

THE ANCHOR



**Williamstown High School
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President's Report

Welcome to the December 2024 edition of the ANCHOR.

Santa is oiling the reins on his sleigh and polishing the woodwork for his annual trip around the world. It's nearly Christmas time again.

It was great to see all of the faces at our reunion on Wednesday 3rd December 2024. We had around 35 people turn out which was pretty good.

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

Amongst the changes was the completion of the Theatre Precinct project begun about 10 years ago as part of the Centenary celebrations. This includes some

spectacular music rooms that allow not only music practices but also recording studio equipment that let students learn the art of musical presentation.

There is also a new "Senior Centre" for the year 12 students.

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 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 2025.

Hold Fast

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WHSESSA Scholarships

On Wednesday 4th December I had the honour of representing WHSESSA at the final assemblies for years 7-11. This was held in the Williamstown Town Hall with all students from years 7 to 11 present.

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 **Kael Kerr** and **Amelia Cahill**

Year 10 **Hayden Galea** and **Vicky Lin**

Year 11 **Liam Kaye** and **Chloe Wilson**

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

The Class of 1975

In the continuation of our yearly focus on the class celebrating 50 years since their graduation from Williamstown High School we will be moving on to the Class of 1975. These students saw a few major changes in their time at WHS.

The fire in the quadrangle put a number of classrooms out of action for many months leading to classes being held in the Drill Hall. There was also an explosion in student numbers that meant several portable classrooms had to be installed in the yard. Later the Drill Hall was demolished and the first Assembly hall was constructed.

Here is the Form 1C from 1970 pictured in front of the new(ish) Science Block of the time.



VCE Results – 2024

The VCE results are in for the class of 2024

A total of 54 Williamstown High students received 94 subject scores of 40 or more.

Amongst these were :-

Name	Subject	Score	Name	Subject	Score
Lachlan W. Reynolds	General Mathematics	50	Charlie R. Muliatt	Specialist Mathematics	42
Lucius M. Satchell	Geography	50	Emmy L. Hansen	Visual Communication Design	42
Catrin Walker	Visual Communication Design	49	Finn J. Davis	English	41
Ned J. Landry	Food Studies	48	Anh Lily Ngo	English	41
Excelsior M. Madden	Art Making and Exhibiting	47	Charlie R. Muliatt	English Language	41
Jack Thurston	General Mathematics	47	Leo W. Church	General Mathematics	41
Angus P. Naden	Outdoor and Environmental Studies	47	Jesse A. Holland	General Mathematics	41
Imogen S. Mcferran	Psychology	47	Angus P. Naden	Geography	41
Eva Bugeja	Biology	46	Edie L. Elbourne	Global Politics	41
Excelsior M. Madden	Drama	46	Isabel L. Clarkson	Health and Human Development	41
Chloe E. Wilson	Geography	46	Annabel C. Hough	Health and Human Development	41
Matisse A. Jackson	Art Making and Exhibiting	45	Catherine P. Forrest	Legal Studies	41
Jess B. Court	Biology	45	Adam R. Kaye	Literature	41
Eva Bugeja	English	45	Catrin Walker	Literature	41
Jess B. Court	English	45	Sienna P. Broekman	Media	41
Matisse A. Jackson	English	45	Ines E. Delany Aragao Azevedo	Outdoor and Environmental Studies	41
Amelie R. Asp	Food Studies	45	Emmy L. Hansen	Outdoor and Environmental Studies	41
Imogen S. Mcferran	Food Studies	45	Samuel F. Thornton	Physics	41
Edie L. Elbourne	Legal Studies	45	Amelie A. Miller	Product Design and Technologies	41
Adam R. Kaye	Media	45	Georgia J. Quilty	Visual Communication Design	41
Ava E. Hemsley-Woolley	Psychology	45	Archie M. Hough	Applied Computing: Data Analytics	40
Emma K. Wapling	Visual Communication Design	45	Adeline M. Smith	Business Management	40
Jade S. Johnston	Biology	44	Lucy Boukamp	Chemistry	40
Nora M. Thein	Food Studies	44	Elyse C. Rider	Chemistry	40
Amelia G. Mountford	Psychology	44	Archie M. Hough	Economics	40
Declan A. Rumble	Biology	43	Lucy Boukamp	English	40
Jack Thurston	Biology	43	Prisha Gautam	English	40
Rivi Zdraveski	Biology	43	Ava E. Hemsley-Woolley	English	40
Avina A. Hoang	English	43	Archie M. Hough	English	40
Avina A. Hoang	General Mathematics	43	Harriet L. Ronchi	English	40
Scarlett E. Mcconnell	General Mathematics	43	Catrin Walker	English	40
Rivi Zdraveski	General Mathematics	43	Edie L. Elbourne	English Language	40
Jessie A. Driver	Outdoor and Environmental Studies	43	Jade S. Johnston	English Language	40
Liam S. Kaye	Biology	42	Emmy L. Hansen	Environmental Science	40
Anh Lily Ngo	Business Management	42	Scarlett E. Mcconnell	Food Studies	40
Kiera D. Mead	English	42	Lachlan W. Brown	General Mathematics	40
Elise R. Westerlund	English	42	Ava E. Hemsley-Woolley	General Mathematics	40
Sienna P. Broekman	English Language	42	Chloe E. Wilson	General Mathematics	40
Kiera D. Mead	Food Studies	42	Eva Bugeja	Global Politics	40
Anh Lily Ngo	Food Studies	42	Elyse C. Rider	Languages:French	40
Hunter A. Mace	General Mathematics	42	Georgia J. Quilty	Legal Studies	40
Reagan H. Welense	General Mathematics	42	Zachary A. Everett	Mathematical Methods	40
Eva Bugeja	Languages:Indonesian Second Language	42	Samuel F. Thornton	Mathematical Methods	40
Leo W. Church	Outdoor and Environmental Studies	42	Olivia J. Hackett	Outdoor and Environmental Studies	40
Charlie D. Macleod	Outdoor and Environmental Studies	42	Charlotte L. Kerr	Philosophy	40
Adam R. Kaye	Philosophy	42	Amelie R. Asp	Psychology	40

Some students received more than one study score greater than 40. We especially congratulate **Eva Bugeja** who received 40 or more in 4 subjects!!

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 4th December 2024

It was great to see a good turnout of ex-students for our annual reunion. We have been running these reunions at the Pasco ST campus for many years. Attendances have waxed and waned depending on the weather and pandemics. They are always a happy event with people catching up with their old friends.

We would like to encourage all exies to think about adding this to their annual calendar. Invite a few friends to the reunion then go off for lunch somewhere in the beautiful suburb of Williamstown.

This reunion is held on a Wednesday either very late November or first week on December depending on the WHS calendar. The event is timed with the final All School Assembly at which our scholarships are presented.



Left to right : Pam Lee , Gavin Berry , Anne (Cameron) Fitch , Alex Jurga , Iris (Webb) Whitehurst , Danute (Jokubauskas) Levickis , Kay (Seal) Didenkowski , Lorraine (Hanger) Lang

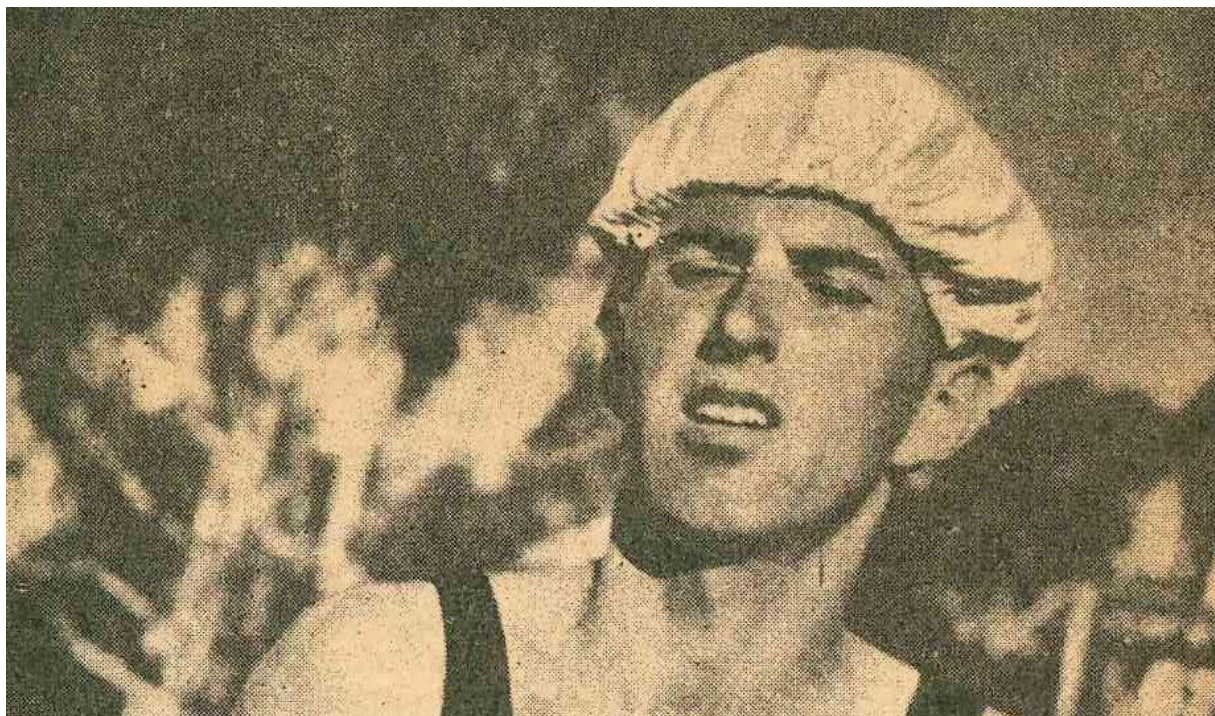
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Abridged from an Athletics Australia website.

<https://www.athletics.com.au/news/dave-stephens-11-november-1928-5-november-2024>

Dave Stephens, 11 November 1928 – 5 November 2024

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If you knew just one Australian distance runner as the year 1955 turned to Melbourne 1956 Olympic year, it was almost certainly John Landy. If you knew two, the other would have been Dave Stephens.

Stephens, who died in Melbourne just a few days short of his ninety-sixth birthday, was almost definitively mercurial. His 'bad' was terrible; he didn't do bad by halves. But his 'good' – that was something else altogether, leaving opponents and onlookers alike gasping for breath.

And either side of New Year's Day 1956, Dave Stephens was very good indeed, beating a trio of world-record-breaking Hungarian athletes two times out of three as 1955 ended and then starting Olympic year by smashing the world record for six miles held by one of the greatest distance runners of all time, Emil Zatopek.

Dave Stephens ran for Melbourne's Williamstown athletics club.

At secondary school (Williamstown High School) Stephens had been a handy sprinter but he gravitated to middle and then longer distances. By February 1955, he was the Victorian and Australian champion at three and six miles.

Allied with his undoubted talent was an equal ability to confound. John Landy commented in *The Landy Era* that Stephens "was very erratic with his performances ... when he wanted to he could really burn. He was a great talent."

Stephens had a milk round and was quickly dubbed "The Flying Milko".

Dave Stephens returned for another tilt at the Rome 1960 Olympic team but injury again derailed his plans and he retired. His inconsistencies notwithstanding he deserves to be ranked one of Australia's great distance runners.

Dave attended Williamstown High School and later taught at Williamstown Primary School (1183).

Our condolences to his family.

By Len Johnson
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