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2019 Term 4 Week 4

Thursday 7 November 2019

COMING EVENTS

14 Nov - HSC Biology Excursion
14 Nov - P&C Meeting
21 Nov - Clontarf Awards Night
26 Nov - Year 6-7 Parent Information Evening
03 Dec - KLA Day

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Term 4 has commenced and the school has been moving at a fast and furious pace. Our Year 12 students have started their HSC Examinations and they are now drawing to a close. All students need to be congratulated on their effort, attitude and application for these examinations. The end of Term 3 was an extremely busy time for all our Year 12 students and they did amazing things around the school. They held the first ever Formal at Nowra Golf Club and it was an amazing night. A huge



congratulations is extended to Ms Wood (their dedicated Year Adviser) and the formal committee who made it all happen. It was a night that many staff will not forget in a long time. Well done. Another congratulation goes to all our Year 12 award winners who were presented with awards at our Year 12 Graduation Assembly. All your hard work has paid off and you deserve your success. While I am still talking about Year 12, a few of our students attended University Early Entry interviews in the last holidays Respect, Responsibility, Safety & Participation and I am pleased to announce that some were successful in gaining entry into University prior to the commencement of their HSC exams.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate a few staff. Ms Misty Wood was successful in being appointed to the Head Teacher Wellbeing position at Shoalhaven High School. I look forward to working with her in the positon as she looks after the wellbeing needs of our students. Ms Jessie Forbes was also elected to the board of the Society and Culture Association of New South Wales. This is a huge reward for a truly dedicated staff member. Congratulations to these 2 staff members.

We are all busy writing reports for our students. These reports will be distributed to students during Week 9 and published online via the Sentral parent portal. The reports will give parents/carers an insight into their child's progress over the whole year. As always parents are welcome to arrange interviews with staff to discuss their child's report once it has been distributed.

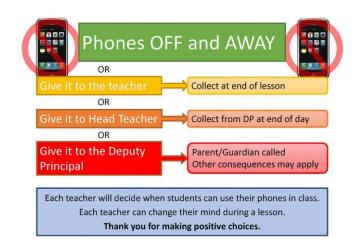
A huge congratulations to Jasmine Greenwood who represented our school and our country at the World Para Swimming Championships. Jasmine was one of the youngest competitors in the event and came away with a medal and numerous finals placings. Well done Jasmine, your results are testament to your dedication and effort to your chosen sport.

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 14 November at the school commencing at 4:30 pm. It would be great to see some new faces at the meeting and all are welcome to attend. I look forward to keeping you up to date during Week 8 with everything that is happening within our school.

Damian Rees, Principal

PHONES OFF AND AWAY

Shoalhaven High School has updated its rules for student use of mobile phones. Students have been given several weeks of advance notice by the Principal Mr Rees and staff, so compliance is expected from students.



This information ties in with the school's 'Bring Your Own Technology' policy and its focus on negative and positive choices for mobile use.

Posters have been placed around the school to remind students about 'Phones Off and Away'.

CLIMATE CHANGE DAY OF ACTION

Year 7 Aspire wanted to remind students that we only have one Earth so we better start looking after it.



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ALADDIN

Three of our incredibly talented Shoalhaven High School students wowed the crowds in the Junior Albatross Musical's production of Aladdin!

Shenae B lit up the stage as the \ddagger Genie \ddagger supported by the amazingly skilled William D and Kirra J as they tapped, twirled and flipped in perfect unison as part of the Dance Troupe!! These students not only showcased their talent but extraordinary commitment and positivity! An outstanding effort!





YEAR 12 MATHEMATICS CLASS ANALYTICS

Ms Panicker is trialing an initiative using the Class Analytics website (<u>https://classanalytics.com.au/</u>) for the Year 12 Mathematics Extension 1 and Extension 2 students in 2019-20. This is a new system in which students practice HSC examination-style questions on a weekly basis. Their responses are scanned and mailed to the Class Analytics team in Sydney, where their sheets are marked and sent back. They will also be provided with an analysis report to show their overall performance (see the sample below). Over time this will allow students to see specific areas on which they need to focus their studies. We hope that students will start to see benefits from using the system and that we will be able to extend the trial to the Advanced and Standard Mathematics students.



ASPIRE

Exciting things are coming to a stage near you... Keep your eye out for the ASPIRE showcase dates for Semester Two 2019. Year 8 ASPIRE are working hard to make sure that you are pleasantly entertained.









FANGIRLS EXCURSION

Our drama enthusiasts got their Fangirl on at the Belvoir Theatre in Sydney! They laughed, they cried, they waved their phone lights in the air as the actors of the Fangirls musical rocked their socks off!







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CHOPPING BOARDS

What an amazing job these students did on their chopping boards.



NEW ARRIVALS



SOUTH COAST YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

https://www.southcoastregister.com.au/story/6468546 /students-inspire-again-at-south-coast-youthleadership-forum/

Recently several of our students participated in this forum. Four of them were part of the winning team for their Impact Challenge Project and two were standout presenters. Well done. More information and photos on the South Coast Register website.





SCHOOL LEADERS

At this week's assembly the senior leadership team for 2020 were issued with their badges by Mr Rees, the Principal.

Our Captains, Charlotte Walker and Grady O'Shea received their badges at the Year 12 Graduation Assembly, so the Vice Captains and Prefects were honoured at Tuesday's assembly.

The Vice Captains are Hannah Wallace and Austin Tait. Hannah was absent on work experience, but will receive her badge next week.

The Prefects are Nicola Boyle, Molly Brain, Blake Dixon, Joshua Fisher, Brendan Matthews, Ricky Batalla and Lachlan Willis.

We congratulate these fine young people on their election to these important positions at school. Mrs J McDonald, Deputy.



STEM EXCURSION

In Week 9 last term, a number of Year 9 and 10 students had the opportunity to attend a series of STEM workshops presented by the Australian National University. The workshops were held at the ANU Field Station in Kiola and featured a range of activities that focused on problem-solving using skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). Most memorable, was the "floating house challenge", designed by ANU Engineers and the "water quality study", presented by ANU scientists. Students were exposed to the inspiring possibilities of STEM, had contact with professionals that had made a career in STEM and mixed with other students from Wollongong to Narooma. I was thrilled with the learning opportunities of this special excursion and very proud of our highachieving students.



SCIENCE AT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

What's the best way to build a floating home in a flood zone? How do you get DNA out of a strawberry? Am I washing my hands properly?

These are some of the questions we answered with Shoalhaven High School, Ulladulla High School, Narooma High School and Karabah High School at our ANU Kioloa Coastal Campus last week.

Thanks to lecturers and students from ANU Fenner School of Environment & Society, Engineering & Computing at ANU, ANU Biology and ANU Medical School, who brought hands on science to the beach! And a big thanks to Noel and Trish Butler for welcoming us to Yuin Country with a collaborative smoking ceremony.

Science at the ANU











SCULPTURES BY THE SEA EXCURSION

Mrs Macdonell, Mrs Rozorio and Miss Talbert accompanied a number of Visual Arts students to the 2019 Sculptures by the Sea exhibition in Sydney. What a beautiful day walking along the coast from Bondi to Tamarama. They passed 111 sculptures and admired the different shapes, sizes and mediums. The Year 7 girls were lucky enough to meet Jethro from Bondi rescue. Students participated in art workshops with two of the artists that had their work exhibited. It was a fantastic day in the sun.









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VISUAL ARTS HSC WRITING DAY

Some of our senior students were lucky to attend a Visual Arts HSC Writing day with Craig Malyon, an expert in all areas of HSC Visual Arts, at the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery. It was an inspirational day which gave us great insight and skills for the HSC. There were students attending from Nowra, Ulladulla and beyond. Thank you to Alison Claire for organising and the Gallery for hosting such a wonderful day.

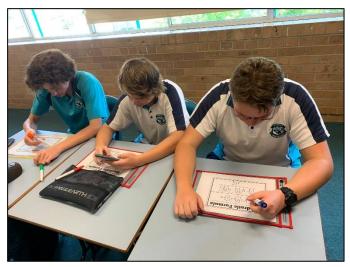


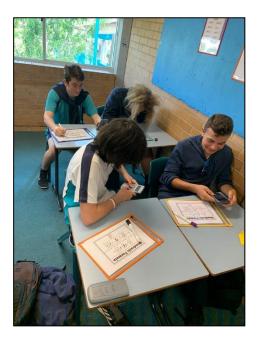


YEAR 10 MATHS

The Year 10 MAT1 class adding a bit of colour while doing the Quadratic formula.







YEAR 11 CAMP

Term 4 commenced with an invitation for Year 11 to relax at Holiday Haven Bendalong. The weather was fabulous and the wildlife put on a show. We watched seals warming themselves, a mother kangaroo showed off her joey, a diamond python (which had just devoured some little critter) and we fed stingrays. We swam, built sand castles, and fished, but mostly we just went slow. The purpose of the camp, besides hanging out, was to think about ways to look after our wellbeing as we move into Year 12. A big thanks goes out to Zoe Willmott, who generously offered a yoga class on the beach (so relaxing at the end of the day). Another big thanks to Mr Buchan, for jumping on board at the last minute and sharing his local knowledge. Thanks to Holiday Haven Bendalong, for being so helpful organising the camp. The last thanks goes to the Year 11 students who came; thanks for being so organised (They ate so much food, a BBQ for every meal!), for your good company and for giving everything a go (even the chocolate game). Mrs Carson





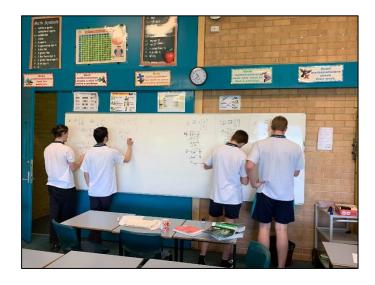


YEAR 8 REWARDS EXCURSION

Year 8 having an absolute blast after some fierce competition earlier this morning!

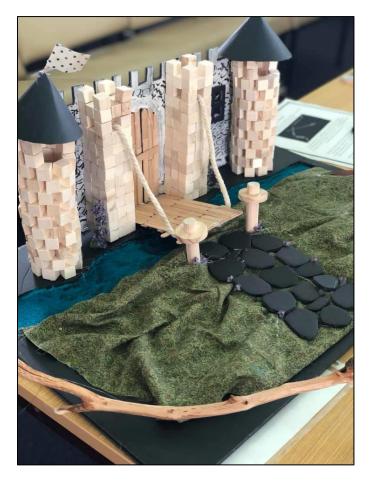


EXTENSION MATHS Senior Mathematics Extension students in action.



YEAR 8 HSIE

Year 8 students in HSIE this term have been investigating Medieval Europe. Part of their assessment was to create a medieval artifact to place in our museum exhibition. Here are some pictures of their incredible creations, including swords, daggers, shields, mace, axes, clothing, stained glass windows, castles and even an anthology of traditional stories! An amazing effort, well done Year 8!









MARINE STUDIES

2019 Marine Studies students have finished the Preliminary Course and have started on their final HSC. We've had a great year so far, with students embracing a variety of adventures.

In Term 1, students focused on marine safety and humans in water. To supplement their theory work, we had a snorkelling trip in beautiful Booderee National Park. A range of marine life was spotted in the crystal clear waters of Murray's Beach. We noted around 30 different marine species.



By Term 2, the water was too cold for swimming, so it was time to explore the underwater world in a drier environment. We travelled by train to Sydney's Darling Harbour to visit the famous "Sea Life Aquarium". The breathtaking exhibitions included sharks, jellyfish, manta rays and a dugong that was only equaled by the overwhelming bustle of city life in Sydney!



In Term 3, students travelled to Lake Illawarra to gain practical boating skills with "BoatSmart", a program funded by the NSW Roads and Maritime Services. Students sat their theory exam recently and 5 students obtained their boat licences. Congratulations to Kimberley H, Grace H, Alana L, Madelin S and Channeill T!

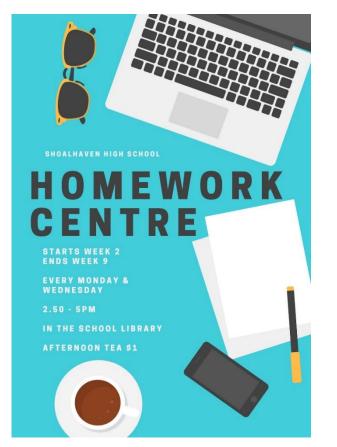


For the start of the HSC program, students will be brushing up on their birdwatching skills. A dolphin watch cruise this term had students exploring life above the sea and observing some of our sea-faring feathered friends. Even with the wind, students picked up around 15 different bird species to add to their bird diaries. No dolphins this time, but a great day out on the waves.



It's been such a pleasure to share a variety of experiences that have encouraged and assisted the learning of SHS Marine Studies students, I can't wait for next year!

HOMEWORK CENTRE



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is on before school each Thursday and Friday at the uniform shop. Anybody can come and it is run by staff volunteers.

Fruit is also available from Lisa in the Admin/Welfare Office at the bottom of A block.



2019 HSC TIMETABLE

The timetable for this year's written HSC exams is now available.



2019 HSC Timetable



STUDENT ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE PARENTS



SPORT NEWS

Equestrian Team

Congratulations to all the SHS Equestrian Team who have spent the weekend competing at the Berry Interschools Competition at Worrigee. Our girls have been superb representatives of our school and have demonstrated amazing sportsmanship.

Results so far:

<u>Saffron F</u> - Year 7 - Sporting: 1st in One Flag plus fastest time overall secondary, 1st in Double Slalom, 1st in Snakes and Ladders, 1st in Bend Bar Aft, 2nd in Western Bending and 2nd in Scudahoe.

Saffron also won Reserve Champion Secondary Sporting.

Taya H - Year 7 - Hacking: 3rd in Pair of Riders.

<u>Sienna G</u> - Year 8 - Hacking: 3rd in Best Presented, 3rd in Rider Class and 4th in Pair of Riders.

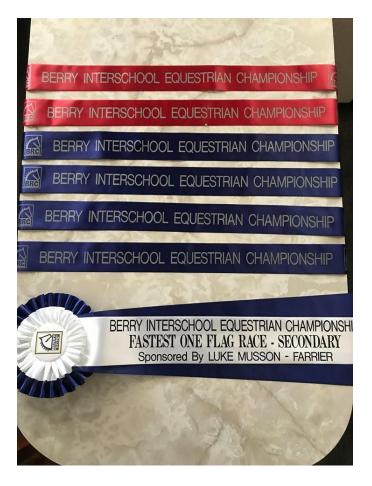
Alyson K - Year 8 - Hacking: 1st in Best Presented Jayde L - Year 9 - Jumping: 1st in Superphase 60cm, 2nd in Rescue Relay. Hacking: 3rd in Bareback Rider, 4th in Rider Class. Sporting: 1st in Scudahoe

Congratulations girls!!

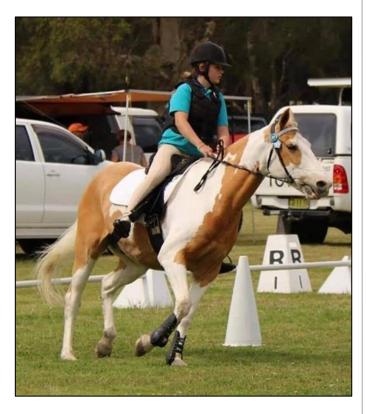




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BERNIE REGAN SPORTING TRUST

Congratulations to Jasmine Greenwood and Sam Wright-Smith who both received grants at the Bernie Regan Sporting Trust Awards.



CAREERS

Coming Up:

WHS Construction (white card): \$80 Thursday 15th November

Rural Fire Training for Year 10: - no cost Monday to Friday 25th to 29th November

First Aid - Year 10 and 12: \$65 Monday and Tuesday 9 and 10 December

Making Coffee: Monday or Tuesday 16 and 17 December

Shoalhaven Paper Plane Challenge: 5 December, free, in the new Bomaderry Sports Centre. Open to all students from Year 7-12

Nowra Show Society and Shoalhaven Defence Industry Group and Regional Development Australia are conducting a workshop morning and inter-school competition, we can enter more than one team.

Group 1 - Years 7, 8 and 9

Group 2 - Year 10 and 11

Activities outside school require a separate permission note.

Please see the Careers Hub for further information about any of these programs.

Year 9 Work Experience 2 to 6 December

All Year 9 students are encouraged to participate in work experience during Week 8 of this term. All students have received their Work Experience package and should be contacting potential employers for the activity.

The work experience document should be returned to the Careers Hub by Friday 22 November. Students who return completed documents by this date will be rewarded for their organizational skills.

Students not participating in the program will be in a class at school.

Please contact Sue Rosskelly or Ev O'Neile at our Careers Hub if there are any questions or issues relating to work experience.

Australian Defence For Work Experience

Opportunities for students from Years 10 to 12 to apply for local work experience with ADF. Info in Careers Hub

TAFE YES Program

Students from Years 9 and 10 are currently participating in 4 days at TAFE in five different taster courses

- Mechanics
- Early Childhood
- Café
- Construction
- Hair and Beauty

<u>Year 8 Students PREPARE for the Future</u> Career workshop day at school on 2nd December

UOW Wollongong Campus Discovery Day Friday 7 February 2019 (7.15 to 4pm) free Discovery Day at UOW gives 2020 Year 12 students the opportunity to experience day at university. Students receive a personal timetable and attend lectures and workshops as if they were university students. At lunchtime there is plenty happening to give students an insight into the life of a university student. MUST REGISTER ONLINE - open now For registration and information:

https://www.uow.edu.au/study/high-school/discoveryday/

Early registration will ensure placement in selected workshops and lectures.

UOW provide a bus so NO COST to students or our school.

<u>The 2020 National Adolescent Vaccination Program</u> Thursday 26 March and Thursday 12 November 2020– Years 7

Year 8 students who missed a vaccination in 2019 will be able to complete the program in 2020 Year 10 will receive the free meningococcal vaccination in 30 April 2020.



<u>Jobs</u>

Useful sites if you are seeking employment -casual, part time or permanent ADZUNA and SEEK Register for a job alert for casual, part time or permanent jobs

<u>Apprenticeships</u> Engineering Mechanical (fitter) - Manildra see HVTC for application – closes 3 Dec

<u>Traineeship</u> Early Childhood - St Georges Basin Preschool

<u>School Based Traineeships</u> (Opportunity for a Year 10 student) KMART – Nowra (Indigenous student) NAB - Nowra (Indigenous student)

<u>Looking For A Job?</u> Useful sites if you are seeking employment -casual, part time or permanent ADZUNA and SEEK Register for a job alert for casual, part time or permanent jobs.



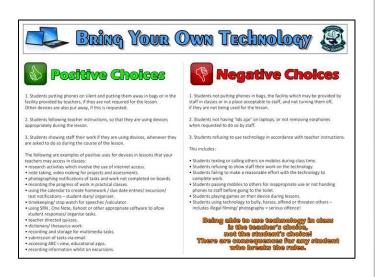




BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY (BYOT)

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





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

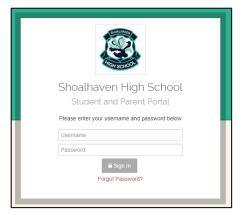
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STUDENT TIMETABLES

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

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





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? What if my child has to be away from

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.

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.



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LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT



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*.

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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.

LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT

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.

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/ leavingschool/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

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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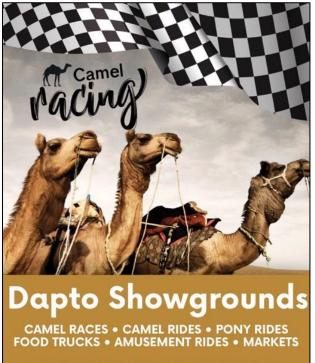
- 7am Bomaderry McDonalds

- 7:10am Nowra High

- 7:25am East Nowra Shops

We take you back to school afterwards STARTS BEGINNING OF TERM 4 - 22 OCTOBER PCYC Shoalhaven 72 Park Road, Nowra 2541 NSW Call on 44218588 for more information





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Community Launch Sunday 10th Nov | 11am-1pm

Live Mural Painting, BBQ & Good Vibes

A community driven/influenced mural project featuring renowned muralist, **Gus Eagleton** & local Nowra artist, **Julian Sinclair**.

East Nowra Shops | 8-10 November | #kalandarproject

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