



# MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 2020

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Term Two**

#### **WEEK 9**

**June 22nd to July 3rd**

*Yr11 Work Placements*

#### **WEEK 10**

**June 29th to July 3rd**

*Yr 11 Exams*

**June 30th**

*Yr8 French Film at MR Heart*

**July 3rd**

*LAST DAY OF TERM 2*

### **Term Three**

#### **WEEK 1**

**July 20th (Monday)**

*Staff PD Day (Student Free Day)*

**July 21st (Tuesday)**

*Students Commence Term 3*

**July 22nd—August 7th**

*Transition Primary Sch. Visits*

**July 23rd**

*Yr10 Careers Parent Night*

#### **WEEK 2**

**July 28th**

*Study Skill Workshop*

#### **WEEK 3**

**August 3rd**

*HOLA recommendations*

**August 4th**

*EVATT trophy*

**August 7th**

*Jeans for Genes Day*

#### **WEEK 4**

**August 10th—28th**

*Yr 10 Subject Counselling*

**August 10th to 28th**

*OLNA Yr 9*

**August 14th**

*Leavers Day*

## **Principal's Address**

The rush that comes at the end of Second Term has once again caught up with us. It has been an extremely unusual and challenging term and I would like to thank parents for the support and encouragement they have provided the staff at MRSHS.

Year 7,8 9 and 10 Semester 1 reports will soon be sent home to parents this term with the Year 11 and 12 reports sent early in Term 3. Due to the disruption caused by COVID-19 the reports will contain the following information:

Year 7 -10 – Reports will contain a comment and attributes only.

Year 11 – A full report will be provided.

Year 12 – The report will be a statement of results.

These reports provide parents and students a good indication of their academic progress through the first half of 2020. I encourage parents to review the reports with their children, highlighting and celebrating areas of success and examining areas where improvements can be made. I also encourage parents to contact the teachers of their children, to work together, to ensure all students reach their potential at Margaret River Senior High School.

I would like to thank the Margaret River SHS P and C for their financial support in providing funds for the school to install a video wall into our school gymnasium. This is a significant financial outlay by the P and C and will result in the school being able to provide additional learning and reward opportunities for students in the gymnasium.

We are currently working on our timetable for 2021. Mr Chris Buckland has visited all feeder primary schools and presented enrolment packages in Term 1 to students who have indicated that in 2021 they will attend Margaret River SHS in Year 7. If there are any parents who are yet to enrol their children, I would encourage them to do so as this will enable us to formalise offerings for this year group for next year. I thank parents for their assistance in this area.

At the beginning of 2020 I wrote to parents outlining the drop off and pick up zones for students, as a result of roadworks. The procedures put in place for this time period are now going to be our standard set of procedures. Students pick up and drop off for parents is at the South of the school, in our new carpark situated adjacent to the MREC building. This enables parents to enter the carpark through the north entry off Bussell Highway and exit through the South exit onto Bussell Highway. Student parking is also in this carpark area. Parents can drop off their children, in the morning, in the bus bays in front of the school. The carparks adjacent to the Administration Building are for staff only parking. We appreciate parents cooperation in making pick up and drop off safe for our students.

I would like to remind parents that the school uniform is compulsory. I thank parents for their support in this area so far in 2020. Parents can access information in relation to the school uniform from either the front administration office or via our website: [www.margaretrivershs.wa.edu.au](http://www.margaretrivershs.wa.edu.au).

**Andrew Host**  
Principal



## Financial Information

For the remainder of Term 2, we have suspended any debt recovery actions for outstanding charges and fees as we are sensitive to the added financial, emotional and health pressures currently being experienced by students and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This includes delaying the issue of statements for amounts owing. If you would you like to know your current balance, please ring 9757 0700.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and cannot pay your school fees please contact me via email:

[Cristina.oliveira@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Cristina.oliveira@education.wa.edu.au)

If you would like to direct deposit your payment to the school, the details are as follows:

BSB Number: 016 - 520      Account Number: 108 388 617

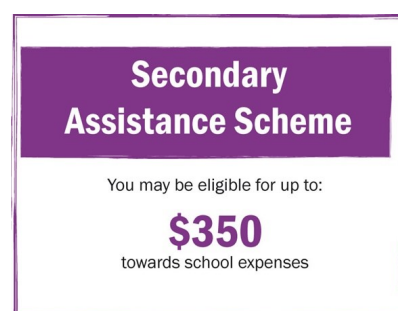
Please include the student's name as the reference.

You may also contact the front office and pay with Credit Card over the phone on 9757 0700.

**The Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS)** is to assist low income families with secondary schooling costs for students in Years 7 to 12.

There has been a change to the eligibility and closing dates for the financial assistance for concession card holders as outlined below. You may be eligible for up to \$350 if you hold any of the following cards:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Veteran's Affair



It is made up of two allowances:

- the Education Program Allowance (EPA) – paid directly to the school.
- the Clothing Allowance (CLA) – paid to the applicant or the school.

**The closing date has been extended to 3 July 2020 (the end of Term 2).**

**Concession cards can be valid during Terms 1 or 2.**

We are also now able to accept emailed applications with attached scans or photographs of front and back of the concession card. Please see the link below to the application form. <https://www.margaretrivershs.wa.edu.au/enrolments/financial-information>

**Cristina Oliveira**

Manager Corporate Services

## Position Vacancy—Casual Cleaners Wanted

We currently have vacancies available for Casual Cleaners. Morning and/or afternoon shifts are available. Employees will be required to:

- ✓ Obtain a current Department of Education Criminal Record Clearance prior to commencement of employment
- ✓ Obtain or hold a current Working with Children Check

If you are looking for casual cleaning hours, please contact:

**Mike Lennon – Cleaner in Charge** on 0405 199 603





# Information to Parents

## STUDENT SERVICES, WHO ARE WE?



Student Services is located to the Northern end of the school, near the school crossing on the Bussell Highway.

The team at Student Services are committed to providing our school community a safe and supportive environment where members have the right to be respected and have a responsibility to respect each other. This is demonstrated by our support to student wellbeing including physical, social, intellectual and emotional development and promotion of a positive school environment.

Our team in student services is lead by Deputy Principal, Hetty Bogerd and includes a team of Administration Staff, Teaching Staff and Health and Wellbeing Staff whose aim it is to provide:

- Learning support
- Behaviour support management
- Attendance management
- Pastoral care
- Mentoring program
- Aboriginal and Islander Education support

Students and parents are requested to report directly to Student Services for assistance with all student matters such as dropping off students who are signing in late, picking up students who are departing early\* or if you would like to discuss any support services provided by our team by calling **ph. 9757 0745 or 9757 0795**.

\*Should students need to leave during the school day for any reason, a parent or guardian can use the below methods to notify the school. All students are required to sign out through the Student Services Office.

### How to inform us about your child's absence from school:

The education act requires parents/guardians to inform the school as to why their child is absent from school.

This can be done by one of 3 methods:

1. Sending a note to the form teacher with your child
2. Ringing Student Services on 9757 0745 or 9757 0795
3. Sending an email to [MargaretRiver.SHS.Absentees@Education.wa.edu.au](mailto:MargaretRiver.SHS.Absentees@Education.wa.edu.au)



Should you have any queries please contact me on 9757 0720.

**Hetty Bogerd**  
Deputy Principal

# Information to parents

## ADMINISTRATION, WHO ARE WE?

The schools Administration team act to manage the day-to-day financial and human resource aspects of school operations and also assists the principal in ensuring that the school meets its strategic, operational and financial objectives.

Our Administration is lead by school principal, Andrew Host and is supported by a team of Deputy Principals, Human Resources Manager, Manager Corporate Services, Operations Manager and School Officers, whose aim it is to work together to meet the schools ethos to ensure the academic, creative, social and personal potential of each student at MRSHS is developed to the highest possible level.

For queries relating school operations parents, students and public may contact the school Administration on **ph. 9757 0700** or email **[MargaretRiver.SHS@Education.wa.edu.au](mailto:MargaretRiver.SHS@Education.wa.edu.au)** or visit the main school Administration office which is located at 158 Bussell Highway. Any inquires welcome and may include but not limited to student subject changes, making appointments, new enrolments, school tours, payments including voluntary contributions and charges, excursions or other financial queries, contractor visits or public concerns.



## Mobile Phone Policy Reminder

The State Government announced a new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy that took effect in Term 1, 2020.

The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on airplane mode → during this period. The policy aims to reduce distractions in class and improve student engagement.

Please note the DOE Mobile Phone policy is in line with our current Margaret River Senior High School Mobile Phone policy. A copy of the MRSHS Mobile Phone policy can be accessed here: [www.margaretrivershs.wa.edu.au/download/15355/](http://www.margaretrivershs.wa.edu.au/download/15355/)

In the policy, secondary students are allowed to have their phones in their possession but must turn them off and keep them out of sight until the end of school. Exceptions are allowed for students who have approval to use a phone to monitor health conditions, or where teachers give students permission to use mobile phones for a specific purpose.

If your child needs to contact you or if you need to get a message to your child, they can do so through Student Services on ☎ **9757 0795 or 9757 0745**.

A poster from the Department of Education titled "OFF AND AWAY All day". The poster features a large smartphone graphic with a face that has closed eyes and a smile. Below the phone, there are four instructions with corresponding icons: 1. An airplane icon with the text "Switch your smart watch to flight mode." 2. A headphones icon with the text "Put away headphones and earbuds." 3. A telephone handset icon with the text "If you need to speak with your family please come to the school administration." 4. A green checkmark icon with the text "Only use it when a teacher says you can." The poster also includes the Department of Education logo at the top left and the text "Turn off your mobile phone and put it away during the school day." in the middle.

## Year 10 Information to Parents – Year 11 2021



This time of year is a busy time for the Year 10's as they start to think about their options for Upper School. Your young adults have been busy in Career IT exploring these options and possible pathway plans for their future transition from schooling.

In Term 3 we will have several important dates that will keep you informed of this process.

### **Week 1: Parent Night, 6pm Thursday 23rd July**

Thursday 23rd of July at 6pm we will have our first parent night in the School Auditorium. We will focus on the general components of Upper School and then break into ATAR and General/VET pathways. Each Year 10 Counsellor will be at this night to introduce themselves and answer any questions.

**NOTE:** Due to COVID restrictions an online booking system link will be sent out in Week 10 and it is **vital that all parents RSVP**.

### **Week 3: ATAR Pathway/Course HOLA Sign off**

In Week 3 students selecting an ATAR pathway or courses will need to get recommendations signed off by the appropriate HOLA.

### **Week 4—6: Year 10 Student and Parent subject counselling sessions**

In Week 4 – 6 each Year 10 student and an accompanying parent/guardian will be scheduled to have a counselling session with a staff member to make course selections and discuss their individual pathway planning. The Counsellor will call you during this time to make an appointment that is mutually agreeable.

This process will be ongoing over Semester Two and staff will be available to answer questions at any time. All course directed questions should go directly to their teacher or the HOLA of that area.

If you have any queries regarding this counselling process in the lead up to the counselling periods, please contact:

**ATAR/WACE course/subject counselling:** Kara Beecham ph. 9757 0707

**VET/TAFE course/subject counselling:** Michelle Miller ph. 9757 0777

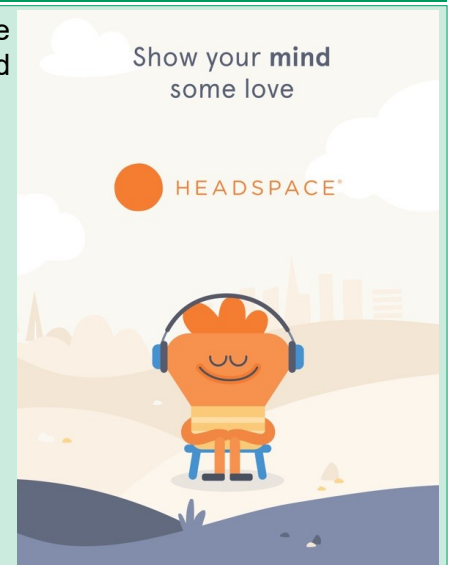
## Headspace Mindfulness



Year 11s and 12s were encouraged to use the HeadSpace Mindfulness app to help alleviate some of that stress around exams.

Year 11s have been participating in a series of Study workshops around the questions:

- What does study look like?
- How can I manage my time?
- What study strategies work best?
- What type of learner am I?

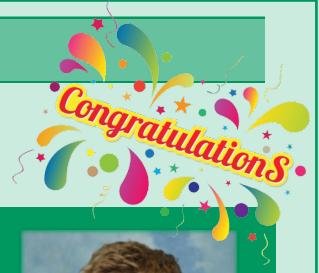




# Year 7 News

## YEAR 7 STUDENT COUNCIL

The selection process for the Year 7 Student Council has now been concluded. Based on the students' written ability, their interviews and the election, the following five Year 7 students have been invited into the 2020 Student Council:



**Mali Rosman**



**Nellie Lee**



**Tabitha  
Monaghan**



**Lyndi Sharwood**



**Willem Healy**

## YEAR 7 ASSEMBLY PRACTICE

Year 7 Form Representatives for Term 2 practising for our first Year Assembly since Covid-19 restrictions were introduced in March. I would like to thank all Year 7 form representatives for their ongoing hard work in completing mindfulness activities during this difficult time. They have represented their forms at the highest standard.



Congratulations to Renison Belbin (7.3), Mali Rosman (7.4), Nellie Lee (7.8), Kai De La Mare (7.9) and Lily Russell (7.10) on winning the endless card competition. I can not wait to see the video that Mr Joyce's form did with the Tick Tok challenge. Great work Year 7's.

**Chris Buckland**  
Yr 7 Coordinator



# Outdoor Education

## YEAR 11 BELAYING/ABSEILING/CLIMBING

On Friday 19th June, the Year 11 Outdoor Education students travelled to Wilyabrup Sea Cliffs to put their abseiling, climbing and safety belaying skills they have developed in class to the test in a natural and challenging environment. This is essential to provide the students with the opportunity to demonstrate competency in abseiling and single rope top-line belaying/ climbing and bottom-line belaying.

A series of climbs and an abseils (all with belay systems where students provide the necessary safety protocols for each other) were rigged and manned by two qualified instructors affording the students many opportunities over the course of the day.

Students were required to not just abseil and climb, but also to safely attach an abseiler or climber, carry out all safety checks, connect and operate a top-line belay ensuring the safety of the abseiler or climber.

The weather was amazing for this time of year, sunny and mild conditions with gentle winds.

The students displayed very good skills and safety awareness and practices ensuring a rewarding experience for all, both students and instructors.

Special thanks to Mick Dempsey of the Margaret River Climbing Co. for lending us his expertise on the day. We are very fortunate as a school to have been able to draw on his services for many years and look forward to continuing this into the future.



Stuart Kupfer-Hollis

**Teacher**



# Farm News

## HYDROPONICS STUDENTS



Sonny Saunders, Tao Mackenzie, Ayla Ord planting into our hydroponics floating beds. Our silver perch in the big tank for aquaponics are now about 30cm and thriving. We purchased them as 4cm fingerlings 12 months ago.

## CALVES



Sophie Ablett teaching one of our calves to lead. An important part getting them used to humans.

## LAMBING SEASON



We have had an exceptional lambing season. Lots of twins, big strong singles and no fox deaths to date. We did rescue an orphan twin much to the delight of students. After 10 days he is now in the paddock with other sheep and lambs during the day and in the shearing shed at night. Still being bottle fed twice a day. He has been super cute and adorable.

## THANK YOU BUNNINGS!



Bunnings kindly donated some gardening equipment for our school vegetable garden plus a \$200 voucher. Thanks Amber Sullivan and Bunnings.

# Microsoft Office for Students

## 2020 How to Install Office for free using your Student Login

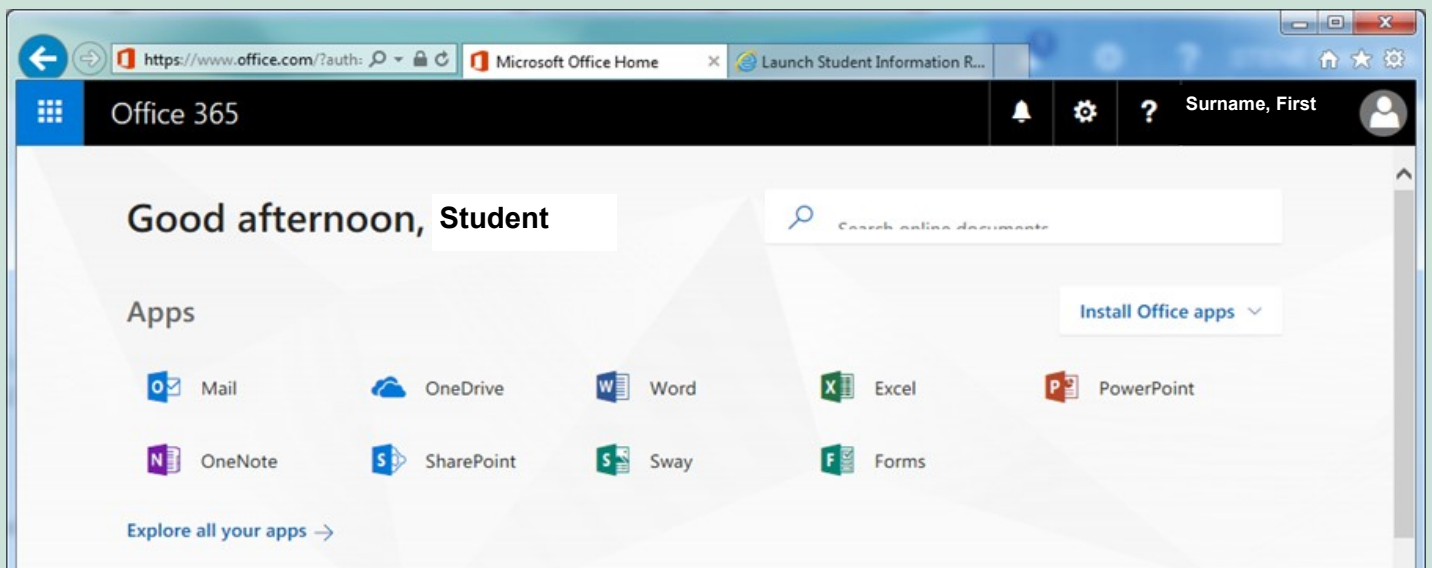
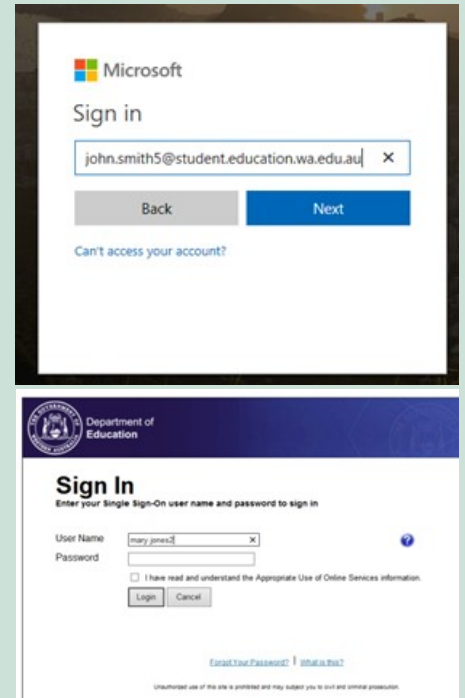
### What you will need

- ✓ To be an eligible Department of Education WA student
- ✓ A valid student e-mail address (*usually* **firstname.surname@student.education.wa.edu.au**)
- ✓ A student login (username and password) for the school network [*usually* **firstname.surname**]
- ✓ An internet connection with sufficient download allowance for over 1Gb per installation (this cannot be downloaded on the school network due to Department restrictions)

### Installation on a Computer (*not a tablet or mobile device*) :

1. Navigate to: [office.com](https://office.com) an internet browser then choose **sign in**
2. Enter your student Department email address:  
username@student.education.wa.edu.au  
**eg Mary.Jones2@student.education.wa.edu.au**
3. Click the **NEXT** button to redirect to the Department login page
4. Enter your username (**eg Mary.Jones2**) and password
5. Click the **login** button

Screen example:



6. Click to launch the download and installation process and choose the suitable option for you.
7. Follow the online steps and read and acknowledge various warnings and conditions and agree to allow the program to make changes.

**NB:** You may need to re-launch the installation if it fails to make the required connections.

**Install Office apps** ▼



# Microsoft Office for Students

## Installation on a tablet or mobile device

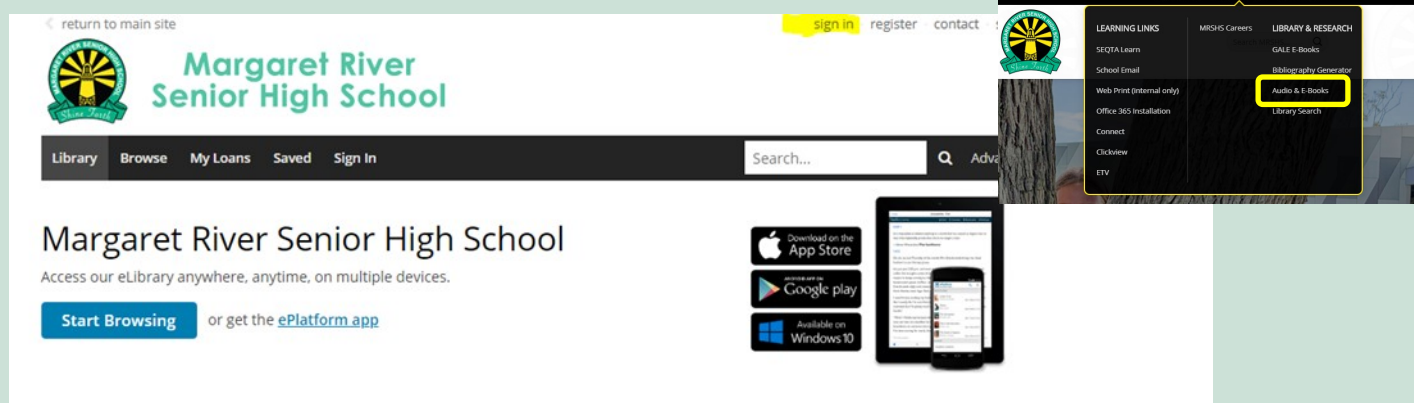
Navigate to the appropriate to download the Word, Excel, PowerPoint, or OneNote apps:

- ⇒ Android devices: [Google Play Store](#)
- ⇒ Apple devices: [Apple App Store](#)
- ⇒ Windows Phone or Windows 10 device: [Windows Store](#)

Detailed guides to obtaining and installing the software on phones and tablets can be found on the [Microsoft Support – Set up Office apps and email on a mobile device](#) web page. <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Set-up-Office-apps-and-email-on-a-mobile-device-7dabb6cb-0046-40b6-81fe-767e0b1f014f?ui=en-US&rs=en-US&ad=US>

## Audio and E-Books for Students

1. Go to the school website choose the **STUDENT LINKS** then **Audio & Ebooks** or go directly to <https://mrshs.wheelers.co/>
2. Click on **sign in**



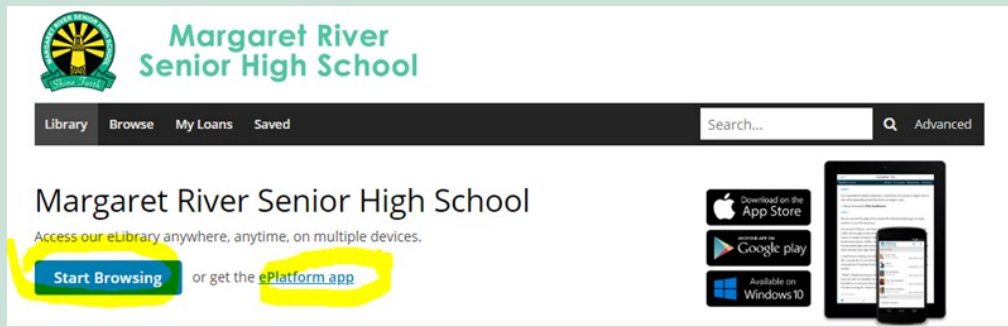
3. Sign in with your computer login usually: **firstname.surname** and password: **library**

If your login does not work see us in the library to fix up or choose **register** and follow the steps.

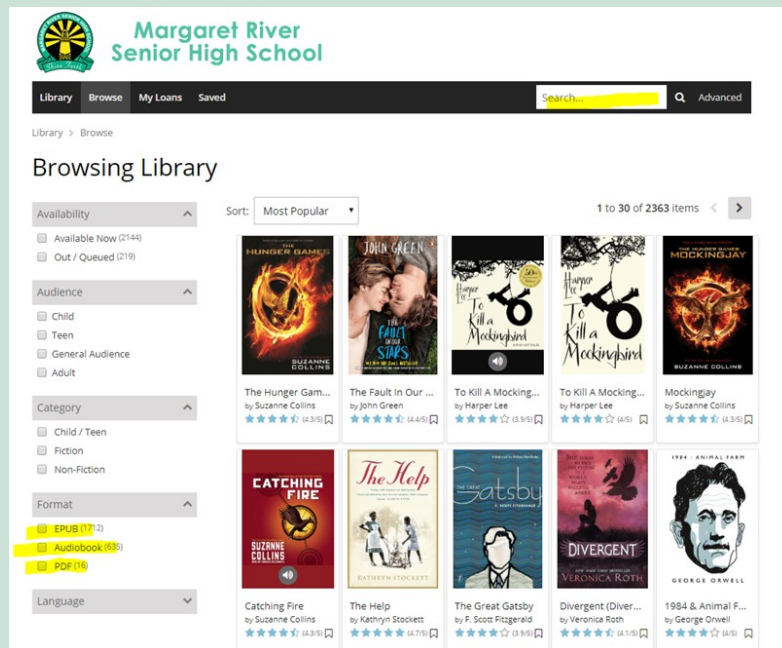
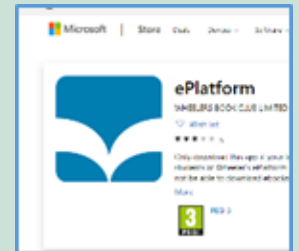


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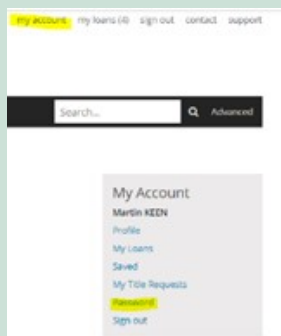
4. Scroll to view titles or click on **Start Browsing**



(or you can get the **ePlatform app** – then follow the prompts to install)



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6. Click on a book to view more information.
7. Click on **Borrow** to borrow it. You will then have 13 days to listen/read.
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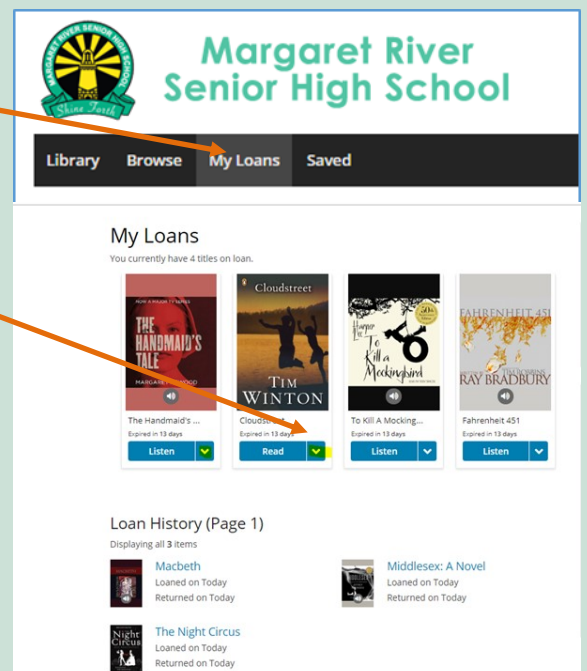
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To return your loan click on the **arrow** next

**To change your password**

Choose **my account** at the top right

Choose **Password** at the right



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**For help with this please contact Petra**  
**[Petra.Stene@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Petra.Stene@education.wa.edu.au)**



*"As a parent you'll now have access to a cross section of information from many of Australia's leading experts. All available here in one easy to follow resource on your smartphone, tablet or laptop."*

## SPECIAL REPORT: Coronavirus - The Transition Back

As lockdown restrictions are slowly being lifted to varying degrees, we enter a time of transition and adjustment. The circumstances of this situation have significantly impacted us all. For some it has been an opportunity to reflect on what is important, whilst others have embraced the opportunity to learn new things.

Many young people may be excited at the prospect of restrictions being lifted; others may feel mixed emotions. Reactions will differ depending on how well they cope with stress and change. Keeping a check on your child's mental health and wellbeing as they adjust to new routines, will be vitally important.

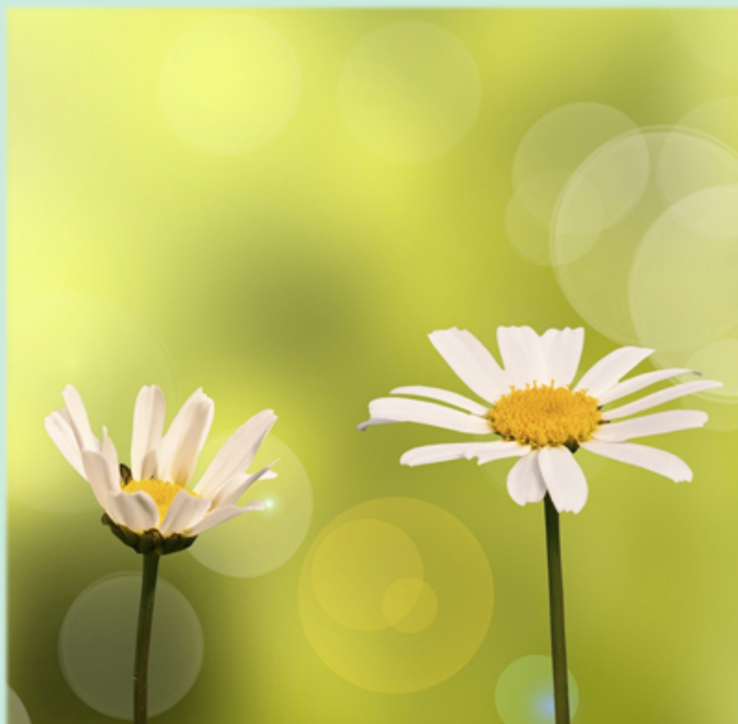
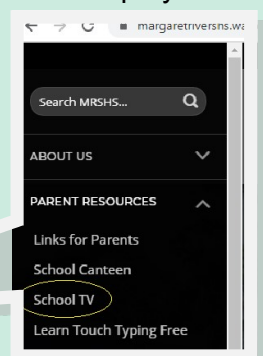
There is still a lot of uncertainty ahead of us, so focusing on the things you can control or enjoy doing or even value, can help establish predictability and familiarity for the whole family. Adult carers need to provide young people with reassurance by acknowledging any concerns and fears they may have at this time. Consider this to be a normal reaction, however it may be best to focus more on their feelings and emotions, rather than the practicalities at this stage.

In this Special Report, we share a few ideas to help ease this time of transition and adjustment. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report [https://margaretrivershs.wa.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-coronavirus-transition-back](https://margaretrivershs.wa.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus-transition-back)

Or access the MRSHS website click MENU, Parent Resources



## SPECIAL REPORT Coronavirus - The Transition Back



# Thinking of UWA after High School?

If heading to UWA means moving to Perth, **learn about what it's like to live on campus at UWA** with this new online info hub.

You'll find info that shares:

- ✓ 'A day in the life of a UWA student who lives on campus'
- ✓ What a typical year living on campus at UniHall includes
- ✓ When to apply to live on campus
- ✓ Virtual tours of UniHall's campus

Visit [unihall.uwa.edu.au/lifeoncampus](https://unihall.uwa.edu.au/lifeoncampus)

## ECU VIRTUAL INFORMATION EVENINGS

### STUDENTS IN YEAR 10, 11 AND 12

ECU's School of Science will be hosting virtual information evenings about their university courses and Virtual Open Day!

If you are considering a university pathway that could find you studying at a university in areas that you have studied or are interested in jump online and get answers to your questions.

- ✓ **June 25<sup>th</sup>** – Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Data Science, Marine Science, and Physics -Register here  
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=627023&>
- ✓ **1<sup>st</sup> July** – Computer Science, Counter Terrorism, Cyber Security, Information Technology and Security and Intelligence  
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=627456&>
- ✓ **9<sup>th</sup> August** – ECU Open Day  
<https://www.ecu.edu.au/open-day/overview>

Due to COVID-19 the Open Day has been moved online. More info:  
[ecuworldready.com.au/openday](https://ecuworldready.com.au/openday)

Early Offer Program - <https://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/applying/early-offer-program>



# Community Noticeboard

## YEAR 7-12 MASTER CLASSES

Master Classes are one hour sessions conducted once a week in term time. Each week they reteach, revise and reinforce the topics and areas of study that students are dealing with in their classes at school.

### OBJECTIVES

**Master Classes offer students:**

- ✓ Ongoing academic support
- ✓ More confidence at school
- ✓ A better chance of success in assessments
- ✓ Individualised help solving specific problems
- ✓ Small group classes

### A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM

All students attending our programs report that they feel more confident in tackling their assessment at school.


Some students find it very difficult to sustain an independent study program. These Master Classes offer them a structured way to comprehensively prepare for their exams.


## NEXT ATARGET COURSE


### JULY REVISION AND EXAM PREPARATION PROGRAM

The July classes are a ten hour program that delivers specific subject revision followed by a discussion on how this material is assessed in ATAR-style exam questions. There is sufficient time within the program for teachers to model how to answer these questions successfully as well as time for students to independently practice constructing their own responses. Our teachers have significant marking experience and know what needs to be addressed to ensure student success in exams.

### ENROL NOW

 Enrol on-line at [www.atarget.com.au](http://www.atarget.com.au)

 By phone on 9342 2000

 Or simply by completing this enrolment form and posting it to:

**ATARget Education**  
P.O. Box 1734, West Perth 6872

Phone: 9342 2000 Mobile: 0488 102 907

Email: [admin@atarget.com.au](mailto:admin@atarget.com.au)

[www.atarget.com.au](http://www.atarget.com.au)



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## JULY EXAM PREPARATION & REVISION PROGRAMS

### Tuition for all students Year 7 to 12

**Week One**  
**6-10 July**  
- Christ Church  
Grammar School  
- Guildford Grammar  
School

**Week Two**  
**13-17 July**  
- Hale School  
- Methodist Ladies' College  
- Quinns Baptist College  
- Ashdale Secondary College

The July School Holiday Programs will offer students comprehensive subject revision in face to face physical classrooms as well as online virtual classrooms.

These classes assist in preparing students for their Second Semester Exams.

**ENROL NOW**

[www.mastermindaustralia.com.au](http://www.mastermindaustralia.com.au)

**MASTERMIND AUSTRALIA**

**Ph: 9342 2000 mob: 0488 102 907**

**email: [admin@mastermindaustralia.com.au](mailto:admin@mastermindaustralia.com.au)**





## **TERM 3 SWIMMING LESSONS 2020**

**STAGES 1/15**

**MON/ TUE/ WED/ THUR AFTERNOONS**

**JUNIOR LIFE GUARD (SWIMMING FOR FITNESS-) Breakfast included**

**TUE/ STG 7 (7-8am) - WED/ STG 10 + (7-8am)**

**PARENT & CHILD CLASSES / 6 months to 3 years**

**TUE/ WED/ THUR MORNINGS**

**DUO CLASSES/ 2.5 years to Kindy**

**(2 CHILDREN PER CLASS)**

**TUE/ WED/ THUR MORNINGS**

**CONTACT Roberta Williams 0429 651 450**

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