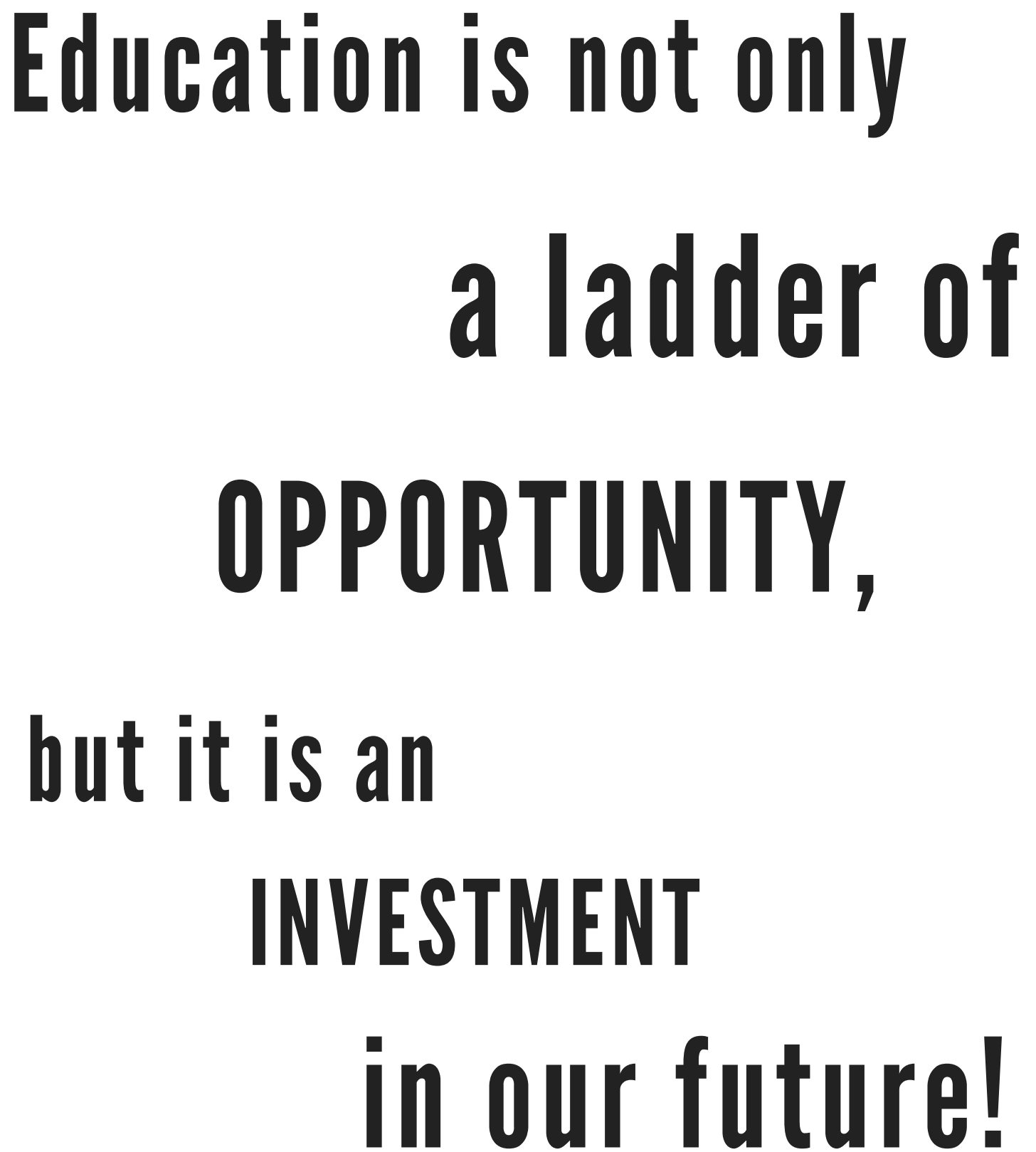


WILEY MATTERS

WILEY PARK GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

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**Education is not only
a ladder of
OPPORTUNITY,
but it is an
INVESTMENT
in our future!**

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

WILEY MATTERS



A Wonderful Term 2!

As Term 2 comes to a conclusion we celebrate the great work that the teachers have done this term. Year 12 are nearing their graduation and many of them have made earlier application for university. This term we had NAPLAN for Years 7 and 9 in which they showed great improvement in their results. I would like to thank Ms Gu for everything she contributed towards NAPLAN. After reading all the Year 7 and 10 reports, I am confident that our school is progressing and achieving strong educational outcomes in theirs, and all other year groups.

P&C

This year we have welcomed a new committee for the Wiley Park Girls High School P&C. I would like to personally congratulate our new members and thank them for being an essential part of the Wiley Park Girls community. Our P&C committee provides valuable feedback from parents and the wider community about our events, procedures and services that our school provides. Please welcome your P&C committee for 2019:

President: Saoussan Oied

Vice President: Rana Dergham

Secretary: Intisar El-Dadoun

Treasurer: Oubeda Elmir

I would also like to congratulate and welcome our newly appointed Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) to Wiley Park Girls High School. Please welcome Najah Diyab, Nga Poa and Mary Elshaimy. Every morning, five days a week, we have our CLOs available to speak to and for your convenience they can speak Arabic (five days a week) and Italian (two days a week).

Please find their availability below:

Monday: Najah Diyab & Nga Poa (available 9am - 12:30pm)

Tuesday: Najah Diyab & Nga Poa (available 9am - 12:30pm)

Wednesday: Mary Elshaimy (available 9:30am - 1pm)

Thursday: Mary Elshaimy (available 9:30am - 1pm)

Friday: Najah Diyab (available 9am - 12:30pm)

Want to know what's going on at WPGHS?

You can find information in the following places:

- P&C meeting once a month on Monday mornings
- Twitter: @WileyParkGirls
- Facebook: @WileyParkGirlsHS
- On the sign at the front of the school on The Boulevard
- And of course by ringing the school and talking to one of our friendly CLOs (Mary, Najah and Nga)



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DEPUTY ADDRESS

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Curriculum Updates in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

This year the school introduced three new courses being the mandatory Year 7 Technology course with Agriculture, Robotics and Coding, the elective course, Year 9 iSTEM and a Year 10 STEM

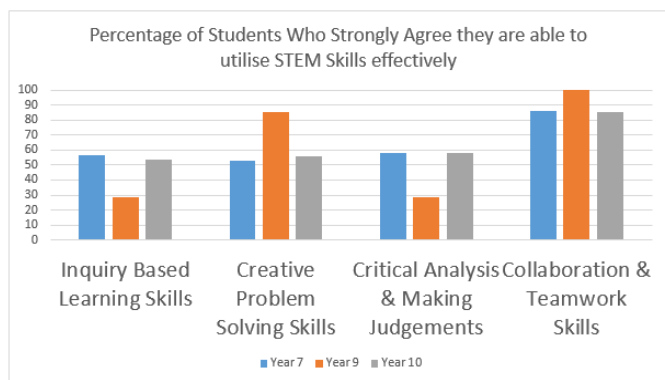
mentoring period for EVERY student in Year 10 to be future focused and think about careers of the future.

I am currently working with a team of teachers who are being mentored by the University of Sydney STEM Academy. The STEM Team consists of Mr Henstock, Ms Gu, Mrs Lavite, Mrs Moxley, Mr Choukair and myself. We surveyed students studying these STEM courses to see whole school growth and improvement.

I am proud to share these results with you. Please note the particular growth of our Year 9 iSTEM classes using creative problem solving skills in their projects and all groups tested showing greater collaboration and team work. These are the skills required for our jobs of the future.

If you would like to know more about STEM please contact me at the school.

Deputy Principal, Ms Agapitos.



Building Report

We are pleased to announce that the accessibility works being undertaken in the school are nearing completion. The list of works at this stage has included:

- Installation of ramps and pathways
- Installation of a 3 story lift in the science, maths and creative arts block

- Installation of disability toilet facility
- Alterations to Science and TAS staffrooms to open the back of the main building lower level
- Upgrades to doorways and landscaping
- Wheelchair accessible cooking area in one of the kitchens

The renovations should be ready to go Term 3 and we thank staff and students for being so understanding during the disruptions in the first half of the year. WPGHS also thank the Department of Education/Public Works management team and the all the contractors who have completed work to an exceptional standard. We are very excited and raring to go.

Youth Friendly Counselling Spaces

The Department of Education recently announced an opportunity for schools to receive funding to upgrade their counsellors' offices into more welcoming and engaging environments. Our school has applied and we have been extremely fortunate to receive a generous \$10,000 to improve this very important part of our school. We look forward to showing you our new counsellor office when the works have been completed.

Welcome to Winter

Winter has certainly made its presence felt over the last few weeks of Term 2. It has been heartening to see so many students wearing the correct winter uniform to school. Please don't forget, our school is always willing to help students and their families if they are finding the cost of new uniform pieces difficult. All you have to do is ask. So really there is no reason to be wearing hoodies and other types of clothing because of the cold. Just another reminder from the P&C, any undershirts worn at school are to be white only. Black undershirts are not part of our uniform.

Year 7 and 10 reports

The Year 7 -10 reports were handed out at another Celebrating Success afternoon on Monday 24th June. Thank you to all our wonderful families who attended on the afternoon. We were happy to meet you and discuss the successes of your daughters.

Deputy Principal, Ms Fitzpatrick.

PB4L EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS

TRANSITION BEHAVIOURS	
SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move quietly, sensibly and safely around the school - Avoid unsafe physical contact with other people
RESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move around the school with respect & courtesy - Respect the personal space of other people
LEARNER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arrive to class on time & prepared to learn

OUTSIDE BEHAVIOURS	
SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay in the supervised areas - Avoid unsafe physical contact with other people - Use safe behaviours appropriate to the different areas
RESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep the school clean - Use appropriate language & tone - Be a respectful school & digital citizen - Queue & wait patiently in the canteen area
LEARNER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be on time to lessons following breaks

LEARNING SPACE BEHAVIOURS	
SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Line up sensibly & enter learning spaces when instructed - Follow all learning space safety instructions - Keep all personal items safe
RESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use appropriate language & tone - Allow & support all students to learn - Maintain a clean learning space - Hand up & wait for your turn
LEARNER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be a positive & engaged student - Use electronic devices appropriately for learning - Be organised & prepared to learn - Complete all class work & homework - Work collaboratively - Always do your best - Ask for help if needed

COMMUNITY & CYBER BEHAVIOURS	
SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move safely around the community - Be cyber-safe - Report hurtful behaviour, conflict or harassment
RESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treat others with respect, courtesy and consideration - Always be a positive representative of the school
LEARNER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Value the opinions of others

FROM THE FACULTY

PDHPE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The atmosphere, behaviour and participation on the athletics carnival was fabulous, even the weather was fabulous. The general assistants did a great job marking out the javelin, shot, discus areas as well as the straight track lanes. Ms McEwen and the office staff provided a sausage sizzle for lunch. A big thank you to all the staff for performing their jobs very professionally. There was maximum participation from the girls who attended. I was disappointed with the number of students who chose not to attend the carnival. Congratulations to all the age champions, to the winning house Cuthbert and to all of you who attended and made it another successful day.

1st Place: Cuthbert (736)

2nd Place: McKay (594)

3rd Place: Fraser (467)

4th Place: Goolagong (317)

Congratulations to the WPGHS Age Champions!

12yrs Amara Beyrouthy 28

13yrs Noorafita Noorafita 40

14yrs Maya Kalil 32

15yrs Jasmene Arokapiti 50

16yrs Hayat Aouad 40

17yrs Courtney Allerton 32

**Congratulations to the WPGH's School Champion....
Jasmene Arokapiti!**

The place getters will represent Wiley Park GHS at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Monday 24th June and Tuesday 25th June at E.S. Marks athletics field in Kensington. We wish them well.



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

During Ramadan a very small team represented Wiley Park GHS at the Zone Cross Country Carnival at Scarborough Park at Ramsgate on Tuesday 21st May 2019. The team was Nour El Majzoub, Noor Afita Noor Afita, Bella Robinson, Aseel Abu Haish, Rayan Abu Haish and Maha Abu Haish.

Aseel Abu Haish was highest placed finisher at the carnival (22/60 girls) and therefore becomes School Cross Country Champion for 2019. Congratulations to all the girls who participated in the event.

Head Teacher PDHPE, Ms McIntosh

FROM THE FACULTY

SPORTING SUCCESS

Wiley Park Girls High School would like to acknowledge and congratulate the students who were selected to represent their chosen sport and compete against schools in the Sydney region.

Volleyball

Sereana Bolakora, Sovaia Tubekoro, Myra Tauei, Gwen Swann, Rose Cowan, Pio Charlie, Jasmene Arokopaiti, Alisa El Khansa, Jasmine Pare and Ruth Teiotu.

The girls won their first selection of matches to be selected for the central venue tournament. They showed tremendous sportsmanship, courage and passion for their sport. We are very proud of their achievements! Congratulations to Myra Tauei, Gwen Swann and Rose Cowan for also being selected for the Volleyball regional level team.

Softball

Ruqaya Arja, Rose Cowan, Myra Tauei, Fatima Daher & Ruth Teiotu.

Our softball team has shown tremendous results in improving their skills in their sport. We are very proud of their achievements this term and we cannot wait to see what they can achieve in the future.

Touch Football

China El Majzoub, Ommayah Tanjung, Alisa El Khansa, Susana Tupou, Jasmene Arokapiti, Nour El Majzoub, Ghada Turkmani, Marrwa Akkawi, Hayat Aouad, Ruqaya Arja and Alissa Al Ali.

The touch football team competed against Blackwattle High School where they came out victorious. It was a great match where the girls showed their teamwork and ability to not only work cohesively together, but to also show great respect for their competitors.

Netball

Sereana Bolokoro, Susana Tupou, Alisa El Khansa, Courtney Allerton, Sara Hammoud, Ommayah Tanjung, Kura Talauta and Lute Jones.

Our Netball team has shown great improvement from when they first began their training program. Through great teamwork they all brought together a sense of sportsmanship and never backed down from any challenge that was presented to them. We are very proud of everything they have achieved!

Basketball

Mariam Najjarine, Fatima Daher, Alisa El Khansa, Ommayah Tanjung, China El Majzoub, Alissa Al Ali, Sereana Bolakoro, Lute Jones, Fatma Hammoud and Kura Talauta.

The girls were able to participate in the central venue tournament where they competed against many different schools. We are very proud of their tenacity, determination and sportsmanship.

Soccer

Mariam Narajjine, Safa Ali, Alaa Abdul Wahab, Ommayah Tanjung, Alisa El-Khasna, Rejan Tellaoui, Fatima Hammoud, Alisa Al Ali, Ketsha Degauole, Ghada Tourkmany, Fatima Daher, Layla Rad, Batoul Almonsory, Sara Hammoud, Ruqaya Arja, Suzana Tupou, Marwa Akkawi, Kura Talauto and Ramziya Arja.

Our soccer team played tremendously well against Oatley Campus High. Working as a team, they showed their skill and talents they have been working on all of term one. We were thrilled for their result!

WELL DONE, GIRLS!

FROM THE FACULTY

ENGLISH

Term 2 has been jam packed! It is always a busy term with reports and the HSC courses beginning, however, there have been plenty of additional programs and events to engage students. Our HSC Extension 1 students attended a study day to assist them with the new syllabus. The students reported that this was very helpful for their exam preparation.

The Advanced English class saw a production of their prescribed text, *The Merchant of Venice*, at the Seymour Centre. The students thoroughly enjoyed the play, and remarked on how much more they understood the play, which will result in improved essays. Our junior students have been studying a range of topics and concepts. Year 7 and 8 have just performed their self-devised Drama plays, Year 9 are continuing their study of *Romeo and Juliet*, and Year 10 have been exploring the concept of Justice through novel studies.

On top of their studies, students have had opportunities to enrich their learning through competitions and programs. Elisha Bungaroo from Year 12 had her short story shortlisted for the Write for Fun competition. Year 8 and 9 students were treated to a performance by Australian Poetry Slam winner, Zohab Khan. The students enjoyed this performance thoroughly and asked if he could return next year. To wrap up the term, students from Year 7-10 participated in workshops by the Poetry in Action group.

Upcoming events in Term 3:

Macbeth performance at the Opera House for Year 10 on 8 August. Bell Shakespeare workshop for Year 9 and 10 on 17 September. We look forward to another productive and enjoyable term!

Head Teacher, Ms Cervonaro



TAS

The TAS staff are very excited to move to their newly renovated staffroom in Term 3. The TAS staffroom is now located on the ground floor opposite of the Science staffroom. Students in Yr 9 Textiles completed a unit on non-apparel in which they made a soft toucan toy. They have learnt many skills such as; creating a pattern, using a sewing machine, hand sewing, sewing on buttons, colour combination and different fabric textures like cotton and felt. Through the evaluation process Ms Moxey discovered that her student Iqra said that her family loved the toy especially her sisters who fight over it!

Yr 10 Food Technology students are learning about Food Services and Catering this term. Students have been making delicious finger food during practical lessons. Ms Kaul commented that we all eat with our eyes and it's important that we take the time to pay attention to detail when decorating red velvet cupcakes for example. Students are concentrating on developing their decorating and garnishing presentation skills for their end products this semester.

Stage 6 Highlight: Stage 6 Textiles and Design students are busily working on their Major Textile Project. The theory work that the students have learnt in class must be used to design and construct their project which is documented in a folio. Students must master their art by practicing their decorating and sewing techniques as the textile teacher cannot do it for them. There are a variety of projects being made such as wall hangings, jackets, dresses, belly dancing costumes and jumpsuits.

Head Teacher, Ms Lavite



FROM THE FACULTY

SCIENCE

Earlier in the term, students had the opportunity to compete in the Big Science competition. This competition is an easy way to challenge students from years 7 to 10 and track their performance against state or national averages. It is a 50 minute, multiple choice competition testing critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, not just factual recall. I would like to congratulate all participants who competed in the competition and encourage an even greater cohort to participate in the future. In week 7 of this term, Year 7 visited Taronga Zoo to consolidate the work they have been studying as part of the classification program "All Living Creatures Big and Small". Students were provided with a unique educational experience visiting many enclosures, participating in understanding the conservation efforts being undertaken at the zoo to protect and sustain wildlife in their natural habitats. Students were able to interact with research scientists at the zoo in their state of the art facility with the aim of inspiring a new generation of conservation scientists. This allowed students to understand the employment opportunities available to them and to engage them in issues facing wildlife, habitats and communities across the globe. The day was a success including feedback from students such as "the zoo was the best experience I've ever had" and "I learnt so much" with all students enquiring about future excursions that the Science faculty was offering.

It is my pleasure to announce that the Science faculty will be offering many excursions to various venues throughout the year to supplement all teaching programs. I encourage all students to attend these engaging educational opportunities.

I would like to thank Ms Southern for coordinating these events.

In term 3 Wiley Park Girls High School will be celebrating Science week and students will be able to participate in a collection of events spread throughout the week. Mr Parousis will coordinate these activities along with the support all members of the Science faculty. As we get closer to the date, more information will be released.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful holiday period and look forward to supporting your daughter/s in their educational journey.

Mr Choukair
Rel. Head Teacher Science



MUSIC & VISUAL ARTS

The students and staff from the MAC Department have engaged in a full range of learning experiences this term. Under the expertise of Ms Michael, our Stage 6 Visual Arts students are planning, creating and refining their practice as they complete the HSC Body of Work. Ms Begetis and the Stage 6 Visual Design class are exploring many creative forms and developing their practical skills in areas such as jewellery design and making.

In music, our junior students are building their skills on keyboard, drums and guitar with Mr MacDonald and Mr Gardiner. The Year 10 Music class has been creating silent films and composing their own original music.

In Careers, Ms Bozinowska has arranged external learning experiences at Western Sydney University and the University of NSW. Students from years 9-12 have worked with these universities to plan their future pathways and learn about the diverse range of post school options.

Head Teacher. Mr Gardiner



FROM THE SCHOOL

EXCITING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

WPGHS' Debating Team

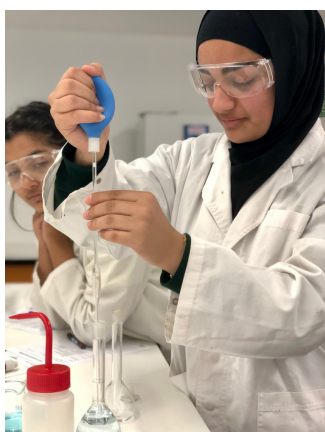
The Year 8 team consisting of: Shaymaa Ibrahim, Jasmine Kheir, Amira Almasri, Sani Zahra Rizvi won their very first debate against Strathfield South High School as part of the NSW Premiers Debating Challenge. The topic for the debate was "That Naplan should be banned" and our school was the negative team. We created a compelling argument and the girls did a fantastic job at representing our school.

The Year 10 team consisting of: Alaa Abdulwaha, Ramziya Arja, Fatma Arja, Eliana cooper, Safa Ali won their second round of the debate against Condell Park High School. The topic for the debate was "should Sports Clubs be punished for the off-field behaviour of their players" The year 10 team were the negative and developed effective arguments against this topic.

A special thanks to Ms Issa for coaching the Year 10 team.

Congratulations again, and thanks to the whole team for their effort.

Debating Coordinator, Ms Akkawi



Chemistry Day 2019

Students from science were lucky to attend Lachlan Macquarie College at Western Sydney University to celebrate world chemistry day for 2019! 600 students over 5 days from all over Sydney spent half a day at Western Sydney University, Parramatta, undertaking practicals as part of their HSC Chemistry Course which are difficult to be completed in the school laboratory. Students worked hands-on with highly sophisticated analytical tools designed to analyse and explore the molecular content of liquids, in particular the concentration of key molecules and ions in the parts - per - million range. Students were able to work with staff from the university and learn important analytical chemistry skills that are highly sought after in many industries.

The day comprised of two practicals and one demonstration:

- Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy
- Amount of Sulfate in Fertiliser
- Ultraviolet Visible Spectroscopy

See our photos from the day and see our wonderful students in action!

FROM THE SCHOOL

MORE EXCITING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

CAREERS at Wiley

CAREERS at Wiley Park Girls High School have given many students the opportunity to connect with tertiary graduates and discover new pathways to university.

Year 9

For Year 9 students, twenty students joined the Fast Forward Program @ WSU and were officially acknowledged at the Welcome at Western evening on 2nd May 2019. See the first photo to the right to see those that attended the day. Year 9 students also had the opportunity to participate in Aspire CSI @ UNSW on 18th June. This was an interactive, informative and fun day where students were able to work creatively and to think broadly about their career opportunities, their choices and how they could achieve their dreams.

Year 10

In Year 10, eleven students attended Aspire Connect @ UNSW over two days in Term 2. This event was designed for students to become more informed and involved in the Grand Challenges that are affecting all of us today and into the future. This was a great opportunity for students to develop skills that would set them up for future success such as: teamwork, communication, research and presentation.

Senior Students

Our senior students attended WSU U-Day at Campbelltown Campus and participated in an Aspire workshop on UAC applications and various post school pathways and opportunities.

Career Advisor, Ms Bozinowska



REFUGEE WEEK

Refugee week was hosted between the 16th of June to the 22nd of June to honor and celebrate our refugee community. This years theme was #withrefugees and encouraged communities to 'Share a Meal, Share a Story' to learn more about each others stories.

At Wiley Park Girls High School, we began refugee week with an assembly to share the stories and journeys of refugees. We would like to thank Isha Kamara for attending our assembly to share her story with the students and teachers.



FROM THE SCHOOL

SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS AT BELMORE YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE



TERM 3 YOUTH DROP-IN

Join us for all inclusive activities, including pool, table tennis, PlayStation, challenges, internet facilities and more.

All activities, snacks and drinks are free. For youth aged 12-18 years.

BYRC Drop-In Tutoring

When: Every Tuesday during school term

Time: 3.30-5.30pm

BYRC Drop-In Activities

When: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Time: 3-5pm

Belmore Youth Resource Centre,
3/38-40 Redman Parade, Belmore

For more information, call **9718 9848**.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS AT BELMORE YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE

Please find the timetable from the school holiday events held at Belmore Youth Resource Centre. Note that a parent or guardian **MUST** agree to the online waiver before proceeding and that (for those that require it) payment must be received. Cancellation to an event must be made 24 hours in advance. All participants are asked to arrive 10 mins early and they must be aged between 12-18 years and live, work or study in the Canterbury-Bankstown district.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8 July Aboriginal Culture Tour We welcome you to share this experience with your parents or siblings*. Listen to the stories of culture and learn about the unique relationship between people and their land. Where: Meet at BYRC Time: 9.45am – 1.30pm Cost: FREE What to bring: Lunch <small>*Siblings; brother, sister and/or relative. Siblings must be 8 years or older to attend.</small>	9 July Archery and Laser tag Get your aim on point! Come and join the fun in the outdoors. Where: Meet at BYRC Time: Noon – 4pm Cost: \$10 What to bring: Lunch	10 July Social Media Workshop Learning digital skills and creating viral memes on mental health. Where: BYRC Time: Noon-4pm Cost: FREE What to bring: Your smart device and imagination! Lunch will be provided	11 July Sports Day The sporty people at YMCA have a surprise in store for us, so be prepared for an active day! Where: YMCA Bankstown 184 River Road, Revesby Time: 10am- 3pm Cost: FREE Lunch will be provided	12 July Movie Marathon Three movies in one sitting! Where: HOYTS Bankstown Time: 1pm-8pm Cost: \$5 What to bring: Snacks, blanket and extra money for food or beverages. One small popcorn and drink included per person.
15 July Social Media Workshop Learning digital skills and creating viral memes on mental health. Where: PCYC Bankstown Cnr French Ave & Meredith Street Bankstown Time: 6pm-8pm Cost: FREE What to bring: Your smart device and imagination! Lunch will be provided	16 July Drop-In BYRC: Dodge Ball Metal Get a team together for the Dodge Ball Metal. Fast on your feet and don't get hit! There are prizes for the winning team. Where: BYRC Time: 11am – 4pm Cost: FREE Lunch will be provided	17 July Drop-In BYRC: HOTSEAT Just like trivia, but you have 40 seconds to answer. You have to think fast to get closer to the prize. Get a group together and register online. There are prizes for the winning team. Where: BYRC Time: Noon – 4pm Cost: FREE Lunch will be provided	18 July PlayStation Tournament Call in the troops and get your team registered for our famous tournament. Prizes to be won! Where: BYRC Time: 10am-5pm Cost: FREE Lunch will be provided	19 July Luna Park Visit Where: Meet at Paul Keating Park, Bankstown Time: 8.45am – 5pm Cost: \$10 What to bring: Lunch



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