



SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Wednesday 8 September we are fortunate to be included in a drug awareness education programme which is sponsored by Fuji Xerox in association with Methcon Group.

Each year group will attend a one hour presentation titled 'You Can Make a Difference', on Methamphetamine and Drug Awareness. The programme is health based and focuses on understanding normal brain function and the way in which P and other drugs cause chemical dependence while masking the growing addiction with an artificial high.

The aim of the programme is to positively empower our young people and provide students, supported by parents and teachers with a level of knowledge, awareness and strategies to help them make more informed self motivated decisions to reject drug use and 'be above the high'.

The objective is to provide students with a hard-hitting relevant and comprehensive understanding of Methamphetamine and the implications of this drug and others, to themselves their family and friends and the community they live in.

The schedule will be:	9.00am	Year 10
	10.05am	Year 11
	11.50am	Year 9
	12.50pm	Year 12
	1.50pm	Year 13

If you would like to attend any one of these presentations you are welcome to come to the Hall. If you do not wish your son/daughter to attend please phone the Student Centre (349 0177).

Professional Development

On **Friday 10 September** students will be **released at 1.50pm** so that staff can have professional development. As usual, we appreciate students going straight home and not into town. Buses will run as normal and the Library will be open until 4.30pm.

Tutorial Programme

We have begun our tutorial programme for students in Years 11 to 13. These tutorials run in the WHS library from **7.00 to 9.00pm, Monday to Thursday**. They are advertised via the daily notices, and students are encouraged to come along with specific questions for the staff running these. We appreciate students being picked up promptly after the tutorial time has ended.

WHS Senior Exams

The exams begin on **Monday 13 September and continue until Wednesday**

22 September (inclusive). All students have been given an individual timetable, and they must attend these examinations. Please call the Student Centre as usual, if your son/daughter is unwell during this time. If possible, arrangements will be made for them to sit the exams they miss.

Due to these examinations, the Junior School will be running to a revised time schedule as follows:

Form time	8.40 – 9.00am
Period 1	9.00 – 10.00
Period 2	10.00 – 11.00
Interval	11.00 – 11.30 (<i>30 minutes</i>)
Period 3	11.30 – 12.30
Interval	12.30 – 1.05pm (<i>35 minutes</i>)
Period 4	1.05 – 2.05
Period 5	2.05 – 3.05

Buses will run as normal, and the Library homework centre will be available.

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