

# Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

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2021 Term 2 Week 4

Friday 14 May 2021

## COMING EVENTS

11-21 May – NAPLAN online  
14 May – Zone Cross Country  
19 May – School Athletics Carnival  
20 May – Year 8 and 10 Vaccinations  
20 May – P&C Meeting 4.30pm  
25 May – Year 9 and 10 Aboriginal Studies Excursion  
27 May – White Card Day  
31 May-1 June – Nahla Camp  
4 June – Zone Athletics Carnival  
11 June – Regional Cross Country

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A very warm welcome back to all our staff, students and the wider community for the commencement of Term 2. The start of this term marks a significant change to the fabric of Shoalhaven High School. From the start of this term, we are now officially a Connected Communities School and I look forward to leading and implementing the Connected Communities Strategy at Shoalhaven High School. A strategy that is designed to improve and lift the educational outcomes for our Aboriginal students and in fact will lift the educational outcomes for all students. See more information below:

"The Connected Communities Strategy began its implementation in 2013 and currently operates in 16 NSW Government schools. The Strategy is set to run until 2023 subject to extension and the NSW Government has agreed to expand the Strategy to more schools, including Shoalhaven High School.

A key feature of the Connected Communities Strategy is positioning the school as a Community hub, bringing the community and school leadership closer together and accessing government and non-government agency services inside the school setting, to support students and families. The focus of the Connected Respect, Responsibility, Safety & Participation

Communities Strategy is to provide innovative learning for student benefit that is holistic, respectful, and complemented by the local Aboriginal Culture.

A Local School Reference Group is also a key feature of this strategy and its key role is to co-plan and co-design initiatives with the Executive Principal and staff in delivering programs that best meet the needs of the students while reflecting the key deliverables of the strategy and the school's strategic improvement plan."

More information about the Strategy can be found at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/connected-communities>



It has been a wet start to Term 2 and as a result our Athletics Carnival due to be held Week 3 has been postponed until Week 5. All organisation remains the same and we hope to see all students attend the carnival and participate to the best of their ability. I would also like to congratulate Samuel Wright-Smith who has had a great start to Term 2 with his participation in the U/18 Australian Field Hockey Championships held in Launceston, Tasmania and the CHS state Field hockey titles held in Sydney as well. Samuel is now an Australian titleholder as well as participating in a championship South Coast side that also claimed Gold at the state titles. Samuel was also selected in the NSW CHS team at the

conclusion of the championships. Mr McNeil has also coached our Open Girls Soccer team to a victory over Kiama and they have now progressed through to the semi-finals of the South Coast Knockout. Well done to Mr McNeil and all the girls for this fantastic effort. Finally, a special congratulation to Will Braddick who was selected in the NSW Clontarf Academy Rugby League Team after competing at the NSW Clontarf Rugby League games during Week 1 this term. Will may now be able to play the QLD Clontarf Academy Rugby League Team as a curtain raiser to the State of Origin (this will be dependent on COVID restrictions). Mrs Martin and our "Nahla" girls program hosted a special morning tea to celebrate and acknowledge their fantastic nans and mums. The morning tea was well received and attended. It was great to see all the mums and nans on site to celebrate this special day with their daughters. A great effort girls and thank you to Mrs Martin and Nicole Timbs for their exceptional organisation.

Week 4 also sees the commencement of NAPLAN. Our Year 7 and 9 students will take part in the online format of NAPLAN over the next 2 weeks. A catch up day is provided at the end of Week 5 for any students who have missed the opportunity to participate in a NAPLAN exam. The NAPLAN timetable for all students is available on our Facebook page and SHS website.

I would like to bring to the attention of Parents and Carers that E-Cigarettes are a banned item at school and consequences in line with our student discipline policy will be put in place for any students found in possession of or using these items. Please see the link below for information on e-cigarettes from NSW Health. [NSW Health Response](#).

As the weather begins to cool off, I would like to remind all families that we are a proud uniform school. Please ensure your son/daughter has correct winter uniform as the weather changes. Any student out of uniform will be required to bring a note and present it to all their teachers. Year Advisors will speak to students consistently out of uniform, for persistent issues it will be the Deputy Principals, and students may face disciplinary consequences for persistent defiance. Wearing our school uniform ensures the [Respect, Responsibility, Safety & Participation](#)

safety of all students and staff, instils a sense of pride and sense of belonging. If any students are in need of financial assistance for uniform, please contact the school. I thank you for your continued support with our uniform.

To all our new and existing families our P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May- Week 5. The meeting will take place in the front office meeting room and start at 4:30pm. I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend and help support our students at SHS by becoming involved the education journey.

**Damian Rees**

**Executive Principal**

**Connected Communities**

**Shoalhaven High School**

#### **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://www.nccd.edu.au/tools/fact-sheet-parents-guardians-and-carers>



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school instituted changes to our Uniform Policy in 2020.

The new policy is on our SHS website (under About our school -> Rules and policies -> Uniform Policy) or from the following link:

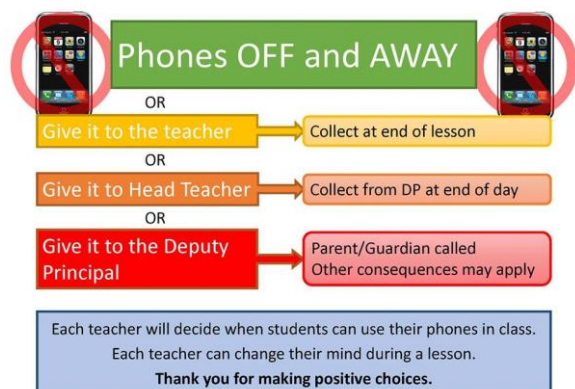
[School Uniform Policy](#)

Please be aware that wearing school uniform is a Work, Health and Safety issue and part of our school rules.

We encourage everyone to read the policy and support our school by ensuring students wear school uniform every school day.

## 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.



## EARLY DEPARTURE

Dear Parent/Caregivers

The NSW Department of Education updated their COVID-19 guidelines on the 29/01/2021. The guidelines for the mixing of students and having whole school indoor events remain the same as they were in Term 4. As a result we are still not able to hold whole assemblies for the foreseeable future.

Thursday Early Departure (Week A -3 5, 7 & 9) - Due to the fact we cannot hold whole school events, we have  
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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 Thursday 11th February 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 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 note to the Deputy Principals stationed at the exit gates.

The early finish does NOT impact on curriculum and teaching time. As a school we value the time for our assemblies so we can communicate school expectations and celebrate whole school achievements.

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. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the school on 4421 8022 or [shoalhaven-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:shoalhaven-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Kind regards,  
Damian Rees  
Principal



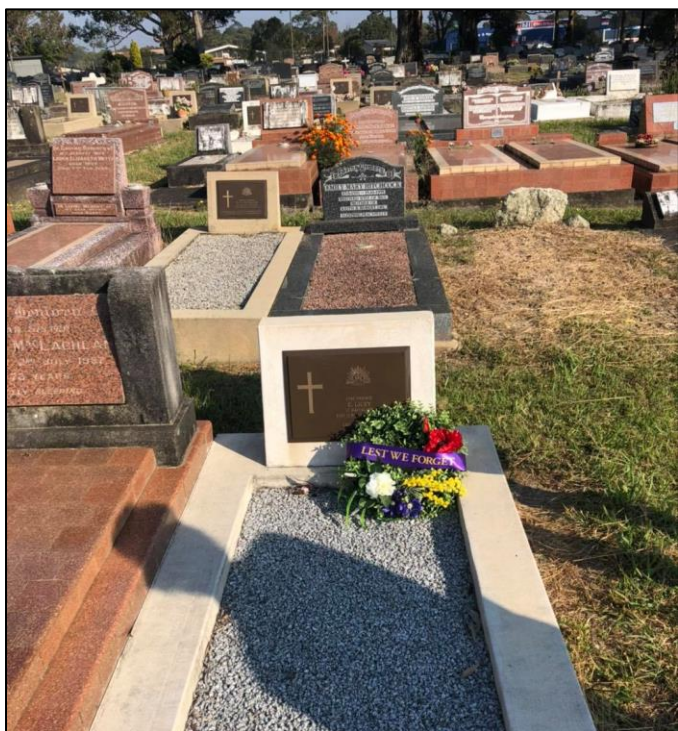
## 2021 ANZAC ASSEMBLY





### INDIGENOUS WREATH LAYING

Mrs. Martin and Auntie Nicole took two students to lay a wreath on Ernest Lacey's grave. He was an Indigenous soldier from Wreck Bay. Ernest fought in World War 1 and it was only recognised in 2019 after 63 years in an unmarked grave. He has now been buried with full Military honours.



### YEAR 7 KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Mr Newport was happy to help present Miss Talbert's Year 7 Kindness Challenge award for the end of term one recipient. Congratulations Jaxson.



Congratulations to Emily Aitken for winning the most recent Year 7 kindness challenge.





## LIBRARY NEWS

Did you know our school Library has an Instagram page?

Head on over [to https://instagram.com/shoalibrary/](https://instagram.com/shoalibrary/), scan the QR code attached or search up shoalibrary and give it a follow.

Keep up to date with great reads and library events.



## ANZAC LIBRARY DISPLAY



Come to the library to see the display of Anzac Day photos and books. The photos are from the Australian War Memorial Collection and show World War 1 and Vietnam War images. The books on display are from several areas of our collection including History and Picture books. Our donated books from Nowra RSL Sub-Branch (given to the school at our Anzac Service) are also on display and ready to borrow. Talk to the Librarian (Mrs Estherby) about good fiction or biographies relating to the wars which have had such a big impact on our country.



## SPECSAVERS VISIT

Shoalhaven High School would like to extend our thanks to Jerome and Josh from Specsavers. We appreciate you giving up their time to come and provide vision screening for our Year 7, 8 and 12 Students. The vision screen consisted of Visual Acuity Check, Eye Muscle Coordination and Movement and Colour Vision.

The report of the screening results will be distributed by the school at completion of the assessment. If a vision problem is detected, you will receive a letter recommending that you seek further eye assessment for your child.



## SHS UNIFORM SHOP



OPEN DURING TERM  
TIME:

MONDAY AND THURSDAY

9AM - 1PM

EFTPOS OR CASH ONLY!

STUDENT ASSISTANCE IS  
AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE  
PARENTS



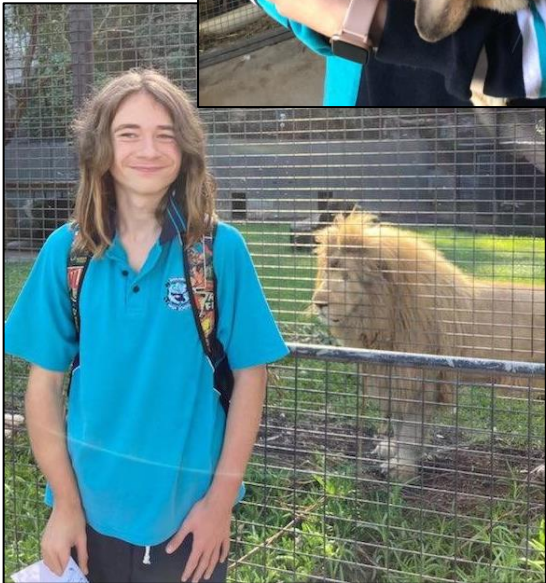
## JUNIOR IM ANZAC REMEMBRANCE

Shoalhaven High School students proudly wearing rosemary as an ancient symbol of remembrance for the ANZAC assembly'.





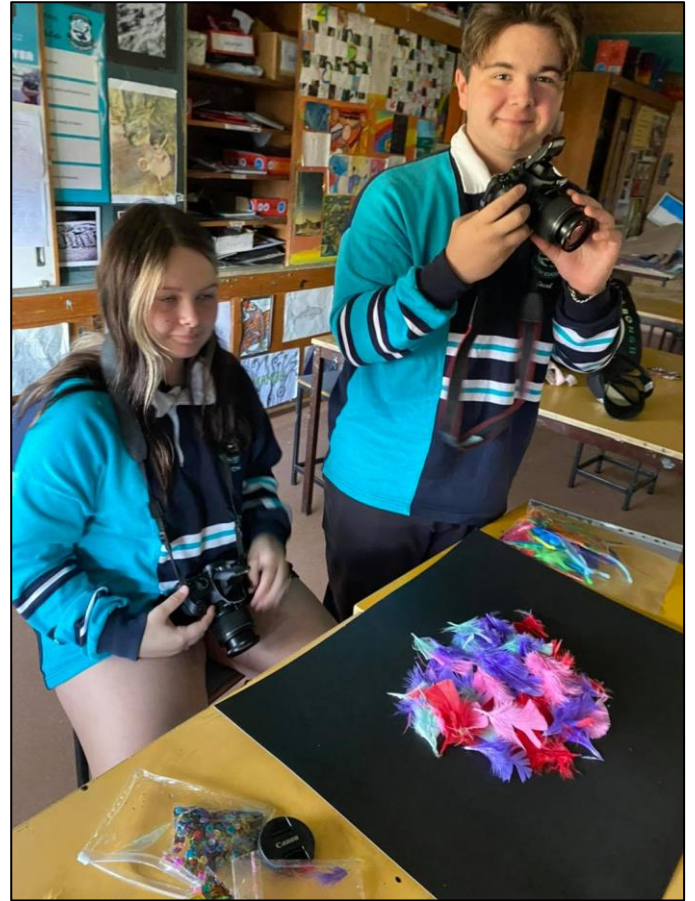
AU CLASS TRIP TO SHOALHAVEN ZOO.





## YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 11 Photography students are having fun making carefully arranged photographs.



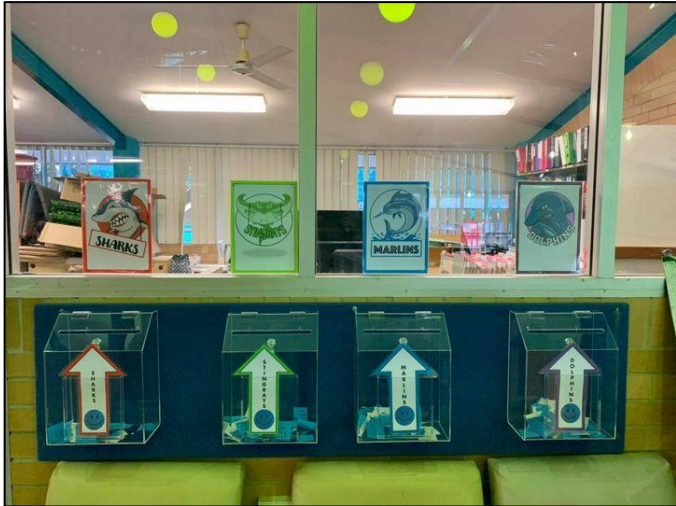






## NEW BLUE SMILEY BOXES

Our new blue smiley boxes are in the library and are filling up quickly! At the moment it looks like Marlins are in the lead. Remember to keep popping your smileys in your house box to get that end of term reward!



## STEER GETTING HIS VITAMIN SHOT





## STEER SPECTACULAR

Action from the Shoalhaven High School Show Team at the Schools Steer Spectacular held at the Nowra Showground

A huge thank you for the generous support given to us by Mr Michael Sheedy



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## BRYAN ETHERIDGE

It was great to welcome ex-student Bryan Etheridge (1998 - 2003) back to Shoalhaven High School! Bryan spoke to the students in Support classes in Work Education lessons about his working life since leaving SHS.



Bryan spoke about volunteering his time with the Rural Fire Service (RFS) where he has been an active member for almost 20 years. He has participated in many courses through the RFS to improve his skills and has worked on incidents both within NSW and interstate. Bryan has also had paid employment at a couple of local clubs which began after he completed work experience at Worrigeer Sports Club. Bryan shared some of the challenges he has faced during his working life and how he has overcome them.

We thank him for his time to attend and speak to students as a guest speaker.



## BELL SHAKESPEARE

On Thursday 6 May, Year 10 English and Year 11 Drama students had the fantastic opportunity to watch The Players from Bell Shakespeare performing Macbeth: The Rehearsal. With sensational guest appearances by our students as the wicked sisters, King Duncan and Banquo's ghost, The Players took the audience through the process of rehearsing a play, taking direction and exploring the depths of character and plot.

The best way to tackle Shakespeare's plays is to see them live on stage. The Players' performance formed a great basis for Year 10's study of Shakespeare's Macbeth later in the term, covering all the key moments of the play as Macbeth and his wife unravel. For Year 11, it was a valuable chance to gain insight into the rehearsal process and elements of staging.

And the general summary from our students?

"It was great!"

Thanks to The Players for spending time with us and introducing our students to the joys of live theatre.



## STEM OUTREACH DAY

On the first Wednesday this term students from 7K and some of Mr Woods Lego Robotics students were invited to participate in a STEM activity day organised by Macquarie University. Jacinta Caruthers and her Outreach Team from the university brought a stack of Lego EV3 kits and iPads so that the students could have a taste of designing and building their own robots.

The students were not given any instructions but were instead allowed to study some pre-built robots so that they could try and put their own design together. Some students carefully followed the same designs

and some took the basic idea and came up with their own design. Some very interesting designs were created.

The students were then challenged to program their robots to move around the floor given various challenges such as moving along a path or around various obstacles, or to map out a particular shape. Some of the more adventurous students then adapted their robots to have extra moving parts such as lifting arms to enable their robot to interact with its environment.



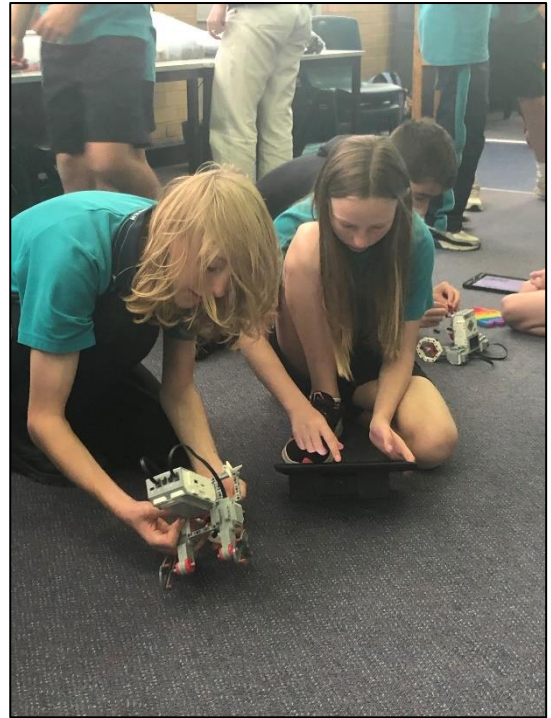
Macquarie's aim is to enable more students to engage with STEM activities and build more hands-on confidence with modern technologies. They are the Australian arm of the FIRST organisation and encourage schools and community groups to participate in the different levels of competition that FIRST organise. Mr Woods' Lego Robotics class will be competing in the FIRST Lego League later in the year but we are keen to generate interest amongst our older students to participate in the FIRST Robotics Challenge, in which teams have to design and build their own full-scale mechanical robot (think ABC's Robot Wars) that must compete against other robots to complete challenges. Jacinta's team brought along their own robot to show to our students.

The final task of the day was to have the students race their robots against each other with one major difficulty. They first had to remove the wheels and then build replacements using the remaining lego pieces. Again, some very interesting ideas were generated and it was great fun watching the robots perform as the students wanted, or, conversely,



misbehave completely and wander off in the wrong direction.

Thanks very much to Jacinta, Chantelle and Jaye. We had a lovely day and are very much looking forward to the Outreach team returning later in the year.





## INDUSTRIAL ARTS

The big news from the Industrial Arts Faculty is that we have purchased a Koenig laser cutter and engraving machine. The Koenig laser machine is a safe and user-friendly tool for cutting and etching a variety of materials. With the ability to cut plastic, woods, leather, paper and etch glass.

The machine has a bed size of 600mm x 500mm which is a large enough space to work with reasonable size projects. The introduction of the laser cutter will make practical technology classes more active and interactive than ever. Students are now developing their ideas, creating proof of concept and prototypes for products and innovations that have real-world purpose.

This machine will help accommodate students at Shoalhaven High School with the curriculum requirements and assist in linking school to industry. We are planning as a faculty to utilise the machine from Year 7 to produce personal logo designs on their chopping boards to Yr 12 where it is endless where they can apply this process – from model making, prototyping, to detailed inlays in table tops.

We are excited as a faculty by the possibilities this machine creates. Rather than just producing a simple job the traditional way, recent trends in the use of laser cutters in education have been to create a project with a more holistic approach.





## SPORT NEWS

Term 2 is now in full swing with school sporting teams competing in local knockouts and gala days. Over this term, there will be ample opportunities for students to compete in some of their favourite sports and represent Shoalhaven High outside of the academic walls. Students need to ensure they are listening to the morning notices to make sure they do not miss any of the sporting field action coming up this term.

### Upcoming Events

- Opens Touch Football – Thursday 13th May 2021 (date changed due to weather)
- Zone Cross Country - Friday 14th May 2021
- SHS Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 19th May 2021 (date changed due to weather)
- Netball Gala Day – Wednesday 26th May 2021
- 14s Rugby League – Thursday 20th May 2021
- Shoalhaven Zone Tennis – Friday 21st May 2021
- 13s Rugby League – Thursday 27th May
- Zone Athletics Carnival – Friday 4th June 2021
- Regional Cross Country – Friday 11th June 2021
- 16s Rugby League - To be confirmed (postponed to a later date due to weather)
- 14s and 16s League Tag – To be confirmed (postponed to a later date due to weather)

### Shoalhaven High School Athletics Carnival

Our schools Athletics Carnival was postponed due to the torrential rain over the Shoalhaven area last week. The new date is Wednesday 19th May 2021. Students will attend school like a normal day, head to roll call and then make their way out to the athletics track. Students are encouraged to turn up in their house colours in appropriate attire to support their teams and to compete in. Year 12 will be running the canteen on the day selling some hot and cold food throughout the day. All students are encouraged to attend and to participate to the best of their abilities.

### South Coast Sport

It has been a busy few weeks on the hockey field for our school captain Sam Wright-Smith. Sam spent the Easter holidays in Launceston where he competed in the Hockey Australia Under 18 National Championships, winning a gold medal as captain of the NSW State team. Sam then returned to school for one day before he was off to compete in the NSW CHS Hockey Championships at Kurnell. As captain of the South Coast Marlins, which he has played in since Year 3, Sam led the team through their pool rounds

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undefeated, finishing the tournament with a 2-0 win in the final against Sydney North. Not only did he take home a gold medal from this championship, but he was recognised as Player of the Tournament, and was also selected in the NSW CHS Opens team which will compete at a tri series against students from Catholic and Independent schools in Term 3. Following on from these wins, as a result of his performance at Under 18 Nationals, Sam was named in the NSW Under 21 state squad, and has also been selected in the Hockey Australia Futures Program, which identifies athletes who display the potential to be included in future Kookaburras squads to compete at the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.

Sam has just found out that he has made the Under 21 State Hockey team. He will play Nationals at Moorebank. Well done!





Jaxon C was selected in the Opens Rugby Union side at the end of last term to compete at the CHS Carnival in Kiama. The CHS Carnival ran over 3 days with the boy's team 4 full games with Jaxon lucky enough to score a winning try to play off for 7th place. Unfortunately, the final day was to be called off due to the torrential rain, with Jaxon's team finishing equal seventh at the CHS Carnival. Well done Jaxon you should be extremely proud of your efforts and the result.



Luke J attended The All Schools Cricket Carnival where he represented the NSWCHS 2's team. After this Luke was successful in selection in the All Schools Merit Team. Unfortunately, the competition has been postponed due to Covid-19. Nevertheless, a huge congratulations to Luke on this excellent achievement.



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On Thursday 29th and Friday the 30th of April Bianca G and Charlotte G competed with the best athletes across NSW at the Combined High Schools Swimming Championships where Charlotte competed in the 100m breaststroke and 100m butterfly, and Bianca in the 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100 breaststroke and 200m Individual Medley. Bianca who has come back from a knee injury last year should be tremendously proud of her results not only finishing in the top 6th overall in the 100m freestyle and backstroke but she took 4 seconds off her personal best times in these events. She then also finished 11th overall in the 100m breast stroke and beating her personal best time by 1 second. Charlotte did extremely well in the 100m breaststroke, beating her own PB by half a second and was unlucky to miss her PB by 1 second in the 100 fly. Congratulations to both Bianca and Charlotte, you should be proud of your results, as we at Shoalhaven High are extremely honoured to call you our students.



### CHS Swimming

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### Year 8 and 9 Boys Basketball – Coenraad Cup

On Thursday the 1st of April the Shoalhaven High School Year 8 and 9 Boys competed at the Coenraad Cup in Wollongong. Both the boy's teams showed skill, determination and very good sportsmanship throughout the day. Our year 9 boy's team with the inclusions of Luke and Noah from year 8 had a fiery day with their first game finishing with a 30 point win. In the second game it was a close contest going back and forward in the first half. Cooper, Zeke and Brock held their composure in defence while Luke and Noah continued to put multiple points on the board coming away with a 17-8 win. In the boys last game Noah, Luke and Cooper lead the way with their ability to find the ring, while Archy, Zeke and Brock held the boys out in defence. It was a constant battle, but the boys held Moss Vale off and won 23-20. Our boys made it to the semi final against Bulli who could not miss a basket that game. The boys played with heart and determination but unfortunately it was not her day and went down by a few points. A special mention to Noah whos' 3-point shooting was outstanding throughout the day.

The year 8 boys team went into a pool who had highly skilful players and it was a day about learning and improving as a team. Unfortunately, the boys did not come away with a win, but they never gave up and continued to improve over the day. The boys, came up against Bulli, Wollongong and Woonona who matched our scoring ability and could find the ring on every shot, unfortunately this was not the case for our boys. They showed commitment but it just was not their day with shots not dropping. The entire team is to be commended on their attitude throughout the day with limited court time however, continually supporting the boys on the court. Well done Lincon, Jacob W, Jacob B, Jack, Lachlan, Regan and Raymond.





### Harry Scouller Fun Run

On 31<sup>st</sup> of April 2021 Shoalhaven High School held its Harry Scouller Memorial Fun Run. The day was broken up into competitive and non-competitive races. A great day was had by all with fantastic participation and some outstanding performances. Congratulations to all students for their effort and enthusiasm on the day especially to the age champions (listed below) and to the students who have made zone cross country to be held at Willandra on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2021.

#### Age Champions:

12 year girls: Isabel W

12 year boys: Jaxon M-S

13 year girls: Chloe V

13 year boys: Geoffrey W-M

14 year girls: Giorjet P

14 year boys: Jacob W

15 year girls: Maddison H

15 year boys: Cody W

16 year girls: Anabella P

16 year boys: Cody W

17 year girls: Lexi C and Mackenzie W

17 year boys: Corey W



### Girls Soccer Report

On Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May the Open Girls soccer team travelled to Kiama to play in the third round of the CHS competition against Kiama High. After beating Nowra High convincingly in their previous round, the girls were confident that if they played their best soccer, they could overcome the Kiama team who had been equally impressive in their opening rounds. The girls didn't disappoint, with slick passing and pressure defence they went to the half time break 3-0 in front with Issy H slotting two and Maddy H one. The second half saw the girls extend their lead to 5-0 after another goal from Issy and one from Emily McN. The end result was 5-1 with Kiama scoring a late goal. This was another outstanding performance by all the girls and now means they progress to the South Coast semi-finals in a couple of weeks' time. Well Done girls!!

The junior girls' soccer team also enjoyed success late last term in the Bill Turner trophy competition. In a gala day at South Nowra against schools in our zone they beat Kiama 2-1 in the first round and smashed Ulladulla 8-0 in a dominant performance in their second-round game. The girls now play Holy Spirit College in 2 weeks' time.





## HOMEWORK CENTRE

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# Homework Centre





Our Homework Centre is back on for 2021! All of our students are welcome.

What you need to know:

- It's on Monday and Wednesday
- From 3pm - 5pm
- It's in the Library
- \$1 for afternoon tea - cake and a juice or hot chocolate
- We have teachers here to help you with your study, homework and assignments
- You can use the computers and printer
- You can access our book collections for research

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is on Wednesday and Friday. It is held at the Uniform Shop. Come and say hi and grab a cheese toast and chocolate milk.



## YEAR 6 STUDENTS COMING TO SHOALHAVEN HIGH IN 2022

### Term Two

Last week 140 Year 6 students visited Shoalhaven High School Year 6 Discovery Day

### Term Three

Week 2 – Cultural Emersion Day for interested students and families.

2nd September - STEM Day for interested students.

Ms Airds, teachers and students will visit primary schools.

### Term Four

16th November - Information Night for students and families

23rd November - Orientation Day for Year 6 students

### Shoalhaven High School ASPIRE Program

ASPIRE is a class to extend and challenge able and interested students.

More information is on the Shoalhaven High Website

<https://shoalhaven-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/aspire.html>

The online application is available to Year 6 students on our website from Monday 12 July 2021 and closes Friday 3 September 2021.

## 2021 NATIONAL ADOLESCENT VACCINATION PROGRAM

Year 8 - students who did not receive the first or second vaccinations in 2020 - 20th May 2021  
Notes were returned in 2020. If the students did not receive a vaccination in 2020 they can request a application

Year 10 - Year 10 students have the opportunity to receive the free Meningococcal vaccination as part of the National program this year - 20th May 2021  
Notes and information have been distributed

Year 7 – students have the opportunity to participate in a free vaccination program at school and conducted by NSW Public Health Unit over 2 visits. Visit 2 11th November 2021

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



## NEWS FROM CAREERS

### Year 12 - HSC STUDY SERIES

Prepare for exams and maximise results with help from HSC subject experts.

The University of Wollongong (UOW) is committed to providing additional resources and assistance to help students successfully complete their final year of schooling and transition to tertiary study.

The HSC Subject Support Series is designed to help students improve their knowledge and understanding of key subject content and discover what HSC exam markers and assessors are looking for.

The series includes 18 FREE subject-specific online sessions, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive tips and strategies directly from education professionals with years of experience.

Each webinar will cover:

- Detailed analysis of difficult course content delivered by one of the most qualified and experienced HSC markers in NSW.
- HSC marker insights on how to approach potential HSC questions.
- A chance to view, and practice, possible HSC questions (and be provided with example responses to each question).

Information and registration

<https://www.uow.edu.au/study/events/hsc-support-series/>

All webinars commence at 6pm

Mathematics 4th to 10th May

Biology 11th and 12th May

Chemistry 13th and 17th May

Physics 18th and 19th May

PDHPE 25th and 26th May

### Student Must Activate Personal Nesa Account

HSC timetable is available. To access student's personal HSC timetable, information and results, Year 12 students must activate their NESA account.

All students have been forwarded the link to ACTIVATE their personal NESA account.

### Considering University In 2022 Or 2023?

Information for all students wishing to attend university in 2022 and 2023 (after a GAP Year) has been forwarded to students and on Year 12 Google Classroom

- 14th May tutorial - UOW visit
- University Administration Centre (UAC) applications are open

Check the website for information

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<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants>

- [UAC Application Summary Sheet](#)
- [Schools Recommendation \(SRS\) and Early Entry Schemes Summary Sheet](#)
- [Educational Access Schemes \(EAS\) Summary Sheet](#)
- [UAC "Super Edition" newsletter](#) (a newsletter you can send to students that is basically a summary of the application process, early entry and EAS information).

Watch This Information Clip

[https://www.google.com/search?q=applying+for+uac+utube&rlz=1C1GCEA\\_enAU952AU952&oq=applying+fo](https://www.google.com/search?q=applying+for+uac+utube&rlz=1C1GCEA_enAU952AU952&oq=applying+fo)

Students can also apply for -

1. School Recommendation Scheme

This is an Early Entry at most universities... not Wollongong University which requires a separate application

2. Educational Access Scheme - provide adjustments to your ATAR score if you have experienced disadvantage in the last 2 years

3. Equity Scholarship - Financial support while at uni. Keep asking questions if you are unsure

UOW information Events for students and families

<https://www.uow.edu.au/study/events/info-evening/>

Monday 3rd May 6pm - Year 10 webinar for students and families

Monday 31st May 6pm - Shoalhaven Campus (all UOW Wollongong and Shoalhaven faculties are represented)

Tuesday 8th May 6pm - Wollongong Campus

Tuesday 29th June 6pm - virtual information event

Saturday 7th August - UOW Wollongong Open Day

UOW Early Entry opens 19th July

### Career Expos

Sydney Career Expo 3 – 6th June at Moore Park

<https://www.hscandcareers.com.au/>

Western Sydney Careers Expo 24-27th June at Olympic Park

<https://www.westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au/>

Free passes are available in the Careers Hub

Unfortunately, there are no Careers Expo in Shoalhaven or Wollongong this year.



### Work Experience

Year 10 - Term 3 Week 8 ( 30 August to 3 Sept)

Year 9 - Term 4 Week 8 ( 22 Nov to 26 Nov)

Note - more specific work experience applications are required for

- Shoalhaven City Council

<https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Council/Careers/Work-Experience>

- Australian Defence Force work experience

<https://www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/>

Proposed DWEP Albatross dates:

- May – 17 & 18
- June – 7 & 8
- July – 25 & 26th
- Aug – 16 & 17th
- Sept – 6 & 7th
- Oct – Women in STEM between 10th to 15th October plus
- DWEP on the 18 & 19th .
- Nov – DWEP 1 & 2nd, & 22 & 23rd.

### Worksmart Activities And Courses

Online learning opportunities include developing gaming programs, understanding coding, art, writing and exploring many careers. Check them out

### Workers, Health & Safety (WHS) Construction Induction Course

Thursday 27th May and 4th November

This “white card” course is the compulsory for students doing work or work experience on a construction site.

Cost \$80 (after \$20 subsidy for each student).

### Rural Fire Training

Tuesday to Thursday 14 to 16 September

Year 10 students have the opportunity to complete the Basic Rural Fire training certificate It is a combination of online learning and three days at the Shoalhaven Emergency Centre.

### First Aid

Tuesday and Wednesday 7 and 8 December

Cost \$85 (\$20 subsidy for each students may be available if we can seek the funding).

Register in Careers Hub

### Apprenticeships Traineeships Jobs

Many full time, part time and casual positions are currently available in the Shoalhaven.

To find them:

- Register and check daily with ADZUNA and SEEK apps
  - Facebook – Shoalhaven Jobs
  - South Coast Register
  - Shop windows and promotions
  - Business websites such as Coles, Woolworths, KFC, McDonalds
- [www.hvtc.com.au/jobs](http://www.hvtc.com.au/jobs)  
[www.shoalhaven city council/jobs](http://www.shoalhaven city council/jobs)

### Apprenticeships And Traineeships

Business Administration (SCC)

<https://www.hvtc.com.au/jobs>

Business Administration Pre-vocational program

<https://www.hvtc.com.au/jobs>

Arboriculture Cert 111 Apprenticeship -South Coast

[www.seek.com](http://www.seek.com)

### Employment - full time and casual

Cashier -Joyce Mayne

Foodworks – Worrigeer

Dominos

McDonalds

Hungry Jacks







## 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

- 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.
- Students following teacher instructions, so that they are using devices appropriately during the lesson.
- 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 i view, educational apps.
- recording information whilst on excursions.



### Negative Choices

- 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.
- Students not having "lids ajar" on laptops, or not removing earphones when requested to do so by staff.
- 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

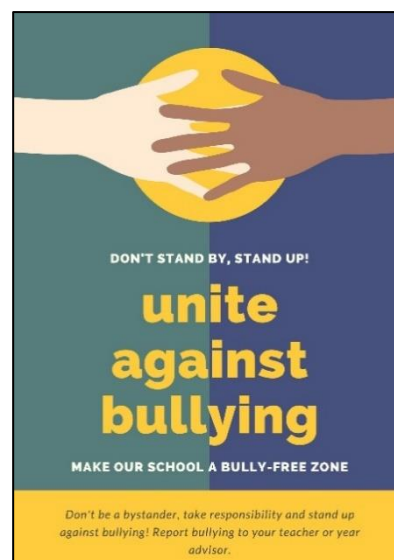
The Shoalhaven High School Uniform Policy is found on our School website under 'Our School' or click on the link

### [2020 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](#)

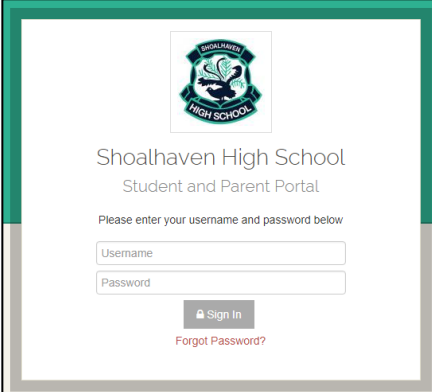


## STUDENT TIMETABLES

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



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.



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





## 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)

NSW Ministry of Health

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Tel (02) 9391 9000 Fax (02) 9391 9101  
Website: [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)





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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/leaving-school/index.php>

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

Educational services

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement and  
Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5356

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

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


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

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