



YORK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER – 2022

From the Principal

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Kaya everyone,

Welcome to the 2022 school year. Despite ongoing interruptions due to COVID-19, our commencement to the year has been smooth and we extend our thanks to all parents for their support in ensuring children were ready for the new school year. We welcome new families who have joined us this year and welcome back to our existing staff and students.

Many thanks to our staff who have participated in school development and professional learning activities at the start of the term as well as having prepared classrooms and programs to ensure a calm and smooth start to the year. Classrooms certainly look like great learning environments and are organised and ready for the start of teaching and learning programs.

Anyone that is interested in nominating for a position on the School Board please email your expression of interest to york.dhs@education.wa.edu.au by COB Friday 11 March. I would like to thank Ms Robin Milner for her contributions over the past two years and all the ongoing members for their continued service. If you have any queries in regards to the role of the Board or its members please contact a member of the Admin team by phoning 96413100.

We have had to change planned events that would normally be part of our school calendar to ensure we adhere to the new Operating Guidelines for Western Australian Public Schools. These guidelines are based on public health and social measures (high caseload setting) – Level 1 and require us to respond as follows;

- Our Welcome Barbecue planned for Wednesday 23 February is postponed. Alternative date TBC.
- All assemblies are cancelled. The scheduled hosting classes will perform via WebEx and the video shared with Parents/Carers.
- Our upcoming swimming carnival on Tuesday 1 March may have to be hosted over 2 days for Primary then Secondary.
- Parents that attend the carnivals as spectators must remain in the designated areas i.e. no contact with students.
- Interschool Swimming Carnival 23 March is TBC in collaboration with other schools.
- Year 7 & 8 ESCC Camp to Ern Halliday planned for Week 10 is postponed with an alternative date TBC. We will continue to plan for the event in case restrictions are lifted. Please continue to make deposits/payments and return permission slips as requested.

Your ongoing support and co-operation at this time is greatly appreciated by staff, students and the school community. We look forward to making 2022 a positive and successful year for all.

Mr Trent Lockyer
Principal



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Independent Public School
Courage, Effort & Innovation

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Vision Statement:

York District High School is a school of choice for learning and life. We strive to inspire a relentless pursuit of excellence (**SUCCESS**), a love of learning (**IMPROVEMENT**) and resilience through connection (**COMMUNITY**)

Important Dates:

**Note: All events are subject to change, following the most up-to-date information from the Health Department.*

16th Feb – Choir Commencing

21st Feb – P&C AGM

~~23rd Feb – K-10 Open Night (5pm)~~

~~23rd Feb – 2022 Family BBQ (6pm)~~

24th Feb – Faction Colours Day

25th Feb – Primary Assembly (Rm17)

25th Feb – Secondary Assembly

28th Feb – 11th Mar – Year 10 OLNA Round 1

1st Mar – Faction Swimming Carnival

7th Mar – Labour Day (No School)



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K We are KIND

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Thank You YDHS 2021 Sponsors

We thank and acknowledge the following families, businesses and community groups for their generous contribution towards the success of our Awards Ceremonies and support of our school.

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Wherrett Family

Yeing Family

York Agricultural Society

York and Districts Co-operative Ltd

York Child Care Centre

York Men's Shed

York Quality Butchers

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Whole School News



Connect

All Primary and Secondary students should have received a Course Outline for Term One/Semester One from all their teachers, and be able to access these outlines via **Connect**. Course Outlines provide parents and students with a snapshot of the learning experiences for each curriculum learning area. They also might include information concerning assignment and assessment tasks, homework and allow parents and students to monitor their workload and meet the important deadlines. Parents can make contact with their child's classroom / subject teacher if they have a particular question about the course outlines. If for some reason your child has not received a course outline or as a parent, you would like to request a copy, please contact your child's teacher.

Pick-up/Drop-off

Please remember that students who are being collected and dropped off at school should be accessing the allocated school cross walk and car parks. Only students who catch buses should be walking through the bus bay areas. We endeavour to keep all our students safe when arriving and departing school and your support in this area is greatly appreciated.

Sickness/Injury

Under the current health and safety guidelines, should any student present as unwell, they are required to stay home. Should a student become unwell during the course of a school day, contact will be made home to make appropriate arrangements for the students collection. If sickness or injury causes short-term or long-term absences from school, please remain in regular contact with teachers and administration to ensure, where appropriate, work can be made available and adjustments/provisions can be made the student's learning program.

Contributions

Kindergarten	\$30.00 per student
Pre-Primary to Year 6	\$60.00 per student
Secondary: Year 7-10	\$235.00 per student
Chaplaincy Donation	\$15.00 per family
P&C Donation	\$15.00 per family

BSB 633-000 Account No 119873545
Ensure you include child's name & school year. For *Secondary Contribution Assistance* see the form attached to this Newsletter.

On-Entry Testing

Every year our Pre-Primary to Year 2 students and their classroom teachers embark on a rigorous On-Entry Assessment journey.

In short, On-Entry Assessments are conducted for the purpose of providing teachers with information about the skills and understandings that a child brings to school. Testing is targeted specifically at the literacy and numeracy skills and understandings considered critical to early and ongoing educational development.

Assessments are conducted state-wide between Weeks 3 and 6 of this term, and commenced for a number of our students this week.

At the end of this assessment period, Parent Summary Reports will be produced and shared with parents (late Term 1). At this time, parents will have an opportunity to meet with class teachers to discuss their child's results and determine how best to move forward from this point.

P&C President Open Letter

The P & C AGM will be held on the 21st February at 3.30pm in the York Family Playgroup Building. YDHS P & C membership numbers have been low recently and there is a very real risk we will have insufficient volunteers to meet requirements for a P&C to function at our school in 2022.

We need at least 8 people to attend the general meeting each term to vote on funding decisions and enable us to give back to our students - that's not a lot of people coming from a school with approximately 370 students. Unfortunately, many people feel too shy or too busy, that the P&C is "not their thing" or that "someone else will do it". This is definitely how I felt before a past member encouraged me to come along to an AGM a few years ago.

I agreed to take on the position of president for 2021 because I was the last person at the AGM who hadn't already taken on a role or declined for other reasons - If no one took the position there may have been no P&C and at that time -most importantly -NO CANTEEN! As a truly disorganized person I NEEDED that canteen to save me on the frequent mornings where I had forgotten to go grocery shopping in time to put together school lunches.

Despite my questionable motivations and lack of knowledge about the education system or P & C's there have been many unforeseen benefits to joining the YDHS P&C such as getting to know some really lovely people and witnessing the heart-warming excitement of students enjoying the ROCKY coin challenge, Mother's and Father's Day stalls and the colour fun run.

For me the greatest benefit has been how proud my kids are to have a parent in the P&C. I also wonder if me getting involved has played some role in my oldest daughter going from complete rejection of the idea she could have a go at school parliament to putting her name down for everything this year?

So please put your name down too! I promise you a warm welcome - see you on the 21st at 3:30pm

Natalie Ullrich - York DHS P&C President



Primary / P&C News





School Captains

"I'm honoured to be a School Captain for 2022. After being at York DHS since Kindy, I'm so excited to see what we can accomplish this year, as a team. As one of your School Captains I'm here as a voice for all students and welcome any ideas that are put forward to me. Good luck to everyone, I hope you have a happy and successful school year!"
 - Emily Galbraith

"For the 7 years that I have been at York DHS, I have looked up to our School Captains. I have taken opportunities to develop my leadership skills, such as leadership roles on the Bus and during Cadets. Now that I'm a School Captain, I hope to be approachable, quick-to-act, level headed and produce good ideas. My main goal is to leave this school at the end of the year, a better place for those who will follow me. As a Captain, I hope to rise beyond what I am now, and raise others with me."
 - Lochlan Dass

Secondary News



OLNA

Year 10 students will be sitting the first round of OLNA tests between week 5-8 of Term 1. The OLNA is an online literacy and numeracy assessment designed to enable students to successfully meet the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) requirements of demonstrating the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy.

To successfully meet the literacy and numeracy requirement students must demonstrate the skills regarded as essential to meet the demands of everyday life and work in a knowledge-based economy. The reading and numeracy test is comprised of 45 multiple-choice questions. Students have 50 minutes to complete each of these tests. The writing test is a typed response of up to 600 words. Students have 60 minutes to complete the writing test.

Students who have achieved Band 8 or higher in previous NAPLAN testing are acknowledged as having demonstrated proficiency and will not be required to sit the corresponding OLNA test. In addition to the in-class preparation students are undertaking, you can also access practice tests at home via: <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna/practice-and-example-tests>



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs.

Parents/guardians must apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) each school year (annually) – applications do not carry forward to future years.

To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Services Australia (Centrelink) or Veterans' Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school.
- \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.

Application is made by the parent or guardian for student/s enrolled in Years 7–12 studying a full time secondary course at a Western Australian public school.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Parent or Guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

Please Note: The only Veterans' Affairs Card that meets the criteria is a blue card that is issued annually and expires in December each year. This card is income means tested.

The parent/guardian must be the holder of a card that is valid some time during first term. Students must be listed on claimant's card (except for some year 11 and 12 students, or in cases of disability/health reasons). In this instance, the school must sight both concession cards. The only exception to this is when a student holds their own health care card and has been declared independent by Centrelink (e.g. Living Away from Home). In this instance, a letter of confirmation from Centrelink needs to accompany the application. The concession card must not be expired when applying for SAS.

The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age i.e. students born in 2003 or before are ineligible in 2022.

APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms should not be altered and are to be completed at the school during Term 1 only. If the form is completed prior to the commencement of Term 1 the school must complete the enrolment confirmation section to confirm attendance. (Forms dated by the school prior to

Term 1, 2022 will not be accepted). Please ensure you keep a photocopy of the signed form for school records.

LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications will only be accepted in extenuating circumstances and must be accompanied with a written explanation.

Eligible interstate or overseas students who are enrolled after first term may apply for the allowance. Date of enrolment must be noted on the application.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Schools will receive the Educational Program Allowance of \$235 for Secondary Assistance recipients. For students in Years 7 to 10 the Allowance will be paid directly to the school and in the first instance, will be applied towards the voluntary contribution. Any balance will be applied against charges or as negotiated with the parent/guardian. For students in Years 11 to 12 the Allowance will be applied to cover charges, in the first instance.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

The clothing allowance of \$115 will be paid to the parent/guardian unless indicated on the application form that you wish it to be paid to the school. If payment to the parent/guardian is requested, the payment will be deposited into the parent/guardian bank account. It can take between 8 to 12 weeks to receive this payment.

PROCESSING OF PAYMENTS

Once the form is completed by the parent/guardian, the school will forward either the electronic file (via email) to the Financial Planning and Resourcing Directorate for processing whilst retaining the **original application form at the school** or if completing applications manually, forward the **original application forms** retaining a photocopy for the school records.

If you change any of your details supplied on the application form, please notify us as soon as possible on 9264 4516.

We will endeavour to have all clothing payments made to the parent/guardian by 27 May 2022.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Financial Planning and Resourcing Directorate
Department of Education
151 Royal Street
EAST PERTH WA 6004

Telephone: (08) 9264 4516

E-mail: student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au



APPLICATIONS CLOSE

FRIDAY 8 APRIL 2022

- Valid to claim with Parent/Guardian card only. Student cannot claim with own card if living with parent(s)
Not eligible if student born in 2003 or before.
If living as an independent student, letter of proof from Centrelink must be provided.
Please retain a copy of the application form at the school
The Education Program Allowance (EPA) of \$235 for students in Years 7 to 10 will be paid to the school and will be applied towards the voluntary contribution. Any balance will be applied against charges or as negotiated with the parent/guardian. For students in Years 11 to 12 the EPA will be applied to cover charges in the first instance.

SCHOOL NAME (Please use school stamp including phone number if possible) SCHOOL CODE

PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS
SURNAME/FAMILY NAME FIRST NAME
STREET ADDRESS (EG: 15 Jones Road) SUBURB POSTCODE
CONTACT PHONE No. E-MAIL

PARENT/GUARDIAN SERVICES AUSTRALIA (CENTRELINK) CONCESSION CARD DETAILS

Centrelink Health Care Card (Family Card only NOT Student card)
Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card (Blue card only - expires Dec 2022)
CARD No. (CRN OF PARENT/GUARDIAN):
START DATE ON CARD:
CARD EXPIRY Date:

STUDENT DETAILS INDEPENDENT STUDENT (Attach letter from Centrelink)

SURNAME/FAMILY NAME FIRST NAME DATE OF BIRTH YEAR LEVEL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE TO BE PAID TO (tick)
SCHOOL PARENT
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BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (Complete only if clothing allowance to be paid to parent)
Payments will only be made by EFT - Please write clearly

Name of Account Holder(s):
BSB Number: (6 digits) Account Number: (up to 9 digits)

PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION

- I have not claimed nor do I intend to claim the ABSTUDY School Fees Allowance in 2022 for any of these children.
I have not claimed this allowance for any of these children at another school in Western Australia in 2022.
I authorise Centrelink to verify my current benefit status and other pertinent details to gain this entitlement.
I DECLARE THE ABOVE TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT AND AM AWARE THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO PROVIDE FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: DATE:

WITNESS DECLARATION (Concession card and application must be sighted and witnessed at attending school by a Department Officer)

I have sighted the claimant's card and confirm the details provided are correct.

PRINT NAME OF WITNESS WITNESS SIGNATURE POSITION HELD DATE

If the form is completed and dated prior to the start of Term 1 complete the commencement confirmation below (tick box and enter current date).

I confirm that the above student(s) has/have commenced at this school in Term 1, 2022 DATE:



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Collect eligible containers

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible.

Take them to a refund point

There are different types of refund points across Western Australia, so find the right one for you.

Earn a refund or donate to York DHS P&C Scheme ID C10467214

You'll receive 10 cents for every eligible container you return which you can keep or donate.

YDHS P&C C10467214



York DHS P&C Scheme ID



ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

C10467214

Bag drops

Bags of containers can be dropped off at various locations as a convenient and contact free way to recycle and receive refunds via your scheme ID.

Donate your containers

Simply quote your chosen group's scheme ID at your local refund point to donate your containers.