



E -BULLETIN News

Thursday 14 December 2023

Rockingham SHS Education Support Centre
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Term Dates 2024

Semester One 2024

TERM 1	Wednesday 31 January —Thursday, 28 March
BREAK	Friday 29 March —Sunday, 14 April
TERM 2	Monday, 15 April—School Development Day No school for students
	Tuesday, 16 April—Friday 28 June
BREAK	Saturday, 29 June—Sunday 14 July

Semester Two 2024

TERM 3	Monday, 15 July—School Development Day No school for students
	Tuesday, 16 July - Friday, 20 September
BREAK	Saturday, 21 September - Sunday, 6 October
TERM 4	Monday, 7 October School Development Days No school for students
	Tuesday 8 October—Thursday 12 December

From The Principal Ms Amanda Flood



Dear Parents/Carers

This year has been jam packed! It's a great time to reflect and celebrate all the hard work and achievements of staff and students.

Our Positive Behaviour School committee have worked with students to have input into our school values — *Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible* along with the support through student services in classrooms and with NDIS support.

Our partnership continues with Rockingham SHS with the continuation of options classes for students in 2024 and whole events such as the try-a-thon where our students led lots of fundraising events to raise \$1610.20 of this years total for Telethon.

Through out the year there were some delicious smelling meals often come from the lifeskills room so parents over the holidays, encourage your child to cook one of the meals they enjoyed in class for you.

Room 2 & Room 8 students participating in the Stephen Michael Foundation Leadership program with Two of our student counsellors meeting former Premier Mr Mark McGowan and were part of the Channel 7 news media announcement.

Many of our senior school students benefited from our PESA Network expanding our VET options. Lainey, Taylah and Ashlea applied for (and accepted) School Based Traineeships with GSI. They get paid to work & study. This is an amazing opportunity for them!

Plans are well underway for an even more exciting 2024. We will welcome our new students and staff with the excitement of the new year. On behalf of our ELT Team, I would like to thank entire school community for their unwavering support of our school this year. You share our common goal of building independent futures for our students.

I wish all our staff, families and students a safe and enjoyable break. Please try to stay active, take some time away from screens & if you need any ideas, we will be putting suggestions up on our facebook to keep active.

Amanda Flood
Principal

Merry Christmas



Year 7, 2024 Transition Program



Exciting Update from Rockingham Senior High School Education Support Centre ! Year 7 Transition Program

We are thrilled to share the incredible journey our 2024 Year 7 students have embarked on during the Transition Program over the past two terms!

The focus was on more than just textbooks and classrooms; our students delved deep into the realms of independence, self-awareness, and regulation. They've not only embraced the academic side but also gained valuable life skills that will shape their journey through high school.

What made this program special?

- ◆ Independence: Students explored their capabilities, learning to make decisions and take responsibility for their choices.
- ◆ Self-awareness: Through introspective activities, they discovered strengths, and passions
- ◆ Regulation: Developing a toolbox for managing emotions and stress, empowering them for the challenges ahead.
- ◆ Taste of High School: From subject tasters to navigating the high school environment, they got a sneak peek into the exciting journey ahead!

A huge shoutout to our dedicated educators from various primary schools , who supported these students to make it an enriching experience for our future Year 7s!

We are excited to celebrate the growth, resilience, and independence of our incredible 2024 Year 7s over the next six years!



Valedictory 2023

On Tuesday 25th October, our school community celebrated the RSHESC Graduating Class of 2023 at the Gary Holland Community Centre. This year we saw 17 students graduate and had one of our student's join us from Canada. The graduates looked amazing in their graduation gowns and sashes. Congratulations to our award winners and to all our students for their individual success throughout their schooling. Thank you to the ongoing support of families, therapists and school staff past and present who have helped our graduates reach this milestone. A special thank you to our community members who have supported our Workplace Learning Program and the businesses that provide the awards for this event.

We are so proud of each of our amazing and unique students and wish them every success in their futures.



2023 Awards Assembly

On Friday, 17th November, we celebrated the Annual Awards Assembly and wished our Year 11 students goodbye. This year we were joined by special guests [Magenta Marshall](#) MP, Marnie Giroud - Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Patchara Weggors - Patchara Holdings, Nancy Hartnett - Diversity South, Donna McDonald - Palm Beach Rotary Club and Councillor [Dr Craig Buchanan JP](#) - City of Rockingham. We would like to thank the companies who donated and sponsored this year's awards - Pump Eng, [Rotary Club of Palm Beach WA Inc.](#), Patchara Developments, [Diversity South Inc](#) Elanora's Cafe and the [City of Rockingham - Local Government](#) .

Congratulations to all of our students for the hard work and effort that has been put in throughout the year. We would also like to recognise those students who earned awards at today's Awards Assembly. A special thank you to our parents and caregivers who attended today's event and the staff and local community who help our students towards independent futures.



2024 Booklist Packages

Towards the end of November, our parents and care givers were emailed their contributions and charges, book lists and other relevant information for 2024.

Payments can be made when our office reopens from the 24 January 2024. Parents and Care givers with the following cards that are valid and current:

- Services Australia (Centrelink) Pensioner Concession Card;
- Services Australia (Centrelink) Health Care Card; or
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (blue card only).

can apply for Secondary Assistance Scheme, for assistance with payment of their school fees and uniform. Please bring your card in to the front office so that we can complete the paperwork for you before the end of Term 1, 2024. \$235 will be paid directly to the school to pay for your school fees and a \$115 clothing allowance is paid directly to the parent or can be nominated to the school towards payment of your child's fees.

Payments can only be made by cash or direct deposit. NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE.

If you wish to pay by bank-to-bank transfer (direct deposit), school bank details as follows:

Rockingham SHS Education Support Centre

ANZ Bank, Rockingham City WA

BSB: 016-441

Account No: 340912751

Reference: Student Name/Year/Fees (eg:JBlack8Fees)



Department of Education
Shaping the future

Secondary Assistance Scheme

Years 7 to 12 you may be eligible for up to:

\$350

towards school expenses

If you hold a:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

Applications close 28 March 2024

Ask School Reception for more information.

Uniform Shop

School uniforms are available from Tara/Matrix Uniforms Showroom, Unit 16/8 Magenta Terrace Mandurah (behind Officeworks, next to Emprise Mobility).

Email: mandurah.showroom@tarauniforms.com.au

Phone: 0435 925 437

Online ordering is available 24/7 at www.tarauniforms.com.au for home delivery or free pickup at the Mandurah shop.

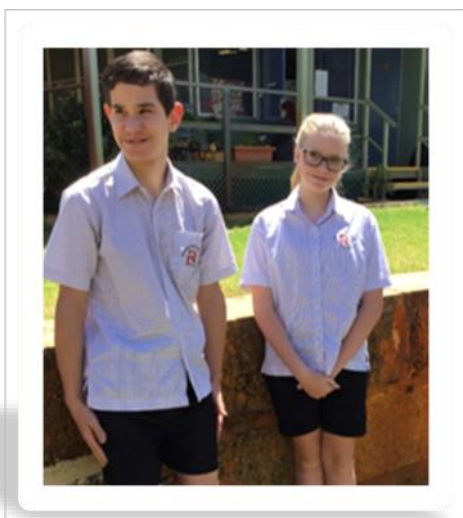
Opening Hours

The Mandurah Showroom will close for the Christmas break from Friday 15 December 2023 until Tuesday 9 January 2024.

Our normal opening hours will resume from Tuesday 9 January 2024.

- ◆ Monday Closed
- ◆ Tuesday 8:30am-4:30pm
- ◆ Wednesday 8:30am-4:30pm
- ◆ Thursday 10:00am-6:00pm
- ◆ Friday Closed
- ◆ Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

The Mandurah Showroom will be open an additional day on Friday 22 January, 8:00am-4:00pm.



Yr 8/9 Room 2



In Room Two, our students have embarked on an enlightening journey, exploring family histories to understand their unique identities, from this student were able to identify aspects of their

identity that has been shaped by their family history and make some amazing 'seen Verses unseen' self-portraits.

The classroom buzzed with excitement as they dived into the world of indigenous cuisine, researching, harvesting, growing and cooking traditional foods. From cultivating crops to creating dishes, this hands-on experience heightened cultural appreciation.

Alongside these culinary adventures, our students seamlessly transitioned to maths in the real world, mastering measurement concepts of measurement. Room Two has proven to be not merely a space for learning but an environment for growth.

As the year draws to a close the students in room two are putting the finishing touches on their cultural event they are hosting 'A Merneji in room Two' meaning 'a meal' in Noongar the celebration of culture and an opportunities for them to share their knowledge with staff, families and friends. Stay tuned for more exciting adventures.



Year 9, Room 8



Our students have come to the end of a very productive year of learning. It has been a joy to watch them mature and grow. We have been rounding off our year with several cross curricular projects as revision for many of the subjects covered this year. One such project has been the construction of Small City. The students were tasked with planning, naming, and constructing a 3D city and using this city and lego characters to create a realistic narrative in book creator, to share with their peers.

This task involved mapping, constructing 3D shapes, teamwork, planning, writing, photography and use of technology. There was a great deal of competition over the distribution of land at the end of the project and students who wanted the same piece of land had to go into a draw to acquire their preferred area to take home. Once students had acquired an area of land, they were allowed to sell off individual buildings to others for auction money if they wished to do so. We might have some budding real estate investors in the making.



We have also been building up to Christmas by doing some craft work. Students have made Christmas gifts to be sold in the class auction and to take home.

In this vein, Year 9 boys and staff wish everyone in the Rockingham SHS ESC community a very Merry Christmas and safe holidays.



Year 7, Room 11

I am a wonderful student. I am good at building Legos. I am also very helpful and friendly to other students. I love drawing and my talent is to draw good things and I am very good at colouring. I am very cool and handsome. I am Simon.



Year 7 have been an amazing group of students to teach in 2023. I have been very privileged to spend the year with them! A major focus this year has been looking at our positive attributes and skills we should be proud of. We are to share these with you.

I am good at maths.
English
I have lots of friends.
I make people laugh.
I help my friends.
I am James



I AM QUIET. I LOVE
CRYSTAL GEMS.
I AM GOOD AT
DIAMOND ART. I AM
ISAIAH.



I love dolls
I am good.
at English
I am good at
Maths
I am good at
cooking



I am Grace

I try every thing.
I do good work
I am a good
Friend
I make people
laugh
I am Ruby



I am handsome
I am good at art.
I am smart. I am
Blake.



I am cool .
I am kind.
I am good at sport.
I am Chelsea



I am good with my
i pad.
I am good at
Lego
I am good at
building
I am Zaiden.



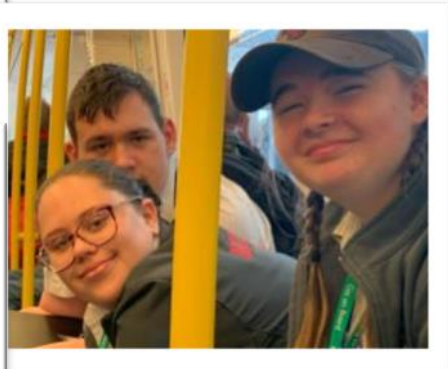
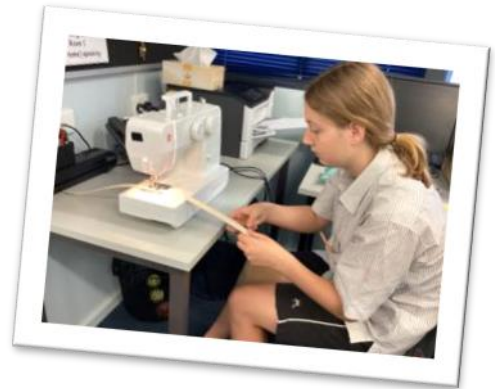
I work hard.
I am nice.
I do my best.
I like to talk to everyone.
I am Jade.



Year 10, Room 1

What an amazing group of year 10 students we have had this year in room 1 (now room 5)! Each student has shone in so many ways and it has been a pleasure to see them mature and learn skills to face challenges that come their way. There has been lots of hard work, resilience building moments and laughter at many jokes, funny stories, and humorous mishaps on our shared journey to the end of 2023.

This term students have participated in work experience with great success. Tamsin and Lilly at Vinnies, Jordan and Scott at Woolworths, and Ethan at Work Power. Well done to those students getting outstanding reviews from their employers.



Other students have excelled in their option classes such as Logan with his coding skills and Taj working tirelessly to catch up and complete his Preliminary Unit 1. Well done to both students.

It was the first year for our students to attempt Preliminary Unit 1 in English and Maths and they worked hard to meet the deadlines and expectations of the course. Congratulations to those who completed the course.

Also, throughout the year students have sewed, cooked, used public transport, completed science experiments, created HASS assignments, got embarrassed in Health (with sex education), trialled

working in the school cafe and enjoyed whole school special days. We said sad farewells to Abbie and Mrs. Hann and wished them well on life's new adventure. So, now it is farewell to year 10 and move on to the new adventures in year 11. From all the staff in room 5 (formerly room 1) – we wish all the students a wonderful and well-earned holiday and a merry Christmas to all students and their families.



Bush Rangers—YEAR 7s

In Bush Rangers, during term 4, we have continued to learn about and help the environment.

EDUCATED BY NATURE – HUT BUILDING INCURSION

The Year 7 Bush Rangers have been working outside and have set up simple tents to protect themselves from the weather. They used ropes and tarps to create an emergency shelter. Later in the semester, they collaborated with Educated by Nature to construct more advanced shelters using sticks, ropes, cloth, and Stick-lets. They came up with some very innovative designs, including a hut that could accommodate multiple people. We would like to extend a big thank you to Fe for leading an outstanding incursion.



SCHOOL PAPER RECYCLING

We collected enough recycled paper to fill two 240L wheelie bins from classrooms this year. Congratulations to the Year 7 Bush Rangers for their passion and determination to recycle!



WORM FARMS AND GARDENS

We have installed new worm farms at school, which are helping us to sustainably reduce food waste. The worms produce castings and worm tea, which the Year 7s have used to enrich the soil. This has helped to support the growth of new native plants that have been added to the garden area around the Bush Rangers room.



ZONE BOWLING

We ended our fantastic year in Bush Rangers at Zone Bowling Rockingham. We had a great time socializing with friends, bowling, and having fun.



YEAR 7 and YEAR 9s

EDUCATED BY NATURE – MUDDY GULLY INCURSION

The Bush Rangers from Year 7 and Year 9 classes had an exciting day during our incursion with Educated by Nature. They enjoyed painting with ochre, creating clay nature sculptures, making potions, concocting mud pies, and rolling in different types of mud. They got extremely messy and dirty, but had a lot of fun exploring and experiencing all the muddy activities. We would like to thank Isaac for an exceptional incursion.

Bush Rangers—YEAR 8s



NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY and ORIENTEERING

The Year 8 Bush Rangers have recently been exploring the local parks and reserves in Rockingham to navigate their environment and take stunning photographs of the wildlife found there. They have completed orienteering courses at Townsend Reserve, Rockingham City Park, and Cape Peron. Our local parks, such as Lake Richmond, have provided them with wonderful opportunities to capture nature's beauty using their Nikon digital cameras. They have photographed a variety of creatures, including black swans, motorbike frogs, dragonflies, galahs, and pelicans.



SERCUL – ALGAE BUSTERS INCURSION

During an incursion with Sercul, the Year 8 Bush Rangers discussed the negative impact of algae blooms on our water bodies. We explored practical ways in which we can reduce our influence on catchments, such as picking up after our pets, washing our cars on the lawn, using detergents and washing powders with the NP symbol (no phosphates), using worm casting and worm tea to improve soil fertility, and placing rubbish in the bin. Thank you, Niamh, for the lovely incursion.



ZONE BOWLING

A Year 8/9 students had a great time bowling at Zone Bowling, Rockingham, after a fantastic year in Bush Rangers. Check out the photos!



Bush Rangers—YEAR 9s

MARINE RESCUE ROCKINGHAM

Marine Rescue Rockingham is an extraordinary volunteer organization that recently hosted the Year 9 Bush Rangers. During the visit, the Rangers got to board the rescue vessel Orion, tour the radio tower room, wear life jackets, and observe the dolphin - a self-powered electric water rescue device that is directed by a remote controller. They also had the opportunity to communicate using radios from both the radio tower and from aboard Orion over a discrete radio channel. It was an excellent opportunity for the Bush Rangers to learn about rescue operations and the technology used by the volunteers.



BALDIVIS CHILDREN'S FOREST

During our visit to Baldivis Children's Forest, the Year 9 Bush Rangers skillfully navigated through different trails to complete a bush walk. We discussed bush tucker and the various uses of paper bark, such as for building shelter and cooking. We also spent some time exploring the different plants and animals we encountered during our walk.

WOODMAN POINT CHALLENGE BY CHOICE DAY

We went to Woodman Point Recreation Camp to participate in Challenge by Choice Day. The day started with the Flying Fox, which was not for the faint-hearted. We climbed a spiral staircase to reach the platform, about 9 meters above the ground. After being strapped into a harness and connected to the Flying Fox, we catapulted over Woodman Point Oval and arrived safely at the end. It was an adrenaline rush for all of us. Later in the day, we had the opportunity to shoot a bow with actual arrows at distant targets on the Archery range.



Bush Rangers—YEAR 10s

AUSTRALIA SEA LION, PENGUIN AND DOLPHIN CRUISE

We recently had a chance to visit Shoalwater Islands Marine Park to witness the beautiful Australian Sea Lions. Our adventure began with a cruise by Perth Wildlife Encounters, where we were able to observe four male sea lions resting on the beach after their feeding routine at sea. While on the cruise, we also witnessed a delightful dolphin display as they swam around, under and behind the boat. Moreover, we were able to spot a pair of ospreys nesting on one of the nearby islands. Although we missed seeing the little penguins, we were lucky enough to explore Penguin Island with a DBCA Ranger. We witnessed a diverse variety of sea birds and even had a chance to see the penguin nesting boxes.



AQWA

The Year 10 Bush Rangers recently visited AQWA to explore the diverse marine habitats of Western Australia's coastline. During the trip, we met with an educator to learn about shark biology and even had the chance to travel over the top of the aquarium on a glass bottom boat. The touch pool provided an interactive opportunity to get up close and personal with a Port Jackson shark, starfish, and anemones. We would like to extend our gratitude to Brooke for sharing her extensive knowledge with us.



Bush Rangers—SENIORS

FINAL HURRAH

The Senior Bush Rangers recently held their final event, which was a splendid BBQ at Shoalwater Activity Node with a spectacular view of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. We enjoyed a delicious meal together while reflecting on the past year. I want to extend my congratulations to the Senior Bush Rangers for being an amazing group!



2023 CLOSING THOUGHTS

Dear Rockingham ESC Bush Rangers, you have been truly exceptional. There are so many wonderful memories of you all. You have stepped outside of your comfort zones to help our local environment, worked collaboratively to make a difference, and have always been uniquely yourselves. Together, we have grown in confidence, learned from one another, and fostered a strong spirit of raising awareness about the environment. Congratulations on your success, and I will miss you next year.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the amazing Rockingham SHS ESC Instructors who have been involved in the 2023 Bush Ranger program. Your support, help, encouragement and willingness to go above and beyond has been truly outstanding.

I would also like to thank all the external providers who have contributed to this cause by providing exceptional incursion and excursion opportunities. Your contributions have been invaluable.

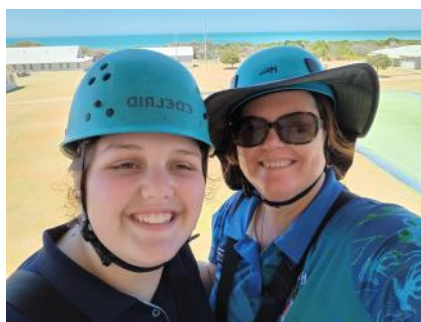
To the Specialist Team, I truly appreciate your support, guidance, comradery and laughter. You have all been amazing!

Mr. Cook Junior, thank you for all your hard work in 2023. It has been an exciting and packed year full of adventures.

I leave you with this final thought:

We have made a remarkable difference to the environment in our local patch. Be proud of your achievements and strive to continue your exceptional work.

Miss Nixon



Workplace Learning

At Rockingham Senior High School Education Support Centre we are all about building independent futures. One of our programs that supports this goal is our work placement program with local businesses. This hands-on approach to learning allows our students to bridge the gap between theory and practice, gaining skills that go beyond the classroom.

Our students had the privilege of working with a diverse array of businesses, ranging from automotive and retail stores to cafes and manufacturers. Our students have made a lasting impact on the businesses they have worked with. Employers have praised their dedication, eagerness to learn and growth in confidence, which has increased the value that our students bring to the workplace.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the local businesses who have opened their doors to our students. Your commitment to supporting the next generation is wonderful, and we are looking forward to continuing and expanding these partnerships in the future.

We would like to extend a massive thank you to those businesses that have welcomed students from our school and to our brilliant team of education assistants who have supported student whilst at work placement. Your support is wonderful!

Thank you goes to

Woolworths Rockingham

Woolworths Kwinana

Woolworths Waikiki

Elanora's Café

Bunnings Rockingham

Vinnies Rockingham

City Discount Tyres

Petstock Rockingham

Workpower Rockingham

Bertram Primary School

Orelia Primary School



VET

Throughout 2023 students in year 11 and 12 have been actively participating in certificate courses at South Metro TAFE, John Tonkin College, Malibu School and at RSHS ESC. Students have enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and expertise through various certificate programs. These courses are tailored to provide practical, real-world skills that open gateways to a world of opportunities. Certificates are an investment in a student's future and a strategic move towards career readiness by equipping students with the skills demanded by today's job market.

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of our students who have completed certificate courses in Automotive, Construction, Permaculture, Hospitality, Retail, Retail Visage and Animal Studies. Their dedication and commitment to personal and professional growth are truly commendable.

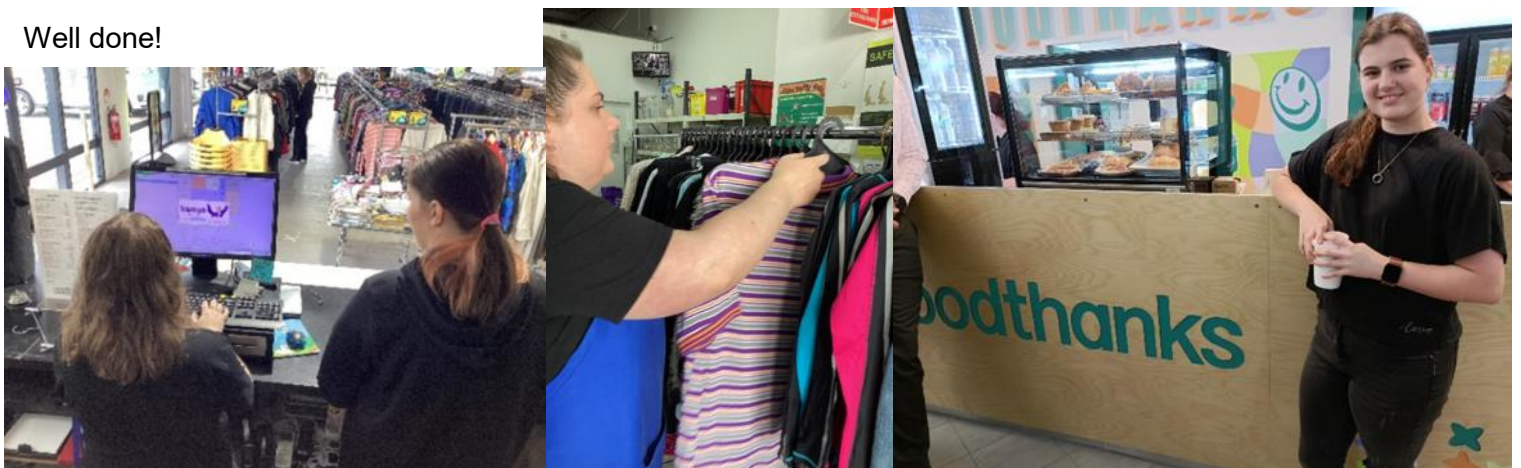


School Based Traineeships

In recent months, a growing number of our students have embraced school-based traineeships with enthusiasm and dedication. Students have embarked on this transformative journey, gaining hands-on experience that paves the way for future success. School-based traineeships offer a unique opportunity for our students to access on the job experiences one day per week while being paid! It has been inspiring to witness their growth as they transition from being students to young professionals, ready to make meaningful contributions to their chosen industries. We extend a big THANK YOU to Good Samaritan Industries for accepting our students into their program.

We are very proud of Lainey Pearce, Taylah Minns and Ashlea Brown for shaping their own futures and contributing positively to the reputations of our school in the wider community.

Well done!



What's on in Rockingham

Outdoor Fitness Classes

Come along to free weekly fitness classes at the Rockingham Foreshore. Suitable for all ages and abilities – no experience necessary.

Tai Chi

Tuesdays, 6.30am - 7.30am
Churchill Park, Rockingham Foreshore
No classes on 19 or 26 December

Dance Fitness

Wednesdays, 6pm - 7pm
The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore
No classes on 20 or 27 December

Yoga

Thursdays, 6pm - 7pm
The Lookout, Rockingham Foreshore
No classes on 21 or 28 December
BYO Yoga mat

Classes run until the end of March.



Entwined Exhibition



Jacq Chorton, *Lie back*, 2023, clay, 21 x 16 cm.

Dates: Wednesday 29 November – Sunday 17 December

Time: 10am – 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday

Location: Rockingham Arts Centre

Cost: Free

Contact: 9528 0333 or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

Three local artists, Carol Clitheroe, Jacq Chorton and Tich Dixon, have come together to showcase their artworks in a group exhibition.

With unique styles and perspectives, they have found inspiration in their shared experiences.



New Year's Eve

Date: Sunday 31 December

Time: 5pm – 12am

Location: Churchill Park, Rockingham Foreshore

Cost: Free

Contact: 9528 0333 or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

Say farewell to 2023 and celebrate the New Year in style.

Birds of Tokyo will headline the event, taking the stage between the 9pm and midnight fireworks.

There will also be performances by Big Horn Productions and local acts, roaming entertainment, amusement rides, a glitter station and face painting, free children's activities, a sensory-friendly chill-out zone and food vendors.

Supported by [Lotterywest](#).



What's on in Kwinana

Hot Free Brekkie sound good?

 Community



15 June 2023 - 28 December 2023



Free Hot Breakfast

 Frank Konecny Community Centre

Come along to our weekly free hot breakfast, warm beverage and some fresh fruit to take away with you.



Free

 City

9 October 2023 - 11 December 2023



Read with Buddy the Story Dog

 Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre

All ages are welcome to pick up a book and practice reading with friendly Story Dogs, Buddy and friends!




Free

 City

11 October 2023 - 13 December 2023



LEGO Club

 Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre

Build and create with LEGO bricks at this weekly LEGO Club - Duplo also available. Family-friendly, all ages welcome.




 Community

12 October 2023 - 14 December 2023




The Singing Ukes

 John Wellard Community Centre

For anyone interested in playing a Ukulele or just wants to sing.



Coding Club

 Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre

A free coding club for ages 8+ at Kwinana Public Library



Free

 City

13 October 2023 - 8 December 2023

What's on in Kwinana



Free



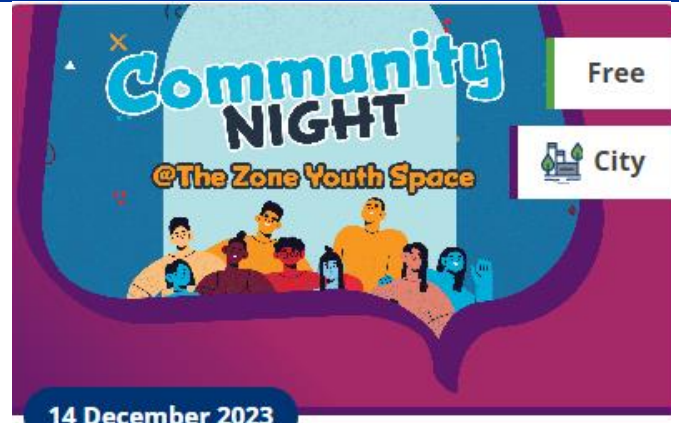
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Introduction to Skateboarding

The Edge Skatepark

Introduction to Skateboarding with Whereabouts.



Free



14 December 2023



Community Night @The Zone

The Zone Youth Space

Join us for an open evening at The Zone Youth Space.



Free



17 December 2023 - 23 December 2023



Lolly Run 2023

Over seven evenings in the lead up to Christmas, the lolly run trucks will be distributing lolly bags to the children of Kwinana.



Intermediate Workshop

The Edge Skatepark

Intermediate workshop facilitated by Whereabouts.



Free



8 January 2024 - 24 February 2024



South Metro Ride and Roll Skatepark Series

Round 2 - Roller skating, skateboarding, Scooter and BMX comp.



Free



13 February 2024