

# WILLYAMA WHISPERS – Term 4, Week 10, 17 December 2018

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Artworks by Year 8 Students Danika Hoskins (POP) and Kaylin Haynes (Boom)

# Principal's Update

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for your efforts and dedication in making it another successful year of learning at Willyama High School.

A number of end of year events including our HSC Formal, Term 4 Concert and Annual Presentation Night have recently been held successfully which has been a great way to finish off the school year. Congratulations to all involved.

Congratulations to our HSC students who received their results last week. We had two students gain Band 6s and make the HSC Distinguished Achievers List: Sienna Sulcich (Advanced English) and Jessica Elston (Music 1). This is an outstanding achievement by both girls! We look forward to hearing more when university offers come out in January for our HSC students.

We have a number of staff leaving at the end of this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all that they have done for our school community over the years. We wish them well in their new adventures and know that they will all take a little bit of Willyama with them when they go.

Back to school dates for 2019:

Monday 4 February - Staff

Wednesday 6 February - Years 7, 10, 11 and 12

Thursday 7 February - Years 8 and 9

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a relaxing and safe holiday break.

Grant Shepherd  
Principal

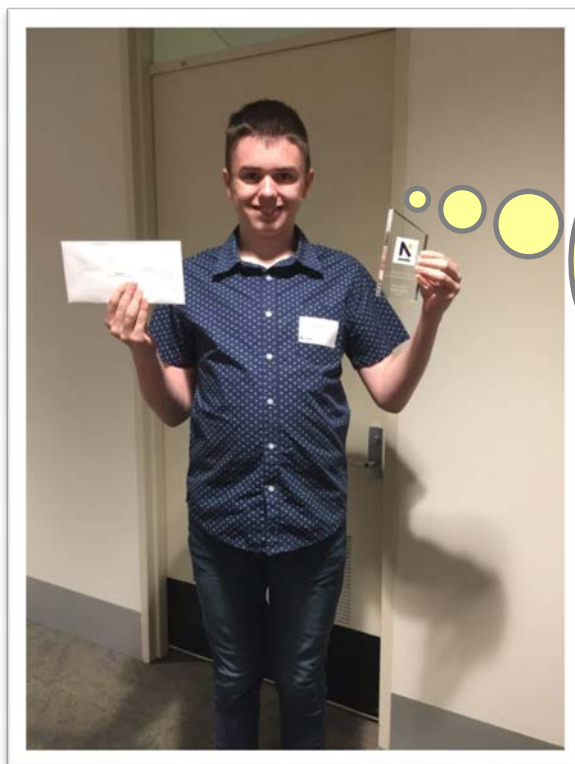


Year 12 Formal 2018



## Congratulations Dylan

Congratulations to Dylan Evers who received the Marjory Head Achievement Award at the Novita Awards Night in Adelaide in November. This award is granted to regional Novita clients who have overcome major obstacles to reach their goals. Dylan was nominated by his speech pathologist and has made significant gains in his social communication skills, as well as his literacy. Dylan was very proud to receive this award and so was his family. Dylan has worked very hard and is extremely deserving of this recognition.



On Tuesday 20 November I got an award. I got the award for practising my conversations and reading. I went to Adelaide with my family to get the award. I felt happy to get an award.

## Congratulations Lakisha

Congratulations to former Willyama High School student Lakisha Sloane who has been awarded the 2018 Community Education Student of the Year. Lakisha was one of eight finalists and attended a Community Colleges Australia Annual Conference Gala Dinner where she received her award.



# Ghana Beat My Drum

On Monday 24 November Willyama music students attended "Ghana Beat my Drum".

The performance was created and performed by Johnas Tandoch a musician from Ghana.

The performance incorporated audience participation, singing, dancing and drumming. The students left inspired and enlightened in the ways and culture of Africa and more particularly Ghana.

Miss Arnold



# Macquarie University Visit

During a hot and windy Thursday morning Willyama year 10 students had the opportunity to be part of the LEAP Road show presented by Macquarie University. The event was hosted in the school hall and had 12 academics from the University interact with the students in hands on activities including Economics, Virtual Reality and History. These students had a wonderful time and hopefully many now have a better understanding of what life could be like at University.

Mr Tidball



**MACQUARIE**  
University

# Year 12 Formal

Saturday 1 December saw a night of glitz, glamour and good times. The annual Year 12 Formal was held at the Broken Hill Golf and Country Club and everyone involved looked fantastic and had a wonderful night. Lots of fantastic photos were taken on the night and the photo booth was certainly a hit.

The students (and some teachers) danced the night away with Ben Morrison and Kelsey Graham certainly showing off some fine dance moves. A massive thank you to everyone involved in the organisation, the formal committee did an amazing job with the theme, the setup and the fundraising.

Also an even bigger thank you to those who came out on Sunday morning to help pack up. Lastly thank you to the businesses that made the evening what it was: Broken Hill Golf and Country Club, Alfrescos Café, Pennie Hall Photography, Tim Gimbert Photography, DJ Johnny Beatz, Silver Lea Linen, Whitehouse Event Hire and Ashley Neal Catering.

Mr Mateer





# Christmas Parade

Willyama had a great opportunity to be part of the town Christmas parade. Students from across the school walked with pride for the school and Christmas spirit. Students from the SRC, AFL Academy, Drum Beat and the Special Education unit demonstrated how great our school is and what we do in the community. Also great to see the effort that went into the costumes and decorations. With more than 40 students participating, hopefully we can double that during 2019.

Mr Tidball



# Pool Rewards Day

Splash! The sound of several students cooling down at the pool after a hard years work for the Rewards Day. Students who have upheld the schools core values consistently throughout the year were rewarded with an afternoon at the pool where they could enjoy a refreshing break. The slide was pumping and good times were had all round. Well done to all students involved in the afternoon and congratulations on a successful year at Willyama.

Mr Carrett



# Mildura Rewards Trip

On the 6 and 7 of December, 35 students attended the Mildura Rewards Trip with Miss Forbes and Miss Spinks. These students were chosen because of their dedication to their studies and consistently following the core school values of Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation throughout the year.

Students enjoyed participating in a range of activities such as Ten Pin Bowling, Putt-Putt, Arcade Games (Aditya Aravind and Darcy Walden were lucky enough to score the jackpot of 600 tickets!), Shopping, Fasta Pasta, Cold Rock ice-cream, Laser tag (where Miss Forbes dominated) and the all-round favourite - Aqua Coaster on a 40 degree day! Everyone had a fantastic time together and are no doubt looking forward to being invited next year!

Miss Spinks





# Year 9 and 10 TAFE Visit

On Monday 10 December 2018 Willyama students were taken on a tour of both the Broken Hill TAFE Main Campus and the TAFE Annex. Students were able to meet and discuss their future study options with Des Rumble (Aboriginal Community Consultant) and TAFE teachers Steve Corradini (Electrical) and Lee Chickin (Hospitality), as well as a tour of the TAFE library with Billie McAllister.

We would like to thank all Broken Hill TAFE staff for being generous with their time and knowledge. If there are students who were unable to attend this excursion Des is available to assist in any way along your journey to a future career.

Miss Kelly

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Back row: Pansy Newman, Tisharni Clark, Kaitaia Clark and Jackson Bray  
Front Rowe: Zali Kennedy, Bianca Johnstone, Des Rumble and Makayla Perry



# Annual Concert Under the Sails

In week 9, all Music students had the opportunity to perform in the Annual Concert Under the Sails. Each class performed an ensemble item, with several students performing solo pieces. There were performances on violin, ukulele, guitar, drums, keyboard and voice.

All students performed amazingly to provide the audience with an excellent night of entertainment, and should feel incredibly proud of their efforts with the concert.



# Healthy School Canteen

The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy is a key initiative to support the Premier's Priority to tackle childhood obesity. Having a healthy canteen means that students are more likely to develop healthy eating habits that will have a long term impact on improving their lives.

The strategy increases the availability of healthy food and drink options in school canteens to make the healthy choice, the easy choice.

Recently Willyama High School was awarded the Healthy School Canteen Badge. We look forward to providing healthy food and drink options to all our students.





## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Years 8 & 10 Year Awards Assembly – Tuesday 18 December
  - Last Day for Students – Wednesday 19 December
  - School Development Day – Thursday 20 December
    - Back to school dates for 2019:
      - Monday 4 February - Staff
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Merry  
Christmas





Merry  
Xmas

**CHRISTMAS  
OPENING  
HOURS**



**headspace** Broken Hill  
will be closed from 5pm  
Thursday 20th  
December.

We will re-open 9am  
Wednesday 2nd  
January 2019

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Lifeline (24 hrs) 13 11 14

*In the case of a crisis, please contact:*

Mental Health Line (24 hrs) 1800 011 511

