



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday 31 October 2022

Venue: Conference Room

Time: 6.00 pm – 7.30pm

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Hannah von Ahlefeld (Chair), Peter Lillywhite (Principal), Justine Avenell (Manager Corporate Services), Louis Cheeseman (Student Services Manager), Aaron Gibson (Teacher), Barbara Kamarudin (Teacher), Sasha Brennan (Teacher), Martin Flaig (Parent), Rebecca Newton (Parent), Kristian Ravn (Parent), Brendan Everett (Parent), Jason O'Meara (Community), Vilko Poznovia (Community),

Apologies: Paul Stone (Parent),

Minutes: Jane Street

1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

Hannah von Ahlefeld welcomed all members to the meeting and to new member, Brendan Everett and guest, Trinda Mills (Teacher).

Brendan Everett

We respect and honour the traditional custodians of this land, the Whadjuk Noongar people. We acknowledge the histories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.

2. Progress on Literacy and Numeracy Focus Area – Trinda Mills

Trinda has been looking at data specific to DSHS and secondary school research data to prepare a whole school literacy and numeracy vision and statement. Next year she will continue to promote literacy and numeracy in all learning areas and assist them with their specific needs to establish best practices.

Students have been completing NAPLAN online since 2019, the data from which helps the school to see gaps in learning and help to make improvements. Should students not achieve Band 8 in NAPLAN they will go on to complete OLNA. There is an excellent OLNA team at the school who support students in every way they can to achieve their OLNA. The PEEL Paragraph Structure was introduced and is used in every classroom in every learning area. Reading for pleasure is strongly encouraged and will become part of school culture to promote literacy and numeracy for all students.

The Board thanked Trinda Mills for her presentation and her hard and dedication to her role as Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator.

3. Update on Parent School Board Nominations and Election

a. Nomination of Duncraig SHS School Board Parent Members

Five nominations were received for parent members for the Board. They included Hannah von Ahlefeld, Brendan Everett, David Singleton, Bianca Galipo and Grant McGarry. Information regarding the voting process and candidates was sent to parents and voting opened on Friday 21 October for a week, closing

on Friday 28 October. Pete was pleased to announce that Hannah von Ahlefeld and Brendan Everett were the successful nominees. The Board thanked all parents for their interest in volunteering their time and expertise to our Board.

b. Nomination of Duncraig SHS School Board Chair

As the outgoing Chair, Hannah von Ahlefeld stepped down from her position. Peter Lilywhite took over the meeting and requested nominee for the role of Board Chair. Hannah put herself forward. As there were no other nominations, Peter proposed that Hannah be reinstated as Chair. Board members voted unanimously that this should be so.

c. Nomination of new Duncraig SHS School Board Community Member, Vilko Poznovia

Vilko Poznovia has been a parent member of the Board for many years. His term has come to an end and as his children will finish at the school at the end of the year. However, he has expressed an interest in remaining on the Board as community member to continue his work with the Board. Both Hannah and Pete welcomed this and agreed that Vilko should remain on the Board as a community member.

Hannah, as new Chair took over the meeting.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting – 5 September 2022**

The minutes of 5 September 2022 were proposed by Hannah von Ahlefeld to be signed as true and correct. This was seconded by Vilko Poznovia and Martin Flaig. All in favour.

5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Update on School Building Project, including community consultation and Percent for Art Scheme (*Peter Lillywhite*)**

At the last Building Project meeting the build schedule was updated to:

- June 2023 – September 2024 – New Science and English blocks and fire ring main around whole school
- September 2024 – March 2025 – Refurbishment of the current Science block and barista room in the Languages block (current English)
- November 2023 – January 2024 – Maths staffroom kitchen
- November 2024 – March 2025 – Visual Art upgrade

Percent for Art Scheme – tenders have been requested from artists. The original budget for this was \$200K but has been reduced to \$92k due to the increased costs of the main project. Applications close on Friday 4 November and the first-round jury meeting, composed of Pete, Hannah, Robyn Collard, the Department of Finance, Department of Education and architect, will be held early the following week. The school therefore had 3 votes on the jury.

b) **Updates on School Board Working Groups**
Alumni - *Jane Street*

- Meeting held on Wednesday 25 October to discuss the purpose of the Alumni. Thank you to Bianca Galipo (parent) for agreeing to assist us. The following was agreed:
 - The mission of the Alumni Program is to facilitate relationships between past students and the school, to support and advocate for the school through business, government and industry, and to foster connections with current students to build relationships.
 - Opportunities for Alumni include involvement in a mentorship program, breakfast clubs, connections to business etc and reunions to celebrate milestone anniversaries

- When students register with the Alumni, they will receive the school newsletter, annual report, School Business Plan and will be invited to attend various school events such as media nights, art shows etc and will be invited to help with a mentorship program, breakfast clubs, connections to business etc.
- The school accommodate reunions which are celebrating the decades only. They will consist of a meet and greet with coffee/tea and biscuits followed by a presentation by Pete and a tour of the school. Groups should make their own arrangements for further celebrations. Past teachers will be invited.
- A flyer was prepared to hand out at reunions to advise past students how they can help the school. This also had a QR code to record information provided. Terms of Reference are in preparation.
- The Class of 2002 had their 20 year Reunion on Friday 28 October. An afternoon tea was held, followed by a presentation by Pete and school tour. It was a great success and provided us some feedback going forward. The Board thanked Jane Street for her excellent work on the Alumni.

Family Engagement Committee

- The second 'Treat the Teacher' campaign raised over \$2000. A coffee van visited the school on Friday 9 September. One of our lovely parents baked all staff a little treat to accompany their coffee! It was a great success and teachers were very grateful!
- On World Teachers Day, Friday 28 October, the committee provided a gelato cart for the staff with the remaining funds from the Treat the Teachers campaign. With the assistance of the Head Girls, Student Council and Climate Crew students wrote over 400 thank you notes to staff which were assembled by parents to create a giant message board hung on the wall outside the gym.
- The Committee established a program of events and activities for 2023 and a Junior Chess Interclub Tournament will be held on 19 November in the school gym, organised by the P7C, Kingsley Chess Club and Chess Association of WA.

6. Correspondence

Outgoing:

- Rebecca Hill, Chair, WA Law Society: Letter of thanks and support for Mock Trials, and Year 10 students who were successful
- Laetitia Riches, Year Co-ordinator, Year 12: Letter of thanks
- Students who have presented portfolios at recent School Board meetings: Hannah Wallace, Student Counsellor, Year 11; Ethan Tsapazi, Head Boy; Archer Key, Student Counsellor, Year 12; Lucie Breen, Head Girl; Andrew Chan, Student Counsellor, Year 12; Marc Labouchardiere, Student Counsellor, Year 11: Letters of thanks
- Daniel Aisenson, Director, WITH Studio Architecture, thanking him for offering a day's internship for student, Jarred Jacques in Year 12 and Climate Crew workshop on sustainable buildings
- James Buchanan and students for winning the 'Have Sum Fun' Maths competition

Incoming

- Hon. Sue Ellery MLC: Response to Sustainability Portfolio Team regarding solar panels
- E-mail from parent regarding nomination of 2 Head Girls in 2023. Louis Cheeseman outlined to the Board the process for nominating and appointing the Year 11 and 12 Student Council and Heads.

7. Committee Reports

Manager Corporate Services - Justine Avenell

Justine presented the following costs for 2023 to the Board:

- Voluntary Contributions for year 7-10 to a maximum of \$235 per student – Sasha Brennan proposed to accept this proposal. This was seconded by Rebecca Newton. All in favour.
- Subject charges for year 9-12 as per 2023 Summary Subject Costs – Jason O’Meara proposed to accept this proposal. This was seconded by Kristian Ravn. All in favour.
- Maximum Additional Costs 2023 – Jason O’Meara proposed to accept this proposal. This was seconded by Hannah von Ahlefeld. All in favour.
- Personal Items List for Year 7-12 – Vilko Poznovia proposed to accept this proposal. This was seconded by Louis Cheeseman. All in favour.

The School Board also noted the Finance Report and the Finance Committee Minutes of 25 October 2022.

- Finance Report - [see Appendix 1](#)
- Finance Committee Minutes – [see Appendix 2](#)

The School Board thanked Justine for all her hard work in preparing these financial documents.

Principal - *Peter Lillywhite*

The School Board noted the Principal’s report of October 2022.

- [See Appendix 3](#)

8. Any Other Business

- Board Administration
 - Reminder to all board members to complete the Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (NCCHC). <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/screening-school-council-board-members>. You will need to select the Board member drop down NOT the volunteer one. This is free of charge.
 - Board term end dates

<u>2023</u>	
▪ Kristian Ravn	24/02/2023
<u>2024</u>	
▪ Louis Cheeseman	31/01/2024
▪ Rebecca Newton	23/05/2024
▪ Martin Flaig	23/05/2024
▪ Paul Stone	23/05/2024
<u>2025</u>	
▪ Sasha Brennan	31/01/2025
▪ Aaron Gibson	31/01/2025
▪ Barb Kamarudin	31/01/2025
▪ Jason O’Meara	04/09/2025
▪ Vilko Poznovia	30/10/2025
▪ Hannah von Ahlefeld	30/10/2025
▪ Brendan Everett	30/10/2025
- Final meeting of the year – 5 December
 - Board Photo – Photos will be taken at the beginning of the next meeting – please arrive at 5.00pm.
 - Meeting will discuss the Draft 2023 Budget review and meet with the two Head Girls and the Sustainability Committee. The meeting will be followed by dinner, location TBC.
- Meeting Dates for 2023

TERM 1	20 February – 2023 Budget Approval
	20 March AGM (Open Meeting)

TERM 2	15 May 12 June
TERM 3	7 August 4 September
TERM 4	30 October - 2023 Charges and Contributions and Booklists approval 27 November - Draft 2024 Budget review

- Meeting closed at 7.55pm



APPENDIX 1

School Board

Report – 31 October 2022

Manager Corporate Services – Justine Avenell

Budget 2023

Recruitment for 2023 is underway and the budget calculations are being edited. At this early stage we have an estimated \$20m in Student-centred funding, with salaries costing \$19m. rollover estimates from 2022 to 2023 are \$400 000 in salaries and \$350 000 in cash.

The next meeting will have some draft figures to present to the Finance Committee.

One Line Budget 2022

Current operating funds are \$21 886 286 with forecast surplus of \$490 567.

Surplus in Salaries \$463 453 and cash \$25 669.

Salaries (HRMIS)

Planned expenditure on staff salaries remains stable at \$18 529 944. Salaries to date are \$13 993 288 with the surplus increased to \$463 453 from \$293 808 at our last meeting. The surplus was \$402 100 at the end of September meaning a \$100 000 plus increase at the end of term 3. This likely cause is due to a mass amount of covid leave had not been processed by central office along with HR chasing up staff to catch up on personal leave.

We received funding for Staff Attraction and Retention of \$9 852 slightly contributing to the increase.

We continue to have an additional \$462 210 budgeted for:

- \$77 976 for new EA staff which are proving difficult to source and scope for extra teacher.
- \$297 493 Casual Payment which we have not needed to draw against
- \$59 000 Other Salary which we have not needed to draw against

Cash (cheque account)

Cash Budget Report as at 24 October 2022 surplus remains low at \$25 669.

Budgeted revenue is \$2 275 524 (not including the 2021 rollover of \$609 007) of which \$2 175 389 has been received (91%). Remaining revenue is due from parents with a further \$89 836 due from parents based on our current cash report. A major shortcoming is our inability to record previous years' revenue from debt collection, of which \$45 000 has been recovered this year.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges

Voluntary Contributions (year 7-10) collected up to 21 October 2022 is increased from 65.32% to 71.35% including Secondary Assistance. (2021 77.97%)

Subject charges year 7-12 has increased from 75.42% to 88.36%. (2021 85.54%)

Statements are to go to parents shortly, with continued encouragement to take up our Set and Forget payment plans. These plans will again be promoted to the Year 7 Parents Evening.

Bank Account

As at 24 October 2022, bank balance is:

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| • Cheque account | \$889 397.14 | (\$1 159 220.70 previously) |
| • Investment | \$770 382.84 | (\$767 775.47 previously) |
| • Building Fund | \$ 20 156.54 | (\$19 618.36 previously) |



APPENDIX 2

Finance Committee



Meeting location: Conference Room Meeting time and date: 3:15pm, Thursday 25 October, 2022		Chair: Peter Lillywhite Minutes: Leanne Cozens
1.0	Welcome and Apologies	Peter Lillywhite
1.1	Opening and Welcome: Peter Lillywhite, Sally Murphy, Justine Avenell, James Buchanan, Elizabeth Clark, Rebekkah Clarkson, Stephen Galvin	
1.2	Apologies: Danielle Edwards	
	<i>We respect and honour the traditional custodians of this land, the Whadjuk Noongar people. We acknowledge the histories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.</i>	
2.0	Endorsing of Previous Minutes	Peter Lillywhite
2.1	Minutes 31 August 2022 to be endorsed. <i>Endorsed by: Stephen Galvin</i> <i>Seconded by: Rebekkah Clarkson</i>	
3.0	Business Arising from Previous Minutes	Peter Lillywhite
3.1	Education Perfect - Long term solutions To be discussed at Exec	
4.0	School Financial Position	Justine Avenell
4.1	MCS Report	Refer to Appendix B (<i>MCS Report dated 25 October 2022</i>)
4.2	Comparative Budget Report / One Line Budget We have surplus in cash and salary.	Refer to Appendix C (<i>Comparative Budget Report dated 24 Oct 2022</i>)
4.3	2023 Charges and Contributions 2023 Additional Costs	<p>2023 Charges and Contributions Contribution maximum \$235 for year 7-10 Subject charges as per attachment Additional costs as per attachment</p> <p>The Subject Charges document was presented with Year 9-12 charges sorted by year groups and displayed the % of change.</p> <p>Costs must be published to the parents by 1st Dec and once they are approved by the Finance Committee then School Board they cannot be changed.</p>

		2023 Additional Costs (Refer to Appendix D Anticipated Additional Costs 2023) Sorted by learning area, cost per year per event. If the cost is not published we cannot charge the parent at a later date. Learning areas would need to cover the costs. Work place learning – Placement fees are included. This is a new inclusion for year 7-12. Voluntary Approved requests – We currently have a high payment rate. Voluntary Contributions of maximum \$235 year 7-10 approved by Elizabeth Clark and Sally Murphy Subject charges for Years 9-12 approved by Stephen Galvin and Peter Lillywhite Anticipated additional costs approved by Elizabeth Clark and James Buchanan
4.4	2023 Personal Items List	Year 7-12 Personal Items List as per attached Costs are kept to a minimum, so it is affordable for parents. Booklists are provided through Campion. Booklists will go to the School Board next week for approval. It is not compulsory for parents to purchase through Campion. Indonesian A5 exercise book to be changed to A4 – request to be given to Karen Leaning to make the change. Personal items list Year 7-12 approved by James Buchanan and Rebekkah Clarkson
5.0	Fundraising Application - indicate whether to be input taxed	Peter Lillywhite
5.1	None	
5.2		
5.3		
6.0	Completed Fundraiser Review	
6.1	MSWA fundraising during book week Submitted by Robyn Griffiths Who is holding the event: Library and Year 11 Community Services students Date of event: 26/08/2022 Activity: Sausage sizzle and bake sale Beneficiary: MSWA	Expenses: \$400.18 Total funds raised: \$908.30 Final proceeds: \$508.12

	Estimated upfront costs of activity: ~\$80	
6.2	<p>Film 2040 Fundraiser Climate crew Beneficiary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sea Shepherd - \$121.00 • WWF - \$242.00 • Team Trees - \$121 	<p>Expenses: Nil Total funds raised: \$484 Final proceeds: \$484</p>
6.3	<p>Wear it Purple (Minus 18) Gold coin donation</p>	<p>Expenses: \$0.00 Total funds raised: \$88.95 Final proceeds: \$88.95</p> <p>Discussion on how we can improve the uptake of free dress. Solutions provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • offering incentives, • QKR - allowing parents to make donations through QKR, rather than giving cash to the students. <p>Other ideas of what works with the students? Response was anything with food i.e. canteen vouchers.</p>
6.4	<p>Athletics Carnival sausage sizzle</p> <p>This fundraiser was not brought to the Finance Committee prior therefore is taxable. The purpose for the funds put forward by HPE were to by the athletics students their own shirts to keep. As this same request was denied in 2022, it was again denied. The 2022 funds went towards replacing the HPE Interschool Sport uniforms. FC to decide where funds can be directed for 2023.</p> <p>2022 staff roster included many learning areas.</p>	<p>Expenses: \$256.81 Total funds raised: \$1 347.10 (taxed) \$1,481.85 Final proceeds: TBC</p> <p>Discussion on where the funds are to be distributed in the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for the money to be raised to be shared within the school? • The learning area responsible for the BBQ, would be able to receive the funds in their learning area? • Discussion to be continued later.
6.5	RUOK day bake sale and sausage sizzle	<p>Expenses: TBC Total funds raised: \$531.40 Final proceeds: TBC</p>
6.6	<p>Dance Showcase Submitted by Clair Lang Date of event: 15/10/2022 Activity: Selling lollies during the interval</p>	Items sold at cost – No approval required - Noted

7.0	Discussion Items	
7.1	None	
8.0	School Funding Requests	
8.1	Year 10 Compost Bins. Requested by the Year 10 Group to Liz Clark. Per Liz Clark, the students submitted the incorrect form, the request for a meeting was denied.	This request was Denied.
8.2	<p>Maths request for additional funding: Maths Pathway is running for year 7. The cost per student is \$69 and we are charging \$60 as an optional cost to parents. Maths have subsidised \$3 060 of the invoice for 2022 \$23 460. Receipts from parents to date \$14 771.50, with a shortfall of \$5 628.50. Collection rate is 72% however likely to be slightly higher as many year 7 parents are on payment plans. 2022 shortfall will be covered by reserve funds \$33 307.</p> <p>Request for Finance Committee to consider funding for 2023 as program is to extend into year 8. Potential shortfall will be \$12 000 for 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider price per student? The \$9.00 per student will be subsidised. Yes, the mathematics department is covering the \$9.00 per student • If there is an increase in student numbers, does the price decrease per student? No, the price is fixed at \$69 per student regardless of numbers • Relevance for gifted and talent students? Do they benefit? Yes, overall the year 7 cohort has improved by 110%, while the GATE/SBAE cohort has improved by 130%. Math Pathways has every student on an individual education plan that is able to both fill in gaps as well as extend students regardless of their level of ability. Students in GATE/SBAE are just as likely to have gaps in their knowledge as any other student in the school. • Need a price for 7s and 8s or just year 7s. Math Pathways is still relevant for year 8 students as it is for year 7 students. Pathways covers the mathematics curriculum up to 10A, so it will be able to continue to identify and target gaps in student's knowledge, as well as progress and extend students who have already mastered content. 75% of 	<p>(Refer to Appendix E – Funding Application – Maths Pathways) Maths Pathways allows students to work at their pace and to their ability. It is used as a hybrid system. There is evidence that the program does work, students are enjoying learning through Maths Pathways. It helps in catching up those students who are struggling, builds the base skills and tracks their ability level. It is beneficial for the gifted and talented students as it tracks based on the individual's ability. In 2023 the aim is to offer it to all Year 7 and Year 8 students. NAPLAN 2024 will be a good indication of how students are progressing and the benefits being provided.</p> <p>Questions for James to discuss with Wendy before a decision is made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider price per student? The \$9.00 per student will be subsidised. • If there is an increase in student numbers, does the price decrease per student? • Relevance for gifted and talent students? Do they benefit? • Need a price for 7s and 8s or just year 7s. <p>Once discussed with Wendy, James will provide a response to be sent to the group and a vote will be taken.</p> <p>Vote via email (attached) James Buchanan – Yes Elizabeth Clark – Yes (verbal due to system issues) Rebekkah Clarkson - Yes Danielle Edwards - Yes Stephen Galvin – No response</p>

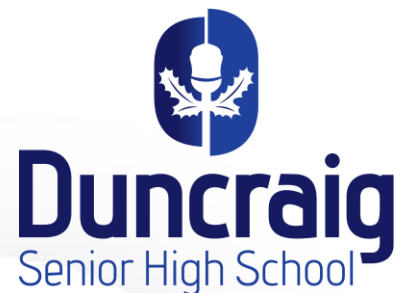
	year 7 cohort are enjoying math pathways and would like to continue using it as year 8s in 2023.	<p>Peter Lillywhite - Yes Sally Murphy – Yes</p> <p>Funding of \$12 000 to subsidise Maths Pathway for Year 7 and 8 in 2023 has been approved and will be credited to D5106 in 2023.</p> <p>Maths will subsidise \$9 per student – approx \$5 400, which will be deducted from D5105 and credited to D5106 in 2023.</p>
9.0	DGR Reports	
9.1	Financial Statements DGR Building Fund for information to Building Fund Management Committee	Refer to Appendix F (<i>DGR balance September 2022</i>) All balanced as at 13/09/2022 \$19744.96
9.2	Annual DGR Status Review 2022	Refer to Appendix G (DGR Review) The review is completed. Signed by Justine Avenell and Peter Lillywhite with records retained.
10.0	Other Business	
11.0	Next Meeting	
11.1	24 November 2022, 3:15pm Draft budget review	
12.0	Meeting Closed at 4:05 pm	

Peter Lillywhite

Date: _____

2022 Approved Fundraising Events – Finance Committee

TERM 1



Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
									Free Dress

TERM 2

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
			A2Z Fundraising			World Oceans Day free dress			Alive/NAIDOC week TBC

TERM 3

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
					2040 Climate crew film fundraiser MSWA fundraising-sausage sizzle and bake sale	Wear it purple fundraiser	Athletics Carnival RUOK day – sausage sizzle and bake sale		

TERM 4

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
	Loud Shirt - Cancelled	Bandannas and bake sale							

APPENDIX 3

Principals Report – 31 October 2022

Principal – Peter Lillywhite

It is with pleasure that I present the November Board report for 2022.

Staffing

We are in the process of recruiting teaching staff in all Learning Areas through a range of different processes. This is due to a small growth, LSL, LWP and retirement. With the borders opening, we are seeing more staff wanting to take the opportunity to travel.

It is also with great pleasure that I announce Wade Norman as our new Associate Principal for Year 7/8 and Technologies. Wade will be an amazing addition to the team and we look forward to working with him. A replacement for his current position as HOLA of Technologies is currently in process. We hope to have completed this in the next 2 weeks.

Current enrolment figures for 2022

We are on track for meeting our predicted Year 7 enrolments for 2022. We currently have 290 students enrolled with a final prediction of 320. We will pick up the additional 30 students over the next 3 months as part of the normal flow of enrolment.

Year 12 Leadership

A large field of high quality students stood for election to become Year 12 Student Councillors for 2021. The successful candidates were: Sean Blaver, Hayzel Coertse, Umesha Fernando, Hannah Wallace, Anya Larchet, Pieter Liddle, Royyan Muzaini, Aryan Patel, Megan Reyes and Demi Tunstead. Seven of the 12 Councillors then applied for the positions of Head Girl and Head Boy. This year, we had only one male applicant and unfortunately, he was unable to demonstrate in interview the expertise required for the position. We therefore made the decision to appoint two Head Girls; Hayzel Coertse and Hannah Wallace.

Activities & Events:

Inter-house Athletics Day:

On Wednesday September 7, we conducted our annual Inter-House Athletics Carnival. Following the traditional entertaining and unique Year 12 'Dress-up Parade' onto the oval, students from all years participated in a series of track and field events as well as some fun novelty events. It was a keenly fought competition all day between the Houses with Argonauts winning the cup. The effort and spirit displayed by all students was excellent.

Visual Arts Exhibition

Throughout week 1, student's work was on display in the Arts block. It was a fantastic representation of the amazing art produced by our students over the course of the year. A huge thanks to Marnie Brown, Danielle Edwards, Brandon Hosa, Nathan Blakeley and Ben Chapman, for coordinating the event and supporting our kids to be creative.

Dance Night: Saturday October 15

The concert was held at Kingsway Christian College to allow more than 180 students from Year 7 to Year 12 showcased their incredible talents entertaining family and friends. It was wonderful to see the students on stage, working to precision choreography and timing. A huge thank you to Clare Darling and Clare Lang. The mutual respect was very evident and the Year 12 legacy will live on with such talent coming up behind them. The dedication of the staff who assisted was greatly appreciated. Without the team effort that Duncraig so often displays, shows like this could not go ahead.

Year 12 Final Assembly

On Monday October 17, we farewelled our Year 12 students at our traditional final assembly. Head Girl Luci Breen and Head Boy Ethan Tsapazi both made wonderful speeches and handed over the leadership of the student body to the incoming Head Girls. I commend Ms Laetitia Riches on her work with this cohort over the last 6 years. All students then joined their family and teachers for a morning tea in the PA generously provided by the P&C and left the school in a dignified and friendly manner. My thanks go to the P&C for their continuing generous support of this event.

Music Gala Night: Monday 17th October

A huge thank you to Peter Smith, Aaron Gibson and all the Instrumental Music School Services staff for coordinating this event and preparing our kids for their performances. It was great to see so many students performing and working hard on improving their skill.

Inter-school Athletics Carnival: Wednesday October 19.

Head of Learning Area Mr David Clarke and the Physical Education staff are to be commended for their work preparing and organising the Inter-School Athletics Team. This year we competed in A division and finished 8th. Unfortunately, this means we once again move back down to B Division but I am sure we will bounce back in 2023. The spirit and effort demonstrated by the team was outstanding.

Year 12 Presentation Evening: Wednesday October 19

A huge thank you to Georgia Taylor for coordinating this fantastic event to celebrate our Year 12's. It was a fantastic evening with all our staff and students representing the school with class and professionalism. Our VET Dux was Alana Sim and the ATAR Dux was Dante McGee with an estimated ATAR of 99.7

Cadet Promotion Evening: Tuesday October 25

After a challenging year for the Cadet Unit, it was wonderful to attend the final parade to celebrate the achievements of the students. The Cadet unit represents the very best of what I want Duncraig students to be. They are selfless, passionate and committed. A big thanks to Darryl Deacon and Gary Thirwell for coordinating the Cadet program again this year.

Upcoming Events:

- **Year 12 WACE Examinations** commence Monday 31 October.
- **P&C Meeting** – Wednesday November 2, at 7pm in the Conference Room of the Administration Building.
- **Year 11 Exams** commence Monday November 7.
- **Year 9 & 10 Exams** commence Monday November 14.
- **Year 11 Final Assembly** – Friday November 25
- **Year 8 Exams** – commence Monday 21 November
- **Year 6 Orientation Day** – Tuesday November 29.
- **Year 6 Orientation Evening (parents only)** – Tuesday November 29, 7pm in the gymnasium.
- **P&C Twilight Tour/Meeting** – Wednesday December 7, 5:30pm.
- **Year 7-10 ALIVE Day** - Monday December 12