



# SCHOOL WANGGA

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## Principals Message

As many of you are aware, I am relieving Principal for the time Ms Campbell is on leave, finishing at the end of the term. I am a retired Principal and have been taking on these relieving positions on and off for nearly three years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working at Onslow school and have enjoyed being in Onslow town. I would particularly like to thank our staff for making me feel so welcome.

### Primary Camp

From all reports, students are having a wonderful time at camp. Yesterday saw them out in a glass bottom boat as well as snorkelling. Today they are visiting the Skeleton Bay Reef Shark Sanctuary. We expect them home early afternoon tomorrow.

### Term 4 Commencement

Students return for term 4 on Tuesday 8 October. Monday 7 October is a School Development Day, and our staff will be working on school programs and future directions.

### Happy Holidays!

Term 3 finishes next Friday 20 September. I would like to wish students and staff a happy, restful, and safe holiday. Term 4 will be another very busy term.

*Brian Simpson*

At Onslow School we acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which our students live and are educated. We acknowledge and understand that Elders, parents, families, and communities are the first educators of their children, and we recognise and value the cultures and strengths that our First Nations people bring to the classroom.

## High School Accomplishments

### Miss Danielle Pell

All Year 10 students have achieved their Keys 4 Life Certificate (the aims of which is to upskill students with positive road user attitudes and an awareness about how to be responsible, safer drivers) - Nate Anderson, Jake Badcock, Callum Clark-Conyers, Deagan McLean, Marc Pejante, Marcus Rowe and Bella Wilmot.



Two Year 10 students (Marcus Rowe and Marc Pejante) have successfully completed their Certificate I in Skills for Vocational Pathways. Marcus Rowe is going to be starting his Certificate II in Sports and Recreation. Bella has been accepted for a School-Based Traineeship and so will be completing a Certificate III in Early Childhood and Care, as well as working (the equivalent of) one day a week as a permanent part-time employee (and receiving all the benefits that that entails) at OneTree.

WPL has started this term for most students (students can also use their hours at their paid after school jobs to accrue hours needed - 55 hours needed per unit, maximum of three units and this counts towards achieving their WACE).

Thanks to the following businesses for being willing to host a student (in alphabetical order):



The students are learning the skills needed to become work ready – wearing the correct clothing/equipment, bringing a water bottle / food (if required - how are they going to keep it hot/cold? fridges not available all the time). These skills start being learned at school, as well as at home – can they (and this is not a complete list of required work skills) ...

• Wear their school shirt daily?	• Bring a hat to school daily?
• Wear enclosed shoes when required?	• Bring utensils required to eat recess/lunch?
• Have correct equipment in their pencil case to complete work without delay?	• Carry a water bottle to minimise learning interruptions?
• Come to lessons with the correct equipment? E.g. pencil case, headphones, lesson folder and drink bottle	
• Listen to and follow instructions? For their safety, the safety of others and so that everyone can learn.	
• Problem solve? E.g. <i>I don't have a pencil, so the options are to go to the stationery part of the classroom, ask a peer and finally ask the teacher.</i>	

## Behaviour

Mrs Jennifer Conwell

### Do you know what they're vaping?

Onslow School like many other schools, has seen a recent increase in young people vaping and this issue is no longer just a "High-School Issue".

E-cigarettes, or 'vapes', are not safe for young people.

#### Key vaping facts:

- Many vapes contain nicotine. Nicotine can cause long-lasting negative effects on young people's brain development, including impaired learning ability and altered mood, and can increase the risk of depression and anxiety.
- Vapes can contain the same harmful chemicals found in cleaning products, nail polish remover, weed killer and bug spray, which can lead to serious lung diseases.
- Young people who vape are 3 times as likely to take up smoking cigarettes.



#### The laws around selling vapes.

It is reported that young people often purchase vapes online, from retail stores or from friends and contacts in the community. However, it is illegal in WA to sell e-cigarette devices and nicotine vaping products to anyone regardless of age, unless they are prescribed by a doctor for smoking cessation purposes and obtained with a prescription from a pharmacy. E-cigarette devices and their components, whether they contain nicotine or not, cannot be sold by tobacco or general retailers in WA. You can report suspected illegal sales of vapes to the Department of Health by emailing [TobaccoPolicy@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:TobaccoPolicy@health.wa.gov.au).

#### Talk to your child about vaping.

It's important to take the time to talk to your child about the risks of vaping. Try to start the conversation in a relaxed easy-going way, and remember your goal is to have a conversation, not deliver a lecture. Importantly, get the facts at: [www.education.wa.edu.au/drug-education](http://www.education.wa.edu.au/drug-education)







### Dates to Remember

Monday 9 ~ Friday 13 September – Year 5/6 Camp

Thursday 12 September – R U OK? Day

Tuesday 17 September – Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Friday 20 September – Last Day of Term 3

Tuesda 8 October – First Day of Term 4