From the Principal's desk

HSC Practical Examinations
HSC Practical Examinations have taken place in Dance and Drama and it has been particularly encouraging to hear happy and confident students emerging from the examination venues. Society and Culture PIPs, Visual Arts Bodies of Work as well as Industrial Technology works have also been completed, displayed and prepared for marking. Music Practical Examinations are on this week and I expect that our students will again give stunning performances. Thank you to all the dedicated and committed teachers who have given so much extra time to ensure that submitted works are the best they can possibly be.

State Drama Festival
Congratulations to Ms Cunningham and her group on the selection of their piece ‘You are What You Wear’ and Ms Curtis and her group on the selection of their piece ‘Medea’ into the 2015 State Drama Festival to be held on October 22 and 23 at the Seymour Centre. Each year the best drama pieces from NSW Public Schools are selected to be part of this exciting program. This year we are also delighted that Jay Laga’aia will be hosting the entire event. At this stage we will be performing on Thursday 22 for the Evening Performance, Friday 23 for the Secondary Schools Matinee as well as the VIP Evening Performance on the same day. Well done.

State Dance Festival
Congratulations to Zoe Brown, Zipporah Corser-Anu and Riley McElhone for being selected as members of the NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company, to perform at the State Dance Festival, Monday 14 – Friday 18 September 2015. This group is part of the Department of Education Arts Initiatives Program and is a fantastic opportunity for advancement in the arts and to work with industry professionals. Additionally, a range of WHSPA dance pieces have been selected into the festival that is being held at the Seymour Centre in Sydney next week. Congratulations and well done to all students and staff. As always we know you will represent WHSPA well.

Head Teacher Welfare 2016
We are happy to announce that after the merit selection interview process, Ms Nunn has been appointed to WHSPA as HT Welfare starting next year. Ms Nunn is currently Head Teacher at Bulli High School, and we look forward to her joining the staff next year. Due to our increase in enrolments we are entitled to another
Head Teacher position, we have chosen the role of Head Teacher Secondary Studies and we are currently in the process of short listing and interviewing applicants. An announcement will be made early next term.

Ms Blaser has been teaching at WHSPA this year filling a temporary position in Science for 3 days a week, she has been appointed to Albion Park High School as a permanent fulltime teacher starting next term. She will be greatly missed by staff and students alike and we wish her all the best in her teaching career.

Good Luck and Best Wishes to Year 12

Early next term Year 12 will begin sitting for their HSC exams. This represents the culmination of 13 years of schooling. The HSC exams can be a stressful time however thorough preparation balanced with a healthy lifestyle helps students manage this time and reduce stress. Quality support and guidance from home doesn’t go astray either. From everyone at WHSPA we wish all of Year 12 the best for their upcoming exams.

Doug Hearne
Principal

Bryce’s
Column

Year 10 Elective - Show Time Design
This Term the Show Time Design class have been designing and building ‘Props’. The students were lucky enough to have Karen Stone come in and run a props building workshop. Karen is a local artist specialising in amazing stage props and sets. The students could pick their own stage production/film and research and design the prop of their choosing. Our current Year 11, reflection and goal setting now can be very beneficial.

To support students in this transition WHSPA will conduct a two stage transition process.

Stage 1: Reflection and Goal Setting interview. On Wednesday 7 October every Year 11 student will have a short interview with a selected WHSPA staff member. The purpose of this meeting will be to reflect on achievements in the Preliminary course, set realistic HSC goals and discuss aspirations beyond the HSC. The basis of the interview will be a one page reflection sheet that students will complete and bring to their scheduled interview.

Stage 2: A parent and student HSC information session. This session will be held on Tuesday 13 October at 7.00pm in WHSPAC. At this meeting issues related to HSC assessment, satisfactory course completion and N determinations will be discussed. Parents and students will have the opportunity to ask questions and clarify any concerns related to the HSC. We would encourage as many parents and students as possible to attend this meeting.

During both of these activities information will also be provided about potentially dropping subjects and the advantages and disadvantages of studying 10, 11 or 12 units for the HSC.

Additional to these processes all Year 11 students will receive a copy of the WHSPA HSC Assessment Booklet. This booklet contains very important policy and procedure information about HSC assessment. It will be the guiding document for issues such as assessment completion and submission, N awards and Illness/Misadventure. The HSC Assessment Booklet will be essential reading for all students and their parents.

At WHSPA we believe that this HSC transition support is essential in helping students to begin preparations for their important HSC year fully informed and with confidence.

Bryce O’Connor
Deputy Principal

Year 11 Yearly Exams
From Thursday 10 September until Friday 18 September (the last day of Term 3) Year 11 will sit for their yearly exams. These exams are the final assessment in all Preliminary subjects. In preparation, Year 11 students have been provided with both an overall exam timetable as well as one personalised to their specific subjects. During the exam period students are only required to be at school when they have exams. There will be no regular lessons during this time. If students experience illness or misadventure during the exams the school should be notified as soon as possible. On the day the student returns to school they are to collect an Illness/Misadventure form from either Mr Creenaune or Mr O’Connor, complete the necessary section, attach any additional documentation and hand it to the appropriate subject teacher.

Year 11 transition to HSC studies
The end of Term 3 will see Year 11 complete their Preliminary Course studies. HSC studies start at the beginning of Term 4 and continue until the end of Term 3 next year. The transition from Preliminary Course study into HSC study is an important time. Students need to reflect on their current performance in each of their subjects and consider how they can set themselves for the best possible HSC at the end of 2016. Although the HSC is 12 months away for the
The classroom has been a hive of creativity over the term and an amazing array of great props has emerged. The Sorting Hat from Harry Potter, the Flux Capacitor from Back to the Future, the book from the Bubadook, Winnie the Pooh’s Hunny pot, dinosaur eggs, witches brooms . . . . the list of amazing props goes on! Come down to the TAS foyer to have a look.

Congratulations to the class, everyone worked hard and proved our class mantra was right....if you can imagine it, you can build it! This talented group will be part of the Design team for next year’s school Production of Ash Girl. They are already dreaming into make-up designs, costuming, set designs, props, poster designs and choreography and anything else they can imagine.

Laury Furney
Teacher TAS

Weaving Workshop
On Monday 3 August, a group of Year 8 students participated in a Textiles Workshop which took place throughout the day. The students, including myself, worked hard weaving and creating with Donnie Grant, a local weaver (https://www.facebook.com/Loomandarty?hc_location=ufi). We each wove small bands to start with, then moved on to creating woven tapestries which we later hung off sticks.

The workshop was overall challenging but rewarding and fun, as each student successfully completed two beautifully woven pieces and most importantly learnt a new skill and art form. We were shown a very complex and interesting weaving machine (Loom) and were shown how it worked and was used.

Donnie later told us the many wonderful things we could do with weaving and how useful it had been for her. I think I can speak for everyone to say we had a great time.

Here are some of our woven creations -

Ella Hirst
Year 8 Student

Welcome to Spring
It's a season of change and transformation.

Year 12 are in their final weeks and preparing to sit the HSC and transition into the world. We hope they use their time wisely over the coming weeks and wish them all the best in their exams and future lives.

On the examination front Year 11 will be sitting their end of year exams. Now is the time to get focused and
set the scene for next year. Get Busy!!

Next term will be both hectic and fun. Year 7 should be looking forward to their excursion to IMAX and the Aquarium as part of their unit on Animals and the Environment. Time to see education as part of the real world and the real world as part of education.

Debaters have tasted success after completing two rounds against Bulli High School, winning four of six rounds. They will now move into the quarter-finals.

Congratulations to Years 7 and 8 and keep on arguing. We are all also psyching ourselves up for the Spelling Bee. It was good of pay TV to offer us so much free advertising for this annual event. Anyone is welcome to enter and there will be great prizes on offer. Is that how you spell eccentric and vacuous? Get out those dictionaries and start learning new and challenging words.

For readers of fantasy, the new Neil Gaiman collection of short stories, *Trigger Warning*, offers a new Doctor Who story. For those who love Matt Smith as their favourite incarnation of our favourite Time Lord it is the opportunity to share another adventure. This year will also see the publication of Terry Pratchett’s final *Tiffany Aching* novel. Time to go back to the *Discworld* for the final time. At least until we start reading!

Paul Quinn
HT English

Keen young scientists arrived at North Wollongong station early on Wednesday, ready for a great day of discovery. After a well-needed coffee or hot chocolate, we jumped on the train and prepared for our day. We arrived at Town Hall station at 9:30.

After a scenic stroll through the streets of Sydney and through Hyde Park, arrived at the Australian Museum. Our excursion started promptly as we were directed to ‘The Long Gallery’. We were able to see fascinating exhibits with animal skeletons, jars of spiders and snakes and pentadactyl limbs downstairs, whilst upstairs featured a huge gemstone collection including a very large chunk of gold.

After the Long Gallery we were shown to the ‘Know Your Enemy’ seminar - a very interesting and educating talk presented by the Australian Museum of Human Disease. Here we were taught about the top 20 killers in Australia today, and how they compare to the top 20 killers of the past. This was something we all found very enthralling as we were presented with some interesting stats, begging the question, how and when will we die?

Following the human disease talk, food was definitely needed. We made our way to the rooftop café and ate our lunch with a panoramic view of Sydney. We still had many activities to come so we headed back downstairs to the ‘Surviving Australia Gallery,’ learning about our oceans and how to protect them, megafauna in Australia and an amazing dinosaur gallery, containing life-size skeletons. We had little time to spend in this gallery as the chemistry show was waiting for us.

We made our way back to the theatre and witnessed an amazing representation of how cool science really is. The ‘Fire, Water and Air Show’ was an incredible chemistry show that had us all on the edge of our seats. We got to see hydrogen balloons, liquid nitrogen, dry ice and so much more in a spectacular display that none of us will ever forget.

The main event of the day was still to come so after the ‘Fire, Water and Air’ chemistry show we made our way to the Australian Museum of Science Festival Expo, where we were able to talk to industry professionals and various science university students about studying science in the future, and about all the different fields of science there are. The expo was packed with keen young scientists from different schools from all across Sydney and beyond. It was such an amazing opportunity and experience to speak with people who are passionate about science and who have so much knowledge to pass on.

After such a big day everyone was tired and we made our way to the train, ready for our ride home. We were all so thankful for the day that we had been given, and for the opportunity to learn so many new things. A special mention to Mrs Cram for organising the day and to Mrs Cram, Mr Coombes and Miss Tobin for accompanying us to Sydney on such an amazing excursion.

Jedd Weston
Year 10 Student

Clay Bird Mural – Year 8 And 10 Visual Arts Collective
As part of a slow but steady process of aesthetic
rejuvenation of the school grounds, the Visual Arts department have been developing and designing a range of group art projects. The plan is for these to be installed gradually around different sites, adding colour and interest.

The completed clay bird mural.

In Term 2, the Year 8 and 10 Visual Arts Collectives were involved in a day long incursion, focused on the creation of two large scale clay murals.

The first was a group project, of a tiled mural, with a tree design. Each student was given one or two of the tiles and with a combination of reductive and additive processes, carved and built up their tiles selectively with a bird of their choice.

These tiles were then fired and hand-painted, before being assembled on a large backing board. The finished mural was installed on a wall facing out into the Southern Quad. The Visual Arts department would like to thank Mr Williams and Mr Brown for their wonderful assistance and patience with installing the finished work.

We will update you on the progress of our second mural as it comes closer to completion!

YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS ‘CREATIVE ARGUMENT’ EXHIBITION – BODY OF WORK 2015

The year 12 Visual Arts students were both excited and relieved to submit their finished Bodies of Work (Bow's) on Monday 24 August. These works are the culmination of a year of work and many failures and successes. With a diverse number of mediums, the Bow’s ranged from paintings, photographs, collections of work, sculptures and films.

The impressive arrays of works were put on display in the Foyer Gallery for an opening exhibition night, entitled ‘Creative Argument’ on Wednesday 26.

This event was well-attended by the students, their family and friends. It was opened by relieving Principal, Mr Creenaune, who spoke of the diverse forms of art, and the way in which it underpins all human endeavours.

Special mentions go to Sebastian Gasque Cienfuegos and Cassandra Chalk who received Highly Commended certificates from Mr Creenaune, and to Thaw Thi Htoo who received the Principal’s Award.
The HSC markers will be coming in late October to mark the student's work, with photographic media and time-based forms being sent away to Sydney Olympic Park on 3 September to be marked at Corporate.

Both Mr Reynolds and I would like to congratulate the Year 12s on their efforts this year, and to encourage them to make sure they spend the remaining weeks attending class in order to revise past HSC exam papers in preparation for the theoretical exam.

Note: Images of the works cannot be displayed until the HSC markers have arrived. Upon completion of this we will be putting a gallery of the amazing works on both the website and in High Notes.

Kate Stehr
Teacher Visual Arts

Congratulations!

The Schools Spectacular
Firstly to dancer Miriam Suka who has been selected for the 2015 Schools Spectacular Jazz Ensemble and Tristan Withers' selection for the Schools Spectacular Ballet Ensemble.

State Drama Festival
Secondly to our 2 performance groups selected for the State Drama Festival on the 22 and 23 of October at the Seymour Centre.

Year 10 Company have been selected to perform "Medea" a parody of the Ancient Greek tragedy. Medea and her Chorus contemplate revenge on Jason, the Argonaut. Jason shows up, so does a messenger announcing the death of Julius Caesar and afternoon tea with Lady Teazle. The Deus ex Machina arrives from the sky to ensure a happy ending. Cast members include: Victoria Verhelst, Edith Ball, Charlie Blackstock, James MacAlpine, Monique Mendicino, Lily O’Sullivan, Phoebe Price, Michael Smith, Jedd Weston, Alexandra Liss and Joshua Hinton.

Year 11 class work has also been chosen to perform at this very prestigious festival. Year 11 devised a playbuilt piece called "You Are What You Wear". Students explore how clothes define us - we dress to make a statement and clothes say something about our personalities. But as Shakespeare famously said "Clothes do not maketh the person" - or something along those lines. Cast members include: Talia Sigsworth, Imogen Smee, Chelsea Gould, Jessica Charbach and Nelson Bowler.

HSC OnStage Nominations
We have been notified that Emilia Burford and Shayd Flegg have been nominated for OnStage.

These two students have been nominated to have their work showcased at the Seymour Centre in 2016 as exemplary HSC work.

Congratulations to you both and to all Year 12 Dance and Drama students who did a great job preparing their practical work for the HSC. Dance nominations for Call Back come to the school next term.

Frances Curtis
HT Performing Arts

The Present
Recently a group of elective and auditioned Drama students from WHSPA all enjoyed an educational and fun excursion out to watch the Chekov play 'The Present' at the Sydney Theatre Company. The performance starred two inspirational and recognisable actors, Cate Blanchett and Richard Roxburgh, along with other amazing and iconic Australian actors that portrayed their characters with wonderful integrity and provided great insight during the post-show Q & A that we were fortunate enough to be a part of.

All aspects of the performance were of an incredible standard including a phenomenal set, atmospheric lighting and suitable costuming within the realm of naturalism. The entire experience has supported our class work whilst relating what we do here at WHSPA to a wider, real world context and we are thankful for this special opportunity.

Jessica Burton-Woods
Year 10 Student

September is proving to be a very busy time of year for many students in relation to school and post-school opportunities. Listed below are a few happenings for this month.

Year 10
- Expressions of Interest (EOI) for TVET are now due. They are due to TAFE no later than Friday 11 September.
- Work experience packages are now available from...
the Careers Office. Please collect a package so that you can organise your Work Experience for Term 4. All necessary details are included in the package so please make sure that you read it carefully.

- Students interested in a SBAT (School Based Apprentice/Trainee) opportunity for Certificate 11 in Business please see Ms Clancy – Careers Adviser for details or email jennifer.clancy@det.nsw.edu.au

**Year 11**

- Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Continuing your TVET course are now due. They are due to TAFE no later than Friday 11 September.
- UOW – Summer Master Class (SMC) and University Preparation Program (UPP) application closing date has been extended until 18 September. If interested in applying and you haven’t then collect a flyer from outside Ms Clancy’s office – back of library. Remember it is an online application process.

**Year 12**

- If you have not collected your UAC (University Admissions Centre) book and you intend applying for university then collect your book NOW. Books are available from outside the Careers Office – back of library. Make sure that you read page 143 for University Early Entry/Offer Schemes.
- You MUST complete a UAC application as well as early admissions applications. Early admission application DOES NOT make you automatically enrolled in the UAC process. See or email Ms Clancy – jennifer.clancy@det.nsw.edu.au if you are unsure and need further clarification.

**General**

- Illawarra TAFE Choices Day – 21 November at Wollongong Campus – information available about enrolling for 2016
- Useful websites – www.wollongonghspacareers.com and www.jobjump.com.au. If you need help accessing these sites then please see Ms Clancy
- Remember that I am here to assist you with your future, so if you have any questions please either come and visit me or email me

Jenny Clancy
Careers Adviser

**Matt Hearne excels at the World Cerebral Palsy (CP) Games**

The World CP Games were held recently in Nottingham in the United Kingdom from Monday 10-15 August. These games brought together over 400 athletes (all with varying degrees of CP) from 13 different countries. A range of sports were played including lawn bowls, swimming, athletics and football.

Matt was a member of the Australian U/19 Young Pararoos Football team. The football competition involved 7 teams including Russia, Brazil, Netherlands, Japan, Scotland, England as well as Australia. The standard of football was extremely high.

Australia played 4 games and finished 6th in the competition. Matt started all games and excelled during the tournament. Game 1 was against Scotland. Australia lost 8-0 however they battled well against superior opposition. From this game Matt was awarded ‘Player of the Game’ for the Australian side. Game 2 was a 5-0 loss for Australia against Russia, the eventual tournament winners. In Game 3, Australia played excellent football to defeat Japan 6-3. Matt scored the first 4 goals for Australia in this game. The fourth and final game was against the Netherlands in a play-off for 5th place in the tournament. The Netherlands finished 5-1 winners against a tired Australian team.

The competition was played in a highly competitive manner however ‘fair play’ was always on display from all teams. This was an amazing opportunity for Matt and all other competitors. It was a great example of how people with a disability can express their ability in a supportive sporting environment.

Trevor Burnett

**Curious Minds**

Congratulations to Jessica Jenkins from Year 9 who has been invited to participate in a pilot program run by Curious Minds, Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This involves a six month commitment where Jessica will attend two residential camps at ANU in Canberra as well as being mentored by a female with a STEM background. Jessica was chosen based on her performance in the Australian Mathematics Competition and recommendations from her Mathematics teacher, Mrs Jago.

Well done Jessica!
Australian Mathematics Competition
Well done to all students who participated in the recent competition. It was a difficult test. The results have arrived. Congratulations to the following students:

Distinction Awards:
Luca Corby (Year 8)
Jessica Jenkins (Year 9)
Khanh Ngo (Year 9)
Clare Cairns (Year 12)
Rui Dai (Year 12)
Hamamatul Hosen (Year 12)

Credit Awards:
Year 7
Sienna Hillcoat
Hannah Davis
Eva Matthews
Alice Teteris
Mikaela Sheath
Kiya Slockee
Tyrone Clark
Calum Hall

Year 8
Julien Hill
Jemima Creswick
Louis Ready
Victoria Clark
Ella Parkess

Year 9
Robert Coleman
Aaron Handoko

Year 10
Jack Butler
Matthew Rodrigues
Dylan Maher

Well done to all of those students. Certificates will be handed out at an assembly when they arrive.

Pam Coonerty
Mathematics Head Teacher.

Year Three is drawing to a rapid close. Many students have submitted major works or projects, or performed for the external examiners. On behalf of the staff and students of Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts I would like to wish you all the very best of success and achievement in your forthcoming Higher School Certificate examinations.

Important Dates:
Wednesday 16 September -- Formal at The Lagoon from 6.15 to 10pm. The final cost is $85.

Thursday 17 September -- Year 12 Graduation at the School Hall at 7pm. Students are requested to arrive half an hour earlier for a final rehearsal. Full school uniform, including black shoes, must be worn.

N.B. Reports will be issued at the Graduation Ceremony to those whose school fees are up-to-date. Please ensure this is finalised ASAP.

Friday 18 September -- Year 12 BBQ at Stewart Park, commencing at 12 noon

Monday 12 October -- HSC Written Exams begin

Friday 6 November -- HSC Written Exams conclude

Monday 9 November -- return of all texts which are needed by Year 12 -- 2016. Would you please attend the school on this day to complete sign out requirements and reimbursement of Resource Bond.

As a parting gift you may wish to donate your uniform to the clothing pool, or your laptop to the school. Donations can be made at the front office.

Wednesday 16 December -- HSC results are released

Thursday 17 December -- We invite you to a special HSC BBQ at school, commencing at 12 noon, where HSC/ATAR results can be celebrated.

Once again, study hard, stay focused and take care.

Sue Nethery
Stage 6 Coordinator

WHSPA Breakfast Club
Wollongong High School would like to thank the Baker’s Rounds Bakery at Albion Park Rail for their generous donations and support for the school’s Breakfast Club.

Victoria Small
School Chaplain

There’s So Much To Gain From A WEP Student Exchange!
WEP student exchange is the opportunity for students to exchange their school, culture, family and possibly language for a selected time period in another country. It is far more rewarding than simply being a tourist, as students live like locals and acquire knowledge not available to the general traveller. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel and study at an overseas school with the support of a volunteer host family.

To find out more visit our website: wep.org.au
When you go overseas on a WEP student exchange program, your family, back at home, has no obligation to host an exchange student in return. However, hosting an exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting an international exchange student often endure for generations.

For more information and to request a free information pack, head to our website, www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

Annie Taylor
annietaylor@wep.org.au

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!
Would you like to be part of the excitement of this year’s community arts festival, Viva la Gong?

The Viva la Gong team is now recruiting volunteers for this year’s festival and we are inviting you to apply!

If you are over the age of 15 and interested in contributing to the Viva la Gong Festival which will be held on Saturday 14 November, please contact the volunteer project worker on 4227 8239 or send us an email at culturalservices@wollongong.nsw.gov.au.

Alternatively you can register online at http://www.vivalagongfestival.org/Pages/Get-Involved.aspx
OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In January 2016 we will be receiving exchange students from Argentina, Bolivia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden and the USA. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter or mention it on your website. You can download the newsletter notice here in Word format or as a PDF.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Below is a sample of students who will be arriving.

For 15 year old Canadian Meghan, coming to Australia and broadening her horizons is an exciting prospect. Whilst here, Meghan is hoping to continue her love of sports and being active and would be more than happy to participate in community sports. Describing herself as wanting to work in the field of Science one day, Meghan’s also enjoys reading and is happy to contribute to the household chores.

Rosalyn is a 14 year old student from Denmark who likes to play the guitar and sing, in fact she says that her host family will hear her singing a lot. By coming to Australia, she hopes to improve her English and become more independent. Rosalyn enjoys kickboxing and would like to continue this whilst in Australia. Describing herself as a person people, her family say that Rosalyn will make you laugh.

Fifteen year old French student Ploum, playing piano, listening to music, doing theatre, photography and spending time with her family and friends is what occupies most of her time. Ploum is looking forward to discovering the Australian way of life and developing her English language skills.

Katja is a 15 year old German student who enjoys handball, playing the piano, reading and meeting friends. She is looking forward to learning more about the Australian culture and making new friends. Whilst here, she would like to participate in diving, surfing, playing the piano if possible. She describes herself as open minded and friendly and family would add that she easy going and enjoys a laugh.

Alice is a 16 year old Italian student who enjoys studying, going to the gym and spending time with her family and friends. Alice has already spent time abroad in Ireland and England and loves to travel. She is looking forward to coming to Australia to integrate with locals and learn about the culture. Whilst here, she would like to play sport, go to the beach and see a few different Australian cities.

18 year old Japanese student, Ayane, is looking forward to understanding the Australian culture and hopes to share a little about Japan and even cook “washoku”, for her host family and new friends. Ayane describes herself as cheerful and loves telling jokes, whilst her friends tell her they are never bored whilst in her company.

Savannah or Savv to her friends is a 16 year old student from the USA who is looking forward to challenging herself by moving to Australia and embracing the culture. Savannah says that she is adventurous but cautious and values honesty, respect and kindness. Her parents describe her as responsible, positive and mature. Savannah is looking forward to making new friends and hopes to snorkel, go to the zoo and see museums whilst here.

You can view more profiles of students arriving soon from our website. Please note that this is just a handful of the students who will be arriving. If families would like a selection of student profiles sent to them to review and decide which student may fit into their family best, please contact us or reply to this email.

The Stuart family were thrilled to have Danish student Simon stay with them for 8 months. As commented by host mum Victoria, “it has been a fantastic experience. Simon has been an awesome role model to our two young children, he has been like an older brother to them.” Victoria continues, “the experience has benefited us too, as it has allowed us to have greater free time and flexibility as a family. I was very impressed with Simon, as within the first couple of days he was here, he asked what should his chores be?”

The Stuart family talk about their hosting experience further and discuss the ups and downs of hosting, why they hosted and the benefits of being a volunteer host parent. Please check out their video here. You can also watch a selection of videos of the Cain family from our host family testimonials page on our website.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If your students, families or language teachers have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, they can respond to this email, call our office on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to their family. No obligation.

Yours sincerely,
Sandra Harders
Hosting Coordinator

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