

Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Participation



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2022 Term 2 Week 8

Friday 17 June 2022

COMING EVENTS

28 June – Year 10 Meningococcal Vaccination
28 June – IO Rewards Excursion
28 June – Engineering Workshop
29 and 30 June – NAHLA Dance performance
1 July – Parent/Teacher Interviews
1 July – Last day of Term 2
18 July – Staff return
19 July – Students return

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, 27 June 2022. Please have a very close read of your child's report and use the interview booking through our Sentral Parent Portal, so you can attend our parent/teacher interviews on Friday 1 July. I strongly encourage all parents/carers and students 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 1 July 2022 there will be no normal classes for students. Interviews will begin at 8:30 am in the school hall and concluded at 1:30 pm. This is followed by a whole staff meeting. A community day is also running on this day, with our Clontarf Academy running activities on the oval and basketball courts.

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Please check in with our SLSO on arrival to the interviews so we ensure all parents/carers can access their child's school information through the Sentral Parent Portal.

The persistent rain at the start and during the term put a hold on most of our sporting activities this term with grounds being closed and unavailable for use. We recently held a competitor only athletics carnival at Sanctuary Point Oval. I would like to congratulate all those who competed on the day as well as our PE staff and elective classes for their organisation.

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 can to maximise their educational potential. Ms Wood (HT Wellbeing) continues to work with students and their families with a focus on improving students' attendance. Her role is to support students and families in increasing school attendance and in turn improving student well-being and educational outcomes. As part of this focus, we will return to SMS attendance alerts during next semester.

The NSW Teachers Federation has instructed all its members to take industrial action in the form of a 24-hour strike on Thursday 30 June. More information and communication will follow with regards to the operational status of Shoalhaven High School on this day.

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 presenting in uniform increases the safety of everybody on the school site.

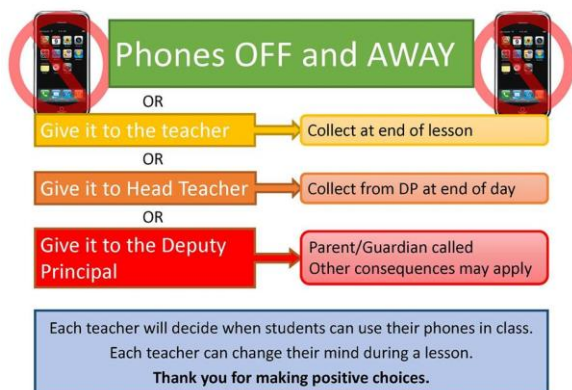
I wish all students, staff, parents and carers a safe and relaxing holiday break. All students return on Tuesday 19 July.

Damian Rees
Executive Principal
Connected Communities
Shoalhaven High School



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.



ATTENDANCE

What do you need to do if your child is away from school?

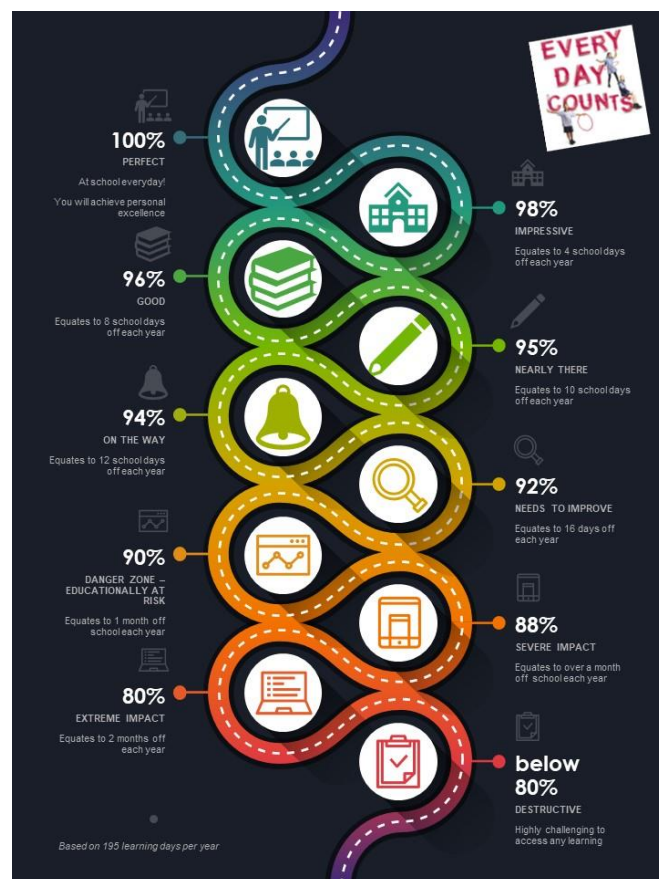
You have 7 days to explain an absence. If you do not contact the school within 7 days, the absence will be marked as unjustified and cannot be changed. This will affect your child's overall attendance.

How do you contact the school?

There are several ways:

- Phone 02 44218022
- Email shoalhaven-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Log on to the portal
- Send a note with the student when they return.

Do you know what your child's percentage is?



NAIDOC WRITING COMPETITION 2022



SHOALHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

NAIDOC

Writing Competition 2022

Complete an imaginative writing piece using this year's NAIDOC theme 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!'

Three Categories:

- Years 7 - 9
- Years 10 - 12
- Staff

Entry forms can be collected from the English faculty

Entries close Friday 24th June Week 9

PRIZES TO BE WON!

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 2 13 October 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 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.



DENTIST VISIT

Shoalhaven High School were lucky to have Totally Smiles Dentist at school for the last 2 weeks.

We had a great response from our students and families.

Congratulations to Connah Christian from being the Totally Smiles winner of a \$50 gift voucher.



SHS UNIFORM SHOP



OPEN DURING TERM
TIME:

MONDAY AND THURSDAY

9AM - 1PM

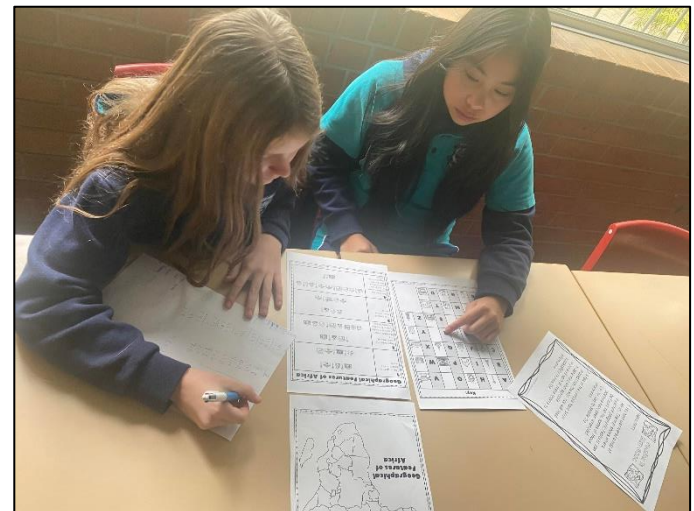
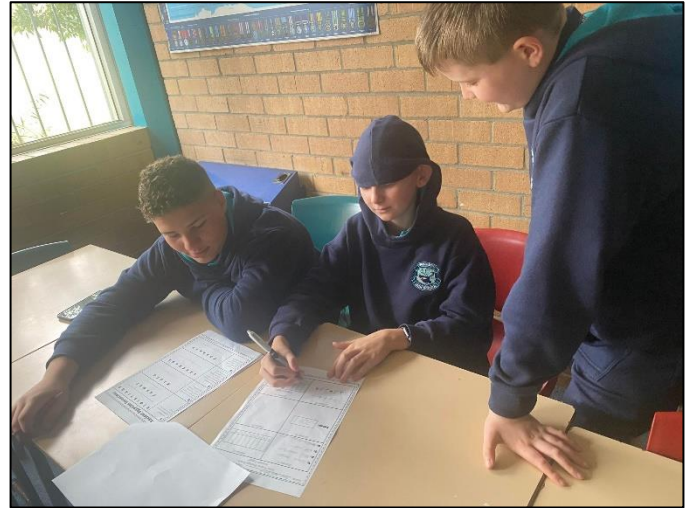
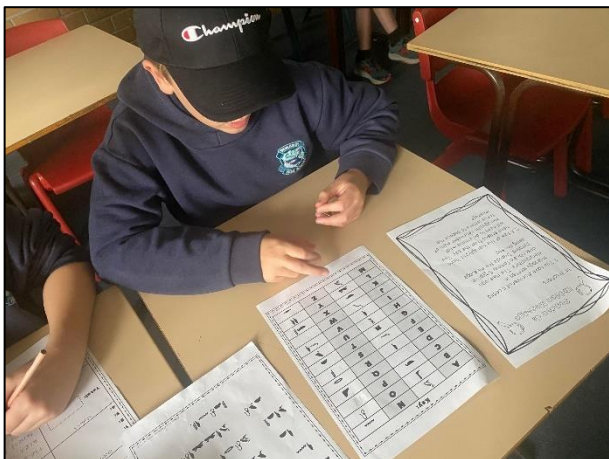
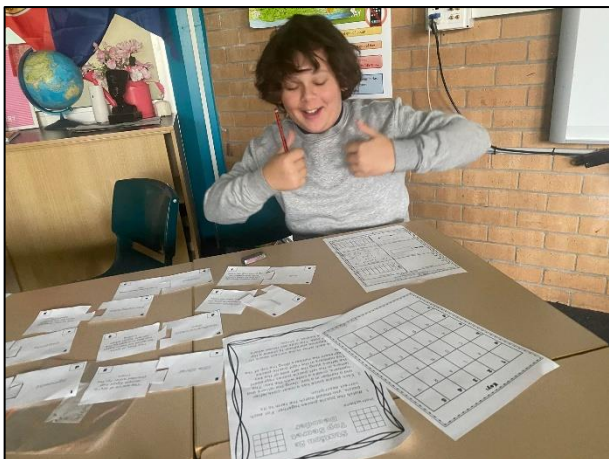
EFTPOS OR CASH ONLY!

STUDENT ASSISTANCE IS
AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE
PARENTS

7K HISTORY

Mrs Bradshaw's 7K History class spent part of Friday locked in an "Ancient Egyptian escape room". To escape, they had to work in pairs to crack all 6 codes related to the content they have been learning in class about Ancient Egypt.

Congratulations to Cianna and Nancy, who were the first pair to crack the code, with only one minute left on the clock!



DISCOVERY DAYS

DAY 1

Thank you to all of the wonderful staff and students who came to visit Shoalhaven High School for Discovery Day.

Students participated in 4 lessons, met the CLONTARF boys and the AEOs and left with smiles on their faces. We love to see it and we can't wait to have you back throughout the year.

Well done to Nowra Public School, Callala Public School, Culburra Public School, Greenwell Point Public School, Falls Creek Public School, St Georges Basin Public School & Bomaderry Public School students who followed all of our core values!



DAY 2





DISCOVERY DAY IN VISUAL ARTS

Last week we had some fantastic Year 6 students come down to Visual Arts on their Discovery Day. They used watercolours to create a beautiful landscape background and chose a variety of patterned papers to make a collage of a cute owl on top. Some wonderful artworks were made! Well done Year 6!

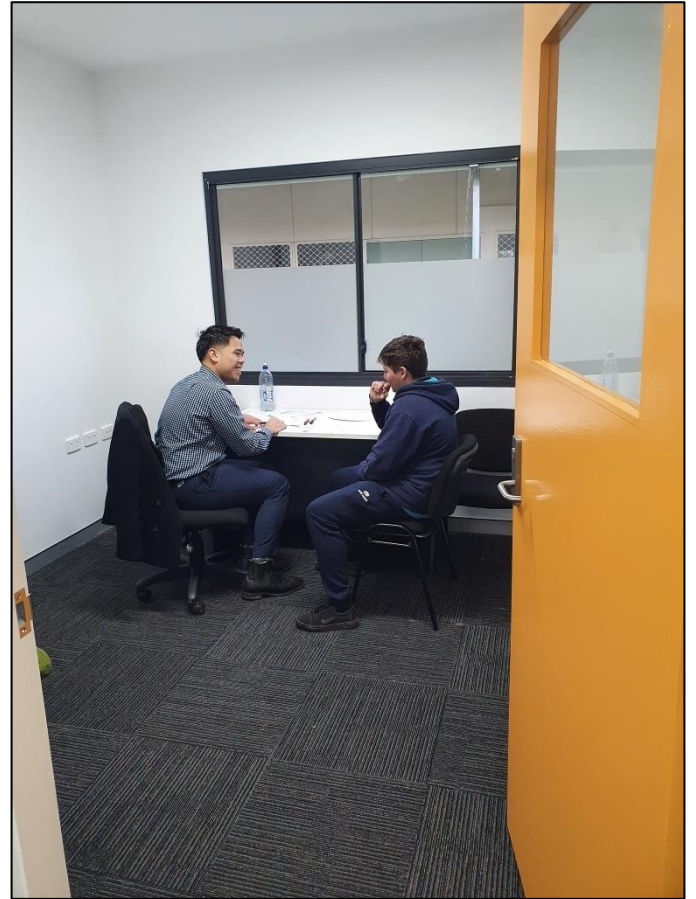




SPECSAVERS

Shoalhaven High students were lucky enough to have Specsavers come into the school for 2 full days. 270 students were seen over those 2 days.

Thank you so much to the Specsavers team, for giving up your time, we greatly appreciate your support.



NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA

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

Contact your child's school if you have further questions about Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School students with Disability. You can view the Fact Sheet PDF at:

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



ILLAWARRA OLYMPIC TRIBUTE WALL

'Wollongong City Council unveiled the latest tiles to be added to the Illawarra Olympic Tribute Wall, which is now the Illawarra Olympic AND Paralympic Tribute Wall. Tokyo/Beijing 2020/2022 Olympians and Tokyo/Beijing 2020/2022 Paralympians were invited to celebrate as the names of all the athletes who competed at these games from the Illawarra region, which included myself. This was the first time in history that the Paralympians of the area were included and from this year on, all Paralympians will be included on the wall since 1960. Becoming a Paralympian and having my name placed in the wall is a proud achievement of mine.'

Jasmine Greenwood



2022 WORLD PARA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jasmine Greenwood has attended the 2022 World Para Swimming Championships in Portugal. She qualified for the following events:

200m IM, 100m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle

The Championships ran from 12-18 June.

Results:

Bronze in 50m freestyle

Bronze in 200m medley

Silver in 100m butterfly

Congratulations, Jasmine!



COMMONWEALTH GAMES

With barely the chance to come up for breath after the World Para Swimming Championships, globe trotter and swimming sensation, Jasmine Greenwood will be off to Birmingham for the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Jasmine Has qualified for 200m IM. The games commence on 28 July.



BELVOIR THEATRE EXCURSION

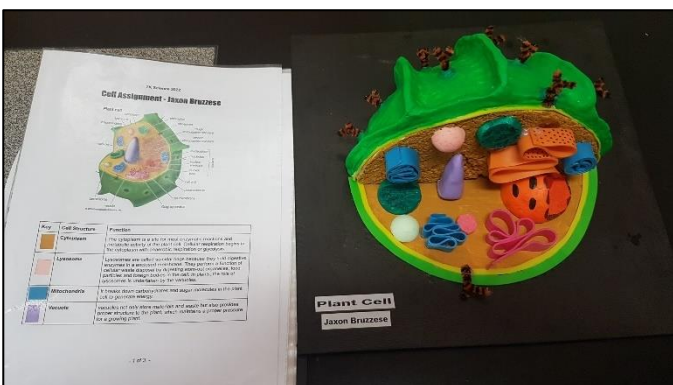
Miss Robson and Mrs Snape accompanied an excited group of year 10 and 12 students to the Belvoir Theatre in Sydney to see the play Wayside Bride. Alannah Valentine's play is based on the true stories of the many couples whose lives were touched by Rev. Ted Noffs at the Wayside Chapel in Kings Cross during the 1970's. For some it was their first ever live theatre experience but it was certainly an eye opening experience for all. The highlight for many was the opportunity to meet the playwright herself during intermission. A very special and memorable day indeed.













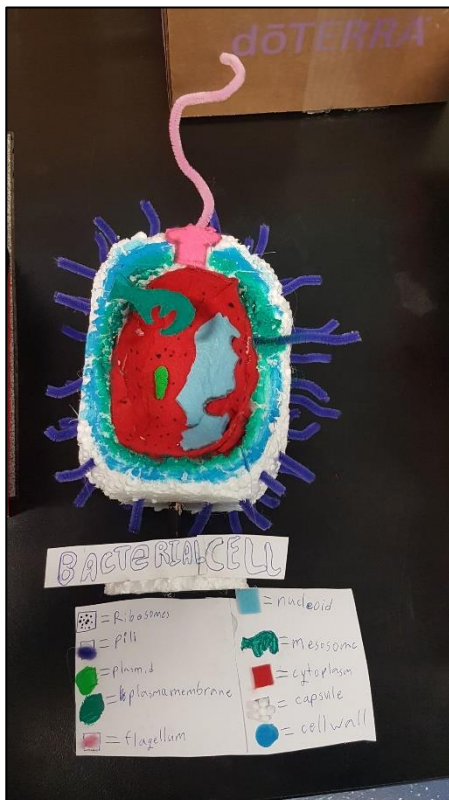
JINDABYNE CAMP



7K Science students created some amazing cell models



| Part of cell | Key | Use |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Nucleus |  | The nucleus controls things like the cells growth and metabolism and carries the genes |
| Nucleolus |  | The nucleolus is a spherical structure bound in the nucleush which produces and assembles the cell's ribosomes. |
| Endoplasmic Reticulum |  | The endoplasmic reticulum's purpose is to produce proteins for the rest of the cell to function. |
| Ribosomes |  | Ribosomes make protein for the rest of the cell to function. |
| Vacuole |  | The vacuole stores lots of different things. |
| Golgi Apparatus |  | The golgi apparatus transports and packages proteins in the cell. |
| Chloroplast |  | Chloroplasts use photosynthesis to convert light energy into chemical energy. |
| Cytoplasm |  | Cytoplasm is the gel-like fluid inside a cell that allows other cells to operate. |
| Cell Wall |  | Cell walls protect the cell from threats like stress. |
| Cell Membrane |  | Cell membranes protect the cell from things outside the cell. |



THE EDGE WORKSHOPS

The EDGE was an employability workshop enjoyed by students from Years 9 and 10 at the Nowra Golf Club. Students learnt about job readiness and what employers are really looking for – giving you the EDGE when starting out in the workforce.

They were fun, interactive and educational workshops, supported by the NSW Government. During the workshop the students:

- heard from local employers, learnt about careers in their organisations and found out what they look for in new recruits.
- learnt about different training and education pathways.
- received tips about personal branding, personal presentation and communication and how your social media profiles can impact your career.
- worked with industry professionals in small groups to present their best self in areas of hair, clothing and skin care / makeup.
- could get a free job ready, presentable haircut.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA AND INDUCTION OF SCHOOL LEADERS

On 27 May, 150 community partners, parents and teachers attended our Thank You Morning Tea and Induction of School Leaders.

Congratulations to the leaders who were introduced by Mrs Corinne Wright-Smith.

Morning tea was provided by Year 12 Kitchen Operations class with Mr Kolesnyk, Mrs O'Neill and Mrs Boyce-Mortlock

Greet and registration by Year 11 Work Studies class and Ms O'Neile



YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY

Year 12 Hospitality provided the morning tea for the Community Partners Morning Tea.



SPORT

Bill Turner Trophy

Congratulations to SHS's girls u15 soccer team for winning the Zone Gala Day for the Bill Turner Trophy competition at South Nowra Sporting Complex today. The girls won their first game against Kiama High 3-1 and then beat Vincentia High convincingly 4-1 in the final. All the girls played extremely well and were well lead by their captain/coach Giorjet P. Big thank you to Dean G, Annabelle P and Charlie B for officiating throughout the day.



Bushwalking

The bushwalking sport crew had an awesome time at Crookhaven Heads. We couldn't have asked for more perfect weather!



Netball

On Wednesday 25 May, a group of 33 students played in Shoalhaven Netball Schools Cup held in Nowra. Lots of fun had by all 4 teams participating on the day. Well done.



Canoeing

It might be chilly but it was beautiful on the water.
Another perfect sport day for our group of canoe crew



Soccer

Shoalhaven High's open girls football team played in the South Coast semifinals today against Figtree High. Even though the girls fought hard to the final whistle, Figtree were victorious 4-0. Well done to all the girls especially to our Year 12 reps Lexi C, Torah S and our captain Hayley W for being part of SHS soccer team for the last 6 years.



Zone Cross Country

Shoalhaven High School had 40 students attend the zone cross country carnival held at Willandra. It was a lovely sunny day with some excellent runs. Big well done to Alexis C who placed equal first in the under 18s 4km run, and Myra B and Emily McN who placed 2nd in their respective age groups. Congratulations to all involved. We now have 15 students heading to the South Coast Regional cross country later in the term.



Regional Cross Country

Massive congratulations to Myra B who placed 3rd at South Coast Regional Cross Country and is now off to CHS. Awesome effort! Also, congratulations to Alexis Ch who came in 5th also qualifying her for CHS. Well done in your final year of competing!



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 28 August.

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

Tuesday and Wednesday 6 and 7 December

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

Register in Careers Hub

Careers In Sign Language Workshop

Wednesday 3 August

The AUSLAN interpreting is signing for people with hearing impairment. This industry is currently facing a skills shortage.

The 1/2 day workshop is for students interested in developing a skill for signing and possibly a career as an interpreter. This is open to students from Years 7 to 12.

During the workshop, students will gain an overview of the official sign language for Australia – AUSLAN, the interpreting industry, the deaf community and the career opportunities available for qualified interpreters. They will also learn some basic signing skills as well as an opportunity to meet and speak with other industry partners working in the deaf community.

This course was postponed from earlier in Term 2.

Please register an expression of interest in Career Hub

Swim and Life Guard Training and Qualifications

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23-28 August

Interested in doing a free Life Guarding and First Aid course?

You must be 16 years and in Years 10 or 11

Applications close 24th June

Information and applications form Career Advisors

Naval Next Step

Thursday 11 August

Day investigating careers in the Navy and ADF applications processes and procedures

Year 10 and 11

Register in Career Hub

Careers In Nursing and Health

17 August

Workshop day at Shoalhaven UOW Campus.

More details to come.

Register interest in Careers Hub

Year 12

HSC study notes

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

Check this site <https://atarnotes.com/>

Students must activate their personal NESA account – students online

HSC timetable is available. To access a 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 2023 or 2024?

Information for all students wishing to attend university in 2023 and 2024 (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/how-to-apply-for-uni>

Student should have a four-digit passcode forwarded to them from UAC

Application clip to watch

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.)

[Schools Recommendation \(SRS\) and Early Entry Schemes Summary Sheet](#)

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

[Educational Access Schemes \(EAS\) Summary Sheet](#)

3. Equity Scholarship - Financial support while at uni.

[Equity Scholarships](#)

Keep asking questions if you are unsure

UOW Open Day

for students and parent/carers

Saturday 6 August

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/>

Career Expos

Western Sydney Careers Expo 23-26 June

Olympic Park

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

Work Experience

Year 10 - Term 3 Week 8 (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
<https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Council/Careers/Work-Experience>

- Australian Defence Force
<https://www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience>

- Taronga Zoo (applications close 28 Feb)
<https://taronga.org.au/get-involved/school-work-experience/sydney>

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
- Alkath Group operates from South Nowra- design and manufacture items for the Defence Force . positions suitable for school leavers with no previous experience
 - Textiles Machinist / Process Worker
 - Electrical Assembler / Process Worker

Training Opportunities For School Leavers

- Trade Training Productivity Boot Camp. - (West Nowra) <https://productivitybootcamp.com.au/>
8 week course commences on 12 July.

Registrations are open. Contact Andy 0434054012

- New Outdoor Leadership Program with Kiama Community College at Bomaderry

Thursday and Friday for 9 weeks from 7 July

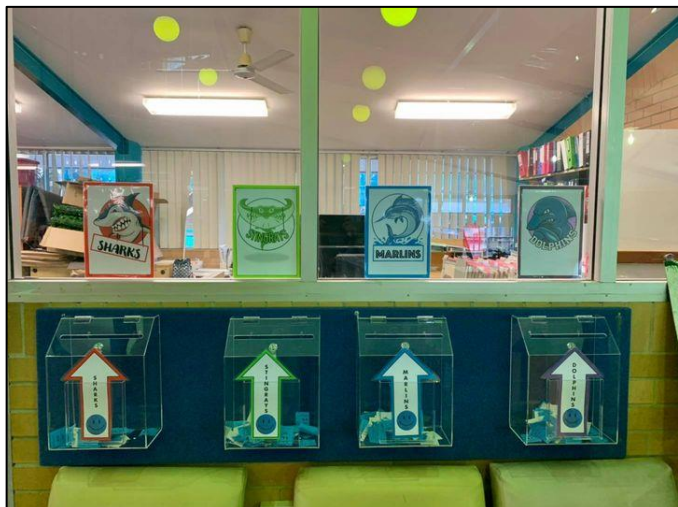
Applications close 1 July

Contact Daniel Bennett from Illawarra YES on 0408 937 070

- TAFE – change the course of your life
<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/>

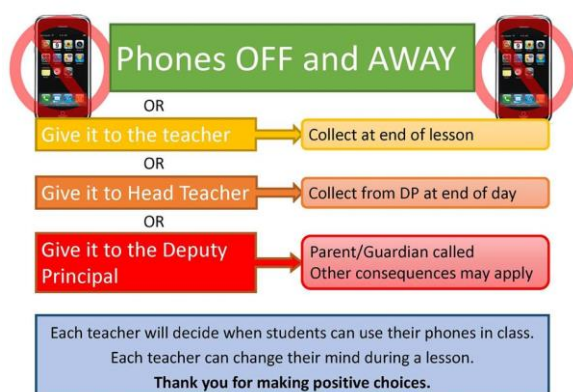
NEW BLUE SMILEY BOXES

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



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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 Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is held in the new Gujarga Hub situated in front of the gym building. 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.

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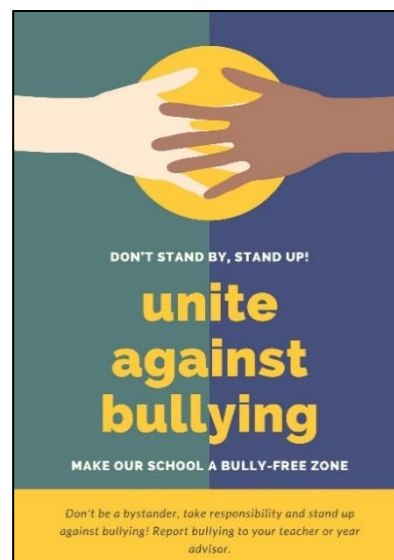
The Shoalhaven High School Uniform Policy is found on our School website under 'Our School' or click on the link

[2020 Uniform Policy](#)

ANTI-BULLYING PLAN

The Shoalhaven High School Anti-bullying Plan is found on our School website under 'Our School' or click on the link

[Anti-bullying Plan](#)




STUDENT TIMETABLES

Students now have access to view their timetable for 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

[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
- Give 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.





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 Communities 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 and Communities 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.

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.

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

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

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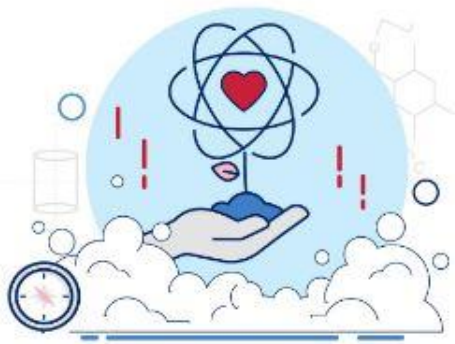
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Everyday Maths

The new Everyday Maths website is full of great resources to help you support your child see the maths in everyday activities. Listening to music, going for a bushwalk and even buying a car are just some of the activities that you can help your child build their understanding of maths.

Learn how at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/everyday-maths.html?q=>



Parent a passion

As a parent or carer, you play a vital role in how your child thinks and feels about maths. Even if it wasn't your favourite subject when you went to school, maths is all around us.

Shoalhaven High School will, as a service to parents, advertise community news which may be of interest. SHS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility to the management or organisation.

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