by their timetabled Period 1 class. Students are encouraged to wear hats and use sun protection cream while outside between 8:20 am – 8:45 am.

End of Year Staff Movements

A number of staff members will be officially farewelled on the last day of the year. We are farewelling several very long-serving teaching staff members who are retiring. We would like to thank them for their service to the school and wish them all the best in their retirement pursuits: Glenys Campbell, Jeff Mengler, Helen Lancaster, Normita Mattarocchia, Rob Nesa, Jenny Potier and Andrew Belotti.

Staff taking extended leave

Staff Member	Department
Richard Bellis	Maths
Sarah Davies	Maths
Katie Wadham	HaSS
Cheryl Gross	English
Sue McDonald	English
Bojana Bobusic	HPE
Kirsten Moore	HaSS
Ros Cadee	Art
Helen McKnight	HPE
Katie Doyle	Languages
Caroline Crofton	Hass
Angela Zaknich	Maths
Bruce Hancock	HaSS
Wayne Lloyd	Hass
Lisa Colbourne	Art
Graham Stanton	English
Astrid Jackson	Home Economics

Staff leaving the school:

Staff Member	Department
Chris Raich	English
Kim Craig	Cleaner
Katie Doyle	HPE
Bridget Trevaskis	HaSS
Candace Dalby	Student Services/Maths
Sophie Crawley	Maths
Amanda Macdonald	Student Services
Clare Bukauskas	Art
Holly Hughes	HPE
Coby Henderson	HaSS
Emma Leggett	HaSS
Kirsten Lopez	HaSS
Rina Kumamoto	Languages
Marine Wendling	Languages
Janice Graham	HPE
Mandana Khoshneshin	Education Assistant
Shital Salunkhay	Education Assistant
Santhye Subramaniam	Education Assistant

Kind regards
Paul Leech
Principal

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Student Information Management System - SEQTA and Connect

by Paul Currie - Associate Principal Year 7-8

As you are probably aware, the school has been transitioning from CONNECT to SEQTA as a student information management system. From 2023, all reporting in Lower School will be via SEQTA. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, this transition will be longer for students in Years 11 and 12. This means that **student results in Senior School will still be accessed via CONNECT**. Some teachers may, however, utilise SEQTA to provide additional feedback. Parents will be able to access this feedback but should rely on CONNECT for the accurate reporting of results.

In Senior School, CONNECT will remain the primary means of communicating student results for the foreseeable future. There will be occasions when we also use SEQTA to provide additional feedback. Staff are not required to use SEQTA and may not employ it consistently. Individual teachers will inform students when there is additional feedback on SEQTA.



Connect Support Community
Tuesday, 6 December 2022



Applecross Senior High School
Monday, 5 December 2022

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Sextortion

by Ebony Morrison - Program Coordinator Year 7-8

Published November 2022

This is sextortion.
It's a scam.
And it's trending.
You can make it stop.

- ✓ Do stop the chat
- ✓ Do take screenshots of the text and profile
- ✓ Do block the account and report it to the platform
- ✓ Do report to the ACCCE
- ✓ Do get support

- ✗ Don't send more images
- ✗ Don't pay
- ✗ Don't respond to demands
- ✗ Don't enter into further communication
- ✗ Don't think you're alone

If you're under 18, we can help.
The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to keep children and young people safe from online sexual exploitation and abuse.

The Australian Federal Police through the [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#) is seeing a concerning global trend of teenage males being targeted to send explicit images of themselves and then blackmailed. This is called sexual extortion or sextortion.

The AFP is urging families to have important safety conversations before the school holidays to prevent young people from becoming victims. This crime can have serious wellbeing and psychological impacts.

How does sextortion start?

- Unsolicited friend and follow requests on social media
- Direct messages on one app and then being asked to keep chatting on a secondary app
- Conversations suddenly and quickly becoming sexualised
- Requests for sexualised images or content.

What can families do?

- Have open and regular conversations about your child's online activities and interactions
- Know what platforms, apps and games they are using and who they are interacting with
- Remain open and approachable. Victims will be reluctant to come forward if they feel they will be punished or blamed
- Ensure your child knows that it is okay to leave conversations if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- Support your child and know how to respond. The [Online blackmail and sexual extortion response kit](#) have been created to recognise sextortion and get help.

The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to protect young people from online sexual exploitation and abuse.

You can make a report via accce.gov.au/report.

For further information, resources and advice, visit thinkuknow.org.au.

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To report or get help:
accce.gov.au



If you're in a life-threatening situation, call Triple Zero (000).

The eSafety Commissioner can help to remove naked or sexual images shared online without your consent: esafety.gov.au



This month on SchoolTV - Bullying

by SchoolTV

Bullying is an ongoing or repeated misuse of power in relationships with the intention to cause deliberate psychological harm. Bullying behaviours can be verbal, physical or social. It can happen in person or online via various digital platforms and devices and can be obvious or hidden. Bullying in any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Despite efforts to reduce bullying behaviours, the research tells us that one in four students still report being bullied every few weeks. However, not all negative behaviour should be considered bullying. The key difference is that bullying does not stop on its own. It's important young people learn how to identify behaviours that are rude, behaviours that are mean, and behaviours that are related to bullying.

Often the reasons for bullying can be complex. Some young people do it to get approval from others, some do it to regain control, whilst others may do it because it makes them feel safe. Supporting young people as they work through their emotions will help them unpack the motivation and reason behind the behaviour.

In this edition of SchoolTV, caregivers can better understand why some young people engage in bullying behaviours and what to do to support a child experiencing it. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition and always welcome your feedback.

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to this month's edition <https://applecross.wa.schooltv.me/newsletter/bullying>.

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Charges and Contributions for 2023

by Finance Department

The Charges and Contributions statements for 2023 have now been sent to your listed email address. If you have not received this (please check your junk folder), contact Janine Jenkins via email at janine.jenkins@education.wa.edu.au as a matter of urgency. Financial Assistance claim forms will be available on the School website in the New Year. QKR has now been disabled for the remainder of 2022. For any further payments for 2022, please contact the Finance Office on 9314 9368.

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2023 Personal Items List (Booklists)

by Finance Department

The 2023 Personal Items lists are now available on our [website](#). Orders must be completed online at [Campion](#) by **Friday, 16th December**.

Your home delivery order will be dispatched for FREE no later than the week ending 20th January 2023 but, where possible, will be dispatched earlier, if placed on or before the return date of Friday, 16th December 2022.

Orders placed after the return date of Friday, 16th December will incur a late fee of \$8.00.

If you prefer the "while you wait" option at our Canning Vale retail service centre the address is: CAMPION EDUCATION: 25b Baile Road, Canning Vale WA 6155.



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eyes on VET

by Melinda Kennington - VET Manager

Welcome to the final edition of Eyes on VET for the year!

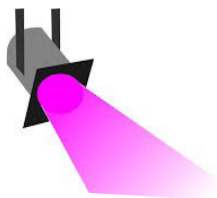
What another incredible year of success in the VET program! ...the number of students in the VET Connect program and P2C continues to grow, as well as the popularity of Certificate II in Hospitality and our new Construction Pathways qualification. Next year we will see the completion of our Café in the North wing, which is very exciting and finally coming to fruition.



In Week 9, 130 Year 10 students spent a week out on work experience. Students had a fabulous opportunity to gain a snapshot of work in an industrial area, and most were visited by a Staff member of their choice. Feedback from employers, visiting staff, and students has been excellent. Thank you to all the employers and staff who kindly support our work experience program and students.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our VET programs.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Spotlight on our VET Dux for 2023

The Applecross Senior High School VET Dux for 2023 is Annikka Postlethwaite. As Annikka was unable to be presented with her award at Presentation Night due to being overseas, she was invited to the school to be congratulated in person and presented with her award by Mr Paul Leech.

Congratulations on this wonderful achievement, Annikka!



eyes on VET

by Melinda Kennington - VET Manager



Snapshots around the workplace...



Bailey Mills and Tim Clark
at Just Chill Air
Conditioning & Electrical



Barron Fiddes at
Artem Coffee



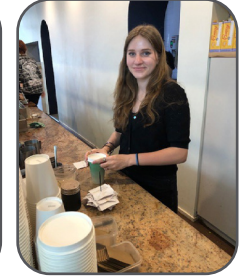
Cayden Chia at
Harvey Norman



Colby Devonshire at
Youngs Plumbing and Gas



Harriet Boyle at
Brighton Beach with
Go Surf



Heloise Raynaud at
Swish Coffee Roaster



Isaac Jackson at
Major Motors



Jack Carey at
Rostrata PS



Jack Thompson at
Bucks Electrical



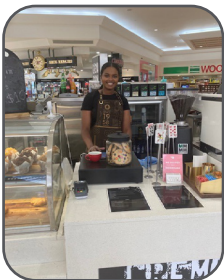
Kirby Gargett at
John Hughes Automotive



Kobi Treversh at
Weir Minerals



Lachlan Caddy at
Flight Experience



Maya Mahmoud at
Crema Crew



Morgan Fromant
at Riverton PS



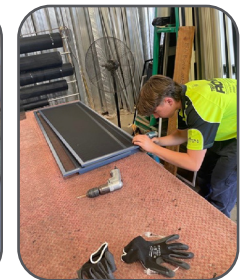
Samuel Stewart and
Jarrod Cook at Rostrata PS



Sienna Di Giacomo at
North Harrisdale PS



Taya Jensen at Rachel
Lavelle Professional



Tom Gorman at
DMJ Glass Pty Ltd



... **Year 10 work experience** students who went out of their comfort zones to work for a week in an industry area of their choice.

... **Oceana Antill (Year 10)**, who completed a Certificate II in Retail Services through a School-Based Traineeship at McDonald's.

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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P & C Parent Mixer and AGM

by P & C Association



APPLECROSS SHS P & C COMMITTEE

Cordially Invites You to Our

PARENT MIXER & AGM

Thursday 9th March from 5.30pm
With the first P&C meeting of 2023 afterwards

Refreshments in the Art Agora- entry off Ardessie St

*This is your chance to come along, meet new
parents and see what your school is all about!*

RSVP via www.trybooking.com/CEQHG

by Mon 6th March 2023



to be acquired, as it is essential for such a large P&C budget to be administered with good governance. This role includes all correspondence and supporting the board members and sub-committees to carry out their roles. Strong written communication skills and basic computing skills are helpful.

Treasurer - this is perhaps the most important role of our particular P&C, as we have such a large budget to administer and disseminate according to the P&C member's and the school's wishes. We have a large canteen, accounted electronically on MYOB, and excellent knowledge of that system is essential for our Treasurer. Our P&C has chosen to employ a bookkeeper to support the Treasurer, making the role much more manageable.

Other roles - there are plenty of different positions in our P&C to be filled if you don't feel like putting your hand up for one of the 'Big 4'. We have a number of committees (Special Tennis, Special Art, music, Fathering Project) and another unofficial role that we have been wanting to fill for a number of years - PR liaison. This would suit a person very familiar with and able to write social media posts, newspaper articles and Parent Update articles for the P&C and any sub-committees that require this service and submit them to the Principal's PA for submission to the various outlets the school has online and in the media. We aren't sure how involved this role might get, but we would love to hear from anyone interested in giving it a go. We would also love to hear from anyone who has grant writing experience, as that is an area that we are needing more expertise in as well. We must stress ALL press of any sort has to be vetted by the school first, with no exceptions.

General membership - being a member of our P&C allows you to have meaningful input into the decisions made about what we do with the funds we generate each year, which in such a large school is substantial. We allocate most of the yearly funds to projects the group hopes will benefit the most students, and you can have a role in those decisions.

This is not only an AGM but a social get-together where you can meet other P&C members and the current committee members, ask questions and think about how you can support our school. The P&C has supported many programs, including the CORE Camp, Chaplain, the Fathering Project, building the bike enclosure and running the Bike Safety Inspections, as well as contributing towards the Hospitality Café (construction starting soon).

The AXSHS P&C are looking for Parents and interested Community members to work as part of our dynamic team to support the school community. We are looking for new general P&C members and those who might be interested in taking on a more specific role for 2023, including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

As high school P&Cs are quite different to primary school P&Cs, a quick overview of their roles is as follows:-

President- this role involves chairing general P&C meetings (only four each year) and chairing Executive Committee meetings only when necessary. An excellent grasp or quick learning of the WACSSO and our constitution is imperative to success, and knowledge of basic IT and social media would be beneficial. Our President is also a part of the banking signatory team, needing to be able to sign off on payments when necessary electronically. Leading a busy team of volunteer members, you will need to have the ability to be able to oversee all of our sub-committee's work, without being responsible for it, along with an ability to run succinct, productive meetings without necessarily rushing people through and try and engage the P&C group as a whole to support our school community.

Vice President - this role involves supporting our President and being available to chair any meetings should the need arise, along with being the WACSSO Liaison and attending the annual WACSSO conference. Being another electronic payment signatory is also necessary, along with a good grasp and familiarity of ours and WACSSO's constitution.

Secretary - this is the meeting minute taker role and is suited to whoever can concisely and accurately take all meeting minutes, along with the ability to collate and disseminate them in a timely manner after each meeting. An excellent grasp of the rules and procedures that govern a P&C needs

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From the Canteen

by Cre Millar and the Canteen Team

Wow- what a year!! With record high sales and record low volunteers, we have made it through this record-breaking year, and we couldn't have done it without the support of so many people.

Our volunteers who have donated so very much of their time this year so frequently- you are all amazing, giving people and our school community is indebted to you all. We cannot thank you all enough.

Our AXSHS staff members who had the time and will to give even more to your students through serving at recess and lunch times- the canteen has run so much quicker and smoother through your help at the counter, and we are proud and grateful you are a part of our canteen and our school.

Our behind-the-scenes support volunteers- our Treasurer, our two volunteer roster managers this year, and our committee convener- you have done so much to help out with all the challenges we have faced, and it has made it so much easier to navigate with your unending support.

Our canteen staff- have gone above and beyond their duties this year to ensure your canteen stayed healthy and open for business. The fact that we have never had to close in the last three years is incredible and a feat we are very proud of!

Finally, to all our loyal customers- students, staff and parents- we love serving you and creating healthy, yummy food for you all and look forward to doing it all again next year! Sadly, our menu costs keep rising, so we will not be able to absorb any more price rises, but we are hopeful you will all understand and bear with us with our new price list. We are squeezing suppliers, finding cheaper alternatives and generally doing all we can to limit these rises, but there will, unfortunately, be many rises in the new menu- again, we hope you all understand and continue to support your school canteen with your patronage and any spare time you may have (hint!! hint!)

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Social Media Highlights



Year 12 Presentation Evening



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

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Facebook
Instagram

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<https://www.facebook.com/ApplecrossSeniorHighSchool/>
https://www.instagram.com/applecross_shs/



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