



IMPORTANT DATES

18 th - 22 nd Sept	Year 12 Dress Up Week	9 th October	School Starts
22 nd September	Year 12 Breakfast & Fun Morning	23 RD October	P&C Meeting
23 rd Sept – 8 th Oct	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		

**FROM THE
PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents and Care givers,

As we make our way into the end of this term, I would like to acknowledge staff and students for their positive contribution to so many great educational opportunities. When we consider the mammoth amount of organisation needed for big picture events such as the Canberra tour, the school production, NAIDOC Week and more ... then the very many other events ranging from music recitals through to football interhouse competitions and everything in between ... it has certainly been a busy term! I never cease to be impressed by the amount of good will amongst my staff who give of their time and energy to make learning a real-life hands-on experience. We know that our students appreciate it and that makes all the difference.

Student Voice

On the subject of students, it is my pleasure to announce that the Student Leaders for 2024 are Olly McKiernan and Xabi Launay. They take on this role at the start of term four to allow the Year 12 leaders to focus on their studies and graduation. I take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the outgoing representatives – Student Leaders, Lilla Brampton and Reef White; and Year 12 Councillors, Charlee Candy, Tait Hartfield, Adam Turner and Saffron Truong.

Olly and Xabi will be joined by a dynamic team of Student Councillors – just two more Year 12s – Miranda (Maz) Dowling and Milla Madeo; a team of six Year 11s comprised of Ethan Hunt, Luiza Brandao Fagundes, Imogen Van Burgel and Reuben Winter - who have all agreed to continue into senior schooling – and we are running elections for the remaining two Year 11 representatives; then four Year 8, 9 and 10 students respectively. Note that we always offer current members who are demonstrating a good commitment to council to

continue in the role then run elections for vacancies as they arise. Year 7s are appointed mid-year, after they have transitioned successfully to secondary school.

I am exceedingly proud of the fact that we have a fully functioning Student Council who are eager to make a positive difference. They are ably led by Deb Edmondson and we look forward to seeing more great things come from this team in 2024.

P&C

We held our AGM this term and filled all executive positions. Many thanks go to the following office bearers for the 2023/24 P&C:

- President: Rebecca Brunings
- Vice President: Hanna Reichel
- Treasurer: Maren Heckel
- Secretary: Sandra Cull

This team is joined by Naomi de Hert, Helen Redman, Juliet Bateman and Kanae Jones who form the Executive Committee. All are welcome to attend the meetings that are held at 5.30pm on Monday nights in weeks three and eight of each term. Membership of the P&C is just \$1 per year. It is a great way to find out more about what goes on in your child's school.

Fire Season

The upcoming fire season promises to be long and intense. At school, we revisit our Bush Fire plan every year and run evacuation drills so that we are prepared for any foreseeable eventuality. I am taking the liberty of sharing a link to the official DFES site where you can access a bushfire preparation checklist to give your home the best possible chance of surviving a bushfire. [Prepare for a bushfire - Department of Fire and Emergency Services \(dfes.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)

I wish you all a happy and safe term three break.

Kind regards

Kath Ward
Principal

MAN OF STEEL PRODUCTION



**Thank you to Serena Kirby for supplying all
Photos. @serenakirbywa**

Production 2023, Man of Steel, saw a cast and crew of around 60 present a high quality piece of musical theatre, in the tradition that Denmark Senior High School has become renowned. The audiences were wowed by the depth of talent our students displayed as actors and singers. Awesome characterisation from the cast brought to life a story that the audience loved.

It was wonderful to feature members of the John Clark Memorial Band as part of the cast for the first time. Many staff assisted in bring the show to life including, Steve Bergmann, Nola Formentin and Catherine Warnock. Once again Louise McKenna did a wonderful job as musical director.

On closing night, numerous parents and cast members from the original 2009 Man of Steel cast attended, full of happy memories of their own involvement in Drama at Denmark Senior High School.



MAN OF STEEL



STEM

Busselton Pedal Prix 2023

We are pleased to announce the remarkable achievement of our inaugural Denmark SHS Blue Wren Racing Team in the 2023 Busselton Pedal Prix. Comprising of students from Year 7 to Year 10, the team participated in the challenging 6-hour relay race, securing an impressive second-place finish. This remarkable feat, achieved in their debut race, demonstrates the student's exceptional physical determination, and their adeptness in applying the STEM skills of problem solving, communication, creative thinking and teamwork.

Congratulations to Gavin Davidson, Patrick Dickson, Oakley Donohoe, Harry Farrall, Ethan Hunt, Mitchel Otway, Darcy Taylor, Benjamin Wells and Reuben Winter, who all represented the school with pride to achieve this fantastic result. We extend our gratitude to our parents, and sponsors for their unwavering support. As our team continues to grow and excel, we look forward to their future achievements in the world of pedal racing, reaffirming our commitment to excellence in STEM education.



BOOK WEEK



Book Week 2023 gave students the opportunity to engage in a fun range of competitions and events.

The week kicked off with a very special morning tea in the library for 30 of our most frequent borrowers. It was fantastic to recognise and reward students who read and make the most of our wonderful, well-stocked library.

During the week, students had the opportunity to take part in daily book-themed scavenger hunts around the playground and a guess-the-genre bell competition. The 'Guess the Teacher's Favourite Book' competition was a great success - students enjoyed quizzing their teachers all week in an effort to correctly match all 31 to the right books.

The highlight of the week was Wednesday's Book Week Parade, which saw staff and students dressing up as their favourite book or film characters. Congratulations and thank you to all participants for their wild and wacky costumes and their enthusiasm for books and reading.



Science Week

Denmark Senior High School was buzzing with excitement and scientific wonder during this year's National Science Week, which took place from 14th to 18th August 2023. This annual event has become a much-anticipated tradition, and this year's activities certainly did not disappoint! With a theme of "Innovation", students of all ages delved into the world of science through a variety of engaging and educational activities.

Hands-On Workshops

One of the highlights of Science Week was the series of hands-on workshops that allowed students to get up close and personal with scientific concepts. From chemistry experiments that produced colorful reactions to physics demonstrations that showcased the power of motion, these workshops were a hit among our young scientists. Special thanks go to our dedicated science teachers who led these sessions, sparking a love for learning and discovery in our students.

Guest Speakers

We were also fortunate to have some inspiring guest speakers join us during Science Week. Anna Prior from Murdoch University shared her knowledge and passion for science with our students. Her engaging talk and Scintillating Science quiz inspired many of our students to consider future careers in science-related fields.

Star and Sun Gazing day

On a clear day, our school gathered for Sun gazing. Telescopes were set up, and students, and teachers enjoyed the chance to observe the star of our solar system, the Sun. It was a perfect opportunity to learn about solar storms, cosmology and our place in the cosmos. The event fostered a sense of wonder and curiosity that is at the heart of scientific exploration.

Science Quizzes and Competitions

Throughout the week, students participated in science quizzes and competitions that tested their knowledge and critical thinking skills. Daily science quizzes with themes of Geology, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Astronomy were presented to students and small rewards were allocated to the winners. These friendly competitions encouraged healthy competition and allowed students to showcase what they've learned in class.

Interactive Exhibits

In the school's gymnasium, interactive exhibits provided a hands-on experience for students. They explored topics such as electromagnetism, forensic

science and chemical reactions through interactive displays and devices such as infrared cameras, forensic science kits and speed guns. These exhibits offered a fun and memorable way to reinforce classroom learning.

A Word of Thanks

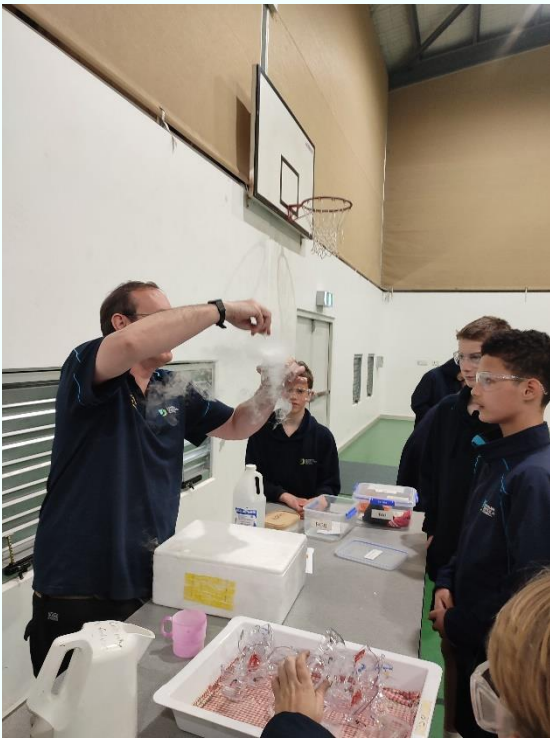
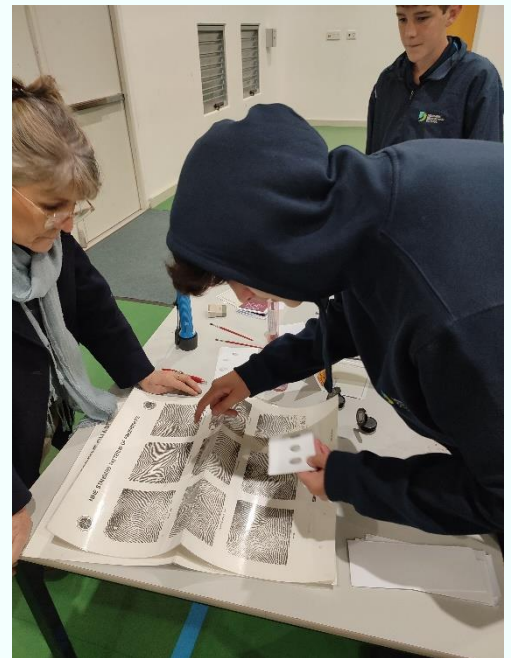
A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the teachers, staff, students, and volunteers who made Science Week a resounding success. Your dedication to fostering a love for science in our school community is truly appreciated.

As Science Week came to a close, it left behind a trail of inspired students, curious minds, and a deep appreciation for the wonders of the universe. It's safe to say that Science Week 2023 was a blast, and we can't wait to see what next year has in store for us. Until then, let's continue to nurture our love for science and exploration every day!

Keep on exploring, Denmark Senior High School scientists!



Science Week



GEOGRAPHY

Local Geography students shine in Australian Geography Competition!

Year 11 Geography students from Denmark SHS tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2023 Australian Geography Competition. We recently received the results and they were outstanding.

We have a number of student geographers at our school who performed very well in the competition this year with Lara Hunter and Josie Goodwill Buczak gaining high distinctions, which puts them in the top level of all students nationwide. Several other students also excelled, receiving certificates of distinction and credit. Over 73,000 students from across Australia entered the Australian Geography Competition so the students should be very pleased with their attainment.

A really exciting aspect of this year's results is that Lara was selected as one of two students to represent WA at the Geography Big Week Out in less than a month's time! Lara will be flown to Darwin to participate in a mix of stimulating and hands-on geography activities, focusing on fieldwork, designed to challenge and extend high-performing senior students. Australia's team to the 2023 International Geography Olympiad in Ireland will be chosen from Year 11 students who excel at the Big Week Out. We wish Lara all the best in her endeavours, and because she'll be doing geography fieldwork for a week, we know she'll have a fantastic time.

The competition is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland. Funding to support the Competition and Australia's team in the Olympiad is provided by the Australian Department of Education, Skills and Employment, the University of Melbourne and the University of New South Wales.



NEW BUS

We are very pleased to share that our school has taken delivery of a new Yutong D9 - 39 seater school bus with capacity to provide wheelchair access.

The new bus is fitted with a raft of safety features such as:

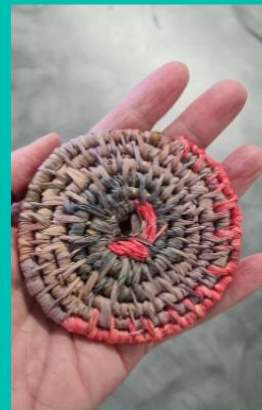
- Electronic Stability Control (ESC)
- Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD)
- Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)
- Check-Mate Alarm - system that ensures all children have safely disembarked the vehicle upon completion of each run.

For the comfort of our students on long trips, the bus is airconditioned, has a fridge and most seats are fitted with USB ports.



Little bowls of happiness

Inspired by the TJANPI desert weavers of central Australia, we commenced this project at the start of the term in order to coincide with our NAIDOC celebrations but the students loved it so much they kept on weaving. We dyed the natural raffia with an assortment of indigenous dyes including, marri, eucalypt, blood root and dog poo fungus. Other plant dyes used were blueberry, red cabbage, turmeric, blackberry, red onion skins, brown onion skins, beetroot. The pictures say it all..... Jodie Pollard



Say cheese! Yes, we made cheese, bocconcini specifically, ready to be sliced and put on our pizzas next week.



HaSS

Recently, our Year 7 students in HaSS embarked on an exciting journey through time as they delved into the fascinating world of Ancient Rome. Thanks to a loan from the Museum of the Great Southern, our young historians had the unique opportunity to interact with a collection of meticulously crafted replica artefacts. From donning authentic Roman armour to wielding swords and shields, our students experienced history firsthand, gaining a deeper understanding of the Roman Empire's rich cultural heritage. This immersive activity not only ignited their curiosity but also provided a tangible connection to the past. Plus – they got to belt each other with a sword. How good is that?!



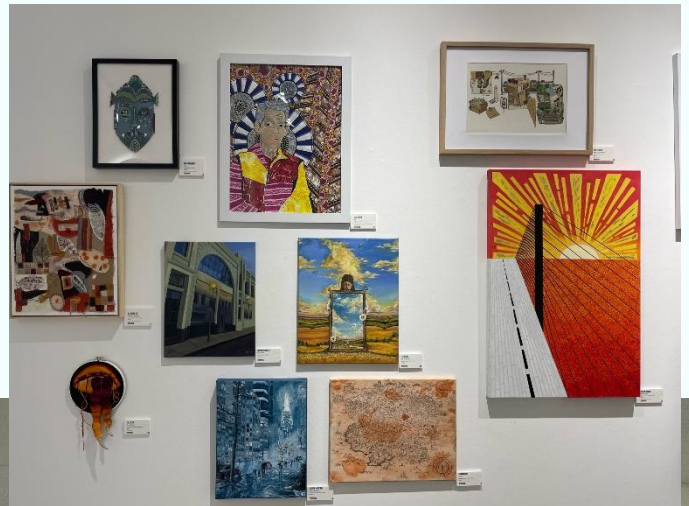
Art

2023 Young Originals Exhibition

Year 10 student, Anabelle Simpson attended the *Young Originals Exhibition* at Edith Cowan University in Mt Lawley and spotted the three artworks by our students. Anabelle is pictured with her artwork, along with Lara Hunter's (Year 11) portrait of her grandfather and Arelina Cunningham's (Year 10) skateboard. Anabelle was inspired after attending the exhibition and was impressed with the quality and variety of the artworks. The exhibition featured artworks from a small selection of aspiring young artists from Years 7-12 enrolled in WA public schools. All works are catalogued online at <https://youngoriginals.com.au>

2023 Emerging Artist Award

Anabelle's artwork has also been selected as one of 61 artworks to be displayed in the *South Perth Emerging Artists Award* in October. This is an annual program providing the unique opportunity for young artists to exhibit their work in a public exhibition and compete for several awards. Selected artworks will be on display to the public 6th October - 14th October at the South Perth Community Hall (open 10am-4pm on Monday-Saturday, closed on Sundays). Best of luck Anabelle!



Congratulations

James Haymont



James graduated from Denmark Senior High School in 2021 and in the last week has entered the workforce in his chosen field of nursing, at Fiona Stanley Hospital.

James initially embarked on an ATAR pathway in Year 11, but quickly realised it did not suit him. Switching to the Vocational stream, he completed a Certificate II in Hospitality in Year 11.

In year 12, James successfully completed the Certificate IV Preparation for Nursing at South Regional TAFE Albany campus - attending 2 days a week. During his 3 days at school he successfully completed English, Maths, Drama and Science courses which gave him the grounding to complete further Nursing qualifications, leading him to where he is today!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Henry Edmondson

Year 12 Student Henry Edmondson has been invited to compete in the 2024 Freeride Junior World Championships in Austria.



This event offers places to only the top 12 Snowboard riders in the World based on 2023 competition results. Henry is currently seeded 5th in the world.

Good luck Henry!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Denmark Environment Centre invites you to a morning, learning about a recent visit local Menang custodians took to the Scotland Museum to engage with cultural artefacts originating from Menang people.

Lester Coyne

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Katy Fannei

(Little White Whale Project)

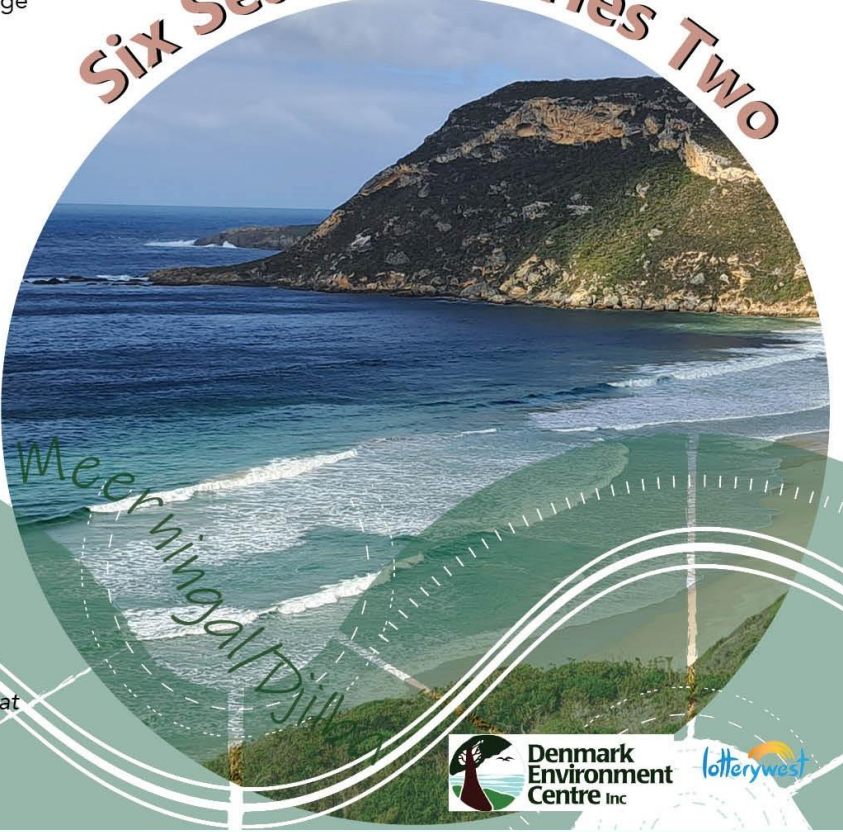
Sunday 24th September 2023

9.30 - 12.00 pm

Parrys Beach

Register your attendance by booking online at <https://tinyurl.com/djilbaevent> or book in person at the Denmark Environment Centre shop.

Six Seasons Series Two



YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENTS

EXPEDITION HIKE

SEP 27 - SEP 29

BIBBULMUN TRACK HIKE 3 DAYS, 2 NIGHTS

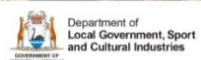
\$120

PER PARTICIPANT

INCLUDES:
2 PRE HIKE INFORMATION SESSIONS
SURFING SESSION
WE CAN PROVIDE EQUIPMENT
STAYING UNDER THE STARS AT SAND PATCH
CAMP & MUTTON BIRD CAMPS



[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/EXPEDITION-HIKE-YR-9-AND-10](https://events.humanitix.com/expedition-hike-yr-9-and-10)



Year 12 swimming instructor courses

Looking for a part-time job. Well make a splash with us!

If you're 17 years old or over, you can register for a free course to become a qualified swimming instructor. You'll obtain accredited swimming instructor and CPR qualifications for free, making you ready to teach VacSwim and Interm Swimming lessons. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get qualified, earn money and help kids stay safe in the water! Find out more and register now:

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming>

Looking for a summer job?

Become a qualified swimming instructor and we can give you the best summer job!



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Denmark Surf Life Saving Club



Denmark SLSC 2023/2024 Season Registrations Now Open!

Come join the Denmark Surf Lifesaving Club for another exciting year of surf, sun, and lifesaving adventures. Join us to learn essential water skills, gain confidence in the surf, and acquire life-saving techniques at one of Denmark's best known clubs.

Registrations are now open for new and returning members and are available online at www.denmarksurf.com.au

Kidsport vouchers are available for eligible members and the club is a welcoming place for anyone wanting to get involved in beach activities and lifesaving no matter your skill level or experience.

Come down and join us for the Registration Day on Sunday 8 October from 2pm at the clubrooms at Ocean Beach.



WAAPA Summer School 2024

Join us at WAAPA in January 2024 for a fun filled time, you'll make new friends, learn new skills and best of all - do lots of performing! This summer WAAPA is offering a range of performing arts courses as part of our school holiday program for secondary school students.

Classes for young people from Year 7 to 12 in Acting, Improvisation, Dance, Acting for Camera, Jazz and Music Theatre means there is something for everyone with a passion for the arts. This year we have a course especially designed for students from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds. Our wonderful staff cater for all abilities and experience levels. For information about the many courses on offer please visit Summer School 2024 or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at explore.waapa@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.

UPCYCLE FASHION SHOW

YOUTH RUN EVENT

FREE SIGN UP
At www.denmarkarts.com.au/youth or in person at Denmark Arts
Entries close 22nd September
Must be aged 12-18 years to register

Five x \$50 Cash Prizes to be won for Fashion Show Winners

DATE:
Saturday
7th October
Denmark Arts
5pm-late

all entries receive a **FREE \$10 TIP SHOP PASS**
(clothing to upcycle / show)

Studio Space open through Term 3 School Holidays to work on garment

Photobooth, Foodtruck, Youth Bands, and DJs

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Department of Education

VacSwim

Enrolments now open!
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Enrol now for the school holidays.

education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

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FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

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BEST HAT COMPETITION 12 NOON
DANCE • LIVE MUSIC • FREE CAKE • BBQ • COFFEE

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Find your feet in music and friendships, through developing camaraderie and doing a live performance to a great audience.

Spaces are incredibly limited. For more information, or to book now, call Rusty on: 0415 409 715



Wise Minds

Wise Minds is a group about learning to identify and express your emotions in a healthy way, particularly the difficult ones like anger, sadness and anxiety that can often be distressing and overwhelming.

The group will also help you learn ways of coping with these emotions so you feel more in control.

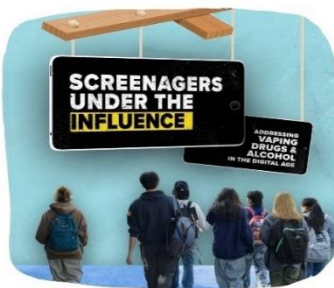
6 week program starting 17th October 2023

Tuesdays 3:45pm to 4:30pm

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Shops 9-11 The Link Shopping Centre
St Emille Way, Albany
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headspace.org.au/albany



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Join us for a **FREE** movie event from the comfort of your own home!
'SCREENAGERS: Under the Influence'
For parents and tweens/teens 10 years+

On demand viewing:

Watch anytime between
Mon 16 Oct to Mon 30 Oct 2023

Bookings:

<https://bit.ly/screenagersoct23>

Watch the trailer

<https://youtu.be/dR7uxuFqatY>

Supported by



Join Screenagers filmmaker, Delaney Ruston as she picks up her camera once more to examine the impact of our digital age on teens decision making in relation to substances such as vaping, alcohol and drugs.

Exploring the latest research and learning more about the personal experiences of teens and families, the film highlights the changing landscape of the substances themselves, offering solutions for how we can best empower teens, as they face decisions about what they will and will not be influenced by.



Women & Girls CRICKET

COME AND TRY DAY

There's never been a better time for women and girls to pick up a cricket bat, so we're opening our doors for anyone to come down and give it a go, at this **FREE** event!

Whether you're looking to get back into it after a few years off or want to have a crack for the very first time - we've got a spot for you!



Ages 12 +



Albany Indoor Sports Centre
Cockburn Road, Albany



Saturday 7th October 2023
10am - 12pm



FOR MORE INFO

Contact Holly or Rachel



gsomenscricket@gmail.com

Denmark Junior Tennis Coaching

DATE - Starts 21st of October
TIMES - 9am - 9:45 (5-7 yrs) 9:45 - 10:30 (8+)
COURTS - Denmark Tennis Club
TO BOOK - 0424 793 217 or nstennis@westnet.com.au
0433 511 656 or jbosner@inet.net.au

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ Fun games, drills and skills for kids aged 5-16
- ✓ Professionally trained coach
- ✓ All equipment provided

\$110pp

ALBANY TENNIS ACADEMY

DENMARK SHS

LAST DAY TERM 3

Friday, 22nd September 2023

FIRST DAY TERM 4

Monday, 9th October 2023
(Students & Staff)

HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AND SAFE HOLIDAYS!