



MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

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Welcome to Term 4, 2016. The Year 12 cohort leave next week and then commence WACE examinations in Week 4. Towards the middle of term the school commences Early Start with Years 10/11 moving to Years 11/12 and at the end, Orientation Day, where the Year 7 cohort of 2017 is welcomed to the school.

The weather during Term 3 was difficult and there were a number of staff and students affected by influenza and colds. This had the effect of reducing school attendance from 93.5% to 91.5%. With the onset of better weather, I hope to see attendance improve and the school's rate increase. Attendance at school does matter and I would seek the support of all parents to ensure that students attend school. Research is clear that time in school has an impact on student learning outcomes.

The Year 12 cohort have been briefed on Semester 2 examinations, worked through corrections and are now completing teacher led targeted revision towards preparing them for the WACE. I have told teachers that I expect that they will deliver an effective revision program and WACE students are expected to attend. Even with a complete suite of new courses in 2016, teachers know their syllabi and have the capacity to assist students. Thus far, I am very pleased to see that many WACE students are taking advantage of the expertise of their teachers.

Parents of students completing even one WACE course are reminded that students MUST complete the examination. Whilst this may not have been the case in the past, in 2016, any student not sitting a WACE examination will not be accorded a grade in the subject and this may well have an impact on graduation and achievement of the WACE. Students have their individual timetables and they should ensure that they are at the right place and on time. The entire school community wishes them all the best in the examinations.

Two key dates for Year 12 students are the breakfast and final assembly on Thursday, 20 October 2017 and the Farewell Dinner, the next evening. Details have been provided and will be reinforced to the cohort. Students are required to be in uniform for the final assembly as when this concludes, the official Year 12 photograph will be taken. Parents are also advised that there is low tolerance towards vandalism and anti-social behaviour and outside security arrangements will be in place, as usual, for the nights prior to Thursday. I would urge parents to talk to students contemplating what they would see as a "prank" as these can be dangerous and have an acceptable impact on younger students.

CONGRATULATIONS



Rhaiarn

Rhaiarn was selected to participate in the AFL Flying Boomerangs Leadership tour to Sydney and China during the end of November

EVENTS CALENDAR

18 October Tuesday 6pm

Department of Education Gifted and Talented Information Session
Upstairs Main Staff Room Building.

19 October Wednesday 7.30pm

Languages Parent Support Group Meeting

20 October Thursday 8.45am

Whole School Assembly - Farewell to Year 12s

20 October Thursday 7pm

Music Parent Meeting

21 October Friday 6pm

Year 12 Farewell Dinner

24 October - 28 October Monday - Friday

Year 9 Camp

24 October - 4 November Year 11/10 Exams

26 October Wednesday 8.45-10.15am Coffee Club

26 October Wednesday 7pm SVAPA Parent Support Group

27 - 31 October Year 8 Immunisation

31 October Monday WACE Exams start

4 November Friday Year 7 Sports Carnival (All students)

7 November Monday Early Start Begins Years 10/11 (Rollover)

9 November Wednesday 8.45-10.15am Coffee Club

10 November Thursday

New Prefects/parents afternoon tea 3-4pm

A THOUGHT

A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life. **Norman Cousins**

Please support our Green initiative by reading the rest of this Update online at P & C Website <http://mlshspc.org.au> or on school website www.lawley.wa.edu.au



The inter-school Athletics Carnival will take place on Monday, 17 October 2016 and the Phys Ed staff have worked with the team to prepare them. The team is wished all the best for Monday.

Year 11 students commence their Semester 2 examinations from Monday, 24 October 2016. The timetable has been provided to them and again, all are wished well for these vital assessments. During the same week the iconic Year 9 camp takes place. This is seen by Middle School students as the highlight of their time and in 2016, the camp should again be a great experience.

In the NAPLAN league tables published in the "Australian" newspaper, the school was again placed in the Top 100 table for public co-educational schools in Australia. This again confirms the good work of the Middle School teachers.

Milton Butcher, Principal



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2017 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Advantage

- ✓ **Scholarships Provide You with Financial Support**
Let someone else pay for part of your education.
- ✓ **Scholarships Can Help You Get Where You Want to Go**
A scholarship confirms you would be a valued addition to an institution.
- ✓ **Recognition**
Be recognised for your potential and develop confidence to pursue your goals.
- ✓ **Distinguish Your Achievements**
Stand out amongst your peers.
- ✓ **Scholarships Make Your Resume Stand Out**
A scholarship will enhance your resume.

The following scholarships are available for students attending Mount Lawley Senior High School in 2017:

Peter Sparbier Perpetual Mathematics Scholarship (Year 11)
Valued up to \$2,000

Anne Griffiths Scholarship for Vocational Education & Training (Year 11)
Valued at \$500

Science Scholarships (one in each of Years 7, 10 and 11)
Value depends on Year

Academic and Financial Equity Scholarships (one in each of Years 7 to 10)
Value depends on Year

Michael Sutherland, MLA Scholarship for Humanities (Years 7 and 11)
Valued at \$100

Music Scholarship (Year 11)
Valued up to \$900 (Funds to be used over two years)

Japanese Scholarship (Year 11)
Valued at \$250

Korean Scholarship (Year 11)
Valued at \$200

Students interested in applying are to submit:

- Application form.
- Copy of last school report.
- Statement addressing the selection criteria (maximum one typed page).

Application forms are available from Middle, Senior or the Main Administration Office and are also on our website.

For more information visit

www.lawley.wa.edu.au or phone 9471 0300.

CLOSING

3:30pm Friday, 4 November 2016