

Parent Update

Term 2/Week 9
19th June 2023



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IMPORTANT DATES

- 20th June**
 - Year 10 Reports in SEQTA by COB
- 21st June**
 - Music Side-by-Side Rehearsal 1 - PAC 7:30 pm - 9:30pm
- 23rd June**
 - Lower School Dance and Drama Showcase
- 25th June**
 - Music Side-by-Side Concert
- 21st - 29th June**
 - Year 10 Subject Counselling
- 28th June**
 - Year 7-9 Reports in SEQTA by COB
- 30th June**
 - Last Day of Term 2
- 17th July**
 - School Development Day - Students do not attend
- 18th July**
 - Term 3 commences for students

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, Instagram or YouTube pages.

Website <https://applecross.wa.edu.au/>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ApplecrossSeniorHighSchool/>
Instagram https://www.instagram.com/applecross_shs/
YouTube [@applecrossshs5058](https://www.youtube.com/@applecrossshs5058)
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 / Guardians

As we near the end of Term 2, the school is very busy, with many final assessments in the lead-up to the semester reports, subject selections for next year and the usual array of exciting student activities.

This Parent Update contains some important information for the next two weeks and the beginning of Term 3.

Semester One Reports

Parents will receive Semester 1 reports over the next couple of weeks (please check the Reporting schedule below).

Year Group	Date Issued	Delivery
Year 11 and 12	16 June	via email
Year 10	20 June	available in SEQTA by close of business
Years 7 to 9	28 June	available in SEQTA by close of business

These reports allow parents to discuss with their child/ren how they are going (positives, challenges and where improvement is required). It is important that each student takes the opportunity to reflect on their progress and achievement, and parents can play an important role in this process. Parents can request additional teacher feedback via email, phone, or in-person meetings. Teachers' [email addresses](#) are listed on the school webpage.

Term 3 Day 1 for Students

A reminder that the final designated School Development Day for 2023 will occur on the first day of Term 3 (Monday, 17th July), meaning that students recommence school in Term 3 on Tuesday, 18th July.

School tours and feedback

We have had over 150 prospective parents touring our facilities and enjoying a morning tea Q&A with key Student Services staff. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. Typical comments have been about how well-behaved the students are, how well-run the classrooms are, and how engaging the lessons are. The parents also commented on the amazing environment. Many parents had travelled far away to attend this and had participated in many other public and private tours. We are by far the most popular school of choice for all of them.



Subject Selections 2024

The 2024 timetable is well underway, with all Years 7 to 9 completing their subject selections recently. Year 10s will attend course counselling to select their Year 11 subjects over the next two weeks. Once all students' subject selections are completed, the 2024 staffing profile will be conducted for staff recruitment.

STEM superstar

We have been given a wonderful opportunity for our Year 10 girls to attend a talk on Thursday, 29th June, presented by Dr Karen Livesey. Karen is an ex-student who has been named the National STEM superstar and is visiting our school as part of her role in promoting STEM careers to girls.

P&C Update

Rob Oliver (Treasurer) and Narelle Pearce will be going overseas for five weeks, which means the P&C is putting in place some changes to ensure the smooth running of operations during that time. Unfortunately, we have had no expressions of interest for anyone to take on the role of [Treasurer](#) or [Secretary](#), which is disappointing but not unexpected. Given this, Jarred Scagliotta will take on the role of Treasurer, and Genevieve Scagliotta take the role of co-Secretary to ensure any issues that arise can be dealt with promptly. A big thank you to Jarred and Genevieve for "stepping up" and supporting the P&C.

Prospective Staff Event

The school will hold an information afternoon on Tuesday, 20th June, to promote the school with prospective staff who may be interested in teaching here in the future. Please encourage anyone who may be interested to contact [Nicole Keinick](#) to register their interest.

Regards
Paul Leech
Principal

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Year 12 Dropping Courses

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Years 10 - 12

No further class changes are possible in Year 12; however, eligible students may still drop courses. (please see either me or Jenny Casserly to determine eligibility). The final date to do this is early Term 3. Students must withdraw from courses with practical components by **Thursday, 20 July; without practical components, the date is Monday, 8 August.**

This is a School Curriculum and Standards Authority date and cannot be extended. I wish all Year 11 and 12 students all the best for their holidays and look forward to them returning for what is always a very busy Term 3.



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Year 12 WACE Exams

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Years 10 - 12

The Year 12 WACE Exam timetable is now available on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website. Alternatively, enter **WACE Exam Timetables 2023** into whatever search engine you use, and the timetable site will show up immediately. These exams are now set and cannot be changed under any circumstances.

Sometimes students will have two exams in one day. This is just the way it is and why we have a similar timetable during Years 11 and 12 so that students have experience in this. The school cannot change exam times, and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority won't enter into a debate on changing this timetable either.

Later in the year, students will be provided with a **Personalised Exam Timetable** which they will need to bring to each WACE Exams. More information on this will be provided closer to the exam dates.

Please remember that students must sit all exams if enrolled in an ATAR course. It doesn't matter if they have only one ATAR course. **You MUST sit the WACE exam.** Failure to do this puts a student's WACE achievement at serious risk.



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Year 10 Parent Presentation – Study Hacks Thursday 20 July

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Years 10 - 12

As mentioned at previous Parent Information Evenings, Dr Jane Genovese from 'Learning Fundamentals' will present a session to all parents of Year 10 students on effective 'Study Hacks'. She will subsequently present to all Year 10 students in Week 2 of Term 3.

There will be two sessions for parents to choose from. The first will be from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, and the second from 6:40 pm - 7:40 pm. The sessions will be held in the **PAC**. Jane's presentations are highly engaging. She will provide useful information backed by scientific evidence on how you can support your child to be more efficient and effective with their study.

This presentation is for parents only. Students should not attend. They will have their own initial presentation and then a series of subsequent sessions both in and out of school time throughout Terms 3 and 4. We are running two sessions on the night to allow as many parents to attend as possible. We know that parents being informed on how they can support their children will produce better results. We strongly encourage parents to attend regardless of their child's courses for Year 11.



Session Details:

RSVP: www.trybooking.com/CJHRX

Date: Thursday, 20 July

Venue: PAC

Session 1: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Session 2: 6:40 pm to 7:40 pm

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Finance Reminders

by Finance Department

We are now nearly halfway through the school year already! Thank you to all parents and caregivers who have paid the School fees for 2023. We have just completed another email out of Reminder of Unpaid Billing Items statements. There are still many families that have not made any payments for this school year. If you have not made a payment, your prompt attention is requested in finalising your account for 2023. Please contact the Finance Department at your earliest convenience if you wish to discuss payment of your children's school fees or to negotiate a payment plan.

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School Board Report

by Adeline Teh - Parent Representative

Our Board discussions this week featured a key issue on safety in the workplace, especially in the school environment. Paul Currie (Associate Principal) presented a very short and powerful presentation outlining how the teachers are all kept feeling safe in the school environment. Paul Leech is leading this in preparing and embedding in the school culture a safe workplace for everyone. We were all educated on what measures and guidelines are in place to ensure staff safety from physical and mental harm.

Another discussion arose with the Student Council, where the Push-up Challenge was very well received. This has created interaction between the different year groups while raising money for mental health. We also had the attendance of Aaron, the Deputy Captain, at the Board meeting for the first time.

There was an update to the projections and growth figures regarding growth in school numbers. Topics raised were the future economic challenges and more infill development coming into the Applecross catchment area that has led to an increase in numbers.

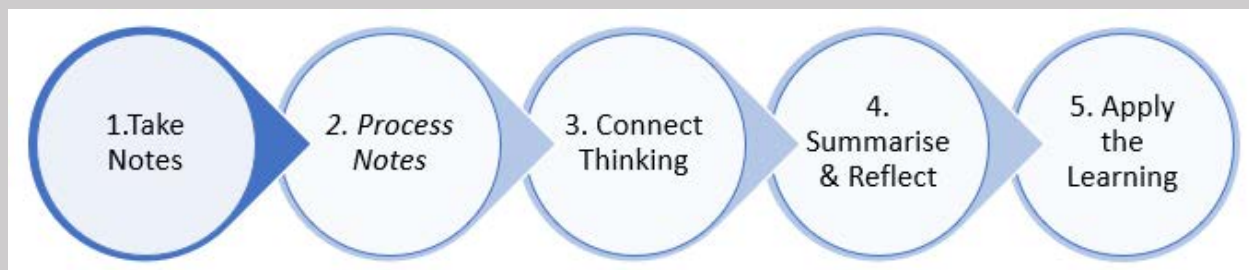
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Learning to Learn

by Sue Kovacevic - Teaching & Learning

Note-Taking

It sounds easy, but it's actually quite a complex skill that consists of the five phases below. We explicitly teach the note-taking process because it is so essential to learning. Over the next few months, I will provide a brief summary of each phase.



Phase 2: Processing Notes

This phase facilitates the retention and understanding of information by requiring students to manipulate their notes in various ways. They will be asked to revisit notes to chunk, question, add and clarify. They will process new information by identifying, selecting, sorting, organising, classifying and evaluating main and supporting ideas. It is in this phase that students begin to interact with their notes and take ownership of the knowledge.

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Updating Emergency Contact Details

by Ebony Morrison - Program Coordinator Years 7 and 8

We require all students to have three contact numbers on our system in case of an emergency. If you need to update your child's contact details, please send an email to axshs.email@education.wa.edu.au. We require the following information:

Student Name:

Year:

Contact Person:

Relation to student:

Phone number:

Address:

Number to call in case of an emergency: 1, 2 or 3:

Alternatively, you can request a change of information form, which will be emailed to you.

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SPECIAL REPORT - Mobile Phone Separation Anxiety

by SchoolTV

The use of mobile phones and technology in schools has been a highly debated topic internationally, including in Australia. Almost all states and territories in Australia, have implemented full bans on mobile phones during class, recess, and lunch times, while allowing students to carry their phones during travel to and from school.

Critics argue that there is no evidence supporting the effectiveness of such bans, but this is a mischaracterisation. Studies have shown the positive impacts of mobile phone bans in schools. One study conducted in 2016, found that banning mobile phones led to an increase in student performance, with test scores improving by 6.4% of a standard deviation. Similar studies from Spain and Norway also supported these findings.

For parents concerned about mobile phone separation anxiety in their children, it is important to acknowledge it as a real issue and discuss the negative effects of phone addiction, such as sleep problems and mental health issues. Gradually introducing phone-free periods at home, setting clear expectations and boundaries and modelling healthy behaviours can help your child cope. It is also crucial to establish a support network and seek professional help if needed. Implementing mobile phone bans in schools allows for better focus on teaching and learning, minimising distractions and interruptions.

This Special Report will help address mobile phone separation anxiety and provide guidance on supporting your child's wellbeing during this transition period. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please consider seeking medical or professional help.

Click on this link to view the [Special Report](#)

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Stymie

by Ebony Morrison - Program Coordinator Years 7 and 8

Applecross Senior High School encourages students to utilise the anonymous reporting platform Stymie to report anything or anyone they are worried about. Stymie has provided a safe mechanism for youth to report issues concerning them and reach out for help on behalf of their peers or themselves. Students can access the platform below:

[Stymie Notification](#)



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Second-hand Uniforms

by P & C Committee

Parents and community members, we have pre-loved school uniforms for sale. If you have any queries, please email: axshspc@gmail.com.

Please note the old second-hand uniform site has been closed, and we will update you later in the year when our onsite uniform shop is operational.

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EYES on VET

by Melinda Kennington - VET Manager

Welcome to another edition of Eyes on VET!

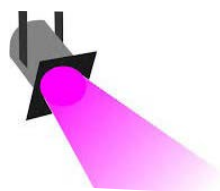
VET Connect Interviews for 2024 have now been completed and all applicants have been notified the result of their application and interview via a formal letter. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all applicants on their applications and commitment to following their goals.

It is always disappointing when not all students can be offered a place in the VET Connect program due to program capacity, but with its popularity growing each year, all criteria need to be looked at closely to carefully select the students who rank in the top 50.

It would be really pleasing to see the students who did not gain a place in VET Connect to look into VET opportunities through the Pathway to Careers option (P2C). I encourage those students to keep up their efforts in work ethic, behaviour and good attendance at school, so that they can find other pathways to achieve their goals.

Year 11 and 12 VET Connect students have had a very rewarding Semester 1, and it was a pleasure writing their report comments for their external courses and Workplace Learning after seeing their wonderful achievements to date.

The Annual Careers Expo is on again at the Perth Convention Centre. It is a very informative event that assists students and parents in career planning. Please see details above.



Spotlight on Mount Pleasant College and their Upcoming Information Night

Mount Pleasant College (MPC) is the only Registered Training Organisation in WA specialising in the Creative Arts. They offer Certificate III and IV courses in:

- Screen and Media
- Graphic Design
- Game Design and Animation
- Music
- Sound Production

MPC are running an information night on 22 June. It would be worthwhile for students with an interest in any of these areas to attend and view their state-of-the-art facilities and have the opportunity to chat to their lecturers.

INFO NIGHT

Join us on **Thursday June 22, 2023** as we open up our College for our MPC Information Night! This is the perfect opportunity to meet and chat to our experienced lecturers, explore our state-of-the-art facilities, and learn more about our **Music, Sound Production, Graphic Design, Media, Game Design & Animation and Screen & Media** courses available in 2024. We look forward to seeing you there!

5pm - 7pm
22nd
JUNE 2023

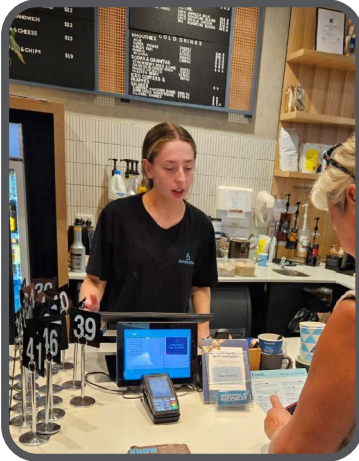
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eyes on VET

by Melinda Kennington - VET Manager

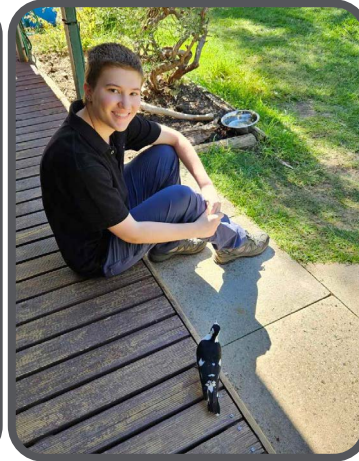
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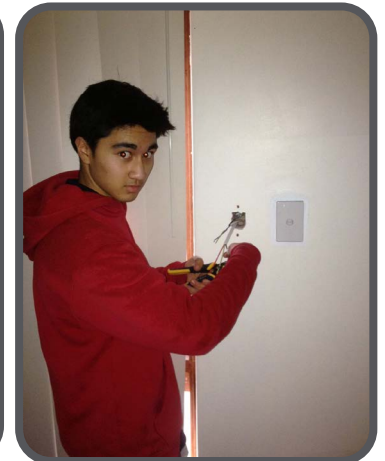
Ebony McGuigan at Jamaica Blue



Elliott Gorman at Cablewise Electrical and Communications



Grace McClure at Darling Range Wildlife

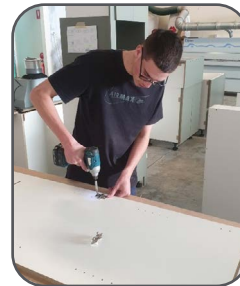


Jack Thompson at AKA Electrical



Congratulations

...**Julian Dengate** (Year 12 VET Connect), who gained a full-time apprenticeship in carpentry as a result of his work placement with Peacock Cabinets this year.



...**Maya Leslie** (Year 11 P2C) and **Lucas Gillies** (Year 11 ATAR) for gaining a place in the VET Connect program.

...**Year 10 students** who were successful in gaining a place in the VET Connect for 2024

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

Best wishes
Melinda Kennington - VET Manager 😊

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P&C Secretary Needed

The AXSHS P&C Assoc Inc is seeking a Secretary to join the new, dynamic Executive Team for 2023. This would suit an organised person who is keen to support the P&C and the wider school community.

A thorough handover will be provided.

Our current Secretary is unable to continue beyond the next meeting so we need someone who can support the P&C with the following:

- work alongside the President, Kerri Gur, to prepare the agendas
- attend one P&C meeting per month - take the minutes and circulate them
- attend Executive Committee meetings when required – take the minutes and circulate them
- be a bank co-signatory on the P&C bank accounts
- circulate (via email) relevant information to the P&C Members

The current Secretary has already:

- set up templates for agendas and meeting minutes
- set up the filing system for the keeping of minutes of meetings

To put forward an Expression of Interest or gain additional information, please contact the P&C President, Kerri Gur, or the Secretary, Narelle Pearce, at axshspsc@gmail.com.

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P&C Treasurer Needed

The AXSHS P&C Assoc Inc is seeking a suitably qualified Treasurer to join the new, dynamic Executive Team for 2023. Ideally, it would be a Chartered Accountant or CPA who can volunteer a couple of hours each month.

A thorough handover will be provided.

Our current Treasurer is unable to continue beyond the next meeting so we need someone who can support the P&C with the following:

- payment of fortnightly wages for Canteen Staff
- payment of EOM supplier payments (monthly)
- meet with the Canteen Manager when required
- review monthly P&L provided by the Bookkeeper
- attend one general P&C meeting per term and provide an update on the P&C finances (Bookkeeper generates the required reports)
- attend Executive Committee meetings when required
- work with the paid Bookkeeper to ensure all payments are made and to ensure compliance for employment of staff
- provide information/access to MYOB for the Auditor at the completion of 2023

The current Treasurer has already:

- set up the 2023 Budget
- completed ACNC and AssociationsOnline compliance for 2023
- appointed the Auditor for 2023

To put forward an Expression of Interest or gain additional information, please contact the P&C President, Kerri Gur, or the Secretary, Narelle Pearce, at axshspsc@gmail.com.

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P&C Liaison Officer Needed

The AXSHS P&C Assoc. Inc seeks an enthusiastic person to promote the P&C and its activities to the wider school community. This role would suit an organised and enthusiastic person who has a public relations flair.

This is a new role we have created within the P&C, and we are looking for someone to act as a liaison between the P&C committee and the school community.

Your main role will be to assist with marketing events and activities undertaken by the P&C. The P&C has a number of activities each term and requires a dedicated person to market these events via the school newsletter and the school's Facebook page.

If you are interested in this fun new role within the P&C, please contact the P&C President, Kerri Gur, or the Secretary, Narelle Pearce, at axshspsc@gmail.com.

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APPLECROSS SHS AND EMMANUEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE



SIDE BY SIDE 2023

AN INNOVATIVE PROJECT THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENTS OF APPLECROSS SHS AND EMMANUEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE TO PERFORM SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH SOUTH SIDE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2023

2:30PM - 4:30PM

**EMMANUEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE SPORTS &
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
122 HAMMOND RD SUCCESS**

THIS IS A FREE EVENT, BUT BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE VIA
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CHKNQ](https://www.trybooking.com/CHKNQ)



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Hosting Japanese students

by Sumika Nishikawa - Japanese TiC

Applecross Senior High School welcomes visitors from Seiryō High School, Hyogo, Japan, in a program conducted by AIIU between the 15th to 25th of August, 2023. We are currently seeking families who would be interested in hosting a student.

Families will be paid \$50 per night for hosting a student. Sharing your home with a student can be a very rewarding experience. If you are able to assist in hosting a student, could you please contact Linda on 0433 544 328 or email lindaa@aiiu.com.au.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED.



Be a part of this cultural experience

- 15th August -25th August 2023
- Based at Applecross SHS
- Provide normal Australian meals
- No need to speak Japanese
- Separate room not necessary
- No airport runs

Volunteer families receive \$50 per night (Tax free) to assist with hosting costs



FOR MORE INFORMATION, Contact:

Linda on 0433 544 328 or EMAIL lindaa@aiiu.com.au



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Social Media Highlights



Year 7 Movie Afternoon



Sport Challenge - Year 7 vs Year 8



SSWA - Champion Volleyball - Junior Tournament



Economics ASX Challenge



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Visit our social media sites or the school website pages to read about the achievements and events/activities held over the last couple of weeks.

