

Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

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2022 Term 4 Week 8

Friday 2 December 2022

COMING EVENTS

5 December – Conerad Cup #1
5 December - Luna Park Excursion
5-7 December – NAHLA Excursion
6-7 December – First Aid Course
7 December – Clontarf Trip
9 December – Jamberoo Rewards Excursion
9 December – Conerad Cup #2
12-13 December – Canoe Camp
12-13 December – ‘The Snow’ Production
14 December – Jewish Museum Excursion
15 December – Awards Day
16 December – Last Day for Students
31 January 2023 – Return to School for Years 7,11 and 12 Students
1 February – Return to school for Years 8,9 and 10 students

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The 2022 school year is drawing to a close and what a year it has been. As we reflect on the year that has just passed, I wish to thank all our community members for their ongoing support of Shoalhaven High School. Throughout 2022 our wider school community has supported the school to ensure that our students’ educational outcomes have not been adversely affected and we, as a school community, have worked together, been resilient and dedicated to ensure we continued to provide a quality education in a supportive environment for all our students. The challenge to our staff, our students and our community is to work as a team, work harder and be more determined to make 2023 as successful as it can be. So once again to the SHS staff, students, parents/carers and the wider community, thank you for all your efforts and dedication to make 2022 a successful school year.

On Tuesday 29 November 2022 we welcomed our new 2023 Year 7 cohort to our school as we held our

Transition Day. All the students had a fantastic time and special thank you to Ms Bagnall and Ms Hybinett for their organisation and to our staff who delivered lessons to our new students and kept them engaged for the day. We look forward to seeing them return in 2023.

With the thank you at the start of the newsletter, it is time for some forward thinking. As we draw to the close of 2022 there are a few key dates to keep in our diaries:

8 December 2022, Thursday Week 9 - All school reports will be issued to students and published on the Sentral parent portal

9 December 2022, Friday Week 9 - Jamberoo reward excursion for 200 students

12-13 December 2022, Monday/Tuesday Week 10 - School dinner and production of “The Snow”. Dinner and show performed in the school hall- 5:45pm-9:00pm

15 December 2022, Thursday Week 10 - Awards Day will be held in the school hall. All students receiving awards will be invited. The parents of award recipients, who are fully vaccinated, will be welcome on site to attend the assembly. For families who cannot make the assembly it will be recorded and posted to our social media sites after the conclusion of the ceremony.

16 December 2022, Friday Week 10 - Last day for students and staff for the 2022 school year.

19 December 2022, Monday Week 11 - Staff Development Day

20 December 2022, Tuesday Week 11 - Staff Development Day (School non-operational)

The start of the 2023 school year will commence with 2 Staff Development Days. Staff will return on the 27 and 30 January for these days. Years 7, 11 and 12 will return to school Tuesday 31 January. Years 8,9,10 will return on Wednesday 1 February.

Thanks again for all your ongoing support of our school and have a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing break and we welcome everybody back in 2023.

Damian Rees
Executive Principal
Connected Communities
Shoalhaven High School



THE SNOW

Get ready to be launched over THE SNOW and into the grandest of adventures. Whimsical and humorous, dark and mysterious, heartfelt and sincere, this play weaves a fantastical Grimmsian tale for the entire family.

Tickets are now on sale for our production 'The Snow' by Finnegan Kruckemeyer

The production is on Monday 12 December 2022 and Tuesday 13 December 2022 at Shoalhaven High School, 60 Park Road Nowra. Canapes @ 5:45pm for a 6:30pm start.

Tickets are available for purchase through the front office for \$30.



Transport for NSW



School Travel

Term 4 2022

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

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School Travel
Term 4 2022

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback](#)

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TRANSITION DAY



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SUCCESS in STEM

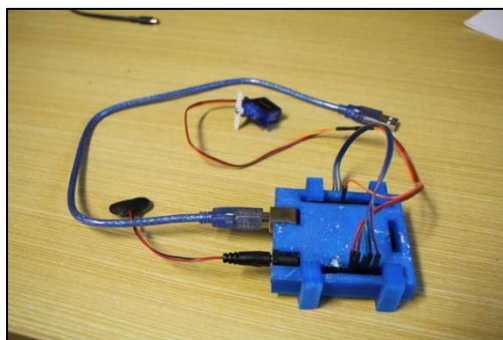
Beginning back in Term 1, students in 7K were offered a chance to ideate and prototype a solution to an existing problem they could see in their community. As part of this students formed teams, researched root causes and developed potential ICT solutions. As a result, two teams entered the Young ICT Explorer Challenge which involved students using STEM and ICT skills to build a functional prototype, running experiments to test and reporting back on their findings.

Both teams submitted

Team 1: automatic moisture sensor that re-directed excess water from fields to allow them to be used.

Team 2: an automatic floor cleaner to support high use spaces being clean for hygiene purposes.

We wish to congratulate all students involved in this program for all the hard work you applied across the many months towards completing your designs. As a result of your hard work one team received second place in their category across all entries STATE WIDE! Congratulations to I Pinkard, S Fleming, A Carter and J Piper for your outstanding entry of an automated water redistribution system to help keep your community fields dry and usable during times of wet weather.



TAS NEWS

Bridge Builders

The Year 11 Engineering Studies class have been busy looking at civil structures this term. Students have had time in the PC lab and workshop to plan, design and construct a truss bridge. This fortnight students got to see their bridge building skills in action as they conducted a test failure analysis. Weights were applied to their structure until breaking point in an epic display. Well done all involved.



Multimedia Drivers

Year 11 IT (Multimedia) got the opportunity to see projects and hear from young developers on a recent excursion. After travelling to Sydney, students accessed multimedia resources available in The Galleries prior to heading over to the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). The class met first year students in the UTS Animation Guild and associated courses, previewed their major projects for 2022 and got time for some hands-on experience using some of the technology available. The resources accessed and UTS discussions will be highly valuable as students beginning their major project works.

World Skills Competition

Mr Buchan and two students recently entered the World Skills Competition. This event happens every two years and tests the skills and knowledge of apprentices, trainees and students studying a vocational education framework. Competing in the Construction framework, Ayden B and Jack A set off to Vincentia High School to demonstrate their merit. Both students represented the school in excellent fashion.



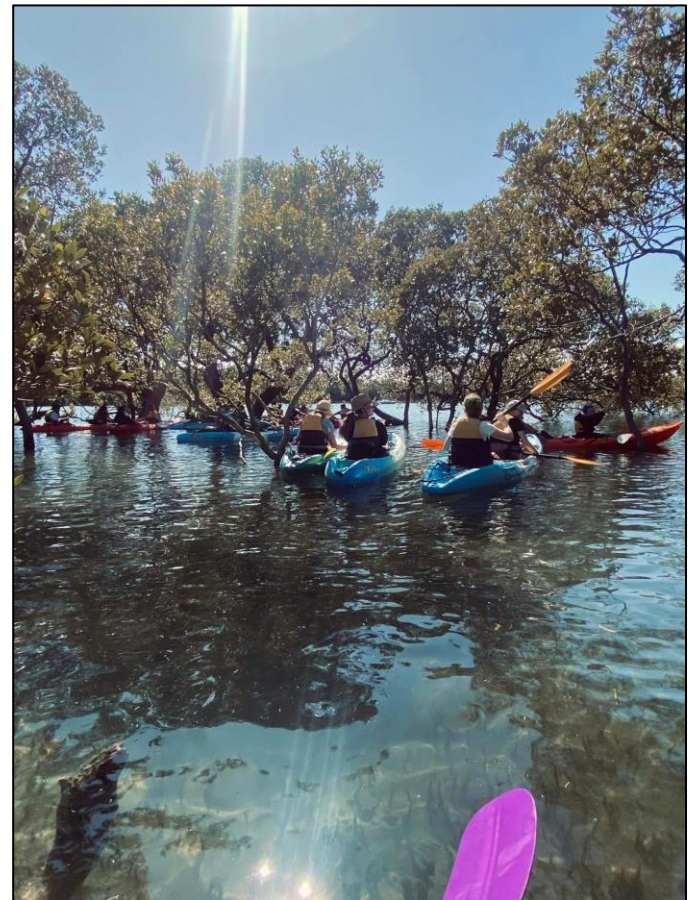
Café Culture

Mr Kolesnyk and students from his Café Culture course spent time on Wednesday November 23 getting a firsthand experience of the hospitality services at the Mercure Hotel Gerringong. Students experienced both front and back of house operations, accommodation and morning tea service. Thank you very much for the experience and knowledge sharing.



YEAR 8 CAMP

On Thursday, 25 November, Year 8 adventured their way through Jervis Bay on an overnight camp. Thursday included a 2 hour Kayak on the beautiful Jervis Bay, indoor rock climbing, beach footy, swimming, the stressful tent set up and spotlighting with Mr Dolby. The sleeping arrangements proved to be a little challenging, with consistent rain from 11:00am - 5:30am; however, Year 8 braved it and showed great resilience. When the weather cleared on Friday morning, the crew packed up camp, went for a beautiful walk and ran into some cute wildlife. Our gorgeous Year 8 day trippers joined us for some games, before we headed to Plantation Point for some Minute to Win It challenges with Ms Capel, lunch, a play on the park, and of course, a final swim before heading back to school. Miss Talbert would like to say how proud she is of Year 8 for their willingness to help out, participate and support each other through challenges. Also, a huge thank you to the countless staff that supported Miss Talbert and Year 8.





OnSTAGE SHOWCASE

We are so excited to share the news that our very own HSC Drama student Nardia Waiariki was nominated for NESA's "OnSTAGE" Showcase of exemplary Drama major projects. Her costume design expressed a reimagining of the Greek tragedy Antigone by Sophocles set in colonial New Zealand.

"This piece intends to communicate the idea of power through symbolism in costume design and how that reflects the influences European settlers had on Maori culture. The main theme I wanted to focus on was the need for individuals to exert power over others within a tribal community. The reason I decided to adapt Antigone to a 19th-century tribal setting is because of my own Maori heritage. What enticed me during the research process was being able to learn about my own culture, traditions, and customs."

- Nardia

Her Drama teacher Mrs Snape and the Shoalhaven High School community are incredibly proud of Nardia's nomination for this prestigious showcase.



COOL FOR SCHOOL

We are very excited to tell you that Shoalhaven High School now has fully installed and operational Cooler Classrooms equipment, thanks to the NSW government investment of more than \$500 million dollars over five years to improve indoor comfort and air quality in public schools around the state.

Reverse-cycle air conditioning will now keep learning spaces comfortable during hot summers and chilly winters while fans and fresh air ventilation systems maintain healthy air quality.



To increase energy awareness and keep running costs low, smart outdoor weather monitors linked to interactive control systems are installed. These enable students and teachers to make energy efficient decisions to improve classroom comfort.

Solar panels will also be installed over the Christmas break to offset annual air conditioning energy usage costs and reduce environmental impact.

By creating healthy and comfortable learning environments at our school, our students can focus on what matters – learning.

HSC VISUAL ART

Congratulations to our Year 12 Visual Arts students, Summer Allen, Summer Hoath and Lachlan Hollier, for their acceptance into the New Horizons exhibition at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery. New Horizons showcases exciting, innovative and high-quality HSC artwork from the Shoalhaven region- from Kiama down to Ulladulla. The exhibition will run from the 4 until the 25 of February, 2023.

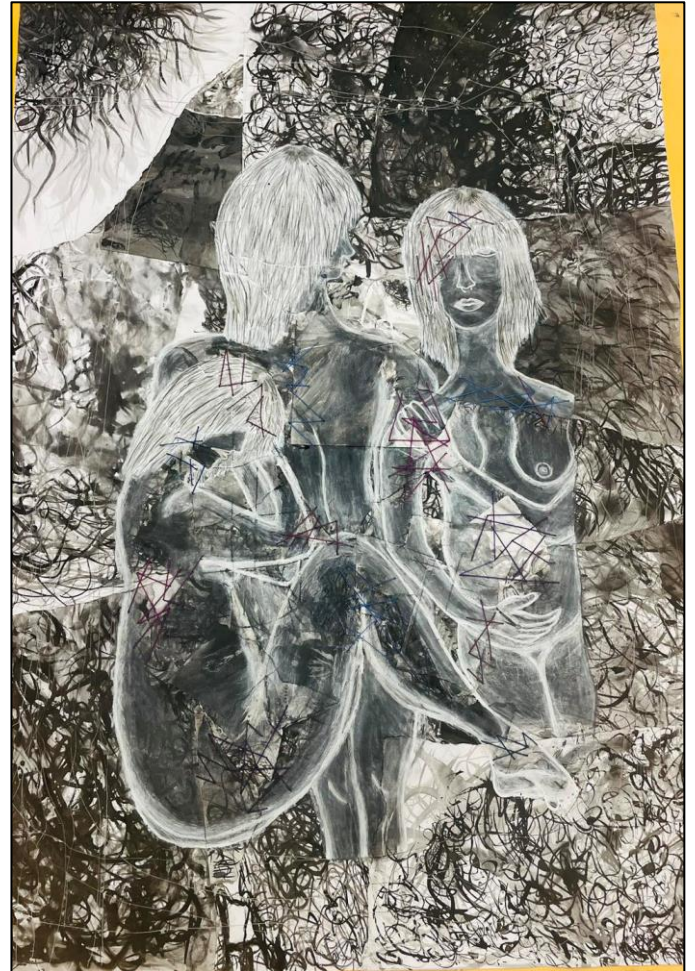
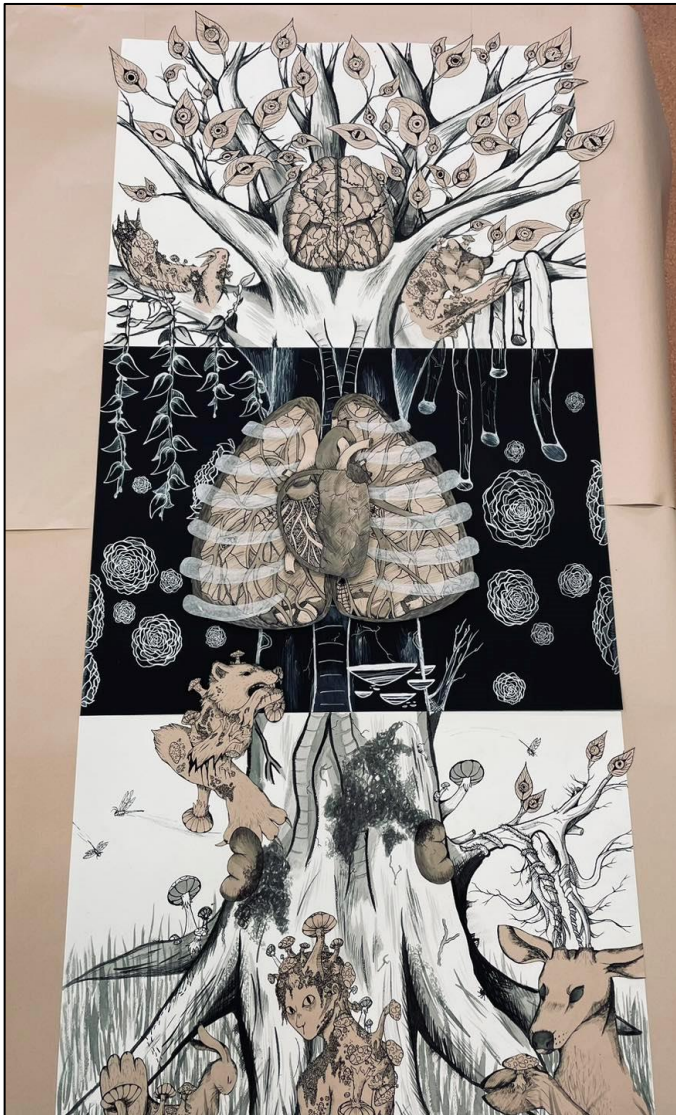
What an exceptional outcome for our students!

New Horizons Shoalhaven HSC Artworks

4-5 February
2023

An exhibition showcasing 2022
HSC Visual Arts from across the
Shoalhaven.





SHS UNIFORM SHOP



**OPEN DURING TERM
TIME:**

MONDAY AND THURSDAY

9AM - 1PM

EFTPOS OR CASH ONLY!

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE IS
AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE
PARENTS**

YEAR 7 MUSEUM EXCURSION

Year 7 had a fantastic day out visiting the Chau Chak Wing Museum at Sydney University and trying their hand at artefact categorisation, engaging with the exhibitions and looking upon real life Mummies.



UPGRADNG SKILLS

Mrs Rosskelly and Mr Kolesnyk recently upgraded their skills at the Vocational Education and Training Conference.



NSW SCHOOLS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Last term one of our amazing students Darcy Conolan entered a competition and was selected to participate in the 2022 NSW Schools Constitutional Convention at NSW Parliament House on the 29 November. We had an early start to caught the 5am train and headed off. Darcy was very excited and we were all excited for him. He did the school proud and was a great participant on the day. Unfortunately, he did not make it to the last selection, but he gave it his best and for that he should be very proud of himself. Congratulations Darcy we are very proud of you.



TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY EVENT

8 students had the pleasure of leaning everything there is to know about at the Tourism and Hospitality industry with 90 students from other Shoalhaven schools held at Cupitts.

Students explored a variety of career paths and completed a range of challenges and team building exercises throughout the day. They will be able to use these transferable skills that they developed to pursue employment opportunities for the future.



YEAR 11 WORK STUDIES

Recycle Project

One Work Studies project for 2022 was recycling electronic items that were damaged or no longer working.

During the course the students learnt

- The importance of creating and maintaining a sustainable workplace
- Workplace safety and safety assessment and documentation
- Stocktaking and registering items in the workplace
- Communications with various sections in a workplace
- Moving, packing and stacking items in a safe manner
- Correct techniques in moving heavy items using a trolley



CAREERS

Year 12

Career Advisors support for students and parent/carers during transition from school is available.

Students are reminded to complete the Leaving School Document.

Applications for financial support and scholarships are still open.

Shoalhaven Education Fund provides funds for resources to young people who went to school in the Shoalhaven, have financial hardship and leave school to work or study.

It requires a simple application stating what they would like eg computer, internet modem, travel expenses, uniforms, text book, tools etc. They visited our school this week. Applications are open.

<https://cef.org.au/foundations/shoalhaven/>

- UOW Shoalhaven Campus – Regional Kick Start uni scholarships \$3000
- Enrolled Nursing Scholarships
- Bendigo Bank Scholarships for students who reside in Sanctuary Point & District

School Based Traineeships for 2023

- Department of Communities and Justice, Nowra Court house, Identified position, admin position, Cert III Business
- Department of Education Pre School Nowra East, Identified position, Cert III Early Childhood Care and Education
- St George Illawarra Dragons, Identified position, Cert II in Outdoor Sport and Recreation or Cert III in Community Services
- Air Affairs South Nowra, admin position - Cert III Business

School Based Apprenticeships for 2023

- Bomaderry Bowling Club - Cert III Commercial Cookery
- St Georges Basin Country Club - Cert III Commercial Cookery
- St Georges Basin Country Club - Green keeping

Hospitality School Based Traineeships

- The Garden Berry
- Farmgate Restaurant

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- The Deli on Kinghorne
- The Milton Hotel
- Mountain Ridge Wines
- Bangalay Luxury Villas
- Terrara House Weddings & Events
- Bomaderry Bowling Club
- Sea Kayak Jervis Bay
- Huskisson Hotel
- Tea Journeys
- Ponte Bar and Dining
- Paperbark Camp
- St Georges Basin Country Club
- Jervls Bay Holiday Park
- Bomaderry Bowling Club

WorkSmart courses for Term Four

First Aid

6th and 7th December

\$65 (This includes a \$20 subsidy from SHS funds).

Register in Careers Hub

Work Experience Term 4

About 50 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 have participated in work experience this term

Congratulations to the students and thank you to the parents, carers and businesses that have supported the opportunity for the students to explore the world of work

2023 EVET (Externally Delivered) Courses

Applications have reopened.

Offers for applications made in September are to be accepted by students this term.

Applications have reopened to courses that are not full.

TAFE, Shoalhaven Community College and Aerospace Training Centre offer courses to students as one of their Year 11 or some as a HSC Year 12 year subject.

Animal Studies

Beauty Service

Automotive

Electrotechnology

Marine Operations

Salon Assistant

Nursing

Children Services

Bakery

Auslan

Outdoor Recreation

Engineering
Aeroskills
Cabin Crew

Courses for Year 10 student in 2023

Applications have reopened and close this term

- Shoalhaven Community College Skills for Work – one day per week Term 2 and 3
- TAFE Construction 2 days per week Term 4 2023
- TAFE Automotive 2 days per week Term 4 2023

Apprenticeships And Traineeships

- Business Administration Traineeship
Shoalhaven City Council, Bomaderry
closes 2 December 2022

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

- Civil Constructions Traineeship
Shoalhaven City Council, Woolamai
closes 8 December 2022

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

- Glass and Glazing Apprenticeship –
South Nowra
https://sras.jobreadygateway.com.au/vacancies?utf8=%E2%9C%93&search_term=&category_id=®ion_names_in%5B%5D=Illawarra+region+%3A+NSW&state_name=New+South+Wales&subscribe=&

- Metal Fabrication traineeship
Alkath Group -South Nowra
Phone 44293974

- Sports Administration Trainee
AFL Sports Ready Ltd
<https://www.seek.com.au/>

- Events & Community Relations Trainee
AFL Sports Ready Ltd
<https://www.seek.com.au/>

- Carpentry apprenticeship
Harlor Building
admin@harlorbuilding.com

- Book Keeping traineeship
East Coast Bookkeeping and Business Solution
<https://www.seek.com.au/>

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- Shoalhaven Signs apprenticeship
Bomaderry
Contact Harriett 4421 7335
info@shoalhavensigns.com.au

Jobs

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

- Dog Breeding Assistant - Montys Moodles and Cavoodles South Nowra
- Mint Master - Nowra
- Aldi Stores - Bomaderry, Nowra, Vincentia
- Deli Assistant – Nowra Farmers Market
- Shoalhaven Dairy Farm: Milking Positions
R H Boyd & Son Pty Ltd

www.tlhrecruitment.com.au

- Packers - Food Manufacturing -Nowra TLH Recruitment

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

- Civil works labourers - Backam Group Nowra

Casual Employment

Woolworths
Coles
Dominos
Aldi



SPORT

Under 16s League Mixed Competition

SHS under 16s league mixed team headed to Lyrebird park to play in an inter school comp run by the NRL. Students involved performed outstandingly and should be all so proud of themselves in their performance and conduct. They won their first two games against Nowra 1 and Kiama 3 team sending them to the quarter-finals. Here they met with Nowra 1 team again. They came out on top resulting in them heading to the semi final. In the semi they played Kiama 2 team. This game ended in a draw, however, being the first scorers sent them straight to the grand-final. The team came up against a very strong Kiama 1 team which they unfortunately went down 18-6 to. Well done to everyone involved!



Beach Volleyball

24 SHS students attended the first ever South Coast Beach Volleyball Competition held in Mollymook. It was such a good day in the sunshine. We entered 5



teams with two teams attaining first place- SHS girls team 2 and SHS boys team 2.


All teams played exceptionally well and are to be commended on their positive attitude! Well done!




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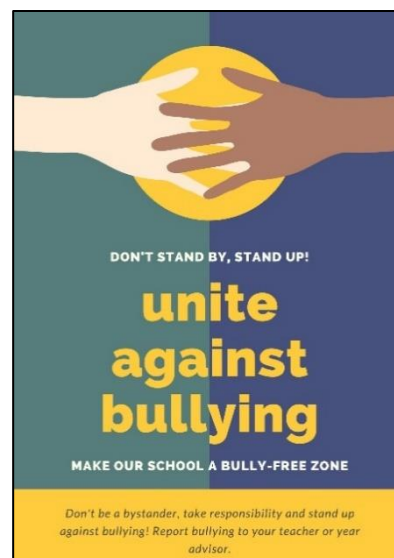
The Shoalhaven High School Uniform Policy is found on our School website under 'Our School' or click on the link

[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

T 9244 512

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Wednesday After School to 4.30pm

Ages 14 to 17

- Weights
- Basketball
- Archery
- Boxing
- BBQ



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transparent support group

one Thursday every month 5.30-7.30pm



(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

SUSSEX INLET SURF CLUB

THE GRAZING GALZ PRESENTS



UNDR 18'S Christmas Party

23RD DECEMBER 2022
7PM-11PM

AGES 13-17 **DJ KADN** **\$5 ENTRY FEE**

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CLUB NIGHTS AT THE BOMADERRY SWIMMING CLUB

We would like to welcome swimmers of all ages and abilities to come along and join the Bomaderry Swim Club.

Club nights are held in a fun and informal environment and are an ideal introduction to competition for swimmers, as well as an opportunity for swimmers and their families to meet and socialise with other members.

- Location: Bomaderry Aquatic Centre, 127 Cambewarra Road Bomaderry
- When: Summer Outdoor Comp - Friday nights
- From November 2022 - End of March 2023
- Registration: 6pm
- Warm-Ups: 6.15-6.30pm
- Events Commence: 6.30 - 6.45pm
- Distances: 16m - 400m



Non club members are eligible to swim at 4 club nights, in order to trial before officially joining the club

Swimmers from all clubs are welcome to compete plus any new swimmers not currently registered with Swimming NSW.

Swimmers of all ages and abilities are welcome
Cost: \$3 per swimmer, or \$6 for two or more swimmers per family

ENQUIRIES → ANTHONY: 0438 676 628
 KAREN: 0412 672 450
 EMAIL: BOMASWIMCLUB@GMAIL.COM

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BEACH PATROLS

Daily summer patrols will commence on Saturday, 17 December 2022 at below beaches only:

- Culburra Beach (near Surf Club)
- South Mollmook (near Surf Club)

Additional patrols will commence at Shoalhaven Heads, Crookhaven Heads, Tilbury Cove, Cudmirrah / Berrara, Narrawallee and North Mollmook from Monday 19 December 2022.

From Sea Pools at the beach to poolside in our Centres, it's vitally important to be aware of both yourself and your children when in and around water. For your own safety and the safety of others, **we strongly recommend swimming at patrolled beaches.**

To make your next trip to the beach safer - **always swim between the red and yellow flags.**

To check your nearest patrolled beach and live updates, **scan the QR code** and visit the Beachsafe website.



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Uniting Church St. Georges Basin Hall
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St Georges Basin 2540

RSVP wendi.hobbs@health.nsw.gov.au

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.