

Jamison High School

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An Outstanding Comprehensive High School



NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR EVENTS		
WEEK 8B		
March 16 - 20	Monday - Friday	Harmony Week SRC Fundraiser
March 17	Tuesday	Year 8 & 9 Parent Connect
March 18	Wednesday	World's Greatest Shave
WEEK 9A		
March 26	Thursday	Year 10 English Speeches
WEEK 10B		
March 30 – April 3	Monday - Friday	Year 7 & 9 English Speeches
March 30 – April 5	Monday - Sunday	Year 12 Mid-Course Examinations
April 1 - 3	Wednesday - Friday	CHS Swimming
WEEK 11A		
April 6 – April 9	Monday - Thursday	Year 12 Mid-Course Examinations

WHO'S WHO

PRINCIPAL

Mr Glyn Trethewy

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Mrs Clarinda Oliveux
Mr Luke Grahame

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2020

Emily Cox
Jalal Slaibi

SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS 2020

Kalani Fitzmaurice
Ella Homan
Tamira Reid
Connor Burke
Jacob Craft
Kobi Hind



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



*****Important message about COVID 19*****

I start this newsletter with the latest advice around COVID 19 (Coronavirus). The situation is changing daily. Our method of communication for updates on this so far has been over our social media platforms and our website. We will continue to provide updates as information comes to hand. Please note that we will use our School Bytes program that has parental emails for highly important notifications around the spread of the virus. Please ensure your information and contact details are up-to-date so that this communication method is effective.

Some practical advice we can offer includes reminding your child to cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze (coughing into their elbow is a useful strategy), wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds (all our toilets have soap dispensers for this purpose). It is important that children stay at home if they feel unwell or have flu like symptoms and that they avoid close contact with anyone with flu like symptoms. If health officials ask you to keep your child at home in quarantine as a precaution, can you please let us know by phone and we will record it appropriately.

Please contact the school if you are concerned about your child's wellbeing to discuss the most appropriate support. Support is also available through a number of agencies and community organisations. Parents and carers can:

- call the National Coronavirus Health Information line (1800 020 080)
- review the NSW Health COVID-19 website for the latest information and advice
- obtain help and information from the local General Practitioner or Community Health Centre

We will continue to monitor this situation as it develops. We are planning excursions as usual and notes are going home outlining opportunities for students. This is likely to change with the way events are unfolding. We will make decisions around these activities and inform students and parents accordingly. Student safety will always be our focus.

Our Parent Connect Evenings have run on Tuesday evenings this term. These information sessions are designed to cover key aspects that are relevant to your child's education and have been well attended by parents. The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive. This term we have covered a range of topics for all year groups. Assessment processes and procedures have been a key focus for Years 10, 11 and 12 Parent Connect evenings. These sessions have covered the expectations of the school and the New South Wales Education Standards Authority for the awarding of the School Certificate as well as the Preliminary and the Higher School Certificate credentials. Information about assessment is available on our school website.

I would like to acknowledge the staff and students who attended our Year 5 and 6 Open Night to showcase learning at Jamison High School to future students. We had over 450 people attend. The pride and enthusiasm students displayed in their learning made for a highly informative and interactive evening as students and teachers worked alongside each other to promote the school.

Year 7 Parents and Carers have also visited the school this Term for the annual Year 7 welcome BBQ. This was an informal evening where parents were able to meet their child's teachers and discuss the opportunities at Jamison. Thank you to the parents who attended this important evening. Year 7 students have also recently returned from camp. Thank you to the teachers who attended the camp to provide supervision and the Year Advisers, Ms Schofield and Ms Simpson who put in countless hours in the organisation and administration requirements to take such a large group away. It has been great to receive positive reports from the staff at the Great Aussie Bush Camp about our students.

Our final Parent Connect meeting for the term will be for Years 8 and 9 parents and carers. It will cover the wellbeing programs at the school and support for students as well as a talk from the Police about online activity and keeping your child safe. Social media is a wonderful way for students to be connected to the world and we see the many benefits of technology in education. This is an opportunity for parents to learn about the law, online dangers and how they can support their child to be safe in the digital world.

Attendance is one of our focus areas this year and it is critical that your child attends everyday, if they are well. A reminder that school starts at 8:25am and students need to be onsite at this time so that they can attend Homeroom and have their attendance marked for the day. On the rare occasion that your child is late you will need to provide a reason for their late arrival. I would further add that parents have access to the Parent Portal. One of the features of this is access to attendance data for your child.

Making contact with your child at school. We have a mobile phone policy at school that phones are off and out of sight. Please do not contact your child by mobile during the day. Parents are reminded that if you visit the school you are to make your way to the front office and our friendly office staff will call for your child, if you need to collect them. Parents are not to make their way into the general school area or classrooms where children are located. This is a Health and Safety site management requirement as all people on site are signed in and have appropriate identification. This is to ensure student safety. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

We are also planning for students in Years 7 and 9 to complete NAPLAN on line this year in weeks three and four of Term 2. Students will undertake a practice test using the school computers and are also completing class based tasks to prepare them for the upcoming tests. Further advice around this will be provided in coming week.

Our Parents and Citizens Association will meet on Tuesday the 17th of March in Aspires Café. This is an opportunity to meet staff, find out about the latest programs being developed at the school and also have the opportunity to talk to staff and learn about the learning activities at Jamison. As a group they have raised significant funds over past years that have been allocated to improving the learning environment at Jamison High School. We look forward to welcoming new members at the next meeting.

Glyn Trethewy
Principal
Jamison High School

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



What a great start to the school year it has been for the Jamison High School Community.

Our Program "Parent Connect", focussing on Parents as learning partners, began early in the term and saw our parents of Year 11 enjoy an informative evening with a range of speakers on the expectations and plans for their children as they embark on their Preliminary HSC year. This was then followed by our second Parent Connect evening

for Year 10 parents, as their son/daughters embark on their first year as senior students and the associated expectations around their role as senior students. Once again parents have had the opportunity to meet with staff in an informal setting and develop their knowledge so we can effectively work together as partners to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students.



The Welcome to Year 7 Parent BBQ was once again a big success with parents and staff enjoying a social evening together to discuss how their sons/daughters were transitioning to High School. Feedback was once again very positive with staff commenting on the positive conversation they had with their parents and likewise parents thanking us for giving them this opportunity to 'put name's to faces' and ask about things they were unsure of.

As this goes to print, Year 7 have just completed their first High School Camp to Kincumber. Camp is a wonderful opportunity for Year 7 to make new friends and challenge themselves in a range of activities and from all reports camp this year was a great success.

Year 12 Exams are coming up in Week 10. Students will be issued with their timetables and have had access to their teacher mentors to assist in the development of home study and revision programs. It is extremely important that students prioritise their goals now, particularly if they are juggling school, work, sporting or other commitments. We would recommend that they cut back work hours leading up to and including the exam period.

It is very pleasing to see such a high standard of uniform thus far. It is important to remember as we head into the cooler months, that students ensure all parts of their uniform are correct, particularly jackets/jumpers, footwear and pants.

Some quick uniform facts:

- # Our school jumper/jacket is maroon for juniors and navy for seniors.
- # GREY is NOT a school colour for jumper/jackets.
- # School socks are plain white for both boys and girls.
- # Black socks are NOT part of the school uniform.
- # PE shorts are to be worn during PE lessons, they are NOT part of our daily uniform.
- # Students are not permitted to wear tracksuit pants.

A full list of our JHS uniform requirements is available on the school website, reminders are also posted on our facebook page.

Once again we remind you that we are a workplace and therefore are governed by WH&S guidelines, therefore adequate protective footwear is required even if you are not actually in those specific areas of most risk. School shoes must be black leather, fully enclosed. **White stripe, ticks or patterns are not permitted, shoes must be all black.**

It is also timely to remind students of school policy in relation to mobile phones, that is, the use of mobile phones during the school day is not permitted due to the distraction to learning. Our Mobile Phone Policy clearly states that phones are to be switched off and out of sight. Students are also reminded that the wearing of headphones is not permitted in the classroom.

Just a reminder to parents that with over 1000 students, Jamison High School is a very, very busy place. We value your input and are available to discuss matters with you, however we do request that you ring and make an appointment. This way we can schedule a time and gather appropriate information so that we can reach a satisfactory outcome.

Contact:

For Class/Academic issues:	Class Teacher/Head Teacher
For matters in a particular subject:	Subject Head Teacher
For Welfare issues:	Year Advisers/Head Teacher Welfare

A staff list is available on the school website.

It is pleasing to see such a great start to the school year for the Jamison High School Community. We look forward to great year of learning.

Luke Grahame

Deputy Principal
Years 8, 10 & 12

Clarinda Oliveux

Deputy Principal
Years 7, 9 & 11

PARENT CONNECT

Parents of Year 8 and Year 9 2020, we remind you of our upcoming Parent Connect Information evening on Tuesday the 17th March from 6.00 pm. At this information session you will learn how to assist your loved one understand and excel this year; whether it be monitoring their mental health and wellbeing, assisting their time management and ability to meet deadlines for assessments or coping with the general workload.

It will be held in the School Hall and you will have the ability to informally speak with staff with any questions you may have. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. It will be an invaluable session.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success, and increase their career and life options. Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of **not** achieving their educational, social and psychological potential and disadvantage them in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life. Jamison HS values the wellbeing of its students – this includes the attendance patterns of its students.

At Jamison HS, we promote and recognize good attendance through a system of positive rewards. Students with a perfect attendance record throughout the year are recognised with a regional award at Jamison HS' prestigious end of year awards ceremony.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is my legal obligation with regard to my child attending school?

Education in NSW is compulsory. This means **all** children from 6 - 17 years of age are legally required to attend school. After Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age students must be either:

1. in school
2. in approved education or training
3. in full-time, paid employment or a combination of work, education and/or training.

Do I have to send my child every day?

Yes, it is a condition of enrolment that you send your child every day. Parents are legally required to send their child to school every day that the school is open for instruction or participation. This includes attendance in school activities such as swimming and athletics carnivals.

What Do I Do If My Child Is Away From School?

Send a written explanation with your child on the day your child returns to school. This is a **legal requirement** and must occur within **seven school days**. Alternatively, you can send a reply to the SMS message you receive when your child is absent from school.

What Do I Do If My Child Is Away for a Prolonged Period (more than three days) Due to Illness?

Phone the school to explain the circumstances and the expected duration. A written explanation must be supplied on the day your child returns to school.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

I was incredibly proud as I signed 50 Positive Letters for students recommended by their teachers for working diligently in English. Classes are settled and working on upcoming assessments this week. Please ensure students are aware of their assessment dates (available in their course booklets) and misadventure/special consideration requirements if needed.

A special mention to the Year 9 Extension class who have competed in the 2020 English Education online Perfect World Championships. They have been developing their reading, writing, punctuation, grammar, spelling and NAPLAN skills whilst challenging themselves against other schools. I am extremely proud of them and eagerly await the results.

The following Writing Competitions are open and we are encouraging interested students to take part.

Writing Competitions:

2020 Little Black Dress Spooky Story Competition

Sponsored by Tabettha Beggs of Little Black Dress Productions

Timeline

Deadline: 11.59pm AWST Sunday 29 March 2020. Shortlisted entrants will be notified mid-year by email. Winners will be announced at KSP's [Spooky Stories Sundowner, which also combines an anthology launch featuring work from all the winners and shortlisted entrants. This publication is produced by Wild Weeds Press and will be available for sale at the sundowner.](#)

Costs: Free to enter

Word Counts

YOUTH category (8-18 years): Max 500 words

ADULT category (over 18 years): Max 1,200 words

Theme: *Beneath*

Prizes

Adult first prize: \$100, certificate, complimentary print copy of Spooky Story anthology

Adult second prize: \$50, certificate, complimentary print copy of Spooky Story anthology

Youth first prize: \$100, certificate, complimentary print copy of Spooky Story anthology

Youth second prize: \$25, certificate, complimentary print copy of Spooky Story anthology

Shortlist/Highly Commended/Commended awards: Certificate

Submission Criteria

- *Entries across both categories (youth and adult) MUST be rated PG (i.e. suitable for readers up to age 14).*
- *Entries must reflect the theme.*
- *Due to the recent high volume of interstate entries and limited administration resources, this competition is now open to Western Australian residents only.*
- *Entries must be prepared as a **Word document** using 1.5 point spacing, with the title of the story in the header, Times New Roman font, size 12, all pages numbered. Save this document as the title of your story.*
- *Limit of one entry/one email per person. Bulk submissions will not be considered. (You can use the same email address for multiple entries, i.e. if you are a parent or teacher submitting on behalf of children or students, just please ensure to send separate emails for each entrant.)*

How to Enter

- *Email your entry to competitions@kspwriterscentre.com, ensuring that you attach your entry (check that it has been formatted as described above in Submission Criteria) and include the following details in the body of the email:*

Your full name

Your contact number

Your postal address

Category of entry (Youth or Adult)

Entry title

Word count of entry

Your age (if under 19 years)

Your author bio (30 words max), written in 3rd person (i.e. John Smith is a writer from Mundaring)





The **Future Leaders Writing Prize** is designed to recognise and reward talented young writers. It aims to encourage expressive and creative writing. **Year 11 and 12 students in Australian secondary schools are invited to submit a piece of writing (800 to 1,000 words).** The writing can be fiction or non-fiction and on any topic.

PRIZE: In 2020, the award winner will receive \$1,000. Where there is more than one winner the prize money will be shared.

The winners of the Future Leaders Writing Prize will have their work published.

SUBMISSIONS: Please send all submissions electronically in a word document by **31 May 2020** to helen@futureleaders.com.au.

WRITING PRIZE Future Leaders 2020 Future Leaders is a philanthropic initiative about leadership and our future.

I also look forward to reporting on the Debating and Public Speaking competitions in futures newsletters.

Julie Robertson

HT English

CAREERS NEWS

What a busy term!

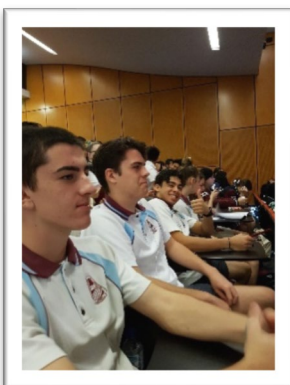
Students doing External Vocational Education and Training (EVET) with Taronga Zoo, Jobquest and TAFE have started their courses at a number of different venues ranging from Mosman to Nirimba to school based courses run here at Jamison High School.

We've had students starting SBAT's (School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships), going out on work experience and attending various incursions and excursions to expose them to a variety of opportunities in the big wide world.

A number of students attended a White Card course, delivered by the Trans Plant group, and gained their accreditation which is a requirement to attend a construction site.

Keep up to date with what is happening in the world of careers by going to the school's website:

www.jamisonhighcareers.com

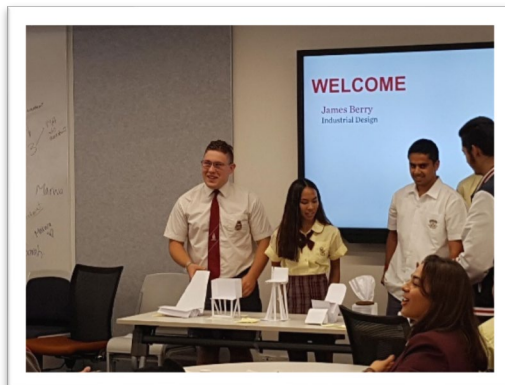


Year 12 Fast Forward

Excursion to WSU South Parramatta Campus

Kym McKinnon

(Careers Adviser)



White Card Accreditation held here at JHS

Years 7, 8 and 9

ARE YOU READING YET?

The 2020 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge for Years 7, 8 and 9 students opened on 2 March. It closes on 28 August 2020. The program fosters wide reading from a list of handpicked, quality books. The Challenge is run in Year 7 through English classes and in Years 8 and 9; students can independently take part in the program. To successfully complete the Challenge, students must read 20 books over the 6-month period of the program and log them online. Students who complete the challenge are awarded a certificate from the NSW Premier. This award is presented to students at a special morning tea at the end of the year. Students who have completed the Challenge each year from Year 3 to Year 9 are eligible for the Premier's Medallion. Research has shown that students who read widely succeed academically so we encourage all students in the junior years to complete the Challenge.



The Library now has a new mobile interactive TV / Whiteboard panel which will further enhance the Teacher and Learning at Jamison High School.

As part of the Mandatory Technology programs, Years 7 and 8 students are excited about learning to code and fly drones in the Library Coding Room.

The Library is open every recess and lunchtime and it is now open from 8.00 am for Year 11 and Year 12 students to further enhance their study regimes.

The Challenge closes for coordinator validations Friday September 11 2020. Please see Mr. Kozlowski in the Library with any questions.

Student site: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html#/>



YEAR 7 BBQ

It was sensational to see so many Year 7 parents join us for the Year 7 Parent Connect BBQ. Ms Simpson and Mrs Scofield worked tirelessly to ensure they got to take with as many parents as possible on the night. A big thank you to the Hospitality students led by Mrs Price who prepared and served the food and ensured everyone was well catered for.



Thank you to the parents who attended this event; our Parent Partnership is essential for ensuring our students are catered for throughout their Jamison High School journey. Please ensure you follow the Facebook Page for future Parent Connect events as they begin to offer you knowledge of wellbeing, curriculum and NESA requirements essential for your child's development in the future.



Prefect Afternoon Tea Event at Penrith High School

On 13th February 2020, Vice Captains Connor Burke and Jacob Craft attended Penrith High School's *Prefect Afternoon Tea*. This event was for school leaders to enjoy an afternoon of leadership activities, along with discussions with an inspiring guest speaker, to build and strengthen their leadership qualities.

Not only was the afternoon a success, many new friendships were formed from schools across Sydney. New ideas from other high schools help to bring many fantastic new initiatives that the SRC would love to bring to Jamison High School. This will help to create new initiatives for all students from years 7 - 12.

Events such as the *Prefect Afternoon Tea* are highly valuable as they not only help us realise our 'Every Student, Every Voice' objectives, they also help to create many new opportunities for the SRC of 2020 to help support and empower students. We are already planning new fundraising initiatives to help ensure that everyone at Jamison High School can benefit from the amazing facilities that our great school has to offer.

Always Remember: We are your SRC for 2020. If you would like to see anything happen around Jamison High that you are strongly passionate about, please find one of your SRC leaders and let them know. We will always work hard for our peers to ensure that *Every Student* has a voice, and that public education will forever be the key to a successful future.



The SRC is looking into the possibility of hosting our own *Prefect Afternoon Tea* in the future. We believe that this will not only help to foster and develop the friendships and connections we've established as past inter-school events, but allow for the transmission of successful initiatives in neighbouring schools into our own.

Leadership is no easy feat, but our SRC is always up for a challenge.

UNIFORM SHOP



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Jamison High School UNIFORM SHOP Price List

NAME: _____ YEAR: _____ DATE: _____

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ITEM		PRICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL INCL GST
Girls	JNR Sky/maroon Blouse	35.00			
	SNR White/maroon Blouse	35.00			
	Grey Shorts	37.00			
	Grey Skirt	42.00			
	Grey Pants	40.00			
Boys	JNR Sky Shirt	35.00			
	SNR White Shirt	35.00			
	Grey Shorts	37.00			
	Grey Chino Trousers Beltloop/elastic Waist	40.00			
Unisex	JNR Maroon Wool Jumper	72.00			
	SNR Navy Wool Jumper	72.00			
	Corporate Casual Pants	40.00			
	Microfibre Jacket	65.00			
	JNR Fleecy Top	32.00			
	SNR Fleecy Top	32.00			
	JNR Sky Polo	36.00			
	SNR White Polo	36.00			
Sports	Sports Shorts	32.00			
	Sports Shirt	38.00			
Accessory	Apron White	09.50			
	Cooking Hat	06.50			
	School Hat	11.00			
	White Socks Regular x 5	20.00			
	White Socks Short Cut x 5	20.00			
	School Tie	20.00			
	Black Tights	09.50			
	Eco Bag	01.00			

Tuesday 12:30pm-4:30pm & Friday 7:30am-11:30am CLOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Shop phone number 0422888364 (only available during shop opening hours)

Purchase Online: daylightsportswear.com/jamison

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* Prices are subject to change without notice