

# School News

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## Year 10 Formal: A night of celebration and style

Megan Bonner | Year 10 Leader

During week 4 of this term, the Year 10 students celebrated in style at the Year 10 Formal. Laughter echoed, dance moves flourished and good times rolled as students enjoyed dinner and dessert whipped up by our culinary wizards of Food Technologies. DJ Hannah's thoughtfully selected playlist fueled the night's dance floor adventures and showcased the finest Nutbush performance ever witnessed in Broome. A special thanks to all the dedicated staff who sprinkled their magic to make the night a hit. Heartfelt congratulations to Chase Pigram and Isabella Jones for earning the title of 'Best Dressed' as voted by their peers.



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# Principal's Pen

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As we approach the end of 2023, it's incredible to look back and appreciate the whirlwind of memorable moments that have defined this academic year for our students and the broader community. The past few weeks have been filled with excitement and we're thrilled to share some noteworthy updates as we wrap up the school year.



## Matsumoto Carpark Improvements:

We're delighted to announce the completion of the Matsumoto Courts access gate and drop-off/pick-up area upgrade. Your patience during the construction phase is greatly appreciated. The redesigned area aims to enhance safety for cyclists and pedestrians. I encourage everyone to adhere to the signage instructions when entering and exiting the drop-off and pick-up area.

## Canteen and STEM Upgrade Progress:

Embarking on a new chapter, we're gearing up for the STEM school canteen upgrade with H&M Tracey securing the contract. The canteen's undercover area will be transformed, featuring a 'Plaza' adorned with seating and greenery between the Library and the Canteen. The STEM upgrades will also revamp two classrooms into flexible spaces equipped with industry-standard tools. These enhancements will empower students to build confidence, refine critical thinking and problem-solving skills and develop essential industry skills for their future endeavours.

In embodying our school mantra, 'Be the best that you can be', our students have exceeded expectations in 2023. Their achievements and dedication have been nothing short of inspiring. As we bid farewell to this remarkable year, I extend my sincere gratitude to the dedicated staff, students, the P&C, School Board and families. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in creating a positive impact that wouldn't have been possible without your collective contributions.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break. Stay safe and we eagerly anticipate reconnecting with you in 2024.

**Mat Burt** | Principal

*Merry  
Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*

## Student leaders from Bidyadanga on exchange program

**David Winter** | Student Services Manager

Recently, a delegation of young leaders from Bidyadanga embarked on a visit to Broome Senior High School as part of a dynamic leadership exchange program organized in collaboration with the Youth Advisory Council of Broome under the auspices of the Broome Shire.

It was fantastic to host the student group, from years 4 to 7, who were very impressed with the facilities and student opportunities here at the high school.

Earlier in the year, student leaders from Broome Senior High School had the privilege of journeying to Bidyadanga. During this visit, they explored the town, gained insights into the local school, and delved into the rich historical tapestry of the region. This reciprocal exchange has fostered a meaningful connection between the young leaders of both communities.



## Kimberley Language Resource Center Inspires Aboriginal Education Team

**Clare Stack** | Aboriginal Education Coordinator

The Aboriginal Education team recently welcomed Leanne Smith, the manager of the Kimberley Language Resource Centre located in Halls Creek. During her visit, Leanne was joined by two Language elders, Jeanie Malay and Rosemary Rosewood. Together, they provided valuable insights into their language programs, discussing their efforts in teaching language to both children and the broader community. The conversation also touched upon the resources currently accessible and outlined plans for future language programs.





# Clontarf Academy awards night celebrates Year 12 graduates

**Matt Allwood** | Clontarf Academy Director

In Week 6, the Clontarf Academy marked its 2023 Annual Awards night, a special occasion dedicated to acknowledging and celebrating the noteworthy achievements, award winners and accomplishments of their Year 12 graduates.

The graduating students were not only recognised for completing their final year but also applauded for consistently upholding the expectations of Clontarf and the school throughout their time at Broome Senior High School.

This year, the Year 12 Clontarf students opted for Melbourne as their major camp destination. During the camp, they explored the streets of Melbourne enjoying a bit of shopping, bowling and laser tag. They also attended a thrilling Melbourne United basketball game, took part in a Bunnings work-site tour and more.

Congratulations and well-deserved praise goes out to all the students from the Broome Clontarf Academy, the award recipients and our 2023 Year 12 Graduates.



## School Board

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The Board would like to congratulate our impressive school leavers class of 2023. We wish you all the success and happiness in your life after school.

During your last year of high school at Broome Senior we have been impressed by your hard work, care for each other and sense of community. You have been amazing role models for the students who are now on the path to senior education. We look forward to enjoying the achievements and talents of the up-and-coming Year 12 class of 2024.

In Term 4 the whole school and Board have enjoyed numerous events showcasing the skills and talents of the school staff and students. Special mention to "Move your Arts Showcase" designed and led by the unstoppable Ms Hatherley and her creative arts team. It was such a special night-we look forward to many more future events like this. The Arts team partnered with Mamaljan students and teachers to ensure guests were fed and watered throughout the evening.

Mamaljan also impressed us with their agriculture and cooking skills during the Food Ladder event. Well done students and staff of Mamaljan.

We also acknowledge and thank the Broome Senior High P&C. Working with Mr Burt they have found a solution to providing healthy, affordable and easy-to-order school snacks and meals at the school canteen. From all accounts, PICA's kitchen is popular with both students and staff.

Fundraising and work of the P&C occurs all year by a strong, creative, enthusiastic and tireless group of parents. They have finished the year with a big bang. The renowned and hugely attended Broome Senior High School quiz night raised a large amount of funds for the school. The quiz night takes months of planning and these devoted parents spent many evenings and weekends event planning, plotting and hitting up local businesses for great prizes. Well done P&C and thank you from all of us.



As well as celebrating the achievements of students and staff the Board finished the year reviewing policies, endorsing budgets and approving the voluntary and compulsory contributions for 2024. Several board positions will be open for nomination next year. Please watch this space for the dates of nomination.

Have a great end of the year all.

See you back in 2024.



## Year 10 students triumph in introductory abseiling

**Scott Beatty** | Health and Phys Ed Head of Learning

Recently, students from the Year 10 Outdoor Education program engaged in an introductory abseiling course. The photos capture the nervous excitement, as the students donned in their harnesses preparing to scale the towering wall at the Broome Camp School. Guided expertly by staff, all students relished the challenge. A decisive moment to note for each student was to conquer the 10-meter drop to come back down after the climb. Cheers echoed with a sense of achievement. The day was a triumph, fostering courage and skill.



## Empowering Year 9 girls at Deadly Diva Day

**Clare Kavanagh** | Year 9 Leader



Recently, the Year 9 girls had opportunity to participate in Deadly Diva Day, a special event organised by Garnduwa at the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre. The students participated in various activities and workshops that focused on mental health and well-being. These sessions were conducted by local services catering to the needs of young women in Broome. A big thanks to Garnduwa for orchestrating this fantastic day.



## Metal Magic: Year 9 students forge unique steel blossoms

**Andrew Stocks** | Science teacher

In an impressive feat of creativity and skill, Year 9 Metalwork talents Maddi and Tahlia have crafted industrial flowers from diverse steel types. The duo's exceptional design, craftsmanship and successful project completion stand as a testament to their remarkable abilities.





# Year 7 students shine at annual Interschool Poetry Slam

Liz Lazenby | English teacher

Recently, five of our Year 7 students participated in the annual Interschool Poetry Slam at the Broome Convention Centre. The event drew students from across the Cluster schools of Broome, showcasing impressive talent. Kira Kelly competed in the High School category as an individual slammer with her moving piece titled "Cry of Earth," earning her the overall runner-up award. In the same category, Bianca Merry paired with Indi Wann and presented "Rewrite the Story," while Tekarie Wann paired



with Jamie Marshall collaborated, on "Freedoms and Justice". Congratulations to these students for writing and performing their own original poems to such a large audience. The school looks forward to more student participation in the coming years.

## Wellbeing Wellington Spark is checking in and checking out

Hello everyone!

Guess what? Yes, it's true - my mum and dad are retiring, and they're taking me along for the ride. I suppose it's because I AM their very favourite fur child.

I came to Broome Senior High School when I was a 16 week old floppy-eared puppy with oversized paws and a heart bursting with love. I loved it when the kids helped to train me as that helped them speak out confidently when they asked me to do my tricks. It was a win-win - their efforts wore out my brain and I happily dozed off.

I had a special role of looking after some students scared of vaccination needles and often comforted those feeling down. I even went on excursions to primary schools, to say hello to younger students as they wanted to know all about having a wellbeing dog in school.

I have been to after-school events including year 7 discos, the year 10 formal and the high school ball. Of course, my mum and dad bought me special outfits for those occasions. I think I looked pretty dapper.

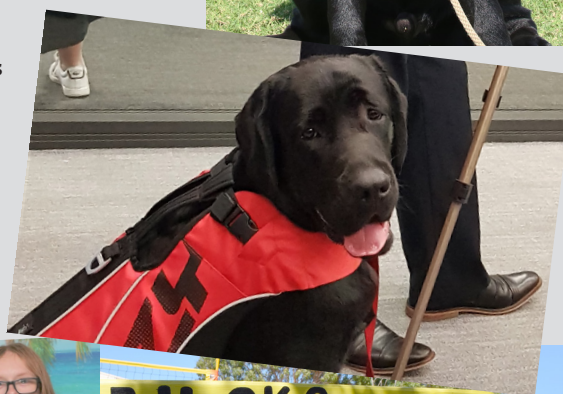
Now I am 3 years old and I guess retiring too. I am looking forward to camping, bush hikes, canoeing and making lots more new friends in our local park, swims and get-togethers with all my doggie cousins - I have heaps of those!

So thanks everyone for all the fun times. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a super Happy New Year.

Good luck to everyone in 2024. Maybe I could pop in for a sneaky hello if we come back for a holiday.

Sending high fives, paws and kisses your way,

Fare-Wellie one and all! xx





# Year 9 students Aspire at Uni immersion week

Clare Kavanagh | Year 9 Leader

Every year interested Year 9 students have the opportunity to attend a 'Uni Immersion Experience' camp facilitated by UWA's ASPIRE program to give students experience of life at university and a taste of some of the different fields that are available for study post secondary education.

This year our Aspire camp participants have had a great week in Perth. Although initially reserved, the students quickly gained confidence, actively connecting with peers from schools across WA. They adventurously navigated the campus, took part in 'ice breaker' activities, interacted with the School of Indigenous Studies and School Engagement Team and ended the day with lively mingling games.

The students have truly impressed supervisors in every aspect – from engagement and confidence-building to demonstrating independence and collaborative spirit in various activities. The week wrapped up with some off-campus visits to Boola Bardip WA Museum, SciTech, a session in the Planetarium and the Art Gallery of WA.

As part of the Aspire experience students wrote a letter to themselves which will be posted from UWA to students next year, to receive in Year 10, as they begin forging their pathways in upper school and beyond.



## Exciting times ahead in 2024 for newly elected student councillors

Adrienne Hinkes | Health & Phys Ed teacher

Congratulations to the recently elected Student Councillors who are joining our existing student council.

We are thrilled to welcome you on board and are looking forward the remarkable contributions you will make with our existing Student Councillor team in 2024.

### YEAR 7 COUNCILLORS



Bailey Lee Chi

Aiden Church

Sophie Duncan

Maddi McKenzie

### YEAR 7 COUNCILLORS



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Amaratunga

Jackson Wong

Kira Kelly

Missing:  
Matilda Beatty  
and Luca Scriva.



## Navigating what respect is in a digital landscape

Respectful Relationships Education experts from Collective Shout conducted crucial workshops recently across the Broome Cluster schools for parents, students and staff.

Renowned guests, including author and journalist Melinda Tankard Reist, along with Youth Advocate & Educator Daniel Principe, engaged with parents, staff and students to discuss navigating the intricacies of our ever-evolving digital landscape safely.

Feedback from students indicated a positive response to the presentations, expressing that they gained valuable insights into distinguishing respectful behavior both within and outside the school environment, both online and offline.

To find out more, please visit the following websites:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-communities/respectful-relationships-teaching-support-program>

<https://www.collectiveshout.org/>

And a great podcast suitable for Years 9-12:

<https://www.carolinespeakman.com/podcast>



## Variety WA gives a boost for school basics



Principal Mathew Burt, Variety WA chief executive Chris Chatterton and Deputy Principal Sandi Passmore. Picture courtesy: Katya Minns - Broome Advertiser.

Broome Senior High School were thrilled to receive a cheque for \$2,500 recently from Variety WA chief executive Chris Chatterton as part of the 2024 EduKids Drive for Change initiative.

The program has already supported at least 160 schools in WA with much needed funding for booklist and uniform back-to-school basics, including uniforms, backpacks and stationery essentials. Phase two of the program is delivering funding to 14 schools across the Kimberley, Pilbara and Mid West regions.

We are a fantastic school, with great teachers and great facilities — however having kids ready for school and ready to learn is one of our biggest challenges.

With such a diverse population of students, being able to have these funds available will certainly be a great start for getting our students ready to learn.

Broome Senior High School extended their gratitude to Variety WA who have been supporting our school for a number of years through various incentives.



## Year 7 in 2024

↓ ENROLMENT PACKS DUE ↓

A reminder that enrolment packs for Broome Senior High School are due now for all Year 6 students enrolling in Year 7 in 2024. If you need another pack, drop by the Front Office open 7:30am to 3:00pm M-F.

If you have any questions or concerns with completing the enrolment pack, please don't hesitate to get in contact with:

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