



WINMALEE HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 4 Communication – Thursday 20 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami.

I spoke on assembly this week about “walk together in good spirit”. This often ends an acknowledgement of country on assembly and students have heard it spoken in English and Dharug many times. I teased apart the meaning and how we want all students to work with staff and each other to progress their academic and life learning, and to do so in a manner that respects others and contributes positively to the school community. We often hear things but are not listening to what is said.

Sadly, I wasn't offered any bruschetta, but it is great to see some photos of classroom learning. We offer an exceptional number of extra curricular pursuits at this school and these pages are usually dominated by extra curricular. Rest assured we are not distracted from our key focus - learning.



Year 8 Food Technology students enjoyed the results of their first prac for the year, making bruschetta.



Year 12 Drama students were fortunate to attend Sydney Theatre Company last Friday for a staged reading of two of their core plays being studied this term. It was followed by an informative backstage tour of the Wharf Theatres, including the costume, props and set building workshops. A wonderful day! 🎭👏



Calculators

All students studying Mathematics are required to have their own calculator for every lesson in Mathematics.

The calculator used at Winmalee is the **Casio fx-82AU PLUS II** and can be purchased from Officeworks and most stationery stores.

For financial assistance please contact the school.



Expo Day and Family Information Evening

Winmalee High School are holding an **Expo Day for Year 7 2026 students next Monday 24 February 2025 from 10.00am to 12.30pm.**

There will also be a **Family Information Evening next Wednesday 26 February 2025 at 6.30pm** in the school hall.

Please see flyer for more information.



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Expo Day for Year 7 2026 Students & Family Information Evening

Student Expo Day


Monday, 24 February 2025
10:00am - 12:30pm

- ✓ Year 6 students are invited to take a 'sneak peek' into Winmalee High School; meet staff and students, take a tour of the school, watch a concert performance, and engage in a range of exciting high school activities.
- ✓ Year 6 students from Springwood, Ellison and Winmalee Public Schools will have transport arranged to/from Winmalee High School.
- ✓ Students from other local schools who would like to attend should contact Winmalee High School to reserve a place.

Family Information Evening

Wednesday, 26 February 2025
Winmalee HS Hall - 6:30pm

- ✓ Families of students across all year groups (7-12) who are interested in joining Winmalee High School are invited to attend an information evening. This is an opportunity to chat with staff, take a tour of the school and seek further information about enrolment, academic and co-curricular learning opportunities and wellbeing programs.
- ✓ For further information contact the school office or scan the QR code to visit our website
Phone: 4754 2822 / Email: winmalee-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au





Premier's Reading Challenge – Get Involved!

The **2025 Premier's Reading Challenge** is starting on **February 24**, encouraging students to develop a love for reading while expanding their literacy skills! Open to all students, the challenge requires participants to read a set number of books before the deadline. It's a fantastic way to discover new stories, improve comprehension, and achieve a reading milestone.

Students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate from the Premier and be recognised for their dedication to reading. Get started today and explore the world through books!

For more details/to sign up, visit Ms Doyle in the Library.

School Photos

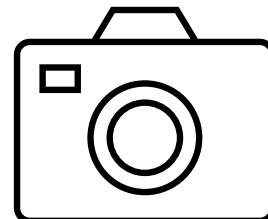
School photos will be taken on **Friday 7 March 2025**.

Students are expected to wear full summer uniform.

Individual portrait photos will be taken as well as Year Group photos. Photos of sibling groups and individual students that were absent on 7 March will be taken on the morning of Monday 10 March 2025.

It is preferred that photo packages are ordered and paid for online at www.advancedlife.com.au using the online code **445 65V ALZ** before the photo day.

All information has been uploaded to the Sentral Parent Portal and is in the 'School Photos' folder in 'School Communications'.



WE WILL ROCK YOU

CAST LIST

GALILEO

LIAM BOYS

FEATURED ENSEMBLE

SCARAMOUCHE **TAHLIA MCGOWN**

JACIE CALLAN

MAX CAMPANER

KILLER QUEEN **NEVAEH LONSDALE**

OLLIE CUSACK

AURORA EDWARDS

KHASHOGGI **ZOE HARRIS**

ETHAN FRACARO

JEREMY HEWITT

BRIT **KALARNI SMOTH**

ISABELLA JOHNSTON

EIMEAR MACCORMAC

OZ **CLAUDIA THOMAS**

LINCOLN MCGOWN

VIOLET MCRAE

BUDDY **WILL CUSACK**

SOPHIE RAYNER

DANCE ENSEMBLE

ENSEMBLE

ISSABELLA BALLARD

RUBY BISHOP

MICHAEL BROADHEAD

AMELIA CHODA

ELIZABETH DRYSDALE

MIA DUNN-HILL

CHARLOTTE DONOVAN

YUUKA HOFMANN

MATILDA FINDLEY

ROSE FISHER

GEORGIA HOLDSWORTH

LISA JOHNSON

CHARLOTTE FOSTER-BROWN **SARA GRIFFITHS**

CAILEN PRIORA

SUNDAY QUELCH

SOPHIE KNIGHT

JESS MALLIN

SCARLETT STEELE

TALIA MCGREGOR

RUBY MELVILLE

JADA WHITLEY

SOPHIE PATON

EMILY REGENT

FREYA WIESSNER

MIA SCOTT

AVA SEYMOUR

MILA WILSON

OLIVIA STEELE

SKYE WILSON

JUNE 2025 @ WHS

Coming up on 9 March:



Women in Nuclear Science

*Celebrating International Women's Day
with groundbreaking research in nuclear science
and the women leading the way.*

Radiating Expertise: The Power of Nuclear Forensics

Nikki Keighran, Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Org. (ANSTO)

Tracing the Drops: Using Isotopes to Secure Our Water Future

Catherine Hughes, Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Org. (ANSTO)

9 MARCH @ 2:00 PM

Springwood Sports Club (Bowlo)

www.scienceatthelocal.org



An Australian Government Initiative



Blue Mountains Women's Health & Resource Centre



WEEKS MARKED WITH THIS SYMBOL MAY INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS & CONTENT AIMED AT PARTICIPANTS AGED 16+

TERM 1, 2025 SESSION PROGRAM

124 LURLINE ST, KATOOMBA

Contact via (02) 4782 5133 or www.bmwhrc.org

FREE YOUNG WOMEN'S WEEKLY ART GROUP

TUESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM
3:30PM TO 5:30PM

Free, in-person art workshops with health & wellbeing discussions mixed in! For high school students in years 7-12.

PART OF THE FREE UNDER 25'S DROP-IN CLINIC

ALSO ON TUESDAYS DURING TERM,
3:00PM TO 5:00PM

Under 25's can drop-in to our Katoomba centre & access a Women's Health Nurse, Counsellors, information & resources without a pre-booked appointment.

These services are not appropriate for cis-men. We welcome all women and gender diverse people including trans-women, trans-men, intersex and non-binary people.



INSTA: @artspace_bmwhrc

EMAIL: artspace@bmwhrc.org

WEEK ONE - FEBRUARY 11TH

TUESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM,
3:30PM TO 5:30PM

Snacks & Materials Provided

**WELCOME BACK!
2025 MANIFESTATION BOARDS**




WEEK TWO- FEBRUARY 18TH

TUESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM,
3:30PM TO 5:30PM

Snacks & Materials Provided

PHOTOGRAPHY BINGO



WEEK THREE - FEBRUARY 25TH

TUESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM,
3:30PM TO 5:30PM

Snacks & Materials Provided

PRIDE PATCHES FOR MARDI GRAS!




WEEK FOUR- MARCH 4TH

TUESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM,
3:30PM TO 5:30PM

Snacks & Materials Provided

BLACKOUT POETRY + SCREEN PRINTING FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



WEEK FIVE- MARCH 11TH

TUESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM,
3:30PM TO 5:30PM

Snacks & Materials Provided

UPCYCLE CREATIVE SESSION + JUNK JOURNALING



WEEK SIX- MARCH 18TH

TUESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM,
3:30PM TO 5:30PM

Snacks & Materials Provided

ASK A DOCTOR! HEALTH SESSION



WEEK SEVEN- MARCH 25TH

TUESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM,
3:30PM TO 5:30PM

Snacks & Materials Provided

CLAY CRAFTS




WEEK EIGHT- APRIL 1ST

TUESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM,
3:30PM TO 5:30PM

Snacks & Materials Provided

CHOCOLATE CREATIONS




WEEK NINE- APRIL 8TH

TUESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM,
3:30PM TO 5:30PM

Snacks & Materials Provided

END OF TERM CELEBRATION!



Best wishes,
Winmalee High School

NAPLAN 2025 - Year 7 and 9

At Winmalee High School, we see NAPLAN as an opportunity to gain valuable insights into student learning. Our focus is on **student effort**, ensuring every child approaches the assessments with a **positive mindset and a willingness to do their best**.

The results from NAPLAN are not just numbers—they help us identify specific learning areas that need support and allow us to implement **evidence-based teaching strategies** to target those skills effectively. By understanding each student's strengths and areas for growth, we can tailor our teaching to meet their needs and enhance their learning experience.

For Year 9 students, NAPLAN is their final opportunity for formal exam practice before they sit the HSC Minimum Standards tests in Year 10, where achieving a Level 3 is essential for obtaining their HSC. This year's NAPLAN serves as an ideal chance to develop the key literacy and numeracy skills required for the HSC Minimum Standards, while also preparing students for the structured exam conditions they will encounter in Minimum Standards Tests, Year 11 Preliminary Exams, HSC Trials, and the final HSC Examinations.

Encouraging students to approach NAPLAN with focus and effort will help build their confidence and readiness for future assessments.

Adjustments are available for students who have diverse functional abilities and needs. Reasonable adjustments are made for individual students on a case-by-case basis so they can complete NAPLAN. Eligible students will receive a note home regarding these provisions. If you have concerns or believe your child should receive provisions, please speak to Bree Hinchey-Holley.

We encourage all students to approach NAPLAN with the goal of doing their best. Thank you for your support in fostering a growth mindset and a strong learning culture at Winmalee High School.

Week 7					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 12 March	Thursday 13 March	Friday 14 March
Period 1			Year 9 Writing (42 min)	Year 9 Reading (65 min)	
Recess					
Period 2			Year 7 Writing (42 min)		Year 7 Reading (65 min)
Period 3					
Period 4					

Week 8					
	Monday 17 March	Tuesday 18 March	Wednesday	Thursday 20 March	Friday
Period 1	Year 9 Conventions of Language (45 min)			Year 9 Numeracy (65 min)	
Recess					
Period 2					
Period 3	Year 7 Conventions of Language (45 min)	Year 7 Numeracy (65 min)			
Period 4					



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Meet the Teacher Evening for Year 7 Parents & Carers

We look forward to welcoming our Year 7 parents & carers to our 'Meet the Teacher' evening.

Take the opportunity to put a 'face to a name' and chat with teachers and the Year 7 Adviser about how your child is settling into high school.

TUESDAY, 11 MARCH 2025
5:30pm - 6:30pm

About this event:

- This event will take place in the Central Quad - located behind the school canteen.
- A copy of your child's timetable will be provided showing their subjects and teachers' names.
- A complimentary sausage sizzle will be provided from 5:00pm in the canteen area.
- Coffee/tea will also be available.



We look forward to seeing you on the night!
Please note: This is not a Parent/Teacher interview event.



BLUE MOUNTAINS YOUTH EXPO

**Do you have a young person starting high school?
Find out what's on offer for people aged 12 – 18 years.**

UPPER MOUNTAINS EXPO

Tuesday 18 March

5.30 – 7.30pm

Civic Arcade

81-83 Katoomba St, Katoomba

LOWER MOUNTAINS EXPO

Wednesday 26 March

5.30 – 7.30pm

Blue Mountains Theatre

and Community Hub,

106 Macquarie Rd, Springwood

STALLS | POP-UP PERFORMANCES | BBQ

Find out about:

- sporting and recreational groups
- free youth services and drop in spaces
- free and confidential wellbeing support

**The Expo is free, younger siblings are
welcome, and there's no need to register.**





OUTDOOR EXPLORE'S AFTER SCHOOL

ADVENTURES 3:30 TO 6:30

Young people aged: 12 to 15 years old

Join the Outdoor Explore team **Wednesdays** for local adventures with like-minded people! Come to one or come to all!

ACTIVITIES:

- Nature Walks & Exploration
- Bushcraft & Campfires
- Slacklining & Park activities
- Adventure film Festivals
- Wild swimming & more

DATES FOR TERM 1:

- From Katoomba Youth Centre:
26th February, 12th March, 26th March
- From Springwood Youth Centre:
5th March, 19th March, 2nd April

Want to come along?
Contact Kate: 0493 025 772 or
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