

Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

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2022 Term 1 Week 4

Friday 25 February 2022

COMING EVENTS

28 February to 2 March – Year 7 Camp
3 March – 15s and Open Rugby League
8 March – Regional Swimming Carnival
11 March – Netball Opens and Juniors Zone Day
16 March – South Coast Rugby League Trials
22 March – Year 7 Vaccinations
24 March – Year 8 Catch-up Vaccinations
24 March - P & C AGM
24 March – 14s and 16s Rugby League Day
30 March to 1 April – CHS Swimming Carnival

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A very warm welcome back to all our staff, students and the wider community. We have come back to school after what was a well-deserved and hopefully relaxing break. I hope that all our families enjoyed some time together, had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and are ready to tackle 2022 energised and enthusiastic.

The 2022 school year has started in a similar way to how it ended with COVID-19 operational settings still in effect. I wish to thank all our families for their support during this difficult time and for the support and collection of RAT kits, monitoring for symptoms and notifying the school on sickness and issues related to COVID-19. I also wish to let families know that as of Monday 28 February operational settings will once again change to be in line with community settings. Please see the letter attached to our newsletter for more information. The school will also email and use social media to share this important information to our wider school community.

A new school year often brings about many changes, here at SHS it is no different. Over the past 12 months, SHS has had many changes with staff upgrades to our school environment. SHS Executive Team who will lead the school into the future is as follows:

Executive Principal: Mr Damian Rees

Deputy Principals:

Year 9 and 10- Mr Jason McNeil

Year 8 and 11- Mr Colin Hunter

Years 7 and 12- Mr Michael Dolby

Support- Mrs Amanda Johnstone

If you have questions or issues that arise, please contact us and we can work together to achieve the best outcomes for our students. Along with this team, I wish to also welcome and introduce the following new staff to our wider school community:

Head Teacher TAS- Mr Joel Foster

Head Teacher English- Ms Laurinda Bailey

Science- Ms Leticia Martins-Oliveira, Ms Catherine Agar, Ms Jessica Rothery

English- Ms Olivia Robson, Ms Tiffany Wye

Music- Mr Joshua Hamilton

Art- Ms Sarah Wunsch

7 Owls- Mr Joel Atfield

TAS- Mr John Kolesnyk

Library- Mr Rand Hennessy

Support- Mr Izzat Sadeq, Mr Sean Harlor, Ms Naomi Jones, Ms Cassandra Carter.

During Week 2, SHS held its annual swimming carnival at Nowra Pool. This year saw a competitor only event in line with COVID-19 operating settings. Ms Aird will provide a more detailed report on the swimming carnival in this newsletter. A special thank you to the PE staff for their excellent organisation of the day and all staff that helped out with the various jobs required to ensure the day was successful.

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](#)

To all our new and existing families our P & C AGM will be held on Thursday 24th March- Week 8. The meeting will take place in the front 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 in the education journey.

With Thanks,

Damian Rees

Executive Principal

Connected Communities

Shoalhaven High School



COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION

Dear parents and carers

A big thank you for your continuing efforts in supporting our school and students during the pandemic – especially prioritising safety and learning. The Premier and Minister for Education have announced changes to school settings for the remainder of Term 1. These updated settings were developed in close consultation with NSW Health and key stakeholders to ensure we continue to keep our schools open for learning, while keeping up with changing community settings.

The updated settings include:

- We will continue the use of rapid antigen tests (RATs) for twice-weekly testing of students and staff until Friday 25 February.
- From Monday 28 February, we will move to symptomatic testing. Tests are to be used at your discretion such as if your child is symptomatic or there are cases in their class. Our school will provide each student and staff member with **8 tests per student and staff in schools or 10 tests per student and staff in support classes.**
- Beyond that, students and staff can access PCR tests or buy their own rapid antigen tests as these are now freely available and accessible in the community.
- **FOR SECONDARY** – Masks will continue to be required indoors for all school staff, volunteers and visitors including parents and carers, and students in secondary schools until Friday 25 February. From Monday 28 February, masks will no longer be

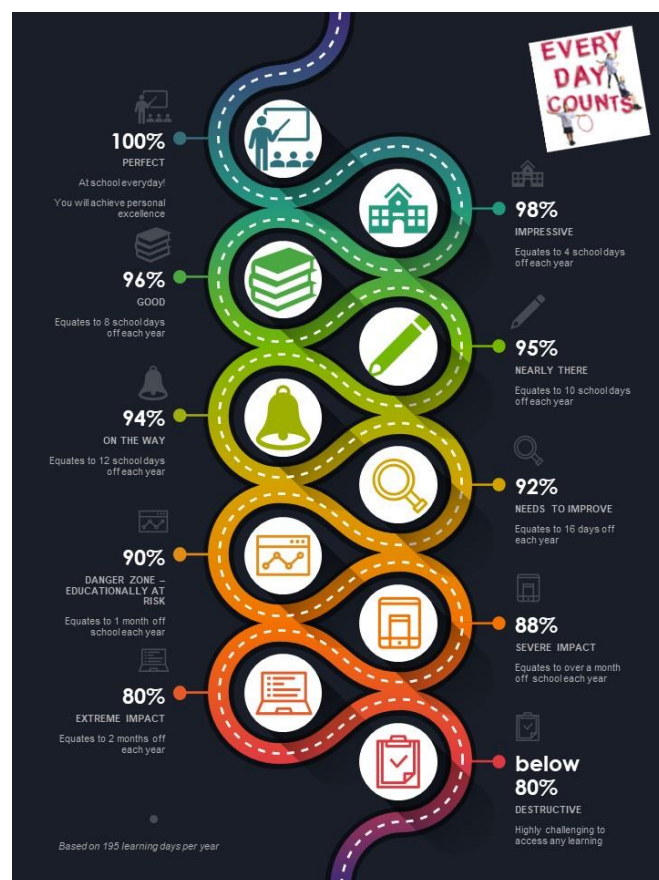
mandatory for students in **Year 7 and above** or staff. However, those who wish to continue to use them will be supported to do so.

- **FOR WORKERS SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY** – In line with community settings, workers who support our students with disability in SSPs, support units and some mainstream classrooms will be required to wear masks while working with students.

- From Monday 28 February, visitors can be allowed back on school sites regardless of their vaccination status. **Our school will consider activities such as assemblies, parent-teacher meetings and other gatherings in the coming days. We will let you know if these can proceed with our school in a COVID-smart way.** All visitors are asked to follow our usual sign-in and sign-out process.

Our school will continue to ensure our layered COVID-smart measures are in place, including vaccinations, maximising natural ventilation in learning spaces, continued good hand hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning.

ATTENDANCE



YEAR 9 PASS

Year 9 Pass class were pushed to their limits in their morning class. They participated in a circuit in the gym!



EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION

Congratulations to Saffron Fox who competed in the annual Berry Riding Club Inter-Schools Equestrian Competition on Sunday 19th December 2021. The day before the competition, Saffron's horse went lame with a leg injury and with no practice, she had to take her Dad's horse that she had not trained for the event at all.

It is fantastic that, considering the late horse change, Saffron placed in 5 out of 6 events. Her results were:

- 1st Bend Bar Aft
- 1st One Flag
- 2nd Snakes and Ladders
- 3rd Double Slalom
- 3rd Western Bending

Saffron also gained the fastest time overall in the Bend Bar Aft.

The competition was extremely tough and all students, representing over 50 schools from kindergarten to Year 12, did a great job over the three days of competition. A huge thanks to Judy Sweeney and all of the helpers and volunteers.



LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH



ENGLISH LEARNING LAB

Students may have noticed the new arrival of the 'English Learning Lab' in the English foyer. This year, we have introduced a new collaborative learning space to allow students the resources to effectively work in small groups to complete collaborative projects. The space is decked out with whiteboards, whiteboard tables and pinboards, ready for some organised planning. We can't wait to see this space used effectively.

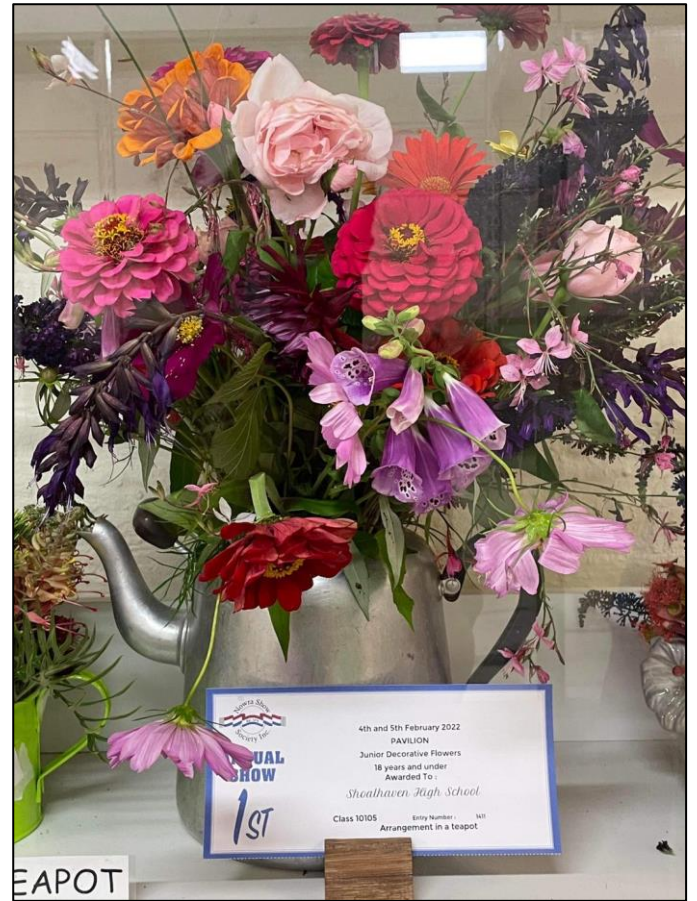


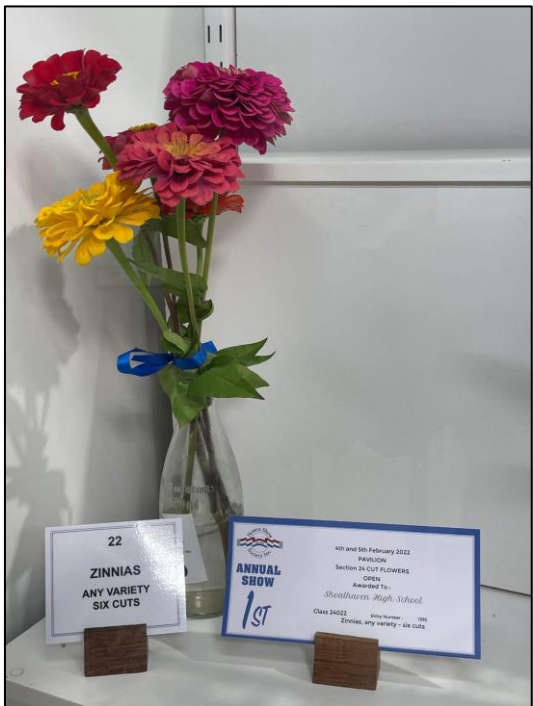
We have also been lucky enough to get our hands on some incredible new technology. The podcasting station is new and improved and ready for experimenting across your classes. Units of work exploring podcasting are already happening in Year 10 English and the new equipment will be utilised in the learning programs designed for 10ENGL. Other classes will have the opportunity to experiment with the equipment throughout the year.

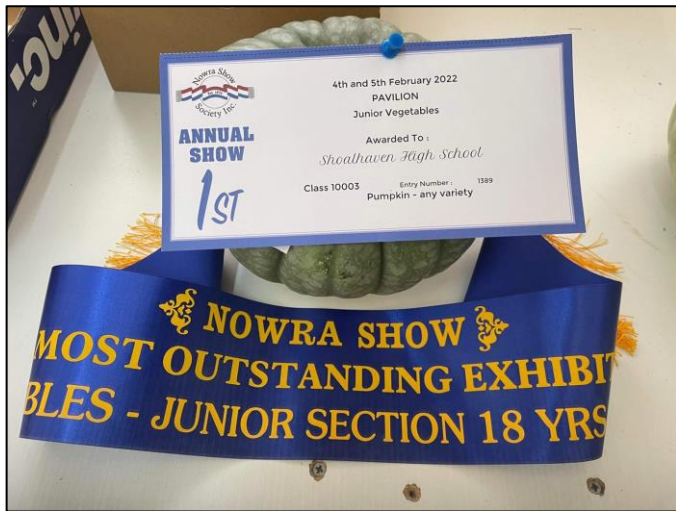


2022 NOWRA SHOW

Shoalhaven High School's Agriculture Department competed in multiple events at the Nowra show in early February. We achieved first place in 18 categories, second place for 10 categories and Champion Junior vegetable. The students and staff involved have worked hard for the past year to produce a wide variety of high quality fruits, vegetables and flowers. This is an outstanding achievement for the school.







STUDENT DEVELOPMENT LESSONS

This year, Shoalhaven High School are doing their Student Development Lessons for Stage 4 and 5 a little different. Year Advisors of your child's year group now have the pleasure of facilitating lessons with each class once a fortnight.

So far this term, SDL classes across Years 7 - 10, have been engaging in goal setting in preparation for 2022. Students have been setting personal, learning and behaviour goals with the opportunity to revisit these goals and reflect at the end of 2022.



PIGLETS

On New Year's Day 6 little piglets were born at the farm. All the new kids Joseph, Mary, Midnight and Luna and their Mummas are doing well.



GOATS

A special Christmas Day at the farm. Crystal gave birth to twins one girl and one boy. Moonbeam followed her on Boxing Day with a girl and boy as well.



SPORT

Swimming Carnival

On 7 February Shoalhaven High School's annual swimming carnival was held at Nowra Aquatic Park. Unfortunately, with the current COVID guidelines and recommendations, this year's carnival was a competitor only event. With it being our Year 12 students' last carnival, they came dressed in an array of colourful red, green, blue and purple to support each of their team houses. You could tell our students were excited to be to apart of the day. A great day that was had by all with fantastic participation and some outstanding performances. Congratulations to the age champions who are listed below for their outstanding efforts on the day and well done to the Dolphins house who took out top spot for the day. A special mention to Jasmine Greenwood and Bianca Grieve who all broke records throughout the day – a superb effort by these two students. Students who placed in the top two from our school in every event have been selected to represent our campus at the Zone swimming carnival. This carnival was to take place on February 22 at Bomaderry Pool however, due to the weather, it has been postponed with a date to be confirmed.

Age Champions

Girl

12 yrs	Makaira Bogle
13yrs	Tilly Bullers
14yrs	Bianca Grieve
15yrs	Liana Charalambous
16yrs	Charlotte Greenwood
17yrs	Jasmine Greenwood

Boy

12 yrs	Jake McLaughin
13yrs	Tulli Knight
14yrs	Oscar Barkwith
15yrs	Luke Butler
16yrs	William Dewsbury-Love
17yrs	Jack Atkins

House Champions

- 1st Dolphins
- 2nd Sharks
- 3rd Marlins
- 4th Stingrays

Term 1 Sport

After a limited amount of sport being able to be played last year due to Covid, this year is jammed packed with a lot of opportunities for students to be involved and participate in various sports. The PE staff will nominate as many teams as we possibly can if we have enough students wanting to play.

In the first four weeks we have already sent nominations in for various South Coast Trials. There are plenty more coming up in the next few weeks, so students are encouraged to listen to the notices in the morning for up and coming trials and competitions for both South Coast teams and school teams. A special mention to Year 9 student Luke Butler who has already been selected in the South Coast 15s Touch Football team which is to compete later this year.

There are lots of different sporting events happening this term and some of our events include:

- Zone Swimming Carnival at Bomaderry Pool on 22 February (to be rescheduled)
- South Coast boys Hockey Trials on 23 February
- SHS Zone Basketball Boys and Girls Basketball on 18 February
- U15s and Opens Boys Rugby League on the 3March
- Regional Swimming Carnival on 8 March
- South Coast Girls football trials on the 9 March
- South Coast Boys Rugby League trials on the 16 March
- South Coast Opens boys and girls touch football trials 22 March
- 14s and 16s Rugby League on the 24 March
- CHS Swimming Carnival 30th March – 1 April

Shoalhaven High will also be playing against other schools in our zone in a variety of CHS sporting competitions this term. U13's, U15,s and Opens Rugby League, U14s and U16s league tag, Opens and Juniors Boys and Girls Netball, Opens Boys and Girls soccer, Opens Boys and Girls Volleyball and U15s and Opens Cricket are all being played at some stage during the first term.

If you are interested in any of these events see Miss Patterson, or Miss Aird in the PE staffroom for more information.

We look forward providing as many sporting opportunities as we can and look forward to seeing everyone succeed and have fun this year.

PE Staff ☺

Basketball

Congratulations to the Opens Boys Basketball team who played on Friday 18 February at the Bomaderry Basketball Stadium.

The Shoalhaven High School team of boys played two games. The first was against a well drilled and talented Kiama High School team. The SHS boys showed great spirit in their fight for points and demonstrated great sportsmanship and teamwork.

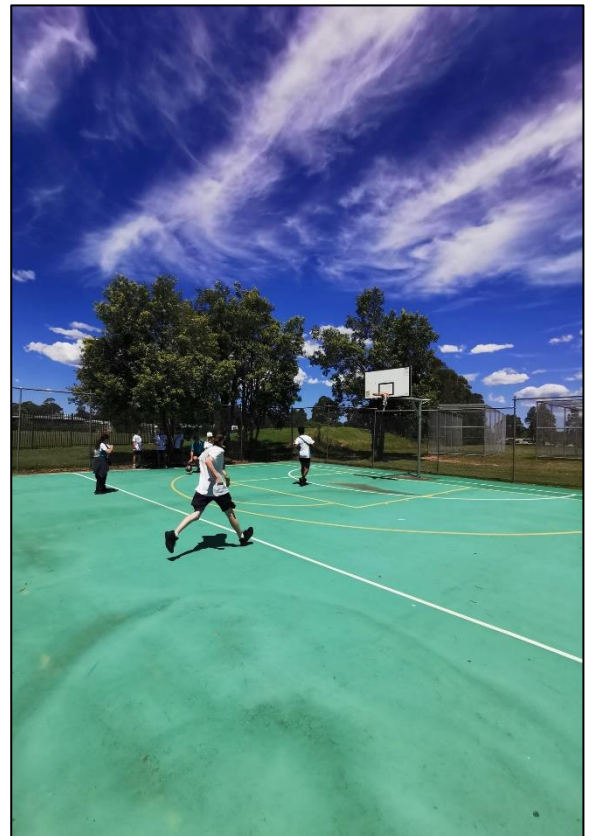
The second game was against Ulladulla High School. This was a far more evenly matched game and again the SHS boys showed great sportsmanship and worked hard for every bucket they scored. Luke Butler really had his eye in during this game and was the top point scorer with great back-up from the rest of the boys.

The entire team were wonderful representatives of Shoalhaven High School showing great attitudes, manners and spirit.



Year 11 Sport

Amazing competition and teamwork from Year 11 during sport!



CAREERS

WorkSmart Activities And Courses

Career Advisors will provide opportunities for students to complete courses, attend workshops, participate in experiences outside school, in school and online.

Updates will be in Shoalhaven High School newsletters, Facebook page and directly to student's email. Students are encouraged to check their school (or work) email and participate in opportunities that interest them.

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 17 March and another course in Term 4.

This "white card" course is compulsory for students doing work or work experience on a construction site. Cost \$80 (\$100 - \$20 subsidy from school) Register in Careers Hub

First Aid

Wednesday and Thursday 6 and 7 April (last week Term 1)

Cost \$65 (\$85 - 20 subsidy from school)

Register in Careers Hub

Year 10 TAFE Construction

Statement of Attainment Cert 1 Construction course

Two days per week in Term 4

Expressions of interest close 10 March

Note: Some students have already applied.

Shoalhaven Professional Snapshot Day

Year 10 can investigate professional careers at the Shoalhaven Professional Snapshot Day.

Wednesday 2 March

Students can select and investigate careers in three local professional businesses. The day is organized by the Shoalhaven Professional Businesses and Shoalhaven City Council.

- Law, Accounting, Human Resources
- Engineering, Drones and Media, Advanced Manufacturing
- Surveying, Town Planning and Defence Industry

Register names and collect more information in Careers Hub this week.

Join Cadets in the Shoalhaven

HMAS Albatross on Wednesday evenings

Students must be at least 13 years (or year 8) and no older than 16 years.

For brochures with contacts and more information in Careers Hub

Army Cadets - contact Neil Barrett - 0417 420 920

Navy Cadets Albatross - contact Bill - 0438 865 956

Navy Cadets Jervis Bay - contact Vicki - 0413 600 989



University of Wollongong Discovery Day for Year 12

Postponed to a date to be confirmed

Year 12 students explored courses and university life at UOW Wollongong Campus. Students select four workshops in a variety of faculty areas and now have a better understanding of courses and life and procedures in the world of university.

UOW Open Day for students and parent/carers

Saturday 6 August

UOW "Future Me" Program

Year 12 applications are open and close 9 March

The Year 12 Future Me is designed to provide Year 12 students with the support to get the most out of their HSC year in weekly sessions in Terms 2 and 3

- More than 20 hours of free Year 12 and beyond skills development under the guidance of our In2Uni mentors who have achieved a Band 5 or higher in one or more HSC subjects.

- Students who successfully complete the Year 12 Future Me program will be supported through the Early Admissions process and will be guaranteed an offer at the University of Wollongong or UOW College Australia. Participation in the Year 12 Future Me program will be taken into consideration when UOW and UOWC assesses course applications.

- Face-to-face and online subject resources to assist with the HSC.
- Assistance completing your post school admissions and UAC online applications.
- Mentoring to explore post-high school options, including higher education and pathways options based on your Year 12 academic performance.

There is no cost to students from Shoalhaven High School.

Face to face sessions at Shoalhaven UOW Campus on Tuesday or Wednesday after school.

Links for more information and application

<https://www.uow.edu.au/engage/outreach-pathways/year-12/year-12-upp/>

UOW HSC Super Study Week

July school holiday program. Link for info and registration

<https://www.uow.edu.au/engage/outreach-pathways/year-12/year-12-super-study-week/>

UOW Learning Labs

Years 1 - 10

For students from Years 1 to 10 in July and October school holidays

Learning Labs is an academic and creative arts enrichment program for high-achieving students from Year 1 to Year 10. Learning Labs offers one- or two-day workshops during the school holidays that cover numerous interest areas.

<https://www.uow.edu.au/engage/outreach-pathways/learning-labs/>

2022 Career Lessons

Years 9 and 10

Students will explore careers, prepare a resume and apply for a Tax File number and Unique Student Identification number (USI)

Year 9 – Terms 1 and 4

Year 10 - Terms 2 and 3

Lessons on work expectations and preparation for work experience

Work Experience

Year 10 - Term 3 Week (5 to 9 Sept)

Year 9 - Term 4 Week 8 (28 Nov to 2 Dec)

Note: more specific work experience applications are required for

- Shoalhaven City Council
- Australian Defence Force
- Taronga Zoo (applications close 28 Feb)

Year 10 also have opportunity to explore careers to assist in subject selection for senior school
Year 10 will finalise their subject selections for senior school in early Term 3.

Shoalhaven Productivity Bootcamp

Commences 21 March

Productivity Bootcamp is a concentrated 8-week program, giving young people the construction skills and work values needed to succeed in the industry, with hands-on experience in many trades

Must be 16 years and leaving / left school. Training centre in Flinders Estate South Nowra

Applications open now - see Careers for enrolment ASAP.

info@productivitybootcamp.com.au



Apprenticeships, Traineeships and 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

Warning - Check who you are forwarding your resume to online.

- Does it include your personal details?

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

- Boiler Maker Apprentice (Engineering Fabrication) Nowra - closes 10 March
<https://www.apprenticeshipcareers.com.au/>
- Boatbuilder /shipwright apprenticeship South Nowra <https://jobsearch.gov.au/>
- Chef Apprenticeship - Rabbit and Co
<https://jobsearch.gov.au/>
- Real Estate Traineeship Callala Bay
<https://jobsearch.gov.au/>
- Construction apprenticeship - P and S Building Pty Ltd Nowra
<https://www.seek.com.au/job/55995490?type=standard#sol=445023c8787cdd1ad7e656ce95b52c691cbcdf07>
- Heavy Vehicle Diesel Mechanic Dwyer Truck Centre Nowra

See Careers hub for details

Shoalhaven City Council

<https://careers.hvtc.com.au/>

- Electrical Apprenticeship - closes 23 Feb
- Waste Operations Traineeship - closes 25 Feb
- Civil Construction Traineeship - closes 1 March
- Building Maintenance and Cleaning Traineeship
- closes 3 March
- Customer Engagement traineeship - closes 4 March

Employment

- full time and casual

- East Nowra Pharmacy - resume to pharmacy
- Coles team member - Coles careers
- Coles Cleaning and Trolley Service - Coles careers
- McDonalds - apply.mcdonalds.com.au
- Hungry Jacks Bomaderry & South Nowra
- Super Cheap South Nowra - ADZUNA
- Spendless Shoes - ADZUNA
- Hungry Monkey (Berry) seek a Barista
- Process Worker Nowra <https://jobsearch.gov.au/>
- DJ Fish and Chips - Greenwell Point
- BP Wild Bean Café – Nowra
- Hanlon Windows – production job
hr@hanlonwindows.com.au

2022 NATIONAL ADOLESCENT VACCINATION PROGRAM

Year 7 students (boys and girls) have the opportunity to participate in a free vaccination program at school and conducted by NSW Public Health Unit over 2 visits.

- Visit 1 22 March 2022

- Visit 2 8 November 2022

Permission notes and information have been distributed to students,

Notes to be returned as soon as possible either signed or with a note regarding alternative vaccination.

Year 8 catch up vaccination for students who did not receive the second vaccinations in 2021

- Thursday 24 March 2022

Year 9 catch up vaccinations for students who did not receive the second vaccinations in 2021

- Tuesday 28 June 2022

Year 10 students can receive the free Meningococcal vaccination as part of the National program this year.

- Tuesday 28th June 2022

Notes and information will be distributed this term.

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



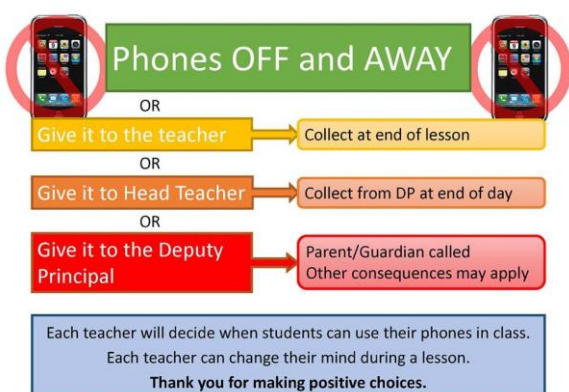
NEW BLUE SMILEY BOXES

Remember to keep popping your smileys in your house box to get that end of term reward!



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.



HOMEWORK CENTRE

Shoalhaven High School

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

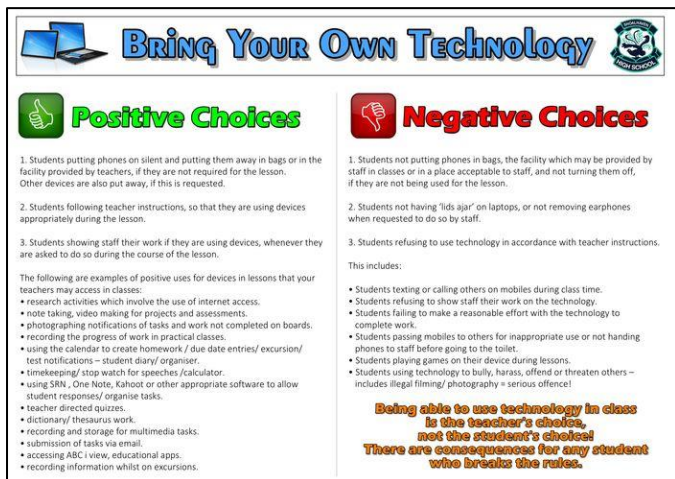
Breakfast Club is on Tuesday and Friday. It is held at the Uniform Shop. Come and say hi and grab a cheese toast and chocolate milk.



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](#)



DON'T STAND BY, STAND UP!

unite against bullying

MAKE OUR SCHOOL A BULLY-FREE ZONE

Don't be a bystander, take responsibility and stand up against bullying! Report bullying to your teacher or year advisor.

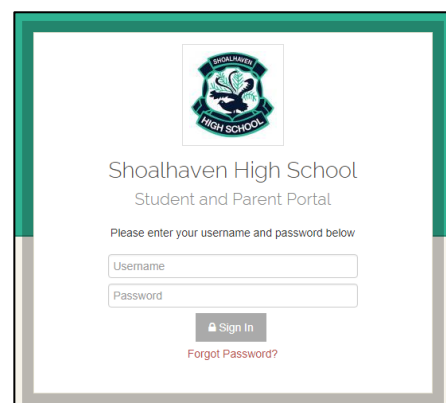
STUDENT TIMETABLES

Students now have access to view their timetable for 2021 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.



Shoalhaven High School
Student and Parent Portal

Please enter your username and password below

Username

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

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

What are my legal responsibilities?

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

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

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time

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

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

What if my child has to be away from school?

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

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

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

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

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

Travel

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

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

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

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

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

- Prosecution in the Local Court

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

What age can my child leave school?

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

Working in Partnership

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

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

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

Policy, information and brochures

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

The school leaving age

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

For further advice contact

Educational services

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement and Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5356

www.dec.nsw.gov.au

Do you need an interpreter?

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

School Zone Offences

As of 1 July 2021

To avoid receiving a fine, when you are dropping off or picking up children, please observe the road rules associated with signs around schools. These are a guide only and are subject to change without notice.

 <p>SCHOOL ZONE 8-9:30 AM 2:30-4 PM SCHOOL DAYS 40</p>	<p>SPEEDING OFFENCES Speeding increases the chance of a crash resulting in severe trauma and injury. It's not worth the risk. Maximum Penalty Notice \$3955+7 Demerit Points</p>	 <p>BUS ZONE</p>	<p>BUS ZONE Do not stop here for any reason. A Bus Zone allows buses to drop off and pick-up passengers safely. Penalty Exceeds Notice \$352+2 Demerit Points</p>
 <p>MOBILE PHONE USE You must not drive while using a hand-held mobile phone in a school zone. Penalty Notice \$464+5 Demerit Points</p>	 <p>U-TURNS You can be penalized for dangerous U-Turns in a school zone. Penalty Exceeds Notice \$464+3 Demerit Points</p>	 <p>CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS Change children crossing flags and hand-held stop signs must be obeyed. If you stop on or near a children's crossing, penalties will apply. Penalty Exceeds Notice \$581+4 Demerit Points</p>	 <p>DOUBLE PARKING Do not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another vehicle that's parked at the side of the road, to wait, pick-up or drop-off passengers. Penalty Exceeds Notice \$352+2 Demerit Points</p>
 <p>NO PARKING Stop here for up to two minutes or drop off and pick-up passengers. You must always stay within three metres of your vehicle. No parking zones provide a safe place to drop off or pick-up children. Penalty Exceeds Notice \$196+2 Demerit Points</p>	 <p>NO STOPPING Do not stop here for any reason. No Stopping zones keep sign lines clear for drivers and children. Drivers also must not stop at the side of a road, marked with a continuous YELLOW LINE. This line means the same as no stopping. Penalty Exceeds Notice \$352+2 Demerit Points</p>		

For information about Australian Road Rules call 13 22 13 or visit www.mroads.gov.au
This information was provided by Shoalhaven City Council's Road Safety Unit on 1 July 2021.
The information in this document is intended as a guide only and is subject to change at any time without notice.






KIDS FRIDAY SOCIAL FUTSAL GAMES

4:30PM-5PM / U3-9 YRS / \$7 PER WK OR \$56 TOTAL
5:10PM-6PM / U10-15 YRS / \$9 PER WK OR \$72 TOTAL

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS
TERM 1 FOR 9WKS
FROM 11/02/22 - 08/04/22




REGISTER NOW BY CONTACTING US!

☎ 0452 611 356
📘 Futsal Shoalhaven
✉ futsal@shoalhavenfootball.com.au





ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Futsal game play, where kids come and play Futsal games facilitated by our coaches





COME AND JOIN THE FUTSAL FUN!

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Slow Down in school zones and keep our kids safe

With school returning for Term 1, 2022, please remember to take extra care in school zones and on our roads.

Here are some safety tips for travelling to and from school:

- Remember the school zone 40km/h speed limit and look out for any children that may be about.
- Park safely and legally, even if it means you must walk further to the school.
- Be aware of pedestrians on or near road crossings.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in the designated school drop - off and pick-up area.
- It is safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. This is to let you know that children may be crossing or about to cross the road.
- A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.

Dangerous driving behaviour around schools puts children at risk. Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Higher fines and demerit points also apply to certain driving and parking offences committed within school zones.

Council Parking Rangers and Police patrol and enforce the road rules in school zones to ensure the safety of local children.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit bit.ly/3Bz1RaY #ShoalhavenCity





**KIDS SATURDAY
SOCIAL FUTSAL
COME AND LEARN**

9:30AM-10:30AM / U4-5 AND 6-7 YRS
10:30AM-11:30AM / U8-9 AND 10-11 YRS
\$15 PER WEEK OR \$110 TERM TOTAL
SATURDAY MORNINGS
TERM 1 FOR 8WKS
FROM 12/02/22 - 02/04/22

REGISTER NOW BY CONTACTING US!

0452 611 356  Futsal Shoalhaven  futsal@shoalhavenfootball.com.au



ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Futsal mobility, agility, social interactions and learning new futsal skills in a fun environment facilitated by our coaches

COME AND JOIN THE FUTSAL FUN!

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Lyrebird Netball Club

Play Netball in 2022!

Juniors (5+) and Seniors • New players welcome!

Fun • Fitness • Friendship

Use your ActiveKids Voucher!

facebook.com/LyrebirdNetballClub/



Sonder Youth

Mental Health Support Service

Sonder Youth Ltd. provides mental health support to young people with low to moderate needs through 1 hour, 1:1 sessions. This service is designed to complement clinical therapy and/or provide interim support for young people on waitlists for treatment.

Young people will work with a youth support worker in weekly/fortnightly sessions, to receive support with:

- Stress management
- Emotional regulation
- Interpersonal communication
- Conflict management
- Periods of transition

Cost: \$55 per session
Location: 31 Moss St, Nowra

Please note: this service is not appropriate to clients who are self-harming or suicidal.

Contact Avalon Bourne on 0403 652 303 or team@sonderyouth.com for more information.

Book a session via the website: www.sonderyouth.com/mental-health-support

Sonder Youth Ltd. has been working with young people in the Shoalhaven to promote positive mental health and community engagement for 4 years. Our staff have experience supporting the needs of young people aged 14 - 25.

"Sonder quickly became a safe space for me to express my hardships while being strongly supported through it all. Sonder has taught me many tools to benefit my life and mental health which I will carry throughout my life. Not only has it helped me find my passion but has also helped me find my self-worth."

- Sonder Youth client



JERVIS BAY NETBALL CLUB

Come and join our netball club – a great opportunity for participation, exercise and enjoy our netball community.

Registrations for the 2022 season are now open - many different age groups available.

Go to PlayHQ.com - search for Jervis Bay Netball Club, click on the club and then tab across to the Register.....

5yr - 6yr	NetSetGo (NET)	(2017, 2016)
7yr - 8yr	NetSetGo (SET)	(2015, 2014)
9yrs - (10yr)	NetSetGo (GO)	(2013) ((and for 10yr olds who have never played netball before))
10yr - 11yr	(2012, 2011)	
12yr - 13yr	(2010, 2009)	
14yr - 17yr	(2008, 2005)	
Seniors	(18 yrs and older)	

Registration information can be found at: <http://jervisbaync.nsw.netball.au>

A compulsory grading day for all players 9yrs and over will be held at The Wool Lane Sporting Complex, Cammaray Drive, Sanctuary Point on the 26th February 2022 - registrations must be completed online before this date OR come along on this date and have a try to see if you like Netball.

Come & Join the friendliest family club on the South Coast!!!



Register On Line Now
www.playrugbyleague.com
 or Bomaderry Swamp Rats Facebook Page

COME & TRY FOR FREE DAY
BOMADERRY SPORTING COMPLEX
THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2022
4.00-5.00PM

FOR BOYS Aged 5-16 years
GIRLS LEAGUE TAG Aged 6-16 years
GIRLS TACKLE Aged 13-16 years



NSW RUGBY LEAGUE

Be a Good Sports club
GOOD SPORTS ACTIVE KIDS REBATE PROGRAM

Like us on Facebook
 Bomaderry Swamp Rats

PLAYERS WANTED FOR SOUTHERN BRANCH 15 BOYS (soccer)

Any male players born 2008 or 2007 looking at playing in the AYL comp
 Training at South Nowra soccer fields Tuesday and Thursdays from 6pm-7.30pm
 Games are on Sundays (some Saturday games) 11.45am
 18 home games played at South Nowra
 9 away games played in Sydney
 Rego fee \$850 includes training uniform and game day uniform
 Active Kids Vouchers can be used
 Please come along to a training session to meet the coach and team or email southernbranchinc@gmail.com

Thank you

Kind regards

Stacey Williams
 Junior Competition Organiser
 0437 536 462



REGISTRATION INFORMATION OPEN DAY
SATURDAY FEB 12TH 12-2PM
ST GEORGES BASIN SPORTSGROUND

We invite all interested players, coaches and volunteers to come along to St Georges Basin Sportsground for information and assistance with all things football.

- Chance for kids to have a kick, meet other players
- Help with registrations
- Coach training information
- Uniform purchases
- Hang around and watch our Senior players trial match



Open Day is a great way to see what our club and sport has for you!

If you've already decided, you can jump on and register at:
<https://basinf.com/players/player-registration>

Some age groups are filling up fast and may be waitlisted, don't let this deter you, send us an enquiry and we will try our hardest to accommodate!

Nowra Warriors Junior Rugby League Football Club



Become a Warrior!

Season 2022 is starting in April
 Looking for players, boys and girls
 Under 6 - Under 16's

Registration is only \$100
 (Active Kids vouchers accepted)

Register ONLINE : www.playrugbyleague.com
 Registration days: 26th Feb / 5th March
 9-11am Lyrebird Park Nowra

Like us on Facebook - NOWRA Warriors JRLFC
 Club contact: Chris 0412 233 308

You're invited to
**Shoalhaven Multicultural Group's
 Harmony Day Celebration 2022**

Saturday 19 March 2022
 5:30pm for 6:30pm start
 Bomaderry Community Centre
 17 Birriley St, Bomaderry
Must RSVP due to COVID requirements



Join us as we celebrate Harmony Day, a time to celebrate how our differences make Australia a great place to live.
 Some food provided, please bring something to share.
 We would love to see you there!



RVSP and more info:
shoalhavenmulticulturalgroup@gmail.com

Find us on

A Volunteer driven group Supported by Shoalhaven Neighbourhood Services Inc

This event is partially funded by Shoalhaven City Council



**Teaching someone
 to drive can be a
 happy experience.**

Join us for a **FREE** two hour workshop for parents, carers and supervisors of learner drivers.

At Shoalhaven City Council's free helping learner drivers become safer drivers workshop you will get practical advice about:

- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the Learner driver log book
- Learner and Provisional licence holder laws
- How to encourage safe driving behaviours
- Young driver issues
- The Safer Drivers Course
- Tips to help the supervising driver and learner

Learner drivers are encouraged to attend, but this is not compulsory.

9.30-11.30am Saturday 5 March
 Orchid/Osprey Training Rooms -
Norwa Administration Building

9.30-11.30am Saturday 19 March
Huskisson Public School

5.30-7.30pm Wednesday 23 March
Ulladulla High School School

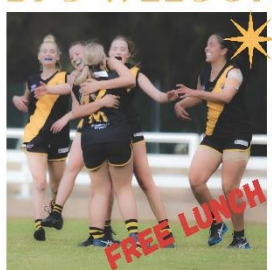
Contact Shoalhaven City Council's Road Safety Officer on **(02) 4429 3484** to register

Please note registration is essential as numbers are limited.

**Helping learner drivers
 become safe drivers**



BFC WELCOME TO AFL DAY

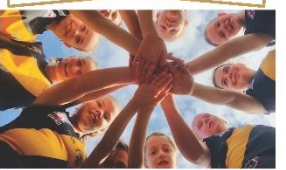


13th March 10am - 1pm
NOWRA SHOWGROUND

GUEST SPEAKER
CARRIE GRAF
 Australian Women's Basketball Coach
 WNBL Player
 Australian Opal's Olympic Coach
 Hall of Fame Inductee, OAM

FREE LUNCH

COACHING CLINIC FOR GIRLS
5 YEARS - ADULTS



PRIZES FUN

ALL WELCOME
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
 via **EVENTBRITE**
 Ph 0411115338
www.bomaderrytigersafl.com.au



FREE CHILD MINDING



bomaderry tigers australian football club

JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION

Starting 11th February and ending on 8th April
 Friday nights commencing at 530pm and finishing around 730pm

Names need to be in by 5th February 0412 134 840.

TENNIS OPEN NIGHT

Saturday 5th February - 4pm to 7pm
 Narang Road, Bomaderry (behind ten pin bowling)
 BBQ, drinks available, finger food, social tennis, pickleball

FUN for the WHOLE FAMILY

For more information contact 0412 134 840

BUNDANON

Impulse Festival
Saturday 5 March, 1-9pm

CEO Rachel Kent, with Creative Producers Uncle Richard Scott-Moore and Candace Scott-Moore, invite local indigenous communities to celebrate the expansion of Bundanon, with ancient and new stories and songs. Join us for a First Peoples-led program of live music, workshops, talks and performances. Food trucks and pop-up bars will be onsite.

On stage, see Miiesha, Nooky, Kee'ahn, Kyarna Rose & Matty Walker, The Drifting Doolagahls, Djinama Yilaga Choir and Ngaran Ngaran Dancers. Workshops and talks will be presented by Nooky, Uncle Steve Russell, Aunty Julie and Clive Freeman, and Gadhungal Murring. (Nooky's music workshop for kids is first come, first served, so sign up at the gate!)

Bundanon will run a free shuttle bus from Nowra, through North Nowra and Bomaderry, as site parking is limited. Check the schedule on Bundanon's website.

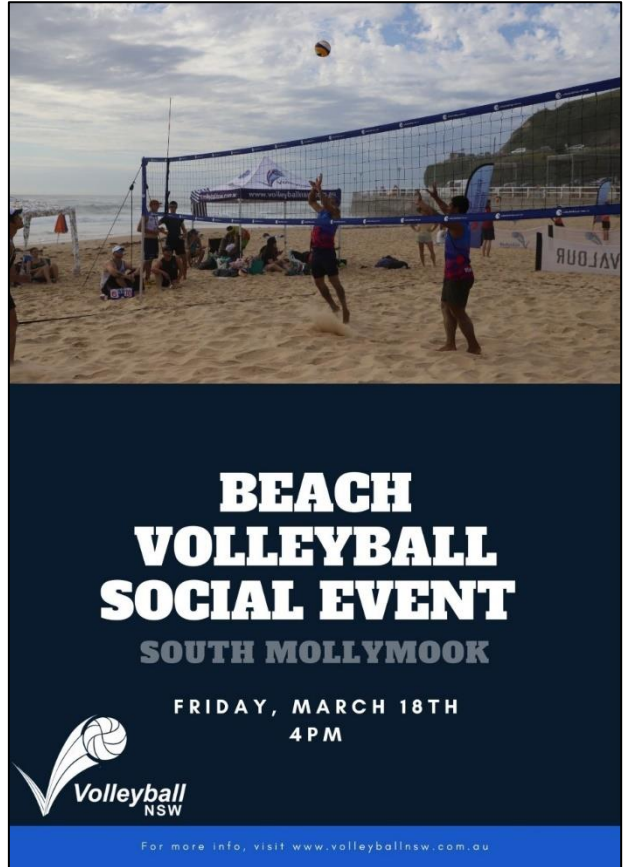
Code for community booking online is **KOORIMOB** or you can get free entry on the day - say hello to our First Peoples coordinators at the gate. We have a 2000 capacity limit, so come early! Our non-Indigenous friends are invited to book tickets (\$30, under 12s free).

Proof of vaccination is a condition of entry, so please bring it with you. We suggest bringing a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and a water bottle - there'll be water stations around the site.

See the program and book tickets here:
<https://www.bundanon.com.au/whats-on/impulse/festival/>



PO BOX 3343 NORTH NOWRA NSW 2540 ABN 72 058 523 217 T: 812 4422 2000 BUNDANON.COM.AU



BEACH VOLLEYBALL SOCIAL EVENT
SOUTH MOLLYMOOK

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH
4 PM

Volleyball NSW

For more info, visit www.volleyballnsw.com.au



Disabled Surfers South Coast Presents

Mollymook 'Smiles on Dials Day'

Saturday 26th February 2022

Meet at Mollymook Beach, southern end near the Golf Club



Check-in no later than 9.00am -

To assist us with numbers if you could register through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com.au) www.eventbrite.com.au

[Mollymook - DSA South Coast - Disabled Surfers Association Tickets, Sat 26/02/2022 at 9:00 am | Eventbrite](#)

Group-care facility participants limit of 6 per facility.

A fun day surfing experience for any person with a disability, no matter how challenging, with complete water supervision.

Registration for Participants is Free as it is with volunteers. Thanks to the local participating surf shops and businesses some gifts are provided.

NSW Health Covid restrictions apply

Please do not attend if	Please
You are feeling unwell.	Follow Social distancing where possible
Are awaiting a Covid Test	Use hand sanitizer (available on site)
Have recently received a positive covid test	Use a mask when out of the water and in groups (optional)
Have been a close contact to a positive test	Masks are not required due to this being an outdoors event, but appreciated for the safety of all

Or for more information and who to contact view disabledsurfers.org/nsw/south-coast-branch or www.disabledsurfers.org

See you there putting "Smiles on dials"



YOU ARE INVITED
ONLINE PARENT INFORMATION WEBINAR ON SCHOOL LEAVER EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT (SLES) & SPORT AND RECREATION

Come along to our interactive, online information session that will provide you all with information of what services are available.

We have some fantastic services for young people looking at transitioning from school to employment and fun, social programs to develop friendships and confidence.

Join us on Thursday 3rd March at 5pm to discuss the options that are available and let us answer any of your questions.

Click Here to join the session.

If you are unable to make it or would like further information please complete our Expression of Interest form below. You are also welcome to contact us to arrange a taster day of any of our programs for your family member.

Please contact Leanne Crilly, Manager of Shoalhaven Services on 02 4403 9634

CONTACT FORM

Contact Name:
 Email: Contact No.:
 Client Name:
 Client Age:
 Support Needs:
 Program of Interest: SLES Sport and Recreation
 Days of Interest: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 NDIS Funding: Yes No

If you don't currently have NDIS funding, we would be happy to provide assistance or connect you with someone who can help.

Phone 02 4403 9634
WWW.DISABILITYTRUST.ORG.AU ...CREATING AN INCLUSIVE WORLD

DR PHILL NEWLYN, M.A.C.A.

NEED TO HAVE A CHAT?

FREE COUNSELLING SESSIONS

For guidance and support regarding personal relationships, work or school related stress, confidence and self-esteem issues, harassment and bullying, burnout and fatigue, or any other issues that are bothering you.

**AVAILABLE TO 12 TO 24 YR OLDS BY APPOINTMENT
WED 10AM-3:50PM | FRI 2PM-6:50PM**

For more information contact Nowra Youth Centre on 4422 1988, email counsellor@nowrayouthcentre.org.au or find us on Facebook @Nowrayouthie



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Respect, Responsibility, Safety & Participation