

# Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

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2020 Term 3 Week 4

Friday 14 August 2020

## COMING EVENTS

- 17 - 27 August – HSC Trial Examinations
- 20 August – P & C meeting
- 27 August – Year 10 Vaccinations
- 7 – 11 September – Year 10 Work Experience

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The start of Term 3 has seen our students return to the “new normal” of face to face on campus learning. I wish to congratulate all our students and staff for a settled transition into Term 3.

After gaining feedback from staff, students and community, we made the final adjustments to our daily structure that will remain in place for the remainder of 2020. The main changes that have been implemented are as follows:

1. Period structure has changed to a 3-2-1 structure. That is 3 periods in the morning followed by a long break, 2 periods in the middle of the day followed by a short break and 1 period in the afternoon. We have noticed an increase in the engagement of all students during the morning session which is especially pleasing to see.
2. Minimal bells - another change that we have kept since COVID restrictions were put in place is the use of minimal bells. Shoalhaven High School operates now with only 4 bells going throughout the day. These bells signal when the students need to return to class or go home. The effect of using minimal bells has seen calmer and more settled transitions between classes and has also helped the staff keep the students engaged for longer periods of time during lessons. The use of minimal bells has most importantly helped our students develop some more responsibility with regards to time management.
3. Assemblies - due to the AHPPC health guidelines we have decided to place on hold our whole school assemblies for the near future. When this

advice changes we will start to host these events once again.

4. Sport- remains on a Wednesday but has shifted to Periods 4 and 5. Interschool sport can once again recommence and the first sport to “kick off” is Rugby League. The 14’s and 16’s will begin training at school to participate in the All Schools Challenge during week 7.

5. Uniform - at the end of last term we implemented our uniform policy and require all students to be in full school uniform. The students have responded well and the majority of students now attend in full school uniform each and every day. The image of the school has significantly improved as have the students’ engagement levels with school. For students still not in uniform, phone calls home from Year Advisers and Deputy Principals will be made to ensure all students can attend each and every day in uniform. For our Rugby League players, it will be a requirement that you attend school in uniform to be eligible to train and play.

6. Thursday Early Departure (Week A- 5, 7 & 9)- Due to the fact we cannot hold whole school events, we have maintained an early finish, but this has moved to Thursday, Week A. I have been in talks with Transport NSW to negotiate an early pick up for our bus students but at the present time our bus schedule remains the same. To ensure the safety of all students the following procedures have been put in place from next Thursday, 20 August for our early finish:

- All students with local addresses in the East Nowra, Nowra, South Nowra and Worrigeer areas will have a personalised early leavers pass with the name and address indicated. At the conclusion of the school day, these students will exit via the school gates and show their cards to the Deputy Principals stationed at the gates. ALL other students will remain inside the school gates and will be supervised by staff

rostered on. The library is also available for extra study and catch up work.

- Exceptions to the above: any non-local student who brings a note each early Thursday from a Parent/Carer will be permitted to sign out and be collected by their Parent/Carer. These students show their notes to the Deputy Principals stationed at the exit gates.

Thank you for your ongoing support with these arrangements. These have been put in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students.

Our Year 12 students will commence their Trial HSC examinations during next week, Week 5. They have been working hard and their results will be a reflection of the effort and attitude they have displayed over the last 2 years. It has been a difficult year for our Year 12 students, with all the restrictions that have been imposed, as well as a period of remote learning. During this time they have all displayed an enormous amount of resilience to persevere with their studies and this will only build on their strong character and ensure they experience success post school. The Trial HSC accounts for 30% of their school assessment and is their final practice of examinations before they commence the HSC in Term 4, 2020. Our Year 12 students completing practical subjects such as Industrial Technology, Visual Art, Music and Society and Culture are also in the process submitting their major marks for HSC marking. These projects take an enormous amount of effort and dedication to complete and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both the students and staff on their efforts. We are still preparing and planning for a graduation ceremony and formal, but, the details of these events will be governed by what restrictions are in place regarding COVID-19 and social distancing.

I would also like to invite all parents to our next P & C meeting to be held at Shoalhaven High School. This meeting will take place Thursday, 20 August at 4.40pm in the front meeting of the old Administration Office. All parents are welcome to join the P & C and their input will help shape the direction of Shoalhaven High School in the future.

All the staff at Shoalhaven High School would like to express our ongoing thanks and gratitude to our school community for the support they have shown the school over the past 9 months. We have experienced some very difficult times as a community from fires to floods to COVID-19 to floods and floods again just recently. The support from our community and the value they place on our students' education is a sign that Shoalhaven High School students will always "aim higher" and experience the success of which they are deserving.

Thank you.

**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>

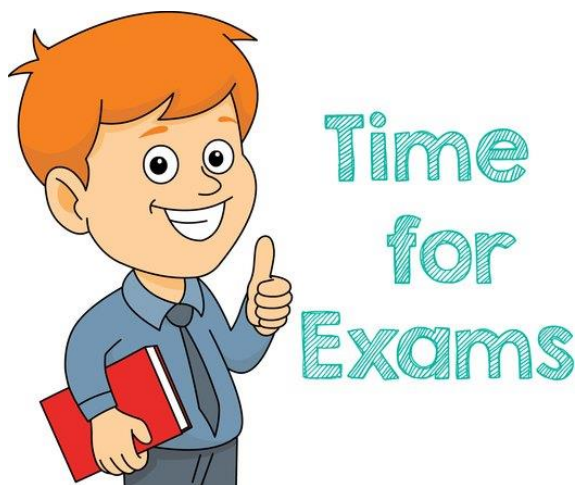
## YEAR 12 HSC TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

The HSC Trial Examinations begin on 17 August 2020 and conclude on 28 August 2020 - Weeks 5 and 6.

Students do not need to remain at school once they have completed an examination - they can sign out and go home. Students who cannot get home will be able to work in the senior areas/ library if available. They need to wear uniform, bring pens and other stationery in a clear bag, and bring water (in clear containers). Phones, smart watches and other devices are not allowed in the examination areas - they can be left with the Deputy Principal or Year Adviser or trusted person.

Students will not be given additional time if they are late for examinations. All students have been issued with a hard copy of their timetables and can also access it via Google Year 12 Wellbeing.

There are no early exits from examinations, unless students are taken ill. If students are absent on the day of an examination, the school should be contacted on 4421 8022 and informed, so Mrs Carson the Year Adviser and Mrs McDonald the Deputy Principal are aware. Students will need to complete a Special Circumstances Appeal form, accompanied by supporting documentation eg a doctor's certificate, to avoid receiving an N Warning letter for missing an assessment task and receiving 0. Mrs McDonald has these appeal forms.



All examinations are part of the assessment schedule for Year 12. Catch up examinations will be held for those who miss exams, as it is vital all outcomes for courses are met.

The HSC Trials are a very important component of Year 12 studies. All students need to be studying at home and in study periods, in order to build opportunities for successful results. The Homework Centre is open on Mondays and Wednesdays to support students, from 3 - 5pm. Good luck to all our Year 12!

Please contact Mrs Carson or Mrs McDonald if you have any concerns or questions.



## 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 Respect, Responsibility, Safety & Participation

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.

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 GYMNASTICS

Year 7 have been participating in gymnastics lessons this term with Miss Patterson and Mrs Bagnall. Their willingness to try new things and move out of their comfort zone has been amazing to watch. Here are some photos of our amazing Year 7 bunch in action!



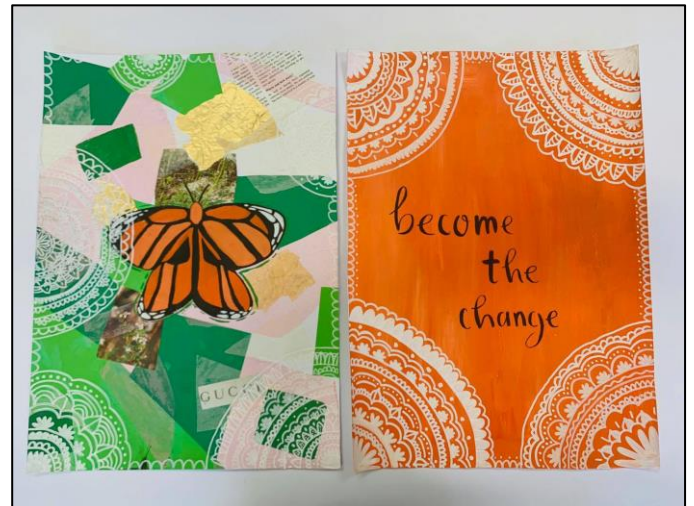
## YEAR 7 OWLS

The Year 7 Owls have been learning about solids, liquids and gases during their science lessons with Mrs Bagnall. During these lessons they discovered that there is a certain type of fluid called a non-Newtonian fluid that has properties of both a liquid and a solid. Students combined corn flour with water and observed that when pressure was applied to the slime it turned solid and when the pressure was stopped, it would run through your fingers like a liquid. Amazing stuff!



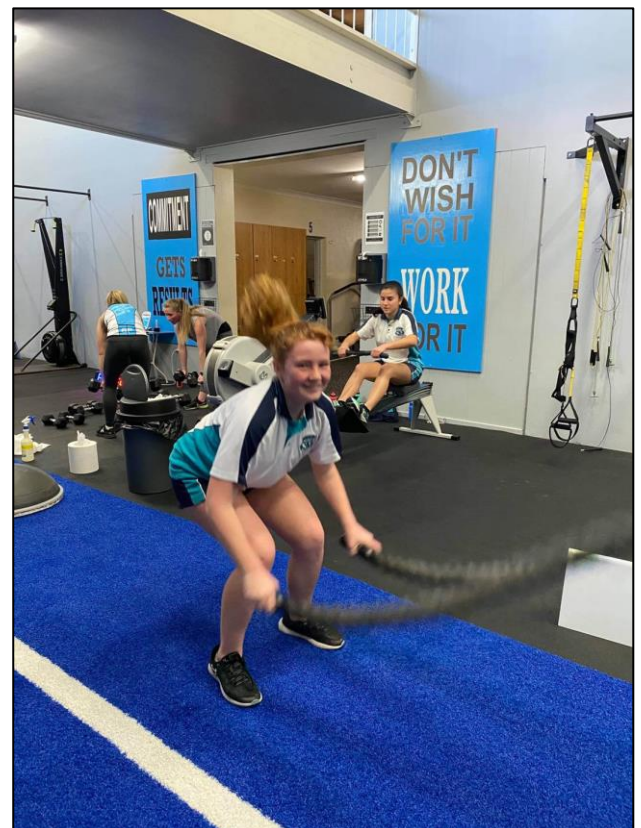
## YEAR 9 VISUAL ARTS

Year 9 Visual Arts students have explored the art practice of Australian artist Jenny Watson and created their own self-portrait diptychs. The works look at how our memories, dreams, stories and thoughts all contribute to our idea of self.

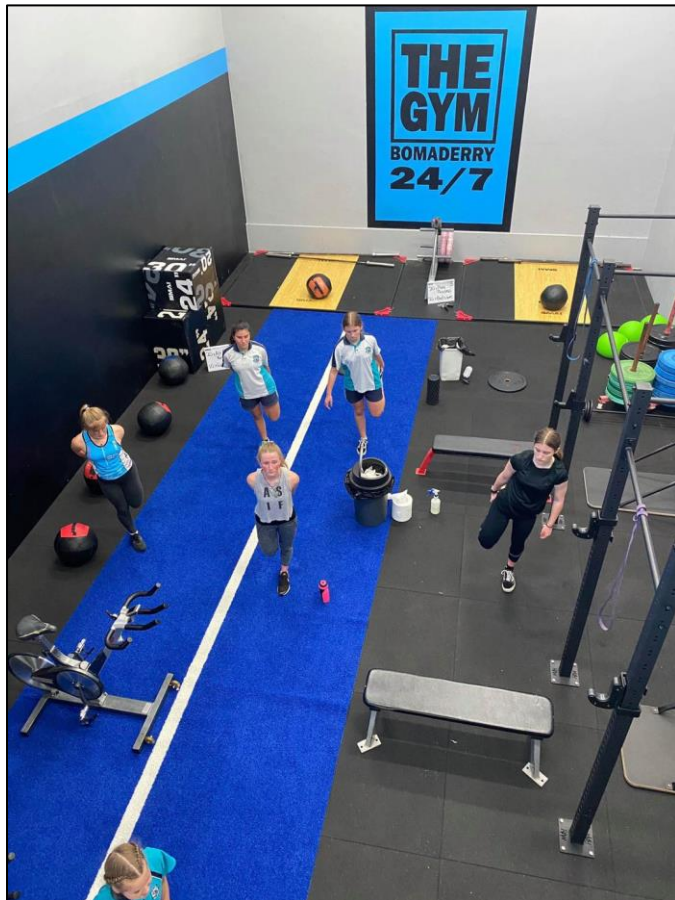


## SPORT

Rain, hail or shine, these amazing girls won't let anything get in their way. The Gym Bomaderry puts on a great HIIT class to get the girls hearts pumping







## 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.

## 2021 EVET (Externally delivered) courses

TAFE, Shoalhaven Community College and Aerospace Training Centre offer courses to students as one of their Year 11 or HSC year subjects

- Animal Studies
- Beauty Service
- Automotive
- Electrotechnology
- Marine Operations
- Tourism and Events
- Nursing
- Children Services
- Bakery
- Business Services
- Outdoor Recreation
- Fitness
- Aeroskills
- Cabin Crew

Other courses available including Digital TAFE

Short courses offered to Year 10 students in 2021

- Café Skills
- Office Skills (Business Services)
- Automotive

More information for all courses in the Careers Hub. Expression of Interest Form for all EVET courses are available in Careers Hub and **MUST BE RETURNED BY 4 September**. Note: no extension of time.

## YEAR 10 Work Experience

7 – 11 September

Year 10 students can participate in work experience during this week. We understand many employers are

hesitant to invite young people to do work experience during this time.

However, our current policy allows work experience if the employer and parents agree.

This term, students have been working on developing career pathways, employability skills, resumes and plans for work experience in Careers and Health lessons.

Please return work experience documents to the Careers Hub for a final approval by 1st September.

Students will receive two duplicate copies the following week before work experience. One copy is for home and the other for the employer. These documents will include the contact person, contact number, address, times, activities they will be doing and clothing requirements while on work experience

If students do not participate, student will attend school.

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

## 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\\_W9cR1kIgrKmgdkb9ssaKKg](https://uow-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_W9cR1kIgrKmgdkb9ssaKKg)

## 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.

Careers In Defence Force - Wednesday 9 September  
Period 6

ADF recruiting will be visiting our school to provide information and pathways to Careers in Defence  
The number of students will be limited so please register in Careers Hub.

Girls In Construction

One day workshop day for girls interested in developing their skills and knowledge in trades and construction.

The day is open to girls from Years 6 to 11 and delivered by the SALT program.

The number of students are limited so please register in Career Hub.

Rural Fire Training 2 – 6 November

Free training – more information from Careers Hub

### **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

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- Create your USI (Unique Student Identification)

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

Shoalhaven City Council - Arboriculture (Trees)

Timber Frame and Truss Traineeship – Falls Creek

Business Traineeship – Bomaderry

Warehouse traineeship – Bomaderry

Painting Apprenticeship – Nowra

Fitness traineeship – Bomaderry

Baking – South Nowra

### Casual Employment

BCF South Nowra

Treat Factory Berry

Joyce Mayne Computer Sales

Bunnings Customer Service

Hospitality South Nowra

### School Based Traineeships

Reece Plumbing – Warehouse Operstions South Nowra

### Traineeships and apprenticeships with SCC

Shoalhaven Water opened today and close 7 September.

- Water Operations traineeship
- Business Administration traineeship
- Mechanical Fitter Apprenticeship
- Electronic and communications apprenticeship
- Electrical apprenticeship

Application and information on the HVTC site

### **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>

## 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 2020.

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 2020

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/>

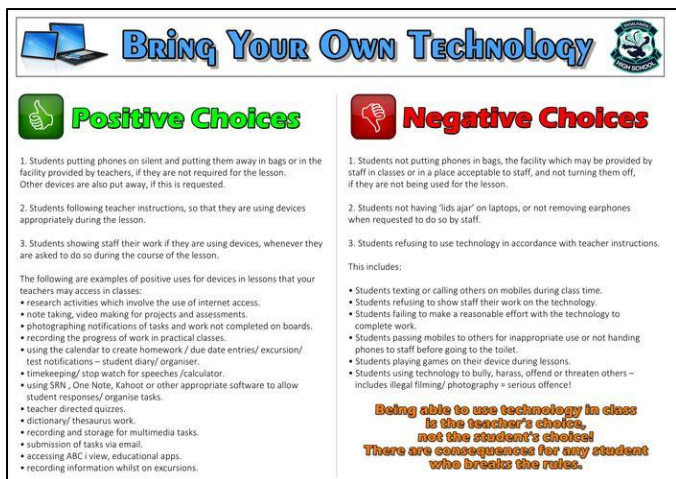


## BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY (BYOT)

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

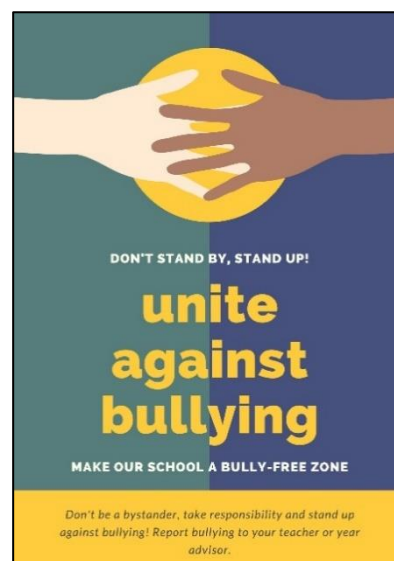
The Shoalhaven High School Uniform Policy is found on our School website under 'Our School' or click on the link

[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](#)



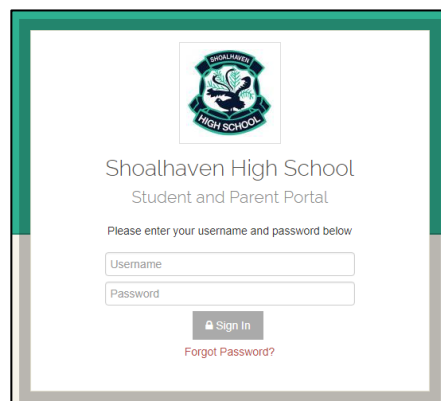
## STUDENT TIMETABLES

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](http://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](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination)

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# 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](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

Dubbo 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Aug / Bathurst 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug / Orange 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Aug / Kiama 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Sept / Port Macquarie 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Weekend Cartoon Camps**

**CREATIVE KIDS \$100 Voucher**

Creative Kids voucher: Families can use the \$100 voucher at our program. Contact Service NSW to get the vouchers then call our office: 02 9343 0833.

**HEY MUM! CAN WE GO TO THE CARTOONING CAMP?**

We'll get to draw all our favourite cartoon characters. Play Games, eat Party food.

Sure sounds like fun, & it's very reasonably priced!

I'll ring Mrs. Field & see if she wants to book in too!

Make cool stuff with craft materials.

Learn painting techniques.

**AND BEANS MORE!**

**Camp Venues & Dates**

Orange	Dubbo	Bathurst	Kiama	Port Macquarie
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup> - Aug 30 <sup>th</sup> 159 Mathews Ave, Orange	Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> - Aug 16 <sup>th</sup> 28 Weyburn St, Dubbo	Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup> 20 Buckley St, Bathurst	Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> - Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> 14 Evans St, Kiama	Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> - Sept 13 <sup>th</sup> Gill Gade Rd, Port Macquarie

**Book before 5pm Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 for the Early Bird Special.**

**EARLY BIRD**

Book before 5pm Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 for the Early Bird Special.

Book all 4 dinner (L, T, C, D) & we will give your child a set of 6 Cartooning Books valued at \$60.

**Enquiries: (02) 9343 0833**  
bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au  
www.illustrating-man.com.au

Mail: Suite 2, 28 Boulevard Street, Orange, Australia 2822

**CREATIVE KIDS \$100 Creative Kids Voucher**

Contact service NSW. Each child aged 8 - 17 is allowed \$100 per year to attend our programs. Call our office with the voucher: 02 9343 0833. If you want to attend all 4 courses - you only need to pay \$40 per child.

Danny & Joel Cohen (father & son) & team present

**Weekend Cartoon Workshops**

**Class 1: Saturday 10am - 2pm**

- Theme: Hawaiian. Wear anything colorful & tropical. Prizes for the best dressed.
- Draw: Beginners cartooning Part 1.
- Draw: A 3D beach tropical landscape.
- Draw: Cartoon character superheroes.
- Science show: Mad Professor Kuffleblah is back!
- Play: The exciting game 'Change'.
- Enjoy: Tropical fruit mocktails.
- Make: A squishy & play the fun squishy game.
- Goal race: Draw life under the sea.
- Draw: Animated fruit & vegetables.
- Play: Balloon Kingdom skirmish / rob the nest.
- Challenge: Make a tower with marshmallows & spaghetti.
- Challenge: Boys vs girls 'floss' & 'Orange Justice' dance-off for prizes.

**Class 2: Saturday 2pm - 6pm**

- Theme: Messy shoes & hair: Prizes for the 'worst' dressed.
- Kids on wheels: Bring in your scooters.
- Draw: Beginners cartooning Part 2.
- Draw: Popular farm animals.
- Enjoy: Delicious rainbow biscuits.
- Treasure hunt: Find the treasure in the park.
- Slime: Make fun green goopy ooobleck slime!
- Play: The shaving cream battle if you want to!
- Competition: Build a creative structure using straws.
- Draw African animals: A giraffe, meerkat & an elephant.
- Play: Harry Potter™, Pokémon™ & Star Wars™ trivia for prizes.
- Play: The lie detector game for prizes. Who is telling the truth?
- Pokémon™: Draw popular characters & trade your cards. Bring your Pokémon cards.

**Class 3: Saturday night 6pm - 9pm**

- Theme: Dress in dark clothes for murder in the dark.
- Play: Candy junk food baseball.
- Draw: Cute manga animals.
- Draw: Mario™, Sonic™ & Yoshi™.
- Play: Sock wrestling.
- Play: Space jump.
- Design a baseball cap: We'll supply the caps.
- Nerf gun battle: Bring in your nerf guns & goggles for a safe battle. We will be making cubby houses in the hall.
- Play: Murder in the dark! An exciting game with balloons.

**Class 4: Sunday 10am - 2pm Market Day - best class!**

- Theme: Computer Games. Prizes for the best gaming costumes.
- T-Shirt Art: Design a T-Shirt. We will supply the T-Shirts.
- Draw: Beginners cartooning Part 3.
- Draw: Anime & Manga.
- Draw: Realistic people.
- Draw: 3D dinosaurs.
- Flour battle: Join in the fun flour fight if you want to.
- Draw: Competition. Create your own tree house. A new Andy Griffiths Trechouse book will be awarded.
- Waterfight: Weather permitting & if you want to. Bring a watergun.
- Kingdom Markets: Everyone prepare a shop for Market Day. Make cookies, sell old toys, books, etc... the children buy & sell using Kingdom money they have earned over the weekend. We'll give the children 5500 Kingdom dollars.
- Greatest Showman™ Talent Show: Perform if you want to - singing, dancing, gymnastics, comedy, acting, etc... prizes for best acts. Children are the judges!

IMPROVE CONFIDENCE AND LEARN TECHNIQUES FOR SAFER DRIVING

**PCYC DRIVER EDUCATION SAFER DRIVERS COURSE FOR LEARNER DRIVERS**

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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 15<sup>th</sup> August 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 <https://www.pcyedrivereducationprograms-sdc.org.au/>

02 4421 8588  
shoalhaven@pcycnsw.org.au

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What you're going through isn't easy. It's good we can talk about it.

Have you been feeling this way for a while?

**THERE'S MORE TO SAY AFTER RUOK?**

That's tough. Keep talking, I'm listening.

**RUOK? DAY**  
10 September 2020

Learn what to say at [ruok.org.au](http://ruok.org.au)  
A conversation could change a life

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