



Term 1 - Week 4



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Acknowledgement to Country

On behalf of the students, staff and the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of Dapto High School, we would like to acknowledge and pay our respect to the Wodi Wodi and Dharawal people of the Five Islands Dreaming as they are the traditional custodians of this beautiful country on whose land we stand on today.

We pay our respects to our Elders past, present and future and invite you to share and listen to the stories of our rich and resilient culture.

As members of Dapto High School's community, it is our responsibility to explore, inspire and create a sense of belonging.

We acknowledge the local Dreaming Stories that are intertwined in our history from Mullet Creek to the mountains that surround our school and Lake Illawarra that continues to provide gifts, food, tools and ceremonies that still thrive today.

Click here for Video: [Acknowledgment to Country](#)

From the principal

It has been a wonderful start for all our students in 2024 and they are to be congratulated on the mature, settled and engaged approach they have taken to their learning. As a school, we maintain a steadfast focus on our core business of teaching and learning, particularly around literacy and numeracy skills. As parents we appreciate that your kids are often reluctant to give much insight into their day at school (other than "it was ok"), but if you scratch a bit deeper and ask "what was something you learned today?" (and persist when you receive the inevitable answer of "nothing") then I am confident the kids will have some wonderful anecdotes to share.

Our Year 12 students on the HSC journey have been provided a new initiative of support in 2024, with each student able to choose a member of staff to be their *HSC Mentor*. This relationship provides individual support to students from their experienced teachers, many of whom have been there for countless HSC's over the years. The initiative has been implemented by **Ms Wall**, HSIE teacher and Year 10 Year Adviser, who has allocated mentors and provided some guidelines to shape conversations. We hosted a "Meet your Mentor" Morning Tea last week and I know mentoring sessions have commenced. Parents of Year 12 are encouraged to ask your son or daughter who their mentor is, and if they did not complete the Google Form to be allocated one, please encourage them to reach out to Ms Wall as it is never too late!

Tuesday the 13th of February was our annual Swimming Carnival which was held on the most stunning Summer's day, complete with mid-afternoon storm! The Carnival was an absolute success, with the vision of **Mr Neal** to create an inclusive day for all students an absolute masterstroke. The Sports Committee and teaching staff did a fabulous job of bringing this vision to life and the students in attendance were very well behaved and left with big smiles on their faces. Unfortunately, a number of students decided this was an optional day of attendance and they missed out on strengthening their connections with their peers and the school. I look forward to even more students enjoying the day in 2025!

On the topic of attendance, this is a significant focus area across NSW Education and here at Dapto High School. Attending school all day every day improves learning outcomes, as well as social and emotional health. Some statistics to note:

- just 1 day missed per fortnight (90% attendance rate) adds up to 5 full terms missed over their schooling life
- 30 minutes missed each day adds up to 18 days per year

In the first 15 school days of 2024 all of our students combined have:

- 1,790 whole days absent
- 150,918 minutes of partial absences, the equivalent of another 420 days

We understand that students get sick, have appointments and other justified absences, but we want to work together to ensure every student attends every minute they are able.



Coming Events

WEEK 5 A Week <i>Monday 26 February 2024</i>	WEEK 6 B Week <i>Monday 4 March 2024</i> HSC Music Encore Excursion	WEEK 7 A Week <i>Monday 11 March 2024</i> Peer Support Camp Regional Swimming Year 12 Geography Excursion	WEEK 8 B Week <i>Monday 18 March 2024</i> NAPLAN
<i>Tuesday 27 February 2024</i> Year 9 Top Blokes	<i>Tuesday 5 March 2024</i> Year 9 Top Blokes	<i>Tuesday 12 March 2024</i> Peer Support Camp IWD Brunch at BlueScope International Women's Day Brunch Year 9 Top Blokes	<i>Tuesday 19 March 2024</i> NAPLAN Women in Trade Workshop Year 9 Top Blokes
<i>Wednesday 28 February 2024</i> Zone Swimming Carnival Open Night	<i>Wednesday 6 March 2024</i>	<i>Wednesday 13 March 2024</i> Peer Support Camp NAPLAN	<i>Wednesday 20 March 2024</i> NAPLAN On Country Day with Aunty Shaz
<i>Thursday 29 February 2024</i> Men's Young Warriors Workshop Celebration Assembly	<i>Thursday 7 March 2024</i> Year Meetings	<i>Thursday 14 March 2024</i> NAPLAN	<i>Thursday 21 March 2024</i> Year Meetings NAPLAN Men's Young Warriors Workshop Swimming during Sport
<i>Friday 1 March 2024</i> Cleanup Australia Day	<i>Friday 8 March 2024</i> International Women's Day	<i>Friday 15 March 2024</i> NAPLAN	<i>Friday 22 March 2024</i> NAPLAN

Uniform Policy

School Uniform Policy

In line with the NSW Department of Education's *School Uniform* policy, Dapto High School has set the following school uniform requirements. Our uniform requirements promote a sense of belonging for students and create a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community.

Parents and caregivers are asked to fully support our uniform policy. Student Assistance is available to support families in purchasing school uniform items. The **School Clothing Pool** offers pre-loved uniform at minimal cost, please see office staff for assistance. Donations of pre-loved uniforms to the Office are greatly appreciated!

Junior Uniform (Years 7 – 10)

Dress: Tartan pattern with maroon tie.
Skirt: Maroon tartan pleated style.
Cardigan: Grey button up.
Shirt: Maroon with gold piping polo shirt with gold embroidered 'DHS' crest.
Shorts: Plain black elastic waist with embroidered 'DHS', long and short length.
 Plain grey elastic waist OR fly and belt loop chino style, no embroidery.
Long Pants: Plain long black lined track pants with embroidered 'DHS' (microfibre fabric).
 Plain long grey elastic waist OR fly and belt loops, chino style, no embroidery.
Jacket: Maroon, zippered/fleece lined jacket with embroidered 'DHS' crest.

Senior Uniform (Years 11 and 12)

Dress: Tartan pattern with white tie.
Skirt: Maroon tartan style pleated.
Cardigan: Grey button up cardigan.
Blouse: White button front collared, maroon piping, embroidered 'Dapto High Senior'.
Polo Shirt: White polo shirt with maroon collar and embroidered school crest.
Shirt: White button front collared shirt, embroidered 'Dapto High Senior'.
Shorts: Plain black elastic waist with embroidered 'DHS', long and short length.
 Plain grey elastic waist OR fly and belt loop chino style, no embroidery.
Long Pants: Plain long black lined track pants with embroidered 'DHS' (microfibre fabric).
 Plain long grey elastic waist OR fly and belt loops, chino style, no embroidery.
Jacket: Maroon, zippered/fleece lined jacket with embroidered 'DHS' crest.

NOTE: Students may only wear their own senior 'hoodie' (that of the year they are in) and not one of an older relative or friend.

Sports Uniform (Years 7 – 11)

Shirt: Gold with maroon/white side panel polo shirt with embroidered 'Dapto'.
Shorts: Plain black elastic waist with embroidered 'DHS', long and short length.
Long Pants: Plain long black lined track pants with embroidered 'DHS' (microfibre fabric).

Uniform Availability

Uniform can be purchased at school from our Uniform Store, where EFTPOS facilities are available. Opening hours of the Uniform Store are:

Tuesday: 12.30pm-3.30pm Friday: 8.00am-11.00am

Online ordering is available at www.daylightsportswear.com/dapto Once an online order is ready you will be advised of instructions for pick up from the Office.

Additional Notes

- Items not unique to Dapto High School, or which do not bear 'DHS' embroidery, must be in the same style as those available at Daylight Sportswear (including no logos).
- Sports uniform to be worn on Thursday and for PE lessons.
- Students must wear full sports uniform and get changed if they require sport specific attire for Thursday sport e.g. OzTag shorts/tights.
- Tights, leggings, bike shorts and activewear are not part of the Dapto High School uniform, although tights/leggings are acceptable when worn with the dress.
- Jewellery should be appropriate and worn to comply with health and safety requirements. For example, no oversized hanging earrings.
- Hats with appropriate logos are encouraged for sun protection.
- School uniform must be worn daily to excursions, examinations and for publicity photos for the newsletter and social media.
- All items of clothing and equipment should be marked with student's name.
- Student Assistance is available through the Front Office for any student or family who requires financial support to purchase school uniform.
- If students are out of uniform parents/caregivers are asked to provide a note of explanation for students to present at Roll Call.
- If students are persistently out of uniform, it will result in an appropriate and fair disciplinary response.
- Representative sport, AIME, Top Blokes and Young Women's Program hoodies are allowed.

Uniform Transition

Fleeced track pants are being phased out and will not be considered uniform from 2025.

Muti Days

- Covered leather or leather like shoes must be worn.
- No midriff tops, active wear shorts/tights or inappropriate short clothing. No singlet tops.
- PE uniform must be worn to PE lessons on muti days.

Footwear

Shoes must be covered or lace up leather or leather like offering protection in line with Health and Safety requirements. Plain black is preferred.

Rise

Our RISE values are important for maintaining a positive environment and guiding our actions at the school. With the front of the school being a bustling area, the Dapto High Community all work together to ensure a safe and smooth arrival process for students. Our entire community collectively contributes to our wellbeing and safety.



Pedestrians



1 - Pedestrian Access



2 - Front Lawn - and Turning Circle No Pedestrian Access



3 - Speed Hump and Crossing - Dismount Bikes / Scooters



4 - Public Path - Keep Left

R- Use designated walkways and access points to safely navigate traffic

I – Keep everyone safe and traffic flowing smoothly by moving in and out of the school promptly

S- Dismount bikes and scooters when on school premises

E- Allow members of the public space to share pathways

Drivers



5 - Vehicle Entry - 10Km/hr



6 - Drop Off Lane to the Left



7 - Staff Car Park - Authorised Vehicle Access Only



8 - Shared Car Park - Allow Exit for All Cars

R – When entering and exiting the school drivers respect each other’s right of way and park in designated areas only

I – Senior students, families and staff model responsible and safe driving

S – Follow the 10km/hr limit and use the drop off lane appropriately

E – Students, families and staff work together to get all students to and from school on time

Swimming Carnival

Dapto High School held their annual swimming carnival at Dapto Olympic Pool on the 13th of February 2024. Before a late storm, it was a warm day full of sunshine allowing a large and enthusiastic number of students to enjoy the action both in and out of the pool.

Year 12 students in their “80’s Retro” Theme provided colour and a vibrant atmosphere which led to a happy and pleasant day for all students and staff. Our AIM for the day was to create numerous opportunities for students to enhance their skills and enjoy themselves in the water. The program was full of activities including - proficiency swim tests / competitive events / novelty noodle races / captain ball relays and the famous Lane 9 swim for each year group.

Congratulations to the following age champions:

- 12yrs – **Alissa H** and **David W**
- 13yrs – **Sienna W** and **Beau S**
- 14yrs – **Sophia W** and **Thomas O**
- 15yrs – **Tillahnee B / Ashleigh F** and **Logan S**

· 16yrs – **Sienna F** and **Mitchell G**

· 17yrs+ – **Emi B** and **Jacobus B**

Record Breaker:

Congratulations to **Logan S** who beat a 17 year old record (2007) in the 15 Boys 50m Butterfly (32.62 seconds). He is a fine young swimmer who came first in a total of SIX events.

Great effort and Congratulations to all Swimmers

House Competition:

The House competition was fierce with points being added from participation and competitive events. Well done to all members of Wongawilli on this fantastic result.

1st - Wongawilli

2nd - Nebo

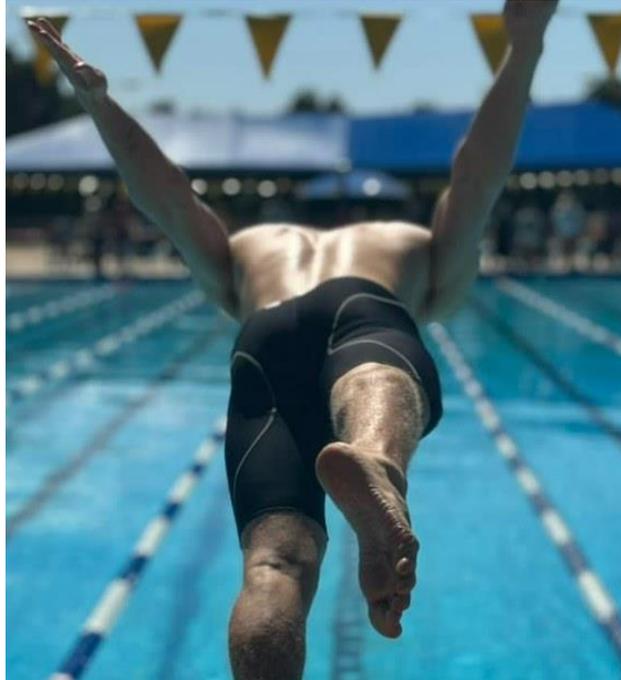
3rd - Avondale

4th - Huntley

A big thank you to all staff and students who all ensured a very fun, safe and successful Swimming Carnival for 2024.

Good Luck to all competitors at the Zone Swimming Carnival which will be held at Dapto Olympic Pool on Wednesday the 28th of February.

Yours in Swimming – **Mr Neal** (PDHPE)







DHS Breakfast Club thanks our community

Thank you' to Dapto Coles and Dapto Baker's Delight, and to Food Bank, for their continued generosity which helps run our weekly breakfast club. Dapto High School appreciates their valuable support.

Breakfast Club is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00am - 8:30am

Thank you

Carnival Dates 2024

SWIMMING

Zone Swimming – Tuesday 27th Feb – Dapto Pool

Regional Swimming – Monday 11th March – Dapto Pool

State Swimming – Mon 13th to Wed 15th May – Sydney SOC

CROSS COUNTRY

School Cross Country – Friday 12th April - Dapto High School

Zone Cross Country – Friday 10th May - Integral Energy Park

Regional Cross Country – Friday 14th June - Nowra

State Cross Country – Tuesday 23rd July – Eastern Creek

ATHLETICS

School Athletics – Friday 24th May – Dapto High School

Zone Athletics – Thursday 13th June – Beaton Park

Regional Athletics – Friday 9th August – Beaton Park

State Athletics – Wed 11th to Fri 13th Sept – Sydney SOC

Wollongong Youth Services



RAINBOW LEAGUE A social group + safe space for LGBTIQ+ young people. Mondays 4 - 8pm @ Wollongong Youth Centre	FRIDAY NIGHT FUN Movies, cooking, arts + craft! A space to cook, try new meals, be creative + hang out with friends. Check out our socials for details. Fridays @ Wollongong Youth Centre	CRAFTS + CHAT Come and try new art + craft mediums including water colour, embroidery, clay + more. Fridays 3.30 - 5pm @ Wollongong Youth Centre	REHEARSAL SPACE Fully equipped sound proof music rehearsal room \$5pp for 2hr sessions - bookings essential. Tuesday, Thursday + Saturdays @ Wollongong Youth Centre
GIRL WORLD A fun program for multicultural young women aged 12 - 24. Arts + craft, talking, sports + presentations from other services. Wednesdays 3.30 - 5.30pm @ Wollongong Youth Centre	BUNDALEER CONNECT An area of sports, games + food. Get active, catch up with friends. Mondays 2 - 4.30pm @ Howard Fowles Park	DUNGEONS + DRAGONS Come and play table top games in our Auditorium. Tuesdays 3.30 - 5.30pm @ Wollongong Youth Centre	HANG OUT Cozy lounge, WiFi, pool, table tennis, gaming + charging stations + more. Tuesdays 3 - 5pm Thursdays 3 - 8pm Saturdays 1 - 4pm @ Wollongong Youth Centre
PICNIC IN THE PARK Come along to connect with friends, make art, play games + share food at this free event for young people aged 12 to 24. Thursdays 5 - 7pm @ MacCubbe Park	ACTING UP Get involved in theatre sports, drama activities + performance. Gain skills + confidence in fun interactive activities. Wednesdays 3.30 - 5.30pm @ Wollongong Youth Centre	TEENZ CONNECT Learn new stuff + meet new people. A range of activities including games, resume writing, self care ideas + more for young people aged 12 - 18. Thursdays 2 - 4.30pm @ Warrimung Library	BUILD + CONNECT Come and try out our new program! A fun afternoon to connect with friends + build Lego creations. Tuesdays 3.30 - 5pm @ Dapto Library
TEAM IGNITE Boost the music + performance scene for young people. Learn skills in live promotion, event management + promotion. Thursdays 4 - 5.30pm @ Wollongong Youth Centre	ON STAGE Live music, performances, open mic + workshops. Check out our socials for details. Thursdays 6pm @ Wollongong Youth Centre	GOT A QUESTION? Chat to our youth workers. They take time to listen, understand + provide info + help you explore your options. Drop by, give us a call or DM our socials @ Wollongong Youth Centre	SPECIAL EVENTS 2 Full - New Band Jam! 11 - 22 Apr - Youth Week! 23 Apr - Wollongong Youth Awards

For more info DM our socials or call 4227 8222
Activities are free, supervised & for ages 12-24 years
(some activities specified)



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Sunday 18th February 2024

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Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers Workshop

Join us for a free online workshop for parents, carers and supervisors of learner drivers. During the session, you'll get practical advice about:

- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the Learner Driver Log Book

- Learner and Provisional licence laws
- How to encourage safe driving behaviours
- Younger driver issues
- The Safer Drivers course
- Lots of tips to help the supervising driver and learner.

Learn Safe

Learner drivers do not have to attend, but are welcome to take part if they're interested. Please make sure you book a separate ticket for each person attending. Please register for this session on Eventbrite. For more information, call us on (02) 4227 7111 or email our Road Safety Officer.



Free Learner Driver Special Event

The very popular *Ultimate Learner Log Book Run Experience* is back and is bigger and better than ever in 2024!

!!!! THIS EVENT IS FREE – NO COST TO LEARNERS AND THEIR SUPERVISORS !!!!

This joint program with Wollongong City, Shellharbour City and Kiama Councils is aimed to encourage safer and more proficient young drivers.

Could you please advertise this in your e-newsletter and social media.

Please click on the link to access online registration.

<https://forms.office.com/r/kBM2Vdzgr8>



THE ULTIMATE L LEARNER LOG BOOK RUN

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024
8.30AM ARRIVAL | 8.45AM START | 2.30PM FINISH

Start / Finish at Lake Illawarra PCYC | Morning tea and lunch provided

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- Driver reviver
- Fire rescue
- Road safety personal experience
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- Reverse parking tuition
- Project U-turn - Understanding the dangers of driving through flood waters
- Sharing the road with heavy vehicles

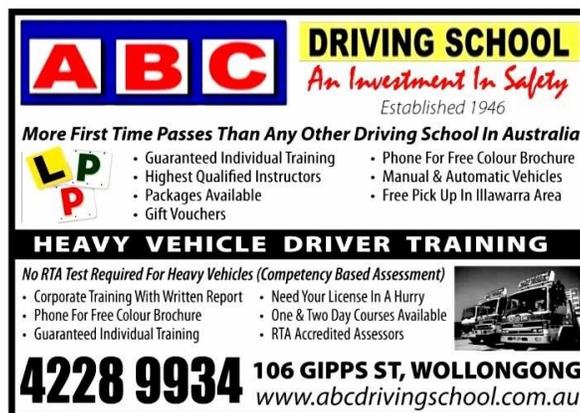
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PCYC Lake Illawarra run Safer Driver Courses for Learner Driver programs from 3 different locations, Lake Illawarra, Kiama and Dapto.

Participants may be eligible to get a discounted rate for this course if they meet the below criteria.

The Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Disadvantaged Learner initiative is available to Learners who:

- Hold a valid Centrelink Pension Concession or Health Care card in the Learner's name
- Are in Out of Home Care (OOHC) or
- Are a current, or former, participant in the TfNSW Driver Licensing Access Program (DLAP)

Learners seeking access under the Disadvantaged Learner Initiative must meet the SDC eligibility criteria of:

- Hold a valid NSW Learner licence
- Be under 25 years old
- Have completed a minimum of 50 Logbook hours (excluding any credit hours gained under the Structured Professional Lesson (3 for 1) Scheme)

Eligible Learners enrolling under the Disadvantaged Learner Initiative will be able to attend the Safer Drivers Course at no cost. Learners must complete the TfNSW Concession Application and applications must be made in person at your local PCYC. Your enrolment in your selected Safer Drivers Course will be confirmed once your case is lodged with TfNSW.

All of the above pathways lead to the 20 hour Logbook credit for all Learners under 25.

Reduce your log book by 20 hours with PCYC NSW

PCYC is an accredited provider of the Transport for NSW Safer Drivers Course.

The safer drivers course involves two modules.

Module 1

A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of 12 participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

Module 2

A two-hour, in vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach.

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