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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach Week 4 of Term 2, the school is a hive of activity with lots of hard work taking place, as well as some impressive student learning and achievement. There has also been a wide range of school and student activities. This Parent Update contains important information and reminders about current and future school events and activities.

Information and photos can be found on our [Facebook page](#).

Urgent: Open Positions for 2024 P&C

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to Jarred Scagliotta for volunteering to serve as P&C President (he was Vice President in 2023). His dedication and commitment to our school community is greatly appreciated.

However, we are still urgently seeking individuals to fill the Treasurer and Vice President roles. These positions are integral to the smooth operation of our school and its initiatives, including the School Canteen. The current office bearers will provide comprehensive support and guidance to the new appointees, ensuring a smooth transition.

By taking on these roles, you will have the opportunity to make a substantial impact on our school and contribute to the diverse range of initiatives driven by the P&C. We believe that your involvement can truly make a difference.

We understand that taking on such a role is a significant commitment, and we encourage anyone interested to reach out via [email](#) to discuss these roles further. We are more than happy to answer any questions you may have and provide additional information.

Please refer to the [Week 1 Parent Update](#) for more details on these positions. Please note that nominations have been extended until 9 am on Friday, 17th May.

We look forward to your active participation and support in shaping the future of our school.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We recently held our first Parent-Teacher Meeting for 2024, and it was heartening to witness such strong parental engagement. Parents expressed positivity regarding their child's learning experience, praised the teachers' organisation, and appreciated the quality of information shared during the interviews.

Recognising the challenge of accommodating busy schedules, we've intentionally kept the interview time short to ensure accessibility for as many parents as possible. Our primary objective during these meetings is to foster communication and establish a direct line of contact between parents and teachers.

If you missed the initial round of interviews, don't worry! The virtual meetings will be available for booking from Thursday, May 2nd, at 8:00 AM (until 1:00 AM on Sunday, May 5th). This provides an excellent opportunity for families who haven't participated in in-person meetings to connect with teachers and discuss their child's progress.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to meaningful conversations during the upcoming virtual sessions!

ANZAC Commendations

We extend heartfelt congratulations to our student leadership team and the other dedicated students who orchestrated a profoundly moving and enjoyable ANZAC Assembly for the entire school on Monday, April 22nd. The event featured esteemed guests, including Mr Sam Lim (our federal member of parliament), Ms Kim Giddens (Local MLA), and Ms Glynis Barber (Deputy Mayor of the City of Melville). These dignitaries praised the students for their exemplary behaviour and the respect they demonstrated.

For those who wish to relive the occasion, photos of the event can be found [here](#).

Additionally, we commend Avery Flint and Milla Lobik, who served as outstanding ambassadors during the 2024 Premier's Anzac Student Tour. These participants journeyed to Singapore in April to commemorate the 82nd anniversary of the fall of Singapore. Notably, Milla was selected to represent the group in an interview on ABC Perth radio. Her profound knowledge, understanding, and insights were truly remarkable. Well done, Milla!

You can listen to the interview starting from the 1:40:10 mark here:

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/perth-mornings/mornings/103747656>

Industrial Action

I would like to express my gratitude for the patience and cooperation of our parents and students during the recent Industrial Action by members of the Teacher's Union (SSTUWA) on Tuesday, April 23rd.

While we understand that some parents choose to keep their children at home during the initial part of the day, we want to assure you that we are committed to keeping you informed. We will continue to send text messages to notify parents of any student absences. This ensures that you are aware if your child is not present at school.

As we move forward, there remains a strong possibility of further industrial action if the dispute is not resolved by mid-May. The decision of our union members to take industrial action is not made lightly; it reflects their dedication to a cause they believe in and their desire to maintain a high-quality education for our students.

While I sincerely hope the current dispute can be resolved without further disruption, I will keep you informed and provide ample notice should any changes impact our usual operations.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Paul Leech, Principal

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Parent Teacher Meetings Bookings

Parent Teacher Online (PTO) is now open for parents who did not book any in-person meetings or our Year 12 families still seeking ATAR Predictions. Below is important information regarding the Parent-Teacher interviews being held virtually on Wednesday, 8 May. These bookings will close late Saturday evening, 4 May.



A reminder: These meetings are being held via Webex. There will be no face-to-face meetings held at the school.

- All students in Years 7 to 12 will not be required to attend school as normal classes will not be running to accommodate the Parent-Teacher Meetings. If you are unable to have your child at home, please contact the school via email at axshs.email@education.wa.edu.au or phone at 9314 9393, and we will arrange appropriate supervision from 8.25 a.m. until 2.50 p.m.
- On the day, a strict adherence to the 7-minute time limit will be in place.
- **You will not be emailed a Webex link—you must log in to PTO to access the link.**
- **Links will become live 15 minutes prior to your scheduled meeting time.**
- It is recommended parents/guardians log into PTO a few minutes prior to the start of their scheduled meeting.
- If both parents/guardians wish to join the meeting, they can both log into PTO using the same login information and click the link to join the meeting.
- Instructions on how to use PTO and Webex can be found on our website. [Webex Instructions](#). If you do not already have an account or use Webex, we would recommend setting up a free account well in advance of any bookings to ensure there are no delays or missed meetings on the day [Webex - sign up for free](#).

If you experience any difficulties, or your circumstances change, and you cannot attend a meeting, please email the teacher directly to arrange a suitable time to talk at a later date or for feedback to be provided via email. [Staff Contact Details](#).

Ebony Morrison, Program Coordinator Years 11-12

NAP Opt-in 2024 Assessment in Science Literacy

The Year 10 students will be taking part in the NAP Opt-in assessment in Science Literacy this year. This assessment is part of the National Assessment Program and will allow us to measure student performance against the national standards in science literacy. These results will be used to review, plan and adapt teaching and learning programs to improve student outcomes. This assessment will occur during the students' regular science lessons in **Term 2, Week 7, Monday, 27th of May, Periods 1 and 2, and Tuesday, 28th of May, Periods 3 and 4.**

Students will be required to install the current NAP Locked Down Browser (LDB) on their device. This can be completed by visiting the SEQTA Welcome page, clicking on the NAP LDB icon and following the necessary steps to complete the download. Students will also need **their headphones** (Bluetooth headphones are not permitted as they can cause connectivity issues) and their fully charged device on the testing day. We will provide any other required materials.

Donna Levar-Uppill, NAPLAN and OLNA Coordinator

Year 12 Weekend Masterclass Workshops – Invitation Only

For Year 12 students who have received an invitation to attend the weekend Masterclass workshop, please book your place now. These workshops run on the Weekend of 11/12 May and the following Weekend 18/19 May.

Apologies to all the mums out there. Hopefully, the workshops running on your special day will not significantly impact your celebrations and preferential treatment!



Toni Jones, Associate Principal Years 10-12

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Year 11 & 12 TAFE Applications for Semester 2 – CLOSING

For many students, realising the challenges at school in Years 11 and 12 can be confronting and overwhelming. If this is the case, especially for current Year 12 students, there are other options available. Students may apply for TAFE courses to commence in Semester 2. If accepted, students will then have a choice as to whether they accept the offer.

Please note: **Applications for TAFE Mid-Year entry are OPENED on Monday, 29 April and CLOSE ON Wednesday, June 5.** If you require assistance with applications, please contact Melinda Kennington, VET Manager, at Melinda.Kennington@education.wa.edu.au to discuss the process prior to the closing date.

There has been a significant increase in course availability in some areas. It is important to understand that completion of TAFE courses results in an alternative entry pathway to university if that is what a student is thinking of in the future. Many students are more suited to the practical nature of a TAFE course. TAFE campuses have staff available to provide information about courses and pathways into the future. There is also extensive information online for parents and students.



SOUTH METRO TAFE Link: <https://www.southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au/applications/study-tafe-semester2-2024>

NORTH METRO TAFE Link: <https://www.northmetrotafe.wa.edu.au/important-information/key-dates>

Toni Jones, Associate Principal Years 10-12

Senior School Revision Workshops – Exam Preparation

Revision workshops commence in **Term 2 on Monday, 6 May (Week 4)** and run every afternoon until Friday, 24 May (Week 6 inclusive). These workshops have been pivotal to our past students in maximising their learning and tapering their study program leading into their Semester 1 exams.

Please note that students should have noted the session they have enrolled in and should have ensured that they have time for each of their workshops. The afterschool workshops are ALL held in the science block, and a schedule with room numbers for each session will be posted on the outdoor science corridor windows. Please check these carefully.



Toni Jones, Associate Principal Years 10-12

Year 11 and 12 Exams

The Senior School exams get underway on **Monday, 27 May**, and continue for the ENTIRE duration of weeks 7 and 8 this term (**excluding only the Public Holiday in Week 8**). Our consistent message to all students is to control the controllable (their effort and preparation), and if they have prepared well for their exams, then the results will take care of themselves.

This is an excellent opportunity for them to determine if their preparation processes are effective. If not, they have time to make the necessary adjustments to refine their exam technique for future examinations.

As always, we encourage students to look after their wellbeing between exams. Health advice is to ensure that nutrition, sleep, and hydration are at the forefront of students' minds. Exams are only one measure of a student's level of understanding, and whilst the exams are an important aspect of Years 11 and 12, they are not a measure of a person's worth, despite what students think.

Below is a link sharing information about how parents can support their children in navigating this challenging but regular event in their lives.

<https://applecross.wa.schooltv.me/content/blog/help-your-child-cope-exam-stress>

Students will have received their examination timetable this week and should ensure **they know exactly when their exams are scheduled.**

Toni Jones, Associate Principal Years 10-12



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Year 11 & 12 - Exam Rules and Guidelines Reminders

All our examination rules and guidelines are based on SCSA and WACE examination policies and practices. Therefore, it is important that ALL students familiarise themselves with the 'guidelines for examinations document'. Please click on the link below to access this document.

[Senior School Examination Guidelines](#)



Toni Jones, Associate Principal Years 10-12

Supporting your Child's Learning with Interactive Notebook

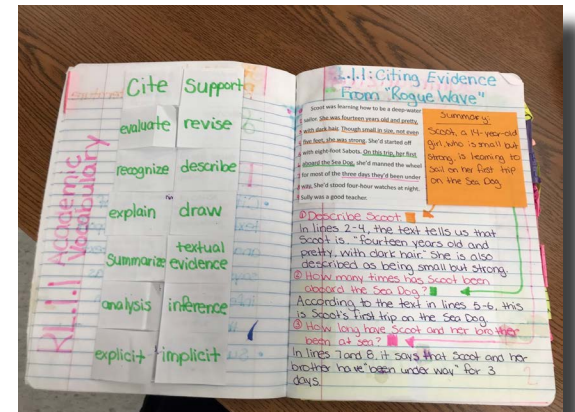
As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a dynamic and supportive learning environment for our students, Applecross Senior High School is proud to introduce to you interactive notebooks as a key resource in our educational toolkit. These notebooks are not just a place for students to record information; they are a platform for creativity, critical thinking, and personalised learning.

What Are Interactive Notebooks

Interactive notebooks are a unique blend of students' notes, ideas, and reflections. They are a physical space where students can merge class content with their own insights, questions, and conclusions. This method encourages active participation in the learning process, making it more engaging and effective.

Benefits of Interactive Notebooks

- **Enhanced Engagement:** Students interact with the material on a deeper level, which promotes better retention of information.
- **Organisational Skills:** Keeping an interactive notebook helps students develop a structured approach to their studies.
- **Creative Expression:** These notebooks allow students to express their understanding in various ways, catering to different learning styles.



How Can Parents Support Their Children?

1. **Provide a Dedicated Study Area:** Create a quiet and comfortable space at home where your child can work on their interactive notebook without distractions.
2. **Encourage Regular Review:** Set aside time each week for your child to review and update their notebook, reinforcing the material learned.
3. **Foster Open Communication:** Discuss the content of the notebook with your child, asking questions and showing interest in what they are learning.
4. **Supply Necessary Materials:** Ensure your child has access to pens, highlighters, and other supplies that make their notebook both functional and fun.
5. **Celebrate Their Efforts:** Recognise the hard work your child puts into maintaining their notebook, which will motivate them to continue.

Interactive notebooks are a powerful tool for learning, and with your support, they can make a significant difference in your child's educational journey. Let's work together to make the most of this innovative approach to study!

Paul Currie, Associate Principal

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Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Our Year 11 Certificate II in Hospitality students will be hosting an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea again this year. This will go towards them achieving their qualification as they work hygienically and safely, use their hospitality skills to interact with staff and work effectively with others.

All donations help The Cancer Council raise vital funds for people impacted by cancer, and let's face it, we've all known someone affected by this awful illness.

The Year 11s have set a fundraising goal of \$1,000, and they could really use your help! It's easy to donate online.

All donations over \$1 are tax deductible.

You can make your donation here: <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/s/27676/91792>

Please dig deep to help us reach our goal and to support our Year 11s to attain their qualification.



Miss Henderson, Ms Sheldon, and the Year 11 Hospitality students

Follow the Dream

Our wonderful Year 12 student, Maria had the opportunity to attend the WA Aboriginal Youth Conference last Monday, representing Applecross' Follow the Dream. The theme of this year's conference was "We Are the Change — Breaking the Barriers". It great to see our young Indigenous students engaging with the wider community, discussing current issues and planning for solutions and a way forward. If you have not heard about Follow the Dream or would like more information regarding your child's involvement, please contact me at rebecca-jo.hansen@education.wa.edu.au.



Rebecca Hansen - Follow the Dream Coordinator

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Finance Reminder

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who have paid the Contributions and Charges for 2024. If you have not made payment, immediate attention is requested to finalise your account for 2024. Please contact the Finance Department at your earliest convenience if you wish to discuss payment of your children's school fees. Please be reminder that debt collectors are used for all outstanding school charges.

Finance Department

Second-hand Uniform Shop

A quick reminder on the upcoming dates and times for our second-hand uniform shop, managed by our dedicated P&C volunteers:

📅 Tuesday, May 7th: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

📅 Tuesday, May 21st: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

We've got a good variety of quality second-hand uniforms available. Swing by next to the canteen when you can, and remember, we accept EFTPOS and cash.

P & C Committee

Winter Uniform

As the weather cools down, it's important to ensure our students stay warm while adhering to our uniform policy. Please take a moment to review the details on our website regarding our uniform guidelines.

If your child requires a jacket, it must be worn over the official school tops as outlined on the website. Additionally, if they choose to wear tracksuit pants, they must be the official Applecross tracksuit pants.

For those who need to wear an undershirt beneath their school shirt, please ensure it is white in colour.

For more information and specifics, please refer to the following documents available on the school website:

- [Uniform Policy](#)
- [Uniform Brochure](#)

Uniforms can be purchased from either [Uniform Concepts](#) or the P&C Second hand Uniform shop (see above).

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our students are both comfortable and compliant with our uniform standards.

Rex Lilleyman - Associate Principal Student Services

Protocol for Students Unwell During School Hours

If your child feels unwell during school hours, we kindly ask that they do not contact home directly. Instead, they should visit Student Services for assistance. Our staff will be able to promptly call the nurse if needed. This protocol ensures that our students receive the care and attention they require in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation in reinforcing this procedure with your child.



Rex Lilleyman - Associate Principal Student Services

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Welcome to another edition of Eyes on VET!

This term is such an exciting one for our Year 10 students who have been receiving a lot of information about Senior School pathway options for 2025. On Tuesday, 30 April, we had a fantastic turnout at a workshop for students who identified an interest in VET Connect, General, P2C or are still unsure are about which pathway to take in Senior School. A group of 9 Year 11 and 12 current VET Connect students spoke about their external courses and work placements, demonstrating the very diverse opportunities possible through the VET Connect program.

On Thursday, 2 May, a VET Connect Information Evening was held at the school in the auditorium. It was great to have this session so well-attended, with over 150 students and parents/guardians. The highlight of the evening was having four current Year 12 VET Connect students who took part in a Student Guest Speaker Panel and shared their journey and their achievements to date in the program. Congratulations to Kirby Gargett, Jake Goodreid, and Cale Harris for being such hard working students who are wonderful ambassadors for the VET Connect program.



Student VET Information Session



VET Parent Information Evening



VET Connect applications opened on Friday, 3 May and application forms are available from the VET Office. I look forward to reading all the applications when they close on **Friday, 17 May**. Students are encouraged to visit the VET Office if they have any questions. I wish all the applicants the best with their applications.

2025 VET Connect PROGRAM

applications are **NOW open!**
and close Week 5, 17th May 2024

Collect an application from the VET Office

Having to make decisions about what courses to select for their final years at school can be a daunting task for students, especially when there are so many viable options with VET, General and ATAR pathways. However, it is a wonderful opportunity to start taking some real steps in future career planning.

I would like to warmly welcome Donna Payton to the VET Office, where she is a much needed new addition to the VET team and will support our ever growing number of students and programs... I'm so glad Donna likes **pink!** 😊



Donna Payton - VET Support Officer



Spotlight on the Study Work Grow Membership for Students and Parents

Take advantage of our school Careers Hub with the **Study Work Grow Membership for Students and Parents...**

Our school has subscribed to one of Australia's top careers news and information services, and it's easy for you to sign up for free membership as part of our school subscription. You can access career building tools, discover scholarships, find work experience opportunities and more. It's safe, easy, and completely FREE for you to subscribe to this resource.

To create your membership:

Step 1 - Go to <https://studyworkgrow.com.au/school/applecross-senior-high-school/>

Step 2 - When asked, enter your school code - ASHS2019 (**yes...the year in the code is correct!**)



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Snapshots around the workplace...



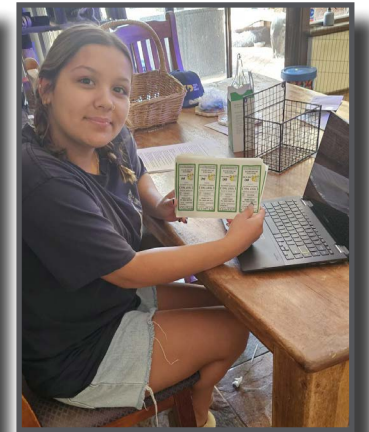
Heather Stone at Alfred Cove Care Community



Nikolas Basinas at Youngs



Takara Vivian at Bull Creek Library



Tayha Cole at D C Test & Tag



...to our **Year 11 and 12 VET Connect students** for volunteering their time at the VET Connect Information sessions and are wonderful ambassadors for the VET Connect program.

...**George Parkin (Year 11 VET Connect)** on being offered a full-time plumbing apprenticeship with Casotti Plumbers, where he was undertaking Workplace

Learning.

...**Joseph Bodger (Year 11)**, on completing a Certificate II in Retail Services through his School Based Traineeship with McDonald's and has now started a Certificate III in Retail Services.

...**Louis Song (Year 10)** on gaining a School-Based Traineeship with McDonald's, where he will complete a Certificate II in Retail Services.

...**Daniel Jones (Year 12 P2C)** on gaining a School-Based Traineeship with Iquest Computers, where he will complete a Certificate III in Information Technology.

...**Sofia Zeb (Year 12 P2C)** on gaining Workplace Learning with Clifford Chance Law Firm.

...**Samuel Thompson (Year 11 P2C)** on gaining a place at North Metro TAFE, where he will complete a Certificate II in Sport - Developing Athlete.

...**Reece Brown-Neaves (Year 10)** on doing well with his Certificate II in Rural Operations at South Metro TAFE.

...**Dylan Flaherty (Year 11 VET Connect)** on being offered a place in the Events Skill Set at South Metro TAFE.

...**Holly Cawthan, Savannah Griffiths and Jacky Villarino (Year 10)** on being offered a place in the Introduction to Tourism Skill Set at South Metro TAFE.

...**Mack Chidlow**, who was the first Year 10 student to collect a VET Connect Application from the VET Office at 7:10am!

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

Melinda Kennington, VET Manager



Mack Chidlow

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Term Dates 2024

	STUDENTS	TEACHERS
Term 2	Monday 15 April - Friday 28 June	Monday 15 April - Friday 28 June
Break	Saturday 29 June - Sunday 14 July	Saturday 29 June - Sunday 14 July
Term 3	Tuesday 16 July - Friday 20 September	Monday 15 July - Friday 20 September
Break	Saturday 21 September - Sunday 6 October	Saturday 21 September - Sunday 6 October
Term 4	Tuesday 8 October - Thursday 12 December	Monday 7 October - Friday 13 December

School Development Days 2024

Term 2	Friday	31 May	Week 7	Students do not attend school on these days
Term 3	Monday	15 July	Week 1	
Term 4	Monday	7 October	Week 1	
Term 4	Friday	13 December	Week 10	

Upcoming Parent Events

6 May	Monday	P & C General Meeting 6pm
8 May	Wednesday	Parent-Teacher Meetings (students do not attend school on this day)
16 May	Thursday	School Board Meeting
27 May	Monday	Year 10 VET Connect Interviews Start
30 May	Thursday	Positive Education Parent Night - Justin Robinson (the Wellbeing Distillery)
30 May	Thursday	Year 10 VET Connect Interviews End
6 June	Thursday	Year 10 Parent Course and SSO Information Session

Upcoming Student Events

6 May	Monday	Year 12 Geography Excursion
6 - 24 May	Mon-Fri	Year 12 ESTs (Externally Set Task Test)
6 - 24 May	Mon-Fri	Revision Workshops
7 May	Tuesday	Year 9 Man Up
7 May	Tuesday	Year 12 Psychology – Perth Zoo
8 May	Wednesday	Year 10 AE Science and Engineering Challenge
8 May	Wednesday	Parent-Teacher Meetings (students do not attend school on this day)
9 May	Thursday	Year 8 Lightning Carnival
11-12 May	Sat-Sun	Year 12 Masterclasses
14 May	Tuesday	Year 8 AE Harry Perkins Excursion
15 May	Wednesday	Year 10 AE Geography guest speaker
15 May	Wednesday	Year 10 AE UWA Hass Excursion
15 May	Wednesday	Year 12 Curtin University Chartered Accountant Talk
16 May	Thursday	Year 7-10 Student Councillors Levitate
16 May	Thursday	Interschool Cross Country

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EXAM EXPERTS

❖ UWA Exam Experts Intensive Exam Preparation Courses for Year 12

In the first week of July, at UWA, Year 12 students from across the state are invited to attend intensive revision and exam prep courses. The program is a unique opportunity for students to learn from WA's most experienced teachers while attending classes at the University of Western Australia. Courses will provide students with structured and targeted revision in their ATAR subjects, learn new tips and exam techniques and strategies designed to improve ATAR results. For the full immersive university experience, subsidised and supervised board accommodation is available at UWA.

Study Options:

@ UWA \$195 per 10-hour subject (no accommodation)

Online live streamed \$195 per 10 hour subject

Accommodation packages

(includes course fees, booklet, 5 nights accommodation, supervision, breakfast & dinner)

2 subjects \$1290 3 subjects \$1385 4 subjects \$1485 5 subjects \$1585

Venue: The University of Western Australia, Crawley (UWA) Monday 1st - Friday 5th July 2024.

Enrol Online: <https://www.theexamexperts.com.au/> or Call 9314 9599 or Email: info@tee.com.au

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