

# **SAFETY BAY**

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL OCTOBER | 2025



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## KEY DATES - TERM 4, 2025

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

eV Challenge

Year 11 Last Day

Year 6 Transition Week

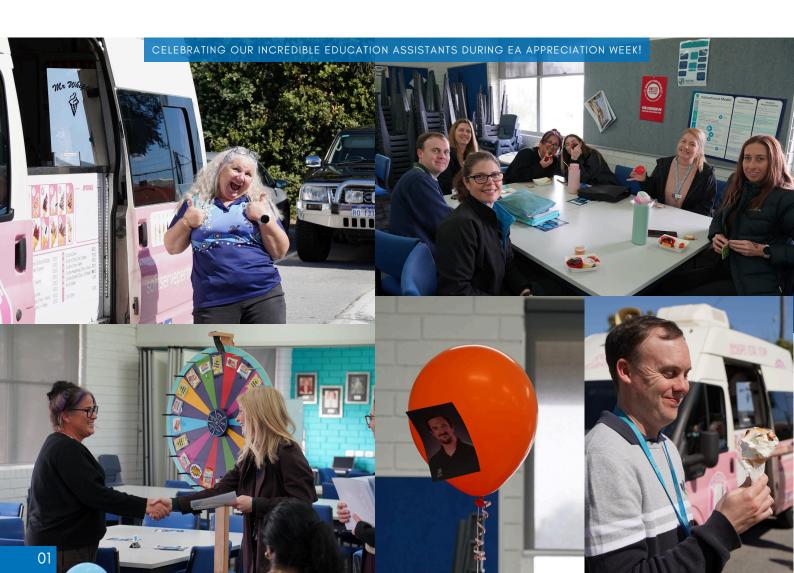
School Development Day (Pupil Free)

Immunisation Catch-Ups

Year 6 Orientation Day

Arts Royale

All Students' Last Day





OUR ARTWORK - "COMING TOGETHER" BY KYRA UGLE

My piece of artwork is called 'Coming Together'. The meaning behind my artwork is small gatherings, all connected to one, which means all us Indigenous people coming together as one and all communicating by a fire.

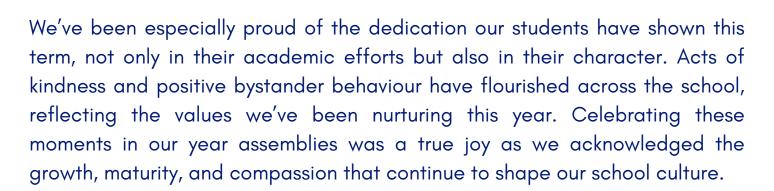
The design came straight to my head because not only is the meaning behind it deadly, but the design itself is beautiful to me.

Kyra Ugle is a proud Whadjuk Noongar student and is currently in Year 11 at Safety Bay Senior High School. She was in Year 9 at the time of designing this artwork.



## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

As we wrap up another vibrant and rewarding term, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff, students, parents, carers, and wider community. Together, we've achieved an exceptional amount, and it has been inspiring to witness our students working with determination and heart to pursue their dreams.



Our commitment to rich learning experiences has been evident both in the classroom and through whole-school events. **NAIDOC Day** was a standout celebration of culture embraced by our entire community. It offered meaningful opportunities to learn, reflect, and inspire the next generation of leaders.

**Science Week** and **HASS Week** brought learning to life in exciting ways, and I want to thank our staff for their creativity and energy in making these events so memorable. Students expressed genuine appreciation for the effort and passion that went into these experiences.

We also came together for **R U OK? Day** through our '*Groovin' the Bay*' event, which was a powerful reminder to pause, connect, and listen without judgment. These conversations have continued in our assemblies, reinforcing the message that checking in with one another should happen all year round. We encourage students to seek support when they see someone in need, and we remain committed to fostering a caring and inclusive environment.

A special celebration was held for our Year 12 students as they marked the end of their school journey with **Spirit Week** and the **Year 12 Breakfast** held at Secret Harbour Golf Links. It was a privilege to share in their final moments of school life, filled with laughter, recognition, and heartfelt congratulations. To our Year 12s, good luck in your upcoming exams. These are not just milestones, but reflections of your perseverance, resilience, and hard work.

I'd also like to share an important reminder about **road safety**. We've sent a letter via Compass, raised awareness on social media, and discussed this in assemblies. Please continue these conversations at home and encourage safe travel choices to and from school.

Excitingly, we are entering a new phase of growth. A builder has been appointed, and construction will begin shortly to bring much-needed refurbishments and new learning spaces. We recently held a **community session** for neighbouring residents that was warmly received. Temporary fencing will be installed soon, and we ask for your patience as parking arrangements may shift. The short-term inconvenience will be well worth it for the long-term benefits to our students.

Finally, a thank you to our parents and carers. Your unwavering support, energy, and love make a profound difference in the lives of our young people. We see it every day in their confidence, engagement, and success.

Wishing you all a restful and rejuvenating break. We look forward to welcoming you back next term, refreshed and ready for more shared achievements.

Kind Regards,

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Jess Halliday

**Principal** 

#### NAIDOC DAY



On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, we celebrated NAIDOC Week with a full day of performances, learning, creating, and interacting with Australian culture.

We are very lucky to have had the incredible Kaa Kaa Middars dance group from Cooloongup Primary School perform for us in the morning, led by Mr Borsi and Ms Munyard.

We also had the Mungart Yongah Nyumbiwah visit and perform a smoking ceremony as students and staff entered the gym. Elder Nigel Wilkes Snr and Ms Alice Kearing then discussed the importance of NAIDOC Week and this year's theme before the group performed Nyumbi (a celebration dance) with both men and women performing different cultural routines painted in ochre. Before long, the Kaa Kaa Middars were up and involved too – before asking the Safety Bay students and staff to get up and join them!



While one half of the school were involved in this assembly, the other half were learning all about making tools from natural resources from Cyril at Milliyaan Aboriginal Services, before the groups swapped over.

Our students were then invited to immerse themselves in different activities that included: Animals and Art, Indigenous Games, Creating Natural Products, Baking, Hunting & Gathering, Treasure Hunt, Storytime, Movies, and Legacy Art. Everyone also got to try Kangaroo stew made by our incredible Canteen staff at recess and lunch.



We cannot thank all that were involved in this special day enough, both from within our school community regarding the planning and execution of the event, and external community members including Cooloongup Primary School, Mungart Yongah Nyumbiwah, Elder Nigel Wilkes Snr, Ms Alice Kearing, Milliyaan Aboriginal Services, Elder Pop Trevor Walley, the Stephen Michael Foundation, Djirrily Dreaming and West Oz Wildlife.



#### GROOVIN' THE BAY

This term, we held *Groovin' the Bay* at Safety Bay Senior High School – our very own **R U OK? Day festival!** 

We had an amazing day filled with live music from former SBSHS student, *Kav Fullerton*, Mandurah singer-songwriter *Danny Bau*, (be sure to check them out), and two of our very own student rock bands that performed some classic covers. We had stalls encouraging conversations from City of Rockingham's Youth Centre and Youth Focus, a free sausage sizzle, face painting, a petting zoo, cupcakes, games, a photo booth, an ice cream truck, and much more...

Everyone rocked their country-themed outfits, and the energy was incredible!





#### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2025





A massive thank-you goes out to those of our students that not *only* got to school super early to help our Phys Ed staff set the day up, but throughout the carnival helped with events in a multitude of ways. Shout-out to all of our food and drink vendors, St John Ambulance, and every staff member that helped with planning, organising, setting up, running events, scoring and more – these incredibly enjoyable days don't happen without the combined effort of so many people!

Mrs Halliday and Ms Paskandy even went head-to-head in discus and shot put, both securing a win each, so stay tuned for the tiebreaker tournament next year!

Congratulations to all our year group Champions and Runner-ups, and well done to all who got involved to earn points for their faction!  $\P$ 







#### YEAR 11 DINNER DANCE





At the beginning of the year, two Year 11 Student Leaders, Annabelle and Emally, proposed a Year 11 Dinner Dance to Mrs Halliday. After researching everything themselves – venue, decorations, food and more – they collaborated with the Executive Team and their Year Coordinator, the Dinner Dance to bring their event to life.

With DJ Palumbo keeping the tunes pumping (and teaching some proteges), a phenomenal roast dinner, a limbo competition, the Nutbush & Macarena, and many, many pictures taken in the photo booth, the night was a massive success! Well done to Annabelle and Emally for their drive and passion to introduce such a positive and rewarding event for your peers – make sure to add 'event planning' to your résumés.







**Best Shoes** – Emally Ongley



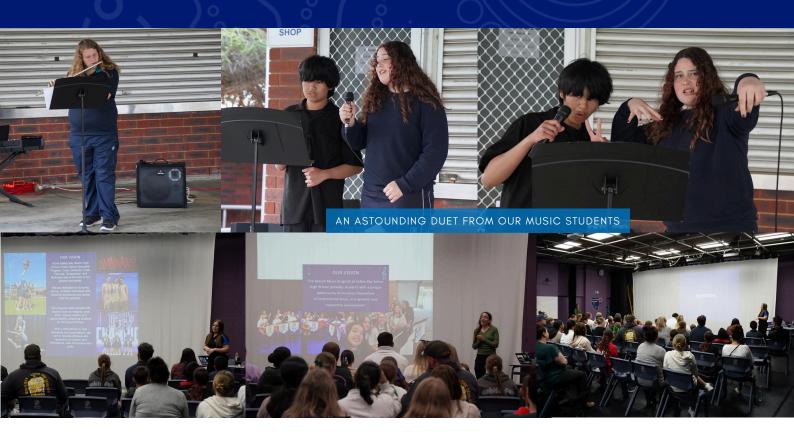
Best Dancer - Elizabeth Wilde & Nicholas Doherty (special mention to Kale Wells & Annabella Caine)

**Limbo Winner** - Kale Wells





#### FAMILY NIGHT: MAKING THE MOVE



Thank you to all the families of our upcoming Year 7 students for coming down in Week 9 for Family Night.

Specialist Program Coordinators held information sessions on our Football, Cheer–Dance, and Music programs before everyone met in the gym for presentations on general school policies (such as wearing the correct uniform, our Mobile Phone Policy, who to go to if you need help, and more). After the chance for a Q&A, we met by the canteen to share a sausage sizzle and meet the families that are joining our school community!

We'd like to extend a huge thank-you to the students who performed a music piece, helped with the presentations, guided our guests, and dished out the sausage sizzle! We had such a great night meeting you all.





#### CHEER-DANCE SPECTACULAR



Let's throw it back to the Cheer-Dance Spectacular 2025!

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, our athletes took over Mandurah Performing Arts Centre to show their family and friends what they've been working on in the Cheer-Dance Specialist Program. As a staple performance for our Cheer-Dance Specialist students, it is always exciting to see our Year 7

students be a part of their first to our Year 12 students who

SBSHS Cheer-Dance

Packed with incredible athleticism, hilarious laughs and emotive tributes, the night felt truly magical to be a part of.

Well done to our Cheer-Dance Specialist Students for another amazing performance. We can't wait for next year!

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Spectacular!

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#### BOOK WEEK



Book Week 2025 was a hit!

All week long, the library was abuzz with excited students who had to solve all the riddles of the Treasure Hunt and find the hidden prizes within the books on the shelves. Each day had a new card full of clues, pointing students in the right direction to find the answers. Some clues required the use of our Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), encouraging students to ask questions and learn how to use a computer to search for their own books in the Library.

To top off an already great week, our staff dressed up on Friday as some of their favourite book characters! Shout-out to the Administration Team for their coordinated Mr Men/Little Miss costumes (+ bonus points if you can spot Wally!)



#### CREATIVE WRITING COLLECTION '25

During Book Week, we celebrated our young writers with a very special Creative Writing Collection 2025 launch event!

A record was broken this year with thirty different students from Years 7-12 - the most ever - contributing short stories, poems, and illustrations to the collection!

The afternoon was hosted by Senior School students Holley and Kalan, and featured a wonderful reading by Year 12 Emma Goodrem, who shared an excerpt from her short story 'A Fallen Angel, Living in a Human Life'.

Mr Penfold-Marwick spoke about the dedication and effort that goes into creating a project of this kind and expressed his thanks to all the students and staff who helped bring it to life. Mrs Weyman followed with a reflection on the many benefits the students gained through their involvement, while Mrs Lee shared how the project first began and how Mr Penfold-Marwick created this opportunity for our young authors.

We are proud to have two copies of the collection available in the fiction section of the library. Students are encouraged to head down to the Library to borrow them.





#### HASS WEEK



HaSS Week was a blast (from the past) this year!

We had some awesome costumes from our HaSS Department and beyond, as well as a competition in the Library throughout the week.

Mrs Crook gathered pictures from a number of staff of them on holiday at iconic locations around the globe. The photos were posted on a board in the Library for students to go and check out during recess and lunch. Whichever student from each year level could guess the most locations correctly by the end of the week won a prize!

Congratulations to John S from Year 8, Tyler B from Year 9, Harry F from Year 10 and Riley W from Year 11 (Tyler and Riley absent from photo).



#### NATIONAL SCHOOLS OPINION SURVEY

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We invite you to take part in the **National Schools Opinion Survey (NSOS)**— an important initiative conducted across Australian public schools to gather feedback from parents, students, and staff.

Your input plays a vital role in helping us understand what we're doing well and where we can improve. The survey covers key areas such as the school environment, teaching quality, student engagement, and communication.

Please take a few minutes (approximately 5–10) to complete the survey using the link below. Your responses will provide valuable insights to guide our ongoing efforts to enhance the learning experience at our school.

#### https://doeallschools.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_6F157hm16d5yYaa



If viewing digitally, click the link above, otherwise, scan here to visit survey link.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Warm regards,

#### **Mr Peter Rye**

Manager of Operations



### SPIRIT WEEK + YEAR 12 BREAKFAST





In their last week of high school, our Year 12 students celebrated in the form of Spirit Week! Each day of the week had a free-dress theme (Monday - Iconic Duos/Groups, Tuesday - 90s/00s, Wednesday - Sport Team/House Colours, Thursday - Future Career or Your Younger Self with Anything But a Bag) with Friday ending in a Year 12 Breakfast where the group gathered at Secret Harbour Golf Links for a delicious buffet breakfast together.

The dress-ups were hilarious, creative, and some had some serious time, effort & care put into them (shout-out to the Mister Maker shapes, Kirra's hand-crafted Marceline's guitar from the Adventure Time crew and to Patty, Selma, and Papa Smurf for committing in full body paint for the day).

The Year 12 Breakfast included an address from our Year 12 Vice Captain, John Almanza, awards to our Year 12 Leadership Team, and the long-awaited presentation of the 'Most Likely To' awards which aided the sharing of some good laughs.



#### BUILDING UPGRADES



#### **LEGEND:**



ENTRANCES TO THE SCHOOL



NEW ENTRANCE FROM UNDERPASS (FOLLOW SIGNS)







With the Building Upgrades officially underway, there a few important pieces of information to communicate to our community:

- For students using the **Malibu Rd Underpass**, please follow the green line on the above map to enter/exit the school now that construction fencing blocks the old entrance from here. This also applies to students that arrive/leave via the **bike racks**.
- Senior School students that drive themselves to/from school in their own vehicle, please be aware that **students must park on Georgetown Dr** (opposite side of the oval) and are encouraged to use the public car park at the Georgetown Dr Reserve.

Please stay tuned for any new updates as the works progress. Any new information will be communicated via our social media platforms, or Compass for any important updates that may have an affect our community.

Last term, we held an open Community Session, inviting nearby residents and local businesses to the school. Attendees were encouraged to ask any questions they may have and we went through the stages of works and how it will make a difference our school and students.

We were overwhelmed with the positive feedback and response we had from our local residents. Everyone placed the students first and were joyous that they were getting upgrades to their resources and learning environment, which appears much-needed for our school nearing 50 years of age.

Thank you to those in attendance and encourage any other members of our community to contact the school if they have any questions, queries or concerns regarding the Building Works that are currently taking place.



#### ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

Dear parents, caregivers, and students,

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always at the heart of everything we do. Each day, many of our young people walk, ride, or scoot to and from school, and we all must continue to practise safe habits on and around our roads.

Road safety is a key part of the Western Australian Curriculum. Road safety education in schools aims to prepare and equip this vulnerable road user group with the knowledge, skills and positive attitudes that will enable them to stay safe. Through our lessons and programs such as SDERA's Keys for Life: Pre Driver Education and RAC bstreetsmart our students are supported to build the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that promote safe road use now and into the future. At Safety Bay Senior High School, we see this as a whole-school community responsibility; students, parents, staff, and the wider community all play an essential role in helping to keep our young people safe.

With the longer days and the school holidays approaching, we want to remind our school community of some simple, but essential, steps that make a big difference:

- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter, e-scooter or skateboard. Helmets save lives and protect against serious head injuries.
- Use crosswalks and traffic warden crossings whenever possible. When
  traffic wardens are not present, cross at pedestrian crossings and make
  sure to...
- Stop, Look, Listen, and Think before stepping out take a moment to check carefully for traffic in both directions.
- Stay alert and avoid distractions like phones and headphones when crossing roads. Removing your headphones briefly when crossing allows you to see and hear clearly, keeping you safe.
- Walk, don't ride, across crossings to avoid accidents and to set a good example for others.

- Walk with a friend when you can. Not only is it more fun, but having a second pair of eyes and ears when crossing helps keep each other safe.
- **Be visible** bright clothing, reflectors, or lights on bikes and scooters make a big difference, especially in low light conditions.

These habits are not just rules; they are life-saving practices that help ensure every student gets home safely. We encourage parents and caregivers to reinforce these messages at home, to model safe behaviour, and to take the time to practise safe routes with their children where possible.

Together, as a caring school community, we can make sure our students feel confident, capable, and safe when travelling to and from school. Road safety is everyone's responsibility, and by working in partnership, we give our young people the very best chance to thrive both in and beyond the classroom.

Thank you for supporting our young people in making wise and safe choices every day. Let's all do our part to make the journey to and from school a safe one.

Kind regards,

#### Jess Halliday

Principal
Safety Bay Senior High School







# Thank you for reading our newsletter for Term 3, 2025.

#### Stay tuned for the next edition!

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