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Term 3 Week 6 Communication – Thursday 28 August 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Warami.

I am pleased to share some highlights from our school community this week.

Congratulations to Year 8 student **Ruby Broadhurst**, who represented Emu Plains at the Panthers vs. Storm game on August 14th. Ruby participated in the pre-match relay at CommBank Stadium, adding to her achievements in touch football, rugby league, cross country, and athletics. Her dedication across sports is inspiring.

Last week, Year 8 students took part in an incursion by **Sydney Water's Education Team** on the urban water cycle. They learned how water is sourced, managed, and protected, and the role science plays in sustainable water use. We look forward to a follow-up session on local water management.

In sport, Year 7's **Elyse Walker** competed at the Australian Cross Country Championships, representing Team NSW. Despite a challenging course, Elyse finished 29th in the Under-14 category and 6th among NSW runners. She also ran in the mixed relay, gaining valuable experience.

Ride for Kidz - Yesterday we welcomed local Rotary members and organisers for Ride for Kidz, Michael, Leigh and Pamela to our school assembly. We learned about the incredible fundraising efforts that were made to build schools and buy computers in Cambodia and Papua New Guinea. Winmalee High was part of fundraising in the past, and Michael presented our school with a certificate of appreciation. It was wonderful for students and staff to see photos of students and community in those schools, and to see the direct impact of fundraising.



Year 12 are continuing to meet successfully NESA deadlines, with **Design and Technology** projects being submitted today, and the **HSC Drama** Practical Examination taking place tomorrow. Next week **Visual Arts** students will submit their Body of Works. There will be a **showcase of Year 12 HSC works** at the school on **3 September from 5.00pm – 7.00pm** – all are welcome. We encourage Year 11 students studying Visual Arts and any future HSC art students to attend.

These stories showcase the opportunities our students enjoy at school and in our community. We are proud of their achievements.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year 8 Explore the Urban Water Cycle with Sydney Water



Last week Year 8 students took part in an engaging incursion led by Sydney Water's Education Team, focusing on the urban water cycle. Students explored how water is sourced, managed, and protected, as well as the wide range of careers connected to water management. The sessions highlighted how science underpins the way we care for this vital resource.

A highlight of the day was the return of a familiar face—Ms. Tracey Willingham. Many students were delighted to see their former Year 2 teacher from Winmalee Public in her current role as Sydney Water's Manager of

Community Education and Corporate Social Responsibility. Her leadership in the program made the experience especially meaningful and inspiring.

The incursion was an excellent opportunity for students to connect classroom learning to real-world applications and to see the role science plays in ensuring sustainable water use for the future.

In two weeks students will have a second incursion focused on the local management of water in our local area.



Bobby Smoth (Year 9) was one of Tracey Willingham's former students who came to see her. There was even a class photo. 🥰



On the weekend **Elyse Walker (Year 7)** competed at the Australian Cross Country Championships in Ballarat, Victoria to represent Team NSW. It was a flat, fast course but competitors had to navigate over or around the logs and muddy sections making it a tough course!



Elyse finished 29th overall out of 70 in the U14s (6th out of 14 NSW to cross the line). She backed up the next day and ran with her squad on the 2x2km mixed relay.

Elyse was very grateful for the opportunity to compete with the best runners in the country.



Congratulations to **Ruby Broadhurst (Year 8)** who represented Emu Plains at the Panthers vs Storm game on the 14th August.

Ruby was part of the team that competed in the pre-match relay, racing on the field at Commbank Stadium in Parramatta.

A great experience for someone who has already represented our school in touch football, rugby league, cross country and athletics.

Next **Wednesday**
3 September – all welcome!

WINMALEE HIGH SCHOOL

HSC VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION



Celebrating the creativity and
skill of our graduating Visual Arts
HSC students

WINMALEE HIGH
SCHOOL PAC

3 SEPTEMBER
2025
5-7PM



Open Night

Thursday
11 September 2025



**5:30pm
to
7:00pm**


Open school and faculty displays
Student performances
Chat with staff
Sausage Sizzle
Café open for light refreshments



**All
Welcome**

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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
DRIVE





WHS Alumni Spotlight: Anthea Perrin (Class of 2011)

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.

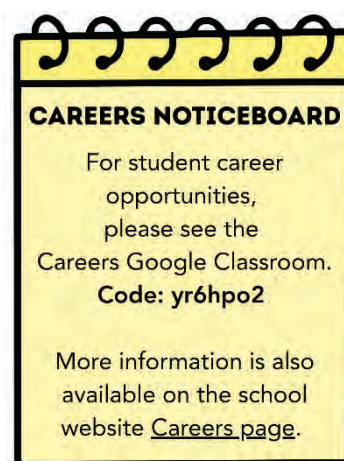
This week Anthea Perrin shares her reflections on her time at Winmalee High and where life has taken her since.

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

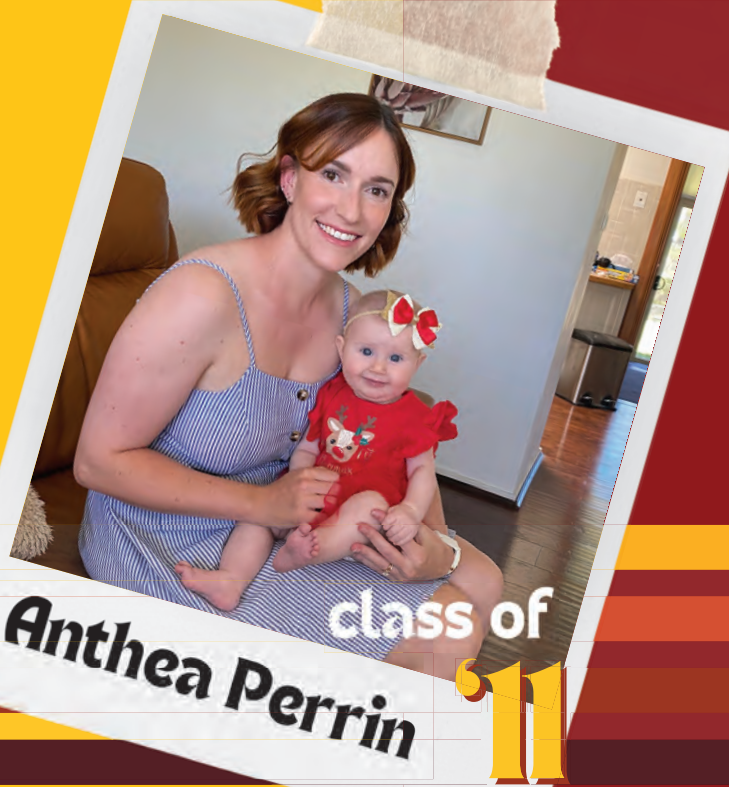
We would love to hear from as many former students as possible across a wide range of years and pathways for our Alumni Spotlight feature. Former students can go to [WHS Alumni Q & A](#) to fill out the form and share their experiences with us.

Best wishes,

Winmalee High School



WHS ALUMNI Q&A



WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE GRADUATING FROM WHS?

Finished hairdressing apprenticeship and worked in Glenbrook for 9 years. Then became an educator for a hair colour company and travelled all over NSW teaching hairdressers for 3.5 years and now have an 11 month old daughter. I also refereed basketball for years and got to go to 3 National Championships and represent NSW.

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

Playing basketball with Ms McSpadden and Dutto as coaches. Our Year 10 and 12 formals were really fun too.

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

Felt supported to try everything I was interested in. Plenty of options with all the subjects available and good teachers. Had great friendships that I still have now so it was a really positive place overall for me.

WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WERE YOU INVOLVED IN AT SCHOOL?

Basketball mostly.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES OUR SCHOOL SPECIAL?

Great teachers and principal and community. I love that it's such good quality no matter what you're interested in: academics, sports, music etc





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WINMALEE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

**OPEN NIGHT
THURSDAY 11TH
SEPTEMBER 2025**

The Uniform Shop will be open between 5:00pm and 6:30pm for students to attend, view and try on Uniforms.

<https://www.daylightschoolwear.au/winmalee>



COMPLETE
UNIFORM
SOLUTIONS

FREE

Father's Day Family Event

Bunnings Valley Heights Timberyard



Thursday 4th of September
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

Join us in store to celebrate Dad's this Father's Day! There will be something for everyone including a free sausage sizzle, craft, music, a putt putt golf course, a fancy car, a visit from community groups and emergency services and so much more!

**Don't miss out,
register now!**



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