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Term 3 Week 10 Communication – Thursday 25 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami. It has been a big week! Firstly, congratulations to the class of 2025. A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful school community for attending the Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday evening. Thank you for the joy, tears and love. We wish the class of 2025 a good rest before the HSC Written Examinations next term. Below is a photograph of our amazing Year 12 at their final Year Meeting 🎉



Staff Farewells - Yesterday at our assembly, we farewelled two staff members, **Mrs Madeleine Sheehy** and **Mr Grant Robertson**. Our students gave them a wonderful send off, expressing their appreciation for the impact and contributions these outstanding teachers have had on our school.



The SRC, and senior Drama students spoke about the enormous impact that Mrs Sheehy has had on them, and shared highlights about her extensive and successful career.

We learnt about Mr Robertson's wealth of experience prior to retraining as an Industrial Arts teacher, and how he served with the RAAF and worked on the railways. We were also treated to an incredible performance of ACDC's, *It's A Long Way to the Top* from a band made up of students and teachers, where Mr Robertson came out in a kilt and dazzled the school with his bagpipe solo. It was spectacular and it brought the hall alive!



Mrs Sheehy and Mr Robertson will serve their last day at the school tomorrow. On behalf of the school, students and staff, we thank them deeply for their service to public education and supporting our students. They will be missed.



Japan Trip - Our team of travellers, both students and staff will be heading off to Japan these school holidays. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip visiting our sister school in Arima and seeing the sights of Japan. Thank you to staff members, Yvette Davis, Madeleine Sheehy, David MacCormick and Craig McGown for giving up their school holidays and organising this trip.

Wishing all students a terrific school break. We will see you in term 4 - **Students return Tuesday 14 October.**

SPRINGWOOD FESTIVAL 2025

🎵 Well done to our music students! 🎵

On Saturday they performed a one-hour set at the Springwood Festival and did an amazing job representing Winmalee High School. They received lots of great feedback from the community.

Great work, everyone! 🎸🎤



BREAKING NEWS!

Huge congratulations to **Luka Wheeler (Year 12)** who has had his HSC Industrial Technology Major Project nominated for possible inclusion in SHAPE.

SHAPE presents a selection of outstanding major projects by HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students in NSW. An outstanding achievement for Luka, and a wonderful note for his teacher, Mr Robertson to finish his teaching career on.

★ ★
I'M NOMINATED FOR
SHAPE
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New Record Sydney West Secondary Athletics Championships



Congratulations to **Angus Weir** (Year 9) for breaking two new records at the Sydney West Athletics Championships. Angus was presented with two awards from Sydney West on assembly for:

Establishing a record in Boys 12-15 yrs 100m, classification T01 of 13.6 seconds.

Establishing a record in Boys 12-15 yrs 200m, classification of T01 of 27.45 seconds.

What an impressive achievement! Well done, Angus.

Crochet Club Success!

Our Crochet Club has been busy creating over 80 handmade nests to support wildlife in need. Kylie from WIRES visited Winmalee High to collect the nests, which will help care for rescued animals. This is our third year supporting this wonderful cause. We are super proud of the amazing effort and dedication shown by our Crochet Club members!



Just a friendly reminder...

A reminder to parents and carers of Year 11 students about HSC textbook ordering from The Turning Page Bookshop:

➔ Please order by **Friday, 26 September 2025** to ensure textbooks are available for the start of Term 4.

The textbook list is available on the Sentral Parent Portal

➔ Orders received after **Monday, 6 October 2025** will attract a \$10 late fee per order and will NOT arrive before the start of Term 4.

[school website.](#)

➔ Full payment required upon ordering at The Turning Page Bookshop.

TONIGHT – all welcome!

WINMALEE HIGH
PRESENT

FREE!

**JUNIOR
DRAMA SHOWCASE**
THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
6 PM

Yr. 10 Drama Class:

- Monologues - *Greek Theatre*
- 1 Act Play - 'Bus Stop' - *Pauline Harris*

Jr. Drama Ensemble:

- 1 Act Play - 'Snapshots' - *Sue Murray*

BUS STOP

@ PAC - WINMALEE HIGH
SCHOOL - HIGH SCHOOL
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WHS Alumni Spotlight: Zak Burton (Class of 2005)

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 Zak Burton shares his reflections on his time at Winmalee High and where life has taken him since.

Check out Zak'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.



Spring Holiday Fun at School!

Looking for ways to keep active and entertained these school holidays?

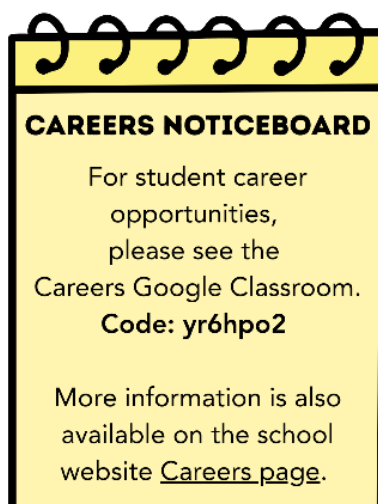
Our gates will be open **daily** from **8:00 am to 5:00pm**, inviting our school community and neighbours to enjoy the outdoor play and recreation facilities.

Come along and play!

To view all participating schools, including ours, please visit the [Share Our Space website](#).

Best wishes,

Winmalee High School



WHS ALUMNI Q&A



Zak Burton

class of
'05

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE GRADUATING FROM WHS?

Became a dad! Working all over Australia within the mines and now a business owner as an electrician.

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

It was great for sport and being able to meet and be involved with so many groups and different people

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

Ski race team was always a big highlight as well as waterpolo/ and rugby trips.

WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WERE YOU INVOLVED IN AT SCHOOL?

Any sport I could get my hands on and also did Duke of Edinburgh.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES OUR SCHOOL SPECIAL?

Teachers cared about students and supported their ambitions.

