

Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Participation



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2019 Term 4 Week 8

Thursday 5 December 2019

COMING EVENTS

- 11 December - Gondwana Fossil Walk
- 12 December - Awards Day 9.30am
- 16-17 December - Activities Days
- 29 January 2020 - Year 7, 11 and 12 return
- 30 January 2020 - Year 8, 9 and 10 return
- 5 February 2020 - Swimming Carnival
- 18 February 2020 - School Photos

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 4 has moved at a frantic pace and we are drawing to a close of the 2019 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. A special thank you all the staff involved supervising the students and organising the activities while on camp. Thank you for 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 17 December 2019. The school P & C will be holding its annual results breakfast commencing at 7:30 am in the senior terrace. I would encourage all Year 12 students to come, share their success and catch up with some of their staff and their Year Advisor for the morning.

A huge congratulations to 2 of our sporting stars. Sam Wright-Smith has been awarded 2 of the highest honours in his chosen sport of Hockey. Sam will be receiving 2 major awards at the South Coast CHS Sports Presentation on the 5 December and also a NSW CHS Sporting Blue at the NSW CHS Sports Awards held at ANZ Stadium on Friday the 6 December. Well

done Sam for your dedication to achieve these amazing milestones in your sporting career.



Our second sporting star is Dianna Crossley-Bloxsome in Year 7. Dianna has been recently selected in the Australian Indigenous Soccer/Football team that will tour New Zealand at a later date. A fantastic

effort for this young soccer star. Well done, Dianna. Our annual awards day will also be held on the 12 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



thankyou to Mrs McDonald who has been the driving force behind the organising committee for this special day.

The school is once again running End of Year Activities for the last Monday and Tuesday of the school year (16 and 17 December). Students have selected a morning activity and an afternoon



activity of their interest and will participate in these activities for the two days. 18 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 2019 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 2020. Have a safe and Merry Christmas and a well-

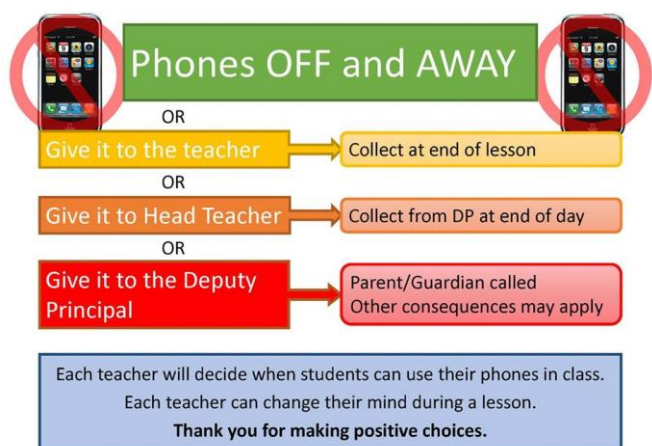
earned break over the New Year.

School will resume for 7, 11 and 12 on the 29 January 2020.

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.



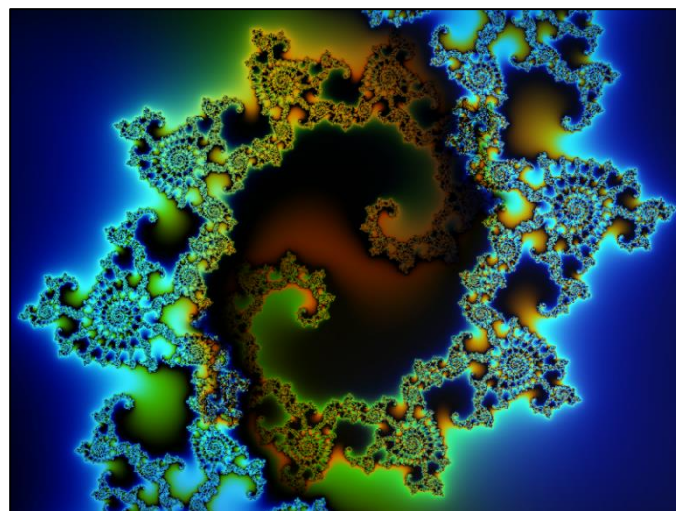
This information ties in with the school's 'Bring Your Own Technology' policy and its focus on negative and positive choices for mobile use.

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

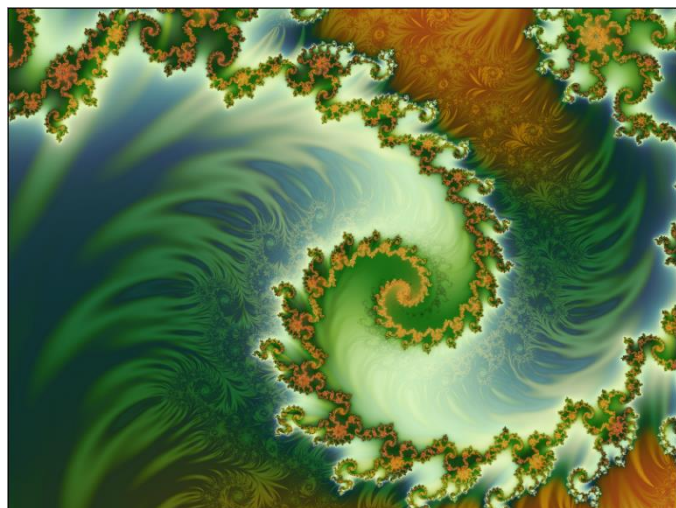
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ART WITH MATHEMATICS

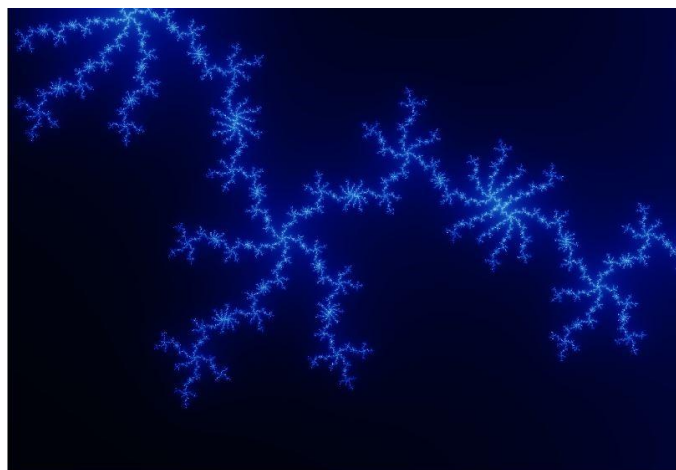
Here is a set of fractals created by the Senior Mathematics Extension 2 students as part of their assessment task



by Zack Oswald



by Brendan Matthews



by Joshua Fisher

PARRAMATTA PARK ART

The talented visual arts students at Shoalhaven High School have collaborated with Shoalhaven City Council and the local community to create a colourful and meaningful mural for Parramatta Park in Nowra East.



The mural is inspired by the bold and brilliant colours of Aboriginal Artist Maringka Baker. The vibrant landscape painting incorporates the map of Parramatta Park as the template for the students to communicate their ideas about heritage, culture, community and identity. The lines, shapes and design all symbolise each students' unique talents and ideas about living in the beautiful Shoalhaven area.

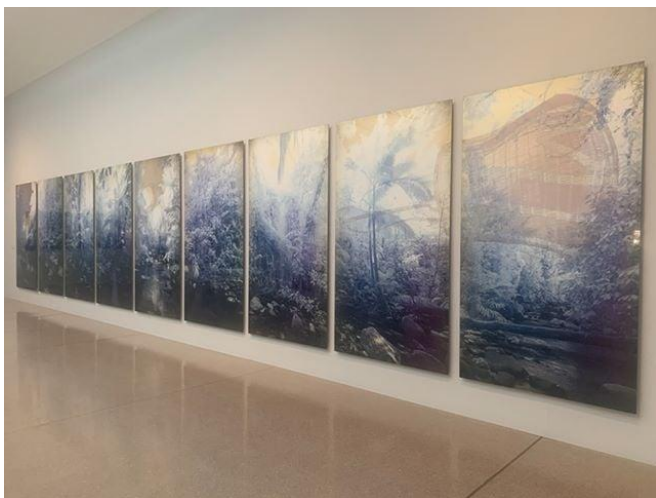


The mural was sponsored by Shoalhaven City Council to allow the students the opportunity to display their creative talents and ideas in a community space to bring enjoyment to local residents and visitors alike. Mission Australia kindly provided a BBQ for the installation of the mural to help celebrate their great achievement. The mural took many months to paint due to the large size and detailed painting style. It is

certainly an artwork the students deserve to share with pride.

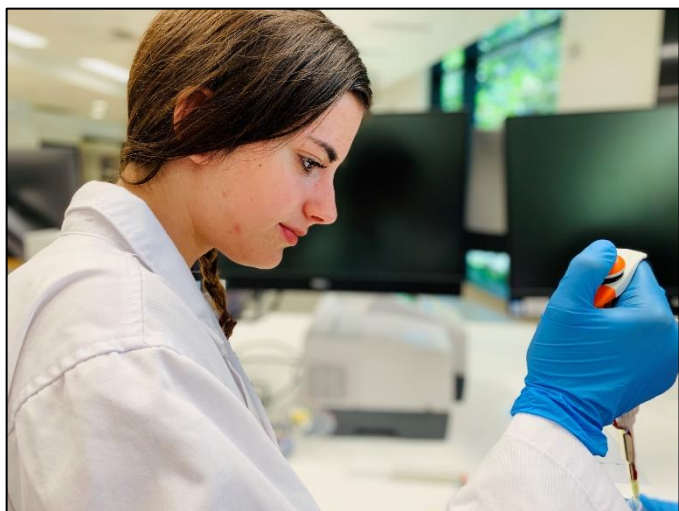


YEAR 9 CANBERRA CAMP

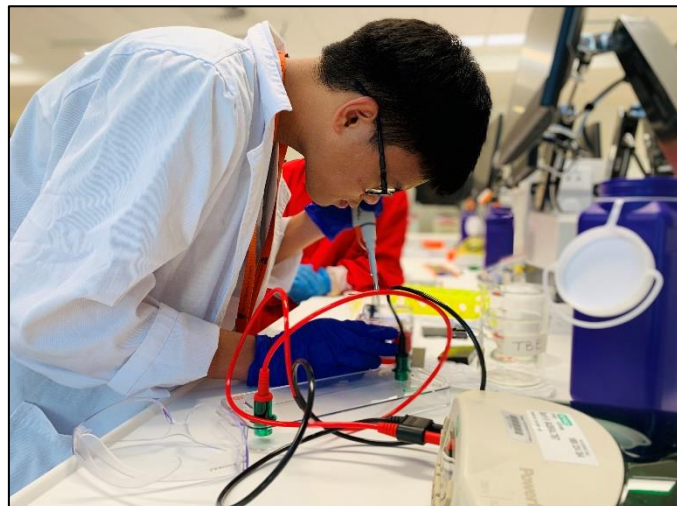




YEAR 12 BIOLOGY



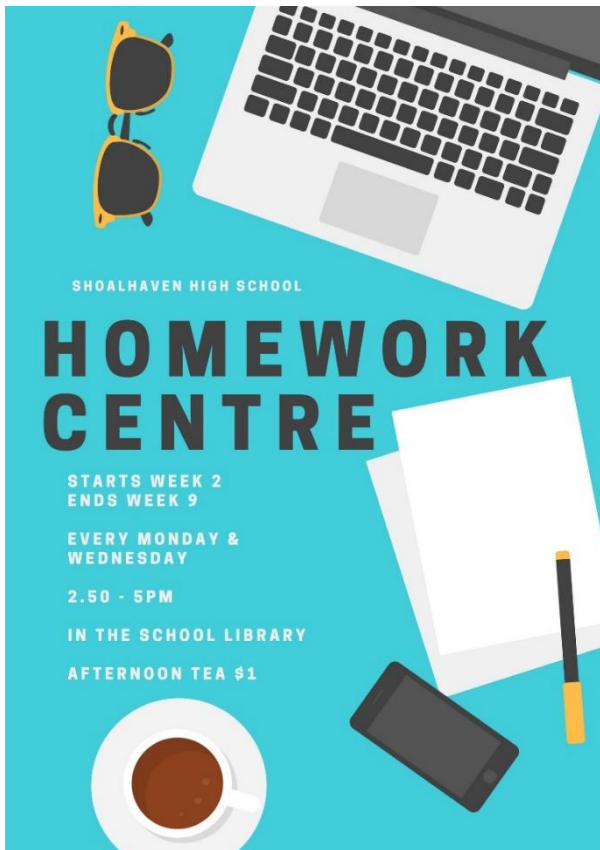
This term, Year 12 Biology students travelled to the University of Sydney to attend a "Kickstart workshop" on inheritance and genetics. We were all blown away by the incredible equipment offered at the University laboratory. Students got to use specialised pipettes, run an electrophoresis gel and then photograph the gel under UV light. We tracked the inherited genes in a case of sickle cell anaemia and students did a splendid job in their analysis.



Afterwards, we had the chance to cruise around, soaking up the university vibes and finally we even managed a spot of shopping in the bustling CBD. We caught the late train back home, tired but very happy after such an amazing day. I have to mention how proud I am of these students, they have really stepped up and actively demonstrate the school core values of Respect, Responsibility, Participation and Safety in every possible way. Finally, a big farewell to our exchange student Elisa, who is going back home in week 8 - we will miss you. Ms Goodsell

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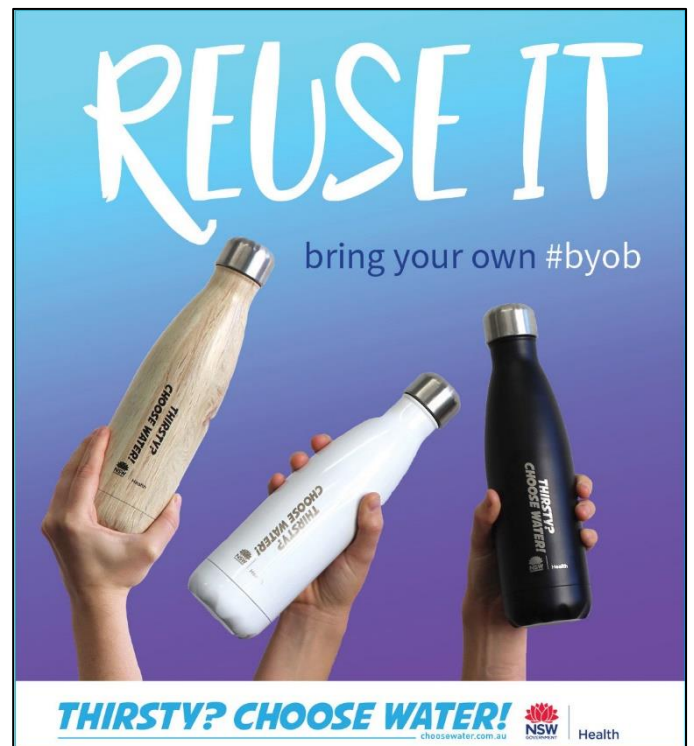
HOMEWORK CENTRE



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.



SPORT NEWS

Equestrian

Las tweekend Saffron Fox took out the title of Junior Team Sorting Champion at this year's National Sorting League. We are all very proud of this talented young lady who consistently demonstrates positivity and commitment in all aspects of life.




RELAY FOR LIFE 2020



Nowra Relay For Life

28-29 March, 2020
Nowra Showground

To register call 4223 0200 or visit
cancercouncil.org.au/nowrarelax

 [nowrarelaxforlife](https://www.facebook.com/nowrarelaxforlife)



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Remember.
Fight Back.

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drink bottle #byob

THIRSTY? CHOOSE WATER!

NSW GOVERNMENT Health



THEME: HEROES OF HOPE

Dress in your best superhero costume and participate in our theme related games and activities! Prizes will be up for grabs for the best dressed individuals and teams.

YOUR COMMITMENT IS FLEXIBLE

You and your team can stay at the event as little as one hour, or you can take up the challenge to camp overnight and attempt to have a member of your team walk or run for 24 hours - it's totally up to you!

WHY NOWRA RELAY?

Funds raised support the local community by providing transport to treatment and access to information and support for local cancer patients and their carers. Funds also contribute to important research and prevention programs that help to reduce the risk of cancer on the local community.

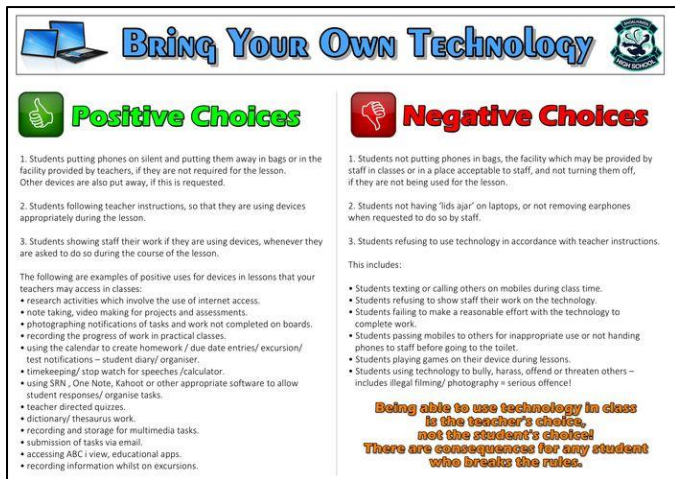
Call 02 4223 0200 to register or visit
cancercouncil.org.au/nowrarelax

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

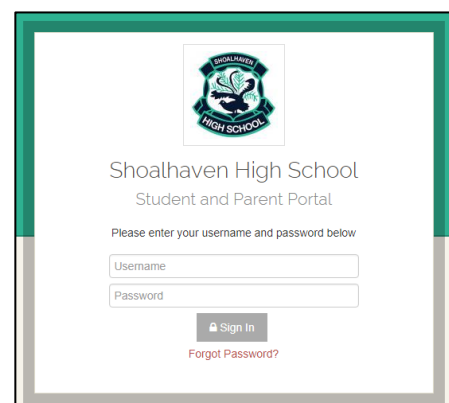
[Anti-bullying Plan](#)



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

Username

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)



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/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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COMMUNITY NEWS

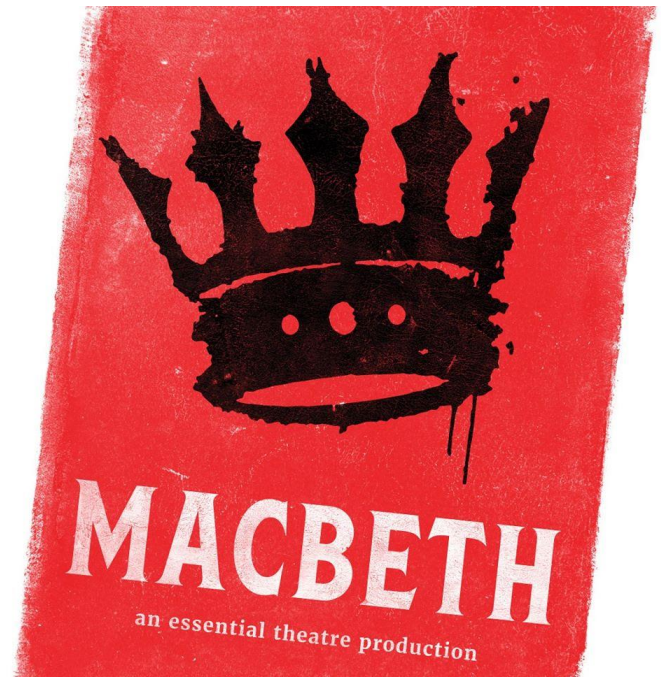
NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS DISCO
FRIDAY 13th December
Ages: 5-12yrs
\$5 members
\$15 non members



First Session:
 Ages 5-9 years
 4-6 pm
 Second Session:
 Ages 10-12 years
 6-8 pm
 Canteen facilities available!

For more information please call 4421 8588 or contact our Facebook Page 'PCYC Shoalhaven'

 SOUTHERN CROSS HOUSING	<h1>P</h1>	Southern Cross Housing invites YOU to the NOWRA CHRISTMAS PARTY!!
Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Carols • Petting Zoo • Coloured Hair Spraying • Face Painting • FREE Giveaways • NSW Fire Truck • Santa Claus • Lolly Guessing Comp 		<h1>A</h1> <p>Come along and meet the team from your local community housing provider, Southern Cross Housing and other local support services at this FREE event.</p>
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<h1>T</h1>	WHEN Wednesday 18 th December 2019	WHERE Parramatta Park Parramatta Street, Nowra East NSW
FREE limited transport provided from Bomaderry & Nowra to Parramatta Park. To book a seat phone our Communities Assist Team on 02 4413 1102	<h1>Y</h1>	 
TIME 11:30 AM To 1:30 PM		
For information and RSVP, please phone or email our Communities Assist Team at communities@scch.org.au or 02 4413 1102 before 16 th December.		



Macbeth is coming to Jervis Bay Maritime Museum - Friday 17th January 2020

Under the setting sun by the pond, in the grounds of the Jervis Bay Maritime Museum, the players from Essential Theatre will take you on the thrilling and dark journey that is Shakespeare's Macbeth. Bring a picnic rug or picnic chair and gather your friends and family for this dramatic outdoor treat that is the prototype for Game of Thrones and Black Mirror in political ambition, deceit, ferocious battles, supernatural horrors and vivid characters. Doors open at 6pm: the performance starts at 7pm. There is a 20 minute interval; the performance finishes at 10pm.

If it rains, you will be notified of the change of venue.

Tickets are available from

www.southcoasttickets.com.au

For further information contact

enquiries@jbmm.asn.au or ring the Museum

4441 5675.

Gudjaga Aboriginal Playgroup Welcomes you



Come join us, meet new friends, mingle and help your little one learn through play and social interaction

We provide a safe, free social and stimulating play setting.

When: Every Friday 11 am – 1 pm (During school term)

Where: Wayeela Coolinda Preschool, Nowra East Public School

- Playgroup runs every Friday Rain, Hail or Shine
- Regular outings/guest speakers
- Information days and health checks
- Free healthy lunch provided
- Opportunity for free swimming lessons for your little one by regular playgroup attendance



Supported by Binj and Boinj Aboriginal Child Health Services on 44 239 900

For more information phone Wayeela Coolinda Preschool on 44 218 970

Robo Camp

BRING LEGO® TO LIFE!

Students (aged 7+) learn to design, build, and program LEGO® MINDSTORMS® robots – and have a lot of fun in the process!

Hosted by the University of Wollongong (Shoalhaven Campus)

Bookings Essential: Email coach@projectb.net.au
Full Information at www.projectb.net.au

- **INTRO TO MINDSTORMS®**: Jan 13 – 14, \$140 (Inc. GST)
- **BATTLE BALL**: Jan 13 – 14, \$170 (Inc. GST)

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SHOALHAVEN GIANTS

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR 2ND ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER FOR 2019 & REGISTER FOR YOUR 2020 JUNIOR AFL/AUSKICK SEASON!

COME & TRY DAY with Santa

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER 2019
from 3.30pm
AFL Skills & Drills | Free BBQ
Registration Assistance

WIN!
Register to play Junior AFL or Auskick before 13 December for your chance to win a \$200 Rebel Sport Voucher!*

REGISTRATION \$100 | PRE-SEASON KICKS OFF MARCH 2020
AUSKICK 5 - 7YRS PLUS MIXED TEAMS U9'S, U11'S, U13'S
GIRLS ONLY U12'S & U15'S



*Conditions apply. Registration must be paid in full for Active Kids voucher to be eligible for the \$200 Rebel Sport Voucher. Offer valid for dates up to 31/12/2019. It will be voided by phone if not present at the draw.

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.

IMPROVE CONFIDENCE AND LEARN TECHNIQUES FOR SAFER DRIVING

SAFER DRIVERS COURSE FOR LEARNER DRIVERS

THE SAFER DRIVERS COURSE INVOLVES TWO MODULES

MODULE ONE:
A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road.
This will involve a maximum of 12 participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

MODULE TWO:
A two-hour, in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies.
This will involve two participants and a coach.

LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK. \$140

Next course date: Saturday 18th January 8am

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:
Hold a valid NSW Learner Licence, be 16-24 years of age and have completed a minimum of 50 hours of actual on-road driving hours in their Learner Logbook (not including bonus hours).

Book online at www.saferdrivers.org.au

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