

Principal's Newsletter Report

February 2014



Welcome to the new school year following the great success of the school in 2013, in particular, the 50th Anniversary Celebrations. As a new Principal to the school, I would like to thank staff and students for their warm welcome to the position at Cardiff High School and I look forward to meeting our parent and school community over the coming weeks and months. Prior to my appointment at Cardiff, I had been working as Principal at Muswellbrook High School in the Upper Hunter Valley. I would like to take the opportunity to wish retiring Principal, Mrs Suzanne Russell, a happy and rewarding retirement and congratulate and thank Deputy Principal, Mr Stephen Trayhurn for his astute management of the school in his relieving capacity last year.

Welcome to new staff



Miss Amy Cavaretta, Mrs Melanie Hunter and Mr Gareth Erskine

Along with being new to the school myself, we have a number of other new members of staff. In 2014, Cardiff High School welcomes Japanese teacher, Mrs Melanie Hunter, and English teacher, Miss Amy Cavaretta. Mrs Hunter has previously worked at Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkeley Vale campus and Miss Caveretta joins us from Warners Bay High School where she has been working for the last three years.

New School Website coming soon

Cardiff High School will be launching a new school website in the next few weeks. The website will be continually developed over the year to include a comprehensive range of information to support parents and students. An exciting aspect of the new website will be a phone app to keep parents regularly updated on school events. Full details will be in the March newsletter. In the meantime please keep using <http://www.cardiff-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>.

Online Payments

The screenshot shows the Cardiff High School website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Our school, Curriculum & activities, Caring for students, School years, Annual School Report, and Strategic Plan. Below this is a secondary bar with News, Newsletters, Calendar, Gallery, Contact us, and Make a payment, along with a search bar. The main content area features the school's crest on the left and a large blue arrow pointing upwards on the right. To the right of the arrow is a text box stating: "The banner statement: celebrating excellence, opportunities and success is demonstrated daily through teaching and learning, cultural events and activities, sporting activities, community involvement, leadership opportunities and student welfare." Below the banner is a section for "Latest News & Features" with a link to "More news" and a "Newsletter" section for December 2013.

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments may be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#).

This screenshot shows the 'Welcome to Cardiff High School' page. It features the school's crest, a photo of students working, and a 'Skoolbag' logo. The page includes a 'Welcome to Cardiff High School' message, a 'Skoolbag' logo, and a 'DEC Portal Login' button. The footer contains contact information for Cardiff High School, including the address, phone numbers, and website URL.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other', which is to cover items not covered in the previous headings, 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

The process for making a payment is as follows:

1. Fill out all the required fields on this page.
2. Fill out credit card payment details on the next page.
3. Review and confirm your payment details on the confirmation page.
4. Review your payment receipt and optionally print it, or send it as an email.

Student Details

Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement issued by the school it will be to the left of the student's name.

* Given Name

* Surname

Class or Year

Ref. or Invoice Number

This number may be on the top of the invoice or statement issued by the school. It may have the heading Ref

- the student's name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the student's name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them (these are optional fields).

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

HSC Success

Congratulations to Connor Harrison, Daniel Hartree, Olha Pokhmurska, Bradley Puntton, Rebecca Toll and Jordan Watters for achieving a Band 6 result in the 2013 HSC. Olha's success was particularly noteworthy given that she studied her HSC subject as an accelerated Year 11 student. An honourable mention also to Olha's fellow Year 11 2013 student and 2014 Vice-Captain, Ashleigh Carter, who only narrowly missed out on a Band 6 result with a score of 89 in Mathematics. Thank you to all of the school's HSC teachers for their support and dedication to their students.

These Band 6 students will be acknowledged for their achievements in a ceremony to be held on Wednesday 12 February 2014 in the school hall.



Connor Harrison

General Mathematics



Daniel Hartree

Industrial Technology



Olha Pokhmurska

Ukrainian Continuers



Bradley Punton

Industrial Technology



Rebecca Toll

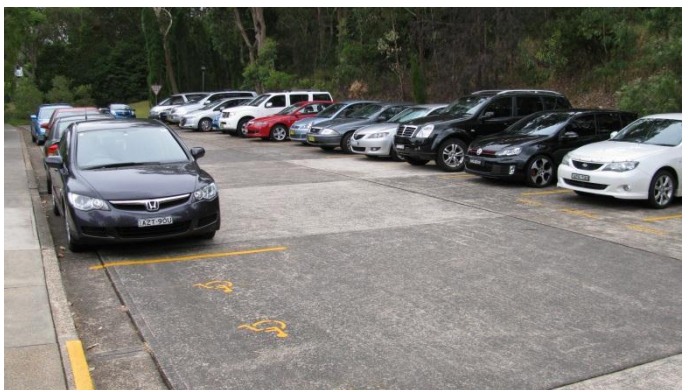
Senior Science



Jordan Watters

Senior Science

On-site Parking



Parents would be aware that there is limited parking on the school site and these spaces are reserved for staff only. Whilst the school is investigating options to increase this capacity, in the interim, parents/caregivers should only be parking within the school if they need to pick up their child from sick bay, or have been contacted by the school. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

School Clean Up Day



The School Clean Up Day, under the banner of Clean Up Australia Day, will be held across the state on Friday 28 February 2014. Cardiff High School will be taking part through a range of activities including planting of new gardens, weeding and rubbish removal. If any parents or community members would like to assist please call me on 4954 9966.

Gareth Erskine
Principal