



Dear Parents/Carers

Gym update

Since January 2021 the College gymnasium has been undergoing major building works and improvements that will continue through until the commencement of Term 4. Whilst this has been disruptive to students, teachers and community groups that use the gym, at the completion of the work we will have a beautiful, newly renovated facility that has had the following work undertaken:

- complete replacement of the old and leaking roof with a new roof and insulation
- complete replacement of the old, uneven, and water damaged floor with a new, level parquetry floor
- replacement of broken external cladding with Colourbond sheeting (on the south wall of the gym)
- replacement of rusted and broken air vents on the north wall of the gym
- installation of ceiling fans in the bathrooms and change rooms.

We look forward to reopening the renovated gym in Term 4 and thank the students and teachers for their patience whilst the work was undertaken.

Police Rangers

As a part of their first aid lessons, a paramedic and ambulance for St Johns will be visiting the unit, Monday Afternoon, 16 August. Jordan Campos, a former student and Police Ranger, will be talking to the unit about safety, calling an ambulance and what happens as you are being driven to a hospital.

Parent/Carer attendance SMS system launch

On Monday 30 August, we will be launching our new SMS attendance system. This system will automatically send an SMS to your registered mobile phone number, when our records indicate that your child is absent for Session 1. The message will be sent at 10.15am daily and, as it is system generated, it will read as follows:

*“Ballajura Community College records show that {prefname} {surname} is absent {date}.
Please respond to this SMS with your name, your child’s name, year level and reason for absence”.*

As I mentioned previously, this is an important step for the College community, to ensure that parents/carers are aware of their child’s whereabouts and that we can accurately keep a record of your child’s attendance. We know that with any automated system, that there may be teething issues, so we hope that you will assist us in rectifying these if and when they occur.

2022 – 2025 Ballajura Community College Business Plan

Following the success of our recent Public School Review (published on our [website](#)), we have commenced working on our 2022 – 2025 business plan. As part of this process, I welcome parent input. Please email the College at Ballajura.CC@education.wa.edu.au by Friday 27 August if you would like to attend a parent consultation meeting, which will take place on Monday 6 September, starting at 5.00pm

Upcoming Events (updated)

In addition to a number of learning area events and excursions, there are several College and community events and activities occurring during the remainder of this term which include:

22 August	Rotary Fair
23 August	Year 12 Access Workplace learning commences
28 August	Police Rangers walk

30 August	OLNA Round 2 commences
3 September	College Athletics carnival
8 September	Year 12 TAFE applications online workshops
9 September	R U OK Day
15 September	Primary School Music tour
20 – 22 September	Year 12 student v staff games (during recess)
23 September	Year 12 Fun Day
24 September	Year 12 Final Assembly

Congratulations to all students who participate in these events and activities.

Yours sincerely,

Bruno Pileggi, Principal (Term 3, 2021)

Friday 13 August 2021