

Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

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2021 Term 2 Week 8

Friday 11 June 2021

COMING EVENTS

- 10 June - Ancient History HSC Study Day
- 11 June – Regional Cross Country
- 14 June – Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend
- 16 June – Bangarra Dance Theatre Excursion
- 17 June – Sydney Jewish Museum Excursion
- 25 June – Parent/Teacher Day
- 12 July – Staff Development Day
- 13 July - Students return to school

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

As we draw nearer to the end of Term 2 and midway through the year, things just seem to speed up for our staff and students at Shoalhaven High School.

Our staff have been kept very busy on the reporting front this term. All staff have been finalising assessments and grades ready to report on the students’ progress midway through the year. All students’ reports will be either printed (for those families who requested them) and published on the Sentral Parent Portal by the Monday afternoon of week 10, 21 June 2021. Please have a very close read of your child’s report and use the interview booking forms issued during roll call to students, so you can attend our parent/teacher interviews on Friday 25 June. I strongly encourage all parents/carers to take time to attend these interviews so you can talk with staff about how your child is progressing and how we can work together as a partnership to ensure all students achieve their potential at school. Please note that on Friday 25 June 2021 there will be no normal classes for students. Interviews will begin at 8:30 in the school hall and concluded at 12:30. This is followed by a whole staff meeting.

During this term we also held the zone athletics carnival, had students represent at regional cross country, Para Olympic swimming trials and the southern region final of U/14 boys rugby league. Firstly, I would like to congratulate all our students

who competed with effort and energy in the recent Zone Athletics Carnival. All these students were excellent ambassadors for our school and represented the school with distinction, well done. Any student who placed 1st or 2nd in their events at the Zone carnival will be selected to represent the Shoalhaven Zone at the South Coast Athletics championships in Canberra early Term 3.



For all parents/carers please refer to the attachment in this newsletter about the benefits of regular attendance at school. It is important for all students to attend school every day when they are able to maximise their educational potential. Ms Wood (HT Wellbeing) will now be working with a focus on improving students’ attendance. Her role will be to support students and families in increasing school attendance and in turn improving student

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well-being and educational outcomes. As part of this focus, we have been trialling SMS attendance alerts. The trial involved sending an SMS message at 10:30 to alert our Year 9 and 10 parents/carers of a whole day absence or a late attendance up to 10:30. We thank the parents who have responded to these messages indicating reasons why students are away from school. We will be commencing the alerts to all students from years 7-10 commencing Term 3.

A friendly reminder that we are a uniform school. As the weather changes and the temperatures drop, we would like to remind parents/carers and students about the uniform procedures at school. Navy blue hoodies are acceptable if they have no logos printed all over them, the same for tracksuit pants. Undershirts that are the same colour as our uniform are also acceptable for added warmth. If a student is out of uniform, they will be required to present a note to their teacher at the start of each lesson, so they are not marked out of uniform. Students persistently failing to follow these procedures will have contact with Year Advisors to help in accessing uniform. Students present in uniform increase the safety of everybody on the school site.

I wish all students, staff, parents and carers a safe and relaxing holiday break. All students return on Tuesday 13th July.

Damian Rees
Executive Principal
Connected Communities
Shoalhaven High School



YEAR 10 DECISION TIME – PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Dear Parent/Carer,
 There will be an important meeting on Tuesday 20th July from 6-7pm in the school library to discuss the Stage 6 (Year 11 and 12) subject selection process for those students returning in 2022. The aim is to provide students and their families with information about the process of choosing a pattern of study for Year 11 and 12.

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Students and parent/carers are required to attend in order to receive the subject information booklet on the night. In addition, students will receive a link to complete subject selections online. Please note that the information booklet and online link will NOT be available prior to this date.

A variety of SHS staff and representatives from UOW, TAFE, Kiama Community College and Aerospace Training Service will be present to answer questions. If you require any further details, please call Mr Hunter (Deputy Principal) or Ms Goodsell (Year Adviser) on 4421 8022.

Key Dates for Year 10

July 16 (Fri) - Decision Day at Shoalhaven High School. A variety of activities and guest speakers to help students be informed about career options and study options.

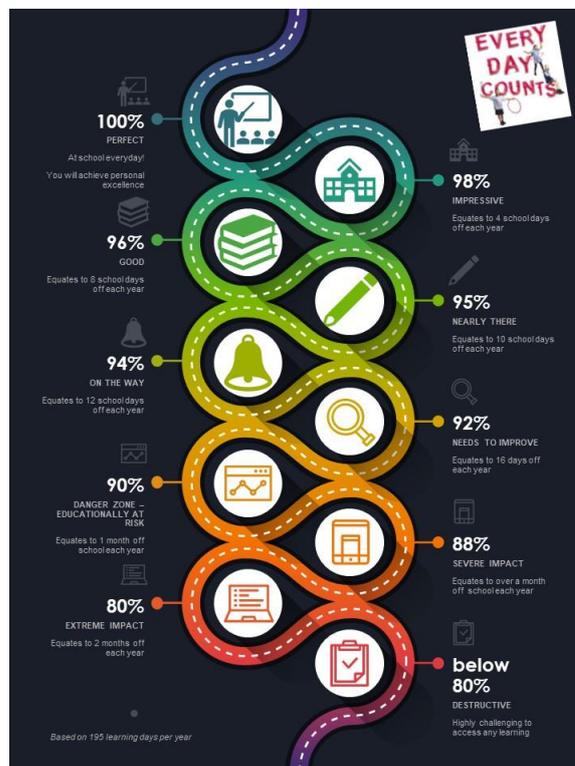
July 20 (Tues) -Stage 6 subject selection Parent/Student information session (6 - 7pm)

July 26 (Mon) - Stage 6 subject selection submissions due (completed online)

Aug 27 (Fri) - EVET course applications due to Careers Adviser.

Aug 30 (Mon) - Work experience commences (all of Week 8)

ATTENDANCE



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.

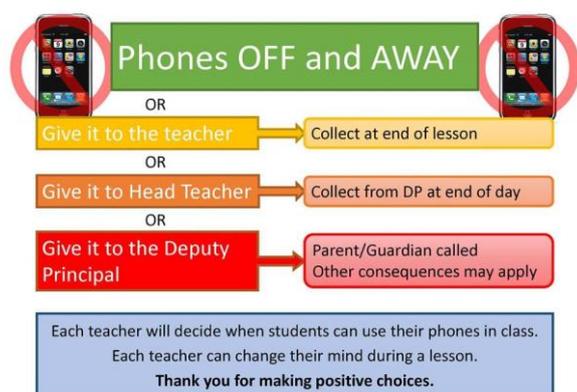
Further information is available from the following link:

[Uniform Guidelines](#)

We encourage everyone to read the policy and guidelines 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

Kind regards,
Damian Rees
Principal

SORRY DAY

In preparation for Sorry Day on the 26th of May, the students created a garden and planted a purple native Hibiscus bush and numerous purple Hyacinth bulbs. The purple native Hibiscus is the nationally recognised plant for Sorry Day and the purple Hyacinth symbolises forgiveness and apology.



SORRY DAY WALK

Shoalhaven High School students enjoyed participating in National Sorry Day starting with a commemorative walk, followed by food, dancing and singing. The whole community gathered to hear Uncle Willie Dixon give Welcome to Country and hear emotional stories and poems of the strength of Stolen Generations.



NAIDOC WEEK WRITING COMPETITION

NAIDOC Week Writing Competition
Entry forms can be collected from the English Faculty.
Entries close Thursday 17 June - Week 9
Prizes to be won!



YEAR 7 KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Winners are Logan, Koopa and Thomas!
Logan wrote a lovely letter to a staff member that he appreciates.
Koopa and Thomas were joint winners and were noticed helping their teachers out. Lots of kindness in Year 7.
Congratulations.



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

The main display in the Library has changed to highlight the anniversary of Sorry Day and to acknowledge Reconciliation Week. The main focus of the display is the framed motion of "Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples". This motion was moved by the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, in the House of Representatives, Parliament Canberra on 13th February, 2008. It makes for very interesting



reading, so come and take a closer look at this important document. Surrounding the display are books highlighting the stolen generation, including picture books and significant submissions to government inquiries, and books relating to reconciliation and the future. Take the time to read Coral Vass' book "Sorry Day" to understand the significance of this event and marvel at Dub Leffler's insightful pictures which express feelings both past and present.

This is a very small a part of our collection of indigenous resources, so come and investigate our growing assortment of titles.

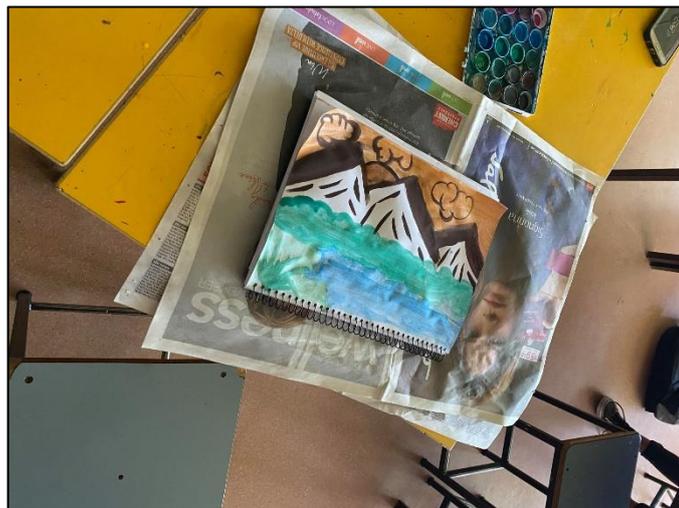
YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHY

Inspirational Light Drawings with Year 11 Photography. The students made some beautiful messages to share with everyone.



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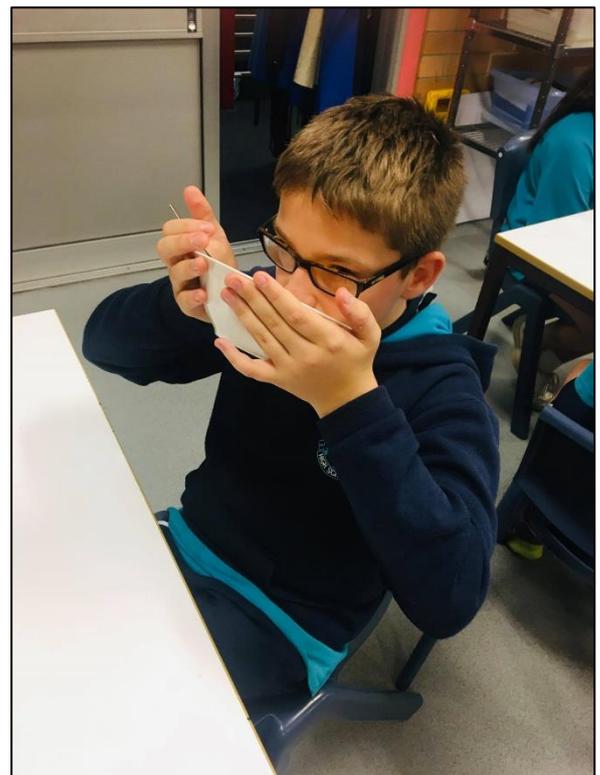
7Owls and Miss Talbert enjoyed an art lesson with the talented Mrs Macdonnell today. Check out some of the artworks that were inspired by an image of the Australian landscape.



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Shoalhaven High School students have been developing their cooking skills making hearty minestrone soup and delicious homemade ice cream sandwiches.





70 SCIENCE

Year 7 have been learning about cells in Science this Term.

70 figured that the easiest way to remember all the parts of a cell was to use food! Check out their creations



PDHPE STUDY DAY

On May 24 Miss Aird took her Year 12 PDHPE class to a study day held at Wesley Conference Centre in Sydney. We got on the train at 5:30am and returned at 6:30pm. Students listened to guest speakers including Olympic Silver gold medallist Matt Graham, Sydney Swans Head Sports Doctor Tom Cross, and John Quinn- Team coach for the Australian track & field team at the Sydney Olympic Games. It was an insightful day for students involved and hopefully they took something valuable away from the day.



YEAR 12 BIOLOGY

Year 12 Biology students having fun learning about homeostasis by keeping Homer alive.



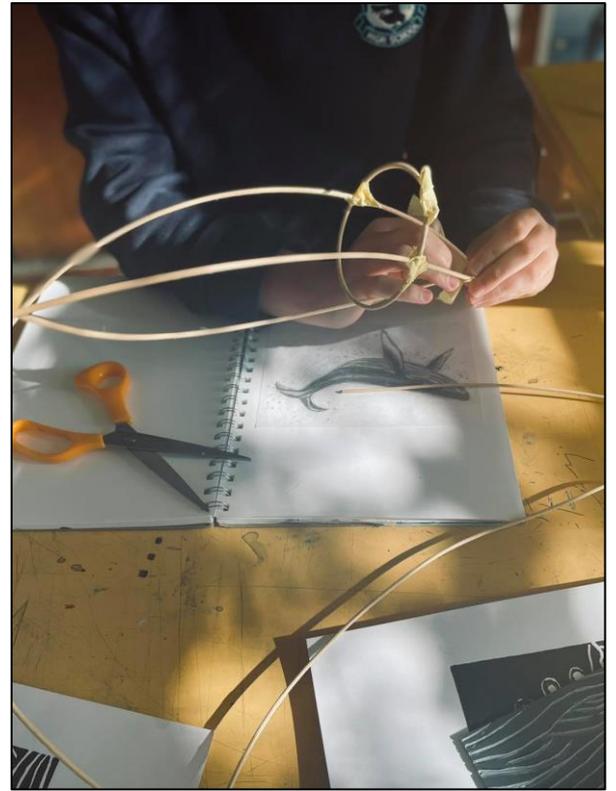
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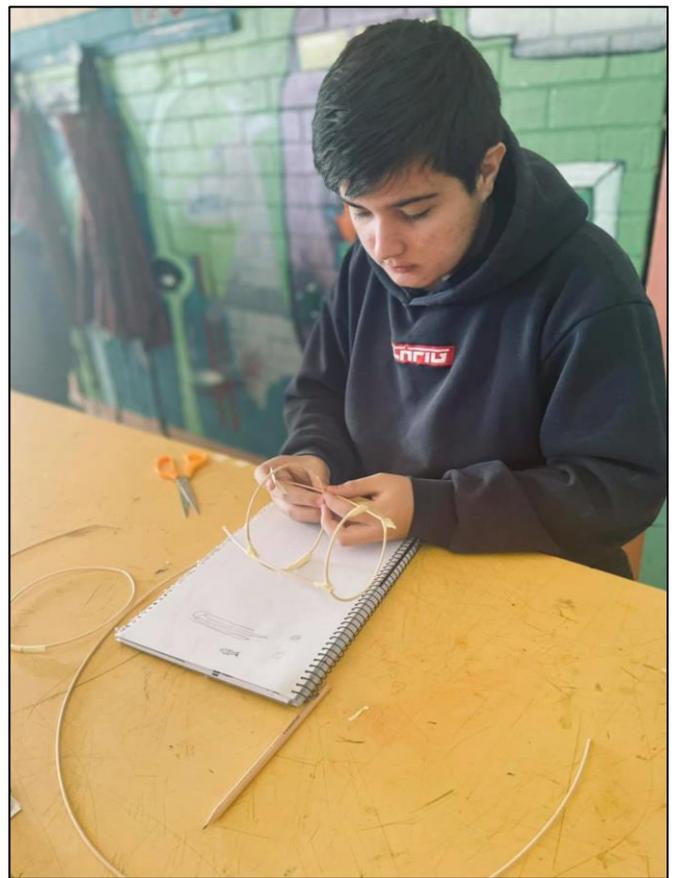


**OPEN DURING TERM
TIME:**
MONDAY AND THURSDAY
9AM - 1PM
EFTPOS OR CASH ONLY!
**STUDENT ASSISTANCE IS
AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE
PARENTS**

YEAR 10 ART

A focused morning of creativity. Year 10 use the Australian beach as a source of inspiration for their sculptures and Lino prints.





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SCIENCE FUN

Lots of fun and learning dissecting flowers in Science.



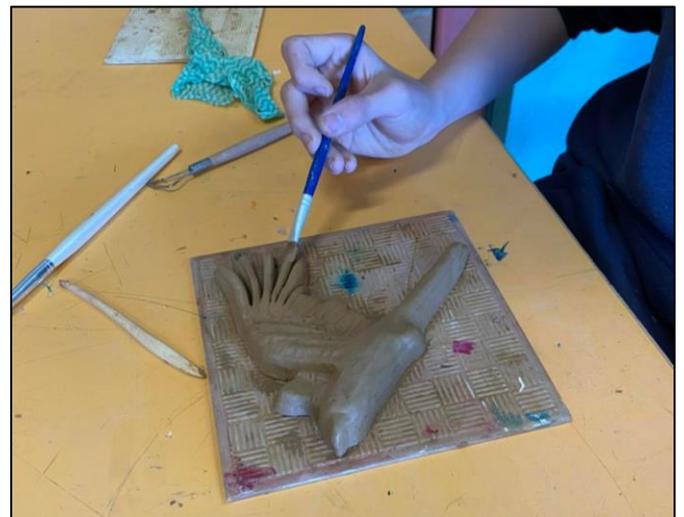
NEW BLUE SMILEY BOXES

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



GATEWAY COMMUNITY PROJECT

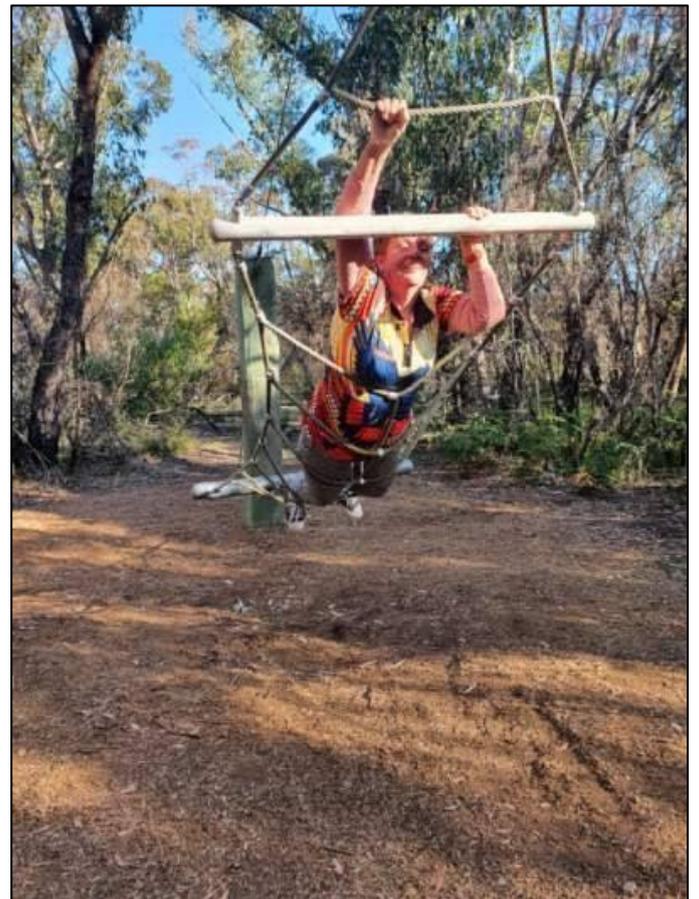
Some of our students enjoyed working in fantastic tutorials today on the Gateway Community Project with artist Dora Roganvaldsdottir. They made some beautiful ceramic animals that will become a part of the final sculpture. Thank you for a great day Dora!





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NAHLA CAMP



YEAR 10 CAMP



SPORT NEWS

NETBALL GALA DAY

On May 26th Shoalhaven High School sent 34 students to participate in the Netball NSW Cup Gala Day split into 3 Year 7/8 teams and one Year 9/10 team. Students played against numerous other schools from the South Coast Area. For a lot of our girls it was a fun day out with not many having had played before. All girls participated with enthusiasm and had an enjoyable day. A special mention to Kara L, Izabella D-L, Gabby W and past student Hannah W who came and umpired for the day. Well done girls.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On May 19 2021, Shoalhaven High School held its annual athletics carnival. There was plenty of action on the day with a large number of students participating on the day. We had over 100 students qualify for the zone athletics carnival which was held on the 4 Jun, 2021. Congratulations to SHARKS which was the winning house on the day. Congratulations also to the following students who were our age champs:

12 year girls/boys: Amelia C and Ronin M

13 year girls/boys: Kara L and Geoffrey W-M

14 year girls/boys: Karnae S-S and Luke B

15 year girls/boys: Madison I and Shaun W-B

16 year girls/boys: Anabella P and Cody W

17+ year girls/boys: Alexis C and Torah S and Luke J





ZONE ATHLETICS

On Friday 4 June, the Zone Athletics Carnival was held at the athletics grounds of Shoalhaven High School. We had a number of students participate with some outstanding results. It was a great day for all involved. Massive congratulations to Amelia C of Year 7 who was named 12 year girls age champion. Well done, Amelia.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified to participate at the South Coast Athletics carnival:

Amelia C, Anna C, Alexis C, Shenae B, Lili S-M, Madison I, Yusuf E, Geoffrey W-M, Riley B, Georgia C and the 12 year boys relay- Riley B, Jaxson M-S, Lucas G and Broderick V D.



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 14 May 2021, Shoalhaven High School had a number of students attend the Zone Cross-Country event held at Willandra Farm. All students involved participated with great enthusiasm and showed very good sportsmanship.

A massive congratulations to Corey W of Year 12 who placed first in the 6km 18's event. Congratulations also to the following students who have made the South Coast Regional Cross Country to be held at Willandra Farm on 11 of June:

- Jaxson M-S (4th)
- Riley B (6th)
- Ronin M (7th)
- Maddison H (5th)
- Charlotte G (8th)
- Anabella P (3rd)
- Kirra J (6th)
- Corey W (1st)

Well done all.



BOYS UNDER 14S RUGBY LEAGUE

On May 20 our 14 year old boys rugby league team participated in the first round of the Buckley Shield. They played Bomaderry High School where the boys demonstrated quality skills to come away with a dominant win. They then moved onto the second round and played against Mulwaree High School who matched us for size and skill. The game was a great contest with our boys going down by two tries. They then played Moruya High School where they went out to prove their capabilities. The boys came away with a strong win over Moruya. Well done to all boys involved.

ISABELLE HARRIS

Congratulations to our very own Isabelle Harris who is 1 of 30 to be selected out of 140 girls for the very first Western Sydney Wanderers Academy. Her hard work and dedication has laid the foundation for what is sure to be a successful career in women's soccer. Well done, Isabelle.

[Future Wander Women](#)



GIRLS SOCCER

The junior girls' soccer team have enjoyed further success in the Bill Turner trophy competition. On Friday the 28th of May at South Nowra, SHS beat Holy Spirit College in a thriller. Shoalhaven High opened the scoring with a well-placed free kick by Maddy H but Holy Spirit hit back quickly to level the scores at 1-1. The game then see-sawed in possession and opportunities for the remainder of the match and with some resilient defense SHS were able to keep Holy Spirit scoreless for the rest of the game. The game went into sudden death extra time with Maddy H again beating the goalkeeper to win the game 2-1. Another outstanding performance by all the girls and they will now play St Mary's Star of the Sea College next Friday the 18th of June at Kembla Grange.



The Open girls also played their South Coast semi-final on Wednesday the 2nd of June at South Nowra against Warilla High. Both teams had dominated their opposition in the opening 3 rounds so a tough game was predicted and it didn't disappoint. SHS defense was outstanding in the first half repelling wave after wave of relentless attack from Warilla, which wore down the opposition and created some luckless first half chances for Shoaly. After halftime SHS increased their pressure on Warilla and were rewarded with a fantastic finish by Isabelle Harris to put Shoaly up 1-0. Unfortunately it didn't stay this way for long with Warilla bouncing back and scoring a penalty and then scoring again shortly afterwards with a strike that the girls said no-one would have

been able to save. The end result was 2-1 and SHS were knocked out of the competition. Congratulations to all the girls for their effort and enthusiasm throughout the competition, Shoalhaven High is extremely proud of the way they handled themselves in both victory and defeat.



WORK STUDIES E-WASTE EXCURSION

Year 11 Work Studies students have been working on a project to environmentally dispose of e-waste items. This included a unit on safe workplace procedures, survey of unused electrical items around the school and an excursion to Shoalhaven City Council Waste Centre with other interested students. The SCC Waste Education officers guided us through the facilities. We observed and learned about the recycling of oil, paper and cardboard. We watched a machine break down large bags of polystyrene to a handful of polystyrene poo. Another machine cut, sifted, and sorted electrical cords into various metals and plastics to be reused. We learnt any item with an electrical cord is classified as E-waste including a jug or toaster.

Work Studies students collected unused computers, televisions and other electrical items from around our school. These were taken to the SCC Recycle Centre to be disassembled and processed where components could be reused.

Thank you to Peter for helping bring the school trailer.



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 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 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 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

Students have been investigating future pathways and subject options in Careers lessons in Term 2.

Below are links to useful resources to assist students and parents

•UOW Year 10 Subject Selection Webinar Recording:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ip-TQQHtWBY>

•UAC Year 10 Subject Selection Resources:
<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/year-10-students>

•UAC Top Tips for Choosing HSC Courses:
<https://www.uac.edu.au/assets/documents/year-10/top-tips-for-choosing-hsc-courses.pdf>

•NESA Advice for Choosing HSC Courses:
<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/subject-selection>

Year 12 INFORMATION and APPLICATIONS

Term 3 Information sharing during Wednesday Tutorials.

- UOW
- UOW College (courses for students with low or no ATAR)
- TAFE
- Kiama Community College
- Shoalhaven Education Fund (many students can apply for financial support if they are working, studying full time in 2022)

Students 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

- University Administration Centre (UAC) applications are open

Check the website for information

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

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- [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

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/>

Tuesday 29th June 6pm - virtual information event

Saturday 7th August - UOW Wollongong Open Day

UOW Early Entry opens 19th July

<https://www.uow.edu.au/study/high-school/uow-early-admission/>

Career Expos

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. Expressions of interest and information in Careers Hub Careers in Health

Tuesday 22 June Period 4 and 5 in the Library UOW Health student team will provide information on health careers from Nursing, Medicine, Pathology to Social work. Practical workshop is included.

Workers, Health & Safety (WHS) Construction Induction Course

Congratulations to the 18 students who successfully completed this course in Term 2.

This “white card” course is the compulsory for students doing work or work experience on a construction site. The next course is Thursday 4th November.

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

Financial Literacy

Thursdays 18 Nov and 2 December

Free Certificate 1 course learning about budgeting, taxation, loans and money management.

Year 10 Taster Courses

- Shoalhaven Community College, 1 day per week Terms 2 and 3

- Café and Hospitality
- TAFE 4 days in Term 2
 - Café
 - Tourism and Events
 - Conservation and Land Management
 - Hair and Beauty

TAFE 2 days per week in Term 4

- Automotive

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
[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>

Book Keeping and Accounting (Hindmarsh/McDonald

www.seek.com

Employment - full time and casual

OPORTO – South Nowra

Dominos

McDonalds

Hungry Jacks

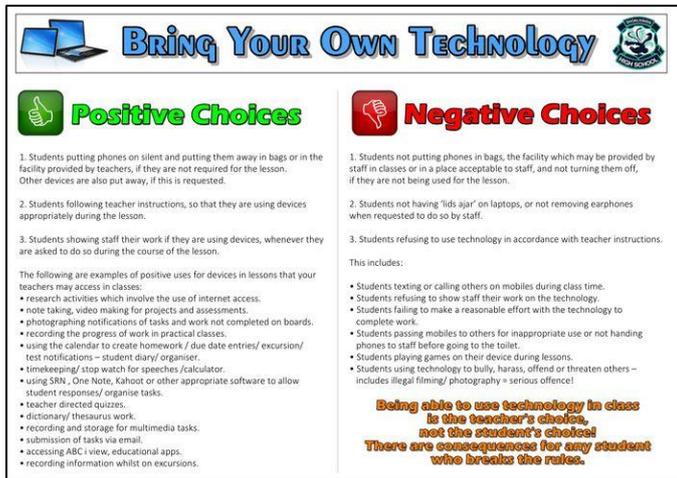
Chooksys info@chooksys.com.au

Spendless Shoes

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

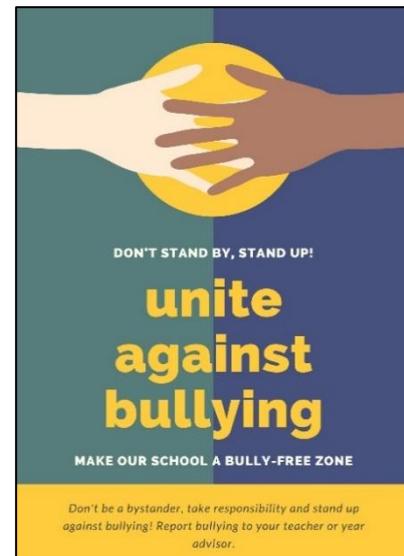
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[2020 Uniform Policy](#)

ANTI-BULLYING PLAN

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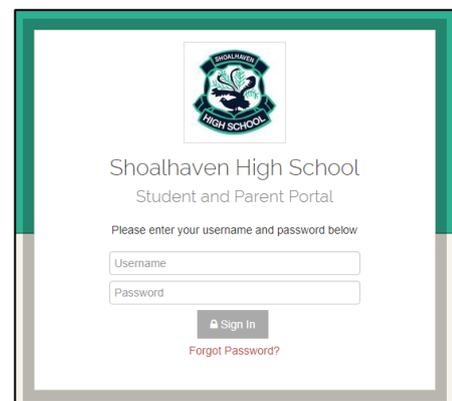


STUDENT TIMETABLES

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

Please enter your username and password below

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Password

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password.

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

- Information for parents/guardians

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

Program background

In 2020 NSW Health is offering the following vaccines:

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

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

Additional measures

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

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

What parents/guardians should do

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

When students will be vaccinated

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

More information

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



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court - Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*.

The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php>

For further advice contact

Educational services

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement and Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5356

www.dec.nsw.gov.au

Do you need an interpreter?

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

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