

YORK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER – 2022

From the Principal

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Kaya everyone,

As we conclude the final week of Term 3, we look back to reflect on what has been a very busy term with a multitude of success to celebrate.

Year 9 & 10 Cadets had an incredible experience on camp in Kalbarri. You may have followed updates about their action-packed camp on our school Facebook page. The students embraced the challenges that camp presented head-on and they ought to be proud of their courage, effort, and innovation as we are. Thanks to Ms Kim Bell – Unit Leader and all Cadet Instructors for their time and efforts to give our students such a wonderful opportunity.

York DHS fielded four teams at Country Week and all students represented our school and town superbly and I am very proud of all of them. Students embodied all of Rocky's values throughout all of the week's activities and games. Even though it was a reduced schedule of events due to the day of mourning for Her Majesty the Queen, our students made the most of the opportunity to compete against other students from similar contexts. Thank you to Mr Nathan Mills for his organisation of the event and the staff and volunteers for giving up time with their families and made the event possible. Both ESCC camp and Country Week are some more examples of the dedication demonstrated by our highly passionate staff.

Term 4 is a period of transition for many of our students. The Prindy (Pre-Kindy) program will begin, with our soon-to-be newest members of the York DHS community enjoying activities to introduce them to the school experience. We wish the best of luck to all students as they progress through the various phases of transition. Our thanks to Kylie Wherrett for her efforts and coordination.

This newsletter is a celebration of Be You day. Watching our students and staff actively participate in their mental well-being filled my cup of happiness. Thank you to all students, staff, families, and the community for making Be You day so successful. A special shout out to the Be You team for another great day to reward your hard work.

I wish everyone an enjoyable holiday break and look forward to our students safe return on Tuesday 11 October.



Mr Trent Lockyer
Principal





York District High School

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.*

19th -23rd Sep – Country Week

23rd Sep – Last Day of Term 3

10th Oct – Student Free Day
(School Development)

11th Oct – Students Commence Term 4

11th-14th Oct – Be You Week

12th Oct – Whole School Assembly (am)

13th Oct – Free Style Now Incursion

14th Oct – Be You Day



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We are COURAGEOUS

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Faction Athletics Carnival

Runners Up Champions & Champions

Year Level	Runner Up	Champion
Pre-Primary	Cooper-Lee Gore, David Ellis, Benjamin Davies	Jaxon Powell
	Charlotte Jones	Riley Guadagnin
Year 1	Nathan Jones	Michael Davies
	Grace Emin	Mackenzie Rous
Year 2	RJ Marshall	George Boyle
	Mia Nicholson	Alanie Metcalf
Year 3	Jake Chitty & Isaac May	William Devlin
	Sophie Rous	Lottie Monger
Year 4	Hamish Marwick	Jayden Metcalf
	Keira Chitty	Annabelle Springbett
Year 5	Joe Boyle	Matthew Ashworth
	Sienna Darr	Karis Rous
Year 6	Garyn Luelf, Levi Taylor	Lincoln May
	Etonche van Emmerloot	Katie Spencer
Year 7	Nate Atkins	John Donovan
	Kayla Wall	Hayley Cox
Year 8	Charlie Daly	Logan Szymanski
	Grace Allen	Eliza Clare
Year 9	Robert Macey	Scott Lindridge
	Emily Atkins	Addison Mayes
Year 10	Lochlan Dass	Declan Dudley
	Anniskai van Emmerloot	Emily Galbraith



Culture of Success



Interschool Athletics

On September 7th and 9th qualified students represented York DHS in Blue and Gold at the Primary and Secondary Interschool Athletics. We have achieved tremendous **success** this year, winning 3 of the 4 available shields! We also enjoyed significant individual student achievements, breaking many Interschool records and bringing back many Runner Up and Champion medals!

Due to poor weather, we were unable to host the Primary Interschool Carnival at York as planned. We would like to thank Beverley for their support in allowing us to host the event at their Town Oval.

These events are a huge undertaking, and whilst we could not be prouder of all our student success, we would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our HPE staff who worked tirelessly to ensure the events took place as smoothly as possible. All three of our priority cultures were on display throughout this Athletics season; the **success** of the students; the **improvement** to our formatting; and the strength of our **community**!

Primary Assembly

On Friday the 9th of September, it was Room 20's turn to host the Primary assembly. We have been reading and working with a lot of Julia Donaldson's books this year, so it was an easy choice when it came to deciding what we would present as an item...The Gruffalo! The Year One students acted out the first part of the story and concluded the act with a song about the knobbly kneed creature with the turned-out toes! The performance even starred two very scary (cute) Gruffalos that danced throughout the audience! All students did a fantastic job remembering their lines and acting the part. We were then thrilled to invite friends and family back to our room for our Gruffalo inspired morning tea. Room 20 would like to thank all our parents and carers for the support and contributions to our bia morningna!

R U OK Day?

On Thursday 8th of September, York District High School celebrated R U Ok? Day. The day consisted of lots of yellow being worn, a drone photo, prizes for best dressed, positive post-it notes, R U Ok packs and cupcakes for staff and most importantly, lots of conversation about R U Ok? and how to check in with one another. The day involved teaching the skills empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and start a conversation with those in their world who may be struggling. It was great to see and hear lots of different ideas the children had about how they could ask someone how they are going and keep the conversation going from there.

9/10 Cadet Camp

"The best thing about Kalbarri Camp was abseiling! We did three distances, the 25 meter drop was the most scary and the 35 meter drop was the most fun, because I could just dangle there in mid-air! I found the horse riding the most challenging because I'm not a big fan of horses, but everyone encouraged me so I did it. I made new friends while we were away and became a lot close with the people in my year. During our down time we played volleyball every night and became really good friends with new people. I can't wait to go back next year and get to do all the Year 10 activities!"

- Alex Coates (Year 9)

"Abseiling was my favourite activity on camp. I think the heights terrified some people but I loved it! I enjoyed the 25 meter drop the most because you needed to jump the rocks to make it down. I also loved going fishing, and I was one of a few that caught something. The journey to and from was probably the most challenging part as our bus had some issues. The experience really made me look forward to the rest of the year. I want to make the most of my time left here at York. I really don't want to leave yet."

- Noah Theedom (Year 10)



Culture of Improvement



Father's Day

On August 31st and September 1st our wonderful P&C coordinated the annual Father's Day stall. This year the stall was located in our Innovation Learning Centre, and as always contained some fantastic offerings as a result of generous **community** donations. We are very gratefully to our P&C members who made this stall possible, and to the students who purchased a gift for the special bloke in their lives.

Throughout the week, some Primary classes also hosted special events for the magnificent males in our **community**. Room 20 put on an outstanding Donuts for Dads and Dudes event. It was so special to see our classrooms full and active with students so eager to show-off where they love to learn. It was a warm and fuzzy for the belly and the heart!

The York Show

The York Agricultural Society was founded in 1840 in York, Western Australia's first inland town. In its formative years, the York Agricultural Society was instrumental in the establishment of the local community, infrastructure and agriculture following the settlement of the York in 1830s. An annual fair was established for the purpose of the sale and show of stock and wool to encourage improvement in the breed of sheep and other stock.

These days the York Agricultural Society primary focus is the annual York Agricultural Show held on the first Saturday of September each year as a celebration of all things agricultural and the York community, including outstanding student showpieces.

Our thanks to all staff and students that contributed to the shows 175th Anniversary, especially to our Choir, Rock Band and the ever dedicated Ms Bell for their fantastic performances in challenging weather conditions! Our school values and priorities were centre stage at the show!

Culture of Community





THE FACTS ABOUT VAPING



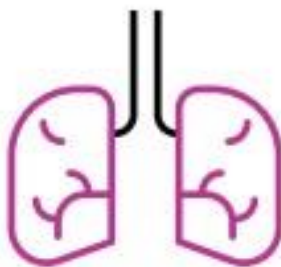
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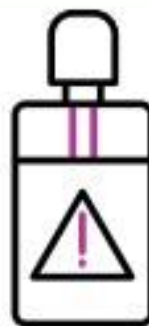
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cigarettes



Young people who
vape are **3 times**
as likely to take
up smoking



Vaping has
been linked to
**serious lung
disease**



Vape aerosol
**is not
water vapour**



Vapes can contain
the same **harmful
chemicals** found in
cleaning products, nail
polish remover, weed
killer and bug spray.

The biggest misunderstanding about vapes is that they are harmless compared to cigarettes. This is not true. Vapes are not safe.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'RE VAPING?

If you need support, speak with your teacher or student services staff.



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.