

Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

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2020 Term 2 Week 8

Friday 18 June 2020

COMING EVENTS

- 20 July – Staff return for Term 3
- 21 July – Students return for Term 3
- 27 to 31 July – School Dentist

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This term has been one of change for all the staff and students at Shoalhaven High School. The start of the term saw us still Teaching and Learning remotely. We then welcomed students back to school one day a week and eventually on May 25 we welcomed all students back to school in a full time capacity. As we welcomed the students back, we also changed the structure of the day to ensure we could reduce contact between students in the playground and ensure the safety of all staff and students in relation to COVID-19 and social distancing. The staff and students have been fantastic in handling the change and we have had a settled return to full time on campus learning after a period of 6 weeks of remote learning. We are putting a survey out to staff, students and families to provide feedback on the changes we have introduced to determine if we change our structure on a permanent basis. This decision will be based on the feedback from the surveys so I encourage as many people as possible to complete the survey as we value our staff, student and community voice.

This week also saw us begin to implement the uniform policy at SHS. The response from families and cooperation of students has been fantastic to see. My communication sent late last week is also attached. I would like to thank the parents who have responded with some feedback and I will take this to our uniform supplier and P&C for further discussion. It is great to see so many students in uniform representing SHS with pride. If there are any further questions regarding

to our new uniform system please do not hesitate to contact the school via your child's Year Adviser, Deputy Principal or myself.

We have also installed CCTV cameras and these are now operational throughout the school. We value the safety of all staff, students, families and visitors on site at SHS and the cameras are a simple way to enhance our commitment to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all persons on site at SHS.

As Term 2 draws to a close, I would once again like to express my sincere thanks to all our community for their outstanding support of Shoalhaven High School during the first 6 months of 2020. We have come through some unprecedented times and our student's response and reaction to the situation has been fantastic, and I believe this is on the back of our parents/carers support for their child's education. Once again thank you from all the staff at Shoalhaven High School.

Damian Rees
Principal

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA

NCCD is an annual collection of data (since 2015) which counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided. All schools must now collect and submit information annually. Personal details such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or federal education authorities.

Contact your child's school if you have further questions about Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School students with Disability. You can view the Fact Sheet PDF at: <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/33415>

BELL TIMES

The timetable for Phase 3 of students returning to school is based on staggered break times for students, therefore minimising the number of students in the playground during breaks.

Year 7, 8, and 12	
Roll Call	8:30 - 8:40
Period 1	8:40 - 9:31
Period 2	9:30 - 10:22
Long Break	10:22 - 11:02
Period 3	11:02 - 11:53
Period 4	11:53 - 12:44
Short Break	12:44 - 1:04
Period 5	1:04 - 1:55
Period 6	1:55 - 2:46

Year 9, 10 and 11	
Roll Call	8:30 - 8:40
Period 1	8:40 - 9:31
Period 2	9:30 - 10:22
Period 3	10:22 - 11:13
Long Break	11:13 - 11:53
Period 4	11:53 - 12:44
Period 5	12:44 - 1:35
Short Break	1:35 - 1:55
Period 6	1:55 - 2:46

SPORT - WEDNESDAY

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Roll Call	8:30 - 8:40
Period 1	8:40 - 9:31
Period 2	9:30 - 10:22
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SCHOOL UNIFORM

Shoalhaven High School has a school uniform that has been endorsed by the schools P & C. It is an expectation that all students present to school in their full school uniform. Students in full school uniform ensure that staff can monitor the safety of all students, and easily identify any persons that are not meant to be on the school site. Research indicates that wearing school uniform helps students build an attachment to the school and can increase engagement in their education.

From Monday 15th June Shoalhaven High School will begin implementing the schools uniform policy. All students have been spoken to about the schools' expectations and the procedures that will be commencing from Monday. Each day students will be marked regarding their uniform during daily lessons as staff members mark the roll. This information will be collated by Ms Wood (HT Wellbeing).

The monitoring process and consequences are outlined below:

1. Students out of uniform will be recorded each lesson by the staff member.
2. A tally is collated on a 2 week cycle.
3. Each time a student hits a threshold of six (6) times out of uniform they are placed on the uniform list.
4. When a student has been marked out of uniform twelve (12) times the Year Adviser will make contact with students and family to offer support or assistance in acquiring uniform.
5. When a student is marked out of uniform eighteen (18) times the Deputy Principal will make contact with the students and families and the issue will be considered as defiance. Further non-wearing of school uniform will result in students being asked to go home and change or be placed in the Reflection Room for the day for persistent defiance and complete their studies.

Acceptable uniform can include: navy jumpers (with no logos), navy tracksuit pants and undershirts that are the same colour as our school uniform (white or navy blue).

If a student is out of uniform and has a note to explain the reasons why, they present the note to their roll call teacher who will sign the note and return to the student. Students are then required to present the note to their class teachers and will **NOT** be marked out of uniform for that day.

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If any financial assistance is required with uniform please do not hesitate to contact the school and speak with the Principal, Deputy Principal or Year Adviser so arrangements can be made. Families on eligible pension and health care cards are entitled to a one off \$80 payment to spend on uniform through our uniform shop. The uniform shop is located on site and is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00am-1:00pm

We thank you for your support in ensuring all our students attend each day in full school uniform.

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.

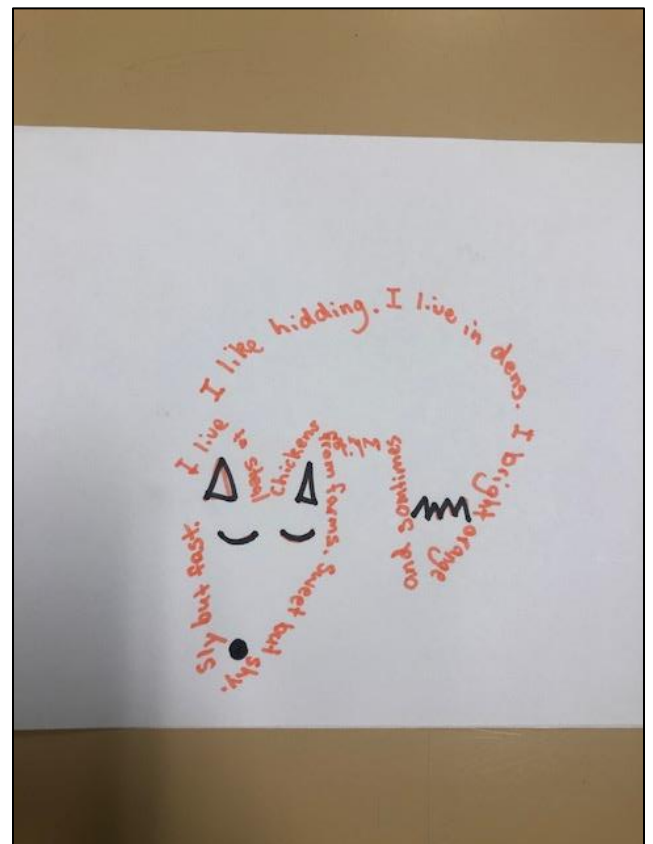
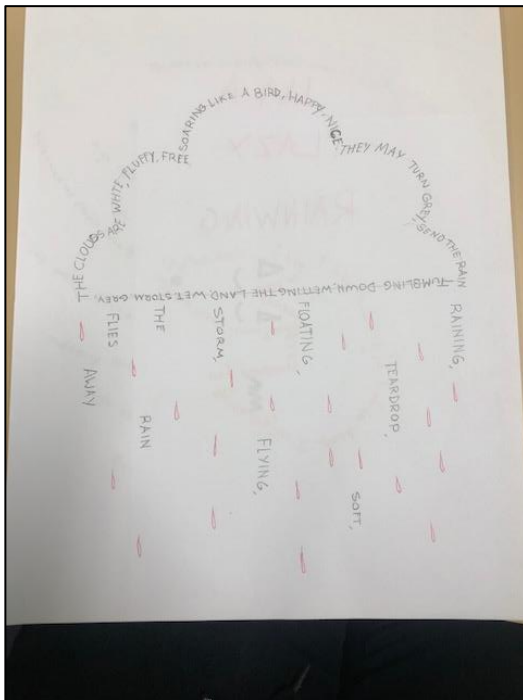
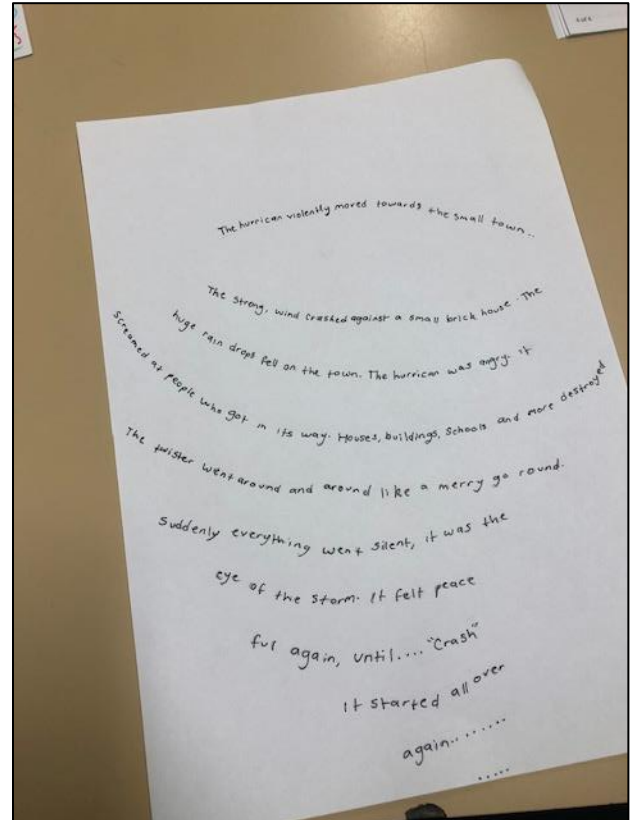
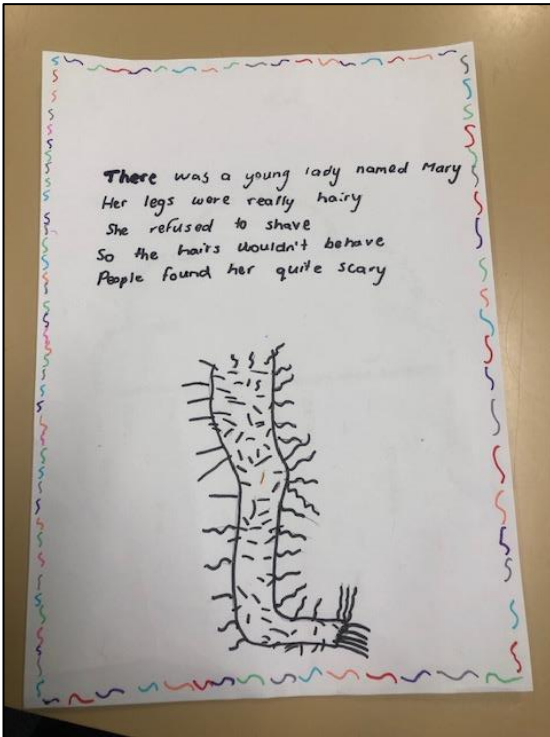


This information ties in with the school's 'Bring Your Own Technology' policy and its focus on negative and positive choices for mobile use.

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

YEAR 7 ENGLISH

Year 7 have been working hard to compose poetry. Each class has engaged in writing workshops where they have written poems of different types to submit at the end of the term. The poetry explores topics from nature to family. Have a look at some of the work from 7ENGL.



NEWS FROM CAREERS

Unfortunately, all our visits to Universities, TAFE and Defence Force have been postponed or cancelled. However, many have provided good learning opportunities online.

Career Information for students in **all years** has been posted in

Google Classroom YEAR GROUP WELL-BEING

This has been a good opportunity to provide links to information and applications.

Career will continue to use Google Classroom and student school emails to share information.

YEAR 10 PREPARATION FOR SUBJECT SELECTION

A special YEAR 10 CAREERS Google Classroom has been created to support Year 10 over the rest of 2020.

In the last few weeks, 10 students have been exploring their interests and thoughts in Careers lessons to assist them choosing subjects for Year 11 and 12.

Shoalhaven High School will have subject selection for 2021 at the beginning of Term 3 2020.

We will be providing information and opportunities for students to consider subjects this term.

YEAR 10 - THINKING OF UNIVERSITY???

Univeristy of Wollongong have a Year 10 Subject Selection webinar on Monday 22 June at 6pm.

This is recommended for students thinking about studying at university. Students and parents will be better informed on degrees and choosing subjects that provide a good foundation for each study area at university.

Staff from the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will go through the ATAR, how it is calculated, and other relevant topics

Students and parents can register here: https://uow-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_W9cR1klgRKmqdkb9ssaKKg

WORKSMART COURSES

Workers, Health And Safety (WHS) Construction Induction Course or Construction White Card is on Friday 3 September and Friday 13 November.

This is the compulsory course for students doing work or work experience on a construction site. Cost \$80 (This includes a \$20 subsidy from SHS funds).

First Aid - 2 days at the end of Term 4

Cost \$65 (This includes a \$20 subsidy from SHS funds).

Register in Careers Hub

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SHOALHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS WEBSITE

<https://shoalhavenhighcareers.com/links>

This website provides the opportunity for students Find information on Careers, HSC, ROSA, VET subjects and training opportunities.

Explore career options depending on their interests and skills.

Complete documentation such as resume, Tax File Numbers, ePortfolio.

Complete activities on work related topics.

Obtain information on events and opportunities for Shoalhaven High School students.

Jobs board is updated regularly with local positions.

Register in the Student secure area (top right) and then can

1. Seek information
 - Career bullseye – click on interest and it will take you to information and videos on many career pathways.
2. Complete activities
 - Ready for work experience
 - Safety on the Worksite
- 3, Complete Career tests and quizzes
 - Interests
 - Skills and Abilities
 - Work Values
 - Entrepreneurship quiz
4. Complete documentation and applications
 - Resume
 - Tax File Numbers
 - Create your USI (Unique Student Identification)

LOOKING FOR A JOB? - See SHS Career Webpage [Apprenticeships](#)

Shoalhaven City Council - Arboriculture (Trees)

[Casual Employment](#)

BCF South Nowra

Worrigee Foodworks

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAMS

Information in Google Classrooms / Careers website

- BARMAX - RSA/RCG (Year 12 only)

- AIE (Academy of Interactive Entertainment)

Online training days for Interactive entertainment and gaming

<https://aie.edu.au/course/online-holiday-courses>

- ENGINEERING AUSTRALIA - have a virtual free workshops and information. Week 2 school holidays Monday 13 July - Friday 17 July 2020 .

<https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sites/default/files/2020-06/Engineering-your-future.pdf>

SHOALHAVEN DISTRICT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARDS

Congratulations to the four boys nominated for the 2020 awards facilitated by Shoalhaven Student Workplace Learning and local businesses

Jack Tekis - Construction

Sheldon Hutchinson - Construction

Conner Jones _ School-based Apprenticeship –

Commercial Cookery

Brodie Critcher – School-based Trainee – Warehouse Operations

Judges Award for the 2020 Shoalhaven VET AWARDS

BRODIE CRITCHER

Congratulation Brodie!!

2020 NATIONAL ADOLESCENT VACCINATION PROGRAM

Year 7 - Year 7 students (boys and girls) have the opportunity to participate in a free vaccination program at school and conducted by NSW Public Health Unit over 2 visits. Due to COVID interruption the first session was postponed.

Visit 1 12th November 2020

Visit 2 2021

Permission notes and information should be returned

Year 8 - students who did not complete the 2 vaccinations in 2019 will have the opportunity to complete the vaccination on 27 August

Year 10 - Year 10 students have the opportunity to receive the free Meningococcal vaccination as part of the National program this year. The first date was postponed

Year 10 vaccination – 27 August

Notes and information will be distributed at the beginning of Term 3.

Further information available from Mrs Rosskelly (Careers Hub) or Lisa Horgan (Student Support Officer)

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Behaviour on the Bus:

- Remain seated at all times (where seat available) and don't swing on hand rails
- Don't throw things around the bus or touch other student's property
- Don't stand in doorways or the bendy section of the bus when moving
- Follow instructions given by the bus drivers
- Be considerate of other students and don't threaten or intimidate others
- Don't use offensive language or distract the driver unnecessarily

Departing Bus:

- Don't get up from your seat until you need to and hold on to the rail when standing
- Don't walk out from behind or in front of the bus as vehicles
- Wait until the bus leaves and you have a clear view in both directions before crossing the road
- If a parent is waiting for the bus, please wait on the correct side of the road so your child doesn't need to cross the road to meet you

Note: The above guidelines are for the safety of students travelling on our services. For further information please refer to the links below.

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/studentCodesOfConduct>

<http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/street-smart-road-safety-school-bus-safety/>



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 view, 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

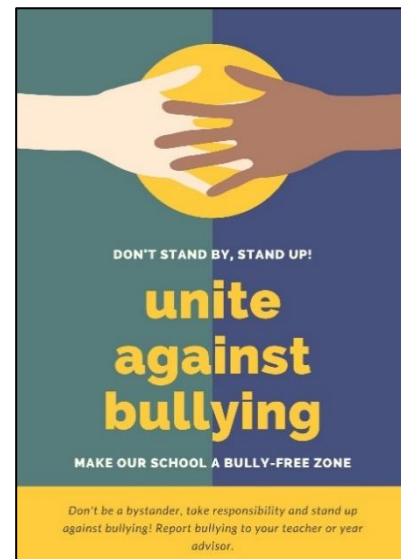
The Shoalhaven High School Uniform Policy is found on our School website under 'Our School' or click on the link

[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 2020 online via the Student/Parent Sentral Portal.

To access, please visit

<https://shoalhavenhs.sentral.com.au/portal/> then log in with your DoE username and

Shoalhaven High School Student and Parent Portal login screen. Fields for Username and Password, Sign In button, and a link for Forgot Password?

password.

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

- 1 Download the app**
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**
Search for your school and add your subscription groups

SkoolBag

NSW Health is ensuring that students are safely vaccinated at school during COVID-19

- Information for parents/guardians

NSW Health has been working with education authorities to implement additional measures to ensure that students in Year 7 and 10 can be safely vaccinated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Program background

In 2020 NSW Health is offering the following vaccines:

YEAR	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	2 doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (dTpa)	1 dose
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY	1 dose

While the school vaccination program has been disrupted due to low student attendance, students are progressively returning to school over the coming months.

Additional measures

NSW Health has implemented additional measures based on expert clinical advice to reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission in school clinics, including:

- health screening of nurses before clinics
- pre-vaccination screening of students
- physical distancing restrictions at the clinic entrance & observation area
- ensuring the number of students and nurses at the clinic does not exceed the maximum allowed
- enhanced hand hygiene by nurses and students
- enhanced environmental cleaning of all surfaces

What parents/guardians should do

Parents/guardians should ensure that students with influenza-like symptoms do not attend school and are tested as soon as possible (www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-and-testing). There is no need for parents/guardians who have given consent for their child to receive vaccinations at school to take any action. Parents/guardians who have not provided consent can contact their local public health unit on 1300 066 055 or their school for advice on how to provide consent for vaccination.

When students will be vaccinated

Public health units are arranging clinics with schools so that vaccinations can be given to students as soon as possible.

More information

Information about school vaccination during COVID-19 is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination



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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- Driver Knowledge Tests
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- Driver licence and Photo Card applications and renewals
- Working With Children Checks.

Visit service.nsw.gov.au/msc to find out when we're next near you.

Next in town

Thursday 18th June, 10:00 - 3:00pm at The Country Club car park, Links Avenue St. Georges Basin

Service NSW

NSW GOVERNMENT

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.

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