



## YORK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER – 2022

### From the Principal

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Kaya everyone,

A very busy start to the year continues, and has been highlighted by outstanding displays of Respect, Ownership, Courage, and Kindness from our students, staff and community. The ongoing challenges that COVID-19 is presenting our School and State have emphasised the importance of living our school values and meeting our priorities Cultures of Success, Improvement and Community. It is through our values and in meeting these priorities that we will overcome the hardships we are enduring and have success for all our students.

This week saw our first positive COVID-19 cases at school, and I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we worked through evolving Health Department advice, and sought to provide clear and effective communication with our community. In particular, thank you to the staff, students and carers of those in Room 23, 14 and 16. Your bravery and calmness allowed us to act quickly and safely to ensure Government protocols were in place.

I encourage everyone to sign-up to our new parent portal Compass and turn-on your push notifications to ensure that you receive the most up-to-date and relevant information pertaining to your children and our school. For the most accurate information pertaining to COVID-19, please contact WA Health on 1300 316 555

Congratulations to those students who competed in our Faction Swimming Carnival. It was fantastic to see Faction spirit thriving, even in the absence of spectators.

I would also like to congratulate our newly appointment Youth Parliament. I am joined by our community in eagerly awaiting the contributions you will make to our school as representatives of the student voice.

***Mr Trent Lockyer***  
***Principal***



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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.*

- 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Mar - Harmony Week
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – OLNA Catchups (Yr 10)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Harmony Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Interschool Swimming Carnival @Beverley
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mar – Yr 7-10 Immunisations
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – National Ride 2 School Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> Apr – Last Day of Term 1**



**R** We are RESPECTFUL

**O** We OWN our Behaviour

**C** We are COURAGEOUS

**K** We are KIND

@ **Y**ork District High School







# York DHS Honour Roll & Award Recipients

***We congratulate the following award recipients***

## **Primary Certificates of Recognition**

Philip Clinch	Grace Emin	Nathan Jones	Tayla Pyke	Benjamin Davies
Jesse Megee	Chastelle Donovan	Marni Wallace	Willow Bishop	Colton Harris
Jessinta Ryan	Luke Hewett	Lacey Wallace	Olive Kainuka	Ben Robins
Katie Spencer	Chayce Miller	Tyler Guelfi	Ameila Higgins	Joshua Jacobson
Sadie Draper	Ada Chatfield	Barlow Connor	Jax McNaboe	Max Harris
Olivia Johnson	Gabrielle Auld			

## **Secondary Certificates of Recognition**

Megan Skinner	Imari Connor	Tahlia King	Lochlan Dass
Eliza Clare	Zoe Richardson	Myah Day	Lincoln Montgomery





## Culture of Success



## Faction Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> York DHS held its first Faction Carnival of 2022, with Swimming taking centre stage. Although COVID-19 restrictions prohibited open parent and family spectators, our Faction Colours Day the week prior helped set the stage for a high-spirited event. Congratulations to the following students who achieved Champion Boy/Girl Awards: Phoebe Wherrett (Yr 3), William Devlin (Yr 3), Annabelle Springbett (Yr 4), Zac Draper (Yr 4), Karis Rous (Yr 5), Fergus Devlin (Yr 5), Sadie Draper (Yr 6), Lincoln May (Yr 6), Kayla Wall (Yr 7), Taj Henning-Edwards (Yr 7), Holly Lewis (Yr 8), Lachlan Wall (Yr 8), Emily Atkins (Yr 9), Oliver May (Yr 9), Emily Galbraith (Yr 10), and Riley Schiller (Yr 10).

Results of the Faction Shield:

- 4. Dale (182 points)**
- 3. Talbot (256 points)**
- 2. Mackie (260 points)**
- 1. Avon (324 points)**

Congratulations to Avon! We would also like to thank all our staff, support personnel and the York Swimming Club for their on-going support. Particularly with the challenges faced whilst navigating the changing Health Guidelines. To parents and family members who couldn't be there to support on the day, thank you for your understanding, and we hope to have everyone back and cheering for students and Factions as soon as possible.

## York Tennis Stars

Congratulations to Sadie, Amelia, Matthew, Joe and Zac who represented York DHS at the Central Districts Academy Plate Tennis Competition in Beverley on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Our team came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and are to be commended for their skill and sportsmanship. It was fantastic to hear each of our competitors displayed our ROCKY values.

## OLNA

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who have been 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.



## Outdoor Learning

Following the Mask Mandates being introduced for many school aged children, our classrooms have been taking advantage of conducive weather and taking their learning outdoors. It has been wonderful to see staff come together to improve challenging circumstances for students and create open and engaging spaces within our beautiful school grounds. We would also like to thank our wider community for their support and positivity towards our staff's approaches. After sharing a lovely moment from Room 14's outdoor activities on our school Facebook page, we recorded over 27,000 engagements, all of which were positive in nature. These also included recognition of this simple but significant idea from groups such as Educated by Nature, Outdoor Classroom Day Australia, and What's On 4 Kids.

## Youth Parliament Reps

York District High School is proud to continue its School Leadership program this year. This program is aimed at increasing student participation and leadership within our school. It provides our school with opportunities to further develop, encourage and recognise students who are our School Leaders. Congratulations to the below students, who as members of Youth Parliament now carry duties such as; participation in ceremonial occasions, twice per term meetings to discuss student based issues, organising social functions and coordinating fundraising within the school and wider community.

Congratulation to: Emily Galbraith (School Captain), Lochlan Dass (School Captain), Lana Wheeler, Emma Hannington, Myah Day, Bella Theodosiou, Mikayla Tubb, John Donovan, Emily Daly, Lily Marwick, Mariah Begley, Marni Wallace, Mikayla Tubb (Aboriginal Student Rep), and Ashanti Slater (Aboriginal Student Rep).

## Spelling Bee

Mrs Richardson has created an open Spelling Competition through Education Perfect that has sparked the interest of many of our students. So far, 55 students have taken up the challenge to improve their literacy skills. Currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the achievement chart is John Donovan with 481 correct words, Robert Macey is 2<sup>nd</sup> with 541, and in 1<sup>st</sup> is Luke Hooper with 915!



## Culture of Improvement







## Culture of Community



## Compass

Our new online parent portal, Compass is now available! Emails have been sent to all parent/carers with username and password information.

Compass is an online portal that allows you to access up-to-date information about our school and, crucially, your child's progress. The portal is accessible via the web and the Compass School Manager App (available for download via the App store on your device).

We are excited to offer Compass to you as the next step in becoming a more connected, transparent, and efficient community. It is our hope that Compass will become a crucial tool for parents and staff to achieve the Cultures of Success, Improvement and Community that we strive for here at York DHS.

## Positive Behaviour Support & Be You

Week 7 of this term is Harmony Week and Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> is National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This year's theme is: Kindness Culture - it starts with you. To align with this theme, the Be You Team have put together a Be Kind Like Rocky competition, encouraging children to record acts of kindness. The competition starts on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and closes on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. A copy of the Be Kind Like Rocky competition has been shared with classroom teachers and is also available through Compass.

On Thursday, the March 10<sup>th</sup>, Nicole Creed and Rochelle Hooper ran some professional development for staff on Smiling Mind. Smiling Mind is the preventative mental health space and takes a technology-based approach to supporting good mental health through mindfulness practises. Skills which can be used now and throughout life. The staff learnt about what mindfulness is, learnt how mindfulness can assist with dealing with teacher or student stressors and explored the Smiling Mind free app. The Be You Team is looking at how we can offer more professional development in this space for staff, parents, and carers. In the meantime, if you would like more information about Smiling Mind, please contact Nicole Creed (Mental Health Coordinator), or Rochelle Hooper (Be You Team Member).





## 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.

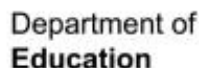
## FURTHER INFORMATION

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](mailto:student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au)





**\$115 Clothing Allowance** Paid to parent or school  
**\$235 Education Program Allowance** Paid to school

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## 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 <i>(Please use school stamp including phone number if possible)</i>	SCHOOL CODE

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

☐ Centrelink Health Care Card (Family Card only NOT Student card) ☐ Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card ☐ Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card (Blue card only – expires Dec 2022)

(as per Centrelink Card)

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START DATE ON CARD:

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**CARD**  
**EXPIRY Date:**

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☐ **INDEPENDENT STUDENT** (Attach letter from Centrelink)

SURNAME/FAMILY NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	YEAR LEVEL	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE TO BE PAID TO (tick)
				<input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT
				<input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT
				<input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT

*Payments will only be made by EFT – Please write clearly*

Name of Account Holder(s):

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**BSB Number:** (6 digits)

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**Account Number:** (up to 9 digits)

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### 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
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***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: \_\_\_\_\_





# ARE YOU A CHANGE MAKER?

**YOU CAN DONATE YOUR CANS TO YORK DHS P&C**

**IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3...**

**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.