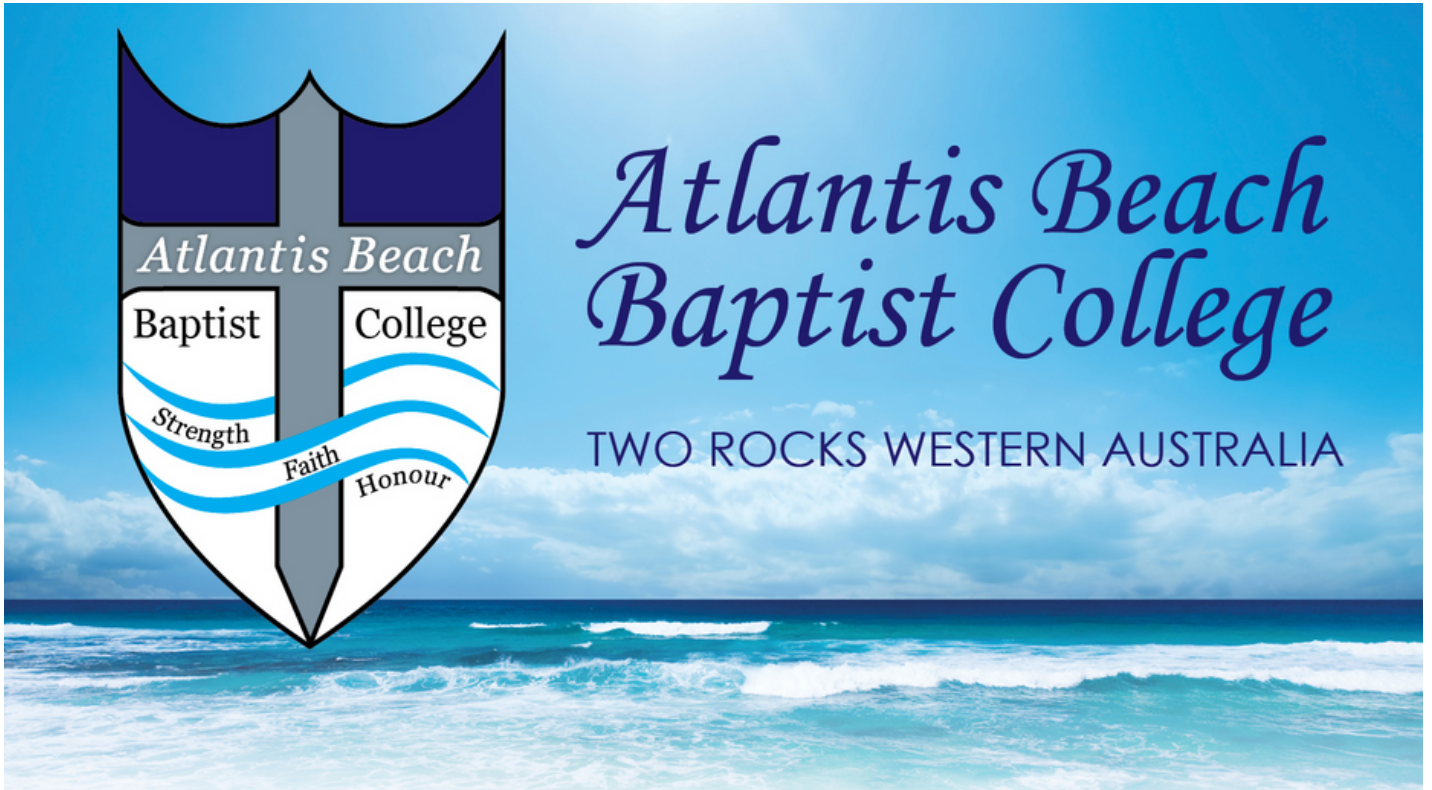


NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2024



*Atlantis Beach
Baptist College*

TWO ROCKS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Principal's Message to Parents

Grace...

Grace is a confronting concept when you think about it. It requires the grace-giver to sacrificially forgo their rights for vengeance, harm, offence, retaliation when wronged and instead offer forgiveness and even blessing in its place. This is tough, especially for the innocent party who has rightful feelings of hurt or injustice. But are there any other options? We could choose bitterness, anger, revenge, retaliation etc when wronged but these can only serve to exacerbate the issues, perpetuate hate and often do more harm for the person who holds on to them than the intended recipient. A wise person once said that 'bitterness is the pill that we swallow, hoping that the other person will die'. While it is rightful and helpful to seek justice through legitimate means, a personal posture of grace, although difficult, seems like the only real path for personal peace and fulfillment.

So where does that leave us? The message of Easter according to the bible is a message of grace. It quite simply tells us that Jesus took all of our wrongs and faults on himself, even though he was perfect. Not only this, he came back to life after three days to offer us a fresh start and eternal life.

In the book of Ephesians, it says that 'God saved you by his grace when you believed and you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.'

This Easter I wonder what difference just a little more grace might make for us personally and for our community at ABBC?

Have a safe and happy break this Easter.

What's Inside

- Principal's Message to Parents
- Meeting the Chaplain
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Chaplain Marilize Basson



Good day everyone,

My name is Marilize (Mrs B to the students) and I am the Chaplain at ABBC. This is my 3rd Year at Atlantis Beach Baptist and I love every second of being part of this wonderful school.

My role as the Chaplain is to provide social, emotional, mental and well-being support wherever it is required. I work with students, teachers and parents in meeting the needs that arise in their daily lives. This is demonstrated through being always available when a child or adult needs to talk, providing pastoral care (encouragement and support), running life skills programs and equipping students with strategies and tools. Students can access Chaplain support by letting either myself, a teacher or Mrs Brock in the front office know. Parents can also make a request for their child/ren to see me by contacting me directly. If you do have any questions or concerns, you can also send me an email directly at mbasson@abbc.wa.edu.au.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of you better and working together to have an awesome year at ABBC.

Office Holiday Opening Hours

Week 1: April 1-5

Monday: Closed for Public Holiday

Tuesday: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Wednesday: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Thursday: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Week 2: April 8-12

Monday – Friday: Closed





Atlantis Beach Baptist College

Term Dates 2024

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STAFF AND STUDENTS

Administration Office is open from Monday 15 January

Term 1	Term starts	Term ends
STUDENTS	Wednesday 31 January	Thursday 28 March
STAFF	Thursday 25 January	Thursday 28 March
Public Holidays Australia Day – Friday 26 January Labour Day – Monday 4 March Good Friday – Friday 29 March (during term break) Easter Monday – Monday 1 April (during term break)		

9 Week Term: 41 pupil days x 320 mins per day = 13 120 mins

Term 2	Term starts	Term ends
STUDENTS	Monday 15 April	Thursday 27 June
STAFF	Monday 15 April	Friday 28 June
Public Holidays ANZAC Day – Thursday 25 April Western Australia Day – Monday 3 June		

11 Week Term: 52 pupil days x 320 mins = 16 640 mins

Term 3	Term starts	Term ends
STUDENTS	Monday 15 July	Thursday 19 September
STAFF	Monday 15 July	Friday 20 September
Public Holidays Queen's Birthday – Monday 30 September (during term break)		

10 Week Term: 49 pupil days x 320 mins = 15 680 mins

Term 4	Term starts	Term ends
STUDENTS	Monday 7 October	Wednesday 4 December
STAFF	Monday 7 October	Tuesday 10 December

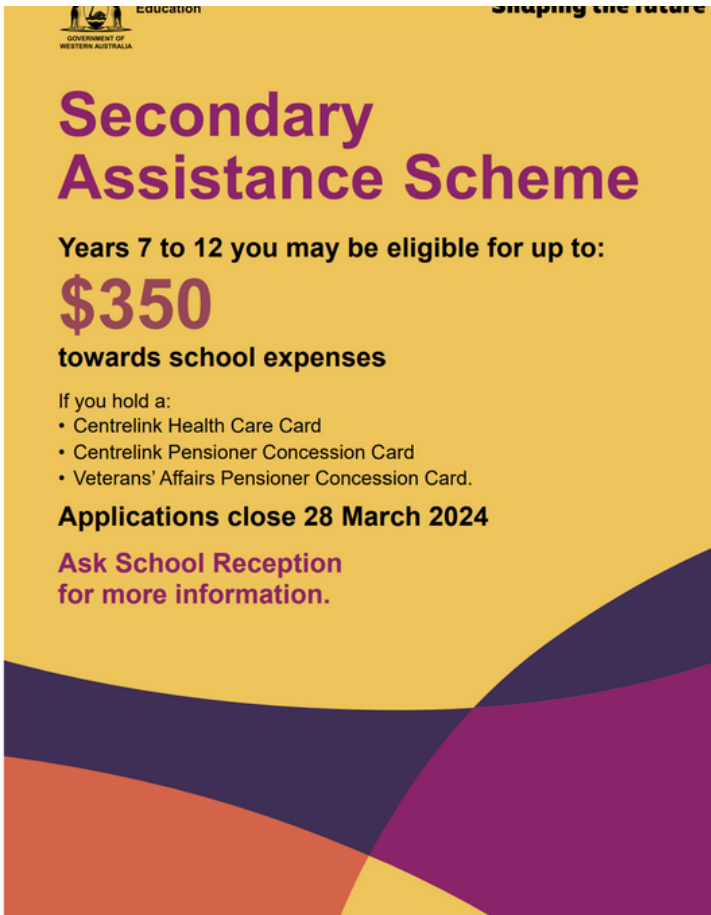
10 Week Term: 43 pupil days x 320 mins = 13 760 mins

Total Pupil Days: 185 days x 320 mins = 59 200 mins 986.67 hrs
Instruction time per day: 320 mins = 5 hrs and 20 minutes a day
AISWA Requirement: 981.7 hours

The office will be closed during the Christmas break as of Friday 13 December and will re-open Wednesday 15 January 2025.

Secondary Assistance Scheme Applications close 28 March 2024

Bring in a copy of your concession card and signed application.



Education
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Shaping the future

Secondary Assistance Scheme

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

\$350

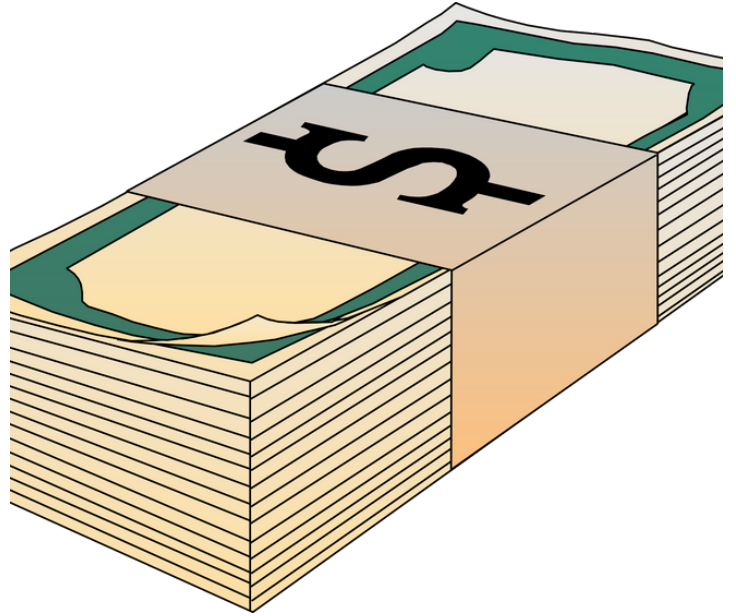
towards school expenses

If you hold a:

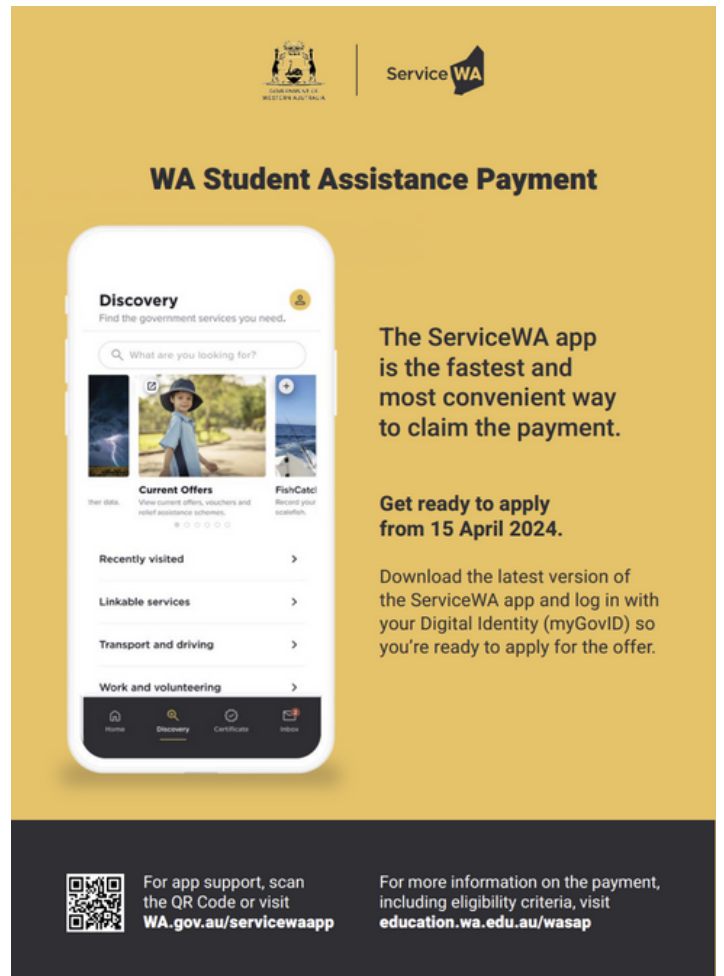
- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

Applications close 28 March 2024

Ask School Reception for more information.



WA STUDENT ASSISTANCE PAYMENT FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS



GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA | Service WA

WA Student Assistance Payment

Discovery
Find the government services you need.

What are you looking for?

Current Offers
View current offers, vouchers and related assistance schemes.

FishCat!
Record your catches.

Recently visited >

Linkable services >

Transport and driving >

Work and volunteering >

Home | Discovery | Certificate | More

The ServiceWA app is the fastest and most convenient way to claim the payment.

Get ready to apply from 15 April 2024.

Download the latest version of the ServiceWA app and log in with your Digital Identity (myGovID) so you're ready to apply for the offer.

For app support, scan the QR Code or visit [WA.gov.au/servicewaapp](https://www.wa.gov.au/servicewaapp)

For more information on the payment, including eligibility criteria, visit [education.wa.edu.au/wasap](https://www.education.wa.edu.au/wasap)

Term 1 Parent Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

Join us and Elevate Education for FREE 60-minute webinars designed to help you support your child's studies at home.

Click here to Register

In Term 1 we'll cover:

1. **How to Get (And Keep) Your Child Motivated**
- 14th February @6:30
2. **How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time**
- 28th February @6:30
3. **How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)**
- 13th March @6:30
4. **How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory**
- 27th March @6:30



Elevate Education

<https://go.elevateeducation.com/auschoolwebinars>

Swimming

Swimming Lessons 2024!

Beneath the waters blue and cool, the PrePrimary's learn at swimming school
The oysters trot, the lobsters prance, the dolphins come to join the dance
We've splished and splashed, and shared the fun, underneath the golden sun
Our time in the ocean was over too soon, precious memories have been made at Yanchep Lagoon!

Poem inspired by Mrs. Otway & Mrs. Tichborne

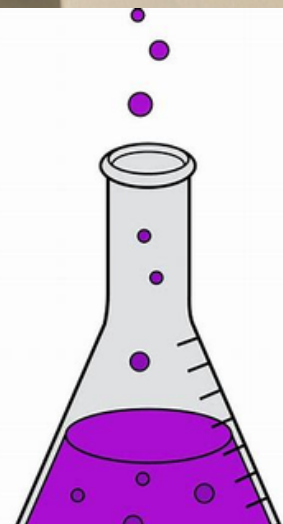
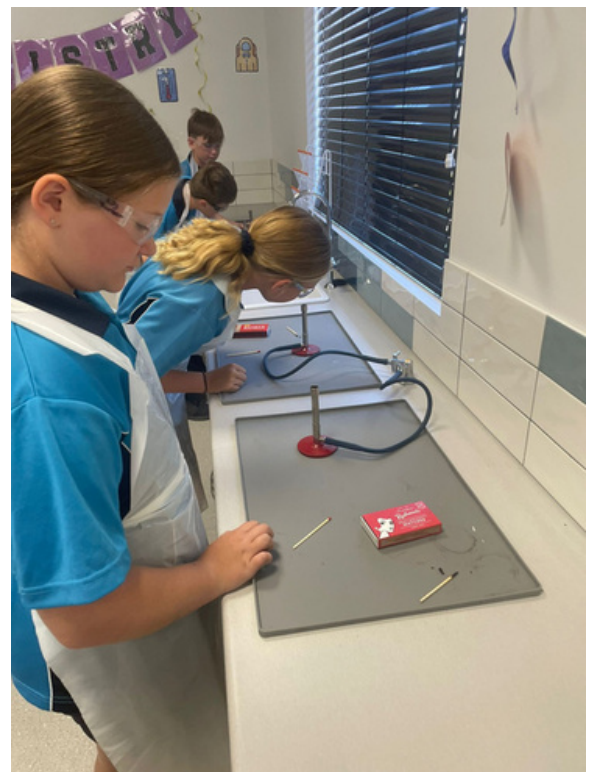


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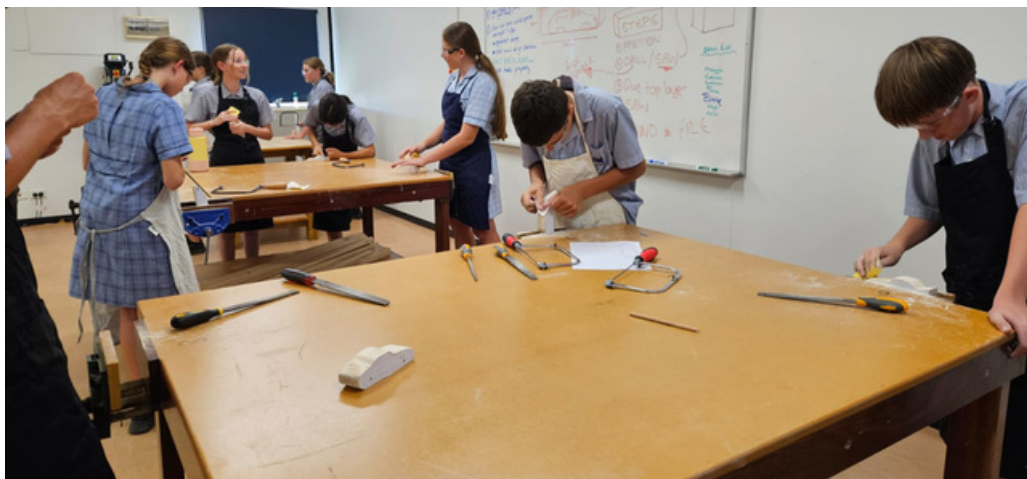
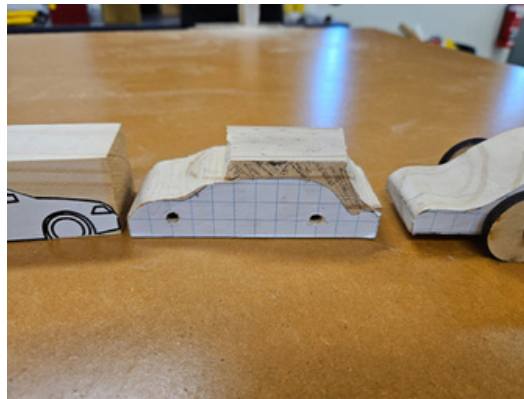
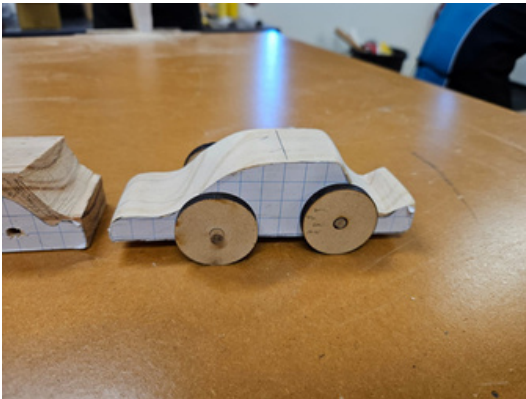


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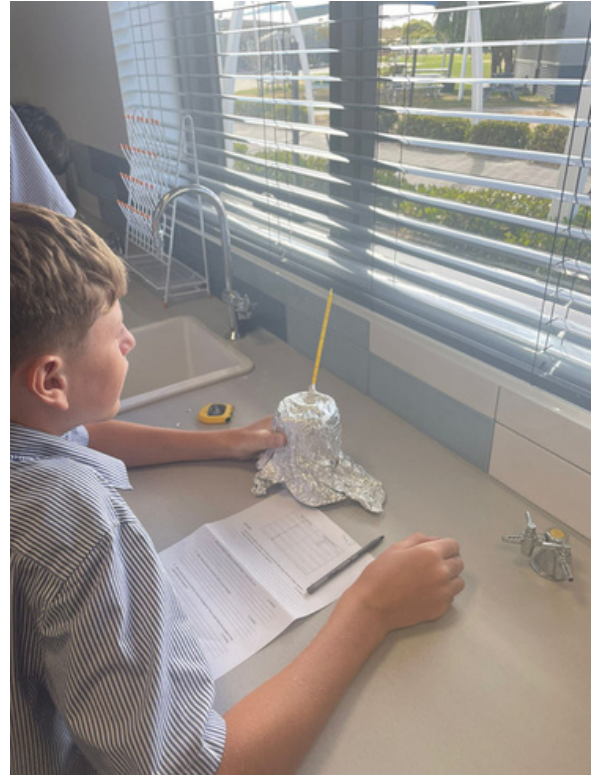




YEAR 7.2 Race Car



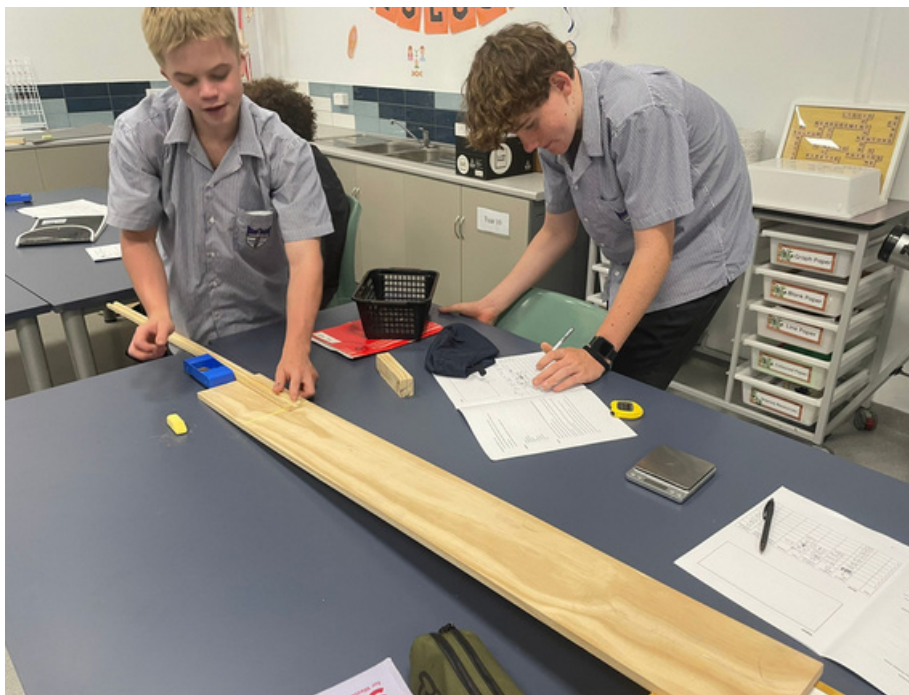
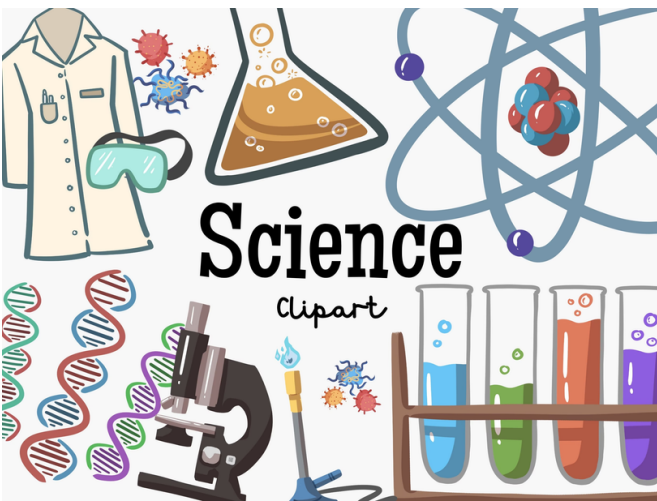
YEAR 9 SCIENCE



YEAR 8 Digital Technologies



YEAR 10 SCIENCE...





Year 10 snapshot

Year 10 snapshot

English:

The students came across the word "sussuration" in their novel and they are discovering aspects of humanity in a grand allegory called "Lord of the Flies"!

Maths:

In Math the students have been concentrating on their Algebra skills which includes operations with algebraic fractions, substitution, index laws and surds (I think it is exciting but not sure anyone would agree with me).

Health:

This Term in Health, the students have covered Rights Responsibilities, Strengths Characteristics and Values.

Hass:

The students have been learning of global warming and the extent of the human footprint on our environment. Aspects such as land, air and water pollution has been explored, and the effect that has on the human and animal populations. Changes due to human interference has been looked at, but also the natural processes along the coast and how human involvement can speed it up.

Lastly, we are delving into human wellbeing and the measurement, levels and perception of it across the globe.

Digi tech:

This term, our focus in Digital Technologies is Python Coding. Students are learning the fundamentals of programming through Python, exploring concepts like variables, loops, and functions. The culmination of their learning will be the creation of a text-based adventure game, where they will apply their coding skills to design and develop an interactive narrative. Through this project, students will enhance their problem-solving abilities and computational thinking skills.

Media:

This term in Media Studies, students are delving into the art of filmmaking. They're learning the essential techniques of storytelling through visual media, including shot composition, editing, and narrative structure. The final project entails creating a montage scene that reflects their personal interests, allowing them to showcase their creativity and mastery of cinematic elements. Through this process, students develop valuable communication skills and gain a deeper understanding of the language of film.

Science:

The year 10's have kicked off the year exploring the concepts of physics. They have had opportunities to test the relationship between kinetic and potential energy through real life applications and had an insight into the world of motion. Class discussions have involved ideas surrounding acceleration and velocity, allowing the students to further understand car safety and other real world applications.

Physical Education:

P.E classes so far have centred around basketball skills, focusing on ball control and hand-eye coordination which can be transferred across a plethora of life skills. The year 10's have enjoyed moments of competition while showing maturity in the way they interact with one another during gameplay. They have now moved into the world of cricket where they will continue to improve on their manipulative skills.

Meet our SPORTS CAPTAINS



Milly H
Kobi N
Kelly-Anne S
Tyler K and
Riley B



SPORT



Did you know that every purchase you make on Book Club earns our school 15% of the order value in Scholastic Rewards? We use these to purchase more books and educational resources for the school. It all helps!

Book Club rewards your School!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school 15% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



Families order from Book Club.



The school earns Scholastic Rewards.



The school redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources.

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

FREE program for children 6-12yr and families on how to create healthy habits!



FREE Resources



Department of Health

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www.betterhealthprogram.org/wa



CADETS

Two Rocks YES Cadet Unit is based at ABBC and meets every Wednesday evening during the school term. Our Cadets are aged from 11-18 years and receive training from all branches of the emergency services. This develops their values of duty, loyalty & service to the community.

We are governed by the Department of Fire & Emergency Services and our Cadets are given the opportunity to acquire skills & knowledge about the role & functions of WA's various emergency service agencies.

Our fees are kept to a minimum with ongoing fundraising – more information is available in our brochure (available from ABBC).

Parent Opportunities



Dear Parents

Research shows that educational outcomes are improved for children when schools and parents proactively and constructively work together. At Atlantis Beach Baptist College we invite you to consider a range of opportunities for involvement, either as part of an organising committee or as a participant.

The Fathering Project

The Fathering Project is an opportunity for Primary School fathers and father figures to spend time with their own children and other dads in a supportive and relaxed environment. It typically consists of one fun event/activity per term with some good encouragement thrown in. We are looking for any fathers and father figures who might be interested in joining the planning committee.

Mum Focus

Across the year we hope to run a series of events for mums. These social events are designed to encourage connectivity with other mums and inspiration for the parenting journey. We are looking for any mums who might be interested in joining the planning committee.

Nature Focus

The College campus extends both to the north and east of the current fence lines and incorporates a lovely area of bushland. Over the coming year we would like to utilise this space for educational purposes, supporting a range of topics such as environmental and indigenous studies. To help facilitate this, we need to establish some pathways and learning areas that help students engage with the natural environment sustainably and safely. We are looking for any parents who may be interested in helping with the practical work of establishing the learning spaces. This includes rubbish removal, weeding and general works. We are also looking for parents who may be able to help with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle as the money raised will contribute to the installation of a gate and pathways into this area.

Fete/Open Day

Later in the year we hope to run a Fete/Open Day. The purpose of the day is to highlight all the great things happening at the College and build our community. We'd love to hear from you if interested in either setting up your own stall or assisting as a part of the organising committee.

How to Get Involved?

To let us know you're willingness to help organise and contribute any of the opportunities noted please complete this 1 minute survey – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCPSR3Q>

If you'd like to be involved in any of the events/activities associated with these groups look out for the invitations and promotional information.





Volunteers NEEDED

27 APRIL 2024

22 Lower Keys Dr, Clarkson WA 6030




We need help with

- cooking
- serving
- payments
- set-up and pack-up

join with us

If you are available to volunteer and support please contact event coordinator Kira Findlay with your availability.

 kfindlay@abbc.wa.edu.au

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Japanese Exchange Student Visit

On July 25th, Atlantis Beach Baptist College will welcome a group of Year 10-12 Japanese students from Hiroshima Gion Kita High School, Hiroshima, for a 7-night cultural exchange. The visit presents an exciting opportunity for our school community as it invites both those visiting and those hosting to explore culture in a very real and interesting way. For the visiting Japanese students, staying with a local family is the highlight of their visit and a chance for them to experience the Aussie way of life. This simple act of kindness creates lifelong memories like no other.

GOLD Educational Tours, the organiser of the upcoming visit, is inviting families who are keen to be involved to get in touch and register their interest to host a student. Families who sign up will receive \$350 to help cover expenses and have access to 24/7 support throughout their stay. If you would be willing to welcome a student into your home, please register your interest via the link, or call 6150 3759 / 0482 076 423. <https://www.goldil.com.au/atlantis-hiroshima>

CONGRATULATIONS

Harrie Kuhn is Western Australia's SILVER medalist for Triple Jump under 15 boys!

We are so proud of him!

He has been selected for the Senior State Team heading to Nationals to compete on 17th April - 20th April.

He has also been selected for the Little Athletics State Team heading to Nationals to compete on 25th April - 29th April.

Harry was selected to represent Australia at the International Athletics Championship in July in Malaysia!!!



Communication with the College

**We love to get feedback from the ABBC Community.
Should you have any general feedback you wish to
communicate, please email Administration**

**Breakwater Drive
Two Rocks WA 6037**

Phone: +61 8 9544 3000

Fax: +61 8 9544 3099

**Email:
admin@abbc.wa.edu.au**

ABSENTEES

Please either call or email



Early Discharges

**If you need to collect a student early from the College for an appointment, please
email the teacher and student services.**

PAYING OF SCHOOL FEES IN 2024 – DIRECT DEBIT

**A reminder that if there are any changes to the frequency or bank account details that
you have previously provided the school with from which your annual, semester, termly
or monthly payments are made, please notify the College as soon as possible**

Direct Debits will continue to be made as follows:

- 1 payment on 20th February**
- 2 equal payments on 20th of February and July**
- 4 equal payments on 20th of February, April, July and October**
- 10 equal payments on the 20th of each month February to November**

