



SAFETY BAY

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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OUR STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM MENTORING YEAR 6 LEADERS FROM OUR FEEDER PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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KEY DATES - TERM 3, 2026

Monday 20th July

School Development Day (Pupil Free)

Wednesday 22nd July

Year 10 KIC iCareer Info Night

Thursday 30th July

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Mon 17th August - Fri 21st August (Wk 5)

Science Week

Monday 17th August

Book Fair

Mon 24th August - Fri 28th August (Wk 6)

Book Week

Thursday 10th September

R U OK? Day

Thursday 10th September

Family Night (Year 6 Evening)

Mon 14th September - Fri 18th September (Wk 9)

Year 12 Exams

Mon 21st September - Fri 25th September (Wk 10)

Spirit Week

Wednesday 23rd September

Athletics Carnival

Friday 25th September

Year 12 Breakfast/Final Day



CERT II COMMUNITY SERVICE STUDENTS BELLA AND GRACE WENT ON IPL RADIO TO DISCUSS 'GENERATION CONNECT'

CELEBRATING IDAHOBIT DAY WITH MUSIC AND GAMES



Safety Bay Students Making a Difference

A unique intergenerational programme connecting high school students with older members of the community is helping bridge the digital divide while creating meaningful social connections across generations.

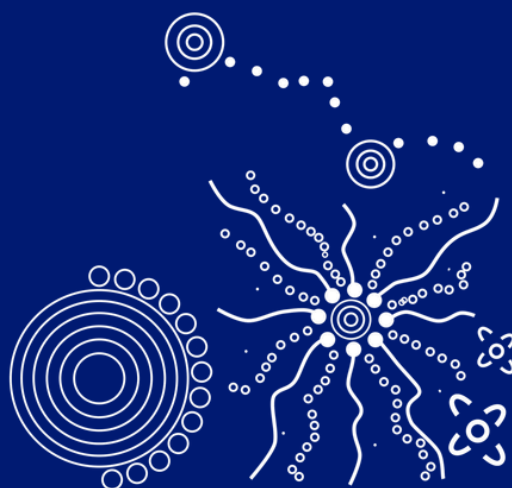


OUR ARTWORK - "COMING TOGETHER" BY KYRA UGLE

“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 Parents/Caregivers, Students, and the Community,

As we move through the year, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our entire school community, such as our parents, caregivers, families, School Board members, and community partners for the invaluable role you have played in helping shape our new School Business Plan. A significant amount of consultation has gone into this process, with the goal of understanding the hopes, aspirations, and priorities our community holds for the education of our young people. The diversity of perspectives shared, combined with the willingness of so many people to reflect and contribute has made this a genuinely rich and meaningful undertaking. It has been a privilege to hear the voices of our community and I am grateful for the time, thought, and care that has been invested by so many. During Term 3, we will officially launch our new School Business Plan. While I will save the key messages for its release, I would like to acknowledge the genuine spirit of collaboration that has characterised the process. It leaves me feeling confident for the future of education at Safety Bay Senior High School and the opportunities that lie ahead for our students.

Our building program also continues to make strong progress. During Term 2, we saw the completion of several new walkways, along with newly painted, colourful four-square courts that are already providing engaging spaces for students. These improvements support our commitment to creating environments where students can connect with one another while incorporating movement into their daily lives. We know that physical activity plays an important role in wellbeing, learning, and the development of healthy young people. As a school, we will continue to explore opportunities to embed incidental movement throughout the school day and create spaces that encourage active participation and positive social interaction.

The most recognisable project remains our multi-storey Arts and Health/Sports facility. This impressive development is already becoming a defining feature of the school landscape, and we look forward to its completion, which remains on track for mid-2027. This facility will provide exceptional learning opportunities and further enhance the educational experiences available to our students. More recently, we have seen the emergence of our new Administration Block, which will serve as the welcoming front door to our school. Scheduled for completion in 2026, this project will provide a contemporary entrance that reflects the quality of teaching, learning, and care that takes place every day at Safety Bay Senior High School. The development will also improve visitor access, increase parking capacity, and provide completed walkways connecting to student bike racks. Throughout these extensive building works, our school community has been exceptional. I would like to thank students, families, staff, and visitors for their ongoing patience, understanding and flexibility as we navigate the temporary disruptions that accompany such significant improvements. The end result will be well worth the journey.

Alongside these physical developments, we continue to invest in what matters most: teaching and learning. Our Professional Learning Community initiative remains a key focus, bringing staff together to collaborate on the practices that have the greatest impact on student success. Through this work, we have continued to strengthen cross-team approaches to pedagogy, share effective teaching strategies, and enhance safe, supportive, and engaging classroom environments. This year, we have also established a Literacy and Numeracy Committee, which is undertaking important work to develop a strategic and consistent approach to literacy and numeracy across the school. We know that when these essential skills are intentionally taught, reinforced, and practised throughout the school day, students are better able to consolidate their learning and continue to grow in confidence and capability. This work forms part of our commitment to extending every student and ensuring that literacy and numeracy remain a focus across all subjects, every day.

Our commitment to our students' education and their experience at Safety Bay Senior High School extends well beyond our facilities. While it is exciting to see our new buildings taking shape, we continue to focus on the things that matter most in classrooms every day. A key priority is ensuring students experience safe, positive, and consistent learning environments across the school. This year, we commenced our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) journey. As part of this work, both staff and students have had the opportunity to share their views on what positive engagement looks like in our learning environments and the expectations that will guide us moving forward. The response has been thoughtful and insightful, with students providing valuable perspectives on their experiences at school. Our PBS team has been working hard to bring this information together, and we look forward to sharing more with the school community later this year. We are excited about the opportunities this work presents to further strengthen our school culture and ensure all students are supported to learn, grow, and succeed.

As we look ahead, there is much to be excited about at Safety Bay Senior High School. From the development of our new Business Plan, to the progress of our building projects, and the important work underway to strengthen teaching, learning, and school culture, we continue to build a school that reflects the aspirations of our community and the needs of our students. Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. It is a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated school community, and I look forward to sharing more of our progress with you throughout the year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jess Halliday', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jess Halliday
Principal

DEADLY SISTA GIRLZ

Following consultation with our Aboriginal community, a clear theme has emerged around the importance of providing our students with greater access to Aboriginal mentors and positive role models. As part of our broader plan to empower our Aboriginal students, we are pleased to announce the introduction of the Waalitj Foundation's 'Deadly Sista Girlz' program.

Deadly Sista Girlz (DSG) is a school-based mentoring and engagement program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls that currently operates in 18 schools across Australia. The program's main objective is *'to inspire young First Nations girls to thrive in education, health, and life.'*

With the introduction of the program, we welcome Kiara Francis as our new DSG mentor who will be undertaking one-on-one mentoring, small group 'yarning' sessions, cultural activities, health and wellbeing education, goal setting and leadership opportunities, and much more! We are extremely excited to have Kiara join the team here at Safety Bay SHS – students will be able to find her in Student Services (5 days a week), and you can learn a bit more about her from her bio on the next page. Make sure to welcome Kiara to Safety Bay if you see her around during the first week!

The DSG program aims to:

- improve school attendance and engagement;
- increase educational aspirations;
- build self esteem, confidence, and resilience;
- strengthen cultural identity and pride;
- support students to make informed decisions regarding health, wellbeing, relationships, and future careers.

After Kiara's introduction on the next page, Deadly Sista Girlz have provided some more information for our school community on what the program does.

If you would like to learn even more about the Deadly Sista Girlz program, visit this link:

wf.org.au/education/deadly-sista-girlz/

Learn more about the Waalitj Foundation by visiting this link:

wf.org.au/

WELCOME!

Kiara Francis

Student Support Officer - Safety Bay Senior High School



My name is Kiara Francis and I am a proud Wardaman, Kungarrakiny, Noongar and Yamatji women, with family connections in the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

I have years of experience within the banking sector, recruitment and primary health care.

I'm very passionate about supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mob, creating positive and culturally safe environments, where they feel supported, respected and empowered. Helping them feel confident in education and within themselves.

I'm really excited to be apart of the DSG program and work alongside young women, supporting them to reach their full potential and achieve their goals.

I love playing footy, participating in running festivals, enjoy a surf and love baking sweets!





DeadlySistaGirlz

What is Deadly Sista Girlz?

An initiative of the Waalitj Foundation, Deadly Sista Girlz is a culturally-appropriate program designed to improve school attendance and education attainment amongst First Nations girls. The program is led by strong First Nations role models who empower participants to make informed decisions about their health, education and future careers.

Our approach

Leveraging the power of mentorship and drawing on cultural strengths, Deadly Sista Girlz (DSG) empowers girls to make positive decisions regarding their health, well-being, education and careers. DSG operates primarily through a dedicated room at our partner school. This space is essential to establishing a culturally safe environment within the school, fostering strong engagement with the program, and nurturing meaningful mentoring relationships. The DSG learning program is delivered through group sessions, emphasising the development of self-esteem and confidence, pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity, positive social interactions, respectful relationships, personal growth, and yarning on key topics including sexual and women's health, drug and alcohol abuse, road safety, nutrition, financial literacy and healthy relationships.

How we operate

DSG staff are employed to work the full school day, throughout the school year. This ensures our participants have reliable access to a mentor at school when needed, and to ensure there is a continuity of care for trusting relationships to form. Collaboration with community service providers, education, and employment agencies enriches our program. Their expertise is routinely integrated into session delivery, so participants build strong relationships with services in their communities. DSG Staff offer their expertise and knowledge to school administration, teaching and support staff regularly on cultural engagement, sensitivities and expectations of the communities they live and operate in. As local community members, DSG staff play a vital role in building relationships between Aboriginal students, families, and the school.



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DeadlySistaGirlz

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ANZAC DAY SERVICE



On the morning of Friday 24 April, we commemorated **ANZAC Day** with our school community, taking time to reflect on the service and sacrifice of those who have served our country. Adapting quickly to wet weather, we held two indoor ceremonies for Years 7-9 and 10-12. Wreaths were respectfully laid during each ceremony in the gym alongside a recorded flag raising that was shared with attendees, before being moved to the flagpole following the services.

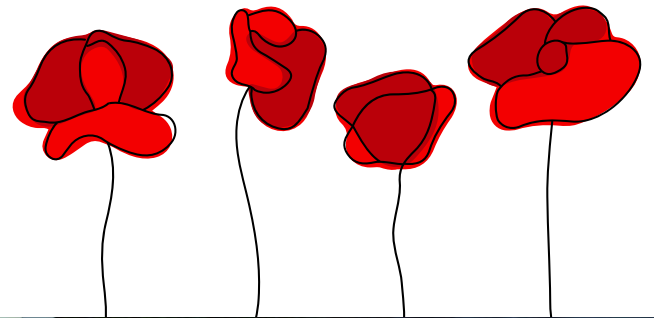
We were honoured to be joined by special guests Warrant Officer Jodie Matters, Warrant Officer Class Two Chris Holmes, and Retired Warrant Officer OAM (RAN) Mr Robert Lee, along with RSL (City of Rockingham) Vice President Mark Weldon, and School Board members Jennifer Forbes, Jurgen Brohmer, Jason Davies, Harry Freitas and Bella Telfer. Thank you all for attending our ANZAC Day service and for your continued support for our school community.





A huge thank you to all Safety Bay students for the respect shown throughout the ceremony, and to our outstanding Student Leaders for presenting, delivering readings, the Acknowledgement of Country, and guiding both ceremonies so professionally and respectfully.

Lest we forget.



THE WREATHS WERE MOVED TO THE FLAGPOLE ONCE THE RAIN HAD CEASED





COOLOONGUP P.S. KAA KAA MIDDARS PERFORMING FOR US AT ASSEMBLY

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SOMEONE LOOKS A LITTLE SLEEPY!



DELICIOUS FOOD EVERYWHERE!



We had an incredible day celebrating **NAIDOC Week** together as a school community!

Students and staff were immersed in a range of engaging cultural experiences that honoured and celebrated the rich cultures, histories, achievements, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We were privileged to welcome a number of special guests and presenters, whose knowledge, performances, and workshops helped bring the spirit and significance of NAIDOC Day to life. A special highlight was the performance by the **Kaa Kaa Middars** from **Cooloongup Primary School**, strengthening the strong connections between our school communities. Thank you to **Corroboree for Life, West Oz Wildlife, Milliyaan Aboriginal Services, Djirrily Dreaming, Uncle Shaneo, and Bigarrda Aboriginal Dancers and Didgeridoo Players** for helping us create such a fun and engaging day for our students to embrace the culture of First Nations people.

Congratulations also to our students, Jun, Kaelyn, Shontayaa, and Abby, who proudly delivered the Acknowledgement of Country with confidence, respect, and pride.

Thank you to all of our guests, staff, students, and volunteers who made the day such a meaningful success. Together, we continue to learn, celebrate, and strengthen our commitment to reconciliation.



A HUGE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT THE DAY



YEAR 11 DINNER DANCE

A BEAUTIFUL BACKDROP FOR PHOTOS



On Friday 19 June, our **Year 11** students gathered at the **Mandurah Country Club** for an unforgettable **Dinner Dance**!

With a beautifully presented venue, great company, and a vibrant atmosphere, the event was a tremendous success from start to finish. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves, celebrating with friends, and creating memories that will last for years to come.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students, who represented themselves and our school so positively throughout the evening. Specifically, a shout-out to our Year 11 Student Leaders is well deserved, who were the driving force behind the planning and organisation of the evening, coordinating decorations, logistics, and bringing all their ideas to life. Well done to the super-organised champions responsible!

Thank you to all staff, families, and organisers who helped make the event such a memorable occasion.

Congratulations to our award winners on the evening:

Best Spirit – Lucas O.

Best Dancer – Candice K.

Best Dressed – Bella T.

Best Couple – Mia K. and James M.



PHOTOBOOTH GETTING GOOD USE!





CAN'T HAVE A DANCE WITHOUT THE YMCA



DJ PALUMBO WITH HIS INTERNS



SENIOR SCHOOL INFO EVENING



On the evening of Thursday 28 May, we held our **Year 10 Transition to Senior School Information Evening**, giving families the opportunity to learn more about the wide range of **pathways available in Years 11 and 12**. From ATAR, General, and Foundation courses to VET, UniReady, and Industry Links, students gained valuable insight into the many opportunities ahead and were able to hold important with our HoLA's – who set up some excellent displays.

As part of this event, we welcomed 2025 graduates, **Nicole** and **John**, to speak to our Year 10 families about their journey through Senior School, as well as current Year 12 student **Dakotah** who is currently excelling in her Industry Links pathway. Thank you to all 3 guest speakers for volunteering your time to inform our Year 10 students about real-life pathways to careers and further study!

We'd like to give a massive thank-you to everyone who attended the event and engaged so positively with staff throughout the week. We are proud to support our students as they explore pathways that align with their strengths, interests and future aspirations.





Year 6 Trials

In Week 5, we welcomed a bunch of enthusiastic Year 6 students for **trials** in our Football Specialist Program!

All students gave it their absolute best throughout the day, showing great effort, teamwork, and passion across every drill and activity.

A huge shoutout to our Senior School Football Specialist students, who did an amazing job helping run stations, encouraging participants, and ensuring the Year 6 students felt comfortable in a new environment all day.

It was fantastic to see such positive energy and sportsmanship on display – we can't wait to see what the future holds for these young footballers!



Year 8-10 Cheer-Dance Camp

Back in May, our Year 8-10 Cheer-Dance students enjoyed an action-packed three-day camp filled with skill development, teamwork, and plenty of fun.

The camp began with specialist **workshops at TNT All Stars**, where students refined their cheer and dance techniques. Day two featured a full schedule of cheer, dance, and bootcamp **training rotations** before students challenged themselves through team-building activities, including **archery, high ropes** and **orienteering**. The day concluded with a **games night** and **camp reflections**.

On the final day, students put their teamwork and determination to the test at Laser Corps for some **laser tag** before returning to Safety Bay SHS for debriefs, reflections, camp awards, and the presentation of our **2026 Cheer-Dance Scholarship** recipients.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and represented the program so positively throughout the camp.

A special congratulations to our 2026 scholarship winners – **Rubianna, Charlotte** and **Indigo!**





KITTED OUT IN CAMO FOR LASER TAG



Uniform Day

On 29 June, our Year 7 Cheer-Dance students had a pretty exciting day as they **received their competition uniforms and cheer bows** for the very first time! 🎀 The

class gathered and helped each other get kitted out in their brand new gear, ready to take on all the competitions that are thrown at them.

We can't wait to see our newest athletes take to the competition floor and represent Safety Bay Senior High School with pride!



YOU HAVE GOT TO GIVE YOUR FRIENDS A HELPING HAND SOMETIMES

STUDENT LEADERSHIP MENTOR PROGRAM



THE BEST GROUP OF STUDENT LEADERS YOU'VE EVER SEEN!



LOTS OF FUN TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES



On Wednesday 17 June, we had the pleasure of hosting our **Student Leadership Mentoring Program**, bringing together student leaders from our local feeder primary schools – **Charthouse Primary School, Coo loongup Primary School, East Waikiki Primary School and Safety Bay Primary School** – alongside Safety Bay SHS's own Student Leadership Team.

The day was designed to provide valuable leadership development opportunities while strengthening connections between students across our school network.

We would like to thank all staff for their support in making this initiative such a success and for helping to create a welcoming and engaging environment for our visiting students. Their contribution played an important role in ensuring the day was both meaningful and enjoyable for everyone involved.

We look forward to continuing to build strong partnerships with our feeder schools and supporting the growth of future student leaders.





SAFETY BAY LEADERS
GETTING A BIT TANGLED...



FORMAL SEMESTER 1 ASSEMBLIES

During Week 11, we gathered for our **Semester 1 formal assemblies**, inviting families to join us in celebrating the outstanding accomplishments of our students this semester – whether it be in-class hard work and perseverance or positive contributions to our community.

Thank you to everyone that attended, it was fantastic to welcome so many families and supporters to share in these special moments.





Congratulations to all of the **Top Subject Award** winners across all year levels, as well as the following students for the massive accomplishment of taking home the **Kwilom (Academic Excellence)** and **Djer-Djer (Citizenship)** awards:

Kwilom

Year 7 – **Grace Manopraneet**
 Year 8 – **Harriet McCaskie**
 Year 9 – **Ebony Morgan**
 Year 10 – **Amber Nadine Penaloza**
 Year 11 – **Valerie Connelly, Rylee Sadler**
 Year 12 – **Annabelle McCaskie, Needhi Rawat, Sarah Woodard**

Djer-Djer

Year 7 – **Gina Beattie**
 Year 8 – **Sophie Wetherly**
 Year 9 – **Heidi Moxon**
 Year 10 – **Indigo Jeffs**
 Year 11 – **Bella Vassallo**
 Year 12 – **Grace Ball, Brianna Williams**



ATTENDANCE WEEK



Week 8 saw Safety Bay Senior High School celebrate its annual **Attendance Week**, bringing students together for a week of fun while reinforcing the value of attending school every day.

We celebrated with **Wacky Hair Day/Silly Sock Day**, **free muffins and doughnuts**, **student music** and **cheer performances**, and concluded the week with a local Rockingham rock band, **'First Offence'**, who performed at lunch time. Afterwards, we held an **assembly** to celebrate the students who attended all week and to present awards for the best Wacky Hair, Silly Socks, and more!

Success isn't about being perfect — it's about being **present**. Every lesson, every connection, and every opportunity starts with attendance.

To all our students:



Because when you do, you're saying: *"I matter. My future matters."*

Let's stay Safety Bay Strong — showing up for ourselves and each other!





SCHOOL ROCK BAND CONTROLLING THE CROWD



FIRST OFFENCE ROCKIN' OUT!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our incredible businesses for supporting our recent Attendance Week. Your generous donations helped us reward and encourage positive student attendance—something that makes a real difference in student success.

A special thank you to:

- **Zambrero Rockingham**
- **Rebound**
- **IPLAY**
- **Kmart Rockingham**
- **Woolworths Waikiki**
- **Woolworths Warnbro**
- **Coles Rockingham**
- **Guzman y Gomez**
- **Boost Juice Rockingham**

Your support is truly appreciated, and we are grateful for your ongoing connection with our school community.

Congratulations to all of the award winners!





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**Thank you for reading our newsletter
for Term 2, 2026.**

Stay tuned for the next edition!

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