



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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School Report 2025

Dongara District High School

School Overview

Dongara District High School is a proud Independent Public School in the Mid-West Education Region.

We deliver a high standard of academic and social emotional learning programs to children from the Shires of Irwin and Mingenew. To supplement these programs, we offer our students the opportunity to participate in extension programs using online learning through SIDE for years 11-12 and delivery of PEAC in Geraldton for years 5-6. Our Year 7 students are provided with a comprehensive transition program in readiness for entering secondary school. We have a partnership with tertiary institutions through the ASPIRE program which supports our academic year 9 and 11 students to identify university pathways.

Programs with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) focus are features of our curriculum initiatives. We have partnerships with local industry, petroleum industry and the CSIRO. We operate a comprehensive on site Vocational Education Program for years 9-12. All non-ATAR year 11 and 12 students are enrolled in Certificate II or PAIS at Central Regional TAFE. A school horticulture centre has been established for year K-12 and we are a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden School. A small number of year 11 and 12 students are enrolled in a mixed mode delivery including studying through SIDE enabling them to follow an ATAR pathway, with additional support provide by our qualified secondary teachers.

We have a very experienced staff composed of a Level 5 Principal, two Level 3 Primary Deputy Principals, a Level 3 Program Coordinator-Curriculum Development, Level 4 Manager Corporate Services, two Level 3 Classroom Teachers, 10 Senior Teachers and a Lead EA. Teacher team leaders of the K-2, 3-6, and 7-12 groups have additional curriculum leadership responsibilities.

Our students have access to state of the art facilities including interactive whiteboards in every primary room and a number of interactive screens and Comm Boxes in the secondary school. We have over 250 computers/iPads for student use. We have vibrant sporting and cultural programs with our students achieving exceptionally well in a range of sports and the YOH Festival.

There is a high level of parent involvement in the school. Regular P & C meetings are made up of a core of enthusiastic and committed parents. A pro-active unincorporated School Board plays a vital role in the formulation of the school vision, goals, policies and monitors the operation and outcomes of the School Business Plan.



Student Numbers/Enrolment Trends. Semester 1 2025

	Kin	PPR	Pri	Sec	Total
Male	10	12	96	65	183
Female	11	17	68	56	152
Total	21	29	164	121	335

	Kin	PPR	Pri	Sec	Total
Aboriginal		1	17	16	34
Non-Aboriginal	21	28	147	105	301
Total	21	29	164	121	335

Our student numbers increased in 2025. There are a number of year 6 students that transition to schools in Geraldton which impacts on our secondary student numbers.

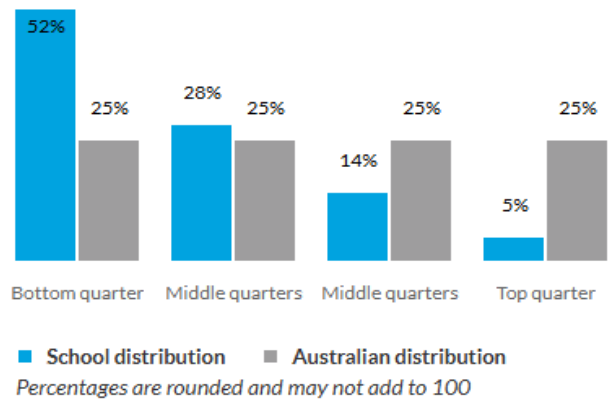
Semester 2	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Primary (Excluding Kin)	246	237	221	199	195
Lower Secondary	97	98	107	85	88
Upper Secondary	27	27	20	21	38
Total	370	362	348	305	321

Student background

Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA)

School ICSEA value 945
 Average ICSEA value 1000
 School ICSEA percentile 23

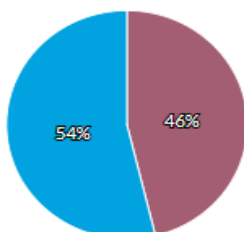
Distribution of Socio-Educational Advantage (SEA)



Students

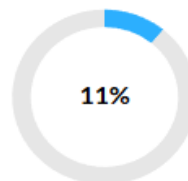
Total enrolments: 342

Boys 184
 Girls 158



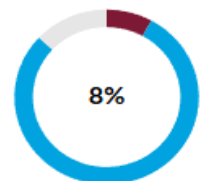
Full-time equivalent enrolments: 333.6

Indigenous students



Language background other than English

Yes (8%)
 No (78%)
 Not stated (13%)



Workforce composition

(ref [School Overview Dongara District High School \(det.wa.edu.au\)](https://det.wa.edu.au))

	No	FTE	AB'L
Administration Staff			
Principals	1	1.0	0
Associate / Deputy / Vice Principals	2	2.0	0
Program Coordinators	1	1.0	0
Total Administration Staff	4	4.0	0
Teaching Staff			
Level 3 Teachers	2	1.8	0
Other Teaching Staff	26	18.8	0
Total Teaching Staff	28	20.5	0
School Support Staff			
Clerical / Administrative	4	3.4	0
Gardening / Maintenance	2	1.1	0
Instructional	1	0.7	1
Other Allied Professionals	21	14.8	1
Total School Support Staff	28	20.0	2
Total	60	44.5	2

Staffing at Dongara DHS is generally stable. There were 2 retirements/resignations at the end of 2025 with two positions not requiring backfilling. Future retirements and the impact on staffing is addressed in the school workforce plan. We are overstaffed with permanent Special Needs Education Assistants.

Student Attendance

(ref [School Overview Dongara District High School \(det.wa.edu.au\)](https://det.wa.edu.au))

	Primary Total		
	School	Like Schools	WA Public Schools
2023	84.9%	86.2%	88.9%
2024	83.5%	87.1%	89.4%
2025	83.5%	87.2%	89.1%

	Secondary Total		
	School	Like Schools	WA Public Schools
2023	76%	79.8%	82.5%
2024	73.8%	78%	82.2%
2025	71.8%	77.9%	81.7%

The school has seen a declining trend in regular student attendance since COVID. This may be impacted on by conservative approaches from parents about sending children to school if they are unwell. Our attendance is also impacted on by family holidays due to parent work situations not allowing for family holidays during school breaks. A number of students who are no longer residing in Dongara and not enrolled elsewhere have impact on our attendance data. These students have been referred to the Midwest Attendance Officer and/or Participation Officer for follow up. Parent not explaining student absences significantly impacts on the data. Strategies that the school used to improve student attendance included:

- Whole School Attendance Plan- currently being updated
- Attendance Certificates to students with 100%, 90% and above attendance
- Electronic absentee forms for parents via Outreach and Connect. SMS available.
- Student and family health and wellbeing checks from classroom teachers, Home Room teachers, Deputy Principals and Principal.
- Information about good attendance in Newsletters
- Home visits by the DDHS Attendance Officers.
- Development of attendance plans with families.
- Attendance Officer and Participation Officer from Midwest Regional Office
- Service agreements with Midwest Engagement Centre and our School Psychologist
- Outreach services for students included Youthfocus and CAMHS

Student Achievement and Progress

NAPLAN

(ref [School Overview Dongara District High School \(det.wa.edu.au\)](http://School Overview Dongara District High School (det.wa.edu.au)))

NAPLAN Writing	2025			
	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9
Exceeding	0%	4%	0%	6%
Strong	61%	33%	38%	38%
Developing	21%	26%	46%	25%
Needs Additional Support	18%	37%	17%	31%



NAPLAN Reading	2025			
	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9
Exceeding	7%	11%	0%	0%
Strong	30%	44%	29%	25%
Developing	26%	30%	46%	44%
Needs Additional Support	37%	15%	25%	31%



NAPLAN Numeracy	2025			
	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9
Exceeding	7%	7%	0%	0%
Strong	33%	63%	32%	31%
Developing	37%	22%	45%	50%
Needs Additional Support	22%	7%	23%	19%

A new online NAPLAN was first administered in 2023. We analyse the NAPLAN data for focus areas for improvement. We compare the data to our teacher judgements. We use this data to plan for student improvement. As a staff, we continued to adjust literacy and numeracy strategies across the school, in all learning area. We have a Whole School Literacy Plan, a literacy coach, specialist Literacy Education Assistant and whole school literacy and numeracy strategies.



School Priority Areas- 2025 Operational Plan Review

Literacy

2025 Reflections	2026 Directions
<p>NAPLAN results varied with many tests above Like school but not for all year group. Improved results in Writing. Improved student results indicated in data collected from school wide intervention program. High level of OLNS success. Naplan data showed a decline in Year3 STRONG.</p>	<p>Whole school Instructional Model with focus on Daily Reviews. Continue with Whole School Literacy Plan and Assessment Schedule. Focus on Reading</p> <p>Numeracy Focus on Numeracy- Number</p>

Student Health and Wellbeing

2025 Reflections	2026 Directions
<p>Positive Behaviour Support imbedded in school. High Level of PBS tickets K/PP, year 7-12 and in Playground. Decrease in Gold House Point Certificates- loss of Good Standing due to low attendance. Student Services Team- created Multi Tired System of Support implemented</p>	<p>Year 1-6 staff to record tickets to identify focus areas. Respect continues to be a focus area. Review incentive section in Whole School Attendance Plan. Re model Student Services team and focus on Attendance, Multitiered Support and Student Wellbeing Policy.</p>

Year 12 outcomes including VET (Vocational Education and Training)

Fourteen year 12 students were enrolled with 5 not living in the Shire of Irwin and not enrolled at another school.
Year 12 students attending Dongara DHS engaged in General Pathways, School based Traineeships, NOA (Notice of Arrangement), TAFE Cert II, III or IV qualifications.

Biennial Student/ Parent/Staff satisfaction survey (source: National School Opinion Survey)

The National School Opinion Survey (NSOS) is a biennial survey and was conducted in 2023. The School Board and staff reviewed the 2023 NSOS and compared it with the 2021 data. They were, in general pleased with the results noting an upward trend in some ratings. Behaviour continued to be a focus area for the students and parents. This data is available in the 2024 School Report. The School Board identified targets for the 2024-26 Business Plan. Literacy and Student Wellbeing continued to be a focus area in 2025, led by the new Student Services Team. Staff are focusing on PBS processes and procedures with a target being to increase the recognition of positive student behaviour. This NSOS survey was decommissioned and is now available for us to administer in 2026.



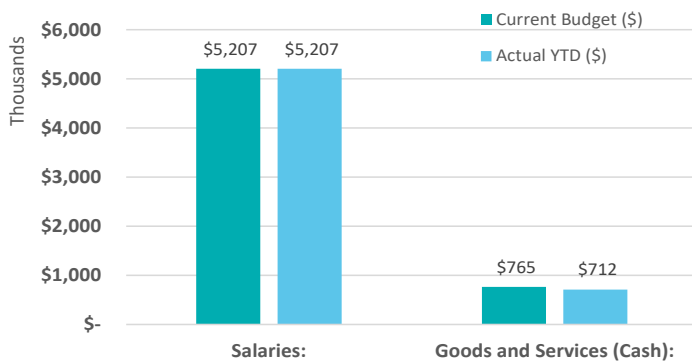
School Income by Funding Source

The school was again in a positive financial position. Savings allowed for the upgrade of technology K-12 including the leasing of laptops, the purchase of iPads and Comm Boxes. The Finance Committee met each term to monitor the budget which was presented to the School Board. The rate of Contributions and Charges payments continued to decline.

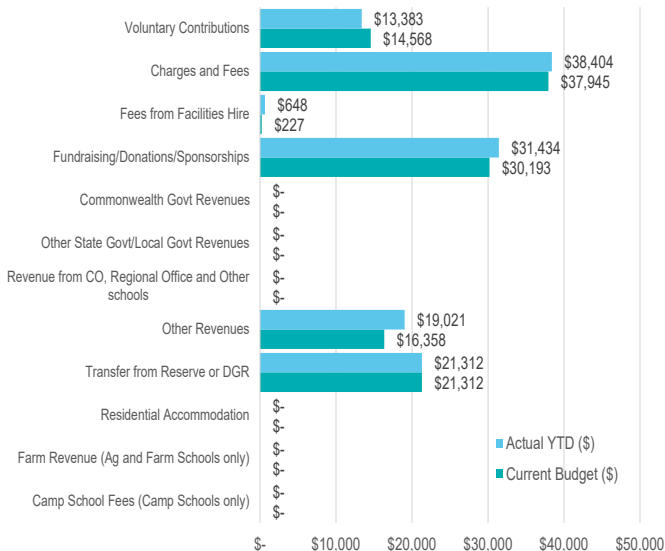
ONE LINE BUDGET - Dec 2025 (Verified Dec Cash)

	Current Budget (\$)	Actual YTD (\$)
Carry Forward (Cash):	138,411	138,411
Carry Forward (Salary):	480,268	480,268
INCOME		
Student-Centred Funding (including Transfers & Adjustments):	5,804,004	5,804,004
Locally Raised Funds:	120,602	124,202
Total Funds:	6,543,285	6,546,885
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries:	5,206,633	5,206,633
Goods and Services (Cash):	764,782	711,590
Total Expenditure:	5,971,414	5,918,222
VARIANCE:	571,871	628,662

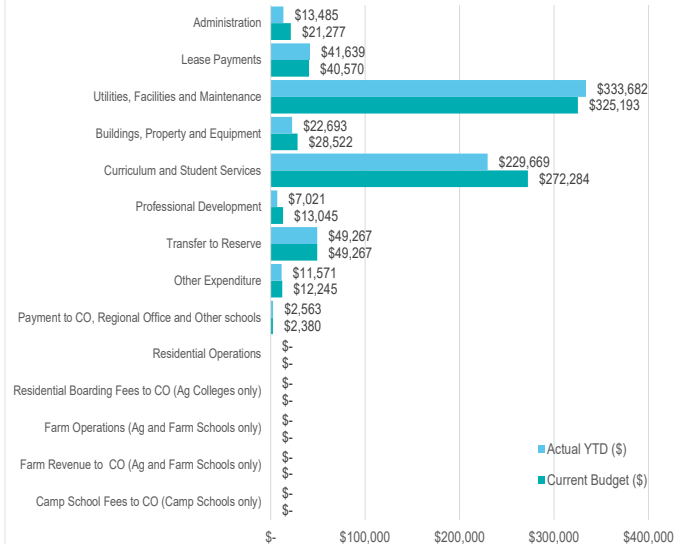
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INCOME - Dec 2025 (Verified Dec Cash)

	Current Budget (\$)	Actual YTD (\$)
Carry Forward (Cash)	138,411	138,411
Carry Forward (Salary)	480,268	480,268
STUDENT-CENTRED FUNDING		
Per Student	3,181,992	3,181,992
School and Student Characteristics	1,882,968	1,882,968
Disability Adjustments	38,519	38,519
Targeted Initiatives	635,367	635,367
Operational Response Allocation	67,580	67,580
Total Funds:	5,806,426	5,806,426
TRANSFERS AND ADJUSTMENTS		
Regional Allocation	137	137
School Transfers – Salary	(455,185)	(455,185)
School Transfers - Cash	452,625	452,625
Department Adjustments	0	0
Total Funds:	(2,423)	(2,423)
LOCALLY RAISED FUNDS (REVENUE)		
Voluntary Contributions	14,568	13,383
Charges and Fees	37,945	38,404
Fees from Facilities Hire	227	648
Fundraising/Donations/Sponsorships	30,193	31,434
Commonwealth Govt Revenues	0	0
Other State Govt/Local Govt Revenues	0	0
Revenue from CO, Regional Office and Other scho	0	0
Other Revenues	16,358	19,021
Transfer from Reserve or DGR	21,312	21,312
Residential Accommodation	0	0
Farm Revenue (Ag and Farm Schools only)	0	0
Camp School Fees (Camp Schools only)	0	0
Total Funds:	120,603	124,202
TOTAL	6,543,285	6,546,884
SALARIES		
Appointed Staff	4,678,257	4,678,257
New Appointments	0	0
Casual Payments	514,713	514,713
Other Salary Expenditure	13,662	13,662
Total Funds:	5,206,632	5,206,632
GOODS AND SERVICES (CASH EXPENDITURE)		
Administration	21,277	13,485
Lease Payments	40,570	41,639
Utilities, Facilities and Maintenance	325,193	333,682
Buildings, Property and Equipment	28,522	22,693
Curriculum and Student Services	272,284	229,669
Professional Development	13,045	7,021
Transfer to Reserve	49,267	49,267
Other Expenditure	12,245	11,571
Payment to CO, Regional Office and Other schools	2,380	2,563
Residential Operations	0	0
Residential Boarding Fees to CO (Ag Colleges only)	0	0
Farm Operations (Ag and Farm Schools only)	0	0
Farm Revenue to CO (Ag and Farm Schools only)	0	0
Camp School Fees to CO (Camp Schools only)	0	0
Total Funds:	764,783	711,590
TOTAL	5,971,415	5,918,222

2025 HIGHLIGHTS AND AWARDS

Principal Janine Calver welcomes new and returning staff and students. We started the **2025** school year with **335** students - **214** students in **Kindy** to **Year 6** and **121** in **Secondary**.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2025

- Year 11** Sharlene Vanstone, Bella Di Lello, Kara Di Lello, Navya Parimal, Jayda Lewis
Year 9 Tahlia Morton, Sara Naya
Year 8 Luke Milner
Year 7 Jo-Ann Van Der Westhuizen, Marcus Couper
Year 6 Allie Wynne, Pippa Fish
Year 5 Sonny Samulkiewicz, Indiana Bailey

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2025

Year 3 Semester 1

- Irwin** Oscar Bailey Kobe Gaunt
Leander River Dodds Carter Patten
Milo Otis Ellery David Ganter
Nhargo Caden Morton Evie Bradley

Year 3 Semester 2

- Irwin** Oscar Bailey and Evie Howell
Leander Blair Corcoran and Carter Patten
Milo Dwayne Jones and David Ganter
Nhargo Bindi Barr and Henco Van Der Westhuizen

Year 6 Semester 1

- Irwin** Lyla Gaunt Rylan Samulkiewicz
Leander Amber GanfieldNeytiri Staley
Milo Jax O'Brien Indi Criddle
Nhargo Kelton Bass Charlie Waters

Year 6 Semester 1

- Irwin** Olivia Kittow and Zaran Watt
Leander Amber Ganfield and Ollie Patten
Milo Jax O'Brien and Ocea Downes
Nhargo Kelton Bass and Charlie Waters

Secondary

- Irwin** Mia Jones Skylah Wilson
Leander Tilly Samuels Darcy Giltrow
Milo Darcy Criddle Ned Buist
Nhargo Tyson Wilson Beau Willis

This year we welcomed **three** new members of staff, **Mrs Helen Cusworth Deputy Principal**, **Mrs Zara Bailey Secondary Teacher** and **Mrs Sherilee Watt K/PP Teacher**.

Congratulations to Ms Caryn Stokes on her nomination for a Shire of Irwin **Australia Day Award for Citizen of the Year** for her work in the vocational education space. Well done to **Mrs Kirsty Crofts, Mrs Kirsty Wilson** and **Mrs Nan Rossiter** who were also nominated with reference to their contribution to our school. **Congratulations to Ms Montana Owen** and the **Dongara Surf Patrol** who received the Shire of Irwin Australia Day Award for **Community Organisation of the Year**.

Study classes were once again offered for **secondary** students on **Monday** afternoons.

Skye Louise from **Year 10** was selected to attend the **Stargirl's Midwest Camp** in **Geraldton**, held by the **International Centre for Radio Astronomy**.

Nine of our **Year 11** students received a **Telstra STEM Scholarship** which has provided them with an **iPad** or **Microsoft tablet** to support their learning.

Year 1-12 students spend the day at **South Beach** for our **Surf Carnival** with **Champions & Runner-Up Champions** over all year levels. **Surf Carnival Results:**

- 1st Irwin 389**
2nd Milo 374
3rd Nhargo 371
4th Leander 355

- Year 1 Boys Bradley James Nhargo 29
Year 1 Girls Coffey Edith Milo 32
Year 2 Boys O'Brien Jarrah Nhargo 29
Year 2 Girls Hahn Savana Milo 22
Year 3 Boys Gaunt Kobe Irwin 26
Year 3 Girls Bradley Evie Nhargo 29
Year 4 Boys May Liam Leander 32
Year 4 Girls Waters Jarrah Nhargo 24
Year 5 Boys Munro Coen Milo 16
Year 5 Girls Bailey Indiana Irwin 23
Haug Miller Milo 23
Year 6 Boys Waters Charlie Nhargo 24
Year 6 Girls Kittow Olivia Irwin 19
Year 7 Boys Eli Morton Nhargo23
Year 7 Girls Sadler Keesi Irwin 29
Year 8 Boys Giles Jacob Milo 16
Scotson William Nhargo 16
Year 8 Girls Karitah Brooks Milo 29
Year 9 Boys Fisher Cadarn Irwin 22
Year 9 Girls Nayar Sara Irwin 32
Year 10 Boys Wass Campbell Leander 24
Year 10 Girls Samuel Tilly Leander 32
Year 11 Boys Ashworth Joel Nhargo26
Year 11 Girls Lewis Jayda Irwin 32
Year 12 Girls Wilson Skylah Irwin 20

Runner Up Champions

- Year 1 Boys Guppy Noah Leander 17
Year 1 Girls Samulkiewicz Sophia Irwin 17
Year 2 Boys Thompson Reuben Milo 15
Year 2 Girls Aubrey Rosie Leander 21
Redbond Ava Milo 21
Year 3 Boys Bailey Oscar Irwin 16
Year 3 Girls Corcoran Blair Leander 13
Year 4 Boys Mouchemore Alex Irwin 16

Year 4 Girls	Bamford Holly	Nhargo	21
Year 5 Boys	Edmonds Toby	Irwin	13
Year 5 Girls	Kittow Sienna	Irwin	10
Year 6 Boys	Sawyer Daniel	Irwin	16
Year 6 Girls	Ganfield Amber	Leander	16
Year 7 Boys	Gall Lauchlan	Milo	22
Year 7 Girls	Simpson Shannon	Leander	23
Year 8 Boys	Cameron Chace	Milo	11
Year 8 Girls	Lilly Houghton	Leander	21
Year 9 Boys	Gall Levi	Milo	21
Year 10 Boys	Laver Samuel	Irwin	16
Year 10 Girls	Bicker Peta	Nhargo	15
Year 11 Boys	Giltrow Darcy	Leander	24
Year 11 Girls	Parimal Navya	Leander	3
Year 12 Girls	Jones Mia	Irwin	6

Iron Champions

Year 4 Girls	Jarrah Waters	Nhargo
Year 4 Boys	Liam May	Leander
Year 5 Girls	Indiana Bailey	Irwin
Year 5 Boys	Coen Munro	Milo
Year 6 Girls	Amber Ganfield	Leander
Year 6 Boys	Louis Corcoran	Leander
Year 7-9 Girls	Keesi Sadler	Irwin
Year 7-9 Boys	Gordon Laver	Irwin
Year 10-12 Girls	Jayda Lewis	Irwin
Year 10-12 Boys	Darcy Giltrow	Leander

Iron Runner Ups

Year 4 Boys	Blake Howell	Irwin
Year 5 Girls	Miller Haug	Milo
Year 5 Boys	Sonny Samulkiewicz	Irwin
Year 6 Girls	Haleia Brooks	Milo
Year 6 Boys	Kelton Bass	Nhargo
Year 7-9 Girls	Karitah Brooks	Milo
Year 7-9 Boys	Trent Lewis	Irwin
Year 10-12 Girls	Tilly Samuel	Leander
Year 10-12 Boys	Joel Ashworth	Nhargo

Our **Year 10-12 students** attended the **RAC** and **Rotary Club of Geraldton Road Wise**

presentation in preparation for their learners permits. The students are also participating in **Keys for Life** as part of their **Health Education Program**.

We have had visits from **SIDE** and **RLS teachers** who have been working with our **Year 11** and **12 General Studies** and **ATAR** students.

Many of our **local businesses** agreed to host students for **work experience** this year.

Invited **Year 6 & 7** students participated in the **Young Writers** program again this year.

We recognised **Ride to School Day** and **Walk Safely to School Day**.

We celebrated **Harmony Week** with a large variety of activities, including **Bernard Mangakahia** and an **Orange dress up day**.

We said **farewell** and **thanked Mrs Yvonne Jenkins** for over **18 years** of dedicated service to the **Dongara DHS P&C** and **Canteen**.

Year 3-12 Students travelled to **Morawa** for the **Interschool Swimming Carnival**. We placed **2nd** in the **Overall Shield** and **won** in the **Handicap Shield**. **Runner Up Champions**

Year 3 Girl	Evie Bradley
Year 4 Girl	Jarrah Waters
Year 5 Girl	Indiana Bailey
Year 6 Girl	Olivia Kittow
Year 7 Girl	Keesi Sadler
Year 9 Boy	Jedd Adams
Year 10 Boy	Campbell Wass
Year 11/12	Boy Beau Willis

Well done to our **Midwest Solar Car Challenge Teams** who competed at **Geraldton SHS**. Our **Year 8** students placed **4th**.

Our **Year 1-12** students and staff walked to **Memorial Park** and held a commemorative **ANZAC Service** in partnership with the **Dongara RSL**.

We welcomed **Mr Daniel McKendry** to our staff as our new **Lab Technician** and **Ms Emily Tapscott** as our new **gardener**.

Congratulations to the **fifteen Year 9-11** students who successfully completed a **White Card Safety Awareness Training** course delivered by **Central Regional TAFE Geraldton**.

Youth Care commenced a program for **Year 1-3** students called **Everyday Matters**. **Everyday Matters** supports **WA school communities** through programs that develop **life skills** in students. **Trained volunteers** teach values and beliefs.

We said **farewell** to our **Head Cleaner Mrs Michele Hodder** who retired after **18 years** at our school. **Mrs Natasha Elliott** commenced as our new **Head Cleaner**.

Year 11 and 12 students travelled to **Exmouth** for their **Outdoor Ed Camp**.

Year 10-12 Outdoor Ed students attended a camp on **Rottnest Island**.

Congratulations to **Allie Wynne** from **Year 6** for taking out the overall award for the **Crunch & Sip** competition.

The **Student Council** held a **Crazy Sox and Hair Day**. They raised over **\$200** for **children's mental health awareness**.

Thank you to **Michael Bradley** and his crew for installing our new **picnic tables** provided by our **P&C** from their **fundraising**.

Our **Year 6** students flew to **Broome** for their **Year 6 Camp**.

DDHS P&C held a successful **Mother's Day Stall**.

Our school participated in the **Premier's Reading Challenge**.

Our **Year 6** students attended the **Midwest Wellbeing Forum** hosted by **Geraldton LDAG**.

Congratulations to Ms Wendy McFarlane who was the successful applicant for the **Arts** teaching position.

We wore **Blue** in support of "**Dolly's Dream**" and fundraised **\$314**. We also enriched our understanding of **bullying** by engaging in additional learning experiences.

Selected **Year 7-10** students travelled to **Morawa** to play games of **netball, soccer** and **football** with selected **Carnamah** and **Morawa DHS** students.

Our whole school acknowledged **National Sorry Day** by planting paper **Native Hibiscus Flowers** on our front lawn.

Congratulations to Alannah Firmstone from **Year 6** for her **Highly Commended** award in the **YOH Fest Tote Bag** competition.

The school participated in **National Simultaneous Story time** with schools from all around Australia.

We engaged in **National Reconciliation Week** learning activities.

Our **2025 Year 7-10 Curriculum Information Evening** was held with many parents and students attending.

Red Apple Week is once again successful with many adults in the school receiving a **Red Apple** in appreciation of a job well done.

We **Celebrated NAIDOC Week** in term two with a variety of activities including **face painting, band making, damper making, a smoking ceremony** with **Uncle Thomas** and a performance by **Sean Choolburra**.

Our **year 4-6 basketball teams** played in the **BWA Midwest Primary School Slam** series.

Our **Year 7-12** students enjoyed a **STEM incursion** by the **AVISTA organisation**.

Year 6 students attended the **Midwest Health and Well-being** forum in **Geraldton**.

Our **Year 4-6 Netball** and **Football teams** who competed against other Midwest primary schools in **Geraldton**. Our **Year 6 Netball team** were **champions** in their division.

Well done to our school on receiving recognition from the **Regional Principals Association** for the wonderful work we do in **STEM/Robotics**.

We had a visit from the **Sri Chinmoy Oneness Peace Run** relaying the universal dream of peace and oneness from heart to heart.

We said **farewell** and **thanked y Mrs Betty French**, one of our long-term **Cleaners** who is **retiring**.

The **House Cross Country** was held on **Tuesday 1st of July 2025**. **Congratulations** to all the winners:

1st MILO
2nd IRWIN
3rd LEANDER
4th NHARGO

Champions

Year 1 Girl:	Paige Thompson
Year 1 Boy:	James Bradley
Year 2 Girl:	Charlotte Ausburn
Year 2 Boy:	Reuben Thompson
Year 3 Girl:	Evie Bradley
Year 3 Boy:	Oscar Bailey
Year 4 Girl:	Katie-Ana Gall
Year 4 Boy:	Liam May
Year 5 Girl:	Indiana Bailey
Year 5 Boy:	Coen Munro
Year 6 Girl:	Olivia Kittow
Year 6 Boy:	Ollie Patten
Year 7 Girl:	Keesi Sadler
Year 7 Boy:	Eli Morton
Year 8 Girl:	Karitah Brooks
Year 8 Boy:	Jacob Giles
Year 9 Girl:	Sara Nayar
Year 9 Boy:	Levi Gall

Yr 10 Girl: Tilly Samuel
Yr 10 Boy: Campbell Wass
Yr 11/12 Girl: Jayda Lewis
Yr 11/12 Boy: Darcy Giltrow

Runners Up

Year 1 Girl: Darcy Hirsch
Year 1 Boy: Noah Guppy
Year 2 Girl: Rosie Aubrey
Year 2 Boy: Jarrah O'Brien
Year 3 Girl: Bindi Barr
Year 3 Boy: Talon Staley
Year 4 Girl: Nevaeah Pianta
Year 4 Boy: Josua O'Brien
Year 5 Girl: Sienna Kittow
Year 5 Boy: Mitchell Duffy
Year 6 Girl: Indi Criddle
Year 6 Boy: Rylan Smulkiewicz
Year 7 Girl: Isabel Sanju
Year 7 Boy: Lauchlan Gall
Year 8 Girl: Lilly Houghton
Year 8 Boy: Digby Johns
Year 9 Girl: Payton Webb
Year 9 Boy: Cadarn Fisher
Yr 10 Girl: Peta Bicker
Yr 10 Boy: Samuel Laver
Yr 11/12 Girl: Indianna Scott
Yr 11/12 Boy: Tyson Wilson

The **Eneabba Interschool Cross Country** was held on **Friday, 1st August**. There were **263 competitors** from **18 schools: Dongara DHS** placed **4th** in the **Primary Shield** and **4th** in the **Secondary Shield**.

Year3 Boys 1000m-33 Competitors

2nd Oscar Bailey

Yr3 Girls 1000m-34 Competitors

5th Evie Bradley

Yr4 Boys 1500m-30 Competitors

9th Xavier Morrison
Yr4 Girls 1500m-19 Competitors

9th Naveah Pianta

Yr5 Boys 1500m-24 Competitors

5th Coen Munro

Yr5 Girls 1500m-24 Competitors

10th Indiana Bailey

Yr6 Boys 2000m-17 Competitors

2nd Ollie Patten

10th Jax O'Brien

Yr6 Girls 2000m-21 Competitors

1st Olivia Kittow

5th Indi Criddle

9th Jessica Nayar

Yr7 Boys 2000m-8 Competitors

5th Isabel Sanju

6th Eli Morton

7th Logan Tong

8th Koby Delane

Yr7 Girls 2000m-7 Competitors

9th Isabel Sanju

Yr9 Girls 2500m-6 Competitors

6th Sara Nayar

Yr10& over Boys 2500m-11 Competitors

6th Campbell Wass

7th Jacob Cann

9th Tyson Wilson

10th Fraser Haddow

Yr10& over Girls 2500m-2 Competitors

1st Tilly Samuel

We participated in the **National Week of Action**, August 11-15 "**Bullying No Way**". Our students and staff received **400 homemade cupcakes**. This act of **kindness** was from the

combined churches of Dongara and our **Chaplain, Kirsten**.

Book Week was held **18-22 August** with the theme of "**Book an Adventure**". **Prizes** were given for the **best costumes** on dress up day. **Book Fair** was held **28 July to 1 August**, this includes a family **picnic day**, and all profits made from the sale of books goes to our **Library**.

Congratulations to **Olivia Kittow** and **Amber Ganfield** from year 6 who were invited to try out for the under **12s State School Girls Netball Team**.

The whole school participated in **National Science Week**, with a range of science activities.

This year we welcomed **Saxon** our **Therapy Dog** working in the school accompanied by his wonderful handler **Kylie Wynne**. Saxon has a very important role in supporting the social and emotional learning of our students.

Some of our **year 10** students participated in **Try a Trade** course in the **building and construction** industry at Central Regional **TAFE**.

Congratulations to **Demi Spencer** from **Year 5** who **placed 3rd** in the Upper Primary **Poetry Category** in the **2025 Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards**.

DDHS P&C held a successful **Father's Day Stall** with plenty of gifts and raffles.

House Athletics Carnival Results – students from Pre-Primary to Year 12 participate in athletic events over 2 days.

Results:

1st Milo - 1009

2nd Irwin - 963

3rd Nhargo - 810

4th Leander - 795

Champions

Yr1 Boy James Bradley Nhargo 24p

Yr1 Girl Edith Coffey Milo 21p

Yr2 Boy Reuben Thompson Milo 24p

Yr2 Girl Ava Redbond Milo 21p

Yr3 Boy Kobe Gaunt Irwin 17p

Yr3 Girl Evie Bradley Nhargo 25p

Yr4 Boy Liam May Leander 18p

Yr 4 Girl Katie-Ana Gall Milo 21p

Yr 5 Boy Mitchell Duffy Milo 11p

Yr 5 Girl Gracie Pajic Irwin 21p

Yr 6 Boy Charlie Waters Nhargo 26p

Yr 6 Girl Amber Ganfield Leander 26p

Yr 7 Boy Logan Tong Leander 35p

Yr 7 Girl Keesi Sadler Irwin 42p

Yr 8 Boy Jacob Giles Milo 48p

Yr 8 Girl Karitah Brooks Milo 47p

Yr 9 Boy Levi Gall Milo 53p

Yr 9 Girl Allis Duffy Milo 42p

Yr 10 Boy Fraser Haddow Nhargo 43p

Yr 10 Girl Tilly Samuel Leander 50p

Yr 11/12 Boy Darcy Giltrow Leander 31p

Yr 11/12 Girl Jayda Lewis Irwin 39p

Runner Ups

Yr1 Boy Kai Wilson Leander 9p

Yr1 Girl Paige Thompson Milo 18p

Yr2 Boy Jarrah O'Brien Nhargo 15p

Yr2 Girl Rosie Aubrey Leander 18p

Yr3 Boy Oscar Bailey Irwin 14p

Yr3 Girl Bindi Barr Nhargo 13p

Yr4 Boy Alex Mouchemore Irwin 16p

Yr 4 Girl Neveah Pianta Milo 16p

Yr 5 Boy Rory Griggs Nhargo 10p

Kayn Skaife Leander 10p

Yr 5 Girl Indiana Bailey Irwin 15p

Yr 6 Boy Daniel Sawyer 18p

Yr 6 Girl Neytiri Staley Leander 18p

Yr 7 Boy Eli Morton Nhargo 29p

Yr 7 Girl Lilly Archer Irwin 19p

Yr 8 Boy Isaiah Pio Irwin 41p

Yr 8 Girl Azaria Marsden Irwin 42p

Yr 9 Boy Noah Hubo Leander 24p

Yr 9 Girl Sara Nayar Irwin 33p

Yr 10 Boy Samuel Laver Irwin 16p

Jakob Nayar Irwin 16p

Yr 10 Girl Ani Ruakere Nhargo 19p

Yr 11/12 Boy Darcy Criddle Milo 28p

Yr 11/12 Girl Mia Jones Irwin 30p

800m Boy Ollie Patten Leander

800m Girl Amber Ganfield Leander

1500m Boy Joel Ashworth Nhargo

1500m Girl illy Samuel Leander

Congratulations to our **Year 6 Write A Book In A Day Team**, who planned, wrote, edited, illustrated and published their book in a day.

We recognised **RUOK Day** and dressed in yellow.

Well done to our **Country Week** teams. Our **boys' basketball** were the **overall winners** in their division. Our **mixed volleyball** team came **4th** and received the **sportsmanship award** for

their division. Each of our teams received an **MVP** award: Boys Basketball **Jayden Duff**, Mixed Basketball **Karitah Brooks**, Mixed Volleyball **Campbell Wass**.

The **2025 Interschool Athletics Carnival** was held in **Jurien Bay**.

Outright Shield

2nd Dongara

Handicap Shield

2nd Dongara

Primary Shield

2nd Dongara

Secondary Shield

3rd Dongara

Team Games Shield

3rd Dongara

Year 3 Boys Runner Up Talon Staley 10 pts

Year 4 Girls Runner Up Katie-Ana Gall 9 pts

Year 5 Girls Runner Up Gracie Pajic 14 pts

Year 5 Boys Runner Up Mitchell Duffy 12 pts

Year 6 Girls Champion Amber Ganfield 21 pts

Year 6 Girls Runner Up Haleia Brooks 16 pts

Year 6 Boys Champion Charlie Waters 21 pts

Year 6 Boys Runner Up Jax O'Brien 19 pts

Year 7 Girls Runner Up Keesi Sadler 28 pts

Year 8 Boys Champion Isaish Pio 42 points

Year 9 Girls Champion Allis Duffy 41 points

Year 10 Boys Runner Up Sam Laver 28 points

Year 10 Girls Runner Up Tilly Samuel 28 points

Year 11/12 Boys Champion Beau Willis 30 points

Open 800m Girl Amber Ganfield

Four Numero **Teams** participate in the **Midwest** competition.

Our **year 9** students participated in workshop led by **SALT** (Supporting and Linking Trades women). Students learnt how to use tools common across all the trades.

Congratulations to our **YOH Fest** Dance Team who, for the **3rd year** in a row, have reached the **WA finals** in the dance category.

Our **Choir** entertained the residents and staff of **Blake House** (aged care facility), with a variety of **Christmas Carols**.

Two of our **Year 11** students, **Isla Geel** and **Milly Colomb** received nominations for **TAFE VETDSS Awards**. **Milly** received the award for the **Top Education Support Student**.

The **P&C** hosted a Colour Fun Run which raised **\$14,042** for our new **beach volleyball** area.

Our **2026 Open Night** was a great success and well attended.

We competed in the **Australian Mathematics Competition** for **2025**.

We said **goodbye** to our **Year 12 students** at a **Valedictory Assembly**, followed by a **Leavers Dinner** later in the evening. Following are the recipients of our **Year 12 awards**:

Skylah Wilson Mathematics Essentials Award
Charlotte Moore General English Award
Jack Cameron STAR Award
Joachim Kilby AMPOL Best Allrounder Award
Charlotte Moore ADF Future Innovators Award
Skylah Wilson ADF Long Tan Award

Four of our **Year 9 students**, **Tahlia Morton**, **Noah Hubo**, **Evan Dabrowski**, **Payton Webb** and **Mr Aubrey** flew to **Perth** to take part in the

UWA ASPIRE immersion camp aimed at inspiring and educating students about the benefits and opportunities of **university study**.

As the year draws to a close, classes participate in many different activities as **end of year reward excursions**.

This week we said **farewell** to **Mrs Alieca Wallace**, **Mr Greg Blair** and our **School Psychologist, John**.

Congratulations to **Tahlia Morton** who has been selected to the **2026-2027 WA Student Council**.

Presentation Award ceremonies were held over for year PP-11.

Academic Achievement Award

Year 3 Oscar Bailey
Otis Ellery
Carter Patten
Year 4 Toby Wynne
Year 6 Allie Wynne
Year 7 Shannon Pajic
Eli Morton
Year 10 Tilly Samuel

Special Merit Award

B1 Ava Redbond
B2 Mayc Skaife
D3 Flynn Brownsea
D4 Aaliya Marray
C1 Emmi Shehan
E2 Norah Goedecke
E4 Jessica Nayar
7 Kimberley Hutchcraft
8 Cooper Waghorn
9 Levi Gall
10 Jacob Nayar
11 Tiago Smith

Citizenship Awards

B1 Kai Wilson
B2 Charlotte Ausburn
D3 Oscar Bailey
D4 Carter Patten
C1 Zayn Criddle
E2 Indiana Bailey
E4 Ocea Downes
7 Marcus Couper
8 Luke Milner
9 Tahlia Morton
10 Peta Bicker
11 Navya Parimal

Other Awards

Aboriginal Education Award – **Dwayne Jones**
GUC Encouragement Award – **Alvaro Purba**
Primary Soroptimist Award – **Pippa Fish**
Secondary Soroptimist Award – **Tilly Samuel**
ADF Future Innovators Award – **Fraser Haddow**
ADF Long Tan Leadership Award – **Peta Bicker**

Students accumulating **Personal House Points** allowed **Milo** House to win the **Coote Cup** for **2025**. The **Team Spirit Award** went to **Leander**, for the House that shows teamwork, collaboration and motivation at school sporting and cultural events.

Janine Calver
Principal
February 2026

