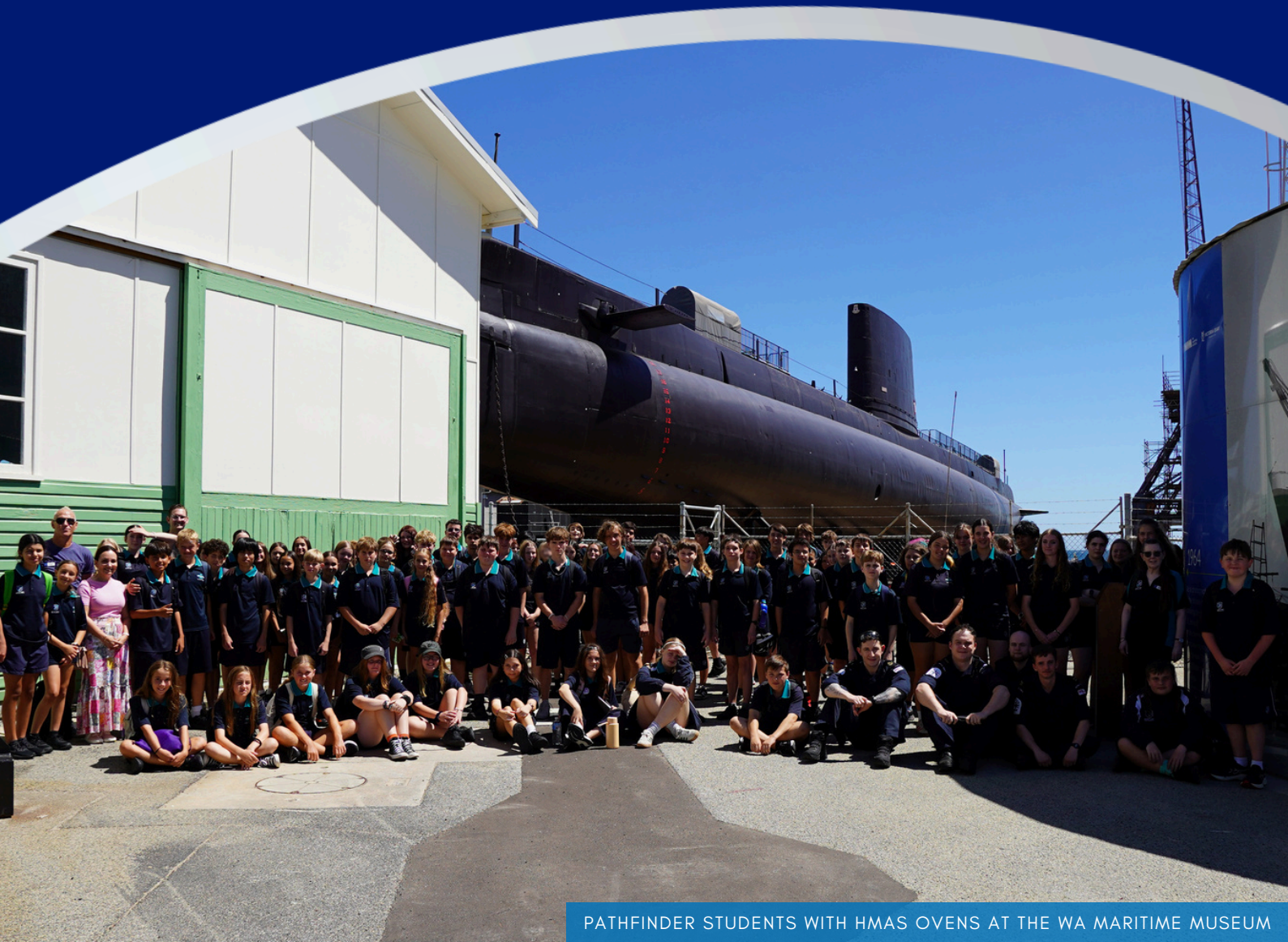




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PATHFINDER STUDENTS WITH HMAS OVENS AT THE WA MARITIME MUSEUM

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KEY DATES - TERM 2 2026

Monday 20th April	School Development Day (Pupil Free Day, offices open)
Tuesday 21st April	Students Return - Term 2 Commences
Friday 24th April	ANZAC Day Service
Monday 27th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 28th April - Friday 8th May	OLNA
Monday 18th May - Sunday 24th May (Week 5)	Attendance Week
Wednesday 27th May - Wednesday 3rd June	National Reconciliation Week
Monday 1st June	WA Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 24th June	NAIDOC Day
Friday 3rd July	Last Day of Term 2

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIRECTOR GENERAL, MR JAY PECKITT, ALONGSIDE OUR PRINCIPAL MRS HALLIDAY, SCHOOL CAPTAIN ANNABELLE, AND VICE-CAPTAIN EMALLY.



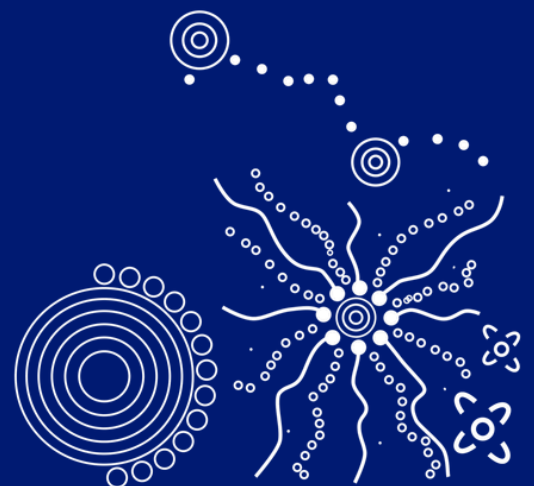


OUR ARTWORK - "COMING TOGETHER" BY KYRA UGLE

“ 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

JESSICA HALLIDAY



Dear Safety Bay Community,

It has been an extremely positive start to 2026, and I am delighted to be commencing the year on such a strong note. We are incredibly grateful for our school community, and it has been wonderful to see students, families and staff working together to set our young people up for success.

We started the year with an amazing achievement to celebrate. Our 2025 Graduate student, **Callum Hudman**, won the **Rob Riley Memorial Prize** for the **highest achieving Vocational Education and Training (VET) Aboriginal student** across all Western Australian public schools. The award is named after the late Aboriginal human rights advocate and is representative of the outstanding accomplishment Callum made throughout his schooling. We are very proud of Callum, and he provides a great example for our students to aspire to.

Our Year 7 students have made an exceptional start to high school. They have embraced new routines, subjects, friendships, and responsibilities with enthusiasm and maturity. Their warm greetings to staff each morning have been a highlight, and we are confident they will continue to thrive.

A major focus this term has been gathering the **perspectives of our community** to inform the development of our next **School Business Plan**. As many of you know, this plan forms an important foundation for our future direction, and your voices play a vital role in shaping it.

We have been working closely with families, staff, and students to build a shared moral purpose that serves as our guiding compass for how we approach education at Safety Bay. The level of engagement has been inspiring, and I want to thank everyone who has contributed so far.

For the first time, we invited all parents and carers to participate in our **Parent and Family Focus Groups**, facilitated by our **School Psychology Service**. These sessions were held at the end of Term 1, and we were thrilled with the number of families who took part. Your insights and aspirations for the school have been invaluable, and we deeply appreciate the time and thought you invested.

We are also prioritising our relationships with Aboriginal families and have begun forming an **Aboriginal Education Conversations group**. With the support and guidance of our Aboriginal community members, we look forward to continuing these conversations and building strong, meaningful connections.

This year, we welcomed a new Pathfinders Coordinator to support our Pathfinders students and act as a conduit between families, staff, and the program. We recently held a student recognition event, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

We are also in the process of reforming our **behaviour management framework**. There has been strong support for adopting a Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) approach, and our newly formed PBS team completed training at the end of Term 1. Their work will help us develop a clearer, more consistent approach to supporting student behaviour across the school.

Our commitment to pastoral care remains a priority. We have a broad range of Student Services team members, and we encourage families to reach out to Student Services when they want support for their young people. Having open channels of communication is important to us, and **we value parents and families getting in touch**. We are currently developing an anti-bullying education tool informed by extensive student voice, which will guide our updated anti-bullying policy. Parents and families also shared their perspectives on this important work during the Term 1 focus groups, and this feedback will shape our next steps.

Our Specialist Football, Specialist Cheer-Dance, and Special Music programs continue to go from strength to strength, and we are excited to see what our talented students achieve throughout the year.

We also celebrated our Year 12 students at the **School Ball**, held at the Esplanade, Fremantle. It was a beautiful evening filled with joy, connection and plenty of dancing. I was incredibly proud of how our students conducted themselves, and it was heartening to hear multiple vendors commend them on their respect and behaviour. A huge thank-you to the staff who worked tirelessly to create such a memorable event.

These are just a few of the many highlights from Term 1, and I hope the rest of the newsletter gives you a broader glimpse into the wonderful things happening at Safety Bay.

Thank you, as always, for the support you give your children every day. It makes a profound difference in how they grow, learn, and flourish.

Best regards,



Jess Halliday
Principal

YEAR 12 BALL



ANNABELLE, SCHOOL CAPTAIN, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE YEAR GROUP

The Safety Bay Senior High School Year 12 Ball took place at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle for the first time this year, and it was a huge success!

The night was complete with a red carpet entrance, buffet dinner and dessert, an instant-print photo booth, a studio-style photo station, a dancefloor, and a DJ providing the party tunes all night long.

Our Year 12 students were all dressed fabulously and exceptionally behaved throughout the entire night, making the most of the dance floor all together toward the end.

Thank you to all who made the event possible, such as the Esplanade staff and DJ, Bliss Studio, and the Safety Bay staff who pulled the whole event together!





Award Winners



Belle of the Ball

Beau of the Ball

Cutest Couple

Smoothest

Wow Award

Best Dancers

Best Hair

Cynthia Ballinger

Kale Wells

Isaac Seaton and
Dakotah van de Wetering

Matthew Tromp

Keri-Ann Makai

Nick Doherty and
Jasmine Turner

Heather Gallacher



BELLE AND BEAU OF THE BALL 2026



DIRECTOR GENERAL VISITS SBSHS

We were proud to welcome the **Director General of the Department of Education, Western Australia, Mr Jay Peckitt**, to Safety Bay Senior High School on Thursday, 26 February.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity to see our school in action and experience firsthand the breadth of opportunities available to every student who walks through our doors.

Throughout the morning, our outstanding Student Leaders guided the visit, showcasing not only our facilities renewal but, more importantly, the culture, innovation, and spirit that define our school community.

Thank you, Mr Peckitt, for taking the time out of your busy schedule to visit Safety Bay SHS!





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Highlights of the visit included:

A progress overview of our **building works** and **campus upgrades**.

A **STEM** showcase featuring our **EV (Electric Vehicle) engineering** program.



A dynamic **Cheer-Dance Specialist** performance.

Football Specialist students in action (with a light-hearted penalty shootout moment).

A hands-on STEM experiment with our **Pathfinders class in Science**.

While a short visit can never capture the full scope of Safety Bay Senior High School, it was a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to excellence across STEM, The Arts, Health and Physical Education, student leadership, and high-quality classroom teaching.

Thank you to our staff and students who represented our school with pride, professionalism, and enthusiasm. The Safety Bay Way was certainly on show, and we are keen for the Director General to return to see our continued progress - and perhaps a penalty shoot-out rematch!

ROB RILEY MEMORIAL PRIZE WINNER



On 12 February, one of our recent Class of 2025 graduates, Callum Hudman, was the recipient of an extremely prestigious award – the **Rob Riley Memorial Prize**.

Callum was recognised as the **Top Aboriginal VET (Vocational Education and Training) Student** in the whole of **Western Australia** for his academic results in 2025. Earlier this year, he was invited to Parliament House and was presented with an award and a cash prize by Minister of Education, **Hon. Sabine Winton MLA**, alongside a copy of Rob Riley’s biography.

Callum’s message to Indigenous students studying Year 12 was to surround yourself with trustworthy and supportive people.

“I would like to thank my teachers, family, work placement co-workers and my TAFE lecturers who always pushed me to be a better version of myself,” he said.

“They would never know how much it means to me that they showed up every day and inspired me to be better.”

We are over the moon for you, Callum – a well-deserved award and an outstanding member of our community!

CAREER EXPO

OUR WINNER, GRACIE, WITH MRS HEANEY



In Week 9, we held our annual Career Expo at Safety Bay Senior High School.

We had almost 20 stalls from a range of universities, tertiary education institutions, employers, and industries imparting their knowledge on our Year 9-12 students.

This year was the first Career Expo run by our new Careers Practitioner, Mrs Heaney, and it came with a new, fun activity to complete throughout - the Career Expo Passport! Students had to collect stamps from each stall/employer by having a conversation with a professional, then place their completed passports in the draw to win a VISA gift card!

Huge congratulations to Gracie Battersby (pictured above), who collected 10 stamps, filling up her passport and winning the gift card!

We'd like to thank the organisations, universities and TAFE providers who supported our recent Careers Expo. Their representatives shared valuable insights into different industries, as well as information on courses and entry pathways:

Murdoch University | Edith Cowan University (ECU) | Notre Dame University | The University of WA (UWA) | Curtin University | TAFE WA/South Metro TAFE | WA Police | Australian Defence Forces (Navy, Army, Air Force) | ADF Careers | Health Science Hub | Construction Training Fund (CTF)| SEDA | Jobs & Skills Centre | Nudge | Skill Hire | Harcourts Rockingham | Engineering Institute of Technology (EIT) | Greenhouse Education | MEGT | Food, Fibre & Timber Industries Training Council (WA) Inc



WA MARITIME MUSEUM – PATHFINDERS



On 5 March, Safety Bay Senior High School's Pathfinder students in Years 7-10 set sail for an exciting day of learning at the **WA Maritime Museum!**

Students explored the museum while completing a discovery worksheet, searching for key exhibits and deepening their understanding of Western Australia's rich maritime history.

They learnt about the yacht *Australia II* and how it helped break New York's 132-year winning streak, how early engineers helped transform Fremantle into a major port (despite early sailors considering it 'impossible'), ancient Noongar fishing techniques and their evolution into WA's modern lobster and prawn industries, and lots more!



A highlight of the day saw two small groups of Year 10 students tour the *HMAS Ovens*, the iconic black Oberon-class submarine permanently housed at the museum.

From the WA Museums website - '(HMAS Ovens) launched in 1967 and decommissioned in 1995, HMAS Ovens has been a key attraction at the WA Maritime Museum since it was gifted to Western Australia. [...] the submarine underwent significant maintenance and heritage restoration, including the repair and painting of its hull in 2023. This work has revitalised the vessel, ensuring it remains an enduring symbol of Australia's Cold War capabilities and Western Australia's continuing role as a key strategic submarine base.'

Meanwhile, the rest of the cohort had the unique opportunity to hear firsthand from a submariner, asking insightful questions about life at sea and service beneath the surface.

What a fantastic day of curiosity, exploration and real-world learning beyond the classroom - thank you for having us WA Maritime Museum



100 CLUB

In Week 5 of Term 1, we came together to recognise students' strong attendance from Semester 2, 2025, with our 100 Club celebration! This special morning tea acknowledged the commitment and consistency shown by students who had no unexplained absences across the semester.



Students were presented with certificates and badges to celebrate their efforts, and it was fantastic to see so many taking pride in this achievement. Those who had previously reached this milestone were awarded their second 100 Club badge, an outstanding accomplishment that reflects their ongoing dedication. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and celebrate the positive habits that support learning and connection.

Congratulations to all students recognised - your commitment to showing up and being part of our school community does not go unnoticed!



Our female Year 11 and 12 Industry Links students recently participated in an inspiring incursion with **UNIQ You**, a **not-for-profit organisation** committed to **increasing the percentage of girls** considering and pursuing pathways into **industries currently under-represented by women**.

Students heard directly from Chelsea, a Rio Tinto Specialist MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Operations) who shared honest insights into her career journeys – including challenges faced, the pathways she took, and the opportunities available in sectors such as construction, mining, infrastructure and energy.

The session encouraged students to think about their future pathways, ask questions, and consider industries they may not have previously explored.



UNIQ YOU PRESENTING A SCHOLARSHIP TO THE SCHOOL



We are thrilled that Uniq You has offered our school a **scholarship for 2026**, giving our female students **ongoing access to an online mentoring platform**. This will allow them to connect directly with female advisors working across a range of industries throughout the year, picking their brains about their fields of work and what their days typically consist of.

At Safety Bay SHS, we are committed to expanding opportunities and empowering students to pursue pathways that align with their strengths and aspirations, wherever those pathways may lead.

YEAR 11 AND 12 FORMAL ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, 11 March, we gathered to recognise the Semester 2 2025 **achievements of our current Year 12 cohort**, who had completed their school year before our Year 7-10 Formal Assemblies were held in Term 4. We also celebrated an excellent start to 2026 by **acknowledging a Year 11 and a Year 12 student** who exemplify each pillar of our Safety Bay Way - **Achieving, Community, Respecting, Personal Best, and Learning.**

A huge congratulations to all of our Top Subject Award and Safety Bay Way Award recipients, as well as to our inaugural Year 12 Kwilom Award winners for overall academic achievement.

It was fantastic to celebrate these achievements alongside families, and we commend all of our Year 11 and 12 students for the way they represented themselves and the school.



Excellence in Commitment Award

(sponsored by Magenta Marshall MLA)

Kwilom Award (Academic Excellence - ATAR)

Kwilom Award (Academic Excellence - General)

Kwilom Award (Academic Excellence - VET)

Hayley Davis
Annabelle McCaskie
Isabelle Slater
Dakotah van de Wetering

TOP SUBJECT AWARDS:

ATAR Business Management & Enterprise

ATAR Chemistry

ATAR English

ATAR Mathematics - Specialist

ATAR Mathematics - Applications

ATAR Mathematics - Methods

ATAR Human Biology

ATAR Physics

Foundation Career & Enterprise

Foundation English

Foundation Mathematics

Applied Information Technology

Business Management & Enterprise

Career & Employability

Children, Family & Community

Dance

English

Engineering

Food Science & Technology

Human Biology

Health

Ancient History

Modern History

Mathematics - Essentials

Materials, Design & Technology: Wood

Physical Education Studies (tied)

Physical Education Studies (tied)

Psychology

Visual Arts

Elizabeth Wilde
Riley Williams
Annabelle McCaskie
Annabelle McCaskie
Billie Benporath
Annabelle McCaskie
Annabelle McCaskie
Riley Williams
Axl Wellman
Ryder Macdonald
Lyn Vuong
Daniel Brasier
Isabelle Slater
Sebastian Del Pino
Isabelle Slater
Jasmine Turner
Summer Busby
Dylan James
Cynthia Ballinger
Needhi Rawat
Elizabeth Wilde
Daniel Hughes
Needhi Rawat
Sarah Woodard
Cyrille Bonza
Korbin Pigott-Ryder
Billie Benporath
Needhi Rawat
River Clark

SAFETY BAY WAY AWARDS:

Achieving Way

Respecting Way

Community Way

Personal Best Way

Learning Way

Kaylee Habergham and Arelia Silligardos
Joharlii Tuaana and Ash Govender
Limar Jr Sanchez and Rocette Villarosa
Zoe Williams and Elizabeth Wilde
Ronni Setz and Elkah Hann

BUSHRANGER CADETS

As a part of our Bushranger Cadets program, Miss Boyd has been working exceptionally hard to get the students not only learning bushcraft and team-building skills, but involved in taking care of their local area. In Week 9, our students met with James Mumme from *Friends of Point Peron* and learnt about the work they do to keep the Point Peron area flourishing.

Friends of Point Peron is a local volunteer conservation group that works to restore and protect the natural environment of Cape Peron through activities like weed removal, planting, and community advocacy. If you'd like to find out more, please visit:

<https://www.bushlandperth.org.au/groups/friends-of-point-peron/>

It was a fantastic afternoon with the students, who really got stuck into removing weeds, exploring the local bushland, and gaining a deeper appreciation of the work these dedicated volunteers do to keep it thriving.





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**Thank you for reading our newsletter
for Term 1, 2026.**

Stay tuned for the next edition!

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