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Year 5 Transition

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This Month at WHS

Thur 9 Nov	Year 7 2018 Enrichment Class Day
Fri 10 Nov	Remembrance Day Assembly
Tue 14 Nov	Stage 4 Assembly
Thur 16 Nov	Year 12 Formal
Fri 17 Nov	Forensic Science Incursion
Mon 20 —Fri 24 Nov	Year 10 Work Experience
Mon 20—Wed 22 Nov	CAPA Camp Nowra
Tue 21 Nov	P&C Meeting
Fri 24 Nov	Schools Spectacular

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Year 5 Transition Day 2017

On Monday 30 October Woonona High School played host to over 120 very excited Year 5 students from our partner primary schools. The students came to Woonona High to sample some of the lessons that we have on offer as well as to familiarise themselves with WHS, our teachers and their peers from other primary schools.

Students enjoyed lessons in Science, Dance, Visual Art, Photography, Drama, PE, Mathematics and English.

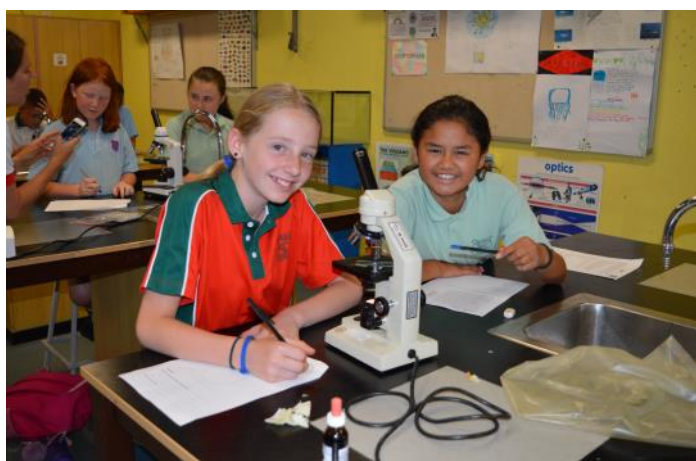
Students had a great day with many describing our school as exciting, friendly and welcoming.

These students will return next year for our series of CoS Transition Days in preparation for starting at Woonona High School in 2019.

A big thank you to our teachers who energetically ran classes on the day and to the student helpers who made our visitors feel so welcome at our school.



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Year 5 Transition Day—English

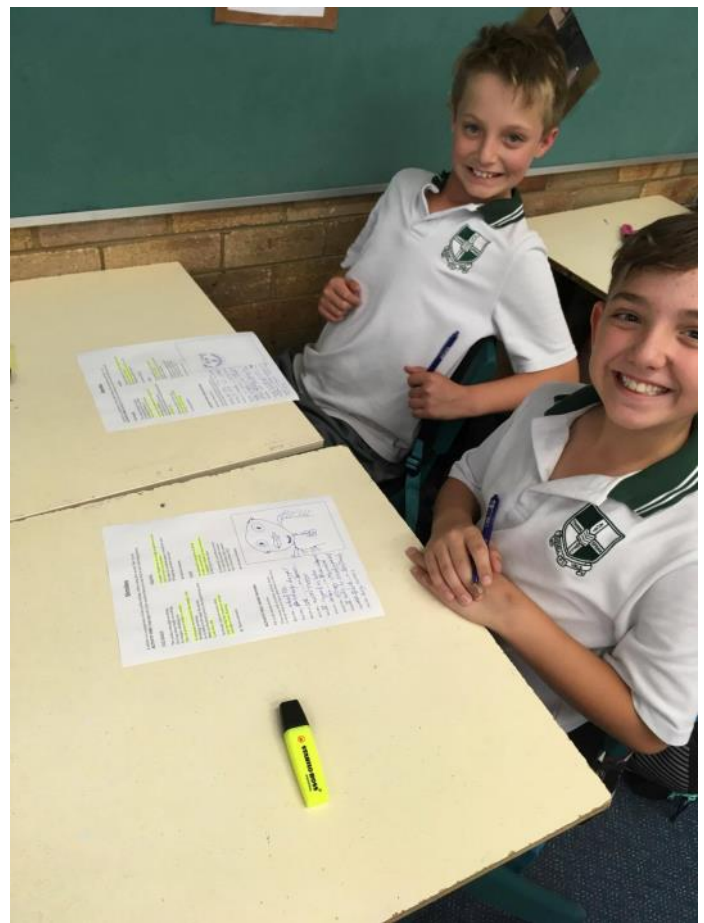
As part of the Year 5 Transition Day, students took part in an English lesson during which they produced simile portraits and simile poems.

A simile is a figure of speech involving the comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind, used to make a description more vivid.

Ms Sharp, who took the group for the activity was very impressed with the poems and portraits that the students produced, her favourite being one called “White Out”.

White Out
Rough like dead fish
As white as thick fog
Wet like sudden tears
Washes out bad memories
White Out

Very creative indeed!



Year 7 2018 Uniform Fittings

The Woonona High School Uniform Shop will be open for fittings for students starting in Year 7 next year on the following days. Bookings are essential by phoning the front office to make an appointment.

Wednesday 15 November 2017 from 8:30am to 11:00am

Thursday 16 November 2017 from 8:00am - 11:00am

Friday 17 November 2017 from 8:30am - 11:00am

Tuesday 21 November 2017 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm (cash or cheque payments **only** on this night)

Tuesday 28 November 2017 from 5:00 - 6:30pm

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CAPA News

48th Combined Schools Instrumental Festival

On Tuesday 24th October, the Woonona High School Stage Band performed at this wonderful event for the first time with over 270 students involved from several different public schools. We were one of only two high schools to perform a solo set on the stage above the massed band in the Grand Hall at the University of Wollongong, and we were the only school to include vocalists.

They thoroughly entertained the audience with their energetic rendition of *Ain't No Mountain High Enough* and the band was on fire with our newest number *Peter Gunn* featuring a great saxophone solo from Jordan White in Year 8.

Congratulations to all of talented Stage Band students for a fantastic performance representing Woonona High School, and thank you to our Italian exchange student Sophie Casali who joined us playing the flute. We received excellent feedback from the organisers, parents and teachers from other schools, and we look forward to bringing our Primary, Junior and Stage Band to this event next year.



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A Call to Dance

On Saturday the 21st of October Lani Storm and Tishaan Styche from Year 9, participated in a one on one dance workshop for young women with Indigenous dancer and choreographer Amrita Hepi. Jewel Watson (Year 7) and Angel Watson (Year 10) also attended a workshop on Wednesday, the 25th of October. Amrita's work explores the importance of dance, the idea of ownership around a dance move, and how we all move together in society. She is a professional dancer, writer and activist descending from the Ngapuhi tribe in Northern New Zealand and the Bundjulong people in northern New South Wales. It was a fun experience that gave us the opportunity to communicate and express our Indigenous culture through dance, by each creating a small movement that was then incorporated into one large piece and performed on Friday the 27th October at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre in Wollongong. When we first arrived at the workshop at the North Wollongong Surf Club, Amrita welcomed us with a big hug, and thanked us for participating. We then moved on into a small private area with a red furry mat in the centre. We sat on the mat and answered a few questions about ourselves and what we plan to be when we grow up. Then Amrita asked us to say one thing we love about Wollongong and one thing we wished to improve about it. After that we finally stood up and created our movement. Overall, Amrita was the kindest and most welcoming person to talk to and it was an unforgettable experience that helped us explore our culture a little more. Thank you to Miss R Sharp for organising this dance opportunity for us.

Lani Storm and Tishaan Styche (Year 9)



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CAPA Camp

After a successful camp at our new venue last year, we are once again offering all students from Year 7-11 the opportunity to go to our Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Camp, to be held at the Waterslea Centre in Nowra from Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd November. An expression of interest note was sent home last week and interested students are asked to pay a deposit to secure their place. The purpose of the camp is to enable students to learn new repertoire, form ensembles and rehearse group items ready to audition for Variety Night. All students with an interest in Dance, Drama, Circus, Music, Photography and Visual Arts are welcome to apply. Please contact Miss R Sharp (CAPA Coordinator) for more information.

Future CAPA Stars

On Monday 30th October, over 100 Year 5 students from Woonona, Russell Vale and Woonona East Primary Schools attended a Taster Day at Woonona High School. As part of this day, students with an interest in CAPA participated in a range of lessons in some of our purpose built spaces, including our photography dark room, drama room and dance studio. At the end of the day, all students were given the opportunity to ask questions about our CAPA programs, after being entertained by some of our talented circus and music performers. If you would like any information about our Year 7 CAPA Enrichment Class Program for 2019, please contact our Office on 42 841 513. Year 6 students with an interest and talent in the areas of Circus, Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts and/or Photography can apply to audition for this program. Auditions will be held in March and detailed information will be available on our website next year. We look forward to welcoming our 2018 CAPA cohort as they visit Woonona High School on Thursday 9th November to get a taste of what to expect next year.



Miss R. Sharp

Music Teacher/Creative and Performing Arts Coordinator

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Year 7 Taronga Zoo Excursion



On Friday, 27th October, Year 7 students from Woonona High School travelled to Sydney to visit Taronga Zoo. This excursion is part of the Classification topic that year 7 are studying at the moment. Students were excited to see the massive variety of animals, including everything from Red Pandas to Ring-Tailed Lemurs, Giraffes to Gorillas and Chimpanzees to Crocodiles! Everyone had a fantastic time at the Zoo and lots of photos were taken to help support their understanding of the classification topic.

Mr Moore (Science Teacher)



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Marine Studies Excursion

On Tuesday October 24th students from Years 8, 9 and 10 were invited to attend a Marine Studies excursion to the Sydney Wildlife World and Sydney Aquarium.

After surviving an early wake up (7:00am!) and train ride of two hours the group made the short walking journey to Sydney Wildlife World. Students were issued a one day dual attraction ticket and went about making observations of native Australian fauna. The Saltwater crocodile was a crowd favourite, as was the butterfly room.

After a lunch break and Jordan Starling managing to lose his aquarium entry ticket three times the group travelled to the Aquarium with separate aquatic missions. Year 9/10 Marine studies were observing the requirements for keeping and maintaining fish tanks on a large scale and Year 8 Marine Studies were on operation "Selfie with a Shark". Both groups had a great time investigating, observing and recording data and all agreed it was an enjoyable day out. We were really lucky with amazing weather to boot and look forward to doing it all again next year!

Mr Wilson (Science Teacher)



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Halogen Young Leaders Day



On Monday the 30th of October the 2018 SRC executive caught a train to the Sydney International Convention Centre to attend the Halogen National Young Leaders Day.

We heard from inspiring leaders such as the NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian, the former NSW police commissioner Andrew Scipione, John Coutis and Adam Goodes. We met other school leaders from across NSW and shared our leadership skills.

Listening to the speakers taught us valuable lessons about how to lead our SRC and further our school's sense of community. The main message we took away from the day was to have resilience and speak out for others who feel like they don't have a voice. Through Q&As, we found out more about the speakers backgrounds and how they persevered through hardships in their lives while still practising leadership.

On the day we laughed and cried over John Coutis's touching speech, about the incredible hardships he faced because of his disability and how it made him more resilient as a leader and person.

We were starstruck when Scott Tweedie from Prank Patrol walked onto the stage as the host and he stole our hearts with his charming smile.

Report from Elly Moore, Keegan Loxton, Charlie-Pearl Cram & Sam Inzinger.



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GRIP Student Leadership Conference



On Friday the 27th October, junior members of the SRC from Years 8, 9 and 10 attended a Grip Student Leadership Conference at Win Entertainment Centre in Wollongong. We learned valuable leadership skills including; how to increase event participation, initiate positive change, integrity, effectiveness of a team, school pride, transforming our capacity and developing fundraising ideas. We met with students from schools as far away as Nowra and shared ideas of how to improve our SRC as well as participating in activities that helped us connect with other schools. We evaluated the effectiveness of our own school and how we can improve. Overall it was an enjoyable day and a great experience.

Arun Wanstall and Harrison Dabin (Year 9 SRC)

Would You Like To Help Our School Community?

The Uniform Shop is currently looking for someone to join our team. They would be required Thursday mornings from 8am to 9.30am to help with uniform fittings and sales. This is an unpaid position but with a friendly and easy going team.

Term 1 and Term 4 are our busy times of the year, requiring extra helpers. We also do Year 7 fitting days, stocktake and unpacking deliveries. Term 2 and Term 3 are not so busy and there is an alternating roster with the other team members.

Heading into Term 4 it would be ideal for anyone interested to start asap, so they can become familiar with our stock and sizes available.

We would love to meet anyone that is keen to give some time to our school community.

Please contact the school and leave your details so we can arrange a time to introduce ourselves and answer any further questions you may have.

Thank you, The Uniform Shop Team

Exciting Research Opportunity for Yr 7 Students.

All Year 7 students have been issued with information and a consent form inviting them to take part in UOW research which focuses on how apps can help students learn maths.

WHS is excited to be part of this pilot study and are asking for all Year 7 students to return their consent forms by Monday 6th November. Researchers will be at WHS on Tuesday and Wednesday next week (7th—8th November) and will be working with small groups of Year 7 students for 1 lesson. They will then return in approximately 2 weeks for one final session with each group.

Students can return their consent form to the Maths staff room or the front office on Monday morning.

For further information regarding this initiative, please call the school during normal school hours.

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Woonona High School Special Education Unit Fundraising Raffle

Over \$10,000 in prizes



100 Prizes



Woonona Bowling Club

Saturday 11th November

Tickets on Sale From 6.00 Draw at 7.30

3 Day Cruise on Ovation of the Sea \$700 Travel Voucher TV Meat Trays

\$400 in Electrical Goods \$450 Accommodation Package Hawks Box Tickets

\$250 South Coast Automatics Vouchers \$200 Bears Vouchers Savvy vouchers

\$300 Accommodation and Golf Package \$100 Mr Bugs Windjammers Voucher

This week at Assembly

Talented Athlete

Chelsea Jones has excelled at sport this year. Chelsea is a Year 7 student who has achieved success in both swimming and athletics this year. Chelsea was school, zone and South coast age champion in swimming. This week at assembly Chelsea was awarded medals for her excellence in athletics events. The medals were for zone age athletics champion and South Coast representative at the CHS Athletics carnival.

Well done Chelsea!



Junior Girls Soccer

At assembly this week our Junior Girls Soccer team were congratulated as winners of this years winter competition.

Well done!

Welfare

Student Monitoring

Next week students will be handed their monitoring sheets for the first half of term 4 and results will also be emailed to parents. Please take the time to review this monitoring as it will give parents / carers and students an indication of how they are performing in each of their subjects.

Monitoring allows for the early detection of students experiencing difficulties or causing concern across subjects and this enables students develop a positive action plan.

Recognition of positive effort is another benefit of this twice a term monitoring as students with excellent results will be rewarded with a congratulations letter to parents and a certificate.

Student Absences

Parents and carers are reminded that if their child is absent from school a note / email must be sent to school explaining the absence as soon as possible. It is a policy of the Department of Education that the absence must be explained within two weeks of the absence.

Failure to explain within the two week time frame will result in the absence being classed as "unjustified" and it is not possible to change this to explained after that time. The absence will therefore also show on the students official school report as an unjustified absence.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Mr Rayner (Head teacher Welfare / Year 7 Deputy Principal)



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Theatre Review



Last week Drama students from Years 7 to 10 got to attend a production of *The Popular Mechanicals* at Merrigong Theatre. The show was a fun, exciting and hilarious experience. We also got to attend question time after the show and we experienced what happens behind the scenes of the comic, slapstick and clowning mechanicals from *A Midsummer Night's dream*. Chickens were around, there was clowning humour and an actor who turned into a donkey.

After the performance the cast of six came out and answered questions about the script, the journey they took to get to this stage of performance and their tour experience and gave us an example of an audition. The audition, by one of the cast, played a pink ukulele, upside down with a wooden spoon and sang a song he made up. The production is by Keith Robinson, William Shakespeare and Tony Taylor although it was originally directed by Geoffrey Rush.

Report Maggie Esdale (Year 10)



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The Popular Mechanicals Work Experience

Last week, I had the incredible opportunity to attend work experience at Merrigong Theatre Company, with the touring production of The Popular Mechanicals. I was able to access all areas of working life at the theatre and discover all aspects besides the performance you see on stage from an audience member's perspective. Everyone from the Marketing, Programming, Finance to the Artistic team, Front of House and Crew were all so generous giving up their own time out of their busy schedules to show me the ropes.

The show in itself brought hilarity and the words of William Shakespeare to life, with ukuleles, skin coloured unitards and a packet of Arnott's biscuits, as well as a wacky variety of other props... Needless to say I will never look at rubber chickens the same way.

As someone who aspires to work in theatre when I leave school, this was a vital chance for me to make my decision certain. Thank you to everyone at Merrigong Theatre Company, the cast and crew of The Popular Mechanicals and most importantly, Ms King for making this dream a reality!

Report by Ruby Thompson



Volunteering

This week our volunteers helped prepare and serve afternoon tea for residents at the IRT Aged Care Facility at Woonona.

A delicious Devonshire tea was served and was thoroughly enjoyed by residents and students alike.

Mrs Roddis

(Volunteer Coordinator)



Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open every Thursday morning (other than 16/11/17) from 8:00am - 9:30am (appointments not necessary).

Payment for school uniforms can be made at the front office by cash, cheque or eftpos. Online payments can be made through the **Woonona High School website** <http://www.woonona-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/> by clicking Make a Payment on the home page. Fields marked with an * need to be filled in.

If you have any questions, please contact the Woonona High School front office on 42841513 or 42831623.

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Library Report

"Enter if you dare" was the message coming from the library during Scary Stories Week. Students were spooked by bats, cackling witches and numerous skeletons every time they entered. Displays of our most blood curdling books were also on hand to entice our readers.



During the week we also held a "Scary" party with lots of spooky games and competitions. Pass the parcel and ghost bingo were the biggest hits of the day.

Students were also fed with delicious severed fingers, eyeballs, mummies and creepy spiders made by our Library assistant, Ms Brooks.

Mrs Roddis (Teacher Librarian)



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Careers

White Card Training (Formerly Green Card -OH&S)

If you are thinking of gaining some work experience or eventually work in any trade where you need to be on a worksite, or even want to direct traffic around worksites (lollipop men and women), you will need your White Card. Many companies will not be satisfied with the cheaper online courses as they would not be satisfied that the applicant themselves had done the course. We have managed to secure a Certified Trainer who will come to Woonona High on Thursday 9th November 2017, to run a class. Students who already have their note and obtained their USI via this website: <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/create-your-usi>

can return their completed permission note to me (Mrs Crump in Careers)and pay the \$80 at the front Office. (Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 -Preference given to those with notes and money in first. Any student who still wishes to do the course after the cut off of 20 applicants, will go on a wait list till the next session is organised)

Work Experience for Year 10 Students

Whilst Week 7, 20th-24th November 2017, is set aside for Work Experience some students may be able to juggle the week to accommodate other activities. Students must confirm their decisions with me and hand in notes ASAP. I would ideally like **all** students to return their completed Student Placement Record (SPR) now, so that I can complete the necessary processing and have everything organised by the time Week 7 rolls up! Please ensure Student, Parent and Employer sections are fully completed with signatures from all parties, and includes students' Medicare number on page 1, before returning to me in Careers. Thanks for supporting this program and helping to secure a Host Employer for that week.

Opportunities for 2018

PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIP

Four year apprenticeship starting in February 2018

Salary starting at \$687 per week plus superannuation

Qualification Certificate III in Plumbing (CPC32411)

Recruitment No 17143

Applications close 12 midday on Monday, 20 November 2017

MOBILE PLANT MECHANIC APPRENTICESHIP

Four year apprenticeship Starting in February 2018

Salary starting at \$687 per week plus superannuation

Qualification Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology (AUR31212)

Recruitment 17144

Applications close 12 midday on Monday, 20 November 2017

Also, if you were not already aware, there are multiple traineeships being advertised.

OPERATIONAL WORKS TRAINEESHIPS (CIVIL + PARKS)

Salary from \$572 up to \$669 per week plus superannuation

(Depending upon qualifications and experience)

Recruitment No: 17128

Applications close at 12 Midday on Monday 13 November 2017.

For more information on how to apply visit www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/council/jobs

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University of Wollongong Learning Labs 2018

Learning Labs is an enrichment program designed for students who are performing in the top 15% in their area of interest within their peer group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays.

All workshops are held over one (mini-labs) or two days, and are presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education.

Dates: Learning Labs (Years 7 to 10) : 17—18 January 2018 from 9:00am—3:30pm Cost: \$170

Learning MINI Labs (Year 7 to 10): 16 January 2018 from 9:00am—3:30pm Cost: \$90

Venue: University of Wollongong (Wollongong Campus)

Applications Close: 7 November 2017



For further information about workshops and the application process, please go to: uow.info/

learninglabsyr7-10, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Learning Labs team via email at learning-labs@uow.edu.au or phone on (02) 4221 5557.

Canteen Roster

Monday	6 th November	Karen Dubowic
Tuesday	7 th November	Alisha Lloyd
Wednesday	8 th November	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	9 th November	HELP NEEDED
Friday	10 th November	HELP NEEDED
Monday	13 th November	Leona
Tuesday	14 th November	Kerrie Austin
Wednesday	15 th November	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	16 th November	Susie Eager
Friday	17 th November	HELP NEEDED
Monday	20 th November	Leona
Tuesday	21 st November	Carolyn McQuiggan
Wednesday	22 nd November	Jo Meirs
Thursday	23 rd November	Karen Bate
Friday	24 th November	Donna Thompson
Monday	27 th November	Karen Dubowic
Tuesday	28 th November	Janece Pender
Wednesday	29 th November	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	30 th November	Gabi James
Friday	1 st December	HELP NEEDED
Monday	4 th December	HELP NEEDED
Tuesday	5 th December	Alisha Lloyd
Wednesday	6 th December	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	7 th December	HELP NEEDED
Friday	8 th December	HELP NEEDED

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girls
SURF DAY

\$50.00pp

*** Inclusions:**
 * 1.5hrs Lesson
 * BBQ Lunch
 * T-Shirt
 * & MORE

TIMES:
 9:00 - 10:30am
 11:30 - 1:00pm
 2:00 - 3:30pm

LEARN TO SURF
 WITH THE ILLAWARRA'S NO: 1 SURF SCHOOL

DATES:
 Saturday 16th Dec 2017
 Sunday 17th Dec 2017

LOCATION:
 THE FARM (KILLALEA STATE PARK)

surfer // Zahlia Short
 - current U/12's
 - Billabong Oz Cup Champion
 - Wahu Champion
 - Illawarra Titles Champion
 - NSW State Champion

ALL AGES - ALL LEVELS

photo: Mikala Wilbow

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Term 4 Calendar

Thur 9 Nov	Year 7 2018 Enrichment Class Day	Fri Dec 1	Years 7—11 Gold Rewards Excursion
Fri 10 Nov	Remembrance Day Assembly	Mon Dec 4—Fri Dec 8	Student Clearance Week
Tue 14 Nov	Stage 4 Assembly	Mon 4 Dec	Peer Support Stanwell Tops
Thur 16 Nov	Year 12 Formal	Tue 5 Dec	Year 6 Orientation Day
Fri 17 Nov	Forensic Science Incursion	Thu 7 Dec	Presentation Evening
Mon 20 Nov—Fri 24 Nov	Year 10 Work Experience	Mon 11 Dec	Farewell / Christmas Farewell Assembly
Mon 20 Nov—Wed 22 Nov	CAPA Camp Nowra	Tue 12 Dec	Variety Night
Tue 21 Nov	P&C Meeting	Wed 13 Dec	Music Excursion
Fri 24 Nov	Schools Spectacular	Fri 15 Dec	Last day for students 2017
Tue 28 Nov	Year 7 2018 Parent Information session		

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This month's focus - Unleashed Grad Trips 2018



Unleashed Grad Trips specialises in overseas trips for school leavers looking for the ultimate graduation experience.

Trips include flights, accommodation, meals and transfers.

All resorts and coaches are for the exclusive use of 17 and 18 year olds.

- Highly experienced Unleashed Crew available 24/7.
- Controls on alcohol provided.
- Doctors and nurses present on all Fiji Grad Trip resorts.



Popular Unleashed Grad Trips

- Fiji Island Grad Trips – choice of 3 islands
- Vanuatu Island Grad Trips
- Vanuatu Adventure Trips
- Europe Grad Trips
- Volunteering Grad Trips

Jodie from itravel Woonona says, *based on her experience for booking groups to Fiji, organise well in advance with your group of friends. Schoolies on certain Fiji islands go on sale 18 months in advance and have booked out in less than 10 minutes!*
Ask us about booking your school friends !

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