



YORK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER – 2022

From the Principal

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Kaya everyone,

I would like to begin by thanking our staff, students, and community for their on-going support as we continue to manage the ever-changing challenges that the COVID-19 Pandemic has brought our way. Our Administration team have been working through significant absences in recent weeks and continue to oversee an incredibly busy start to Term 2. If you have been impacted in any way by possible delays or changes made necessary by these absences, I thank you for your patience and understanding.

Our Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students are currently completing NAPLAN assessments and we wish them all the best. The data collected from NAPLAN will assist us with our future planning and strategic direction.

A huge thank you to all our staff and students for their efforts and respect during our recent ANZAC ceremony. Special mention must be made of the members of our Emergency Services Cadet Corps that represented us at the RSL ceremony on Monday 25th of April. It was humbling to see such a large group of students take the time to pay respect to our service men and women. It was uplifting to hold our first Whole School Assembly this year on Friday May 6 and see parents/carers able to share in our students **success**.

We would appreciate the support of all parents/carers to frequently remind students of road safe practices when walking or riding to school. We are frequently being informed of students that are engaging in unsafe behaviours whilst commuting to and from school, that places themselves and community members at risk. Student safety is our primary concern and your ongoing support in this matter is also greatly appreciated.

We farewell Miss Maria Christou (HPE teacher) who has been presented with an opportunity to move closer to home. We thank Miss Christou for her service to our school and wish her all the best for the future.

Best of luck to those students who still have NAPLAN testing ahead of them. Remember to remain calm, show **courage** and give your best **effort**. The same is true for our Year 7 and 8 students attending Cadet Camp at Ern Halliday next week, and to all students competing in the upcoming Faction Cross Country Carnival.

Mr Trent Lockyer
Principal





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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.*

- 13th May – Faction Colours Day
- 13th May – Primary & Secondary Assemblies
- 16th – 27th May – NAPLAN Testing
- 16th – 18th May – Cadet Camp- Ern Halliday
- 19th May – Year 7-10 Immunisations
- 20th May – Faction Cross Country
- 20th May – Walk to School Safely
- 1st June – School Photos
- 2nd June – 65 Roses Day
- 2nd June – Interschool Cross Country



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

Term 1 - Certificates of Excellence

8th April

Noah Theedom	Lochlan Dass	Claire Wheeler	Trinity Luelf	Warky Ugle
Alexandra Coates	Mackenzie Rous	Sadie Draper	Kaylia Begley	Myah Day
Jessica Harris	Imari Connor	Lincoln May	Hope Lawrence	Keira Chitty
Phoebe Wherrett	Ivy Madigan	Carter Cochrane	Ada Chatfield	



ADF & Combined Uni Expo

During Week 10 in Term 1 our Year 10 students had the opportunity to begin to consider the next phases of their life and learning journey as they engaged in a Combined University Exhibition and a presentation from the Australian Defence Force.

The Combined Uni Expo happened virtually this year, as students heard from representatives of Murdoch, Curtin, UWA and Edith Cowan University. Our students were presented with a taste of Uni life, including available pathways, courses accommodations, social and professional opportunities.

We were fortunate enough to have the Australian Army and Navy on site to deliver their presentation, outlining a variety of work opportunities, skills, and leadership development available to them in the ADF. Our students engaged and asked questions about work, education, and lifestyle opportunities.

Culture of Success



Cadet Squad Challenge

We would like to thank York Quality Butchers for their support in donating a highly sort after Sausage Sizzle Prize Lunch to the Term 1 winners of our Cadet Squad Challenge.

Cadet Corps Unit Leader Ms Bell described the Squad Challenge as a fantastic addition to our weekly Squad activities, and thanked students and instructors for a successful Term 1.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN assessments are currently underway for our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

We wish all students undertaking the assessments this year **success**. Give your best effort! #ROCKY



Paint York REaD Nin Turns 4

York's favourite echidna 'Nin', of Paint York REaD turned 4 this year. The not for profit, volunteer run organisation encouraging everyone to read, talk and sing with children, had several Birthday Book Trails around town, including right here at school!

This year there were a number of special guest readers, with some wonderful stories to tell, at different locations around the school. Students had a brilliant time dressed in REaD and solving the literary riddles to find their next REaDer!

Tomorrow Man and Woman

Tomorrow Man & Woman returned to York District High School for their second year on Wednesday May 4th. This time, thanks to additional community support, we were able to offer these powerful experiences to both Year 9 and 10s.

This entry level experiential workshop disrupts old-school gender stereotypes and redefines a more positive vision to live by. Our male and female team of facilitators created a safe and non-judgemental environment to build emotional muscle, practicing the capacity to talk with gravity, about things with weight and depth and emotional intensity.

Our students left the rooms with strengthened resilience, self-confidence, and connectedness to their peer group.

Both workshops had different experiences but there has been powerful common feedback. "I didn't know my peers as well as I thought I did", "I'm not alone in the way I'm feeling", and "I'm surrounded by people with the capacity to be brave".

The programs align with our Be You mental health initiative, and we are hopeful that with the continued support of the community, we can continue to offer these powerful and highly relevant workshops.

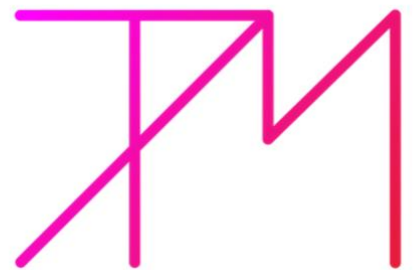
Thank you to participating staff and student for making the most of this opportunity.



Culture of Improvement



TOMORROW
WOMAN



TOMORROW
MAN



Culture of Community



ANZAC Ceremonies

We were very grateful that our ANZAC Ceremonies have been able to proceed without significant COVID impact this year. The Shire of York RSL ANZAC March and Ceremony is always a highlight of the year for participating York District High School Cadets. Cadets, Instructors, and our School Captains took part in this year's March and Ceremony, laying wreaths at the Railway Street War Memorial and delivering speeches on behalf of the school.

Our own ANZAC Ceremony took place on Friday April 29, which is another highlight on our calendar. Our Cadets participated in the annual ANZAC Cadet Parade and paid their respects to Service men and women past and present. We would like to thank Shire President Denese Smythe, RSL President Kevin Trent, and School Board Chair Graeme Allen for laying wreaths on behalf of their community groups. The ceremony was accentuated by a moving speech and poem by School Captain Emily Galbraith and uplifting performance from our School Choir.

P+C Easter Raffle & Mother's Day Stall

We would like to thank our Parents and Community group for their continued support after putting on another fantastic Easter Raffle and Mother's Day Stall in recent weeks. Even with COVID impacting some members ability to participate, our P&C were able to rally additional support from our community and deliver amazing Easter Prizes and beautiful gifts for our students to purchase for the Mother figures in their lives.

Congratulations to the students who were lucky enough to take home the fantastic Easter Hamper prizes, and we very much enjoyed seeing the photos and comments from happy Mothers who received gifts from their kids. If you'd like to be a part of our P&C please visit their Facebook page or contact P&C President Natalie Ullrich.



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.

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York DHS P&C Scheme ID



ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

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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.