



ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

Principal Address

As we approach the end of Term 3, I am reminded of just how much there is to celebrate at Albany Senior High School. From students exploring our nation's capital and enjoying the snow, to our Year 12s preparing for their next chapter, there are wonderful things happening across our school every day.

What makes these experiences particularly special is the collective effort behind them. Our staff, students, families and community partners continue to create opportunities that help young people discover their strengths, build connections and grow in confidence. It is this shared commitment that makes ASHS a place where students can belong, achieve and thrive.



MELISSA WALKER
PRINCIPAL

Canberra Tour – Year 9

What a fantastic experience our Year 9 Canberra Tour was! I had the pleasure of joining our students as they explored our nation's capital, and it was a wonderful reminder of the opportunities that make school life at ASHS so special.

From visiting Parliament House and learning about the history and institutions that shape our nation, to experiencing the excitement of a day on the snow, the tour offered a wonderful balance of learning, adventure and fun. The snow day was certainly a highlight, with plenty of laughter, new experiences and memories that I am sure our students will be talking about for years to come!

What stood out most to me was the way our young people embraced every opportunity. Their curiosity, enthusiasm and willingness to have a go were a pleasure to see, and I was incredibly proud of the way they represented Albany Senior High School.

These are the experiences that bring learning to life, build friendships and help young people grow in confidence and independence. They are also a reminder that education is about so much more than what happens inside a classroom.

A huge thank you to the staff who worked so hard to organise and support the tour, and to the families who made it possible for their children to participate. It was a fantastic week and a wonderful celebration of the opportunities available to our students at ASHS.

Principal Address cont.

Year 12 – Celebrating the Journey

For our Year 12 cohort, the end of formal schooling is now drawing close. It is an exciting and emotional time as our students prepare to complete one chapter of their lives and begin another.

Over the coming weeks, we will have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements, reflect on the friendships and experiences they have shared, and recognise the many people who have supported them along the way. For some students, the next step will be university; for others, employment, training, apprenticeships or further study. Each pathway is important, and we are proud of the individual directions our young people are pursuing.

To our Year 12s, I encourage you to make the most of these final weeks. Stay focused, support one another and finish your schooling with pride. You have worked hard to reach this point, and we look forward to celebrating all that you have achieved.

To our families, thank you for the encouragement, care and support you have provided throughout your child's schooling. Reaching this milestone is a significant achievement for the whole family, and we look forward to sharing the celebrations with you.

Student Services – Sharing Our Practice

It is wonderful to see the work of our Student Services team increasingly recognised beyond Albany Senior High School. A growing number of schools are reaching out to learn more about our structures, approaches and the journey we have undertaken to strengthen student support.

Schools are particularly interested in how our Student Services model has evolved and the impact of our approaches on student belonging, connectedness, engagement and learning.

Over a number of years, our school has deliberately moved towards proactive, coordinated and wrap-around student support. This reflects our belief that wellbeing, belonging and learning are interconnected, and that young people achieve their best when they are known, valued and supported.

Being able to share our practice with other schools is something we can be proud of. It provides an opportunity to contribute to the broader public education system, while also encouraging us to continue reflecting on and strengthening our own approaches.

I thank our Student Services team and the many staff across the school who contribute to this work every day. Their commitment to our young people is making a difference, and it is pleasing to see that work recognised by others.

Principal Address cont.

Design and Technology Refurbishment – An Exciting Step Forward

It is exciting to see our long-awaited Design and Technology refurbishment moving into its next phase, with works commencing this week. This project represents a significant investment in the future of our school and the learning opportunities available to our students.

The initial stage will involve moving equipment and preparing teaching spaces ahead of asbestos removal during the upcoming school holidays. The school will be closed during the asbestos removal period, and students, families and community members must not come onto campus during this time. Further information regarding the closure and any arrangements affecting families will be communicated before the holidays.

Following the asbestos removal, the refurbishment will proceed through two stages. This approach has been designed to maintain access to Design and Technology teaching spaces wherever possible, allowing students to continue their learning while the upgrades are undertaken.

We hope to have the refurbishment completed in early 2028. While there will inevitably be some disruption along the way, the result will be contemporary facilities that support creativity, practical skills, innovation and a wide range of future pathways for our students.

Thank you to our Design and Technology staff, students and families for their patience and flexibility. We look forward to sharing the progress of this exciting project with our school community.

Parent-Teacher Interviews – Thank You for Your Feedback

Thank you to the parents and carers who took the time to provide feedback on our Parent-Teacher Interview process. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and has helped us reflect on how we can continue to strengthen communication and partnerships between home and school.

The 2026 trial has provided valuable information to inform our planning for 2027. We are currently finalising the structure, taking into account the feedback received and the operational needs of the school. Communication outlining the arrangements will be sent to parents and carers as soon as possible.

We know that strong partnerships between families and teachers make a difference to student learning and wellbeing.

Thank you for continuing to engage with us and for helping shape processes that best support our young people.

Principal Address cont.

Principal's Reflection – Celebrating Our Progress

As I reflect on the work occurring across Albany Senior High School, I am incredibly proud of the progress our school continues to make.

School improvement rarely occurs through one program, one initiative or one moment. It is the cumulative effect of many people working consistently towards a shared direction. Increasingly, I can see that collective work coming together across our school, and there is much to celebrate.

We are strengthening the way we support students to belong and connect; becoming more deliberate about how we identify and respond to learning needs; building stronger transitions into, through and beyond secondary school; creating contemporary learning environments; developing our cultural responsiveness; and strengthening the leadership and organisational structures that enable this work to be sustained.

Perhaps most importantly, there is a growing clarity about who we are as a school and where we are heading.

There is still significant work ahead of us, and continuous improvement means we should never become complacent. However, it is equally important to recognise progress and celebrate the people who make it possible. I am proud of the willingness of our staff to continue learning, adapting and improving, proud of the opportunities being created for our young people, and proud to see Albany SHS continuing to move forward with purpose.

Our goal remains clear: to create a school where young people are known, valued and supported to achieve their potential, and where they leave us equipped and empowered to make a positive difference in their community.

Thank you to our students, families, staff and School Board for your continued support, challenge and contribution to this journey. Together, we are building a school community that provides opportunity, fosters belonging and supports every young person to thrive.

There is much to be proud of at ASHS, and I look forward to celebrating many more achievements with our community in the months ahead.

Melissa Walker
Principal





CANBERRA Run-Down

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Memories. First-Time Experiences. Snow and Fun!

Our annual Canberra Trip delivered it all this year! Forty Year 9 students travelled to Canberra and Jindabyne for a memorable week exploring the national capital's iconic sights, learning about Australia's history and democracy, and creating lifelong memories.

On our first day, students visited the National Gallery of Australia, the National Archives of Australia and the National Museum of Australia. Unfortunately, our planned cycle around Lake Burley Griffin had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Nevertheless, students enjoyed seeing famous works by artists including Vincent Namatjira and Arthur Streeton at the National Gallery and marvelled at the enormous size of Phar Lap's heart at the National Museum.

Students were enthralled on Day 2 when they saw our national Parliament in action, witnessing divisions in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Of course, one hour was never going to be enough time at the Australian War Memorial, but the visit left our students eager to return and explore it more thoroughly.

By Day 3, our four groups were firmly established, complete with names, hand signals and plenty of friendly rivalry: the Emus with Mr Matson, the Sharks with Mr Beeck, the Kangaroos with Ms Walker and the Sea Turtles with Mr Bird.

At the zoo, students in the Emus group were surprised to discover that the resident emu did not take kindly to their group leader, pecking at Mr Matson's toes while being fed! Handling snakes and feeding the alpacas were among the other highlights of the visit.

Thursday saw us up bright and early in Jindabyne for our much-anticipated day in the snow. The weather was magical, and students spent the day sliding down the slopes, having snowball fights and building snowmen, all while learning about the Snowy Mountains environment and the importance of conservation.





CANBERRA

Run-Down

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It was a very tired and quiet group that boarded the bus on Friday for our return to Canberra—apart from a small group at the back who kept us entertained with an enthusiastic selection of songs! We finished our trip with a visit to the Australian Institute of Sport before heading to the airport for our journey home.

We were incredibly proud of our students throughout the week. They represented ASHS with maturity, respect and pride, making the entire trip a genuine delight.

Special thanks must go to Mr Robert Matson, Mr Paul Beeck, Ms Melissa Walker and our parent volunteer, Mr Mark Bird, for generously giving their time to accompany and support our students. We also extend our sincere thanks to our bus driver, Adam from Port Stephens Coaches, who went above and beyond to help make the trip such a roaring success.

We gratefully acknowledge the Australian Government's generous financial support for our students through the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program:

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding to our school in the amount of \$1,530.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Finally, thank you to all the parents and carers who supported their children to attend. We look forward to another fantastic Canberra Trip next year! Expression of Interest forms will soon be sent home to our current Year 8 students.



CANBERRA adventures



STUDENT TRANSITIONS

Supporting Every Young Person's Next Step

From primary school to graduation, pathways begin with knowing our students

At Albany Senior High School, we believe successful transitions are about much more than moving from one year level to the next. They are about knowing each young person, understanding their strengths and aspirations, and ensuring they have the support and opportunities needed to thrive.

Year 10 to Senior School

Our Careers team, together with Associate Principal – Student Achievement Jeff Grundy, has been working extensively with Year 10 students and their families as they make important decisions about senior secondary courses and future career pathways.

Course counselling is about much more than selecting subjects. It involves understanding each student's achievement, interests, strengths and aspirations, and helping them identify a pathway that provides the strongest opportunity for future success.

Whether a young person is considering university, vocational education and training, an apprenticeship, employment or another pathway, our goal is to ensure they are informed, supported and confident in the decisions they make.

This process also marks the commencement of a significant operational task for the school, with construction of the 2027 timetable now in full swing. The choices our students make help shape the learning opportunities we provide in the year ahead.



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Year 6 to Secondary School

We are also looking forward to welcoming our incoming Year 7 students and families as they prepare for the exciting transition to secondary school.

Our work with partner primary schools continues to be a significant focus, with the aim of ensuring students are increasingly known as learners before they commence Year 7. Sharing information about achievement, learning needs and appropriate supports enables us to establish the conditions for a successful transition and respond earlier when students require additional support.

We know that starting secondary school is a significant milestone for young people and their families. Our transition processes are designed to help students build confidence, establish connections and feel a sense of belonging as they begin their journey at ASHS.



Enrolments Across the School

Albany Senior High School is currently accepting enrolments across all year levels for 2027. We welcome enquiries from families considering ASHS and encourage you to contact the school to learn more about our programs, pathways and the opportunities available to your child.

From our incoming Year 7 students to those preparing for their final years of schooling, we are committed to ensuring every young person is known, valued and supported to achieve their potential.

We look forward to welcoming new families into our school community and continuing to work in partnership with families to create successful pathways for every student.

2026 KALGAN CLASSIC

ASHS Milestone

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10 years of in-school recreational fishing

The 2026 Kalgan Classic marked a major milestone for ASHS Marine, celebrating 10 years of the school's in-school recreational fishing program. What began as a relatively small fishing initiative has developed into one of the largest practical events on the ASHS Marine calendar, bringing students together through fishing, competition, environmental learning and time spent on the Kalgan River.

This year was the biggest Kalgan Classic to date, with 133 students from Years 7–12 participating. The competition was delivered across an enormous 19 separate fishing sessions during the week, giving students from across the school the opportunity to participate.

Conditions varied considerably throughout the week. Students experienced everything from rain and strong winds to excellent fishing conditions, with plenty of quality black bream eventually recorded.

For some of the younger students, particularly the Year 7 participants, the Kalgan Classic was also their first ASHS Marine excursion.



2026 KALGAN CLASSIC OVERALL RESULTS

1st – Marlon (Year 10) – 152 points
2nd – Harrison (Year 10) – 104 points
3rd – Kade (Year 9) – 93 points

2026 KALGAN CLASSIC

ASHS Milestone

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The competition is about much more than simply catching the biggest fish. Students practise recreational fishing skills, safe fish handling and responsible catch-and-release techniques while recording catches and measurements in the ASHS Marine fishing logbook. This practical approach combines recreation with education and helps build an appreciation for the Kalgan River and its black bream fishery.

The Biggest Bream Per Year Group awards for 2026 went to: Jasper – Year 7 (31 cm), Callum – Year 8 (30 cm), Cody – Year 9 (32 cm), Harrison – Year 10 (31 cm), Erinn – Year 11 (32 cm), and Meg – Year 12 (25 cm).

The overall 2026 Kalgan Classic results saw Marlon (Year 10) claim first place with an impressive 152 points, followed by Harrison (Year 10) in second place with 104 points, and Kade (Year 9) in third with 93 points.

The week concluded with presentations in the ASHS Marine shed, recognising the major placegetters and year-group winners, alongside a large raffle that ensured students of all fishing abilities had an opportunity to walk away with a prize.





LAUNCH *Albany IS*



Student voice. truth-telling and community connection

Our young people are making a meaningful contribution to the way Albany's stories are shared, and we are incredibly proud of their involvement in the launch of the AlbanyIS app.

Students from our Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies program and Follow the Dream recently participated in the development of this exciting community initiative. They were also involved in a panel at the Albany Town Hall launch, providing an important opportunity for young people to contribute their voices to a project centred on local storytelling and truth-telling.

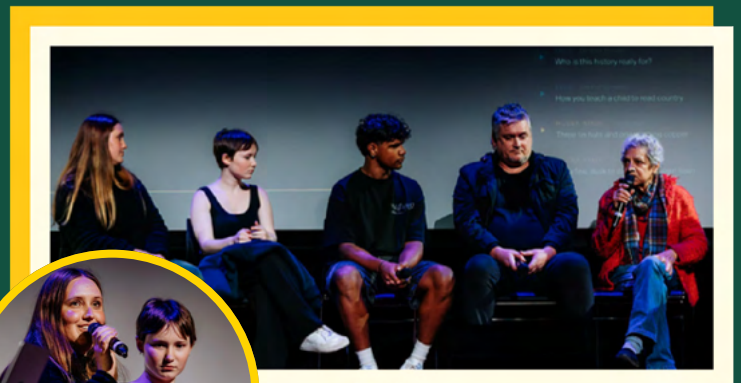
AlbanyIS is an interactive audio storytelling experience that invites listeners to explore Albany through the voices of the people who live here. Built from real recordings of more than 120 locals, Elders, workers and storytellers, the app offers a range of journeys exploring Country, history, belonging, restoration, young people and the many experiences that have shaped our community.

Listeners can choose their own pathway through the stories, with the narrative branching according to the voices they select. A living map also connects stories to real places around Albany, allowing people to discover the history and experiences associated with locations throughout our town.

It was particularly pleasing to see our students confidently contributing within such a significant community forum. Their involvement reflects the importance of ensuring young people are not only learning about their community, but are also active participants in shaping how its stories are told and understood.

We encourage our families and community members to download AlbanyIS and experience these stories for themselves. The app is available for Apple and Android devices. Search for Albany IS to find the interactive audio storytelling experience and begin exploring the many voices and journeys that make up our community.

Thank you to Julia Seitz and Candice Matthews for supporting our students and enabling their involvement in this valuable initiative. It is another wonderful example of ASHS students connecting with their community, contributing their perspectives and making a positive difference.



Y7/8 SOCCER Carnival

Our Year 7/8 students recently took part in the Soccer Carnival, with all three teams representing the school exceptionally well both on and off the field.

Our girls' team had an **outstanding tournament**, making it all the way to the **Grand Final** before narrowly going down 1–0 to Denmark. Both of our boys' teams also had strong tournaments, **finishing 3rd in their respective grades**.

While the results were impressive, the highlight of the day was the way our students conducted themselves. **Everyone played with great spirit, showed respect towards opponents and officials, and consistently upheld our school values throughout the carnival.**

A big thank you to the parents who came along to support the students and cheer them on. **We would also like to acknowledge our Cert students who volunteered their time to umpire games and coach the teams**, as well as Zyah, our trainee, for his fantastic support throughout the day.

Well done to all of our students on a fantastic carnival — you should all be very proud of the way you represented the school!



NAIDOC WEEK

2026

Celebrating Culture. Connection and Student Leadership



NAIDOC Week at Albany Senior High School was a wonderful celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and achievements, with our young people playing a central role in sharing culture and leading learning across our school. A highlight of the celebrations was our whole-school assembly and the official launch of Ngalang Bidi – Our Path, our culturally safe space developed through student voice to strengthen culture, connection and belonging within our school community.

We also celebrated the completion of the outstanding mural created by our students in collaboration with local Menang artist Charlie Colbung. The artwork tells a story of place, culture and connection, creating a powerful welcome for students, staff, families and visitors entering Ngalang Bidi. It is a beautiful and lasting representation of the importance of Menang culture and the connection our school has to the Country on which we learn.

What made the celebrations particularly meaningful was the leadership of our young people. Through their involvement in the assembly, cultural activities and the development of Ngalang Bidi, students demonstrated confidence, pride and a willingness to share their knowledge and experiences with others.

Our Aboriginal students are increasingly becoming leaders of learning about culture within our school. Their voices are helping to strengthen understanding, build connections and encourage all members of our community to learn more about Menang culture, history and the continuing significance of Country.

These initiatives are part of a much broader journey at ASHS. Cultural responsiveness and reconciliation are not simply events on our calendar; they are becoming increasingly embedded in the everyday life, learning and identity of our school.

Thank you to our students, Aboriginal Education team, staff, families, Elders and community members who contributed to the celebrations. Together, we are continuing to build a school where culture is respected, student voice is valued and every young person has the opportunity to belong.



NAIDOC Activities





BOOK WEEK

At ASHS



Celebrating Stories. Imagination and Reading

Book Week was once again a fantastic celebration at Albany Senior High School, with large numbers of students getting involved in activities across the week and embracing the fun of our annual dress-up parade.

The creativity on display was outstanding. Students and staff transformed into characters from much-loved books, films and stories, and the quality of the costumes made judging the best dressed an almost impossible task. More importantly, there was a wonderful sense of fun, participation and community throughout the week.

A huge thank you to Natasha Woodcock for the enormous amount of organisation that went into making Book Week such a success. Events like this do not happen without careful planning, enthusiasm and a willingness to bring others along, and Natasha created plenty of opportunities for students and staff to get involved.

Behind all the costumes and fun, Book Week also serves an important purpose: promoting reading.

Reading is one of the most powerful foundations for learning. It supports vocabulary, comprehension, writing, critical thinking and the ability to access learning across every subject area. Strong reading skills help young people make sense of complex ideas, become more independent learners and confidently engage with the world around them.

Just as importantly, reading can open doors to new experiences, perspectives, cultures and possibilities. A good book can entertain us, challenge us, help us understand others and sometimes allow us to see ourselves reflected in a story.

Book Week is therefore much more than a parade or a costume competition. It is a celebration of stories, imagination and the role reading plays in helping young people learn, grow and thrive.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to such a positive and enjoyable week, and congratulations to all of our students who got involved. It was another great celebration of learning and community at ASHS.



BOOK WEEK

Parade



WORK WITH US

Employment Opportunities

Depending on your skills, qualifications and experience, you may be considered for permanent or fixed-term positions as they arise.

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Albany Senior High School

School Board Parent Representatives

See Compass for
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*Voting is only open to parents and
carers of enrolled students*



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Voting Closes:
13th September 2026



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www.albanyshs.wa.edu.au

ASHS Notice Board

ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

A group of five male students and two female students are shown wearing their school blazers. The blazers are green with yellow and white vertical stripes. The text 'CLASS OF 2022' and 'ALBANY' is visible on the blazers. The students are smiling and posing for a photo.

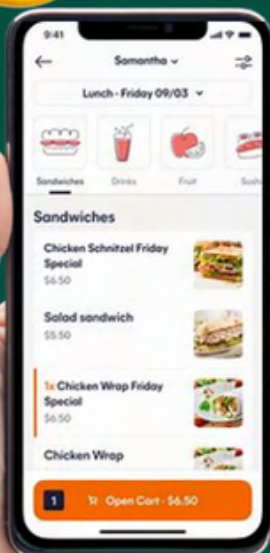
SCHOOL BLAZER & TIE

DONATE NOW

The school crest features a shield with a yellow background, a red border, and the letters 'ASHS' in the center. Below the shield is a red banner with the word 'TRUTH' in white. The crest is flanked by two red banners with the word 'KEEP' in white.

Canteen Ordering

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- A collage of various food items including a jar of white sauce, a banana, a croissant, a bowl of sushi, a red apple, a sandwich, a bowl of salad, and a burrito.
- Albany SHS uses **Spriggy Schools** for canteen orders.
 - Order and pay for food online – quick and easy!
 - Don't have a Spriggy account? It only takes a few minutes to set up.
 - Add all your children to a single account.
 - You can choose to:
 - Pay the exact amount for each order
 - Or keep your account topped up
 - Payments can be made via Direct Deposit, Credit Card, or PayPal.
 - Once registered, download the Spriggy Schools App to manage orders from your phone.
 - Visit the Spriggy Schools website to get started:
<https://www.spriggyschools.com.au>



YEAR 12'S Last Week & Awards Night

Final Week of School and Year 12 Farewell Activities

All Year 12 General students must return all school property, including textbooks and other school resources, by the last day of Term 3.

Year 12 ATAR students are required to return school property following the completion of their examinations.

To celebrate their final week of school, Year 12 students are invited to participate in the following dress-up themes:

- Monday: Primary School Student & Anything but a bag
- Tuesday: Favourite Teacher
- Wednesday: Dream Job
- Thursday: Favourite Childhood Character

The final official day of school for Year 12 students, including the Farewell and Handover Assembly, will be held on Friday, 25 September 2026.

Students are required to wear their full school uniform for the Farewell and Handover Assembly.

Timeline for Friday, 25 September

- 8:40 am – Bus departs ALAC for students wishing to leave their vehicles at ALAC prior to the day's activities.
- 8:45 am – 9:50 am – Year 12 Farewell Breakfast in the school canteen (families welcome).
- 9:50 am – 10:50 am – Year 12 Farewell and Handover Assembly (families welcome).
- 10:50 am – Students depart for ALAC. • 1:40 pm – Students dismissed from ALAC.

Awards Night

If you are the parent or carer of a Year 12 student, you will have received an invitation to the Awards Night. Please check your inbox and contact the school if you have not received it.

The Awards Night will be held on 15 October, commencing at 5:00 pm sharp.

Please RSVP by Friday, 18 September to secure your spot.

Tickets available for collection from Wednesday 23 September.

CALENDAR

Dates for your diary

Term 3 Week 8

Day	Event
Monday	Year 12 Farewell Dinner
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Young Writers Excursion, Career Taster Port Authority
Thursday	R U OK Day, Bush to Plate Cultural Excursion Day 1
Friday	Bush to Plate Cultural Excursion Day 2

Term 3 Week 9

Day	Event
Monday	Marine Science – Whole Day Netting
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Marine Science – Whole Day Netting, Music & Drama Performance Evening at APAC.
Thursday	Bush to Plate Cultural Excursion Day 3
Friday	Bush to Plate Cultural Excursion Day 4

Term 3 Week 10

Day	Event
Monday	Duke of Ed Camp - Student Leaders. Red Frogs Visit ASHS
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Bush to Plate Cultural Excursion Final Day. Year 7 Immunisation catchup. Year 9/10 Basketball Carnival
Thursday	
Friday	Year 12s Last Day

COMMUNITY Notices

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Grand Carers' Monthly Morning Tea

First Monday of the Month

We would like to invite you to a free morning tea and a chance to connect with other grand carers in the community and learn more about the services available to support you.

This month we have guest speaker Dee from **Carers WA** joining us to share about what they do and the support available.

Come and enjoy a homemade morning tea made by our local CWA members.

Mon 10:30am - 12:30pm | 7 September 2026
CWA Albany Branch, 94 Serpentine Rd
Please RSVP for catering - Jody 0448 979 059



Supporting Emotional Wellbeing in Neurodivergent Young People

Exploring emotional wellbeing in the teenage years through a neuro affirming and strengths-based lens.

Join Gee van der Watt, a neurodivergent consultant and owner of Neurominded to explore understandings of neurodiversity, sensory processing, co-regulation and child-centered support.

Parents and carers will leave with:

- A better understanding of their young person's emotional wellbeing and support needs
- New perspectives on identity, belonging, friendships, masking and the teenage years
- Practical ideas for responding to stress, overwhelm, and big emotions with compassion and understanding
- Greater confidence in supporting connection, wellbeing and a positive sense of self as their young person grows and develops



Thursday 17 Sep 2026 | 5.30 - 7.30pm
Uplyft office, 26 Prior St, Centennial Park
Light refreshments provided. Bookings essential.
<https://parentingconnectionwa.com.au/event/neuro2/>
Enquiries: 0448 137 192 | E:GreatSouthernPCWA@uplyft.org.au

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Supporting Your Neurodivergent Child's Emotional Wellbeing

For preschool and primary school aged children

Join Gee van der Watt, neurodivergent consultant for a practical workshop exploring emotional wellbeing in neurodivergent children.

Drawing on current understandings this session combines evidence-informed information with practical strategies.

Parents and carers will leave with:

- A greater understanding of their child's emotional wellbeing and support needs
- Practical strategies to support regulation, connection and resilience
- New ways of understanding and responding to behaviour through a neuroaffirming lens
- Greater confidence in supporting their child at home and in everyday situations



Thursday 17 Sep 2026 | 10am - 12 noon
Uplyft office, 26 Prior St, Centennial Park
Bookings essential:
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Enquiries: 0448 137 192 | E:GreatSouthernPCWA@uplyft.org.au

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Connect & Play

Weekly Parents Group

Connect & Play is a group designed for parents to get together with others in the same stage of life while their kids play in a safe and fun environment.

If you are a parent of young children who is looking to make connections, this group is for you!

Every Wednesday during school term | 9 - 11am
Wanslea Office, 26 Prior Street, Albany
Jody 0448 979 059

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COMMUNITY Notices



Sheridan Perth Royal Show Cultural Experience Day

Complimentary tickets for eligible Year 9-12 students

Dear Principal and Student Services Team,

ACTION REQUESTED

Please forward this invitation and registration link to eligible Year 9-12 students and their parents or guardians.

Register: <https://shorturl.at/YNWq8>

Closing date: Friday, 28 August 2026, or earlier if all tickets are allocated.

Sheridan Institute of Higher Education invites eligible students to a free campus experience followed by the Perth Royal Show. The program is supported by the Government of Western Australia and StudyPerth.

Who is eligible?

1. Students in Years 9-12 who are enrolled at a Western Australian school.
2. Students who hold an international student visa or a Dependent Child (subclass 443) visa.

Event details

Date: Tuesday, 29 September 2026

Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Venue: Sheridan Institute of Higher Education, 79 Stirling Street, Perth WA 6000

What students will receive

3. A campus visit with peer connections, higher education pathway information, student support and career guidance.
4. One complimentary Perth Royal Show entry ticket, issued at the end of the campus visit.

Important: Tickets are limited to 100 and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Each ticket is for the registered eligible student only and is non-transferable. Parents, guardians and family members are welcome at the Sheridan campus visit, but complimentary Royal Show tickets are not provided for accompanying guests.

Reggie: Ms Monica Yuen-Pecoraro, Director of Marketing and Corporate Relations

myuenpecoraro@sheridan.edu.au | (08) 6222 4222

Thank you for helping eligible students access this opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

D. Smith

Darren Smith
Executive Principal
Sheridan Institute of Higher Education

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ALBANY AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2026
FRIDAY 13TH & SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2026

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PLACES OPEN FOR A SOPRANO AND BASS

to join About FACE for our Christmas Season

Rehearsals start Tues 15th Sept

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HARMONY | FRIENDSHIP | FUN | CHOREOGRAPHY | A PLACE TO BELONG

YEAR 9-12
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS TO ATTEND
A FREE SHERIDAN
CAMPUS VISIT AND
RECEIVE A
COMPLIMENTARY 2026
PERTH ROYAL SHOW
TICKET.

2026 ALBANY
AGRICULTURAL
SHOW
FRIDAY 13TH AND
SATURDAY 14TH
NOVEMBER 2026.

ABOUT FACE CHOIR

TOUCH FOOTBALL 'COME AND TRY' NIGHT

BRING YOUR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS

Come along and give Touch Football a try, whether you're a first-timer or already have some experience, everyone is welcome!

Date: Tuesday 22nd September

Time: 6 - 8pm

Location: North Road, Western Precinct

All experience levels welcome!

PERTH SCORCHERS
ALBANY GIRLS
TRANSITION PROGRAM

Is your Daughter keen to move into Junior Cricket but would like to gain some extra confidence and skill development first? Join our new 4-week Junior Girls Transition Program!

Date: Tuesdays, 20 Oct - 10 Nov
Time: 4:00-5:00pm
Location: North Road Oval
Ages: 10+
Cost: FREE! Limited Spots!

REGISTER NOW!

Any questions please contact:
adcamoments@outlook.com

THEATRE MAKEUP MASTERCLASS
Albany Light Opera Theatre Company Presents

MAKEUP BASICS AND CHARACTER CREATION

WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2026 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

With **EMMA RIDGWELL**
Makeup Artist for TV & Film

LEARN ESSENTIAL TECHNIQUES | TRANSFORM FOR THE STAGE

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THE MAD HATTER TEA PARTY IS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT CELEBRATING MENTAL HEALTH, CONNECTION, CREATIVITY AND HAVING A BIT OF FUN.

VacSwim
Get your Bronze Medallion over the school holidays. Enrol now!



VACSWIM OFFERS CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 17 THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP AND PROGRESS THEIR SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY SKILLS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



FREE GOLF COME & TRY DAY FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES

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OCTOBER ATAR EXAM PREPARATION & REVISION PROGRAMS

Tuition for students Year 11 to 12

Week 1 (29 Sep-1 Oct)
Ashdale SC
(Year 12)

Week 2 (5-9 Oct)
Hale School (Year 11-12)

Mt Lawley SHS
(Year 12)

The October School Holiday Program offers students comprehensive subject revision and prepares students for their final school and ATAR exams.

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MASTERMIND AUSTRALIA HAS A NUMBER OF CAMPUSES IN PERTH OFFERING ATAR REVISION AND EXAM PREPARATION FOR ALL WA STUDENTS DURING THE TERM 3 HOLIDAYS.

IF YOUR STUDENTS HAPPEN TO BE IN PERTH FOR THE OCTOBER HOLIDAYS, WE WOULD VALUE THEIR INVOLVEMENT

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YOUTH GIRLS CRICKET

THE MOST FUN YOUR GIRL WILL HAVE THIS SUMMER!
 All girls aged 10-15 to come and play cricket in a fun, relaxed and supportive environment.
 NO EXPERIENCE. NO KIT. NO PRESSURE.

Just turn up and play!

WHAT TO EXPECT	WHO'S IT FOR?	DETAILS
FAST, FUN GAMES No long waits around!	GIRLS AGED 10-15 COMPLETE BEGINNERS WELCOME!	TRAINING - MONDAY
BUILD CONFIDENCE		GAMES - FRIDAY
MAKE NEW FRIENDS		TIME: 4PM ONWARDS
LEARN WITHOUT IT FEELING LIKE COACHING		
MUSIC & GREAT ATMOSPHERE		

SIGN UP!

MORE INFO: adcauwomens@outlook.com

YOUTH GIRLS
CRICKET



SUNSET SCORCHERS
 WOMENS SOCIAL CRICKET

PLAY | SOCIALISE | GET ACTIVE | HAVE FUN

- FUN, ENTERTAINING, FAST-PACED GAME
- PLAYED WITH A SOFT BALL FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES
- EVERYONE GETS A GO & NO ONE'S OUT
- THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO JOIN IN & HAVE A FUN!
- GRAB A GROUP OF FRIENDS OR REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY
- NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

REGISTER NOW!

8 WEEK PROGRAM
 FRIDAY'S 5.30PM ONWARDS
 FOR WOMEN AGED 14+
 STARTING 16 OCT 2026
 NTH ROAD CRICKET GROUNDS
 BAR FACILITIES AVAILABLE

NEW FRIENDSHIPS, BRIGHTER FRIDAYS!

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REGISTRATIONS FOR
THE 2026/27
ATHLETICS SEASON
ARE NOW OPEN



ALBANY ATHLETICS
 REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

EARLY BIRD OFFER!
 REGISTER BEFORE 30 SEPTEMBER
 TO GO IN THE DRAW FOR FREE MEMBERSHIP!

REGISTRATION DAY 10 OCTOBER
 SEASON STARTS 17 OCTOBER

SCAN HERE FOR ALL INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

WOMENS SOCIAL
CRICKET

SOUTH WEST AUTISM NETWORK (SWAN)



Albany Road Trip
 Monday 5th - Wednesday 7th
 of October 2026

Catch up with our team for **FREE** information, support and advocacy to navigate:

- Autism and other disabilities
- The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Your rights
- Mainstream and disability support services
- Peer support and advocacy
- And much more

Click on the QR Code to learn how SWAN can support you

To book an appointment, please contact:
info@swanautism.org.au | 0499 819 038



Albany Carers Morning Tea

Join us for a relaxed morning tea and connect with other families with kids with disability.

10.00am-12.00pm
Tuesday 6th October 2026

at Handasydes Cafe
 Strawberry Farm & Play Area

382 Chester Pass Rd, Walmsley WA 6330
 Kids welcome, parent/carer supervision required.

Please RSVP by Friday 2nd October 2026
info@swanautism.org.au | 0499 819 038

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OCTOBER 2026 SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Events are tailored for different age groups. Use the legend below to help find the perfect event be sure to check the age before booking.

3+ years of age 5/6+ years of age 7+ years of age 10+ years of age 14/15+ years of age All Ages

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	AGE	BOOKING REQUIRED	COST
TUE 29 SEPT	10:00am - 2:00pm	Vancouver Art Centre, Art Room	Song Writing Course	Join Raimata and Jess from RnB Soul Train for a two-day songwriting workshop where you'll learn to turn ideas into lyrics, melodies and songs. No experience needed - develop your song, refine and rehearse it, then share your creation in a small showcase. This is day 1! Attendees must attend both days.	15 - 25 years	BOOKING REQUIRED	\$20.00
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	ALAC - Pool	Full Pool Inflatables	Both pool inflatables go in the water, test yourself on the giant obstacle course or try and get to the end of the Wobble Log.	6+ (swimmers stage 4+)	Pay at ALAC front counter.	\$10.00
WED 30 SEPT	10:00am - 12:00pm	Oyster Harbour Lower King Road, Lower King	Catch and Cook with Kaati Wim	Join Lindsay Dean and his sons for a 120-minute Catch and Cook experience. Learn traditional fishing techniques as you hunt for fish, crab and shellfish, then gather around the campfire to enjoy damper and any successful catches. Discover how spears were traditionally made and used for fishing.	10 - 17 years	BOOKING REQUIRED	\$10.00
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	ALAC - Pool	Full Pool Inflatables	Both pool inflatables go in the water, test yourself on the giant obstacle course or try and get to the end of the Wobble Log.	6+ (swimmers stage 4+)	Pay at ALAC front counter.	\$10.00
THURS 1 OCT	11:00am - 3:00pm	Alison Hartman Gardens	Great Southern Noongar Festival	Celebrate Noongar culture with a day of live music, cultural dancing, indigenous art, damper making, children's activities and bush tucker. Enjoy a free sausage sizzle and come together for a day of community, culture and connection.	All Ages		FRE
MON 5 OCT	11:00am - 12:30pm	Southern Edge Arts 77 Sanford Road, Centennial Park	Carrying the Fire Lantern Making Workshops	A hands-on lantern-making workshop as part of 'Carrying the Fire'. Create your own unique lantern to carry in the community procession on November 7, with all materials provided and no prior artistic experience needed. Free event but please register.	18 - 25 years	BOOKING REQUIRED	FRE
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	ALAC - Pool	Full Pool Inflatables	Both pool inflatables go in the water, test yourself on the giant obstacle course or try and get to the end of the Wobble Log.	6+ (swimmers stage 4+)	Pay at ALAC front counter.	\$10.00
TUE 6 OCT	10:00am - 2:00pm	Vancouver Art Centre, Art Room	Song Writing Course	Day 2 of the songwriting workshop with Raimata and Jess from RnB Soul Train where you'll learn to turn ideas into lyrics, melodies and songs. No experience needed - develop your song, refine and rehearse it, then share your creation in a small showcase. This is day 2! Attendees must attend both days.	15 - 25 years	BOOKING REQUIRED	\$20.00
	1:30pm - 2:55pm	ALAC - Pool	Kids Aqua Splash	A high-energy school holiday aqua workout combining fun dance moves with the resistance of the water. Kids will move, splash and groove to their favourite tracks while getting a great full-body workout.	7- 12 years	BOOKING REQUIRED	\$7.50
WED 7 OCT	9:30am - 11:00am	King George Sound Safari 5d Tall Place, Albany	King George Safari Boat Tour	Set sail from the harbour with Captain Mark and cruise out towards Mistaken Island before heading into the channel. Keep your eyes peeled along the way, as you might even catch a glimpse of some of the last whales of the season.	14 - 17 years	BOOKING REQUIRED	\$10.00
	11:00am - 12:30pm						
THU 8 OCT	2:00pm - 4:00pm	ALAC - Pool	Full Pool Inflatables	Both pool inflatables go in the water, test yourself on the giant obstacle course or try and get to the end of the Wobble Log.	6+ (swimmers stage 4+)	Pay at ALAC front counter.	\$10.00
	9:30am - 11:00am	Waste Education Centre, Hannahan Road	Wheeels Wonderful Waste	Help us celebrate Bike Month! Weave a wheeels wonderful bike wheel wall for our Fossilickers Tip Shop fence line and create your own colourful cog craft picture to take home! No experience needed, all equipment supplied. Free event but please register.	6+ years (adult supervision required for under 16)	BOOKING REQUIRED	FRE
SAT 10 OCT		Albany Indoor Centre	5x5 Soccer Competition	A fun 5x5 soccer competition where kids can team up, hit the court and show off their soccer skills!	6 - 8 years	BOOKING REQUIRED	\$10.00
	9:30am - 4:00pm	Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre	Kadadjiny Cup: 3x3 Basketball Competition	Register your team and head down to ALAC for the 2026 Kadadjiny Cup! Teams will compete in a round-robin 3x3 basketball competition, with the winners determined by total points. Enjoy free health checks, connect with local community organisations, and grab a free sausage sizzle while you're there! Register your team through the link.	10 - 17 years	BOOKING REQUIRED	FRE
ALL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		Christmas Festival & Pageant Drawing Competition	WIN A RIDE ON SANTAS SLEIGH AT THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & PAGEANT! It may seem a little early, but we're opening our Christmas colouring competition early this year to give the kids something extra to enjoy these school holidays! Create your own magical Christmas snow globe, fill it with colour, imagination and festive cheer, then drop it into Santa's Mailbox at the Albany Public Library for your chance to win a ride in Santa's sleigh during the Christmas Festival & Pageant on Saturday 5 December 2026. Download your copy here or collect one from the Albany Public Library.			All Ages	DOWNLOAD A COPY CITYOFALBANYEVENTS.CO

For events for younger age groups, please visit the Albany Public Library or follow them on socials! library.albany.wa.gov.au.

Found an event you are interested in? Make sure you book if required by scanning the QR code below or by visiting <http://albany.wa.gov.au/holidays>
For more information on an event, please contact the City of Albany.

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