

Newsletter March 2025



# SUCCESS IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY





# KEY DATES

## We are **Respectful**

Respectful people are polite, they listen and make positive choices.

## We **Own** our behaviour

People who own their behaviour are accountable for their actions.

## We are **Courageous**

Being courageous is making positive choices in the face of challenges.

## We are **Kind**

Being kind means that through our actions we show empathy for others.



TERM 1	
MARCH	
10-24	NAPLAN Testing
17-21	Harmony Week
21	Harmony Day (Dress-Up)
27	Interschool Swimming Carnival
28	Primary (am) [Room 21] & Secondary (pm) Assembly
APRIL	
4	Whole School Assembly
4	Rocky's Colour Run
7-10	Year 7/8 Camp @ Fairbridge
11	Last Day of Term 1

**We ROCK**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TRENT LOCKYER

2025 has gotten off to an amazing start! There has been so much SUCCESS and IMPROVEMENT to celebrate throughout our school COMMUNITY already, and I wanted to begin by thanking everyone that plays a role in delivering quality teaching, providing safe and productive learning environments and who go the extra mile to IMPROVE outcomes for our students. It takes everyone on our school staff, parents/guardians, and members of our wider COMMUNITY to achieve these goals and I thank you for being on this journey with us.

Congratulations to everyone that participated in our 2025 Faction Swimming Carnival. It was a pleasure to see so many students giving their best both in and out of the water. Our newly appointed Faction Leaders certainly helped drive the spirit of competition throughout the day, and I congratulate **Talbot** on their victory. We wish our interschool competitors the best of luck as they represent York Wundig and Wilura on 27 March.

Please note our recurring safety reminders. It's still the season on Bunuru, and although the weather may be about to change, snakes are still present on school ground and we must maintain snake safety practices. I also wish to remind students and families to utilise the designated carparks when dropping off or collecting your children. Please do not enter the Bus Bay or the Rec Centre carpark along Forrest St and Ulster Rd. Use the designated 'kiss & drop' and crosswalks to help ensure everyone's safety.

I also wish to thank students and staff for their academic efforts, whether through On-Entry Testing, NAPLAN, or classroom engagement so far. Keep setting new goals and aim for on-going IMPROVEMENT and SUCCESS in all you do.

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# FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

ABI WOK & JOHN DONOVAN

**“IT IS YOUR ACTIONS THAT  
DETERMINE WHETHER OR  
NOT YOU’RE A LEADER ”**



Term 1 seems to be flying by with so many incredible opportunities for us to grab! Firstly, we would like to congratulate our fellow student leaders. There was a huge amount of interest shown by students from Year 4-10 in being nominated to one of the leadership roles. Whilst not everyone can wear a badge, we'd like everyone to remember that it is your actions that determine whether or not you're a leader, not a title. To those that have been given the opportunity to represent their peers as a Leader, we look forward to working with and making sure that our voice is heard by staff and the wider community.

It has been amazing to see familiar faces return to the classroom this year. Mr Baf has not missed a step getting us all up to speed in Maths, and Ms Bell is once again coordinating our Choir and Rock Band. It feels like they've come home, and we couldn't be happier.

There has already been a lot of big events this Term, including our Open Night, the Faction Swimming Carnival, and other community events such as Breakfast Club and the Academy Plate Tennis competition. These opportunities can't happen without the dedication of our teachers, support staff and community volunteers. No matter what role you play, we appreciate the time and effort you give to make our time at school special.

So much is still yet to come, from the return of the P&C's Rocky Colour Fun Run, to Interschool Swimming and Year 7/8 Camp. Whether it's inside a classroom, out in the playground, or as part of an extracurricular activity, remember you're representing our school so show ROCKY values and strive from SUCCESS and IMPROVEMENT.



*Congratulations to the following students*

# CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

**James Patrick  
Charlotte Jones  
Grace Milne  
James Spain  
Chanelle Hooper  
Milena Bovington  
Lewis Severtson  
Thomas Robinson  
Zavier Jolley  
Payton Bateman  
Matilda Strahan  
Anorah Smith  
Malikye Narkle**

**Grace Giles  
Louie Gregory  
Charlie Lucas  
Autum Kilmurray  
Ayla Nelsen  
Ryan Reny  
Jai Mackay  
Piper Fairclough  
Jaiden McHugh  
Eliza Reynolds  
Freya D'Arrietta-  
Berkhout  
Russell Cox**



## Academy Plate Tennis

Three York DHS teams headed to Beverley to participate in the Academy Plate Tennis Competition. It was a hot day with some tough competition against other schools in our region. All the teams fought hard and played well against schools from Northam and Beverley.

York Team 1 won all their games and played a strong Beverley team in the final. It was a very close game, however York managed to take out a hard-fought win. This team has now been invited to play against the other country winners at the State Tennis Centre in Perth. Well done to all students who displayed excellent resilience and sportsmanship throughout the day. A huge thank you to our parent helpers who drove students to Beverley and assisted with scoring.

## Faction Swimming Carnival

Friday 7 March was our Faction Swimming Carnival, and our students, staff and COMMUNITY showed up full of school and faction spirit! It was a beautiful day to be at the pool and there was an incredible atmosphere fed by competition and our ROCKY values.

Congratulations to everyone that played a part in the day, from our Champions and Runner-Up Champions, all swimmers, support staff, student helpers and COMMUNITY volunteers. All your efforts made the event a SUCCESS. Special thanks to York Swimming Club for their continued support!

Congratulations to **TALBOT** on winning the Faction Shield and to **DALE** on winning the Handicap Shield. Eligible students now turn their attention to the Interschool Swimming Carnival hosted by Beverley on 27 March. Best of luck!

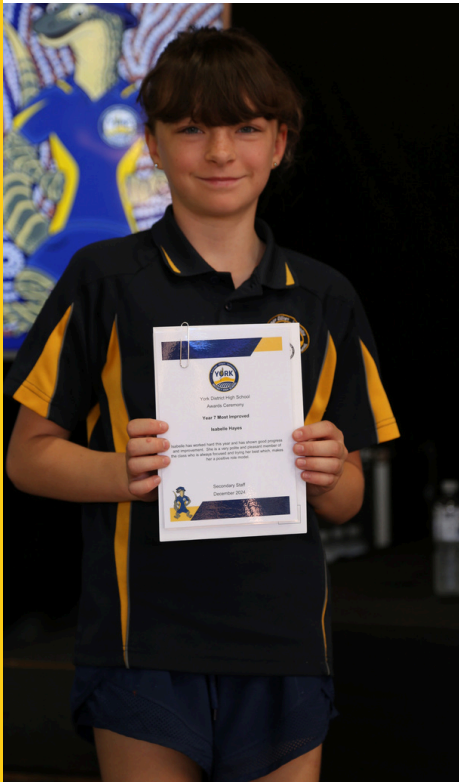


## Student Leadership

Our Student Leadership group for 2025 has now been confirmed following the nomination and (where necessary) election process. Student Leaders have already met as a group to gain a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of their position, as well as the opportunities for growth and improvement available to them.

There was a 25% increase in student nominations for leadership positions this year. This is very pleasing and an example of how valued these roles are by students, and student voice is by our school and wider COMMUNITY.

As stated at our presentation, those who did not receive a position this year, remember that everyone has the capacity to be a leader and demonstrate leadership qualities. To our Leadership team, we look forward to seeing what you will achieve this year!



# PBS | ROCKY

We recently celebrated an important event for PBS at YDHS – the appointment of our PBS leaders for 2025! Congratulations to our Secondary leaders Jorja Carroll and Isabelle Hayes and our Primary leaders George Severtson and Amelia Higgins. While it is wonderful to have PBS represented by these fantastic exemplars of our ROCKY values, it is key that we remember we can all be leaders in showing our peers **Respect**, **Owning Behaviour**, **Courage** and **Kindness**.

*“Being respectful is important because it shows you care for others and respect them, and their opinions. I show respect by listening to my peers”* – Isabelle Hayes, Year 8, PBS Leader

We encourage our COMMUNITY to use Isabelle as an example and reflect on how they show respect in their everyday lives.

## Rocky’s Reading Challenge

As part of our High Impact Teaching approach to curriculum we hope to instil a love of learning in our students. Of particular importance is a love of reading! Our aim is for every student to read every night for a minimum of 10 minutes.

To participate in Rocky’s Reading Challenge, students must record their nightly reading in a Reading Log, signed by a parent/guardian. Students are rewarded for their efforts with scaled recognitions at set milestones. Students who reach 100 and 200 nights of reading will be acknowledged at assembly. Books will be presented for 200 and 300 nights.

Students already at 25 nights recently entered a raffle to receive a book prize from the Library plus a pencil, sticker and bookmark of their choice. Reading ROCKS!



## Ready to ROCK!

We rock in so many ways at York! In 2025 students have the opportunity to engage in music specialty programs such as Choir, Instrumental Music and Rock Band!

We had a huge number of students audition for our Choir this year, and we look forward to seeing them perform throughout the year in a variety of settings, including our school assemblies.

Rock Band will also return to various events and activities throughout 2025. Our thanks to Ms Bell and Mr Styles for their dedication to developing the musical passions and skills of our students. These are highly valued programs and IMPROVE our school, not just on an individual level, but as a whole COMMUNITY! Rock on!



# Open Night

Thank you to everyone that took part in our Open Night on Wednesday 26 Feb. Open Night is an opportunity for students and their families to explore our facilities, meet staff and learn about the curriculum and extracurricular offerings. It's always uplifting to see our COMMUNITY tour classrooms and get an overview of what we offer. The event is an opportunity for families to better understand the school's culture, values and teaching approach. Special thanks to the P&C and our partners the CWA, York Men's Shed, and Paint York REaD for your valuable contributions to the event.

Communication is key to our students SUCCESS, so please reach out to our staff and Administration at point of need.



CULTURE OF COMMUNITY

## HARMONY WEEK 2025

*Everyone Belongs at York DHS*

**FRIDAY 21ST MARCH**

### DRESS UP DAY:

*Come dressed in orange or in your cultural/traditional outfits to celebrate cultural diversity.*  
*Gold coin donation required to dress up.*  
*Prizes for best dressed.*



## Harmony Week

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The theme for Harmony Week is Everyone Belongs. 'Harmony Day' is Friday March 21st, this is when we are asking everyone to dress up in orange or cultural attire. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation, and there will be prizes for the best dressed. The Canteen will once again provide different meals each day which will represent different parts of the world. This will be for lunches and small themed snacks will also be available over the counter each day (menu attached). For more information please visit the official website. Activities can be found in the 'get involved' section under 'schools'. <https://www.harmony.gov.au/>

## Rocky's Colour Fun Run

York District High School's Parents and Community association will once again host Rocky's Colour Fun Run this year. Information about fundraising will be distributed soon, but for now save the date of Friday 4 April.

P&Cs are very highly regarded in public schools for their organisation of fundraising and other benefits for the good of the school. P&Cs promote the interests of the school. They do this through:

- cooperation between parents, teachers, students and members of the community
- assisting in providing resources, facilities and amenities for the school
- fostering community interest in educational matters.





# HARMONY WEEK CANTEEN MENU



## Monday - France

**Recess** Macaron biscuit - \$1  
Mini quiche tart - 50c  
Cinnamon French toast - \$1  
Mini ham & cheese croissant - \$1.50

**Lunch** Creamy French  
pasta salad - \$6.50



## Tuesday - England

**Recess** Mini scones with jam - \$1  
Cheese & crackers - 50c  
Club ham & cheese sandwiches - \$1  
Bacon wrapped chipolatas - \$1.50

**Lunch** Hot chips with bacon butty  
sliders - \$7



## Wednesday - Italy

**Recess** Cannoli filled with cream - \$1  
Cheese & Napolitana sauce pastry  
scrolls - 50c  
Mild salami & salad pin wheels - \$1  
Mini bruschetta - \$1.50

**Lunch** Meatballs & spaghetti - \$7



## Thursday - Mexico

**Recess** Churros - \$1  
Cheese & salsa pastry scrolls - 50c  
Taco mince jaffle (half) - \$1  
Nacho mince in a cup with  
guacamole - \$1.50

**Lunch** Mild chilli con carne in 2x soft  
tacos - \$7



## Friday - India

**Recess** Kesar peda - \$1  
Papadum - 50c  
Tandoori meatball skewers - \$1  
Potato & mince samosa - \$1.50

**Lunch** Mild butter chicken with basmati rice - \$7





# IN & AROUND OUR SCHOOL



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WE ACTIVELY LISTEN &  
FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS

WE ARE POLITE &  
USE OUR MANNERS

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WE MAKE POSITIVE CHOICES &  
ARE ACCOUNTABLE

WE ARE HONEST &  
ACT WITH INTEGRITY

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WE CHALLENGE OURSELVES  
TO BE OUR BEST

WE SEEK HELP WHEN NEEDED

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WE ARE HELPFUL &  
CONSIDERATE

WE ACCEPT & RESPECT  
DIFFERENCES