

Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

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2022 Term 3 Week 4

Friday 12 August 2022

COMING EVENTS

16 August – Callala Wastewater Treatment Plant Excursion
16 August – IO Community Access
17 and 18 August – Clontarf Year 11/12 Employment Forum
17 August – Year 11 Marine Studies Excursion
18 August – BigHart Project
26 August – Southern Stars Concert
29 August – ICT Explorer's Day
1 September – BigHart Project
1 September – P&C Meeting
5-9 September – Year 10 Work Experience

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 3 in what is the final term for our Year 12 students. I would firstly like to thank all our parents and carers who made time to visit the school for Parent/Teacher Day on the last day of Term 2. It was great to see so many parents/carers engaged in positive conversations about their students' progress at school and ways to improve as we move into the final semester of 2022.

Our Year 12 students will commence their Trial HSC exams during next week, Week 5. They have been working hard and their results will be a reflection of the effort and attitude they have displayed over the last 2 years. During this time, they have all displayed an enormous amount of resilience to persevere with their studies and this will only build on their strong character and ensure they experience success post school. The Trial HSC accounts for 30% of their school assessment and is their final practice of exams before they commence the HSC in Term 4, 2022. Our Year 12 students completing practical subjects such as Industrial Technology, Visual Art, Drama, Society and Culture and Music are also in the process of submitting their major marks for HSC marking. These projects take an enormous amount of effort and dedication to

complete. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both the students and staff on their efforts. We are preparing for and planning a Graduation Ceremony and formal to celebrate these achievements. Our formal will be on the 21 September 2022 with the graduation ceremony the following morning on the 22 September.

Year 10 have had a busy start to the term undertaking a decision day to plan for life after the completion of Year 10. I would also like to thank our Year 10 parents/carers who attended the subject information night as we prepare for their transition into Year 11 in 2023. Year 10 have also finished formal exams during Week 3. In the coming weeks, our Year 10 students will be notified of their pattern of study for senior school. A big thanks to Mr McNeil and Mrs Snape for all their work at the start of the term as our students start to make decisions that will shape part of their future.

A big congratulations to all students who have represented the school in recent Regional and CHS sporting events. I would also like to acknowledge the amazing performance of Jasmine Greenwood at the recent Commonwealth Games and her Gold Medal performance during these games. Jasmine has now returned to us and is currently completing her Trial HSC Exams. An amazing effort from a dedicated student athlete. Anabella Pinkard has also been representing Australia for futsal, a big congratulations on this effort from another dedicated student athlete.

I would also like to invite all parents to our next P&C meeting to be held at Shoalhaven High School. This meeting will take place Thursday, 1 September in the front meeting room in front of the old Administration office. All parents are welcome to join the P&C and their input will help shape the

direction of Shoalhaven High in the future. This meeting is very important as we will be discussing the future of the SHS Canteen. Our long-term canteen manager will be retiring at the end of this school year, and as a P&C we need to decide about the future of the canteen and the operation of it in 2023 and beyond. We must look at all options which may include leasing the canteen or closing the canteen at a last resort.

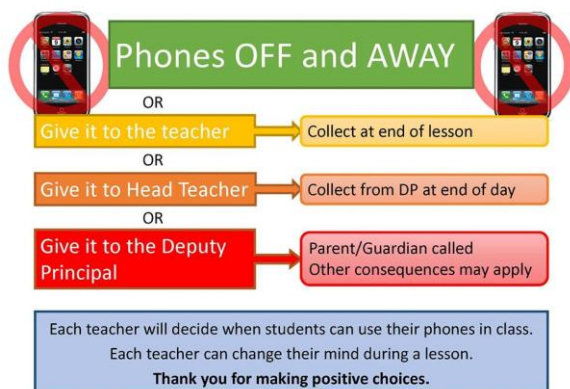
All the staff at Shoalhaven High School would like to express our ongoing thanks and gratitude to our school community for the support they have shown the school over the past 9 months. The support from our community and the value the place on our students' education is a sign that Shoalhaven High School students will always "aim higher" and experience the success of which they are deserving.

Damian Rees
Executive Principal
Connected Communities
Shoalhaven High School



PHONES OFF AND AWAY

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ATTENDANCE

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

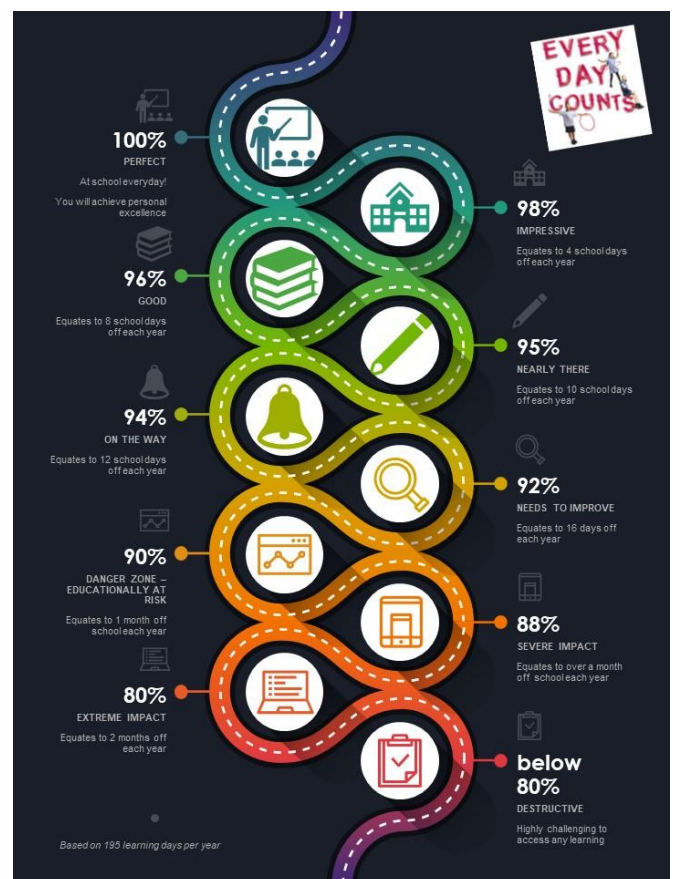
You have 7 days to explain an absence. If you do not contact the school within 7 days, the absence will be marked as unjustified and cannot be changed. This will affect your child's overall attendance.

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?



JASMINE GREENWOOD

2022 has been a huge year for SHS HSC student Jasmine Greenwood. On top of her success at the World Para Swimming Championships, Portugal, Jasmine has now won GOLD at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Jasmine led all the way in the Women's 200m Individual Medley SM10, out swimming veterans in the field to a well-deserved victory. Congratulations, Jasmine, on your hard-earned and well-deserved success.



'A week ago, I competed at my second Commonwealth Games, in Birmingham. I competed in the Women's SM10 200 Ind. Medley and I achieved a long term goal of mine - to win my first individual international gold medal. To have now achieved a Paralympic medal, a Commonwealth Games medal, multiple World Championship medals and multiple Pan Pacific medals, as well as a few Australian titles, all during my high school life/swimming career, has made me pretty proud. I thank everybody who has helped me along my journey so far and everybody who always gets up early to watch me.'

-Jasmine Greenwood



ROTARY PRESENTS LAPTOPS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Recently, six refurbished laptop computers were presented to students at Shoalhaven High School. *This event was a first for Rotary's 'Laptop 2 Learn' (L2L) project; with expectation that more will be presented to needy students again soon.*

The five Rotary Clubs in the Shoalhaven – Berry, Bomaderry, Milton-Ulladulla, Nowra and Sussex Inlet have joined forces to obtain unwanted/unused/unserviceable laptops from businesses and community in the Shoalhaven, bring the device to serviceability and then distribute them to those needy, disadvantaged people who need such equipment. In the first stage, the scope of this project is limited to high school students so that the task can be carefully managed, before embarking on the wider community.

This project is currently being conducted with two businesses in the Shoalhaven – Paul Rodgers, PAR Computers, Vincentia and Byron, 'Everything Geeky', South Nowra.

Paul and his team assess each laptop and determine if it is economical to repair. If so, it is 'cleared' of personal details and passed back to Rotary to hand over to those in need.

For those laptops that are deemed uneconomical to repair, Byron, at 'Everything Geeky', recovers the valuable metals from the laptop and recycles the materials. A 'win-win' for all concerned.



We seek your support by donating your unwanted laptops. Please...**no towers, desk tops, PCs**, etc as these will create more issues that will not be as easily handled.

Please contact Phil Presgrave, L2L Chair for further information – 0407 625 855

VET AWARDS

Students from SHS attended the Regional VET Awards recently at Nowra Golf Club. Caitlin Hungerford and Summer Allen both received awards for excellence in a VET subject. Caitlin also received an award for Hospitality VET student of the year



YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS

Our talented Year 12 Visual Arts students participated in a studio intensive day focusing on their HSC Body of Works.

We are eagerly awaiting their final artworks!

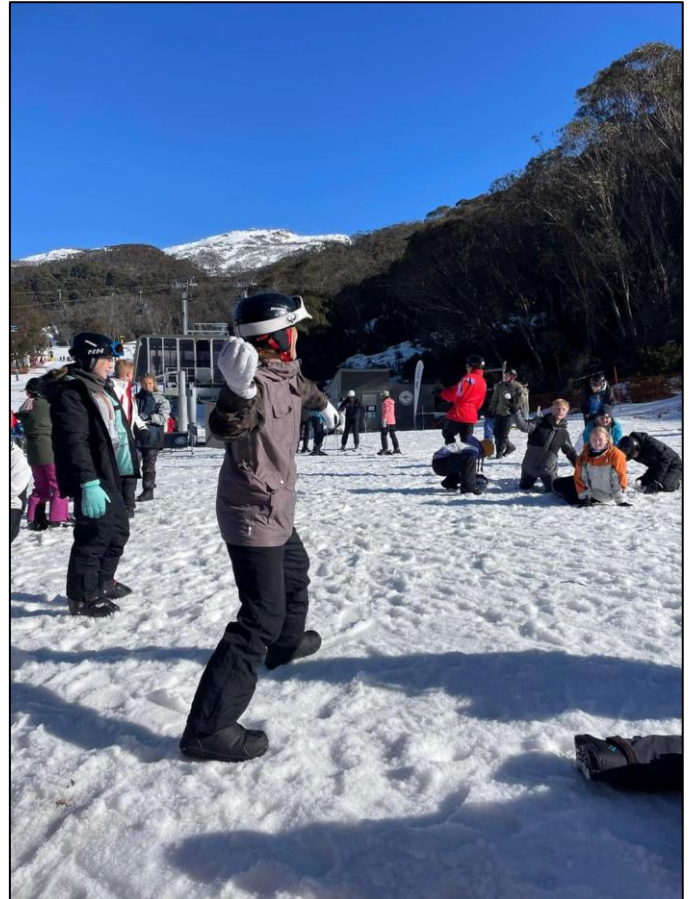


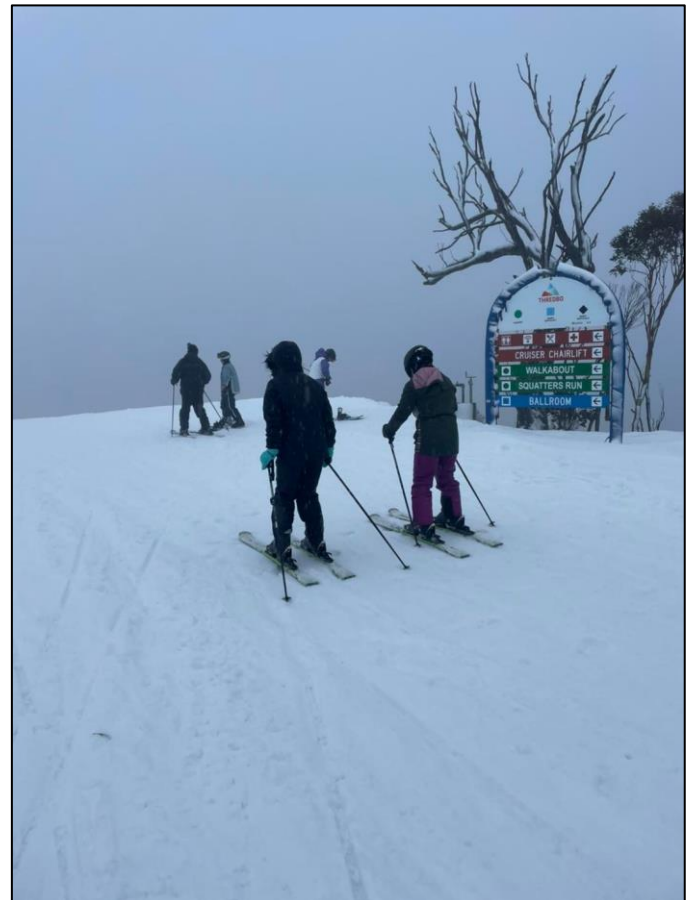


SNOW TRIP

On Day 1 SHS Snow Trippers had an amazing day out on the slopes learning to ski and board. Plenty of action, stacks and fun had by all. It was a beautiful sunny day with temps at 0c and -8c at the top of the mountain.

Day 2 was wet and wild - rained all day with wind gusts of up to 125km/h. The weather did not stop the shred lords from having an epic day. Most kids enjoyed going higher up the mountain to experience different runs after their lesson this morning. Plenty of speed, spills and smiles all round.

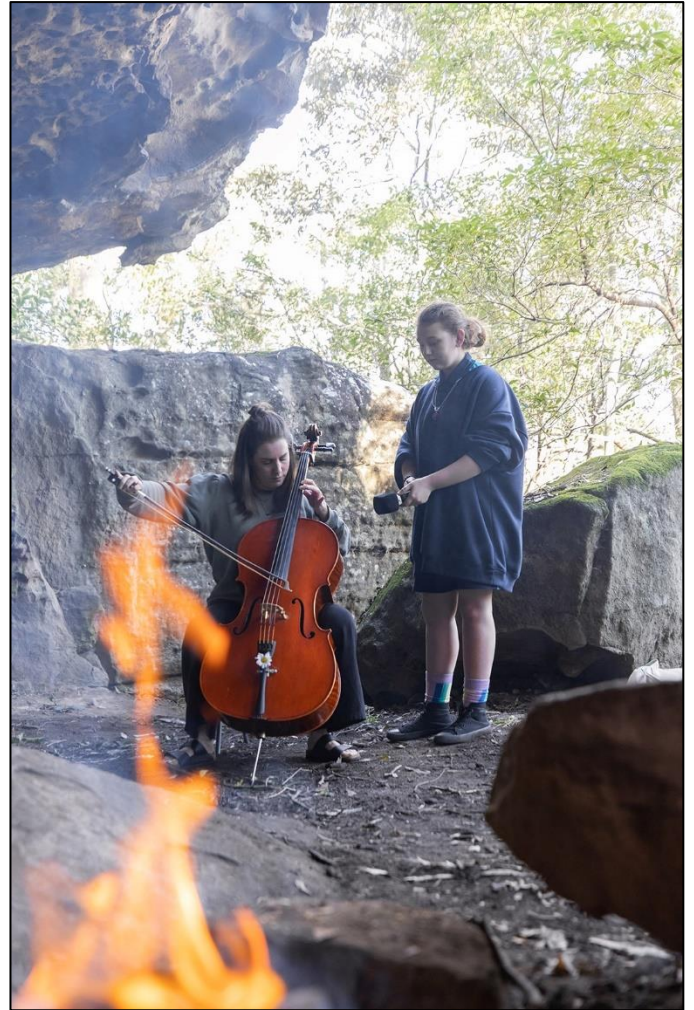




BIGHART PROJECT

Young people from our Shoalhaven project have had some very special trips out on Country these past few weeks. Young people from Bomaderry High School and Shoalhaven High School went on a cultural walk with Michael Robinson from Djiriba Waagura Pty Ltd who welcomed students onto Country at Mundamia (Ben's Walk). They also participated in a sound workshop in a cave at Mundamia with Artists Sivan Mayhew and Syd Green, recording audio of cello, vocals and sound samples from the cave. A big thank you to Michael Robinson for all the support he's giving the program.

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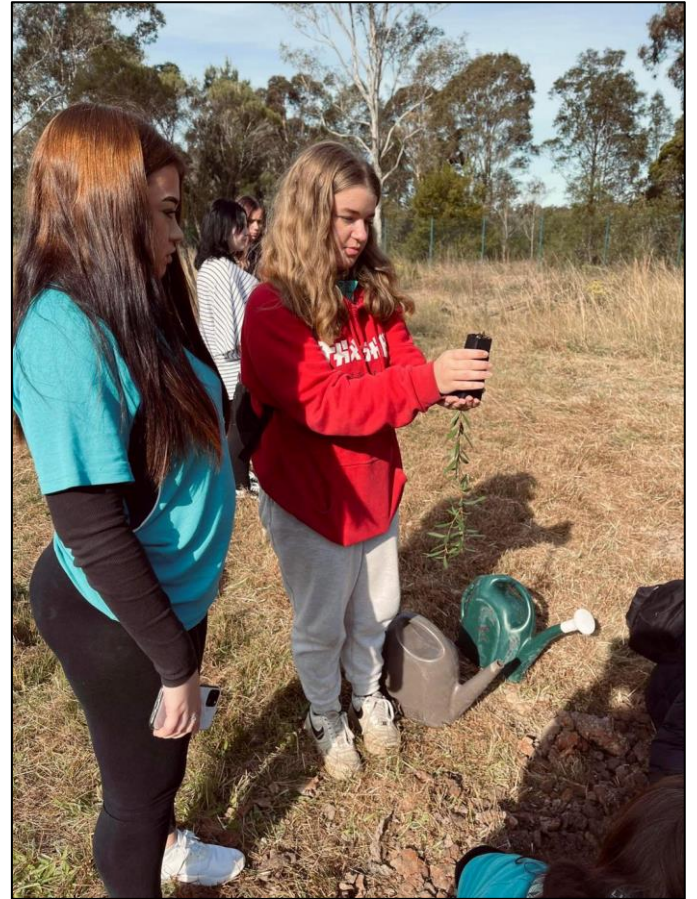


NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Celebration Activities 2022 - Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!



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YEAR 11 INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY MULTIMEDIA

After many attempts due to rain and other poor weather conditions, the Year 11 Industrial Technology Multimedia course students finally attended their photography camp with Mr Foster and Mr Buchan. Across the three days students were led through a variety of workshops designed to support student awareness of photography elements spanning from low light settings, night photography, fluid and long exposure requirements and more. All students involved are currently working through their images, identifying which they will submit for marking and which they will use as textures with the next Adobe Photoshop unit, however, here are a few sneak peeks at some of their work.



YEAR 8 REWARD EXCURSION

It's been a massive day of climbing, manoeuvring and zipping through the trees. Some of us faced our biggest fears, some of us surprised ourselves by completing obstacles that we didn't think we could and all of us had a great time! The pizza lunch at the end was well earned. A massive shout out to the 25 Year 8 students who not only deserved an amazing day out for the Term Two reward excursion, but also made the day totally worth it.

Behaviour

Bravery

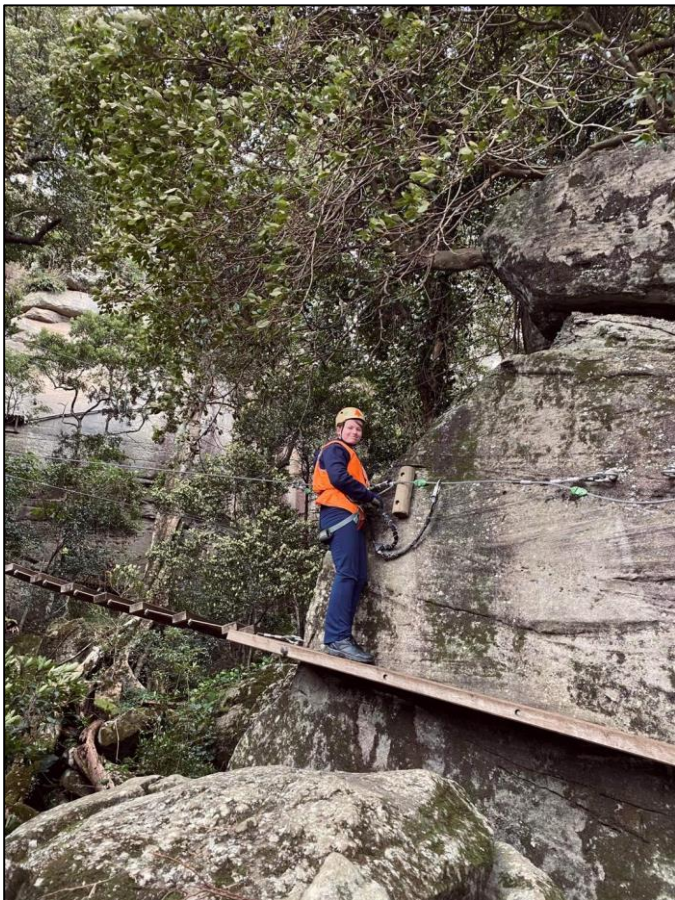
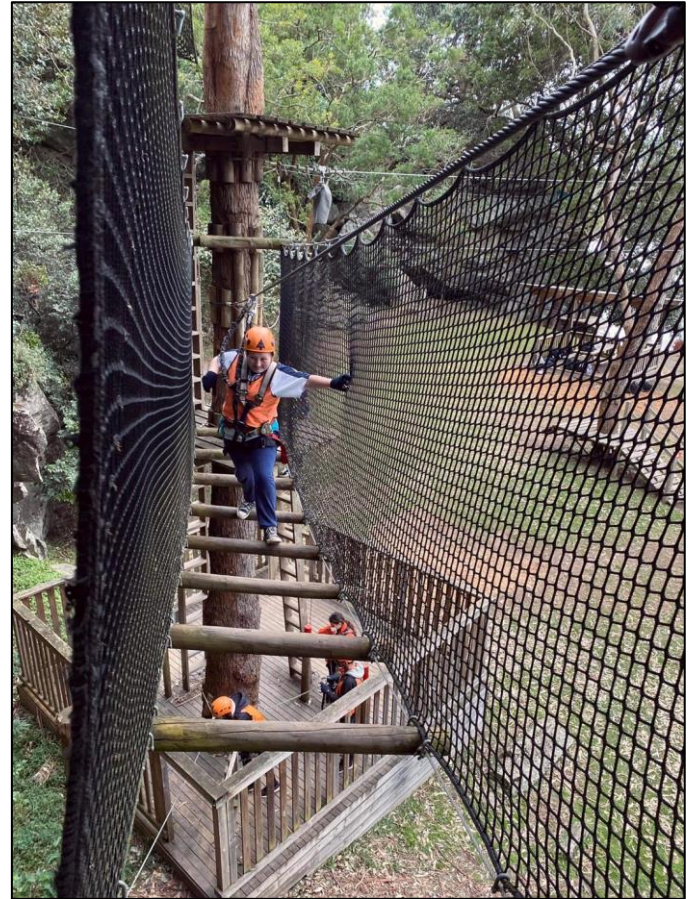
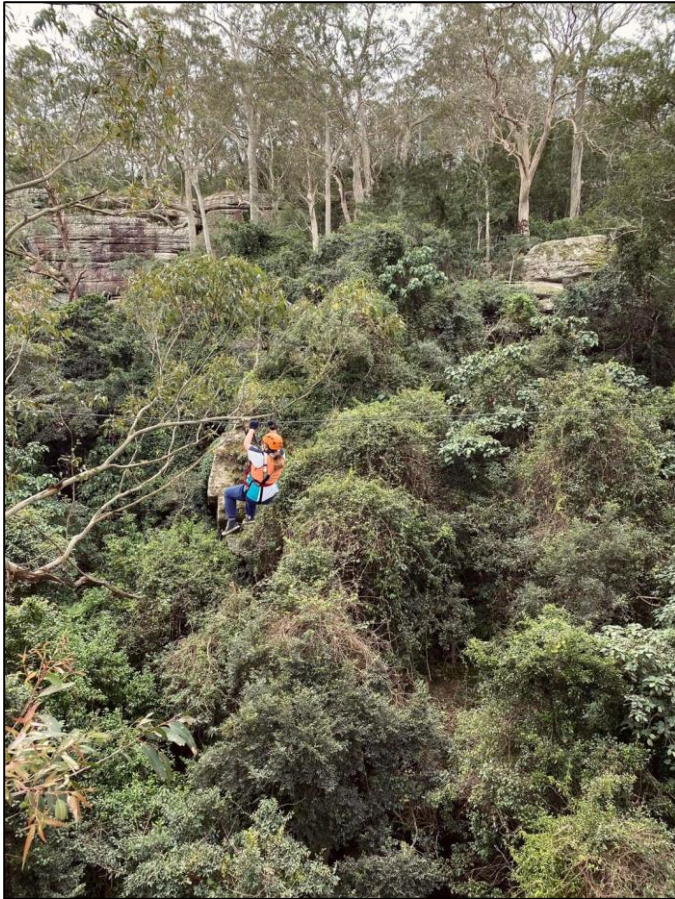
Enthusiasm

What a crew!

Take a look at some of the fun that was had.

A shout out to staff that supported Ms Talbert and her crew on this exciting day.





IO REWARD EXCURSION

The IO Junior and IO Senior students from our Support Unit had a wonderful day yesterday participating in a Reward Excursion out to Greenwell Point. Students enjoyed a walk along the foreshore, playing in the Park, hot chips for lunch and exploring the ANZAC Gardens.





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SPORT

Assembly

At the assembly students were awarded for their sporting efforts over the last couple of weeks! Well done to all students who have got in and had a go. Some great sporting results



F45ers

Year 9 and 10 PASS partook in a F45 class. Students worked up a sweat while making their way around a circuit type program. Great participation.





SHS Athletics Carnival

Excellent sunny day out for students participating at the athletics carnival. Well done to all those involved!





PASS

Year 9 and 10 PASS enjoying the sunshine, with a game of tennis, during their double period



South Coast Athletics

SHS had a number of students represent the Shoalhaven zone at the South Coast Regional athletics held at the AIS in Canberra. We had some excellent results from the day with numerous placings coming out of the day including third places from Yusuf, Jaxon and Makaira.

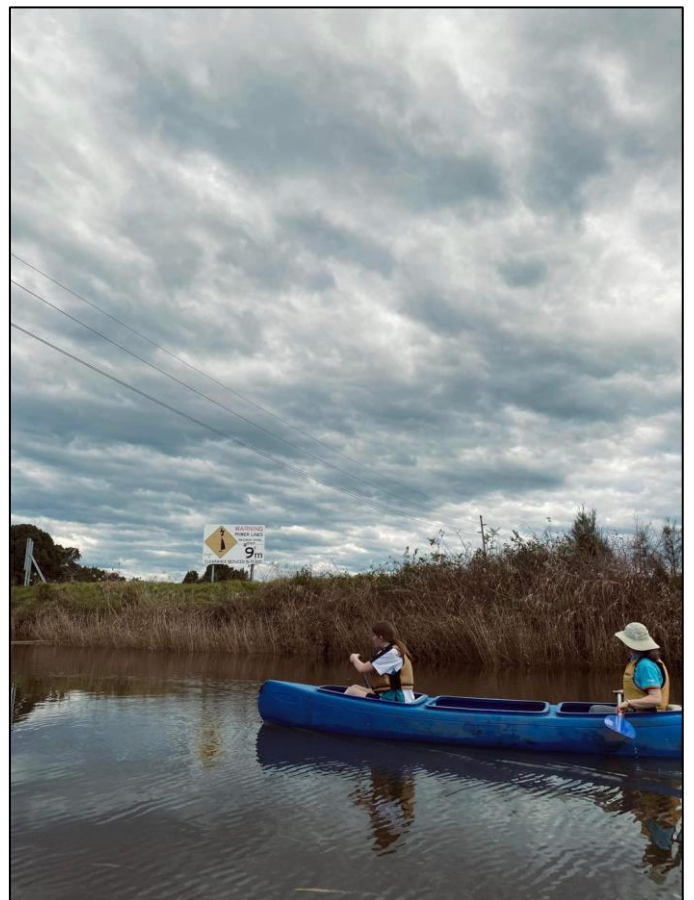
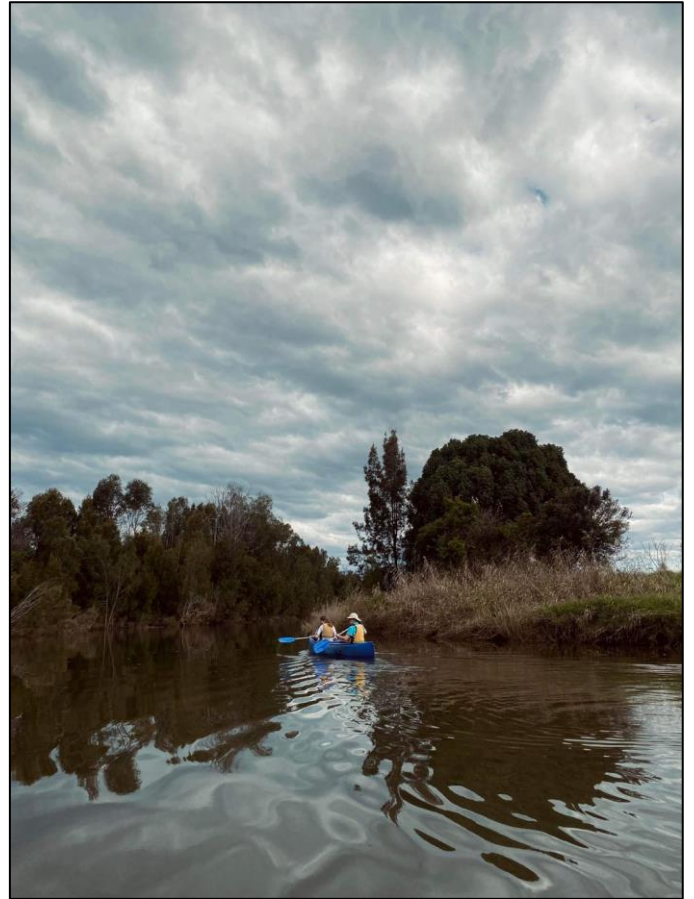
Stand out of the day goes to Myra Betts who came away with 4 x 1st places, 2 x 2nd places and 2 x 3rd places in her events with one of those being for a 14 year age group. An awesome effort from all involved.





Canoeing

First day out on the water for our Term Two Canoe Crew. The weather certainly showed up for the occasion.



CHS Cross Country

SHS had two students attend the CHS cross country carnival held at Eastern Creek.

Congratulations to both Myra Betts in Year 7 and Alexis Charalambous in Year 12. Both girls performed excellently with Myra coming in in 45th place out of 106 and Alexis coming 13th in what is her last year of competing. Well done to both girls. You should be both so proud of yourselves.



Soccer

We are so proud of our soccer stars Maddison and Isabelle Harris who have been selected to play for the NSW Country Team for the National Youth Championships. This will give them the opportunity to be identified for future Australian teams. Bend it like Beckham girls



SHS UNIFORM SHOP



**OPEN DURING TERM
TIME:**

MONDAY AND THURSDAY

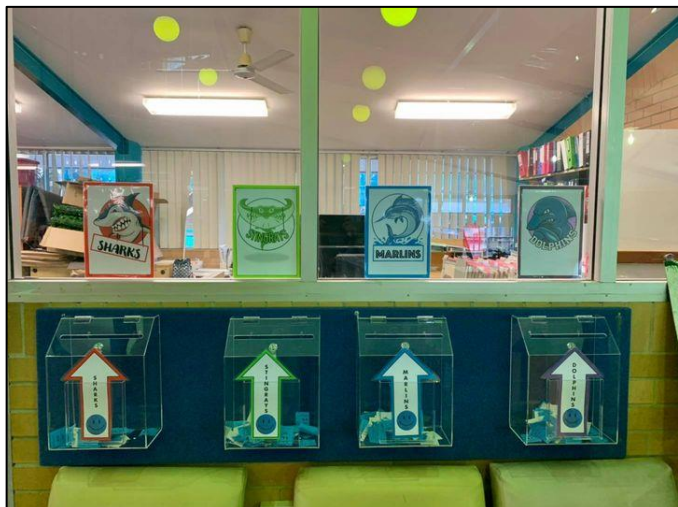
9AM - 1PM

EFTPOS OR CASH ONLY!

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE IS
AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE
PARENTS**

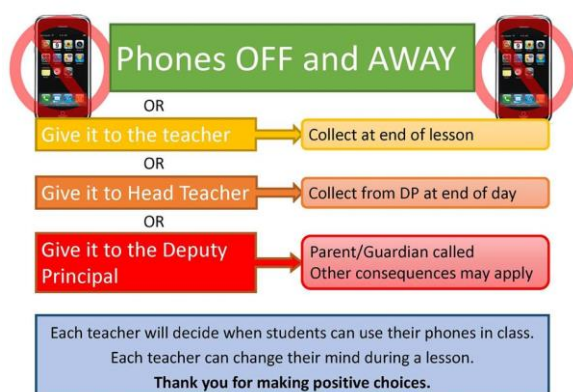
NEW BLUE SMILEY BOXES

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.

UNIFORM POLICY

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

[2020 Uniform Policy](#)

ANTI-BULLYING PLAN

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

[Anti-bullying Plan](#)




STUDENT TIMETABLES

Students now have access to view their timetable for 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

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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

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

What are my legal responsibilities?

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

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

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- 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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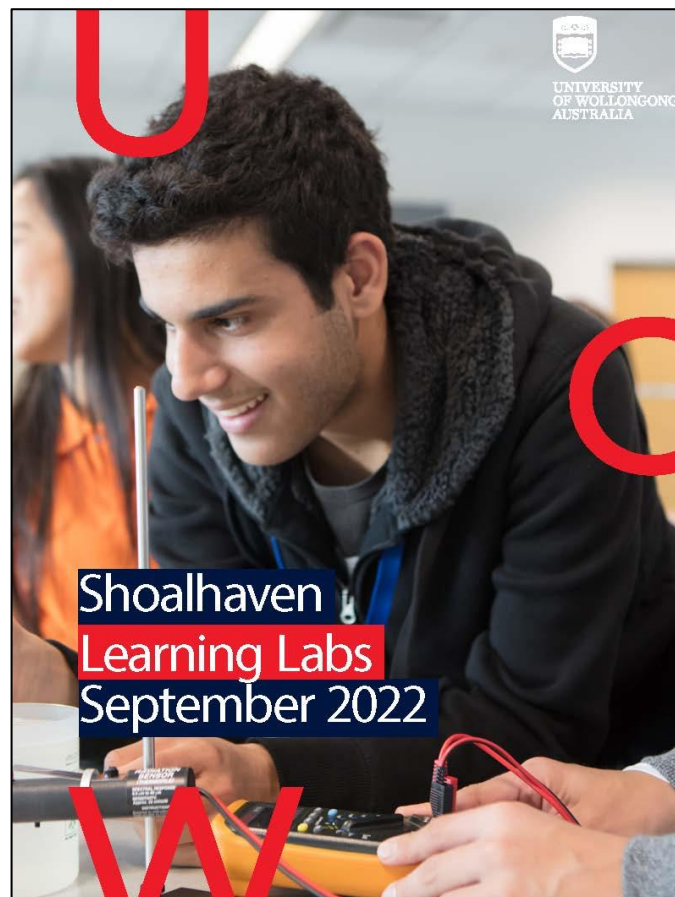
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Years 7-10 at Shoalhaven

KEY INFO
WHEN: 27-28 September 2022
WHERE: University of Wollongong, Shoalhaven campus, West Nowra

YEARS 7-10
TIME: 9.00am - 3.30pm
FEE: \$185 (2 day workshop)

PROGRAM INFO
Learning Labs is a face-to-face enrichment program designed for students who are excelling in their area of interest within their year group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays.
All September Shoalhaven workshops are held over two days, and are presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. There will be sponsorship places available for some participants - please see more details on how to apply for these places on the website.

CREATIVE KIDS PROVIDER
Learning Labs can now accept Creative Kids vouchers. Workshops that apply for Creative Kids vouchers are identified on our website in the workshop descriptions (marked as CREATIVE KIDS ELIGIBLE).

WORKSHOPS ON OFFER
Learning Labs has a range of workshops on offer for our Year 7-10 students. Workshops cover a variety of topic areas from computing, visual art and more. Workshops are designed to challenge and stimulate the interests of self-motivated and curious learners. For full workshop descriptions on offer, please go to our website: uow.info/learninglabs

APPLICATION INFO
Our workshops fill up really quickly each year so don't hesitate to submit your application to avoid disappointment. For more detailed workshop descriptions, how to apply, FAQ's, and the online application form, please go to uow.info/learninglabs

APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST
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PARENTING GROUP-Nowra

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Bringing Up Great Kids (BUGK) aims to help parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years develop confident, loving and positive relationships.

You Will Learn

- The magic of the human brain
- How to send helpful, loving and positive messages to ourselves and our children
- Practical information to support parenting
- Build positive relationships with your children
- Learn more on our website www.familyservices.org.au

When and Where

This free group runs over 4 sessions during School Term 3, 2022

- Thursday's from 10am to 12 noon
- 1 to 22 September, 2022
- Family Services Australia Cottage 1, 80 Park Road, Nowra

Bookings Essential

To register

- Email Joanne.Cunningham@familyservices.org.au or
- Phone 0408 258 605 or 1800 372 000 Option 5
- Free childminding available

Do you have a State Debt?

We may be able to help you pay off your fines with a Work & Development Order



Family Services Australia



Australian Childhood Foundation
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Pitch ages 10 - 14
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2022/23
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(02) 4446 7300 or info@headspacenowra.org.au to register

The gender Centre and headspace Nowra facilitates a monthly support group for parents and carers of transgender and gender-diverse young people

Held monthly, the group aims to provide support to parents and carers so they can best support their young person. Groups are held in person at headspace Nowra

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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