



YORK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER – 2023

From the Principal

May | 2023

Kaya everyone,

It has been a very busy start to the term, and it has been fantastic to see our students rise to the challenges put in front of them. Our Year 10s have completed their first round of Online Literacy Numeracy Assessments, this is following on from our Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students completing their NAPLAN tests late in Term 1.

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 Tuesday 25th of April. It was humbling to see a group of cadets and instructors take the time to pay **respect** to our service men and women. It was uplifting to host our own service on Friday 28 April with all our staff, students and invited guests paying tribute to those that have fallen.

A friendly reminder to all parents/carers to please utilise the designated carparks when dropping off or collecting your children. Please do not enter the Bus Bay or the Rec Centre carpark along Forrest St and Ulster Rd. We also have 2 designated "Kiss and Drop" zones, 1 in the school carpark and 1 in the carpark opposite the manned crosswalk. These areas are for the specific purpose of dropping off your children and leaving immediately. If anyone needs to accompany children on to school grounds, please park your car in a designated carpark and leave this area clear. Your support in these matters is greatly appreciated and will help ensure the safety of everyone during the busiest time of the day.

We would appreciate the support of all parents/carers to frequently remind students of road safe practices when walking or riding to school. We have seen a great improvement in the use of E-scooters, meaning there is less chance of students placing themselves and community members at risk. Student safety is our primary concern and your ongoing support in this matter is also greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to seeing our students participate in our upcoming Faction Cross Country. We hope to see many parents and supporters here to cheer on our athletes as they try their best and demonstrate school spirit.



*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.*

May 11th – Secondary West Coast Fever Netball Cup

May 12th – Faction Cross Country

May 16th – Year 10 Road Safety Excursion

May 19th – Walk Safely to School Day

May 19th – Year 9/10 Careers Expo Excursion

May 23rd – Immunisations (Yr 7, 10 & Secondary catchups)

May 24th – National Simultaneous Storytime

May 29th – Nin's Birthday Week 'Paint York REaD'

Jun 2nd – PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Development Day

Jun 5th – WA Day Public Holiday



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 Award Winners



*Congratulations to the following students for receiving
Certificates of Excellence
at the end of Term 1 Assembly*

Primary

Margret Olsson

Keira Chitty

Chanelle Hooper

Charlotte Jones

Nathan Jones

Lia Reny

Jovan Dobranic

Ella Saunders

Piper Fairclough

Isabelle Hayes

Phoebe Wherrett

Secondary

Charlie Daly

Eliza Clare

Gabriella Scammell (x2)

Nathan May

Ryley Barclay

Nate Atkins

Jacob Theodom

Lincoln May



Culture of Success



Yr 7/8 Rottneest Cadet Camp

"I had so much fun on the Rottneest Cadet Camp! There were so many amazing activities, our days and nights were jam-packed, but my favourite activity was our bike ride around the island. The ride was created by staff as an amazing race, that meant we needed to solve clues and complete challenges to know our next destination. One of the best spots was Oliver Hill and the tunnel tour where we learnt all about how the island was used during war time.

Nights were also great because the food was amazing and the atmosphere in our dorms was so fun! Throughout the camp I got to mix with people I wouldn't normally hang around with, and I made new friends with the Cadets from Beverley.

Thank you to the staff that took the time to take us to Rottneest and provided us with such amazing opportunities!"

- Matilda Reed (Yr 7 Youth Parliament)

Interschool Swimming

Congratulations to our Interschool Swimming teams for their success at this years carnival. In the Secondary events York Wundig and Wilura placed 3rd and 2nd. Our Primary Wilura team also placed 3rd, and the Wundig team **WON** the Championship Shield, beating Beverley by 2 points! Congratulations to those who achieved individual and team **SUCCESS!**

Pathway Planning

Congratulations to those students that have engaged with our school vision of achieving success, improvement, and community connection for all students, through the various opportunities and assessments so far this year. All students involved in NAPLAN and OLN testing have taken steps along their educational pathway, whilst opportunities such as our onsite University Expo and the upcoming Careers Expo excursion will help shape their pathway choices beyond York DHS.

Rocky Reading

K-6 classes have been continuing our home reading (200 Nights of Reading) initiative. Students are encouraged to read every single night and to record their efforts in their home reading log, with the goal of achieving at least 200 nights of reading in the school year.

It has been wonderful to acknowledge the various milestones so far. Our students particularly love seeing their progress from the 50 to 75 Reading Rocket display window. Numerous students are set to achieve their 100 night milestone in the next week, just in time for the Premier's Reading Challenge and the upcoming Nin's Paint York REaD.



Culture of Improvement

Youth Parliament Update

Youth Parliament have now met several times throughout the year to discuss a range of topics, from how we see our school to the goals we would like to achieve by the end of the year.

Following these meetings, one big project that we are undertaking is Rocky Radio, an audio visual channel driven by student content, to increase engagement from our peers and the community with all the positive things that happen at school. We discussed the long list of achievements and opportunities that happen here every day, but not everyone hears about them. We felt that news and content in short form videos would engage our peers and the community best, with our sample content proving successful.

We have also been proud to play a part in all the whole school activities taking place. In particular, our recent assemblies in which we unveiled our new Interschool teams Wundig and Wilura. We would also like to thank those that played a role in the ANZAC Services this year. We felt privileged to play a part.

Finally, the best of luck to everyone taking part in all of the upcoming events this term, including our sport carnivals and the Kalbarri Camp!





Culture of Community



Harmony Week

Week 10 of last term was Harmony Week, and we would like to thank The Be You team and our AIEOs for their collaboration on the week's activities. Congratulations to all students that submitted entries in the Song & Poster competition. A special thank you to our Canteen Manager Mrs Amy for the wonderful selection of worldly canteen special items enjoyed by so many! The week was highlighted by a Cultural/Orange Free Dress Day. Our congratulations and thanks to thank Ms Macdonald and Mrs O'Brien for their efforts in supporting our school celebration and recognition of our diversity. The week was a SUCCESS and IMPROVED our inclusiveness, RESPECT, and sense of belonging.

ANZAC Ceremonies

Thank you to those staff, students, parents/carers and community members that attended and participated in both the RSL and York DHS ANZAC Service. Thank you to Cadet Corps Unit Leader Ms Bell for her coordination of our Cadets at both ceremonies and for leading our school Choir. These ceremonies continue to play a significant role in developing our students sense of service and **community**.

Constable Care

On Friday May 5th many of our Primary students strengthen their connection with our community through visits from the Wheatbelt District WA Police Force and the team at Constable Care.

Our local Officers offered a fun and interactive reminder of the service the provide to our **community** and the importance of staying safe and following the rules (even though some students ended up in handcuffs!).

The Constable Care Foundation presentations engaged students with subjects including respect, road safety, protective behaviours, and bullying.



PBS Update



Our hard-working PBS Committee have been focusing on the use of procedures around the school. Each fortnight, a different focus is taught explicitly to the primary students in a mini-assembly and in the period before an assembly, primary students are able to show their understanding of the expectations of that procedure and possibly win Rocky for their classroom.

During Weeks 1 & 2, students focused on how to visit the office appropriately. There have been some great examples of how to approach people in the staff, with a particular emphasis on manners and patience. We look forward to seeing which class will win Rocky in our Week 4 assembly hosted by Room 16.



Office Procedure



If you have a red card, immediately and politely interrupt a staff member to get their attention.



1. When opening the door, please let adults enter or leave the office first.
2. Remove your hats and walk quietly into the office.
3. Wait patiently until addressed by a staff member.
4. Greet staff members using 'Mr', 'Mrs' or 'Miss' and their name, using your manners.
5. If waiting, sit quietly on the chairs provided.



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.



COMPASS PBS POINTS – WEEKLY LEADER BOARD



Student Name	PBS Points
Thomas Perry	34
Hazel Reed	29
Tessa Castlemain	29
Sophie Boyle	29
Emily Aistle	27
Sophie Rous	27
Lani Luelf	26
Olivia Johnson	26
Lucas Cooper	26
Phoebe Wherrett	25
Annabella Godin	25
Charlie Wherrett	25
Ebonie Carter	24
Ky Agett	24
Matilda Strahan	23
Philip Clinch	23
Cooper MacKenzie	23
Alexander Kirwan	23
Darcy Nascivera	23
Marni Wallace	23
Libby Welsh	23
Nathan May	22
Jake Chitty	22
Ashleigh Smith	22
Nathan Jones	22
Harper McColl	21
Dakoda Mackay	21
William Devlin	21

School-based Immunisation Program

Free vaccinations at school to protect your child against serious infectious diseases

Each year, immunisation nurses attend secondary schools across WA to provide adolescent immunisations that are recommended under the National Immunisation Program.

Year 7 students

Year 7 students can get the HPV vaccine and a booster dose of the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) vaccine. These protect against whooping cough, genital warts and some cancers.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine schedule change

From 6 February 2023, year 7 students will only require one HPV vaccine to be fully vaccinated. You may have already provided consent for 2 doses of HPV vaccine, however, once your child receives one dose, they will not need any further doses.

Year 10 students

Year 10 students can get the meningococcal ACWY vaccine to protect against 4 strains of the disease. Meningococcal spreads easily and older teenagers have some of the highest rates of infection.

How to consent

Parents/guardians must complete the form to consent (or decline) vaccination:

- via VaccinateWA (<https://vaccinatewa.health.wa.gov.au>)
- by filling out the hard copy form from school
or
- by printing a copy from the HealthyWA website.

For more information visit the HealthyWA website:

<https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/schoolimmunisations>



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Department of Health

THE FACTS ABOUT VAPING



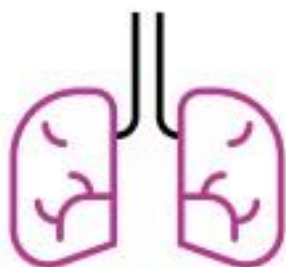
Many vapes contain nicotine making them **very addictive**



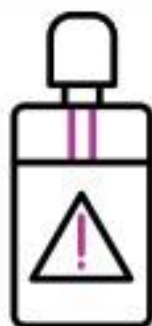
The nicotine in 1 vape can **= 50 cigarettes**



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.

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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.