

### Important Dates Term 4

Wirrpanda Awards  
Night

Tuesday 8 December

Staff Development  
Day (*students do  
not attend*)

Friday 18 December

Last Day Term 4  
Students

Thursday  
17 December

Last Day Term 4  
Staff

Friday 18 December

Term 4  
12.10.20-18.12.20

Term 1 2021  
Monday 1 February  
to  
Thursday 1 April

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2020. This year has been one which has brought challenges we have never seen before. We have also had some significant successes.

In March everyone's world was turned upside down from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Initially there was confusion, frustration and concern about what this would mean for all of us. Luckily, we have been fortunate in WA to have returned to relatively normal operations very quickly. I hope we remain safe and well and that the virus is controlled so we can continue our lives without the preoccupation of the COVID-19 outcomes.

I would like to thank students, staff, parents/carers and our community for working together to ensure we continued to provide quality education to our students. This is evident by the ongoing operations of the school which enabled our Year 12 students to complete their schooling and start the next chapter of their lives.

The school was successful in becoming an Independent Public School (IPS) in June. This was an outstanding achievement because we needed to demonstrate that we had community support and that the work we were completing was right for our students, our school and our community.

Northam SHS's focus has been on ensuring a safe and orderly environment, high quality teaching and learning and positive and effective relationships and partnerships. Every day we complete work that gets us closer to our vision of *A Community United*. Being an IPS means that we can make decisions that suit our school context and provide our students with positive outcomes.

On Thursday, Lisa Penno (School Board Chair) and I will meet with the Minister of Education, Sue Ellery, and Director General of Education, Lisa Rodgers, to receive a certificate in recognition of achieving our IPS status.

We completed a very successful Public School Review in October and this, once again, reaffirmed the work we are completing is making a difference to our students, our school and our community.

There is still so much to achieve at Northam SHS and we are moving in the right direction.

Everything we do is about getting better each and every day.

We are most successful when we have the support of both our parents/carers and community. I encourage you to continue to support the work we do to give all our students the opportunity for success.



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# PRINCIPAL REPORT

I wish each and everyone of you best wishes for the festive season and for a prosperous, happy and healthy 2021. Please have a happy and safe summer holiday.

I look forward to working with you in 2021.

**Marisa Del Pin**

**Principal**

## Northam Senior High School Uniforms 2021

Northam Senior High School is *A Community United*. Being the only Senior High School in town, our students are visible and the image they present to the community is important.

The community wants to have confidence in the school. They want to see that students are committed to their school, have pride in it and that they are contributing in a positive way to their community.

As of 2021, Northam Senior High School will be introducing a new school uniform. This uniform will be available from Cadds Fashions Sportfirst Northam by late January. To reduce the financial pressure on families, the implementation of the new uniform will take place over a period of 2 years.

### **Every Day Uniform Dress Code - School Logo required on all items**

Shirt: Any of the current shirts or the new NSHS black and red polo

Shorts: Plain black

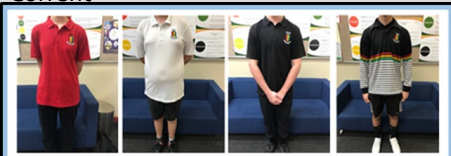
Jumper: Black and red Windcheater/ Jacket:

Track Pants: Plain black

Current



Current



## Teacher Acknowledgement

Congratulations to Mr Peter Treeby Outdoor Education teacher, who was announced winner of the Western Australian Outdoor Recreation Sector Award in the category for Outstanding Outdoor Education Practitioner 2020, highlighting the expertise we have on staff at Northam SHS.



# PRINCIPAL REPORT

The following is a letter received from Mia Davies acknowledging our 2019 NAPLAN results:

**Hon Mia Davies MLA**

Member for Central Wheatbelt | Leader of The Nationals WA

Our ref: 20201029 / RL



Ms Marisa Del Pin  
Principal  
Northam Senior High School  
PO Box 255  
NORTHAM WA 6401

Dear Ms Del Pin

## 2019 WA NAPLAN RESULTS

I write to offer my congratulations to you, your staff and students on Northam Senior High School's success in the 2019 NAPLAN results.

I understand Northam Senior High School demonstrated levels of achievement above the national average for students from similar backgrounds.

This is a great achievement and highlights the significant efforts your staff put into supporting students to acquire the literacy and numeracy skills that will set them up for their future success.

The key to attracting families to regional WA is having high-quality education available for their children. It is pleasing to see Northam Senior High School continue to grow and flourish.

Congratulations once again.

Yours sincerely

**HON MIA DAVIES MLA**  
Member for Central Wheatbelt



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# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT Upper School

Most students in Senior School will have been involved in Examinations and finalising their courses over the last couple of weeks, in preparation for next year.

## Year 11

The Year 11 Reports were sent out on Monday 30 November via email to all parents. Please contact the school if you have any questions about the progress your child is making. Students who have gained passing grades (8 C grades or better) will continue in their current courses into Year 12. Over the last few weeks I have met with a number of students who have changed their pathway for next year based on their current progress. There are alternatives available for students who may need to take a different direction in their schooling. Please contact me at the school to discuss these options if your child is not currently achieving success.

## Year 10

The Year 10 students have completed their Examination week and many have achieved excellent results. This has provided them with experiences that will assist them next year. The Year 10 Reports will be emailed home during Week 10 this term.

## Year 11 Orientation Day

We hosted Year 10 students from surrounding towns – York, Toodyay, Cunderdin, Beverley and others on Wednesday 25 November for our Year 11 2021 Orientation Day. The students met important staff members at Northam SHS who may be teaching them next year, as well as experiencing some activities and meeting several of our current Year 10 students.

Thank you to Hayley Knowles, Year 10 Coordinator, and the staff at Northam SHS, Toodyay DHS and York DHS who assisted all the students participating in the day. Hopefully all the new students feel excited and positive about becoming Northam Senior High School students in 2021.

If you have any questions about students in Senior School, please contact me at the school.

*Year 11 Reports were emailed to parents on Monday 30 November*

*Year 10 Reports will be emailed to parents during Week 10*

*Year's 7, 8 and 9 Reports will be emailed to parents during Week 10*

**Mary Anne Morgan**

**Deputy Principal**

CONNECT is one of the most popular ways we will communicate with parents/carers. It is also a good way to see what your child/ren is/are working on and how they are progressing. If you are not using CONNECT we encourage you to do so. If you are having problems joining please contact Lynley Pelich. 9621 0000

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# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT Lower School

## **Virtual Reality at Northam SHS**

On Wednesday November 25 Northam Senior High School hosted the Virtual Reality Wheatbelt Roadshow Western Australia provided by *EducateIT*. *EducateIT* assist schools in their organic growth of an ICT environment. At the library many students and staff were given an opportunity to use the Oculus Quest 2. The technology has many benefits to education and Northam SHS will pursue the implementation of such technology before the end of 2020.



Staff enjoying the virtual reality of underwater diving



Students enjoying the virtual reality of underwater diving

## **Attendance Updates Required**

Attendance at school is more than just arriving at the school grounds; it also involves attending all timetabled classes. Please support your child by encouraging them to attend all their classes as often as possible.

If your child has been absent from school, it is crucial that any absence is explained to the school in a timely manner. As we draw towards the end of the school year I strongly encourage all families to contact the school and explain any absences that, as yet, remain unexplained.

## **Year 6 Orientation and Transition**

It has been pleasing to see our 2021 Year 7 students as they completed a series of Orientation days with us. Students from all our intake schools have been energetic, enthusiastic and keen to get to know each other. Orientation days have involved taster lessons in all learning areas with opportunities for social mingling and team building.

I would like to acknowledge the staff at our intake Primary Schools for their efforts with the Year 6 students, NSHS staff for their efforts in juggling exams and end of year reporting whilst delivering Transition lessons; and also our Year 10 student leaders who have shown outstanding maturity and proactivity in leading Year 6 students through much of the Orientation.

We look forward to our new students becoming a part of *A Community United* in 2021.

***Richard Kardol***

***Deputy Principal***

# STUDENT SERVICES

## NAIDOC 2020 at Northam Senior High School

Northam Senior High School commenced NAIDOC week 2020 with a school aerial photograph, taken on Monday 16 November. Staff and students joined each other on the oval to form the word, 'Ballardong' in tribute to the traditional custodians of the Avon Valley area.



On Tuesday Mr Joe Manning and the students from Follow the Dream, supported by the Hospitality Trade Training Centre staff and students, provided the school with a sensational taste experience, featuring amazing indigenous ingredients. The offerings included Damper with Quandong jam, Kangaroo Mini Meatballs with Davidson Plum Dipping Sauce, Bush Tomato Relish on Crustini and a delicious Lemon Myrtle Shortbread. The shortbread recipe can be found on the SBS website: <https://www.sbs.com.au/nitv/culture/on-country-kitchen/recipes/lemon-myrtle-shortbread>



Students from Follow the Dream ready for the bush foods tasting

The Wadumbah Traditional Dancers came to the school for a whole school assembly on Wednesday. The Wadumbah Dance Group have been showcasing Bibullmun culture from the South West for many years in the state of Western Australia and all over the world. They are proud to represent Australia overseas in different countries and to entertain and share this ancient culture with Australians on home ground. They do this through music, dance and storytelling. The performance was very well received, and several students and staff joined in the exhilarating dance moves.



Dancers in the gym



# STUDENT SERVICES

The girls from the Wirrapanda Foundation represented themselves and their school admirably through visits to primary school students to support NAIDOC activities with younger students.



Northam Senior High School student face painting at Northam Primary School

Wirrapanda Girls



Tyra-Lee Year 9



## STUDENT SERVICES

The activities for NAIDOC week were brought to a conclusion by the traditional footy matches. This year, the Northam Clontarf Year 7/8 team met the boys from the Perth Aboriginal College on the school oval for a friendly contest in a curtain raiser to the main event. Past and present members of Clontarf played the Northam Community team. The team at Clontarf are to be once again commended for their work during NAIDOC week, and with the football games.



NAIDOC week football games

## GOOD STANDING

The Good Standing Policy aims to support and encourage all students to maintain acceptable standards of attendance, punctuality, behaviour and academic participation. On Tuesday 15 December, Periods 3—5, Student Services will be running two reward options for those students who have maintained good standing.

**Andrew Noho**

**Student Services Manager**

A green-themed poster with a jungle motif. At the top, it says "GOOD STANDING REWARD!" in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, it lists two events: "Movie: JUMANJI: The Next Level" and "Staff v Students Cricket Match". The poster also mentions "Sausage Sizzle" and "Music" during the event. At the bottom, it states "TUESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2020 PERIODS 3 - 5". The poster features logos for Northam Senior High School and a toucan bird illustration.

**GOOD STANDING REWARD!**

**Movie: JUMANJI: The Next Level**  
Continue the adventures of Spencer, Martha, Fridge and Bethany, as they go back into the game of Jumanji.

**Located in the Gym**  
**Staff v Students Cricket Match**  
Witness the next installment of the battle between the staff and students. Staff took home the trophy last year, can the students take it back this year?

**Located on the Oval**  
Sausage Sizzle during break time on the oval for students with Good Standing. Music will be running throughout the event.

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2020**  
**PERIODS 3 - 5**



# YEAR 7's

## YEAR 7 SLEEPOVER

After the first sleepover in 2015, which was a massive success, it was high time the Year 7 Sleepover happened again,. And it did - on Friday 20 November! Lots of food was consumed (nearly 50 pizzas!), there was lots of laughter and even some work was done!

Everyone loves Coco Pops and 'spotlight' is still a crowd favourite - and is taken very seriously, especially by Mitchell Moore who hid in the bin (photo to prove it!)



A HUGE thank you to Ms Jacob, Mr Treeby, Mr Westcott, Miss Vrachnas, Mrs Hecker and Ms Critchlow for supervising on the night.



**Melanie Polain**  
**Year 7 Coordinator**

# BUSHRANGER CADETS

## Bickley Camp 2020

Monday- The bushrangers went on a camp for 4 days. The camp was held at Bickley Recreation Camp. The cadets gathered at the science block car park, where we all packed our stuff into the trailers for the long journey. In total there were 24 cadets from 3 different schools, and 3 adults to supervise us. The weather was rainy, cloudy and windy. Once the bus arrived at the camp, the cadets numbered off and went for a tour of the camp site. We realized it was too stormy to set up the tents, so we had lunch before going canoeing. The first group to capsize were, Tazmyn, Caitlyn and Georgie.

After canoeing we were all soaked and cold, so we had showers. It was still raining so we couldn't set up the tents. Mr. Cowell, Regina and Mrs. Hayward had a chat about staying in dorms for the night. All the dorms were in 1 big block.

Tuesday- the second day of camp. The cadets had a photo scavenger hunt, it was a really good start to the day and it gave the cadets a bit of a break before packing up the dorms. Once the cadets arrived back at camp, we had about an hour or two of free time. We split into 2 groups, group 1 was to go geocaching and group 2 did the vertical challenge. Geocaching involved using a compass and Google maps (a cheating way to do it) to find the location of a small box with little messages inside of it. The vertical challenge was a series of climbing obstacles. Once you made it to the top you had to tap a lot and your team mates would lower you safely to the ground.

When both teams came back from their activities the majority of the cadets went for a mountain bike ride. It was a simple but fun activity. One of our cadets was extra acrobatic with their riding, achieving stunts some could only dream of.

After a fun day, with a few scratches, aching muscles and feeling tired, the cadets settled in for the night. Cadets had different curfews depending on their year group and slept on the floor. Going down to the lake and looking for yabbies' was a source of entertainment at 8:00 at night. We then had the famous onesies competition. It was a highly sort after crown with more than 15 contestants. The winners being Jessica, Dakota and Anthea.

Wednesday- All cadets were woken up early by Mr. Cowell's horrible singing, to get ready to go to South Perth for the Remembrance Day Ceremony, where we met some veterans. We helped pack up all the chairs and umbrellas and had a photo taken with two male veterans. After we had left the ceremony, we went to the Perth Zoo, where we enjoyed lunch. When we finished lunch we were put into groups to walk around the zoo and we had a challenge to get an object starting with every letter of the alphabet, and all the colours of the rainbow. We left the zoo and started walking to Elizabeth Quay where we went on a ferry. After fun at the playground we walked back to get on another ferry, the ferry that we rode on was called the Shelly Taylor-Smith named after a famous Australian swimmer.

We walked back to the zoo where the bus was parked, for the ride back to camp.

Thursday- the final day for camp. Everyone helped pack up camp and pick up any rubbish left behind.

We left feeling happy thinking about how fun camp was. We made 1 final stop at Lake Leschenaultia, where we enjoyed lunch and a photo was taken. We were all so happy and tired, but we all had such a good time on camp.



# BUSHRANGER CADETS

When we arrived back to school, we unpacked the trailers and bus and numbered off for the last time. We all received awards, each and every one of us, for different things. We got our belongings and set off to go home to tell our families all about the fun time we had on camp. I can speak for everyone when I say, we all had a great time on camp and can't wait to do it again soon.

***Shamea Buckingham Year 9 Bushranger Cadet Northam Senior High School.***



# CLONTARF

It has been another busy term for the boys down at Clontarf, with our Year 12 students finishing their schooling early in the term. These boys took part in our Major Trip to Shark Bay and Kalbarri, which was a rewarding experience after 12 long years of schooling. Well done to our graduates - graduating high school makes you much more employable and shows enormous levels of commitment. Congratulations.

There has been a number of day trips, camps and excursions for Clontarf members from other year groups as well, including a day trip to Perth for our Year 10 and 11 students where they visited a Perkin's construction site, and played a game of basketball against Clontarf Aboriginal College in Manning. More recently, we have been to visit the local Police Station for the NAIDOC week flag raising, played a game of football against Warwick Senior High School, and visited Rottnest Island on the annual Wadjemup Cup Trip.

Two of our members, Garry Murphy and Trent Nathan, recently gained employment at the new Northam Bunnings Store, Congratulations to these boys. We look forward to a strong finish to what has been a challenging year in 2020, and wish all our members and their families a happy and safe Christmas holiday period.

**Ashley Barker**

**Operations Officer**





# FOLLOW THE DREAM

As part of the Northam SHS Follow the Dream program, some of our students attended the School of Indigenous Studies UWA Outreach Program for Year 9 students called “Djinanginy” meaning “looking” with other Year 9 students from metro and regional areas. The program will further help Indigenous students understand what the university environment is like through lecture style activities as well as hands-on activities from a number of different study areas on campus.



**Joe Manning**

**Follow The Dream Program Coordinator**

# Did You Know?

### VET IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Certificate courses are offered in partnership with private training organisations and Central Regional TAFE—Northam.

Students can complete these qualifications at school or at Central Regional TAFE, while still completing Year 11 and 12.

VET allows students to:

- Finish school with the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)
- Gain a realistic understanding of industry expectations
- Gain nationally recognised skills relevant to industry needs
- Improve employment prospects when leaving school
- Commence career pathways whilst at school
- Improves chances of selection for other training courses, gives credit towards nationally recognised qualifications
- Develop self-esteem, confidence and communication skills
- Gain more relevance from school to future career prospects, while working towards their WACE.





# CAREERS & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (VET)

## SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

School Based Traineeships are employment based training programs for full time school students in years 11 and 12.

**The student must fulfil certain requirements, including:**

- Enter into a training contract with an employer to complete a traineeship
- Have the school's agreement to undertake the school based traineeship; and
- Have the completed units of competency of their traineeship included on their Western Australian Certificate of Education.

Students will be required to complete one weekday in the workplace. Students need to be capable, independent learners as they may be required to miss some of their normal school program.

These programs are focussed on skill shortage areas with direct links to pre-apprenticeships or apprenticeships.

## WORKPLACE LEARNING ADWPL

Workplace Learning is an authority-developed endorsed program developed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA).

Workplace Learning enables students to develop transferable employability skills through experience in the workplace in a range of Industry areas.

**Why should you enrol in Workplace Learning?**

- To improve your skills for employment
- To help you make more informed career choices
- To gain confidence in yourself and in working with other people
- To improve your opportunities for part time employment
- To gain extra points for TAFE entry
- To gain experience in different vocational pathways
- Students undertaking a VET course are encouraged to enrol in Workplace Learning.

***Marilyn Hecker***

***School Officer—VET and Workplace Learning***

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

An Ancient Noongar Dreamtime Story from Kellerberrin now available for sale. Told by the Grandfather of one of Northam SHS students Claude Smith. Book includes QR Code which can be scanned for archival footage and Elder Humphries telling the story. Also now available for loan from the Northam Senior High School Library.





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please email [don.smith8777@gmail.com](mailto:don.smith8777@gmail.com) for further information and sales. Our thanks to Donnell Smith for sharing this beautifully illustrated book with us. A Community United.





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# 2020 Term 4 Calendar

updated on 22 September 2020

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 1	12 October First Day Term 4	13 October	14 October 3.30 – 4.30 Wirrpana Activities	15 October	16 October Year 12 Final Assembly Year 12 Last Day	
Week 2	19 October Year 12 Graduation Ceremony Year 12 Reports Handed Out	20 October	21 October 3.30 – 4.30 Wirrpana Activities	22 October <b>School Review Day</b>	23 October Interschool Athletics	
Week 3	26 October	27 October School Council Meeting 3.00 – 4.00	28 October 3.30 – 4.30 Wirrpana Activities Year 11 Hiking Outdoor Education	29 October <b>ACT SHOWCASE</b>	30 October	
Week 4	02 November WACE Exams	03 November	04 November 3.30 – 4.30 Wirrpana Activities	05 November	06 November Clontarf Wadjemup Cup Year 8-9	
Week 5	09 November Year 11 Non Assessment Week WACE Exams Bushranger Cadet Camp	10 November	11 November 3.30 – 4.30 Wirrpana Activities Remembrance Day	12 November	13 November	
Week 6	16 November NAIDOC Week Year 11 Exams WACE Exams	17 November	18 November 3.30 – 4.30 Wirrpana Activities	19 November	20 November Year 11 Last Day	
Week 7	23 November Year 9 & 10 Exams Year 11 ATAR	24 November Year 6 Orientation Day 1 Clontarf Awards Night Year 11 ATAR	25 November 3.30 – 4.30 Wirrpana Activities Year 11 Orientation Clontarf Year 11 EOY Camp	26 November	27 November School Development Day	
Week 8	30 November Year 11 Reports Sent Out Year 7 & 8 Exams	01 December Year 6 Orientation Day 2	02 December 3.30 – 4.30 Wirrpana Activities Year 10 Camp Outdoor Education	03 December	04 December	
Week 9	07 December	08 December Wirrpana Awards Night	09 December 3.30 – 4.30 Wirrpana Activities	10 December	11 December	
Week 10	14 December	15 December	16 December 3.30 – 4.30 Wirrpana Activities Year 7-10 Reports Sent Out	17 December Last Day Term 4 Students	18 December Last Day Term 4 Staff	