



# MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

February 2019

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **2019—Term One**

##### **WEEK 4**

###### **February 25th**

Yr11 Biology—Perth Zoo Trip

###### **February 27th**

Cert II Outdoor Rec Roping

###### **March 1st**

Noms—Faction Swimming Carnival

##### **WEEK 5**

###### **March 4th**

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

###### **March 5th—8th**

OLNA—Writing

###### **March 5th**

School Photos—Day 1

Yr9 High Ropes—Group A

SCRaM Workshop Yr9-10 Councillors  
P4-5+lunch

###### **March 6th**

Yr9 High Ropes—Group B

Parent Meet and Greet 3.30-5.30pm

###### **March 8th—10th**

Cadets Camp—Upper School

##### **WEEK 6**

###### **March 10th—15th**

Yr 11 Rural Ops Muresk Sun-Fri

###### **March 12th**

Upper School Sioree—6pm

###### **March 13th**

School Photos—Day 2

###### **March 14th**

U/S Play Rehearsals 3.30-5.30

###### **March 14th—15th**

School Surfing Competition

###### **March 15th**

Yr12 School Ball

##### **WEEK 7**

###### **March 18th**

Yr10 Parent Night

###### **March 20th**

Big Band Picnic—5pm

###### **March 21st**

U/S Play Rehearsals 3.30-5.30

###### **March 22nd**

Yr7 Culture Infusion Workshop  
Yr9-12 Faction Athletics Carnival

### **PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS**

It is great to be back at school, especially seeing new staff and students at Margaret River Senior High School. The beginning of each new school year opens a new chapter at our school. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students and staff for 2019. In particular, I welcome students who are new to Margaret River Senior High School, particularly the 211 Year 7 students and the 48 new students who are attending the high school for the first time. We thank you for choosing our school and hope that your time with us will be both productive and rewarding.

I would also like to welcome all new parents. We hope that we can develop a strong partnership which will see students achieve to the best of their ability.

This year we have 13 new staff to accommodate our increased enrolments. All new staff have been specifically selected to teach at Margaret River SHS. We welcome:

**Melissa Vyse ..... HOLA English**

**Alexa Mapleson..... English**

**Bettina Pretsel..... English**

**Leah Russell..... English**

**Alana Wilkinson ..... English**

**Paul Chamberlain..... Science**

**Rashida Dobbs..... Science**

**Alana Norton ..... Maths**

**Melanie Redman Carr..... Maths**

**Carrie-Ann Phillips..... Maths**

**Janelle Keding..... Physical Education**

**Heath Jonstone ..... Physical Education**

**Milla Willaims ..... Education Assistant**

We have had an excellent start to our school year with students and teachers returning after their holiday break invigorated and keen to get to work. The start to the school year has been extremely smooth, even with the building program being in progress and it is exciting to see many new enrolments which has resulted in our numbers increasing to 1090 for 2019. It was particularly pleasing to note the high level of compliance with our dress code at our first assembly; I thank students and parents for their assistance in this matter. A reminder that the school



## Principals Address cont...

uniform is compulsory and has been endorsed by the Margaret River Senior High School Board.

I would like to congratulate and acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our Year 12 cohort in 2018. Our ATAR students were impressive with a median ATAR (rank to get them into university) of 82.4, placing the school in the Top 50 schools in the state in this area. These results were achieved through their hard work and determination throughout their time at MRSHS. I am very proud that 124 out of 126 students achieved the National Attainment standard which is a massive effort by these students.

Our Vocation Education Training (VET) students were also extremely successful in their endeavours with over 95% of VET students achieving a Certificate II or higher in their final year.

I would like to thank the staff who worked with these students over the five years that they attended our school, assisting them to achieving these outstanding results. As well, I would like to acknowledge the terrific support we received from parents and the community in providing a wide range of opportunities these students.

### Attendance

From the beginning of 2019 the school has had a clear focus on improving attendance rates at MRSHS. Whilst I understand that work commitments and schedules affect when families can take holidays, students missing school during these times is having a significant impact on their progress. I encourage parents to think carefully when planning holidays and take into account the impact on their children's education. Work will not be provided for students who are taking holidays and assessments that are missed may not be able to be rescheduled, thus effecting student's overall grades. This is particularly pertinent for students who have cumulative assessments in Year 11 and 12. Work will be provided for students who are on Australian or State representation, long term illness or exceptional circumstances that are approved by the Principal.

Student attendance rates will be a key factor in the School's Good Standing Policy, which will determine which students attend events such as end of year reward excursions.

In 2019, we again have a clear focus on providing students with relevant homework that is aimed to assist with completion of school courses and provide extension for high performing students. Parents are encouraged to assist by checking student diaries and helping set good study and homework routines at home. The school's Homework Policy can be viewed in detail on the school's Website in the 'About Us' section under School Policies: [www.margaretrivershs.wa.edu.au](http://www.margaretrivershs.wa.edu.au).

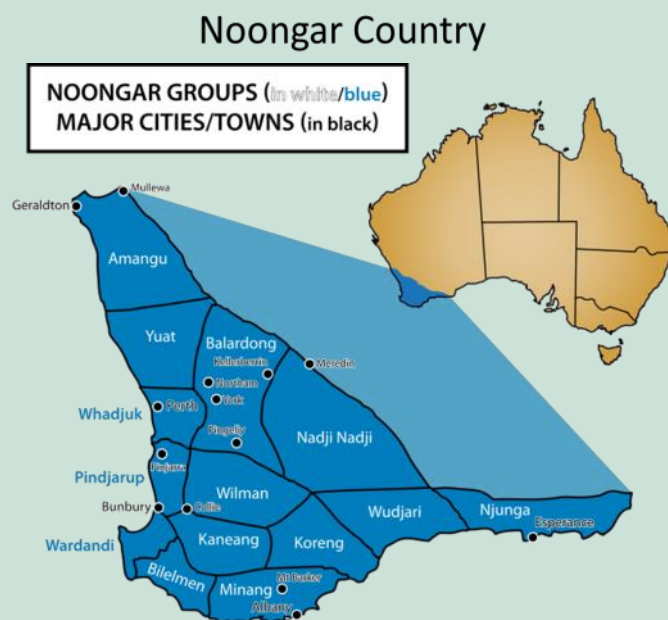
**Andrew Host**  
Principal

## Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework

As part of our Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework Plan the school has developed two main goals:

1. **For Aboriginal student achievement to be commensurate with all other students at Margaret River Senior High School**
2. **To increase Aboriginal cultural awareness of the local Margaret River-Augusta-Cowaramup area for all students, staff and school community.**

As part of our second goal we will regularly place into our newsletters information that is aimed at increasing our school community knowledge of our local Aboriginal cultural heritage



## Student Absences

# Missing School Matters



### Informing us about your child's absence from school

The education act requires parents/guardians to inform the school as to why their child is absent from school within 3 days of the absence.

#### This can be done by one of 3 methods:

1. Sending a note to the form teacher with your child
2. Ringing Student Services on 9757 0745 or 9757 0795
3. Sending an email to [MargaretRiver.SHS.Absentees@Education.wa.edu.au](mailto:MargaretRiver.SHS.Absentees@Education.wa.edu.au)

Should students need to leave during the school day for any reason, a parent or guardian can use the above methods to notify the school. All students are required to sign out through the Student Services Office.

Should you have any queries please contact me on 9757 0720.

**Hetty Bogerd**

Deputy Principal

## Financial Information

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Welcome to the 2019 school year. Please find following links that may be helpful to all our families.

- ✓ **Financial Information Booklet**  
<https://www.margaretrivershs.wa.edu.au/parents-and-community/financial-information/>

- ✓ **Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) \$350 towards school expenses**

Do you hold a:

- ◆ CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
- OR ◆ PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
- OR ◆ VETERANS AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

You may be eligible for up to **\$350** towards school expenses.

The SAS application forms can be collected from the front office, downloaded from our website under Enrolments/Financial Information or click on the pen to download the form....



### Secondary Assistance Scheme

You may be eligible for up to:

**\$350**

towards school expenses

Please present your concession card along with your completed SAS Form to the front office at your earliest convenience. **SAS Applications close 12 April 2019**

I thank you for your support of our school and I wish you and your families all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

**Cristina Oliveira**

Manager Corporate Services



## Good Standing Policy

Good Standing aims to recognise and assist students to take responsibility for their actions and to encourage each student to improve his or her own performance.

The outcome sought for each student is to maintain focus on their educational outcomes by being responsible for their own success. It is expected that all students will maintain their Good Standing.

To track Good Standing, Student Services will look at the following :

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Academic performance (Work Standards)
- Uniform

If a student is suspended they will automatically lose Good Standing for a period.

Should a student lose Good Standing they will be unable to represent the school or participate in excursions until Good Standing is restored.

## OLNA Testing

Western Australian students are required to demonstrate the minimum standard in reading, writing and numeracy to be eligible to achieve the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) by the end of Year 12. This is attained by either achieving Band 8 or higher in their Year 9 NAPLAN Tests **Or Achievement Category of 3** in the OLNA Tests (Numeracy, Reading and Writing) during Years 10, 11 or 12.

Parents of students needing to sit the OLNA test in Year 10, 11 or 12 will receive an email from the school.

### DATES for 2019

- Tuesday March 5 – Writing Year 10
- Wednesday, March 6 – Writing Year 11/12
- Tuesday March 19 – Reading
- Monday March 25 - Numeracy

## School Photos

ACADEMY will be at the school for photos on the following dates:

### Tuesday March 5 – Years 7, 11 and 12

Surf Academy, SSEP, Student Council, Whole Year 12 group

### Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 – Years 8,9,10

Order forms will be given out in form groups in the coming weeks

**Students are expected to be in full uniform.**

## Parent Meet and Greet

**Date:**

**Wednesday  
6th March 2019**

**Time:**

**3:30pm to 5:30pm**

**Location:**

**Lawn area in the  
front of the  
Auditorium**

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE INVITED TO  
ATTEND OUR "MEET THE TEACHERS"  
AFTERNOON ON **WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH.**



**WEDNESDAY 6th March**

**3.30 – 5.30PM**

**MRSHS Lawn Area**  
**Light refreshments provided**

**Parent  
Meet & Greet**

**All Parents welcome.**

We would particularly like to meet Parents of our Year 7 students and any parents with students new to Margaret River Senior High School.

## Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The uniform shop **NORMAL OPENING HOURS:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30am - 10:30am

**Email:** [mrshs.uniforms@permableat.com.au](mailto:mrshs.uniforms@permableat.com.au)

**Phone:** 0423 643 303

For online orders please follow this link: [Online Orders](#)



## Year 7 & 8 School Based Immunisations



Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

## Year 7 and 8 school-based immunisation program 2019

In 2019, the school-based immunisation program is moving from year 8 to year 7. Students in both year groups will be offered the vaccines as part of this transition. From 2020 onward, the program will routinely be offered in year 7 only.

Parents/guardians must read, sign and return the immunisation consent form provided by their school **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

The program is delivered in two visits across the school year, **TERM 1** and **TERM 4**.

If your child misses any vaccines offered at school, visit your GP, Aboriginal Medical Service or community immunisation clinic (consultation fees may apply).

Vaccines offered : **Human papillomavirus (HPV)**

**Diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough (Pertussis) (dTpa)**

**DUE TO THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF WHOOPING COUGH IN YOUR AREA, WE ADVISE YOU TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE CONSENT FORM RECENTLY SENT OUT TO PARENTS**

# MRSHS SchoolTV—Digital Wellbeing Platform for Schools



CONNECTING • INFORMING • EMPOWERING



*"As a parent you'll now have access to a cross section of information from many of Australia's leading experts. All available here in one easy to follow resource on your smartphone, tablet or laptop."*

## Smartphones in Schools - Special Report

In June 2018, the NSW Minister for Education, commissioned an independent review into the non-educational use of mobile devices in NSW schools.

The review was led by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, and supported by other independent experts as well as many students, parents and guardians, teachers and principals who were consulted in the process. As a result, the use of mobile devices during school hours will now be restricted in NSW public primary schools.

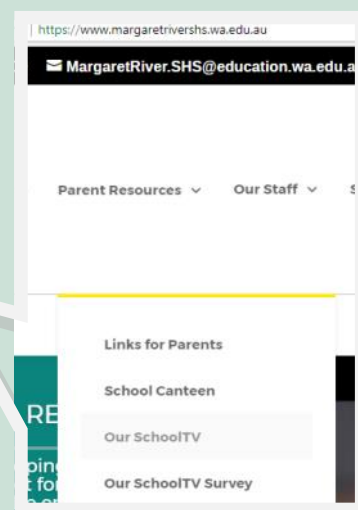
Currently, school policies around the use of electronic devices during school hours vary widely. Technology does have a role to play in the classroom, but this needs to be facilitated. Personal smartphones, on the other hand, are proving to be a distraction for students in terms of their access to social media sites, as well as potentially being a source of bullying activities.

In this Special Report, parents and guardians will learn about the importance of helping their kids find a balance to get the good parts out of technology. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered here and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information.

Here is the link to your special report

[https://margaretrivershs.wa.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-smartphones-schools](https://margaretrivershs.wa.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-smartphones-schools)



## SPECIAL REPORT

# Smartphones in schools





# Community Noticeboard



**Margaret River Hockey**  
'proud past - bright future'

**It's Registration Time!**

**REGISTRATION DAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEB 3.45-5PM**

**GLOUCESTER PARK**

Fielding teams from Pre-Primary to Year 12

**6 Junior Teams!**

**Hook in 2 Hockey (Pre-Primary – Year2)**

**Mixed Boys and Girls Team Years 3-5**

Training Mondays in Margaret River

**Boys Team Years 6-8 / Girls Team Years 6-8**

**Boys Team Years 9-12 / Girls Years 9-12**

Training Wednesdays in Busselton

**Senior Teams-Men and Women-Train Wednesdays in Busselton**

**REGISTRATION DAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 3.45-5PM**

**HOCKEY CLUB GLOUCESTER PARK**

**SO REGISTER NOW!**

Training starts in March – Season starts beginning of April

Any questions contact Rebecca Gorta

**E. juniorcoordinator@margaretriverhockey.org.au**

M. 0404 746 122

**Or register online at [www.margaretriverhockey.org.au](http://www.margaretriverhockey.org.au)**



MRJFC first AGM for the 2019 season will be held on:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm at the Footy Club.**

All positions are open! It would be great to see some new faces!

Contact Christine on 0411 513 041 or email [chris@canngroup.com](mailto:chris@canngroup.com) if you would a position on the committee but cannot attend the AGM.



*TAKING BOOKINGS NOW*

**Margs Mini Makers**

Art Play for 2-4 yrs.

Tuesdays 1.30-2.30

Wednesdays 9.45-10.45

\$180

**After School Art (5-10yrs)**

Wednesdays 3.30-5Pm

\$160

**Tween Art (11-15yrs)**

Tuesdays 3.30-5pm

\$170

<https://www.facebook.com/kidsinmargs/>

All Classes held at the MR Community Centre Wash house Studio

## TERM 1 ART CLASSES

**Art Classes for Toddlers, Tweens and Primary School aged kids.**

Process based art classes with an emphasis on learning through play, experimentation and self-expression.....and Fun!!!!  
Classes are age appropriate and always varied including, sculpture, collage, clay, painting, drawing, textiles, printmaking and sensory activities.

After School art classes are drop off sessions and include quality materials and afternoon tea.

Mini Makers Classes are accompanied by an adult and include a story and rotating art and sensory stations.

Upon Request: Art Parties, Private Art Mentoring, Art Therapy Sessions and Community Art Projects.

**BOOKINGS**

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