

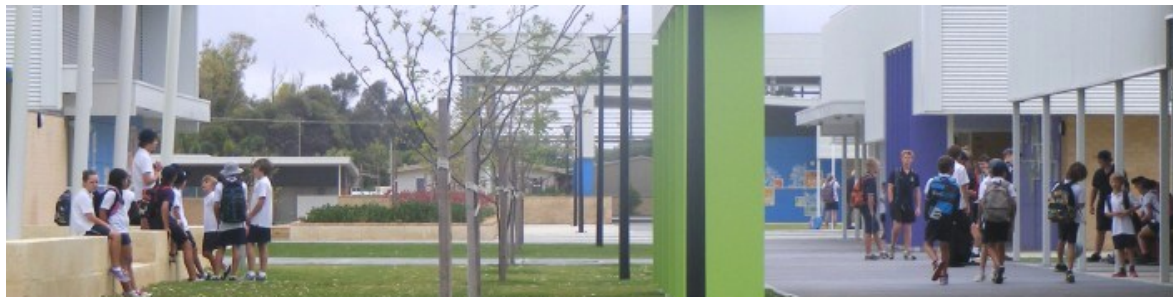
Important Dates

7 February
Study Class 3:05pm

14 February
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16 February
School Board Meeting

17 February
Full Moon



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER 4th February 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the start of the **2022 school year** at Dongara DHS. We have had the most amazing first week and parents, you should be very proud of your children.

Welcome to new and returning students and their families. As of today we have **406 students** enrolled with **261 in K-6** and **145 in year 7-12**. I am delighted to let you know that our secondary numbers continue to increase and thank our parents for selecting Dongara DHS as their school of choice.



Welcome to our new staff, **Mr Ross**

Annen-Phys Ed, Ms Nikki Belcher- Yr 11/12, Ms Monique Hall-PP, Ms Kristy Innes-K/PP, Ms Elyce Tunbridge-English (4 weeks), Ms Lorena Hayward-English from 21 Feb onwards.



Congratulations to **Mrs Dawn Cullen** on her nomination for the Australia Day Shire of Irwin Citizen of the Year Award and to **Beau M'Leane** on receiving the Australia Day Shire of Irwin Youth Citizen of the Year Award.

As we head into uncertain times regarding COVID guidelines, I will be sending home regular communication updates to families via **CONNECT**. If you have forgotten your Login or password, please call **Mandy** at the Front office on **99277200**. Important communication will be emailed to families via **MGM Outreach**.

Students will begin a familiarisation process in their classes on the use of Connect as a remote learning tool if

we are ever required to work from home. Your child may be keen to show you this at home. Most secondary students are already very familiar with Connect.

We have had to cancel our **Monday Assembly** as public schools have been directed to limit in-school gatherings. You will receive information from me clarifying what this means for us all at Dongara DHS.

Parents and/ or members of our community who **volunteer** or **work in the school more than once in a week** are required to show **proof of COVID Vaccination** at the Front Office.

If you have queries regarding COVID guidelines in our school, please contact me. All other queries should be directed to WA Health.

I thank our students, families and staff for your positive contribution to a great start to school and look forward to the year ahead.

Kind Regards
Janine Calver



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Secondary Assistance Scheme

The WA Department of Education provides an **allowance** to assist eligible families with secondary school (**Years 7-12**) costs comprising of Contributions and Charges allowances:

- **\$115 Clothing allowance** paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school
- **\$235 Educational Program Allowance** paid directly to the school

To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian **must** hold one of the following:

- **Centrelink Family Health Care Card**
- **Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card**
- **Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card**

Parent/Guardian **must** be the holder of a card that is valid during first term. Claims **cannot** be made using a student's Centrelink Card.

Applications close **Friday 8th April 2022**

School Phone Number 9927 7200

Please check that you are not using our old school phone number. We changed our phone number some time ago and the redirection service has now ended.

Please update the number on your phone. Some of our school documents require updating and this will occur over the next few weeks.

9927 7200

Absentees

Thank you to the parents who ring and notify the office in the morning when their child/ren are unwell or absent from school for a particular reason. This avoids having to supply an explanation note upon their return

to school and alleviates the office sending you letters concerning unexplained absences.

The office phone number is **9927 7200** and there is an answering machine to leave a message if the office is unattended, alternatively you can SMS your child/ren's absence to **0437 206 549**, please include your child/ren's name in your message.

Student Details

In order to keep our database of student contact details correct, please notify the office if you have made changes to any of the following details over the holidays:

- House and/ or mobile phone number
- Address details
- Emergency contact details
- Medical details.

Connect

Connect is a free and very safe integrated online environment developed by the Department of Education WA for staff, students and parents in public schools. It allows students online access to learning content, to submit completed work and to email their teacher. It allows a similar view for parents, with some subject assessment results and attendance. It is also a secure method for providing parents with important notices from Dongara DHS.

The free **ConnectNow** app can be downloaded from the Google Play or Apple App Store and will let you receive Connect notices as push notifications, however please be aware, you will have limited access to the full Connect content using only the app. The school suggests that you log into Connect via the following website <http://connect.det.wa.edu.au> on any device or desktop computer to access the full content.

Parents not already using Connect should have received an email inviting you to join and register your

account, please note this Connect email will come from the automated email address:

ldmadmin@education.wa.edu.au.

If you have any queries or do not have a Connect Log in, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the front office.

Connect Help Information can be found in the Library section once you have logged into Connect.

We hope that you enjoy the Connect experience and see it as an exciting new way for you to stay in touch with your child's school journey

Secondary Study Class

Every Monday 3:05-4:00pm in H Block, all secondary students welcome to attend.

Truant Student

Students with lunch passes are not permitted to frequent shops or bakeries at lunch time as the pass only permits them to travel between their home and the school. Lunch passes are specifically for students to have lunch at their own home. Students wishing to buy their lunch can do so from the school canteen. Students caught down town without proper authority could face in-school detention for truancy.

Primary Maths Books

Order forms for the 2021 Maths Books have gone home this week. Please return the order form with payment to the office before Friday 11th February. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

