Principal’s Message

Talented Lake Students

We have many talented students at Lake Illawarra High school in many different areas whether it be in the academic field, the arts, leadership or in sport. Over the last week three of our students have excelled in their chosen areas.

Jayde Bagnall of Year 12 was awarded Victor Chang Cardiac Research Award for her excellence in Biology and Chemistry.

Maddison Taylor earnt a second prize in The Illawarra Mercury’s ‘Design an Ad’ competition.

Keelan Ashburner won the Best Chemistry Project at the prestigious University of Wollongong Illawarra Coal Science Fair from over 500 entries.

These are outstanding efforts from these young ladies and on behalf of our school community WELL DONE!

Keep up the good work

It is extremely important that over the next 5 weeks students continue to attend school and to work hard. There is no such thing as an end of year slow down. The expectation is that every student will continue to be engaged in their studies as the work being completed now lays the foundation for the work students will be doing next year.

Toilet Upgrade

Our long awaited toilet refurbishments will begin around the 28 November this year and are expected to be completed by the end of February 2015 at a cost of around $120,000.

This is great news and I am sure that our students will appreciate these new facilities.

Fitness Club

It is great to see the numbers increasing in our early morning fitness classes that are on from 7am on Tuesdays under the expert eyes of Miss Barton and Miss Unicomb. The Boxing workout held last Tuesday with the help of the PCYC was a Beauty!

Tony Hicks
Principal

SRC NEWS - 2014 Shellharbour City Council Mayor’s Giving Tree Appeal

Some 450 children, who come from low income families within Shellharbour City, will not receive Christmas presents this year.

We ask our school community to either contribute by way of cash, or donate their old gifts which are no longer of any use to them, to the Shellharbour City Council Mayor’s Giving Tree Appeal.

The assistance and support received from local schools last year greatly ensured the success of the 2013 Appeal and I trust that your support will be forthcoming once again.

If you wish to make any donations of gifts to the Shellharbour City Council Mayor’s Giving Tree Appeal please bring them into Mr Pickard or Ms Toole (SRC Coordinators).

Thank you for your generosity
Mr Pickard and Ms Toole
SRC Coordinators
Congratulations to our weekly MVP winners for Week 7!

Max Smoday (7)
Jordyn Burke (8)
Kiara Ingram (9)
Haley Jolliffe (10)
Kiani Mitchell (12)

All of the MVPs earned throughout the year will be entered in to our major prize draw at the end of Term 4. A student from each year group will be the lucky winner of an iPad mini! Congratulations to all of our students who are earning MVPs for being respectful, responsible and safe learners every day. Keep it up!

End of Year
The year is drawing to a close; however there is still classwork and assessment tasks to be completed. It is expected that all students still maintain their behaviour, attendance and uniform standards until the end of the year. On Monday of week 11 years 7, 8 & 9 will be going to Jamberoo Recreation Park as a rewards excursion. Some students have been excluded due to their behaviour throughout the year. We have had a discussion with some year 7 students who are running a fine line in terms of their eligibility. All these students are aware of what is required of them to go on the excursion, we hope this keeps them focussed on their behaviour.

Monitoring
We have completed the monitoring from week five and letters will be out this week for students who have achieved excellent results and for students who need to improve their efforts. If a student receives more than three above average subjects they will be sent a letter, three unsatisfactory results will also get a letter. This monitoring is an important way to keep track of your child’s progress between reporting times. If you have any questions regarding monitoring please contact the school.

Reports
In regards to reports, we will be issuing junior reports in weeks 10 and 11. The reports are issued at year assemblies, and are accompanied by other awards your child may be receiving; each assembly will also have musical items presented by students from that year. We would like to welcome parents to these end of year assemblies to see your child receive their report and to appreciate some of the talent the students have at this school. The dates for these assemblies are;

- Year 10 - 9am Frida December 12th
- Year 9 - 9am Monday December 16th
- Year 8 - 11am Monday December 16th
- Year 7 - 9am Monday December 16th

We will also be having a sports assembly on Friday December 12th at 11am. Invitations will be sent to parents and students.

The disruptions within the school from exams have finished and the library and hall are back in use as the HSC has finished and years nine & ten have finished their yearly exams. Good luck to the class of 2014!

Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe
Mr Munn and Mrs Powell
Deputy Principals
Visitors to the Administration, Front Office area of the school this term have been treated to a fantastic exhibition of Year 7 student artworks. These artworks are part of our annual ‘Archie meets the Lake’ portrait competition and prizes in the competition are awarded to an overall winner and the ‘People’s Choice’. All students and staff, who have the opportunity to vote for their personal favourite, decide the winner of the People’s Choice prize. In addition to this, Highly Commended and Merit awards are made.

In class, all students worked hard to create and develop a self-portrait and the resultant works are very creative and showcase the many talents of our students. It was extremely difficult to judge this year’s competition as the standard of work was so high and every student who has work on display in the exhibition should be very proud of their achievement.

After much discussion between the six judges, Amelia Harkness was judged to be the overall winner, while Megan Cmager won the People’s Choice prize. These students won specialty art materials. This year April Hockey, Lakeesha Davis Lonesborough, Nathan Davis, Shay Taylor, Sally Harris, Kyle Grabham and Jack Pearson were all Highly Commended. Congratulations to all those students who entered the competition.

If you are visiting the school, make sure to look out for the major prize winning portraits on display within the front office area.
White Ribbon Day - helping to stop violence against women

The White Ribbon campaign is a national movement that aims to raise awareness of and educate Australians about men’s violence against women. While this campaign focuses on violence against women, it is important to acknowledge that men, too, are often the victims of violence.

As of 2014, Lake Illawarra High School is proud to be working with White Ribbon Australia to “break the silence” in our school. As a White Ribbon school, we aim to facilitate and enhance respectful relationships within the school culture, filtering in to class-room activities and engaging students in learning about and experiencing respectful relationships.

Lake Illawarra High School invites students and staff to show their support for White Ribbon Day by taking an oath and swearing the White Ribbon motto – “Not violent, not silent”. This event will take place at lunchtime on Tuesday November 25. All members of our school community are invited to pledge with us. You can do so by visiting www.whiteribbon.org.au/standup

If you or someone you know is experiencing violence, call 1800 RESPECT for support and advice.
If you had the opportunity to talk to yourself when you were in Yr. 8/9 what would you say about Maths? (To help yourself now!)

Ian “Be cool like us, do calculus”

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Prepare earlier for exams. Keep on top of homework. Learn parabolas ASAP and always stay on top of Maths work.

Algebra is not just 1 topic, it is relevant in all areas of maths, so make sure you have an understanding from the beginning. Also do not panic about tests, year 8/9 tests are easy.

Good practice makes it ... somewhat perfect. You’ll get better at it.

Don’t turn down a scholarship because you don’t think you’re interested in the field it offers. The maths tutoring would have helped.

Get better at homework you lazy donut. Aim high and fall far then get back up and do it all over again because in the end it works. Always have your calculator.

As part of their HSC studies a group of year 11 and 12 students will be travelling to Italy next year. They will spend two weeks visiting Rome, Naples, Florence, Pisa, Venice and Milan taking in the History, Language, Culture, Cuisine and Architecture of Italy.

As you can imagine this excursion is quite costly. One of the fundraisers we have going at the moment is a raffle.

**YOU COULD WIN**

- 10ft 8in Stand Up Paddle Board with Deck Grip
- Board Bag
- Paddle Bag
- Adjustable Carbon Fibre Paddle
- Leg Rope
- Rash Shirt

**Total Prize Value $1250!**

**RAFFLE DRAWN:** Monday 15th December on assembly. **Just in time for Christmas**

**TICKET COST:** $5 each 3 for $10 or 8 for $20

If you or any members of your family would like to help our senior students and possibly win a fantastic prize please fill out and return the form below.

Mrs Mitchell, Mr Pickard and Mrs Griffiths

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH THE MONEY TO MRS MITCHELL OR MR PICKARD NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

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The required tickets will be written out and the tear off section will be given directly to your child to take home.
Last week was a MASSIVE week in Science for LIHS! Our three students: Lauren Chalmers (yr7), Keelan Ashburner (yr7) and Natalie McLeish (yr9) went off to represent the school at the 2014 University of Wollongong Illawarra Coal Science Fair for the first time ever. Students from 37 primary schools and 32 high schools in the region entered projects. There were approximately 500 entries and 750 students competing for prizes.

All three girls did a great job representing the school and Keelan Ashburner won the Major Prize for her project in Chemistry. Keelan’s project was deemed the best Chemistry project out of the 500 entries! She received a certificate, trophy and monetary prize for her achievement. Her project was kept and will be entered in the State competition early next year.

Well done girls! And a special congratulations and good luck to Keelan! Stay tuned to find out how her project will go against others from around the state.

In other news, year 8 students successfully completed the Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) on Wednesday and Thursday last week. Students did very well and should be proud of their efforts! Mrs McKinlay and Miss Unicomb arranged a special pizza lunch on Friday to celebrate their achievements in Science throughout the year.
Fitness Club has hit the ground running, and has quickly built up a good group of regular attenders. We have done our fitness testing, survivor challenge, and last week had Jo Shiel from the PCYC come in and put us through our boxing paces. All students who attended last week were signed up as members to the PCYC, with the school paying for our students memberships.

Big congratulations to Connor Bossyi, Jack Pearson and Jordan Biancucci for being 100% attenders!!

We love having new people come through- 7am, every Tuesday morning!! See you there.
A Forensic Science workshop is being held at our school on Wednesday 10 December (Term 4, Week 10) to present a crime scene for Science students to solve. In this workshop students will hear about the suspects and be able to examine the evidence found at the scene. They will be shown the tests that are carried out in Forensic Laboratories and work in teams to analyse the evidence and help solve the crime just like a real Forensic Scientist. Students will learn how Forensic Scientists process crime scenes to find the vital clues they need to assist a Police investigation, and see how fingerprinting, DNA profiling, ballistics, microscopy, trace evidence transfer, gas chromatography (and much more) are used to identify the perpetrator.

**Touring Australia in 2014 & 2015**
This case highlights how the lure of drugs and easy money can lead to a web of deceit and betrayal. A young man is accused of the crime and all the evidence points to his guilt, but is he really the murderer?

**THE SCENE**
An 18 year old boy is arrested for a murder which he claims to know nothing about. The murdered man was found next to a burnt out car in bushland. There are no signs of a struggle and bullet wounds appear to be the cause of death. A gun, drugs and a stash of money were found at the home of the accused.

**THE EVIDENCE**
Students examine the crime scene, analyse the evidence collected and interpret the forensic test results including autopsy, DNA matching, ballistics, tyre impressions, witness and suspect statements and much more.

**THE OUTCOME**
There are four suspects including the accused boy. Some of the evidence is inconclusive and contradictory. Using their worksheets, students must interpret the evidence and build a case by a process of elimination to expose the real murderer.

**Social Issues:** On top of the science this case also deals with drug awareness and the impacts of hanging out with the wrong crowd.

Our Year 8 students have been working hard in Science to prepare for the state wide ESSA online (Essential Secondary Science Assessment) test. They were very motivated to do well, and as congratulations, Year 8 students celebrated with a pizza lunch on Friday afternoon. Well done Year 8, we are proud of your efforts!
Congratulations to Maddison Taylor (Year 10 Visual Arts) for winning 2nd Place in The Illawarra Mercury's Design an AD competition.  

(Above)

&

Nathan Murray (Year 10 Visual Arts) is also to be congratulated for his Design being selected to go to print in The Illawarra Mercury.  

(Right)
Senior High School

Senior school years can be very stressful if not properly prepared for. Your child is beginning to better understand that success in their final school years is wholly dependent on the time they dedicate to their study. This can be a daunting revelation, so as parents, you should encourage and motivate your child to do their personal best.

As a parent, you may want to:

- Provide at-home learning opportunities to solidify key concepts tested in the HSC or relevant senior school qualification
- Give your child extra practice in subjects or areas they may be struggling with
- Provide experience in answering HSC or relevant senior school qualification exam-style questions

How can you implement at-home learning?

Our range of Excel titles have been written to reflect the expected level of ability a child should possess at each school year. Using these titles, you can assess your child's ability in a range of senior high school subjects and, based on the results, take the next necessary steps to help with your child's education. Titles in this range include worked solutions, allowing you to work through answers with your child.

Tips for preparing for exams

For parents:

- This is the big one! Your child may be feeling anxious so reassure them that they are trying to achieve their personal best
- Be aware of your child's exam schedule. Half-yearly exams are usually after the school holidays, so always ensure your child sets aside study time during their break
- Assist your child in creating a study schedule. This allows for solid blocks of studying, but also ensures that your child has adequate rest
- Make study interesting. Exams are stressful, so try to think of creative ways to help your child study. We like quizzes, flashcards and timed revision tests
- Ensure your child has the relevant textbooks and study guides available at home

For students:

- Making notes and summarising topic areas throughout the year means that come exam time, you have pre-prepared notes for revision
- Completing past HSC or relevant senior school qualification exam-style questions is critical to developing exam experience
- Using our Excel range, work through units and become aware of areas that require revision
- Ensure you understand the relevant concepts of a subject. Excel HSC Pocket Books are a quick and easy reference tool to give you that extra edge
- Reading novels, newspapers and other publications of interest for pleasure will increase your vocabulary and comprehension skills
The Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day that instruction is provided unless prevented for doing so by sickness or another approved reason. The Principal will only grant leave for the following instances:

- Sickness where the absence is satisfactorily explained as being due to illness
- Misadventure or unforeseen event
- Domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member
- Attendance at funerals
- Recognise religious festivals or ceremonial occasions

If a student is absent, a note explaining the absence should be handed in to the roll call teacher on the first day of their return. The explanation should contain:

1. Date that the note was written;
2. Student’s name
3. Days/dates the student was absent from school
4. The reason why the student was absent
5. The signature of the student’s parent or caregiver.

Students can collect an absence note book from their roll call teacher or the Front Office Staff. This makes absence note writing easy as it ensures all relevant information is given to the school.

Parent/s and caregivers are required by law to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school. It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

1. It is the parent’s legal obligation to explain their child’s absence within seven days
2. It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences

Failure to explain your child’s absences within seven days of their occurrence will result in an unjustified absence being recorded. This will be displayed on your child’s report.

It is important for parents to make attending school a priority. Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only send the wrong message to your child, it is against the law. Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

An attendance rate of 95% or above is a good target. This equates to no more than three days absent per term.

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- **Doctor’s/Dentist appointment** – must provide evidence, such as a Doctor’s/Dentist certificate or letter
- **Appointment with other health care professional or similar service** – must provide evidence, such as an appointment card or letter
- **Special family circumstances** – note/verbal explanation must be provided
- **Bus delayed** – school will check to verify
- **Interview with Principal, Deputy/Assistant Principal, Counsellor or other school personnel** – staff involved must inform the front office

### Unjustified reasons

- **Sleeping in/ alarm not going off**
- **Missed the bus**
- **Traffic/road works**
- **Walked to school**
- **Waiting for parent**
- **Minding sibling**
- **Shopping**
- **Other similar reasons**

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**Please note:** A note from a parent or verbal explanation from parent who drops student at school for any reasons listed above as ‘unjustified’ DOES NOT make the reason ‘justified’.

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Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- Date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Thanks
Ria Douglas
SAM
LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Our school is currently looking for parents, grandparents or caregivers who are available to assist in a reading program for Year 7 students. Anyone who is interested in being involved please contact Tony Hicks or the Learning Support Team on 4296 3844.

If you would like to place an ad for your business in our newsletter please phone the school on 4296 3844 for more information.

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- Tuesdays 3-4pm
- Thursdays 2-2.50 pm

Find us on Facebook

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lake Illawarra High School does not receive or accept any paid advertising for Community Notices. Also, we have no way of checking the bona fides of any information received. We encourage parents/caregivers to make all necessary checks prior to involving their children in activities listed.

**Local Foster Carers needed**

We are looking for local people to provide care for children and young people who are unable to live with their own families. FACS is seeking Foster Carers who can provide short term/crisis care and/or respite care (e.g. one weekend a month).

 Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds, cultural groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, support and financial assistance.

**INTERESTED?**

Call Gabi Taylor or Carolyn Lardner at FACS on 4222-8400 during business hours.

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**Single Mothers Support Group**

This is a new group in the Illawarra community which advocates for and supports single women and their children, in a non-formal way. This community inspired group brings single mothers together to share ideas, provide social support and create community that goes beyond that of a 9-5pm service.

*There will be tea and coffee provided. Children welcome and an activity will be provided.*

**Where:** Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre Winnima Way, Berkeley  
**When:** Monday’s 10am - 12pm  
**Contact:** Denika Thomas 0431095530

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**CITYLIFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

**ADHD SUPPORT GROUP**

**COFFEE AND DROP IN MORNING INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND SUPPORT**

For parents, carers and friends of children living with ADHD/ASD and associated disorders. We also support Adults diagnosed with these disorders.

**WHEN:** Last Friday of the month  
**TIME:** 10.30 am  
**WHERE:** Citylife Church  
2/129 Jardine St (west end)  
Fairy Meadow 2519

Information: 0242844414  
0401246765 Joanne  
0413048453 Jill  
Donations appreciated

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**POOL OPEN DAY**

*29 NOV 2014*  
1PM - 4PM  
OAK FLATS SWIMMING POOL  
KINGSTON ST, OAK FLATS

FREE ENTRY TO THE POOL  
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
FREE GIVEAWAYS  
GIANT POOL INFLATABLE

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**Fundraising For Lake High**

This book is $55 (you can get an electronic version too) and $11 gets donated to Lake Illawarra High School!! If you do buy one simply click on the link below or copy and paste into your browser


**Creating Opportunities for Young People**

Are you an employer or do you know an employer in these industries?

CONSTRUCTION or HOSPITALITY

In 2014, Year 11 & 12 Students from Lake Illawarra High School require work placements in the above industries.

Work placement is unpaid practical skills industry training and is an integral part of the vocational course these students are studying for their HSC.

If you can help, or you know somebody who can, contact Abbey Hartgrove at Workplace Learning Illawarra on 4225 2526 or email abbey@iswlp.org.au to find out more.

Thank you!

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Make sure Ria Douglas' name is up in the top right hand corner or there should be somewhere where you can type in Lake Illawarra High School. Message this page if you need help! Thanks for your support. For more info on the book www.entertainmentbook.com.au make sure you search through the NSW South Coast book for all the amazing deals you get! Also if you would like we can collect the books for free rather than paying the shipping fee (make sure you select pick up on checkout) just give the school a ring to let us know you have picked this option.

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**OAK FLATS FALCONS FOOTBALL CLUB**

ABN: 72 641 206 397
Address: PO Box 152, Oak Flats, NSW, 2529
Secretary: Andrew Day
Email: andrew.day@basselec.com.au
Phone: 0418 426 000

President – Joe Dimech Secretary – Andrew Day Treasurer – Joan Hudson

2015 YOUTH GRADE TRIALS

Ref: OFFFC 2015/06
Oak Flats Falcons FC have Youth grade trials for the 2015 season and any interested players 16-20 years of age are more than welcome.

Trials commence sharp at 6pm at the following dates and Ovals:

- Wednesday 12 November – Keith bond Oval, Oak Flats
- Tuesday 18 November – King Memorial Park, Barrack Heights (Kingsway Oval)
- Thursday 20 November – King Memorial Park, Barrack Heights (Kingsway Oval)

If you require additional information you can contact Head Coach Michael Garcia on 0409 760 128 or Youth Coach Mark Tyssen on 0412 401 631

Andrew Day
OFFFC Secretary

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**INSPIRED TO CHANGE A LIFE?**

CareSouth's FAMILY CHOICES PROGRAM supports children with a disability and their families. It helps to create a happy, stable family who simply need a break or support.

With a limited time commitment of every second weekend and some school holidays, you can make a real difference in a young person's life.

All our carers are provided with carer support and training for the individual needs of the child. An allowance is also provided to cover daily expenses incurred whilst caring for a child.

You can make a difference today! A family in your community could really benefit from your help.

To find out more, please call 1300 334 260 or visit our website www.caresouth.org.au.

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ASK FOR KOBEE
Ever wondered what it would be like to live in another country and to swap your vegemite sandwich for a pop tart or croissant? Applications for WEP Student Exchange Programs to over 25 countries around the world are now open for programs starting from July 2015 onwards. Choose from more than 100 short and long-term programs, designed to fit into your Australian schooling. Find out more today!

**From Emily in France:**

France has been amazing so far! I love everything and even though there is still a huge language barrier I’ve slowly started to understand more and more. The Paris Orientation was beautiful and I was so shocked that we actually managed to cover a lot of places in such a short amount of time.

The Australian and French schooling systems are definitely different from each other. All of my teachers are incredibly nice and understanding. I think in my first week I had a mini freak out because I couldn't understand one word but being able to easily participate in Math, English and Gym has definitely helped and reassured me. I've even done a few tests for different subjects and actually managed to answer parts of it.

I've made quite a few friends, friends of my host sister and friends of my own. They've all been incredibly nice and try to speak English as well as French to me. Although I can't understand what they say half of the time it's still nice to hear them talk.

I absolutely love my host family; they are nothing short of perfect! My host sisters are absolutely hilarious and my host parents are always trying to help me. The family has been very welcoming and they are trying to help me out all the time but they've also integrated me into their lives. We all went to Dijon last Saturday actually.

**Request Program Information Now**

Whether you wish to go overseas or host an exchange student in your home, request an information pack today to find out more about WEP's not-for-profit student exchange programs.

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In the picture: WEP exchange students from around the world during their orientation program in Paris
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- Youth Employment Program (YEP)
- Transition to Work (TTW)
- Community Participation (CP)
- Individual Funding Packages (IF)

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE
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ENROLMENT INFORMATION
Due to the popularity of the afternoon classes, students who wish to enrol should have their name placed on the waiting list, to avoid disappointment.

Enrolment applications are welcomed from August. Please contact our Administration Office on:

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FURNISHINGS
This course is a timber based learning program that is practical based. It does not require any prerequisite skills other than a desire to design and construct a variety of timber products.

There will be a small amount of theory delivered, primarily in the areas of workshop and equipment safety.

TOPICS COVERED
- Timber Technology
- Manufactured products
- Fitting & Fixtures
- Finishes
- Methods of Joining
- Machining Techniques
- Basic design theory
- Drawing Techniques

PROJECTS
There will be a number of minor projects constructed over the first three terms with the fourth term being allocated for any personal interest projects that you may wish to pursue.

Below are some examples of projects you are able to undertake.

EQUIPMENT
Furnishing students will be required to wear fully enclosed shoes at all times in the workshop and have long hair restrained.

COURSE COSTS
Illawarra Senior College is a Department of Education facility and course costs are in line with public education costs.

The course fee for Furnishings is $100. All fees are due at the time of enrolment. Payment will secure your position in the course.

HOURS
General interest courses such as Computers, Digital Photography and Furnishings are held one afternoon per week, throughout the school term.

The College has the same four terms as all NSW government schools. Enrolled students will be required to attend the allocated day.

TRANSPORT
The College is accessible by local bus and rail transport and has ample on-site student parking off Gloucester Road.
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BASIC COMPUTERS

This course has been designed for students who have very little knowledge of how computers operate. It is a hands-on course.

Students will develop skills in the following areas using the Microsoft Office Suite:

> Computer Terminology
> Word processing - Microsoft Word
> Spreadsheets - Microsoft Excel
> Database - Microsoft Access
> Desktop Publishing - Microsoft Publisher
> Internet - Internet Explorer
> Graphics
> Electronic Presentations - PowerPoint

ADVANCED COMPUTERS

Students who enrol in Advanced Computers must have completed the Basic Computer course prior to enrolment in this course.

Students will further develop their skills in the following areas using Microsoft Office Suite:

> Word Processing - Microsoft Word
> Spreadsheets - Microsoft Excel
> Desktop Publishing - Microsoft Publisher
> Internet - Internet and Email
> Graphics

BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY

Students who enrol in Basic Photography must have completed a Basic Computer course prior to enrolment in this course.

Students will develop skills in the following areas:

> Understanding digital camera terminology
> Basic automatic and manual camera functions
> Basic digital imaging using Photoshop Elements 7 for cropping, enhancing and editing photographs
> Including creating a collage, scanning, repairing old photographs and creating panoramic photographs
> Aesthetics of Photography - elements and principals of design, rules of composition for landscapes, portraits and interest shots
> Printing techniques and tips that enhance the look of an image

ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY

Students who enrol in Advanced Photography must have completed the Basic Photography course prior to enrolment in this course.

Students will further develop their skills in the following areas:

> Manual camera operation
> Advanced manual camera techniques
> Digital photography editing & enhancement
> Advanced digital studio techniques with PhotoShop
> Studio Photography - Portrait and Still Life
> Photography and Basic Design
> Art Photography
> Landscape Photography
> Photography Theory - Historical, Technical and Aesthetics