

HPGE and Extracurricular Student Experiences

Overview

Whitebridge High School aims to support our students to Aspire to achieve their full potential. This booklet contains an overview of the Extracurricular Activities that run throughout the course of the year. Some activities may be subject to change depending on the external organisers and student interest.

Students will be notified of upcoming opportunities via Daily Notices, Posts on Google Classroom and teacher recommendations through conversations.



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CREATIVE and Performing Arts (CAPA) HPGE Performances and Opportunities

	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
Beginning	Excursions: Callback, Onstage, Encore, Reprise, First Class	Star Struck rehearsals throughout term	Hunter Dance Festival	Primary Schools: On the Road performances
		Bandfest	Education Week performances	
Middle	HPGE Primary Schools program:	MADD Night	HSC Showcases performances and	Kahibah Club Music performances: Stage 4 and 5
	led by HPGE CAPA students	CAPA Concert: Year 7 and 8 audience	exhibition: Dance, Music, VA	
End	Bullying No Way: Drama workshop	Live Lunch: Music	Live Lunch: Music	CAPA Concert: Whole school
	Live Lunch: Music	Star Struck: Dance and Drama	Are You Ok Day? Performances	Orientation Day concert and taster lessons
	Hunter Region Dance Camp HPGE Interest Electives: Performances and workshops	Presentation Day performances		
		Lizottes Music Night: Stage 6		HPGE Interest Electives: whole school
		Kahibah Music Performances:		
		Stage 4 and 5		

CAPA HPGE Opportunities:

Whole faculty	Primary School: On the Road Performances
Music	Concert band
	Choir
Drama	Drama workshops
	Junior Drama Ensemble- breaks
	Senior Drama Ensemble- breaks
Dance	Junior Dance Ensemble- breaks
	Senior Dance Ensemble- breaks
Visual Arts	Artist of the Month
Photography	Photography workshops
Ceramics	Pottery wheel throwing- lunch club

School Leadership Team

(Leadership)

Description: The Whitebridge High School leadership body consists of a male and a female School

Captain and a male and a female Vice- Captain, male and female Councillor.

The leadership team facilitates and leads many whole school events and works closely with the senior

executives and staff to foster positive spirit in the school community. They often lead formal assemblies

and represent the school at official functions such as ANZAC ceremonies and fundraiser events such as

White Ribbon Day.

This activity takes place during: All year

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: N Harvey

Approximate Cost: Free

Venue: School



SRC

(Leadership)

Description: Students from Year 7-12 are able to nominate themselves to become a SRC member. If successful in the election process the students attend a meeting each week to provide feedback from their year and to discuss initiatives which they would like to foster. The SRC currently is making a greater presence within the school and the members are able to gain invaluable leadership skills in this process. Students are able to raise issues of concerns, collaborate with the Senior Executive and drive whole school events. Initiatives which students can become involved in are: 40 Hour Famine, Mark Hughes Foundation Beanie Day, formal assemblies, colour run etc

This activity takes place during: All year

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Jess Munro (PDHPE)

Approximate Cost: None

Venue: School

House Leaders Year 11

(Leadership)

Description: At Whitebridge High School, there are four houses - Boomali, Jindabyne, Mulgabirra and

Tingirra. Each house has two male and two female house leaders from Year 11. The House Leaders work

closely with the School Captains and staff to assist with the various sporting events and leadership

initiatives. They are responsible for increasing House Spirit and it provides a great opportunity for

students to develop leadership skills which prepares them for the future roles.

This activity takes place during: Term 4 (current year) to Term 3 in the following year

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: PDHPE - Luke Harradine

Approximate Cost: Free

Venue: School

ICAS English

(Academic Competitions)

Description: The annual International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English

competition assesses students' skills in text comprehension, writer's craft, syntax, and vocabulary.

Students will read a variety of texts which narrate, describe, explain, argue, persuade, and review.

The texts will increase in complexity within each paper, moving from simple texts dealing with

familiar subjects and topics to complex texts discussing abstract concepts and using sophisticated

language structures. The 60-minute test is completed by students in Years 7-10 under normal

examination conditions. Students receive a certificate of achievement and in- depth feedback on

their results.

This activity takes place during: Term 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Hannah Frater

Approximate Cost: \$15.00

Venue: School (exam conditions)

ICAS Mathematics

(Academic Competitions)

Description: The annual International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Mathematics competition assesses students' skills in the key areas of number & arithmetic, algebra & patterns, measures & units, space & geometry, chance & data. It requires students to observe and measure, interpret data, apply data, investigate, and use higher-order skills such as reasoning and problem solving. The 60-minute test is completed by students in Years 7-10 under normal examination conditions. Students receive a certificate of achievement and in- depth feedback on their results.

This activity takes place during: Term 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Hannah Frater

Approximate Cost: \$15.00

Venue: School (exam conditions)

ICAS Science

(Academic Competitions)

Description: The annual International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science competition assesses students' skills in the key scientific areas of observing and measuring, interpreting data, applying data, investigating and using higher-order skills such as reasoning and problem solving. The 60-minute test is completed by students in Years 7-10 under normal examination conditions. Students receive a certificate of achievement and in- depth feedback on their results.

This activity takes place during: Term 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Naomi Durie

Approximate Cost: \$15.00

Venue: School (exam conditions)



ICAS Spelling (Year 7)

(Academic Competitions)

Description: The annual International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Spelling Bee tests a range of words from frequently used/ common words with simple spelling patterns to less frequently used/less common and technical words with difficult or unusual spelling patterns. These words can be organised under four types of spelling knowledge: visual, phonological, morphemic and etymological. The 60 minute test is completed by students in Years 7-10 under normal examination conditions. Students receive a certificate of achievement and in- depth feedback on their results.

This activity takes place during: Term 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Hannah Frater

Approximate Cost: \$15.00

Venue: School (exam conditions)



ICAS Digital Technologies

(Academic Competitions)

Description: The annual International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Digital Technologies requires students to complete questions that test their general ICT skills, word processing, graphics & multimedia, internet & email, spreadsheets & databases, and programming & scripting. The 60-minute test is completed by students in Years 7-10 under normal examination conditions. Students receive a certificate of achievement and in- depth feedback on their results.

This activity takes place during: Term 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Hannah Frater

Approximate Cost: \$25.00

Venue: School (exam conditions)

ICAS Writing

(Academic Competitions)

Description: The annual International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Writing

assesses students' ability to write an extended response to a given task with a provided stimulus. Two

forms of writing, narrative and persuasive, will be assessed over time. The 60-minute test is

completed by students in Years 7-10 under normal examination conditions. Students receive a

certificate of achievement and in- depth feedback on their results.

This activity takes place during: Term 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Hannah Frater

Approximate Cost: \$15.00

Venue: School (exam conditions)

Australian Geography Competition

(Academic Competitions)

Description: The Australian Geography Competition is an enrichment task because it's a contest for

Years 7-12 Geography students, which assesses their geographical knowledge and skills. The

Competition aims to encourage student interest in geography and to reward student excellence. It

consists of multiple-choice questions testing geographical knowledge and skills. The answer sheets

are centrally marked, and all participants receive results and certificates: high distinction, distinction,

credit, or participation.

This activity takes place during: Term 2

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Sue Nunn (HSIE)

Approximate Cost: \$4 per student

Venue: Timetabled rooms

Australian Mathematics Competition

(Academic Competitions)

Description: The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) was introduced in Australia in 1978

as the first Australia-wide mathematics competition for students. It has since spread

internationally, with students in more than 30 countries attempting the same problems. The AMC

is for students of all standards. Students are asked to solve 30 problems in 75 minutes (Years 7–12).

The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking and questions are designed so that they

can be answered just as quickly without a calculator as with one. The problems get more difficult

through the competition, so that at the end they are challenging to the most gifted students.

Students of all standards will make progress through the problems, and also be challenged along

the way.

This activity takes place during: Term 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Mathematics - Nick Campbell

Approximate Cost: \$5

Venue: School

International Chemistry Quiz

(Academic Competitions)

Description: The ICQ is a unique chemical education activity. It provides a major focus for

secondary school students on the relevance of chemistry in an exciting and stimulating way.

The RACI invites all students to participate in the ICQ. The ICQ aims to promote interest in

chemistry and the role of chemists in our society. The ICQ is not a nationwide assessment of

chemistry knowledge, but rather an opportunity to promote Chemistry and for teachers to

gauge the understanding their students have of the subject.

This activity takes place during: Term 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: S Edwards (Science)

Approximate Cost: \$5

Venue: School (Exam conditions)

Australian History Competition

(Academic Competitions)

Description: The Australian History Competition consists of 50 multiple choice questions that tests students understanding of general historical skills and concepts. It provides an interesting and rewarding experience that allows students to challenge their understanding of Australian History. There is a prize of \$250 for the national winner.

This activity takes place during: Term 2

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Sue Nunn (HSIE)

Approximate Cost: \$5

Venue: At school

National History Challenge

(Academic Competitions)

Description: The National History Challenge is a research-based competition for students. It gives students a chance to be an historian, researching world history, examining Australia's past, investigating their community or exploring their own roots. It emphasises and rewards quality research, the use of community resources and effective presentation.

This activity takes place during: Term 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: (HSIE)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: At school



Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

Description:YAC plays an important role in advising the NSW Government on issues that are relevant to young people across the state.Membership of the YAC provides an opportunity for children and young people to contribute to the work of the NSW Government. More information can be found at Youth Advisory Council (YAC) (nsw.gov.au)

This activity takes place during: Applications open end of year, runs all year.

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: (HSIE)

Approximate cost: NA

Venue: TBA

Office of the
Advocate for Children
and Young People

Write a Book in a Day

(Enrichment)

Description: WABIAD is a nationwide short story competition. Students collaborate to plan, write, illustrate, produce and print a book in one day. These books are judged against all other books in the country. The books are sent to sick kids in the hospital. Two thirds of the fee the students pay goes to helping fight cancer in children.

This activity takes place during: Term 2

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: English

Approximate Cost: \$70

Venue: School Library

Chess

(Enrichment)

Description: The NSW Junior Chess League's Country Secondary Schools Competition is a knock-out team competition for schools outside the Sydney Metropolitan area. When a team loses it is knocked out of the main competition but then participates in a "second place competition" (also a knock-out) which determines second place in the region. The region winners qualify to play in finals which are held in November. This competition has been running successfully for twenty-four years and has enjoyed the participation of more than 300 secondary schools in the country regions of NSW. Benefits of school participation include providing opportunities for students to meet in friendly competition and socialise with students from other schools; the chance to elevate the self-esteem of students who may not shine in other areas; and additional opportunities to cater for G&T students

This activity takes place during: Ongoing

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: S Walker (Library)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: Various





Debating and Public Speaking

(Enrichment)

Description: Whitebridge High's debating team enters the Premier's Debating Challenge which is open to government schools throughout NSW, with age divisions for teams from Year 7 all the way up to Year 12. Teams entering the challenge compete in a round-robin series of debates against nearby schools, with the winners going on to compete at regional and state level to determine the eventual state champion. The benefits of Debating and Public speaking include: Collaboration with others; Time Management; Ideation; Empathy; Persuasiveness; Active Listening; Critical Thinking; Logical Reasoning; Confidence; and skills in adjudication.

This activity takes place during: Ongoing

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: S Walker (Library)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: School



Junior Drama Ensemble

(Enrichment)

Description: Junior Drama Ensemble is an opportunity for students to develop their confidence and performance skills in a fun, dynamic environment. Students learn the basics of stage craft, control of voice and physicality based on interest and character needs. The content of the ensemble is driven by student interest. Students work towards creating self-devised performance pieces which they audition for regional festivals and perform at MADD. In late Term 3, students begin working on improvisations skills in preparation for the Junior TheatreSports Schools Challenge Competition (TSC) in Term 4.

This activity takes place during: This activity runs once a week for the whole year.

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Ashley Dyball (Library)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: At School

Duke of Edinburgh

(Enrichment)

Description: The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is available to all 14–25 year olds, regardless

of their background. The Award is comprised of three levels, each progressively more challenging. The

Bronze level award is offered to Year 9 students. They may then continue to Silver and Gold.

Participants are required to complete four sections at each level: Service, Skill, Physical Recreation and

Adventurous Journey. Gold level, participants also complete a Residential Project.

At Whitebridge High School, the Adventurous Journeys are overnight hikes conducted in various

locations such as the Central Coast, Watagans National Park. The hikes focus on developing navigation

and camp craft skills as well as leadership and independence.

This activity takes place during: Various dates

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: R Martinelli (PDHPE)

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Studio Time

(Enrichment)

Description: This is available to anyone who wants to explore their art making further or complete work from art lessons. Senior Visual Arts students are encouraged to attend. Ms Alcorn is available to supervise and help students with their work but is not giving formal lessons. This is free to

anyone who is interested and students may attend when it suits them.

This activity takes place during: Each Tuesday 3:20pm – 5:00pm.

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: (CAPA)

Approximate Cost: Free

Venue: Whitebridge High School, C2 Art Room

Vox

(Enrichment)

Description: This vocal group is open to all students interested in group singing and performance, providing instruction in vocal tone and harmony singing. The ensemble performs at a number of local and regional events, with repertoire including pop, choral and

acapella music.

This activity takes place during: Each Wednesday lunch time in G1.

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Mr Ryan (CAPA)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: Whitebridge High School, G1 Music Room



Junior Dance Ensemble

(Enrichment)

Description: The Junior Dance Ensemble at Whitebridge High School offers students with a passion for dance in Years 7 and 8 to learn, build skill, create and compose in an ensemble. Students will learn choreography taught by the dance teacher, with the focus of performing for a wider community audience. This ensemble has opportunities to perform at MADD night, the Creative Revue we hold for our Whitebridge Community of Schools, celebration assemblies and Hunter Dance Festival.

This activity takes place during: Throughout the year in Year 7 and 8 Sport time.

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: D. Ferguson (CAPA)

Approximate Cost: Free

Venue: Whitebridge High School Dance Studio

Star Struck

(Enrichment)

Description: Star Struck is a NSW Department of Education annual performing arts event for Newcastle, the Hunter and Central Coast. It is a showcase of dance, drama and music performed by students from Kindergarten to Year 12. Students have the opportunity to participate as part of a combined dance, drama or choir, with their school groups, or if successful at audition can participate as featured vocalists or instrumentalists. In addition to these on stage roles, students can also participate as members of the student stage management, choreographic and props design teams.

This activity takes place during: Over Term 1 and Term 2, with the performances in Week 7 of

Term 2.

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: D. Ferguson (CAPA)

Approximate Cost: \$100 - \$200, due to costuming that the child will keep

Venue:

Rehearsals: At school, Newcastle Basketball Stadium and The Forum at Newcastle

University

Performances: Newcastle Entertainment Centre

Hunter Dance Festival

(Enrichment)

Description: Hunter Dance Festival is a Dance performance opportunity, presenting works of over 2000 students from kindergarten to Year 12. The weeklong festival highlights the range of styles explored through the study of dance in public schools. These performances are underpinned by creativity, confidence and respect for one another. The festival allows students an opportunity to experience performing in a professional production to a live audience whilst also gaining an understanding of the arts industry.

This activity takes place during: Over Term 1 and Term 2, with the performances in Week 2 of Term 3.

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: D. Ferguson, CAPA

Approximate Cost: Free

Venue: Rehearsals: At school Performances: Wests at New Lambton

Encore

(Enrichment)

Description: ENCORE is a program of outstanding performances and compositions by students from the HSC Music examinations presented by the NSW Education Standards Authority and the NSW Department of Education.

This activity takes place during: Term 1

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: D. Ferguson, CAPA

Approximate Cost: Free

Venue: Sydney Opera House

Band

(Enrichment)

Description: This ensemble is open to wind, brass and percussion players, providing a continuum of banding opportunities for graduates from our local primary school concert bands. Beginning students are also welcome to join, with support provided for new learners.

This activity takes place during: The band rehearses once per week; Week A Thursday morning at 8:30am, and Week B Monday Afternoon finishing at 2:30pm

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Mr Budden (CAPA)

Approximate Cost: Free

Venue: Whitebridge High School, G1 Music Room



ASX Sharemarket Game

(Enrichment)

Description: In the ASX Sharemarket Game, students receive a virtual \$50,000 they can invest over a 10 week period, in 220 companies listed on the ASX. The prices students buy and sell at are the same prices as they would get in the live market so this is as close to real life share trading as you can get. As a result of playing the Game, students will:

- Develop their knowledge of the sharemarket
- Learn how to research companies
- Discover the importance of wise investment decisions
- Gain a greater knowledge of economic and world events
- Begin to learn more about investing which is beneficial for their future

Zain Masterton from Whitebridge High School was the national winner in this competition for 2020!

This activity takes place during: May and October

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: P. Frost (HSIE)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: Online

MUNA

(Enrichment)

Description: Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is a Rotary District project designed to create an awareness of the role of the United Nations in mediating international issues. The purpose of MUNA is to encourage young people to learn about other nations and to understand and appreciate the workings of the United Nations while they develop debating skills and gain self confidence in public speaking.

The debates reproduce genuine UN debates often with a fine flow of rhetoric, points of order, motions of dissent and bloc walkouts! MUNA is actually a United Nations initiative and there are a variety of MUNA events held throughout the world.

This activity takes place during: Term 2

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: (HSIE)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: Musswellbrook Council Chambers

Mars Rover Challenge

(Enrichment)

Description: Are you interested in text based coding using Python? I am looking for students interested in using their Python coding skills to program and control our "Mars Rover" robots. You will build up your coding skills to program the rovers with the aim at the end of the year to compete in an external competition show casing these skills.

This activity takes place during: Lunchtimes throughout the year

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: TBA (TAS)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: School

Creative Revue

(Enrichment)

Description: The Creative and Performing Arts faculty present a semester-based showcase of the programs offered in Music, Art, Dance and Drama, for our Partner Primary Schools, linking to our transition programs for Years 5 and 6. This opportunity allows our students to develop their skill in the creative and performing arts, while presenting the possibilities these subjects offer.

This activity takes place during: Term 2, Week 8 and Term 4, Week 8.

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: CAPA Faculty

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: Whitebridge High School, School Hall

Tournament of Minds

(Enrichment)

Description: Tournament of Minds is a problem-solving program that aims to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment. Teams are required to work together on a long-term challenge for six weeks without assistance from teachers, parents or peers. They are encouraged to explore possibilities and experiment with ideas as they endeavour to produce their best possible solution. They develop a creative and original way to communicate this solution to others, working within predefined parameters such as limited materials, complex challenge criteria and the deadline of Tournament Day.

This activity takes place during: Term 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Miss Frater (Science)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: School

University of Newcastle High performing Students Program

(Enrichment)

Description: A joint initiative of the University of Newcastle and NSW Department of Education. The High Performing Students Program gives exceptional high school students the opportunity to get a 'taste' of tertiary education by undertaking first year university courses while still at school. The University of Newcastle program provides students with opportunities to fulfil their academic potential, help with career decisions, and can lead to credit for university studies. Now running for over ten years, the program is delivered at Merewether High School but is open to students from all schools in the region. The program aims to keep our best and brightest in the region, and to build opportunities for local growth.

Courses:

- Globalisation and International Management (BUSN1001)
- Object Oriented Programming (SENG1110)
- Foundations of Health and Disease (HUBS1417)

This activity takes place during: Semester 1, Expression of Interest Forms due ~February

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Miss Frater (Science)

Approximate Cost: \$400

Venue: Merewether High School

Sleek Geek Science Eureka Prize Competition

(Enrichment)

Description: The Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize encourages students to communicate a scientific concept in a way that is accessible and entertaining to the public while painlessly increasing their science knowledge or, as prize patrons Dr Karl and Adam Spencer like to say, "Learn something without even noticing". It is intended to support budding young scientists across the nation, who will be our future leaders in research, discovery and communication.

This activity takes place during:

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: H Frater (Science)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: Online and at school

Green Team

(Enrichment)

Description: Are you and some friends at school interested in helping our environment and want to do more? Why not start a Green Team? Your Green Team can create and run projects and campaigns at your school to fix the environmental problems that you think are the most important to the kids at your school.

Green Team members are the most important kids in the school. They set a great example and encourage others to care for our environment. Green Teams are student leaders. Follow the steps to start a Green Team at your school.

This activity takes place during: All year

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: H Frater / A Daugherty (Science)

Approximate Cost:

Venue:



Premiers Reading Challenge

(Enrichment)

Description: The Premiers Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and

pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition

but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's

Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9. Students read at

least 20 books in 5 months from a pre-approved list of books.

This activity takes place during: March to August

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: S Walker (Library)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: School

MADD Night

(Enrichment)

Description: The Creative and Performing Arts faculty present an annual Music, Art, Dance and

Drama night, showcasing works produced from our students. Students have the opportunity to

perform at this night by being involved in one of our already established co-curricular programs,

or by auditioning their own individual or ensemble performance at the beginning of Term 3.

Students in Visual Arts and Photography also have the opportunity to showcase their works and

speaking on behalf of these at this night.

This activity takes place during: Term 3, Week 7. Auditions are at the beginning of Term 3.

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: (CAPA)

Approximate Cost: Free

Venue: Whitebridge High School, School Hall

My Place Writing Competition

(Enrichment)

Description: The My Place Competition is open to students in Year 7 to Year 10. Through short stories, poetry, and other creative writing forms, entrants will paint a picture of everyday Australian life in 2020. This competition allows students to express their personal observations and experiences. Every submission will be unique as it will reflect each student's experiences.

This activity takes place during: Term 2

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: (English)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: No venue

Science and Engineering Challenge

(Enrichment)

Description: The Science and Engineering Challenge (SEC) is a nationwide STEM* outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle in partnership with communities, Rotary clubs, universities and sponsors. Through the SEC, students experience aspects of science and engineering which they would not usually see in their school environment.

This activity takes place during: Term 2

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Miss Frater (Science)

Approximate Cost: \$30

Venue: University of Newcastle

Big Science Competition

(Enrichment)

Description: The Big Science Competition is a 50 minute, multiple choice competition testing science knowledge, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable (and interesting). This is an easy way to challenge students from Years 7 to 10 and track their performance against state or national averages. Competition questions are aligned with the Australian Curriculum – Science. Students receive a certificate indicating their performance and those that perform well may be identified for other science enrichment programs

This activity takes place during: Term 2

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Miss Frater(Science)

Approximate Cost: \$5

Venue: School

Wool 4 School

(Enrichment)

Description: Wool 4 School is a design competition, for students in years 7 and 8. Each Year there is a new design brief which requires students to design an outfit that meets the brief and incorporates Australian wool.

This activity takes place during: Term 2 and 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: J Lassam (TAS)

Approximate Cost: Free

Venue: School



EV Bike Challenge

(Enrichment)

Description: As part of the Hunter Electric vehicle festival, students work as a team to compete for

the EV prize by building a vehicle that can outlast the competition in a battle of attrition around a

tight and twisty race circuit. On the way you will learn about teamwork, electric vehicles, building

stuff, thinking like an entrepreneur and how to push the boundaries in vehicle design. The EV Prize

is aimed at creating a fun and practical way for high school students and their families to be

involved in a project that introduces high school students to Science, Technology, Engineering and

Mathematics (STEM)

This activity takes place during: November

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: R Milne (TAS)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: Newcastle Kart Racing Club Cameron Park NSW

Representative Sports

(Sporting)

Description: Whitebridge High Students regularly attend trials for Hunter Region teams in numerous representative sporting programs that compete at the regional, state and national levels. These include Water Polo, Netball, Basketball, Cricket, Soccer, Tennis, Touch Football and Hockey.

This activity takes place during: Terms 1-4

Cost: Various

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: PDHPE

Venue: Various

Knockout Team

(Sporting)

Description: Whitebridge High School runs trials for school teams that compete in a range of sports for boys and girls including but not limited to Basketball, Cricket, Soccer, Tennis, Hockey, Touch Football and AFL. Knockout sports teams' trial and train throughout the year as needed.

This activity takes place during: Terms 1-4

Cost: Nil

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: PDHPE

Venue: Various



Carnivals

(Sporting)

Description: Whitebridge High School has a long tradition of high level competitions in athletics, swimming and cross country. These are run as stand-alone carnivals throughout the year and students qualify for Zone, Regional and State Carnivals.

This activity takes place during: Terms 1-4

Cost: Various

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: PDHPE

Venue: Various



Japanese Trip – Sister School visit

(Other)

Description: Every second year in September, a group of Whitebridge High School students studying Japanese have the opportunity to visit our sister school in Japan, *Hisai High School*. For about two weeks students stay with their Japanese host families, attend school and participate in sightseeing trips. In return, every year in March, we host Japanese students from *Hisai High School* for two weeks. This exchange program is a crucial element of the Japanese syllabus, giving our students the opportunity to develop their language skills, explore the culture and forge friendships.

This activity takes place during:

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Mrs T Quatermain (Language)

Approximate Cost: \$2500

Venue: Japan

Wowsers Cafe

(Service)

Description: The Whitebridge Wowsers Café was established in 2016. Barista training provides students with pre- employment skills enabling them to access casual employment in café settings. Students undergo a period of training where they learn how to use and care for a commercial coffee machine. During this training period they will be required to "Prepare and Serve Espresso Coffee" to industry standard in a café setting at school. Use of hygienic practices for food safety are also emphasised. Upon successful completion of the training and service in the Café, students could achieve a Certificate II in Hospitality.

This activity takes place during: One morning per week

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: L Smailes (Design, Food and Fashion)

Approximate Cost: Varies

Venue: A11K



Work Experience/Service Learning Year 10

(Service)

Description: Workplace learning helps students to gain increased confidence and maturity as well as greater self-knowledge through experiencing a busy adult working environment. This directly benefits their career planning and also builds on course work, career education activities and work education programs that the student may already be doing at school. Students also have the choice of completing

a week of Service Learning in our local community which helps develops a local profile links between business and the community and the importance of being involved in the community.

This activity takes place during: Term 4 Week 8

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: Mr Bendall (Careers)

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: Various

Ration Challenge

(Service)

Description: For a week in September, participants of the Ration Challenge eat the same rations as a

Syrian refugee living in a camp in Jordan - just a small amount of rice, flour, lentils, chickpeas, beans,

oil and fish (or tofu). Money raised through this experience will help provide emergency food,

hygiene kits and life-saving support to refugees and other conflict and disaster affected communities

around the world.

This activity takes place during: Term 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: SRC

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: Nil

Charity Fundraisers

(Service)

Description: Mark Hughes Foundation, Pyjama day, jeans for genes day,

This activity takes place during: Term 3

Teacher / Faculty in Charge: SRC

Approximate Cost: Nil

Venue: Nil