



YORK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER – 2023

From the Principal

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Kaya everyone,

The 2023 academic year is underway and we, at York District High School, are continuing to strive to inspire a relentless pursuit of excellence (**SUCCESS**), a love of learning (**IMPROVEMENT**) and resilience through connection (**COMMUNITY**). Staff have already engaged in intensive Development Days to refine and reinforce our commitment to ensuring our teaching, learning and daily practices maintain high standards to support students whilst they plan to succeed and persevere to attain their goals. Our team is committed to ensuring high expectations and high care for the success of all students.

Students returned from their summer break energised and enthusiastic, which has been outstanding to see. Our community’s understanding of our ROCKY values continues to grow year-on-year, with a record number of students being acknowledged for showing **R**espect, **O**wning their behaviour, being **C**ourageous and **K**ind. I commend our PBS team for their on-going commitment to improving our social culture, learning, and teaching environments. I am very excited to see PBS and Rocky’s influence continue to evolve this year.

As a school we have committed, through our Business Plan, to provide quality teaching and supportive learning environments; maximise learning outcomes through distributed leadership and a culture of personal growth and accountability; and continue to nurture relationships and partnerships with all stakeholders to provide improved outcomes and opportunities for our community. To do this we will continue to need your support. Our staff, students, parents, and community are all crucial to our success in 2023, and I thank you for being part of our journey together.

*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 Government of Western Australia.*

Feb 15th – Choir Auditions

Feb 17th – Primary (AM) & Secondary (PM) Assemblies

Feb 17th – Faction Colours Day

Feb 22nd – K-10 Open Night (5PM) & Family BBQ (6PM)

Feb 22nd – Swimming Notes & Event Nomination Due

Mar 1st – Choir Commences

Mar 3rd – Faction Swimming Carnival

Mar 6th – Labour Day (No School)

Mar 10th – Primary Assembly

Mar 10th – P&C Colour Run



R We are RESPECTFUL

O We OWN our Behaviour

C We are COURAGEOUS

K We are KIND

@ **Y**ork District High School





York District High School 2022 Sponsors



We thank and acknowledge the following families, businesses and community groups for their generous contribution towards the success of our 2022 Awards Ceremonies and support of our school.

Australian Defence Force

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Shire of York

York Football Club

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Yeing Family

York Child Care Centre

York Men's Shed

York Quality Butchers

York RSL Sub-Branch

York Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Inc

York Agricultural Society York and Districts Co-operative Ltd



School Captains

Hello, my name is Emily Astle and I am proud to be one of your School Captains for 2023. I nominated for the position with the encouragement of my peers and am excited for the opportunity to learn new skills as a leader. I hope to be someone all York DHS students can look to for support and in some way influence their personal successes. Good luck everyone for 2023!

Emily Astle

Hi everyone, my name is Scott Lindridge, one of your School Captains for 2023. To be honest, I was hesitant to put myself forward for this role, but my peers and some staff members were persistent, encouraging me to be brave. Now that I'm here, I'm excited for what the role will bring and thankful for everyone's support. My main goal for this year is to leave York DHS a better place. I hope I can inspire someone, in some way, to achieve their goals.

Scott Lindridge

Culture of Success



School Board

We are seeking nominations for people wishing to be part of our School Board. The Board is formed with the fundamental purpose of enabling parents and members of the community to engage in activities that are in the best interests of students and will enhance the education provided by the school.

Our School Board meets twice a term and is made up of parents, School Captains, staff and community members. If you have any queries relating to the functions of the Board or wish to nominate to be a member, please either email york.dhs@education.wa.edu.au or phone 9641 3100

Parents & Community

The York District High School P&C are seeking new members to support student success. The AGM will be held Friday 17th Feb (3.30PM) at the York Rec Centre. The P&C supports key projects as well as fundamental operations such as our Uniform Shop and Canteen.

We also welcome our new Canteen Manager, Ami Hannington, and thank her for the outstanding start to 2023. Ms Hannington will play a crucial role in our school's future success.



Compass

Compass is York District High School's online portal. The place for students and parents to access up-to-date information about our school and your child's progress.

Currently York DHS uses Compass to:

- track and manage attendance
- track and communicate positive and negative student behaviour
- communicate key messages and information
- store and interact with classroom programs and resources
- monitor homework and assessment tasks *(still rolling out)*

This term we have issued sign-in emails to our active parents that have yet to log-in to Compass. If you did not receive log-in information but believe you should have, or experience any issues, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Gregory on 9641 3100.

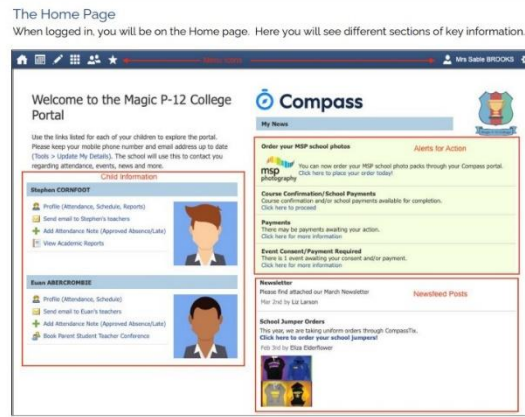
On-Entry Testing

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.



Alerts - These are clickable notifications of items that require your action.

Newsfeed - These are posts made by the school to communicate school information to you. You can scroll through any available posts and they will remain accessible for as long as the school has determined. They will generally display with the most recently dated post at the top however, posts set as 'Priority' by the school will show first regardless of the date.

Child Information - You will see each child you have at the school listed and clickable items that give you further details ie clicking 'View Academic Reports' will take you to your child's available reports

Menu options - Across the top of the screen you will see a series of icons that open up menus for additional information you may require to access from time to time ie. access to placing a canteen order, access to viewing upcoming event information etc.

Culture of Improvement





Culture of Community



School Fees

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 Number 119873545
Ensure you include child's name & school year. For *Secondary Contribution Assistance* see the form attached to this Newsletter

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.

Any students arriving late and leaving early must attend the Front Office Administration building to be signed-in or out via our Compass Kiosk and notify our Administration team.

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 student 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.

Student Leadership

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. Nominations closed last Friday, and we're pleased to note a large increase in the number of student nominations across the school. Successful nominees will be announced within the week.

We	R	O	C	K
 	<p>We are <u>Respectful</u></p> <p>Respectful people are polite, they listen and make positive choices. They show regard for others, themselves, property and the environment.</p>	<p>We <u>Own</u> our behaviour</p> <p>People who own their behaviour are accountable for their actions by following procedures, acting safely and showing initiative.</p>	<p>We are <u>Courageous</u></p> <p>Being courageous is the ability to make positive choices in the face of challenges and being brave even though the outcome is uncertain.</p>	<p>We are <u>Kind</u></p> <p>Being kind means that through your actions you show genuine empathy and consideration for others.</p>
All of the time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We actively listen and follow all instructions. • We are polite and use our manners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We make positive choices and are accountable. • We are honest and act with integrity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We challenge ourselves to be our best. • We seek help when needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are helpful and considerate. • We accept and respect differences.
Learning Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We listen to people when they are talking and wait for our turn. ❖ We use appropriate school language. ❖ We show regard for everyone's belongings and school resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We are accountable for our own learning and behaviour. ❖ We use technology appropriately. ❖ We give everyone the opportunity to participate and learn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We persist in the face of challenges. ❖ We seek feedback to improve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We help and include others. ❖ We show patience and compassion when people are learning new things.
School Grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We speak to and about others appropriately. ❖ We wear our school uniform with pride. ❖ We show regard for equipment and the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We model appropriate behaviours. ❖ We make safe choices. ❖ We use school facilities appropriately. ❖ We play by the agreed rules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We report unsafe behaviour to staff. ❖ We use strategies to positively support someone who is being bullied. ❖ We engage in educational opportunities and challenges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We resolve problems through thoughtful words and actions, seeking further help if needed. ❖ We welcome new people and visitors to our school.
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We speak appropriately to all people in our community. ❖ We follow the expectations of different environments. ❖ We are considerate of personal space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We are positive advocates and role models for our school. ❖ We follow all road rules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We are active citizens who contribute positively to our community where possible. ❖ We take pride in our community, school and self. ❖ We speak up for our safety and the safety of others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We show consideration for the thoughts, feelings and opinions of others. ❖ We care for ourselves and community members. ❖ We celebrate and encourage the success of all school community members.



FACTION COLOURS DAY

Staff and Students - please
come dressed in your
faction colours on.....



**FRIDAY
17TH FEBRUARY**



**PRIZES
TO BE
WON**



Secondary Assistance Scheme 2023

Assistance in the form of payments of school contributions and uniform allowance is available for parents and legal guardians who hold one of the following cards.

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

The level of assistance is:

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10	\$235 (paid directly to school)
Clothing Allowance	\$115 (paid directly to parent/guardian)

Applications for this allowance **close on Thursday 6th April 2023** and no application after this date will be processed.

If you qualify for these allowances, apply immediately to the school Manager of Corporate Services.



Department of Education

Department of Health

THE FACTS ABOUT VAPING



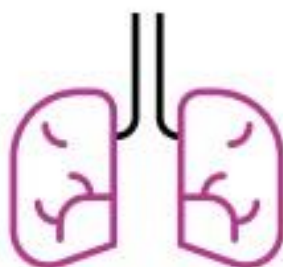
Many vapes contain nicotine making them **very addictive**



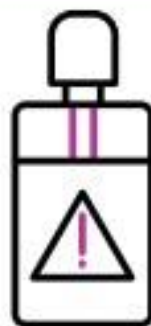
The nicotine in 1 vape can **= 50 cigarettes**



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.

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.