

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to a fantastic Year of learning at Wade High School. We have a number of new staff working with us this year:

- Ms Ingrid Seck is the Relieving Deputy Principal for Years 7, 9 and 12 for this year while Mrs Brain is the Relieving Principal

- Ms Fiona McKenzie is relieving HT PDHPE

- Ms Clare Lamotte is relieving HT English

A number of temporary staff have been appointed for 2018:

- Ms Kathleen Mulligan - English

- Mr Andrew Segelov - English

- Ms Victoria Gapps - Science

- Mr Matthew Ingles - Science

- Mr Stephen Houston - HSIE

- Ms Emily Vickers - HSIE

- Ms Amanda Smid - Generalist

- Mrs Denise Robinson has returned and is working in Home Ec & ESL

- Ms Jessie McRae has moved to PE

As our students settle back into the routine of the school day, we remind them of our schools core values – Respectful Responsible Learners. Wade High School expects all students are prepared for learning every day, ensuring they have a book with them for each subject, every day. Without a consistent place to record their learning students are at a disadvantage with their learning.

It is fantastic to see how quickly our Year 7 cohort have settled into the High School environment. From my chats with them in the playground, very few have got lost, they are loving the opportunity to have different teachers and all have agreed while they were nervous, High School is great!

Our Year 11 students are similarly getting used to their new timetables and the freedoms that come with being a Senior Student. The Year 11 Induction Evening was held on Tuesday 13 February. This was an important evening for Year 11 students

and parents to learn more about the NESA requirements, assessment procedures and rights and responsibilities of senior students. Students also received their senior leave passes, allowing them to choose how they use their study periods.

Tuesday 6 February was Safer Internet Day. Wade High hosted Kirra Pendergast from Safe on Social Media on Wednesday 14 February to support our student's cyber safety. Ms Pendergast spoke to each year group about their safety on-line during the school day.

Last year's presentations were

### Upcoming Events:

**21 February**

Years 7 & 8 Vaccinations

Zone Swimming - Narrandera

**22-23 February**

RSPCA - Yanco

**27 February**

Open Boy's Cricket Narrandera

**2 March**

Riverina U15 Touch Trials - Temora

## Principal's Report continued .....

very well received by both students and staff – so this year we opened up an afternoon session for all parents and community members in Griffith. It took place in the school hall on Wednesday 14 February.

As we start the final year of Wade High School and move towards our new adventure, our focus remains on the best student outcomes we can provide. Our professional staff are here to support the learning and wellbeing of Wade High School students and we will continue to do so through the changes ahead. Do not forget to join our P&C to ensure your thoughts as we move forward are heard. The next P&C meeting is Monday 12 March at 7:30pm in the Staff Common Room (entry via the Poole Street carpark).

If you have questions or are concerned about your child's learning at Wade High School please get in touch with us via the front office. General inquiries can be directed to the Year Advisor, subject specific questions to the Classroom Teacher or Head Teacher of the subject and the Deputy Principals or I can also assist with questions or concerns.

Thank you



**Mrs Johanna Brain**  
**Relieving Principal**

### LOCKERS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Lockers enable students to only carry necessary books and equipment for selected periods and change over if necessary at recess/lunchtime or at the end of the day.

The hire fee is a one-off payment of \$130.00, with the locker remaining with the student for the duration of their education at Wade High School.

Hire agreement forms are available from the Front Office.

\*Please note that all the conditions stated on hire agreement forms must be adhered to.

#### Oz Loka OL200

- Size 390w x 450d x 900h mm
- Two Door Half Locker
- Stainless Steel Plate & Ring Pull
- Optional Wedge Top & Black Base
- Other handles available if required
- Shelf dividing two separate lockers
- High impact strength
- Can be Stacked 4 doors high



# Year 7 Report

Year 7 have had a wonderful start to high school! Staff have been impressed with their respectful behaviour and their enthusiasm to learn. The first week students were picked up and dropped off at the Year 7 area at the beginning and end of each period to get them used to finding their way around the school. Last week they decided that they wanted to have a go at finding classes themselves and overall did an amazing job – it can be scary coming from a small school to such a big one! Year 7 have also had their first Thinking Thursday where they learnt about the PBL expectations at Wade High School, as well as ALARM (A Learning And Responding Matrix) which they will use to construct critical written responses throughout their schooling.



Students are reminded that they need to bring adequate amounts of food and drink to school and to ensure that they are drinking plenty of water, especially in the hot weather. For those students who choose to play sports on the oval at lunch time, please make sure that you have rest breaks to stay safe in the heat. Don't forget that at Wade High School we value safety and tackle football is not to be played at lunch time, stick to touch!

Over the next few weeks keep an eye out for some information that will be coming out for our Year 7 Meet & Greet night, as well as Year 7 Camp to Lake Burrendong!

Don't forget if you have any questions, please contact your Year 7 Advisors – Miss Clare Lamotte (English) and Mr Stephen Forrest (Science).



**Miss Clare Lamotte      Mr Stephen Forrest**  
**Year 7 Advisors**



Cake Day is on Wednesdays.

If you are able to make a cake, cookies or muffins please drop off at the canteen on Wednesday mornings. An ingredient list is helpful. We will try and have a roster if we get a lot of interest, but don't let that stop you if you would like to contribute in anyway.

If you would like to help out in the canteen, please contact the canteen on 6962 4305.



#### NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2018 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Years 10-11	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

*Parent Information Kits* that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that students who commence HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8. Students who have any HPV doses at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

**A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.**





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## WADE HIGH SCHOOL

# Making a Complaint

A complaint can simply be an expression of dissatisfaction or it can be a problem that you want fixed. Sometimes things do not go the way you expect. Sometimes the decisions the department makes or the actions it takes need to be explained better, and sometimes the department may need to look more closely at what it did or if work practices need to change.

### The Complaints Handling Policy aims:

- to encourage the resolution of problems by **informal** means wherever possible
- to ensure that concerns are dealt with quickly, fully and fairly
- to maintain good working relationships between all people involved with the school, institute or unit
- to provide effective responses and appropriate redress
- to be confidential, and
- to be unbiased.

### What can a complaint be about?

Anything to do with the business of the Department of Education and Training -

- our policies
- our work methods
- a decision that we made
- the conduct of our staff.

If we cannot deal with your complaint because we do not have the authority to do so, we will advise you where to send your concerns.

### How to make a complaint?

It is usually best to discuss your concerns with the staff member involved first. Make an appropriate time to meet with them or contact them by phone.

If you are not happy with the outcome, or if you do not feel it is appropriate to talk to that person, phone and make an appointment to discuss your concerns with the Principal, School Education,

Institute or Unit Director in your area. There is also provision for an online complaint form to be completed if you google DoE Complaints.

You may bring a friend or relative to be your support. If you need an interpreter, we can arrange that - just ask beforehand.

If a complaint cannot be resolved in an informal way, we may ask you to put your complaint in writing.

It is important that you include specific details of the situation and an indication of what you would like to happen as a result of your complaint.

We can help you to put your complaint in writing, if you require it.

### What can you expect?

Most complaints can be resolved quickly and informally to everybody's satisfaction simply by talking to the person concerned or their Manager or Principal.

Some complaints are covered under another policy or by special legislation e.g. OH&S or anti-discrimination policies. You will be advised if this is the case with your complaint.

You will be told the name of the person who is dealing with your complaint.

Occasionally more serious or complex complaints require investigation. These can take a longer time to resolve. If this happens, you should be informed of the progress and the outcome of your complaint by phone or in writing at

regular intervals until the matter is resolved.

If you have not heard from the person handling the complaint within a reasonable time, call to ask them what is happening.

### What are the possible outcomes?

**The complaint is upheld** (in part or in full) and, where appropriate, one or more of the following actions may be offered to you:

- action to remedy or amend the situation
- an apology
- an explanation
- an admission that the situation could have been handled differently or better
- an assurance that the event complained of will not recur
- an explanation of the steps that have been taken to ensure that it will not happen again, and/or
- an undertaking to review the department's policies in light of the complaint.

**Your complaint is not upheld.** The reasons for this should be clearly given.

If you are not happy with the outcome, you may request a review of your complaint.

### Contact

Your local school, School Education Area office, TAFE Institute or the relevant Directorate to lodge your complaint.

# Science Report

Welcome back to Term 1 2018! We have three new staff members in Science this year:

Miss Victoria Gapps who has come from the Central Coast

Miss Amanda Smid who is filling a position as a generalist teacher hails from Western Sydney

Mr Matt Ingles who has come from Sydney.

Mr Rob Foskett, who you will already know, is teaching some junior Science this year as well. Welcome to Mr Foskett!

We are very excited to have these enthusiastic new teachers join our faculty for the year and look forward to working with them.

In terms of points to consider for your child in Science this year, please remember that as Science is a practical subject, they will need to ensure they are wearing appropriate leather shoes to be able to safely participate in practical lessons. We require shoes with a leather upper, so sadly no sneakers.

Agriculture and Primary Industries have the same requirements for safe participation regarding footwear.

Homework is a topic that pops up in discussions quite frequently at Parent Teacher Nights. Apart from their assignments that your child will receive, the general consensus in Science is that if your child has not been given homework, they are expected to revise their notes from the days lessons and highlight any points they don't understand or would like more information on. We believe this will ensure they are adequately prepared for their examinations when they arise.

Year 7 have started the year in a very enthusiastic fashion and are currently working through an introduction to Science. All staff have mentioned how keen they are to learn which is fantastic news!

Year 8 are working through some chemistry and getting a taste of Agriculture. Hopefully they will see the "fruits of their labour" in the months ahead.

Year 9 are working through topics on the human body including diseases and how we fight them off. There is sure to be some dissections coming up to add to their theory lessons.

Year 10 have started with an astronomy topic which will surely unearth some stars in our classes!

Of particular interest there is an opportunity coming up, most probably next year, for a group of interested students to go on a trip to the USA to visit NASA and gain an insight into Astronomy and what it takes to be an Astronaut. More news will be posted regarding this.

Also coming up later in the year is a visiting Forensic Science Show which will be available for 120 students in the middle of November. The cost will be very reasonable and once again more information will be coming to you regarding this show.

We have some new initiatives running this year in Science. In Year 9 there is the Kidman Class which is aiming to extend and engage students by encouraging them to think outside the box. Year 8 also have a Forensic Science elective running in Semester 1 which Mr Forrest is quite excited about. There is sure to be some outstanding learning experiences in both these classes.

On a final note, if you have any questions regarding your child in Science or Agriculture, please do not hesitate to call me at any time. I am happy to help in whichever way I can.

All the best for 2018!



**Mr Mark Duncan**  
**HT Science**

# Library Report

Welcome back to another fun and busy year at Wade High School! We are excited to see the changes that 2018 will bring to our school and community and look forward to supporting our students in the library in any way we can.

## A few reminders when using the Library:

### Our 2018 LIBRARY OPENING HOURS are:

OPEN: 8.30 - 8.55 AM (except Monday)

CLOSED: RECESS and Lunch 1

OPEN: Lunch 2

OPEN: After School 3.25 to 3.45 PM

### Computer games are only allowed on Tuesday and Thursday

Senior students are able to access the library outside of these hours with prior arrangements.

### Signing In:

\***Senior students** using the senior study or the library on Thursdays are to sign in and out in the **BLUE** book located at the front library desk.

\***Junior students** using the library during DE or study lessons are to sign in and out in the **ORANGE** book located at the front library desk.

\***All students** using library computers are to sign the **RED** computer folder located at the front library desk.

### Senior study:

\*All senior students can access the senior study any day/time of the week.

\*Smart phones are not to be used in the senior study.

\*Students in the senior study are to work quietly.

\*No food or drink to be taken into the senior study.

### Computers:

\*Are available to use for school work purposes only during class times. Students playing games or using the computer to waste time will be asked to leave the library.

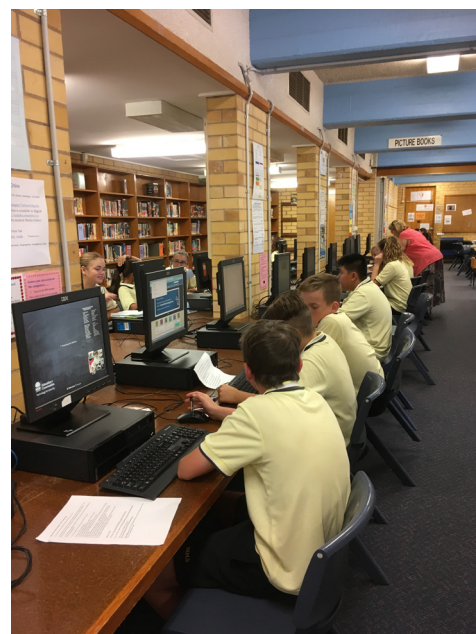
\*Classes booked in to the library to use the computers have priority over senior students using the computers during unscheduled lessons.

\*When asked politely, teachers will negotiate availability of computers for seniors to use.

### Library Happenings

We've seen a busy start to the year with a lot of activity happening in the library already;

\*We've had some new books come in and are now on display at the front of the library.





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- \*Our Distance Education and Aurora students are settling into their study lessons in the library.
- \*Our Year 11 and 12 students are utilising the senior study area during study and lunch times.
- \*We have had our first Chess meeting for the year.
- \*All Year 7 classes have had a lesson introducing them to the library and our Oliver Library System, they have had an introduction to the Accelerated Reader program and completed the STAR test in preparation for them to start the program in Week 4.

### Accelerated Reader (AR)

AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor student's independent reading practice. Students pick a book at their own level and read it at their own pace. When finished, students take a short quiz on the computer. AR gives students and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help the student set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

### Once students reach their individual target:

- \*Their name goes up on the backboard to recognise their efforts.
- \*Their name is entered in positive wellbeing on Sentral.
- \*They are nominated for student of the week.
- \*They receive a certificate at the end of term.
- \*They receive an AR reward at the end of term.

### Resources

We are constantly developing our collection to enhance teaching and learning opportunities at Wade HS. We strongly encourage all members of our school community to offer suggestions of texts they would like to see added to the library catalogue. This can be done by writing the name of the text in the **PURPLE** library suggestion folder located on the front counter or by speaking to a library staff member. Throughout the term we will gather the suggestions to see if we are able to add them to our library.

### Books...Check 'em Out at the Library

Ms Cox  
Teacher Librarian





## How can I find out what is happening at Wade High School?

Looking to keep in touch with what is happening at Wade High School? There are several ways you can do so.

- The school newsletter is emailed to parents – so make sure we have your up-to-date email on file!
- Social media is updated regularly via Facebook: [www.facebook.com/wade.highschool](http://www.facebook.com/wade.highschool)
- The school Webpage: <http://www.wade-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>
- Parent Portal (see below)
- Student Portal (see below)
- The Wade High School Skool Bag App (available from iTunes or Google play)

### Sentral Parent and Student Portals

Our school uses the Sentral Student and Parent Portal to provide both parents and students discreet information about each student's progress in our school.

You will have received an email inviting you to register for access to this site. Please ensure the school has your up to date email address in order for us to contact you. This can be checked via the front office.

The website can be found <http://web1.wade-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal> but will not be available to you until you use the access key provided in the email.

Students are able to access their own page using the URL above and logging in with their email user name and password.



Wade High School is participating in the Coles Sports for School promotion.

To assist our school being able to purchase some amazing new sports, health and fitness equipment we need your help!

Please collect vouchers when you shop at Coles and place them in the container down at Coles or in the box located outside the PDHPE staffroom.

The more vouchers we collect as a school the better equipment we will be able to purchase - so lets get collecting!!!

# WADE HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 1 19/2/18 to 2/3/18

WEEK 4	19 February	20 February	21 February	22 February	23 February
		Assembly	Yrs 7 & 8 vaccinations	RSPCA - Yanco	RSPCA - Yanco
			Zone swimming - Narrandera		
WEEK 5	26 February	27 February	28 February	1 March	2 March
		Open Boy's Cricket - Narrandera			Riverina U15 Touch Trials - Temora
		Assembly			

**Please see website for complete Term 1 Calendar**

<http://www.wade-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar>