



NORTH ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School



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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

I would like to take this opportunity in our final newsletter for the year to once again **thank all parents and caregivers** for your support throughout the year. Together we have made significant progress in working towards achieving our school targets as articulated in our 2015 - 2018 Business Plan. The Annual Report for 2016 will be published in Term One 2017 and it will provide an overview of our achievements.

There have been many highlights throughout the year and our newsletters have been filled with good new stories. **We are very proud of our students.** They have upheld our school values of being respectful, responsible, kind and trying their best. I also acknowledge and thank our students for the positive manner in which they represent the school at various community events. A number of students have excelled academically this semester as is evidenced in their school reports, which will be posted home this week for students in Years 7-10.

During Term 4 we have been busy making **final adjustments to our timetable for 2017** so that all is ready for the start of the 2017 school year. For students in Year 11 and 12, we will continue to offer a wide range of tertiary entrance and vocational courses. We have added some new specialized courses - *Make up Artistry* will be taught by our Art teacher Mrs Rachael Py. Mrs Py has previously worked in the stage and make up industry and is looking forward to imparting her knowledge and skills to NASHS students. The \$40,000 refurbishment of our sport centre including a fully functioning fitness centre will enhance student learning in our Year 11 & 12 courses in ATAR Physical Education Studies and ATAR Health Studies. NASHS will also be offering for the very first time Year 10 specialized courses in *sports coaching and personal fitness*.

While the majority of courses at NASHS are taught in the classroom, we also provide opportunities for students to study courses on line via e-learning. In 2017, some students have selected to study online courses including Polish, French, German and Biology.

Our transition programs have been well received. We recently welcomed our Year 7 2017 students to NASHS campus for an orientation day. This was the culmination of their transition program which commenced in Term Two. Students enjoyed following a high school timetable for the day and meeting new staff. On Monday 5 December we also welcomed a number of students from Bethel Christian School and John Calvin School – they will commence their Year 11 studies at NASHS in 2017.

NASHS staff provide a wide range of learning opportunities for our students.

Together the staff share strong beliefs about what constitutes good teaching and learning and **I wish to thank both teaching staff and support staff**, for their tremendous efforts throughout 2016. We say farewell to a number of staff at the end of this year and I sincerely thank each of them for their valued service in supporting our students to achieve their best. We also wish Mr Jeff Douglas (Science) and Mr Gerry Van der Wal (Design & Technology) a happy and fulfilling retirement. We are welcoming several new staff to NASHS - Mr Gordon Bishop (Maths), Mr Guy Skillen (Science), Mrs Jody Thomas-Smith (HOLA Humanities and Aboriginal Programs), Mr Louis van Praag (Home Economics & Technologies) Mr Richard Hall (Design & Technology) and Mrs Kate Myors (Work Place Learning). We expect to finalize some more appointments later this week.

One of our school values is "Be Safe". Please stay safe during the busy holiday period. On behalf of the staff at NASHS I wish all parents and students a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Sharon Doohan
Principal

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS: ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE START OF THE 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Office hours: NASHS administration/front office opens on Wednesday 25 January. We are closed on Australia Day 26 January and reopen on Friday 27 January.

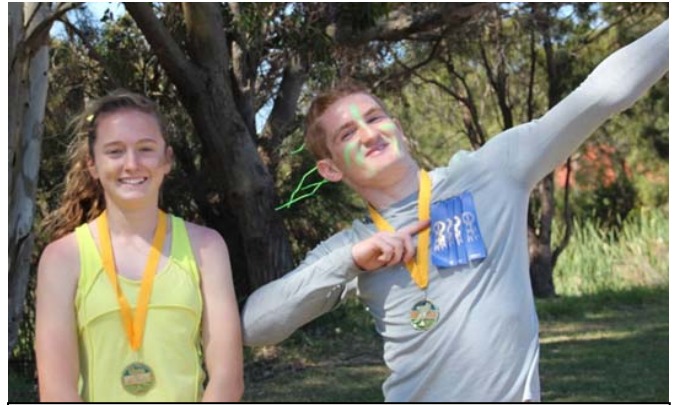
Teaching Staff: Monday 30 January and Tuesday 31 January are staff development days. On these two days teaching staff will be involved in professional learning.

School uniforms: Students are required to wear NASHS uniform every day. The uniform comprises NASHS school polo shirt and black skirts, trousers or shorts. For Phys Ed students wear the NASHS sport shirt. NASHS polo shirt and sport shirt are available for purchase from the school canteen which will be open on Monday 30 January and Tuesday 31 January from 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

Day One for Students: Day One for students is Wednesday 1 February 2017. When the first siren sounds at 8.45 am, students proceed to their year group assembly area - there will be signs around school advising students where to go. During the assemblies students will be allocated to their Contact classes, where they will remain for period 1. During period 1, students will receive their timetable and also be provided with important information about the 2017 school year. At the end of period 1, students commence their normal timetable. All students are required to bring their standard equipment with them on Day One. - i.e. pens, file, paper.

NASHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The NASHS Faction Athletics carnivals took place on Friday 18th November and Friday 25th November this year. The participation and faction spirit of the students was outstanding and the inclusion of a faction competition this year contributed to the fun. Things got slightly serious in the afternoon when Mr Ruffell challenged Mr Tetlow to a gruelling 30m sprint – and it was won by Mr Marchment!



NASHS Dash winners –
Apryl Oreo & Callan Mortimer



Faction Results
First – Michaelmas
Second – Breaksea
Third – Watari
Fourth – Eclipse





Winner of the Faction Spirit Dress up competition - Noah Morcombe



	Champion	Runner-up
Year 7 Girls	Imogen Sivwright	Jorja Whitehurst
Year 7 Boys	Jeremy Bobby	Xavier Brenton-Reed
Year 8 Girls	Charlotte Musk	Molly Bowles
Year 8 Boys	Chad Myers	Tyriec Brown
Year 9 Girls	Apryl Oreo	Georgia Crosby
Year 9 Boys	Aden Castlehow	Henrick Alforque
Year 10 Girls	Stacey Smith	Emerson Butterworth
Year 10 Boys	Callan Mortimer	Jake Castlehow

Michaelmas faction captains Samuel Steel & Jordan Pinner give their acceptance speech and an explanation as to why the faction captain relay team lost to the staff relay team.



THE GREAT SOUTHERN SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORTING ASSOCIATION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The GSSSSA athletics carnival took place on Tuesday 6th December. NASHS students performed particularly well on the day, with an admirable second place in A division.

Results

A Division

- 1st – Albany SHS
- 2nd - North Albany SHS
- 3rd - Great Southern Grammar
- 4th - Esperance SHS

B Division

- 1st - St Josephs College
- 2nd - Denmark SHS
- 3rd - Katanning SHS
- 4th - Bethel Christian School
- 5th - Mount Barker Community College
- 6th - Australian Christian College Southlands



Individual Champions from NASHS

- Year 7 Champion Boy – Jeremy Bobby
- Year 7 Champion Girl – Imogen Sivwright
- Year 8 Champion Boy – Chad Myers
- Year 9 Champion Boy – Aden Castlehow & Henrick Alforque
- Year 10 Runner-up Boy – Jordan Pinner

NASHS Interschool Record Breakers

- Year 7 Boys Discus – Xavier Brenton-Reed
- Year 7 Girls Shot & 1500m – Imogen Sivwright
- Year 8 Boys Shot – Calvin Salisbury
- Year 10 Girls 4 x 100m Relay Team



TARA FINDS HER DREAM CERTIFICATE

Tara Stewart (Yr 11) was excited to complete *Certificate II in Retail Make-Up and Skin Care* at TAFE Albany as it is stepping stone towards her goal to become a glamour make-up artist.



She enjoyed the socialising with 'like-minded' girls who immersed themselves into the practical work on skincare and applications of different makeup styles such as photographic, glamour and every day wear. Tara also learnt: communication skills; workplace safety; interaction with customers demonstrating and selling make-up and retail skin care products; and performing routine salon or store functions. Gaining this Certificate also is a pathway to other TAFE Beauty Certificates to become a Beauty Therapist and provided her with the skills and knowledge to work in the make-up and cosmetic retail industry such as a pharmacy. In 2017, NASHS is offering a specialised Year 10 elective course in Makeup Artistry.

LOCKER HIRE

NASHS has lockers available for student use in 2017. Total cost for the year will be \$20. Priority is given to students in Years 11 and 12. As Year 7 students will have a home room, they will not require lockers.

NASHS STUDENTS HELP AT DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK EXPO

Connor Menezies (Yr 12), Oliver Wallis (Yr 9 – Community Participation), Kaleb Robinson and Darian Graham (former NASHS students) participated in this year's event on the 30th November. Connor was the Master of Ceremonies introducing the entertainers.

Many had hidden talents and were eager to have an opportunity to perform. Oliver, *Ollie the Clown*, walked among the crowd creating balloon dogs for excited children especially the students from Spencer Park Ed Support Centre. Kaleb was a super star, singing 5 songs and making the whole EXPO rock and dance to his tunes. Darian now works in hospitality, serving from a healthy food stall.



The week's celebrations began with a morning tea at the City of Albany, agency talks at the library, a fashion parade at ACTIV, a motivational movie and culminating in an All Abilities entry in the Christmas Pageant.

NASHS / ASESC P & C ASSOCIATION

What has the P&C been up to in 2016?

The P&C has supported students at both North Albany Senior High School and Albany Secondary Education Support Centre. We provided additional lockers to NASHS students, sponsored the Year 12 Citizenship Awards, supported ASESC Unity days, and finalised the proceedings for the implementation of the children's crossing to enable students to cross safely to and from school on Albany Highway, (which will be ready for the 2017 school year). We have started organising a 'volunteer manned' uniform shop open one day a week (possibly two), and seeking to organise new winter jackets for the students.

A big thank you to all the members of the P&C for your involvement, ideas, suggestions and time. New members are welcome. Please join us to make NASHS & ASESC schools a better place. Our meet and greet will be on Wednesday 8 February 2017.

A big thankyou to Dewani Dean, NASHS & ASESC member & president for the past 11 years. Dewani has provided support to staff and families, encouraging a respectful forum for parents and school to meet. We wish Dewani and her family the best for the future.

Email contact: pcnashsasesc@gmail.com

Caroline Bole
P&C President 2016

DIARIES



All students at NASHS are encouraged to have a Homework Diary. A diary will help students to manage their school time and home study time. Diaries should be used on a daily basis to record due dates for tasks and assignments, dates of class assessments and tests, reminders of meetings and appointments.

Parents will also find they are better able to track their son/daughter's school work and help them to meet deadlines if they check their child's diary on a regular basis. In 2017 student diaries have been included in student booklists and parents are strongly encouraged to ensure that their child has a diary at the start of the year.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2017

NASHS Polo Shirts and Sports Shirts can be purchased from the School Canteen on Monday 30 January and Tuesday 31 January 12:30pm—3:30pm.

We would love some volunteers to support this happening. Contact pcnashsasesc@gmail.com if you think this could suit you.

2017 Uniform Shop - Tuesdays 2:30pm - 3:30pm

TECHTRAILS

Twenty Year 9 NASHS students attended Techtrails, held at Albany Senior High School on Thursday 24 November 2016. The event was organised by a West Australian based group "Women in Technology" to inspire students to consider science and technology based careers.

Technology Professionals gave group presentations – including local Ecologist, Sarah Comer and Mechatronics Engineers, Michael Kapfer. The students attended sessions on a range of topics from aqua-culture, drones, robotics to keeping businesses safe from hackers and super viruses. Scitech also presented a virtual reality activity.

The opening guest speaker was Professor Lyn Beazley, Former Chief Scientist of WA, a position she held for 8 years. Professor Beazley has been awarded the Governor's Award for her promotion of science and technology to the WA community.



STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

It certainly has been a busy end to the year with NASHS students, from all year groups, involved in a range of activities. This term we have enjoyed Senior School dinners, the NASHS Year 12 Presentation Night, excursions, the tertiary tour, leadership camps, Year 6 to 7 and Year 10 to 11 transition days and sports carnivals. On the last two days of term we also have our Semester Two acknowledgement activities for students.

A thank you and well done to all Student Councillors who have assisted in the organisation and running of many of these events. Their effort and commitment is appreciated. A big thank you also goes out to the Student Services Team and NASHS staff who have been involved in the organisation of these events and well done to all students for being actively involved. It is great to see the NASHS Community working together - it contributes to making NASHS a great school. I would like to wish all students a safe and happy holiday and the very best for Christmas. I look forward to working with you next year.

(Mr Harrison—Student Services Coordinator)

LIBRARY NEWS

Our annual Before Christmas Book Sale is on. A gold coin donation a bag of pre loved books.

NASHS is collecting non-perishable food items for the Albany Food Bank. For students and families the collection box is in the Library under our Christmas tree.

Congratulations to Peter Godwin and Zeke Medling, the winners of our reading promotion, Info Graphics Competition. They both won vouchers from Paperbark Merchants.

A reminder to parents that all resources are due back in the library for our stocktake in the last week of term. Overdue items will attract a fine to the value of replacing the books. Please check school bags and return to either library or the front office.

As students cannot borrow from the school Library over the holidays, consider taking out membership for your whole family with the Albany Public Library. Not only will this provide access to a wide range of books and magazines, the Albany Public Library also lends audio books, jigsaw puzzles, music and film DVDs and a wide range of eResources. We will be encouraging all students to access these eResources next year to supplement the materials available to them for both study and leisure.



(CS) + X FACTOR = TOOLS TO CHANGE THE WORLD

DO YOU KNOW WHAT JOB YOU WANT TO DO?

If you don't, that could be a good thing. Digital technologies are likely to create whole new career paths in the future.

Engineers at GOOGLE talk about Computer Science (CS) + X as a driver of innovation and creativity. The X is the problem you are trying to solve, your passion/interests or another discipline. You'll find CS + X in every industry, creating breakthrough innovations like smart contact lenses to monitor blood glucose in real time alerts to your phone.

WATCH THIS SPACE.

In 2017 the Library will be running some family CODING workshops. If you are already an expert and are interested in helping with workshops, contact Pippa.williams@education.wa.edu.au

Uniform Shop OPEN
for Early Bird Sales
(get your shirts early—
price increase in 2017)

Tuesday 13th December
12:30pm—3:30pm

Red and White Shirts \$28
Grey Phys Ed Shirts \$28

Eftpos facilities available
Enquiries: pcnashsasesc@gmail.com

About FACE
Auditions



December 13
 Positions open for 2017

Great music, superb singing & clever choreography account for the ever-increasing popularity of this dynamic 24-voice youth choir.

Auditions are open to singers aged 14 – 30

For more information or to register
www.aboutfacechoir.com
 Phone Sue Findlay: 0419 098 475

2017 TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS

	COMMENCES	ENDS
TERM 1	Wed, 1 February	Fri, 7 April
<i>Holidays</i>	<i>8 April</i>	<i>25 April</i>
TERM 2	Wed, 26 April	Fri, 30 June
<i>Holidays</i>	<i>1 July</i>	<i>16 July</i>
TERM 3	Mon, 17 July	Fri, 22 Sept
<i>Holidays</i>	<i>23 Sept</i>	<i>8 Oct</i>
TERM 4	Mon, 9 Oct	Thurs, 15 Dec

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Parents / Guardians holding a Centrelink Family Health Care Card, Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card who have a student/s in Years 7-12 may be able to claim financial assistance up to and including the year the student/s turn 18 years of age.

NOTE: THE CARD HELD MUST BE CURRENT IN FIRST TERM 2017

Successful Applicants will receive:

\$235.00 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ALLOWANCE

and

\$115.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Applications for Secondary Assistance must be made in person with NASHS Manager Corporate Services.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017

If you require further information please contact NASHS Manager Corporate Services, Keely George on 9892 0611.

Aboriginal Study Grant (through Centrelink) – please note that if you are receiving this type of grant then you cannot apply for secondary assistance. However you may be eligible for the Abstudy Supplement (\$79) - applications must also be made in person.

2017 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

The School Development (Pupil Free) Days in 2017 for Government schools in the City of Albany are:

- Monday, 24 April 2017
- Friday, 18 August 2017
- Friday, 10 November 2017 (Albany Show Day)
- Friday, 15 December 2017

WHO DO I CONTACT IN TERM ONE 2017

For general enquiries about your child's progress at school please contact the Year Coordinator or other members of Student Services Team (see the list below). For subject specific issues please contact your child's subject teacher or the relevant Head of Learning Area.

Yr 7 Coordinator	Leonie Puzey	School Nurse	Cathy Watson
Yr 8 Coordinator	Rebecca Gallimore	Aboriginal & Islander Education Officer	Rachel Brown
Yr 9 Coordinator	Kylie Rennie	Student Services Coordinator	Andrew Harrison
Yr 10 Coordinator	Dan Smith	School Psychologist	Amy Gostelow
Yr 11 Coordinator	Susie Wood	Chaplain	Ben Wyatt / Jennie Small
Yr 12 Coordinator	Andrew Harrison		

HEAD OF LEARNING AREAS AND TEACHERS IN CHARGE

Mathematics (HOLA)	Jo Stevens	Physical Education / Health (HOLA)	Kylie Rennie	Home Ec	Bronwyn Day
Science (HOLA)	Glenn Simpson	Technology & Enterprise / Art (HOLA)	Peter Gray	Business Ed, Workplace Learning & VET Coordinator	Pamela Greenhart
Humanities and Social Sciences (HOLA)	Jody Thomas-Smith	Library	Pippa Williams	Learning Support Coordinator	Tracy Myers
English / LOTE (HOLA)	Mark Ruffell	Visual Art	Matt Marchment		

Deputy Principals: Anthony Johnson (Years 7,8,9), Mark Cullen (Years 10,11,12)

Manager, Corporate Services: Keely George