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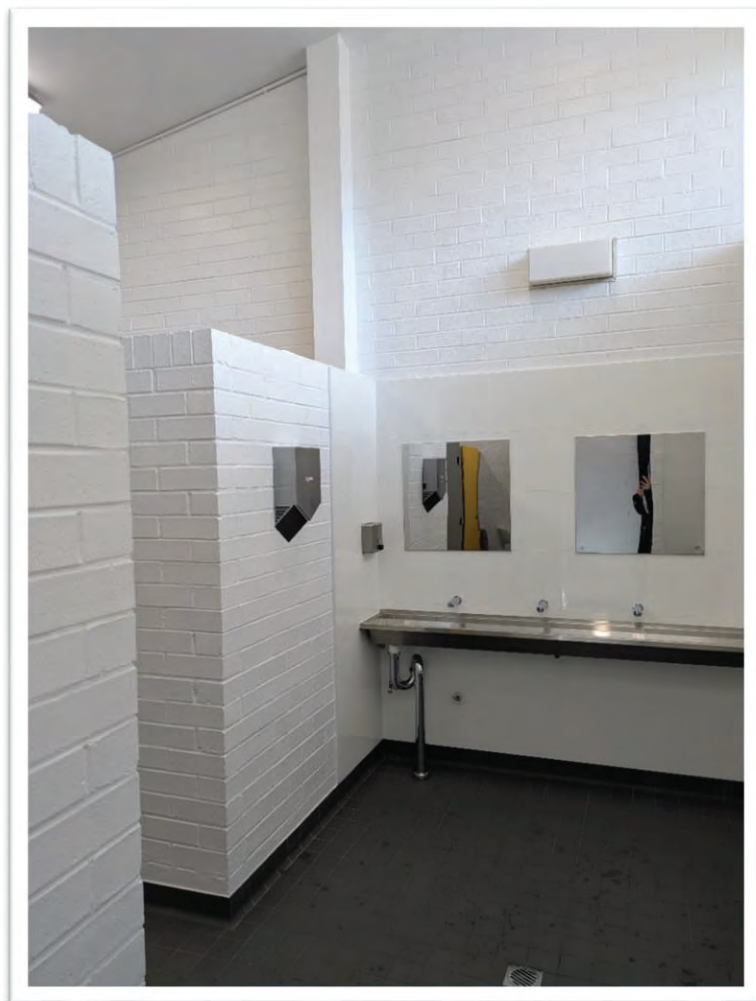
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Term 2 Week 7 Communication – Thursday 12 June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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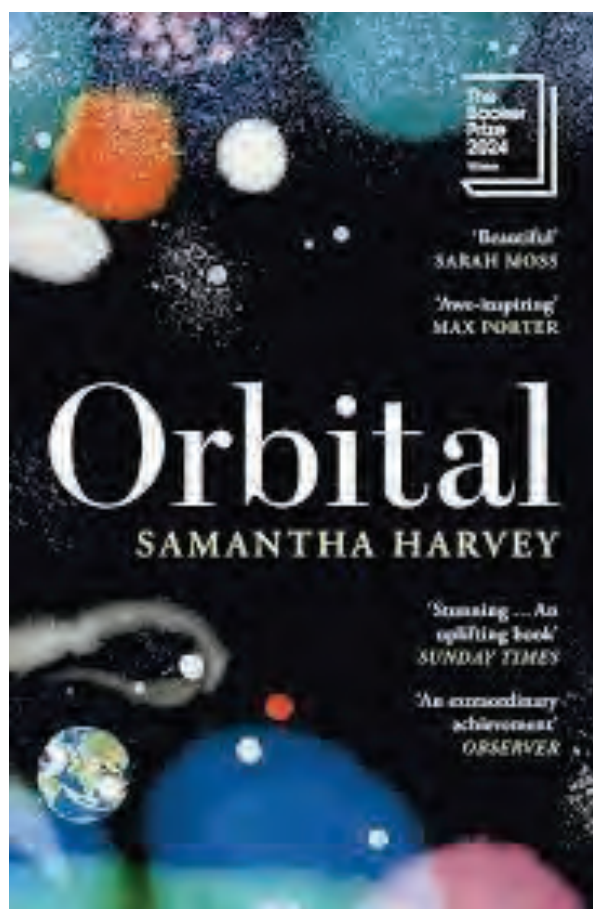
A picture is worth a thousand words. Hall toilets completed and two other blocks in progress.



Please share this with your contacts. It is great when public schools can give their students the best of facilities.

What are you reading?

Mrs Maddigan is reading:



Samantha Harvey writes beautiful descriptions of the earth from the perspective of astronauts as they experience sixteen sunrises and sunsets each day on the space station.

The beauty of the view juxtaposes with the destruction happening below and weaves this extraordinary story through time *and space*.

It is such a beautiful read, and the depictions of the earth are breathtaking. It is short too, only 133 pages. It is definitely one to devour over a quiet weekend on the back deck!

Our enthusiastic **History Club** meets fortnightly to play quizzes, test their historical knowledge, and take on new challenges—including last week's fun dress-up session! Students also discuss upcoming history competitions and explore all things history. Well done to our passionate history buffs for their continued enthusiasm and involvement!

CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

For student career opportunities, please see the Careers Google Classroom.
Code: yr6hpo2

More information is also available on the school website [Careers page](#).





Congratulations to **Issy Ferguson, at left, (Year 10)** who represented Sydney West at the NSWCHS Girls Rugby League training in Wollongong and Figtree last week. An all-round athlete, Issy played the majority of the three-day tournament and competed against some of the best rugby league girls in the state.

Nepean Zone Athletics

We sent a team of 50 athletes to the Nepean Zone Athletics Championships last week and had a successful carnival.

We had three students who were Age Champions:

- ★ **Hollie Loudon (Year 7)**
- ★ **Elijah Devery (Year 8)**
- ★ **Luke Chapman (Year 8)**



We have over 20 students who will represent our school at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival in August.

Well done to all participants!

Well done to **Lyla Douglas (Year 10) and Harry Summers (Year 11)**, pictured at the NSWCHSSA Touch Football Championships representing Sydney West Sports Association.

Harry's team narrowly missed the semi finals, coming in 6th with four wins and very close scoring losses for remainder of rounds.

Lyla's team finished in 4th place with only one loss, three draws and six wins over the three days. They headed into semi finals against the undefeated Hunter team, unfortunately narrowly losing by only two.

Annabella Sciberras (Year 10) was also representing Sydney West at the Girls Football Championships.

Her team was placed 5th at these championships

All three students were involved in the inaugural NSW School Sports Games, held in Blacktown last week. This event showcased secondary sport across NSW and there were ten different sporting championships held at the same venue.



We Will Rock You –

TICKETS NOW ON SALE – DON'T MISS OUT!

A fist-pumping, foot-stomping anthem to individuality!

We Will Rock You is a high-energy rock musical set in a future where music is banned, and conformity rules. But a group of rebels, the Bohemians, refuse to be silenced. With the help of two young outsiders, Galileo and Scaramouche, they rise up against the ruthless Killer Queen and her empire, fighting to bring back real rock 'n' roll. Packed with electrifying performances and Queen's greatest hits, this show is an epic battle for freedom, individuality, and the power of music to change the world!

Performance dates:

- ★ Friday 20 June 7.00pm
- ★ Saturday 21 June 1.30pm & 7.00pm
- ★ Friday 27 June 7.00pm
- ★ Saturday 28 June 7.00pm

Click on the below link to purchase tickets or scan the QR code on the poster!

<https://www.trybooking.com/DAMMR>

Poster designed by **Lexie Firth (Year 10)**.

Please support our Canteen too, menu below!



YUM!



Subject Selection Evening

Subject Selection information sessions for current **Year 8 and Year 10 students** will be held on **Tuesday, 1 July 2025** in the school hall. **They will be held on the same evening, with different start and finish times.**

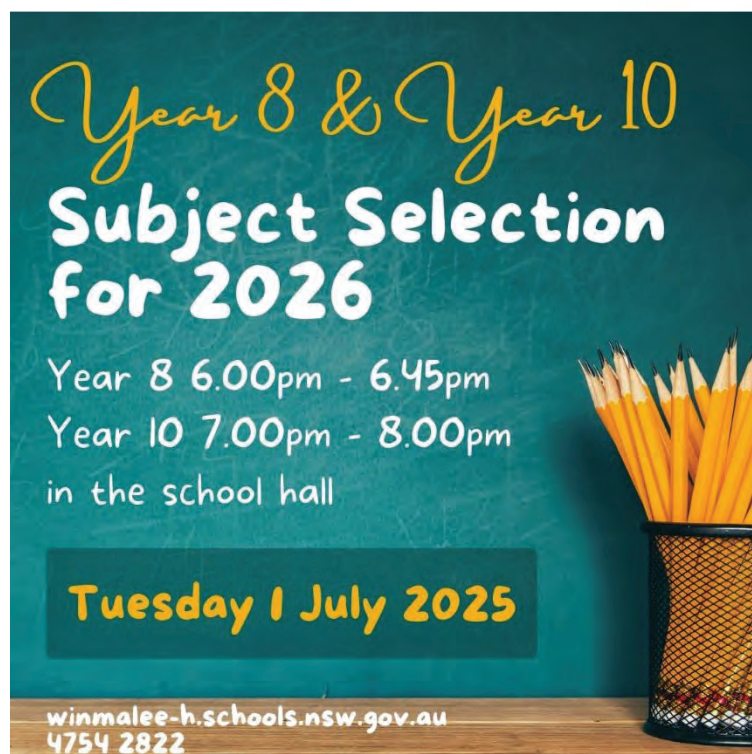
Year 8 - Subject Selection Information Evening for Year 8 into Year 9, 2026
6:00pm – 6:45pm

Year 10 - Subject Selection Information Evening for Year 10 into Year 11, 2026
HSC Preliminary Course (Year 11 RoSA)
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Subject selection booklets which include detailed information about the subjects being offered for study in 2026 are available on the Parent Portal. This will allow students and their families to view the subjects and discuss suitable choices. Some paper copies of the booklet will be available on the evening, but as it is a one-use document, we will not be issuing printed copies for all students. Please download a copy of the booklet to your device so you can refer to it on the night.

On the evening, information will be provided about the curriculum pattern for 2026 and the process of selecting subjects. Staff from each faculty will be available to answer questions about the courses being offered.

Subject Selection forms **will be provided on the evening** and must be returned by Term 3, Week 1 - **Friday, 25 July 2025.**



Our **Year 7-9 Parent-Teacher Interviews** are scheduled for **Tuesday, 29 July 2025 from 3:30pm-7:30pm** in the school hall. Please save the date in your calendars.

This year, the **online booking system** will again be through the **Sentral Parent Portal**. If you haven't yet registered for access to the portal, we encourage you to register and activate your account prior to interview bookings opening.

Please contact the school via phone or email if you require an activation key for the portal: 02 4754 2822 or winmalee-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Interview bookings will be open from 4:00pm on Thursday, 3 July until 4:00pm on Monday, 28 July 2025.

We will release more detailed information about booking Parent-Teacher Interviews prior to bookings opening.

🎓 WHS Alumni Spotlight: Max Jackson (Class of 2023)

We're thrilled to share the stories of our former students with the school and wider community, highlighting their experiences at WHS and the diverse journeys they've taken since graduating.

This week **Max Jackson** shares his reflections on his time at Winmalee High and where life has taken him since.

Check out Max's Q&A at the end of the Newsletter and stay tuned as we continue celebrating the amazing paths our alumni are forging!

We would love to hear from as many former students as possible across a wide range of years and pathways for our Alumni Spotlight feature. Former students can go to [WHS Alumni Q & A](#) to fill out the form and share their experiences with us.

Best wishes,
Winmalee High School

WHS ALUMNI Q&A



Max Jackson

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WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE GRADUATING FROM WHS?

Since graduating I've been represented by an acting talent agency that has allowed me to audition for major TV shows, movies and stage productions in Australia. I have also been working as an electrician, and I'm now in my 4th year of the apprenticeship (it was a school based apprenticeship).

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVOURITE MEMORIES FROM YOUR TIME AT WHS?

Performing as Mr Wormwood in 'Matilda the Musical', performing my IP for HSC and being introduced to golf in Year 9 PASS.

HOW DID YOUR TIME AT WHS INFLUENCE OR HELP YOU DISCOVER YOUR PASSIONS AND INTERESTS?

The CAPA department was able to help me grow my passion as a performer and allowed me to build the necessary skills to create a career in acting. From day one of high school I wanted to be on stage, Winmalee High provided many opportunities to perform, such as musicals and class performances. Winmalee High has given me many opportunities to be the best I can, and has given me the confidence to pursue my passions into the future.

WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WERE YOU INVOLVED IN AT SCHOOL?

Drama Ensemble and Vocal Group.

DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS INSTAGRAM OR WEBSITE THAT YOU WOULD BE HAPPY FOR US TO SHARE?

Rolling Cow short films-
<https://m.youtube.com/@RollingCowStudios>

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES OUR SCHOOL SPECIAL?

Winmalee High provides many opportunities for students to expand on what they enjoy.



Blue Mountains SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC



**Shirt, Popper & Fruit
provided**

CLINIC DATES:

**MONDAY 14 JULY
LAPSTONE OVAL
TUESDAY 15 JULY
KATOOMBA
SHOWGROUND**

*Join in the Excitement with
Blue Mountains Oztag!*

Activities and drills designed to
enhance tag coordination, ball
passing, kicking, teamwork and
communication skills for all levels.

Price: \$40

Registration:

6's, 8's & 10's 9m-12pm
12's, 14's & 16's 1pm-4pm



Blue Mountains OzTag



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HOLIDAY PROGRAM COASTAL WALK

Manly to the Spit Bridge

MYST is teaming up with The Girls and Boys Brigade to take some young people on a 10km Coastal walk in Sydney. The scenic track is from Manly to The Spit Bridge

Where, When and How Far

When: Tuesday 15th of July, 2025

Where: Pick up from MYST Springwood at 9am

How Far: 10km - the walk is easy but it is long

What to bring: Myst will provide some snacks but any other food and water is on you. Bring a back pack



Registration and Questions

Register: via the QR link

Questions: email or talk to Bek or Reuben

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reuben.elstub@myst.com.au

Confirmation: confirmation of attendance will be sent via email prior to the program



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