

Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

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2023 Term 1 Week 4

Friday 17 February 2023

COMING EVENTS

20 February – School Photos Catch Up Day
20 February – HSC Visual Arts Workshop
21 February – Zone Swimming Carnival
21 February – Seasons for Growth
23-24 February – All Schools Triathlon
23 February - South Coast U16/18 Girls Rugby League
23 February – Fit4Home
24 February – Year 12 Aquarium and Maritime Museum Excursion
24 February – UOW HSC Chemistry Workshop
27 February - 1 March – Year 7 Camp
28 February – Seasons for Growth
28 February – Year 5/6 Open Night
1-2 March – Clontarf Induction Camp
1 March – South Coast Girls Rugby Trials
2 March – U15s/Opens Rugby League Shield
2 March – South Coast U15s Boys AFL Trials
2 March – Fit4Home
3 March – Jamberoo Rewards Excursion
6 March – South Coast Boys and Girls Touch Trials
7 March - South Coast Netball Trials
7 March - Seasons for Growth
8 March – South Coast Girls Soccer Trials
9 March – South Coast Swimming Carnival
9 March - Fit4Home
13 March – South Coast Boys Soccer Trials
13 March – South Coast Boys Basketball Trials
14 March - South Coast Girls Basketball Trials
14 March - South Coast Boys Rugby Trials
14 March – Seasons for Growth
16 March – Advanced English HSC Symposium
16 March – Fit4Home
16 March – P&C AGM
16-17 March – Specsavers Visit

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A very warm welcome back to all our staff, students and the wider community. We have come back to school after what was a well-deserved and hopefully

relaxing break. I hope that all our families enjoyed some time together, had a safe enjoyable Christmas and are ready to tackle 2023 energised and enthusiastic.

The 2023 school year has started in a fashion that we are more accustomed to. We held our first whole school swimming carnival in two years, on Monday 6 February. It was great to see so many of our students attending and participating in a fun day. All those students who participated will be invited to attend our Jamberoo Action Park reward excursion on Friday 3 March 2023. Notes for the Jamberoo excursion can be collected from Mr McNeil and payments made to the front office. A big thank you to Ms Aird and the PE staff for all the organisation of this event.

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

Executive Principal: Mr Damian Rees

Deputy Principals:

Year 10 and 11- Mr McNeil

Year 9 and 12- Mr Hunter

Years 7 and 8- Mr Dolby

Support and Inclusion- Mrs Johnstone

At the end of 2023, SHS held our first ever dinner show performance of 'The Snow' over 2 successful nights. The show was sold out over the 2 nights and our students performed exceptionally well. A very big thank you and congratulations to Mr Dolby and the drama team led by Mrs Snape and Ms Robinson for their dedication and effort in ensuring it was a huge success. Our hospitality team delivered with

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some fantastic food to cap off a great night of entertainment.

I would like to bring to the attention of parents and carers that e-cigarettes are a banned item at school and consequences in line with our student discipline policy will be put in place for any students found in possession of or using these items. Please see the link below for information on e-cigarettes from NSW Health.

[NSW Health Response.](#)

To all our new and existing families our P & C AGM will be held on Thursday 16 March. The meeting will take place in the front meeting room and start at 4:30pm. I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend and help support our students at SHS by becoming involved in the education journey.

With Thanks,

Damian Rees

Executive Principal

Connected Communities

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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?

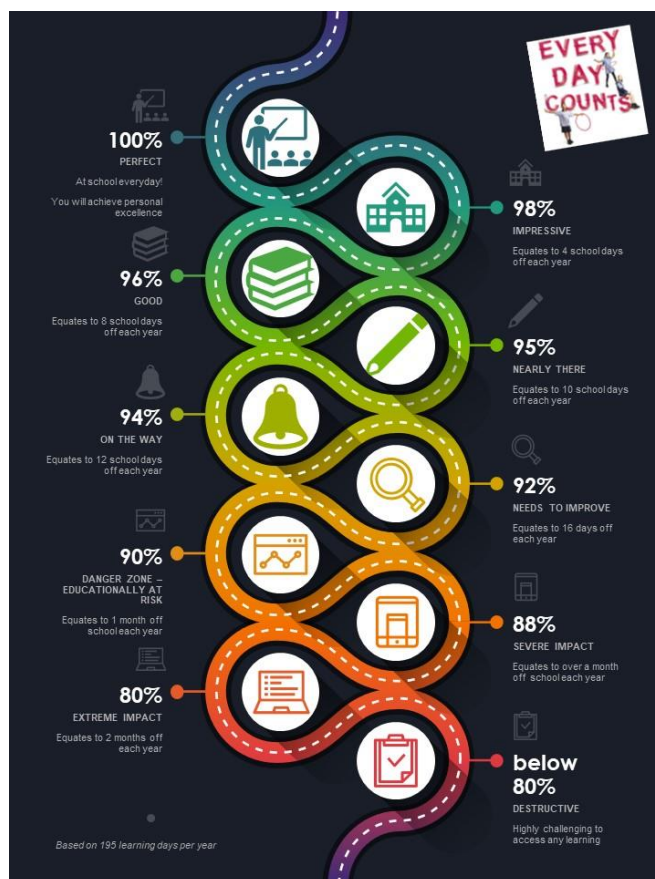
You have 7 days to explain an absence. If you do not contact the school within 7 days, the absence will be marked as unjustified and cannot be changed. This will affect your child's overall attendance.

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?



Shoalhaven High School P&C Association

WE NEED YOU!

- Only 1 meeting per term (2 in term 1 – for our AGM)
- 4:30pm start for approx. 1 hour only
- No fundraising
- Friendly environment - welcoming
- Information from the Executive Principal
- \$1 membership for 12 months



The P&C are dedicated to supporting Shoalhaven High School staff and students. We currently have a small, yet committed number of members. We need to grow in numbers for the P&C to continue its success.

The P&C would love to see some new faces and have fresh input at our meetings. The Executive Principal attends every meeting to let us know what is happening across SHS.

The meetings are held during school terms; Weeks 3 & 8 in Term 1 and Week 5 in Terms 2, 3 & 4. These go for approximately 1 hour, usually finishing a little after 5:30pm. The SHS P&C hope to see you at our meetings in 2023.

ALL WELCOME!

YEARS 5 AND 6 INFORMATION NIGHT

ARE YOU IN YEAR 5 OR YEAR 6 AND STARTING TO THINK ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL?! YOU'RE INVITED TO...

EXPLORE SHOALHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL!

Please join us for our open night!
Tuesday 28th February, 2023
Shoalhaven High School
60 Park Road, Nowra East 2541



5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Sausage sizzle
5:30pm - 6:00pm

- Come and explore our amazing facilities!
- Meet our staff and find out why we are so proud to work at Shoalhaven High School
- Find out about the range of subjects we have on offer
- Start the learning journey that your child will begin with us in 2024 or 2025.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SHS TRANSITION COORDINATOR: DEMI BAGNALL 02 4421 8022

SHS is a PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) High School offering value-added learning through:

- The ASPIRE Program
- Industrial Arts & Creative and Performing Arts
- All-inclusive Support Faculty
- CLONTARF Academy
- NAHLA Girls Group
- Our Mia Mia Wellbeing Hub
- Professional Hospitality Training



NAPLAN 2023

Information for parents and carers

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging, they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the NAPLAN public demonstration site, the Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN, or our series of videos where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.



What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What if my school is closed on NAPLAN days?

Schools with compelling reasons may be given permission to schedule tests after the 9-day test window.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site.

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 15 March and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023. Schools are advised to schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. This scale indicates whether the student is meeting expectations for the literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAAs
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only)Years 3, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations)	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a prompt – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To be completed after the writing testTo be completed before the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To be completed after the reading test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To be completed after the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

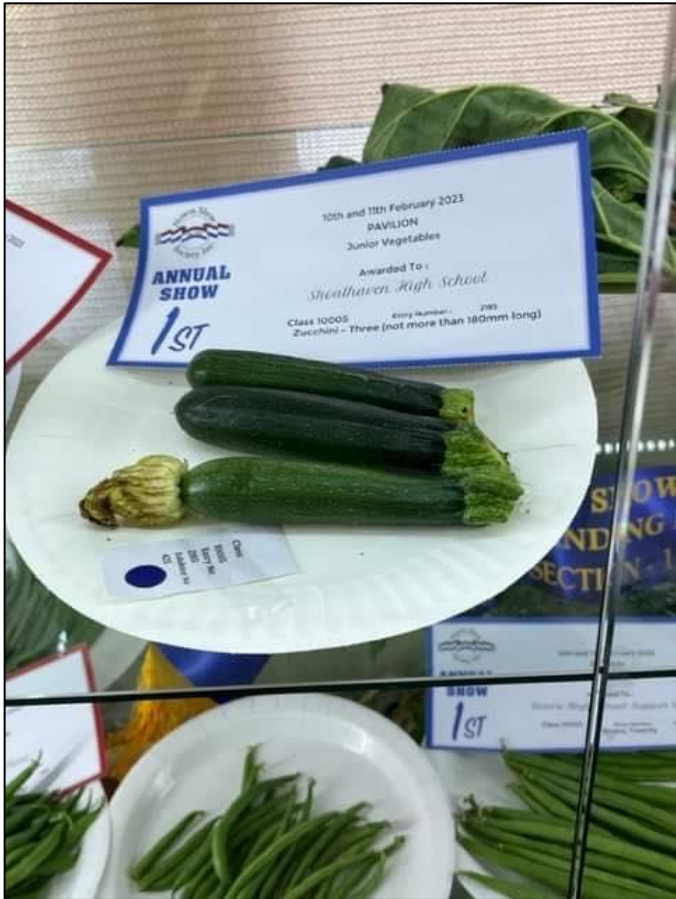
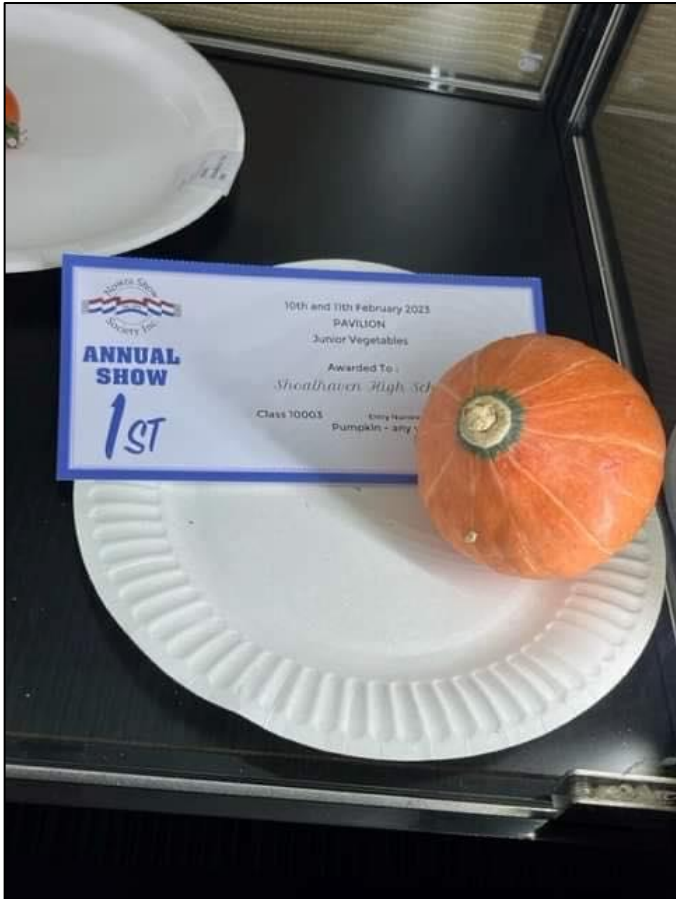
2023 NOWRA SHOW

Shoalhaven High School received a record number of places at the Nowra Show this year. We won 17 first places and 19 second places in flowers, vegetables, plants and cooking as well as a Highly Commended and 2 Commended in the Junior Photography section. As well we took 7 of our miniature goats which were a great attraction for the primary school students and a wonderful opportunity to learn some Dhurga words as Dusty and Birdy, our does, have all had their kids named in our local Aboriginal language.

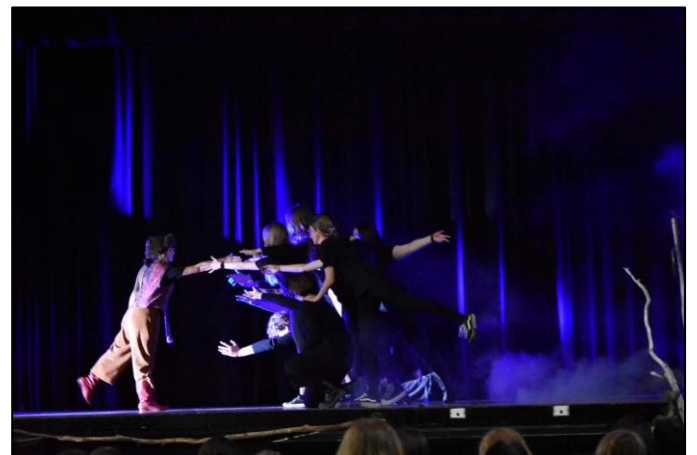




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'THE SNOW'



2022 AWARDS DAY

Welcome back to the 2023 school year. The SHS annual Awards Day was held on Thursday 15 Dec 2022 and celebrated the wonderful successes at our school during the year. It was great to be able to acknowledge the hard work, effort and determination of so many students at our school across many areas with their families, in person.

Congratulations again to all our award recipients! With the event being so late in the school year, we didn't get to share any photos and would like to do so now. Students who are yet to collect their award can pick it up from Mrs Johnstone (in A Block).





NEW HORIZONS

New Horizon's Exhibition is currently showing at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery. The exhibition showcases high achieving works from Visual Arts students of 2022 within the Shoalhaven region.

The exhibition finishes 28 February.

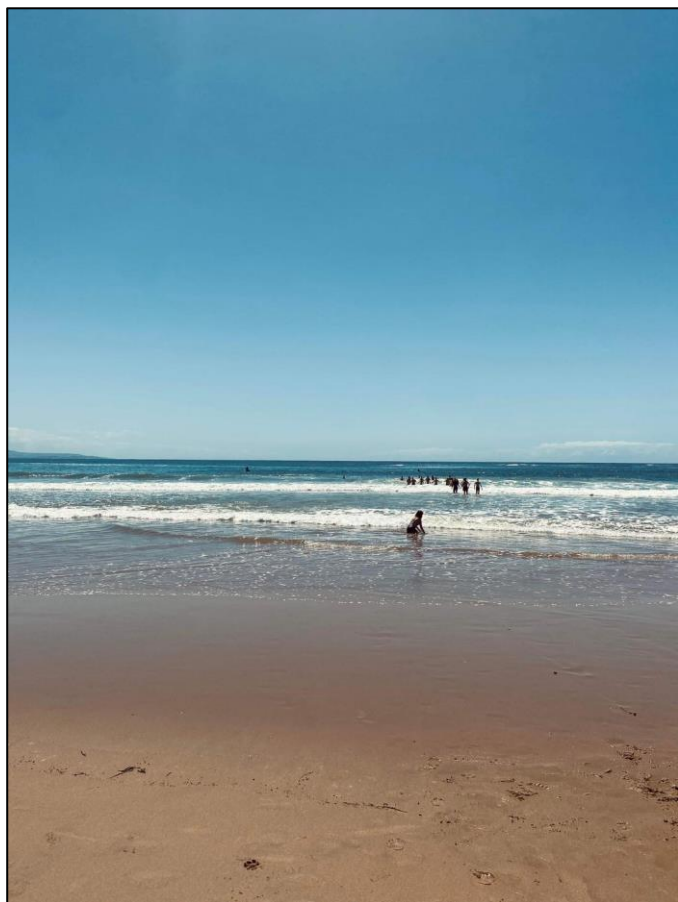
Congratulations to Shoalhaven High alumni Summer Allen, Summer Hoath and Lachlan Hollier on being selected for the show.



SPORT

Beach Activities

How good is midday at the beach? Checkout this term's Beach Activities taking place for Wednesday sport. What a treat!



Bushwalking

Sport bushwalking at Bomaderry creek



Tennis

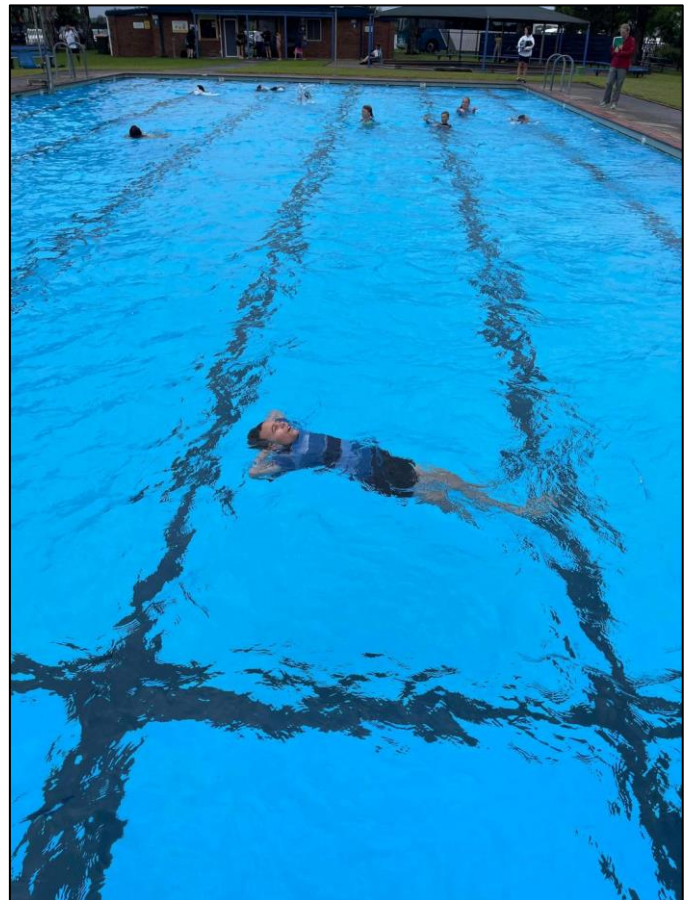
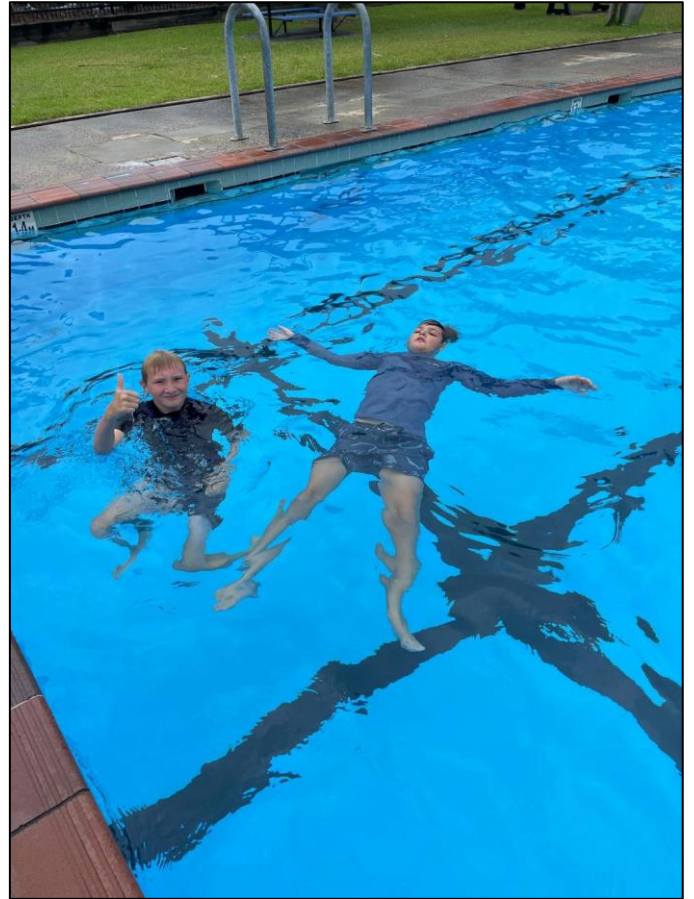
Today our tennis group were not only fabulous on the court, but they were also stopped & given compliments on how wonderful they looked in their perfect school uniform by another person visiting the courts!

Well done, Year 7 for proudly representing our school!



Canoeing

The canoeists had a very successful swim test today for sport! Great participation all round. Thanks legends.



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 - Dates to be finalised.

First Aid - Dates to be finalised.

Rural Fire Training – 1-3 May 2023

Year 10 students have the opportunity to complete the Basic Rural Fire training certificate. It is a combination of online learning and three days practical at the Shoalhaven Emergency Centre

UOW "Future Me" Program

Year 12 applications are open in March

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

- More than 20 hours of free Year 12 and beyond skills development under the guidance of our In2Uni mentors who have achieved a Band 5 or higher in one or more HSC subjects.
- Students who successfully complete the Year 12 Future Me program will be supported through the Early Admissions process and will be guaranteed an offer at the University of Wollongong or UOW College Australia. Participation in the Year 12 Future Me program will be taken into consideration when UOW and UOWC assesses course applications.
- Face-to-face and online subject resources to assist with the HSC.
- Assistance completing your post school admissions and UAC online applications.
- Mentoring to explore post-high school options, including higher education and pathways options based on your Year 12 academic performance.

There is no cost to students from Shoalhaven High School.

UOW Learning Labs

Years 1 - 10

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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/>

2023 Career Lessons

Years 9 and 10

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

Year 9 – Terms 1 and 4

Year 10 - Terms 2 and 3

Lessons on work expectations and preparation for work experience

Work Experience

Year 10 - Term 3 Week (4 to 8 Sept)

Year 9 - Term 4 Week 8 (27 Nov to 1 Dec)

Note: more specific work experience applications are required for

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

Year 10 also have opportunity to explore careers to assist in subject selection for senior school

Year 10 will finalise their subject selections for senior school in early Term 3.

Shoalhaven Productivity Bootcamp

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

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

Applications open now - see Careers for enrolment.

info@productivitybootcamp.com.au

Shoalhaven City Council Youth Advisory Committee

Provide the mechanism for youth to make representations to organisations and various spheres of Government requesting appropriate action to improve the facilities and services available to young people.

Employer, Shoalhaven City Council. (refer to SEEK or HVTC sites)

[Water Operations Traineeships - Shoalhaven Water](#)

- Located in Nowra (refer to SEEK or HVTC sites)
- Unleash your potential with these exciting Water Operations roles with HVTC Group and Host Employer, Shoalhaven City Council.

[Business Administration Traineeship - Shoalhaven Water](#)

- Located in Nowra (refer to SEEK or HVTC sites)
- Start your Business Administration career with a traineeship through HVTC Group & Host Employer, Shoalhaven Water

[Landscape Construction Apprenticeship](#)

- Sussex Inlet refer to <https://www.verto.org.au/careergate>

[Disability/Aged Care Support Worker Traineeship - Shoalhaven Region](#)

- At Apprenticeship Careers Australia - Wollongong
- (refer to SEEK site)

[Traineeship - Outdoor Education](#)

- At Trinity Grammar School (refer to SEEK site) Residential Traineeship- Outdoor Education. Picturesque South Coast Location. The Traineeship (paid) operates for one intensive year and involves working full time at our Field Studies Centre on the NSW South Coast.

[Trainee Parts Interpreter](#)

- At Palmira Holdings Enterprises Pty Ltd
- Nowra Toyota have a rare opportunity for a Trainee Parts Interpreter to join our team (refer to SEEK site)

[Administrative Support Officer](#)

- At Nowchem (refer to SEEK site)
- This is a part time job, flexible working hours, Traineeship available
- Play a valuable role by providing excellent administrative support, and being the connection between our laboratory, operations and compliance teams.

[Apprentice Mechanic](#)

- At JAX Tyres & Auto (refer to SEEK site)

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- Career growth opportunities through our industry leading training opportunities
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year automotive apprentices welcome
- A fabulous opportunity exists for a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th year automotive apprentice mechanic to join the team at JAX Tyres & Auto Nowra

[Casual & Part Time Jobs](#)

Nowra Fresh

- After school, weekends and holiday position
- Resume to Daniel at shop or dsennitt@nowrafresh.com

[Retail Assistant - Nowra / Vincentia / Bomaderry](#) - 15-25 hours p/w

- At Aldi stores
- This is a part time job
- Whether they're racing to fill shelves or scanning through customers, our Retail Assistants can do everything and anything.


[Casual Food, Beverage & Events Attendant](#)

- At Shoalhaven City Council (refer to SEEK site)
- This is a casual/vacation job, hourly Rate: \$31 - \$35 per hour + 10.5% Super
- Are you friendly, enthusiastic and customer service focused? Expand your hospitality and theatre experience by joining the Entertainment Centre team!

[Sales Assistant](#)

- At Bakers Delight Nowra Mall. This is a part time job (refer to SEEK site)
- Bakers Delight is Australia's leading bakery franchise brand, operating over 700 bakeries across 4 countries!

[Cafe Worker](#)

- At The Berry Chocolatier. This is a part time job (refer to SEEK site)
- Do you love chocolate? and great coffee? The Berry Chocolatier are looking for you. 

- At HR with Ease This is a Casual/Vacation job (refer to SEEK site)
- Weekend work - opportunity to boost the bank account
- Two locations available - Bomaderry and Shoalhaven Heads

- Great work hours are available for this position. (No weekends)
- All training will be provided onsite with the position open for an immediate start.
- Responsibilities include:
 - * Loading and unloading the delivery truck.
 - * Learning all about the Bandag Retreading process.
 - * Painting of tyres for them to be delivered.
- Please apply now by emailing resumes to emma@cookestyres.com.au

- Must have white card, relevant traffic control tickets, be able to drive a manual car. Must be able to attend early starts, work as part of a team, be presentable and be able to pass a drug and alcohol test. For further information call 040404 2211.

- Casual catering/ushering
- E-mail

<https://shoalhavencouncil.jobs.subscribe-hr.com/jobs/1682-shoalhaven-entertainment-centre-casual-food-beverage-events-attendant> or call 44295985

- Visit 1 27 April 2023
- Visit 2 31 October 2023

Permission notes and information will be distributed to students.

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



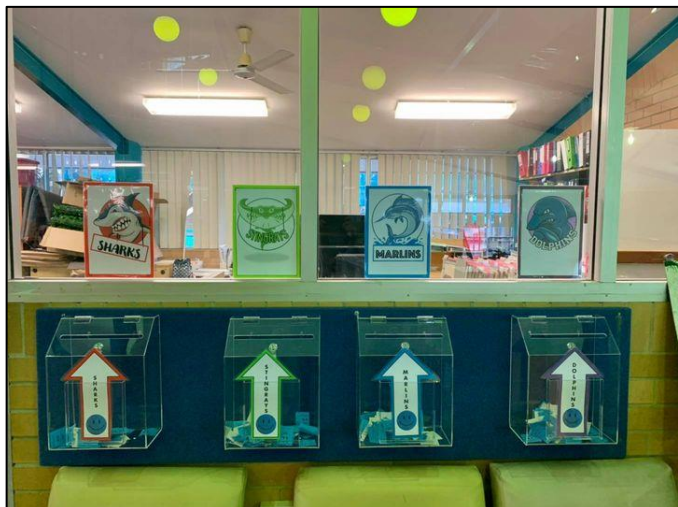
Shoalhaven High Year 7 Vaccination Day – Thursday 27th April 2023
Parent consent forms will be distributed during Term One

NSW Ministry of Health
ATTN: 92 697 896 630
51 North Sydney NSW 2060
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1 9000 Fax: (02) 9391 5101
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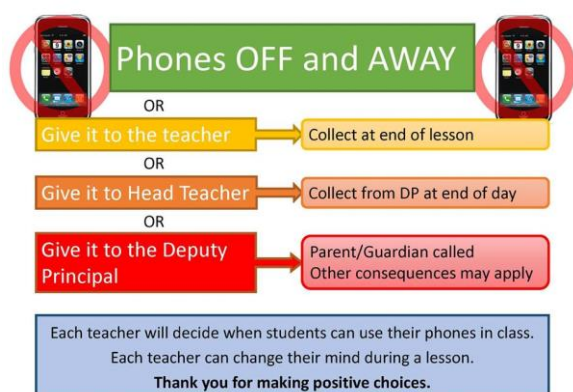
NEW BLUE SMILEY BOXES

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



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HOMEWORK CENTRE

Shoalhaven High School

Homework Centre





Our Homework Centre is back on for 2021!
All of our students are welcome.
What you need to know:

- It's on Monday and Wednesday
- From 3pm - 5pm
- It's in the Library
- \$1 for afternoon tea - cake and a juice or hot chocolate
- We have teachers here to help you with your study, homework and assignments
- You can use the computers and printer
- You can access our book collections for research

BREAKFAST CLUB


Breakfast Club is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is held at The Hub. 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

1. 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.
2. Students following teacher instructions, so that they are using devices appropriately during the lesson.
3. 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

1. 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.
2. Students not having 'lids ajar' on laptops, or not removing earphones when requested to do so by staff.
3. 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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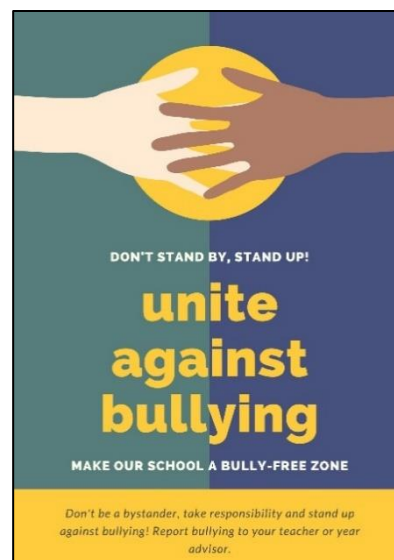
The Shoalhaven High School Uniform Policy is found on our School website under 'Our School' or click on the link

[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](#)



SHS UNIFORM SHOP



**OPEN DURING TERM
TIME:**

MONDAY AND THURSDAY

9AM - 1PM

EFTPOS OR CASH ONLY!


**STUDENT ASSISTANCE IS
AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE
PARENTS**

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?](#)



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Public Schools NSW

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

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

What are my legal responsibilities?

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

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

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time

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

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

What if my child has to be away from school?

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

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

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

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

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

Travel

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

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

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

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

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

- Prosecution in the Local Court

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

What age can my child leave school?

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

Working in Partnership

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

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

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

Policy, information and brochures

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

The school leaving age

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

For further advice contact

Educational services

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement and
Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5356

www.dec.nsw.gov.au




Do you need an interpreter?

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Agent C

Challenging fake news, conspiracy theories and online hate

- *Are you a school or youth service?
- *Are you worried about young people engaging with online fake news, misinformation and conspiracy theories?
- *Worried about the spread of racism and online hate?

We are inviting schools and youth services to participate in a FREE workshop program that will explore the emergence of online fake news and conspiracy theories with a focus on hateful and divisive narratives.

This program will give young people:

- ▶ Knowledge around fake news and conspiracy theories, in particular how to spot them and what you can do about it.
- ▶ Communication skills – learn to address complex and controversial topics in this area with the people around you.
- ▶ Networks and relationships – build connections with other like-minded young people who are passionate about this area.
- ▶ A better understanding of racism and hate.

- ▶ An understanding of social identity, power and privilege and how they impact on our relationship with fake news and conspiracy theories.
- ▶ Leadership skills – this will be an exciting opportunity to take part in workshops tackling some of the most current and important issues.

Eligibility for young people:

- Live in NSW.
- Be aged 14-21 (years 8-12 for students)
- Agree to attend 3 x 1.5 hour interactive workshops online (Zoom)
- Agree to take part in evaluation after the workshops

Training Details:

- 3 x 1.5 hour workshops online. Can be facilitated during school times or evenings and weekends (for youth services)
- Delivered by 2 expert facilitators. All facilitators have valid WWCCs.
- Multiple slots available throughout 2023. Find dates and times that work best for your school or youth service!

How to register:

- Get in touch to arrange a set of workshops for your school or youth service: agentc@alltogethernow.org.au

The Agent C project is funded by the NSW government through Multicultural NSW under its COMPACT program. It is led by All Together Now, in partnership with Headspace Compendown. All Together Now aims to prevent racism by promoting racial equity through education: <http://alltogethernow.org.au/>

CULBURRA DOLPHINS

Culburra Dolphins RLFC Registrations for 2023 are now open!

Are you aged between 5 and 16?

Do you want to play Tackle Football or League Tag?

If you answered yes, then register with the Culburra Dolphins or come along to our "Come & Try Day" on Monday 20th February 4pm at Crookhaven Oval.

To register go to www.playrugbyleague.com and follow the links.

Registration Costs: \$140.00 (\$40 with Active Kids Voucher)

Registration Includes: Shorts and Socks

For more information on registering message us on our Culburra Dolphins Junior Facebook page.






GET HOOKED ON HOCKEY

COME AND TRY

Shoalies are holding come try sessions every Tuesday at Bernie Regan.

If you know anyone who is interested in playing hockey or trying hockey for the first time please bring them along for some fun skill based activities and a chat.

Juniors, Seniors and Masters.

4:30pm - 5:30pm Minkies mixed U9's
5:30pm - 6:30pm Juniors mixed U11's, U13's & U15's
6:30pm - 7:30pm Senior Men's and Women's

Only equipment needed are a mouth guard, and shinpads. Sticks will be provided.

This year our juniors will only require one kids active voucher for payment as the remainder of fees will be subsidised.

Play to be social.
Play to get active.
Play for a challenge.
Play it your way



JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL



**Grab some friends and
come enjoy social netball!!**



WHERE: Bomaderry Indoor Sports Stadium, Bomaderry

WHEN: Term 1 Friday Nights – games starting from 4pm
Round 1 starts 10 February

AGE GROUPS: – Mixed Comp for 10 to 12 year olds
(Max 3 boys on court at one time)

– Girls Comp for 13 to 15 year olds
(Age is based upon how old you are on 31 December 2023)

COST: \$450 per team (Max of 12 players per team)
(All players must also be insured by either registering with your local club for the winter season or there is a \$70 insurance fee with Netball NSW which will cover all competitions until 31 December 2023 including twilight competition in Nov/Dec)

**To enter a team or if you are a player who would like to find a
team to join please email Sara - indoorsna@gmail.com
Beginners welcome!**

Join the Club
Fun, Friends, Fitness



Register Now

<https://tinyurl.com/3zv5k928>

Enquiries - 0431 391 364

northnowrabomaderrynetball@gmail.com



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NETBALL

REGISTER NOW WITH YOUR CLUB



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



Register On Line Now

www.playrugbyleague.com
or Bomaderry Swamp Rats Facebook Page

FOR BOYS Aged 5-16 years
GIRLS LEAGUE TAG Aged 6-16 years
GIRLS TACKLE Aged 12-16 years



GOOD
SPORTS
ACTIVE KIDS
REBATE
PROGRAM



Bomaderry Swamp Rats

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