

# THE ANCHOR



**Williamstown High School  
Ex-Students & Staff Association  
Inc A0041347A**

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## ***President's Report***

Welcome to the December 2023 edition of the ANCHOR.

Christmas is nearly upon us again! Times surely does fly this time of the year. Seems like only yesterday we were in the middle of winter.

It was great to see all of the faces at our reunion on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. We had around 50 people turn out which was pretty good considering the rainy weather on the day.

I was particularly glad to see Emily Davis there with her son Lance. Em is 98 years old so it was great to see her still getting around. Em and her husband Artie ran the school canteen for many years in the 1970s. They also ran the milk bar down next to the beach where many of us hung out during that period.

There were five boys in the Davis family that all went to Willy High in the late 1960s to mid 1970s.

Daniel Pearce gave us an overview of activities at WHS over the last year. Daniel is the Campus Principal at the Pasco St campus.

The academic standing of Williamstown High School has never been higher. The school continues to get excellent academic results as well as providing fantastic opportunities for students in Arts, Music and Sport. The new Senior Centre that has been promised for a couple of years looks likely to be delivered in 2024.

The Committee of Management is still searching for some new members to help run the organisation. If you would like to help we would love to hear from you!!!

On behalf of the Committee I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe and look after yourselves.

We will be back again in 2024.

Hold Fast

Fred Cumming  
President, WHSESSA inc.

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## WHSESSA Scholarships

On Wednesday 29th November I had the honour of representing WHSESSA at the final assemblies for years 7-11. This is traditionally held in the Williamstown Town Hall with all students. Due to inclement weather on the day the assemblies had to be split.

The years 10 and 11 student assembly was in the School Theatre on the Pasco St campus grounds at 11:30 am.

The highlight of this assembly was a presentation from the debating group by **Vince Mandado** and **Vafa Ighaniyan**. These two young men are natural performers and entertained the students and staff with their summary of the debating team performance in 2023. They were a very hard act to follow!

The years 7 to 9 student assembly was held in the gymnasium at Bayview St campus at 1:30 pm on the same day.

WHSESSA again presented 6 scholarships valued at \$250 each. These were presented to two students in each of years 9, 10 and 11. The scholarships are presented as a voucher which can be redeemed for any school based activities eg camps, music fees etc

The winners this year were :-

Year 9 **Malea Peda** and **Gemma Ferguson**

Year 10 **Liam Waters** and **Anais McColl**

Year 11 **Elise Rider** and **Eva Bugeja**

We congratulate all of the winners and wish them the best for there future studies at Williamstown High School.

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## VCE Results – 2023

The VCE results are in for the class of 2023

Williamstown High students scored 84 subject scores of 40 or more.

Amongst these were :-

Name	Score	Subject
Imogen McFerran	47	Accounting
Ruby Norman	46	Business Management
Nina Lang	45	Chemistry
Alyssa Cunanan	50	Creative and Digital Media (VCE VET)
Ramy Hollander	47	English as an Additional Language
Zachary Everett	48	General Mathematics
Ahn Ngo	46	General Mathematics
Madeline Machac	45	General Mathematics
Ruby Norman	50	Literature
Thahn Truong	50	Media
Ruby Norman	45	Media
Ishara Peck	50	Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Jess Court	47	Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Ned Landry	45	Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Elyse Rider	46	Physics
Charlie Muliett	46	Psychology

On behalf of all the exies I would like to congratulate all the students who completed their VCE at Williamstown High School this year. I hope you can all go on and prosper in whatever endeavours you undertake.

Fred Cumming  
President WHSESSA inc.

## Reunion – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

It was great to see so many in attendance! We had about 50 attendees. Here's some photos from the day...



Left to Right ...

Gavin Criddle ,  
Wilma Roberts (Book) ,  
Lesley French (McComish) ,  
Kath White ,  
Barbara Muster ,  
Diane Cocks (Morrish) ,  
Len Handley ,  
Iris Whitehurst (Webb) ,  
Alex Jurga.



Barbara Muster with some flowers as a special thanks for the work she puts in getting memorabilia and materials together for our reunions. Thank-you Barbara from all of the committee and all of the exies!



Dana Jokubauskas and Geoff van Wyngaarden.

Dana was a student at WHS then later a Maths teacher here. She taught Geoff at WHS and inspired him to become a maths teacher as well. Geoff has also done some teaching here at WHS thus joining the elite cohort of WHS students who have returned as teachers in their later life. There are quite a few of these. Does any-one have a list???





Camille Whear, Nola Kerr, Greg James, David Norman, Pam Webb, Julie Andrews



Joe Farrell and Jane Tregear



David Norman, Doug Hill, Greg James, Nola Kerr, Pam Webb, Kevin Virgona, Geoff van Wyngaarden

**Bill Dagg was at Williamstown High School from 1948 to 1952.**

**He was also secretary of WHSESSA for several years, He passed away recently.**

William (Bill) John Dagg

Death Notice in Herald Sun 28/11/2023

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Good life

Bill had ordered Private Cremation & No Memorial service

DOCTRINA VIM PROMOVET

(Learning promotes Strength)

**14/12/1935 - 23/11/2023**



Born Footscray

Went to Tottenham State School (now Footscray West Primary School)

Lived in Cross St West Footscray

Enrolled at Williamstown High School in 1948

1948 – Form 1B

1949 – Form 2B

1950 – Form 3B – Gained Proficiency Certificate

1951 – Form 4B – Gained Intermediate Certificate

1952 – Form 5 – Gained Leaving Certificate

Entered Royal Military College Duntroon Canberra and Graduated in 1956

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