

# Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

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2018 Term 4 Week 4

Friday 9 November 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 4 has moved at a frantic pace and we are drawing to a close of the 2018 school year. Our students have been involved in a wide variety of excursions and school camps of late, all of which have been well received and thoroughly enjoyed. Our Year 9 students went off to camp in Canberra for 2 nights and 3 days. From all reports they had a fantastic time and were exceptional role models for our school. The Year 8 camp to Greenpatch was also held last week under modified circumstances due to the weather. Year 8 started their camp with a sleep out in the school hall hoping the weather would clear up and they could get up Thursday morning and enjoy the great outdoors on Thursday and Friday. A special thank you to all the staff involved supervising the students and organising the activities while on camp. These amazing teachers including; Mr Newport, Mr Fakhoury, Ms Talbert, Mr McDonald, Mr Flugler, Ms Wood, Ms Patterson and finally Ms Butler. Thank you for your ongoing efforts and dedication.

Our Year 12 students have finished their HSC Exams and they are now close to receiving their results. All students need to be congratulated on their effort, attitude and application for these exams. Year 12 will receive their HSC results via their email and/or mobile device on the 13 December 2018. The school P & C will be holding its annual results breakfast commencing at 7:30 in the senior terrace. I would encourage all Year 12 students to come, share their success and catch up with some of the staff and their Year Advisor, Ms Deb Hargaves.

Our annual awards day will also be held on 13 December commencing at 9:30am in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all the success of our students and encourage all parents/carers of our award winners to come and support their children on this proud and special occasion. A huge thank you to Mrs McDonald who has

been the driving force behind the organising committee for this special day.

The school is trialling 'end of year activities' for the last Monday and Tuesday of the school year (17 and 18 December). Students have selected a morning activity and an afternoon activity of their interest and will participate in these activities for the two days. Wednesday 19 December will be a regular school day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for their ongoing support during the 2018 school year. Especially my dedicated and enthusiastic staff, our committed P&C, all the students and finally the wider school community. With your ongoing support, we will prosper and achieve wonderful things during 2019.



Have a safe and merry Christmas and a well-earned break over the New Year. School will resume for Years 7, 11 and 12 on Wednesday 30 January 2019 and all other years resume on Thursday 31 January 2019.

**Damian Rees, Relieving Principal**

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## FUNDRAISER BBQ

We would like to pass on a massive thank you to all of the wonderful local (and not so local) businesses who helped to support the USA Leadership Tour fundraiser held last weekend, the 11th of November.

Thank you to:

- Bunnings Nowra for allowing us the opportunity to raise vital funds
- Bakehouse Delights (East Nowra Bakery) for their incredible donation of 70 loaves of bread!
- North Nowra Friendly Grocer (mistakenly labeled IGA on our sign, sorry!) and Nowra Farmers Market for your generous onion donations
- Greenwell Point Butchery, MDS Finefoods Warilla, Shellharbour Meats and Smallgood and Bush's Fresh Meats for making our sausage dreams come true!
- To our own Karen, our canteen manager who helped supply our condiments on the day!

Finally, thank you to everyone who came and purchased a snag or two, we appreciate your support! The fundraiser was a great success and we appreciate all the staff and students who helped out on the day. Thanks again for help making dreams come true!





### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Nathan Harris and Sophie Dobell attended the Sussex Inlet R S L Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Service on November 11 at the Commemorative Wall-Cenotaph where they delivered the School Rendition.



### VICTOR CHANG AWARD

25 Year 11 Illawarra students have received a prestigious Victor Chang School Science award. The award recognises excellence in the field of Science.

Congratulations to Thomas Shewan in Year 11 for receiving this award.



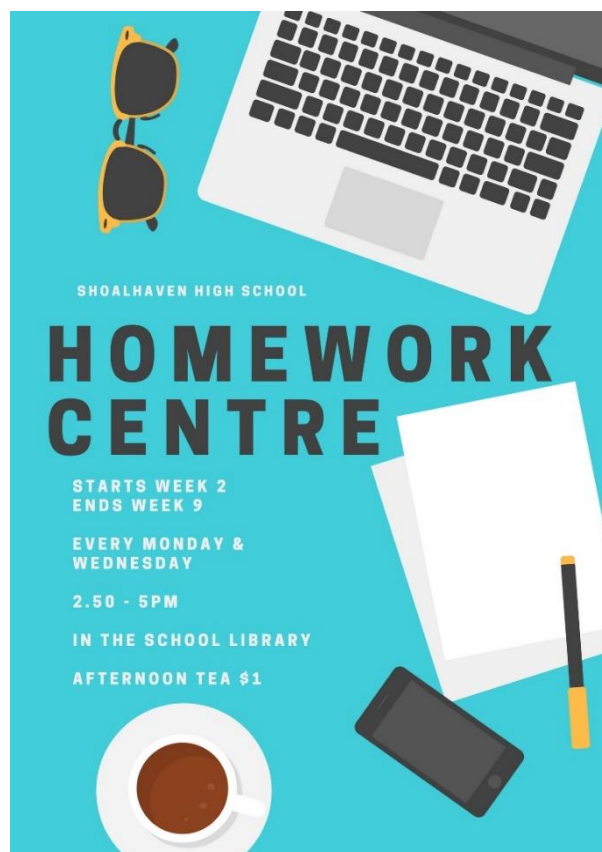
### 2018 YEAR 12 HSC RESULTS BREAKFAST

The 2018 Year 12 HSC results breakfast will be held in the school grounds on Thursday 13 December 2018 from 7.30am. Come along and enjoy a BBQ breakfast and share your results.



### UOW REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

### HOMEWORK CENTRE



## LAWN MOWER FOR SALE BY TENDER

John Deere EZTrak Z255 Zero Turn Mower up for Tender.

Quick Specs:

Brand: John Deere

Engine Brand: Briggs & Stratton

Drive System: Hydrostatic Drive

Cutting Width: 48"

Engine Power (hp\*): 22 HP

Drive Wheels: Rear Wheel Drive

Tenders close Wednesday 12th December.

Contact Peter Doherty on 0475 964 045 between 6:00am to 2:00pm during the week.



### SHS UNIFORM SHOP



**OPEN DURING TERM  
TIME:**

**MONDAY AND THURSDAY**

**9AM - 1PM**

**EFTPOS OR CASH ONLY!**

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE IS  
AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE  
PARENTS**







## BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY (BYOT)


Please have a read of the BYOT Policy/Guidelines on our website (Under Our school then BYOT) or click on the link below, for the expectations on how technology and mobile phones are used at our school, and the consequences for misuse of the technology.

[BYOT Policy](#)



### Bring Your Own Technology






#### Positive Choices

1. Students putting phones on silent and putting them away in bags or in the facility provided by teachers, if they are not required for the lesson. Other devices are also put away, if this is requested.
2. Students following teacher instructions, so that they are using devices appropriately during the lesson.
3. Students showing staff their work if they are using devices, whenever they are asked to do so during the course of the lesson.

The following are examples of positive uses for devices in lessons that your teachers may access in classes:

- research activities which involve the use of internet access.
- note taking, video making for projects and assessments.
- photographing notifications of tasks and work not completed on boards.
- recording the progress of work in practical classes.
- using the calendar to create homework / due date entries/ excursion/ test notifications – student diary/ organiser.
- timekeeping/ stop watch for speeches/calculator.
- using SRN, One Note, Kahoot or other appropriate software to allow student responses/ organise tasks.
- teacher directed quizzes.
- dictionary/ thesaurus work.
- recording and storage for multimedia tasks.
- submission of tasks via email.
- accessing ABC iView, educational apps.
- recording information whilst on excursions.



#### Negative Choices

1. Students not putting phones in bags, the facility which may be provided by staff in classes or in a place acceptable to staff, and not turning them off, if they are not being used for the lesson.
2. Students not having 'lids ajar' on laptops, or not removing earphones when requested to do so by staff.
3. Students refusing to use technology in accordance with teacher instructions.

This includes:

- Students texting or calling others on mobiles during class time.
- Students refusing to show staff their work on the technology.
- Students failing to make a reasonable effort with the technology to complete work.
- Students passing mobiles to others for inappropriate use or not handing phones to staff before going to the toilet.
- Students playing games on their device during lessons.
- Students using technology to bully, harass, offend or threaten others – includes illegal filming/ photography = serious offence!

**Being able to use technology in class is the teacher's choice, not the student's choice! There are consequences for any student who breaks the rules.**

## UNIFORM POLICY

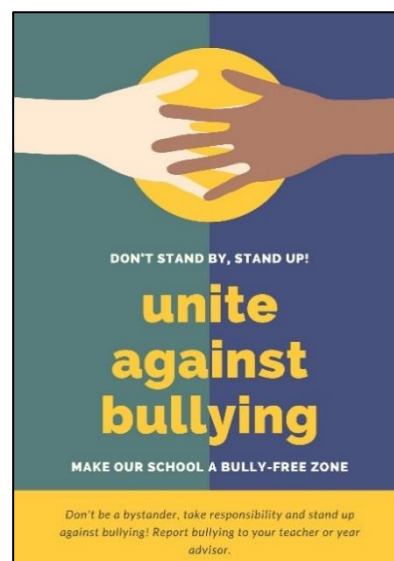
The Shoalhaven High School Uniform Policy is found on our School website under 'Our School' or click on the link

[2018 Uniform Policy](#)

## ANTI-BULLYING PLAN

The Shoalhaven High School Anti-bullying Plan is found on our School website under 'Our School' or click on the link


[Anti-bullying Plan](#)



## STUDENT TIMETABLES

Students now have access to view their timetable for 2018 online via the Student/Parent Sentral Portal.

To access, please visit <https://web2.shoalhaven-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login> then log in with your DoE username and password.



### Shoalhaven High School

Student and Parent Portal

Please enter your username and password below

[Forgot Password?](#)



Education &  
Communities

Public Schools NSW

## Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within **7** days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within **2** days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.







**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court  
- Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*.

The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

#### **Policy, information and brochures**

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

#### **The school leaving age**

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

#### **For further advice contact**

Educational services

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement and  
Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5356

[www.dec.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au)

#### **Do you need an interpreter?**

If you need help with English and would like further information please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **131 450** and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### DSA ON THE MOVE

#### BRINGING YOU LOTS OF FUN AND ADVENTURES

Our Mobile Community program has something for everyone!

Join us as we explore the Bay and Basin area, playing Ps4 by the beach and lots of other activities.

We will be running our Summer holiday programs at a number of locations from **7th January to 1st February 2019**.

Call now to book your spot.

We look forward to seeing you!

#### Important information:


- For ages 16 and over
- Transport is not included. Locations mentioned are the drop off/pick up zones
- Please bring lunch unless it's included in the program timetable
- Costs listed for each activity are program costs and are in addition to NDIS funding. If you do not have an NDIS plan please contact us for a Fee for Service quote.

#### TIMETABLE

For more information contact Brittini Riddle on

0490 422 292  
1300 372 121  
customerconnections@dsa.org.au  
www.dsa.org.au



Dates/Times	Activity	Location	Cost per activity
<b>Mondays</b> 10:30am - 3:30pm 7th January 14th January 21st January	<b>Bay Adventures</b>  Dolphin Cruise Peak Fitness Bootcamp Stand up Paddle Boarding	<b>Huskisson Wharf</b> All activities start & end at Huskisson Wharf with lunch at Angel's Cafe, Huskisson	\$70 (Inclusive of lunch)
<b>Tuesdays</b> 9am - 12pm 8th January 15th January 22nd January 29th January	<b>Gaming Comp!</b>  Join us for Ps4 and Nintendo Switch fun & games <b>BBQ by the Basin</b> 	<b>St Georges Basin Reserve</b> Starts & ends in front of Pelican Cafe, Island Point Road	\$12
<b>Wednesdays</b> 9am - 12pm 9th January 16th January 23rd January 30th January	<b>Yoga by the Bay</b>  Stretch for health! Beginners welcome <b>Lunch &amp; Games</b> BYO lunch or buy local. Enjoy board games	<b>Paradise Beach Reserve</b> Starts and ends at Paradise Beach Reserve on Walmer Avenue, Sanctuary Point	\$5
<b>Thursdays</b> 9am - 2pm 10th January 17th January 24th January 31st January	<b>Beach Cricket</b>  Fun outdoor games and sporting activities. BYO lunch, towel & money for a cool drink	<b>Huskisson</b> Starts and ends at White Sands Park, Hawke Street	\$5
<b>Fridays</b> 9am - 12pm 11th January 18th January 25th January 1st February	<b>Boules Battle!</b> Bring out your best at Boules  <b>BBQ by the Basin</b> 	<b>Huskisson</b> Starts and ends at White Sands Park, Hawke Street	\$12

Please pack a hat, sunscreen, water bottle and snacks on all days, and a light jacket and towel, if needed. You can also carry lunch from home or money to buy lunch or a drink, if desired.

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## CHIPPERS FINISHING SCHOOL

\*\*\* GOALS WIN GAMES \*\*\*

**NOWRA CLINIC, 17TH-18TH JANUARY 2019**  
Lyrebird Sports Park, 11 Amalfi Cres, Nowra NSW 2541  
Thursday 17th - Friday 18th, January 2019.

**AGE 8-16YRS**  
**9.00AM - 11.30AM.**

**COST: \$90**  
(Inclusive of registration fees and kit.)

**\$70**  
(For returning players that have CFS kit)

**WWW.EMAILMEFORM.COM/BUILDER/FORM/X41BM351UY**

**CUBS 5-7YRS**  
**12.15PM - 02.15PM.**




**COST: \$70**  
(Inclusive of registration fees and kit.)

**\$55**  
(For returning players that have CFS kit)

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**WHAT TO BRING:**  
Scoring boots, shin pads, water bottle. Drink bottles available for purchase at \$10. All players are expected to wear training shirt and boots for the duration of the clinic.



Who doesn't like to score goals? The most unique soccer camp on the South Coast is here to take your game to the next level.










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Book your spot early because spaces are limited!

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## CHIPPERS FINISHING SCHOOL

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**VINCENTIA CLINIC, 14TH-15TH JANUARY 2019**  
Vincentia High School, 142 The Wool Rd, Vincentia NSW 2540  
Tuesday 14th - Wednesday 15th, January 2019.

**AGE 8-16YRS**  
**9.00AM - 11.30AM.**

**COST: \$90**  
(Inclusive of registration fees and kit.)

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## JERVIS BAY MARITIME MUSEUM

Jervis Bay Maritime Museum has a summer program of events and activities suitable for your students and their families.

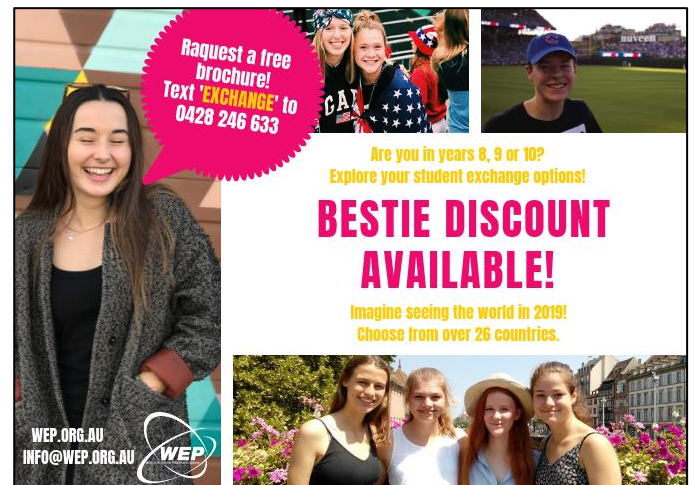
Looking for interesting things to do in the summer holidays?

Jervis Bay Maritime Museum's Hot Summer Program will be just the thing..

- Twilight Markets: Saturday 1 December 3pm – 7pm
- Jervis Bay Maritime Museum's 30th birthday celebrations: Saturday 8 December 5pm – 8.30pm
- Twilight Markets: Saturday 5 January 3pm-7pm
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream* : Friday 11 January 6pm for 7pm start. Bookings <https://www.southcoasttickets.com.au/>
- Koori Kulture day
- Hot Summer Cinema – outdoors event
- Live music
- Sea Slug Census through the NatureMapr App
- Art workshop

To find out more details see Face Book, the museum's website:

[www.jervisbaymaritimemuseum.com.au](http://www.jervisbaymaritimemuseum.com.au) or ring the museum: 4441 5675.



Shoalhaven High School will, as a service to parents, advertise community news which may be of interest. SHS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility to the management or organisation.