

Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

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2023 Term 2 Week 4

Friday 19 May 2023

COMING EVENTS

22-23 May – Discovery Days
23 May – White Card Term 2
24 May – U14s Girls and Boys Futsal Championship
24 May – Perfect Presence Program
25 May – U16s Girls and Boys Futsal Championship
25 May – Macbeth Excursion
25 May – ADF Information Session
25 May – EDGE Job Readiness Workshop
25 May – P&C Meeting
26 May – Open Girls and Boys Futsal Championship
30 May – Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations
31 May – Perfect Presence Program
31 May – Netball Schools Cup
1 June - Domestic Violence Awareness Gala Day
2 June – Year 12 Science Workshops
2 June – Zone Athletics Carnival
6 June – UOW Future Finders Day
7 June – Tourism and Hospitality Experience
7 June – Perfect Presence Program
8 June – Regional Cross Country
14-15 June – Coondoo Classic
14 June - Perfect Presence Program

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A very warm welcome back to all our staff, students and the wider community for the commencement of Term 2.

All Shoalhaven High School staff participated in Cultural Awareness training on our Staff Development Day, 24 April 2023. This day helped our staff gain a deeper understanding of our local Aboriginal culture and histories around the Shoalhaven Area. Our staff were most appreciative and excited to be part of this learning journey. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Jason Groves (Local Aboriginal Lands Council), Joel Deaves (Smoking Ceremony), Chrissie Blakney, Auntie Pat and Leanne Martin for their organisation and acceptance of our staff that made

this day a huge success and benefit to our staff at Shoalhaven High School. A special thanks for allowing us to spend this day at the Bomaderry Homes. It made it more insightful and of significant importance.

During the first week of school, we paid respect for those who have fallen during our ANZAC assembly. Mr Dolby organised a fitting service and celebration for those who paid the ultimate price. Our students were exceptionally respectful during the assembly making it a huge success.

It has been a fantastic start to Term 2 with our annual Harry Schooler Fun Run and our Athletics Carnival being held during the first 2 weeks. We had great participation from all our students and a fun day was had by all. I would like to congratulate Mr McNeil and our Open Girls for their 2 victories so far this year. Well done to Mr McNeil and all the girls for this fantastic effort. Our U/14 teams also play this Wednesday so I would also like to wish them good luck in their games. Last Friday our cross-country athletes returned to Willandra Farm to compete in Zone Cross Country carnival. All these athletes performed exceptionally well, and winners will be announced at our next assembly, along with age champions from our recent athletics carnival.

As COVID-19 is still present in our community, I would like to remind you that we are continuing our COVID-smart measures to help minimise the risk transmission. As the weather cools down, the impact of COVID infections may affect the operational structures of the school. We will communicate these changes (if required) to all our students, parents and the wider community if the need arises. In the meantime, we can all help by:

- Staying at home and testing for COVID-19 if showing any symptoms.
- Notifying the school of any positive COVID test so flexible attendance and learning from home can occur.

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If our staffing is significantly affected by COVID and classes cannot be covered there may be times where cohorts may need to learn from home for a short period of time. Advanced notice will be given, and work provided through the online platform of Google Classroom.

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](#)

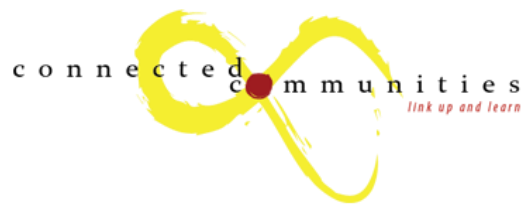
As the weather begins to cool off, I would like to remind all families that we are a proud uniform school. Please ensure your son/daughter has correct winter uniform as the weather changes. Any student out of uniform will be required to bring a note and present it to all their teachers. Year Advisors will speak to students consistently out of uniform and for persistent issues it will be the Deputy Principals. Students may face disciplinary consequences for persistent defiance. Wearing our school uniform ensures the safety of all students and staff, instils a sense of pride and sense of belonging. If any students are in need of financial assistance for uniform, please contact the school. I thank you for your continued support with our uniform.

I would also like to extend an invitation to the wider school community to express an interest in joining our Local School Reference Group (LSRG). This group provides an opportunity for our Aboriginal Community to share in our students' educational journey. As part of the Connected Communities Strategy each school establishes their own LSRG that will meet twice a term. The make-up of our LSRG includes- AECG President (Chair), P&C Representative (Vice Chair), 2 community members or elders and 2 parent representatives. We are having an establishment meeting Thursday 18 May at 2:30pm in the Shoalhaven High School meeting room. Please come to the front office to sign in.

To all our new and existing families, our P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 25 May- Week 5. The meeting will take place in the front office 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 the education journey.

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With Thanks,
Damian Rees
Executive Principal
Connected Communities
Shoalhaven High School



ATTENDANCE

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

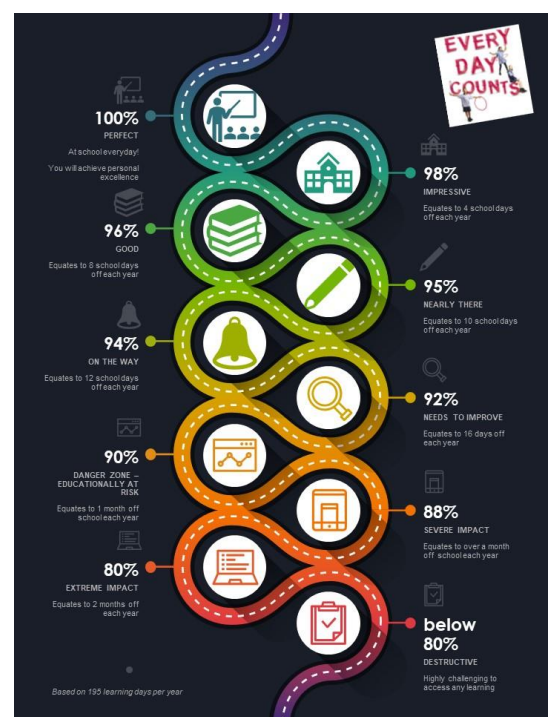
You have 7 days to explain an absence. If you do not contact the school within 7 days, the absence will be marked as unjustified and cannot be changed. This will affect your child's overall attendance.

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?



SHS ANZAC CEREMONY



ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

Callala Beach



Culburra Beach



Greenwell Point



Sussex Inlet



LANDCARE

SHS Landcare students worked at Nowra East Public School during sports to connect and care for country. They will be working each week throughout the local area with smiles on their faces!



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VET CONSTRUCTION

As part of the construction course students have been learning skills associated with kitchen and bathroom tiling. In the new TAS outdoor learning space, Mr Buchan has setup mock walls for pairs of students to demonstrate their ability to measure, cut and lay tiles. Providing an extra challenge, student had to mark, measure and cut around fixture piping that would normally be present in some of these spaces.



TAS YICTE CHALLENGE

As part of Aspire, students of 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. From this, two teams were selected and have entered the Young ICT Explorer Challenge which involves teams using STEM and ICT skills to build a functional prototype, run experiments to test and reporting back on their findings.

Congratulations to Noah S, Sammi H and William L-F (Project Fire Ball) and Jorja A, Luca H, Jackson H and Ripley V D (Project Swipe and Wipe). Both teams were selected for their excellent research and presentation.

TAS Year 9-12

A reminder that materials fees for all TAS subjects are due this term.



YOUTH LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

In conjunction with Bunnings, Rotary and PCYC our Year 9 boys completed a 4-week Youth Life Skills Program.



LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT HUB - DJAGULA.

Through Connected Communities, Shoalhaven High School now has a brand-new Learning & Engagement Hub called Djagula. This is a wonderful space for individual and small group activities.

We are still waiting for a few resources (Like the internet!) but look forward to an official opening soon. Watch our video by clicking on the link.

<https://bcove.video/3Wd8DZW>



YEAR 9 VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION

Year 9 Visual Arts students travelled to Wollongong today to participate in an artist talk with Christopher Zanko at Egg and Dart gallery. Students have been exploring the theme of Urban and Suburban art this year, looking at how artists create artworks in response to their environment. A beautiful day was had by all!



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH

This is the girls league tag team doing stand-up paddleboarding at Minnamurra. It is part of the Domestic Violence Month. Ladies from Waminda and Police from PCYC also joined to talk about domestic violence

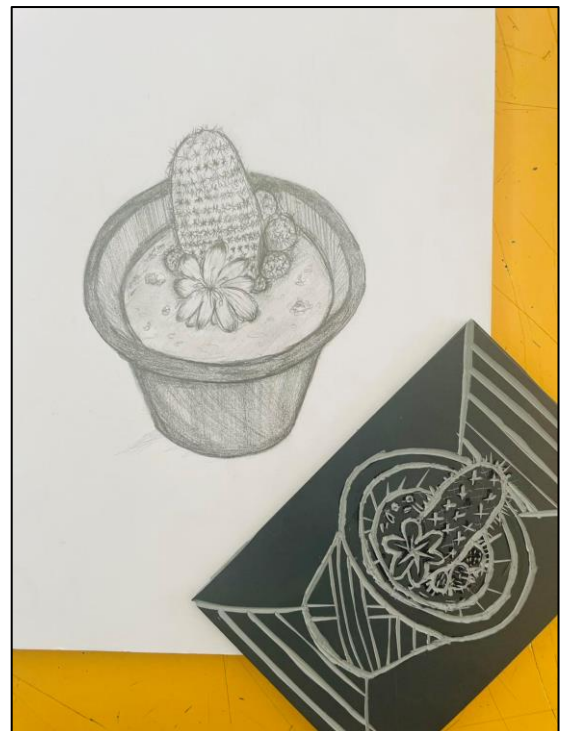
The month of May is about educating and supporting students and families who have or are experiencing domestic violence and getting behind the discussion around women's health – as well as family and domestic violence – in the lead up to the inaugural White Ribbon Cup next month, run by [South Coast Police District](#), [NRL](#) and Group 7. The girls will be playing on 1 June at Bomaderry.



YEAR 9 VISUAL ARTS

Year 9 Visual Arts students have been exploring the theme of Urban and Suburban art, examining how artists respond to the developed world through their art making. Through the platform of the Structural Frame students have developed their painting, drawing, collage and lino printing skills.

What beautiful works they have created!!





PLAIN ENGLISH SPEAKING COMPETITION

Piper and Rune proudly represented Shoalhaven High School at the 'Plain English Speaking Competition' held at Oxley College, Burradoo.



NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already

available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured.

All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.



STEER SPECTACULAR

School Steer Spectacular completed.

We won a 1st place and a 3rd place.

We are all exhausted, but very proud of our achievements.



CLONTAFF MORNING TEA

The Shoalhaven Academy would like to inform you about the wonderful event that took place in the Clontarf Academy room. The Academy provided a Mother's Day morning tea to honour the female figures in the lives of the students. It was a heart-warming event, and we wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude to Woolworths for generously providing all the food, which was greatly appreciated by all our guests.

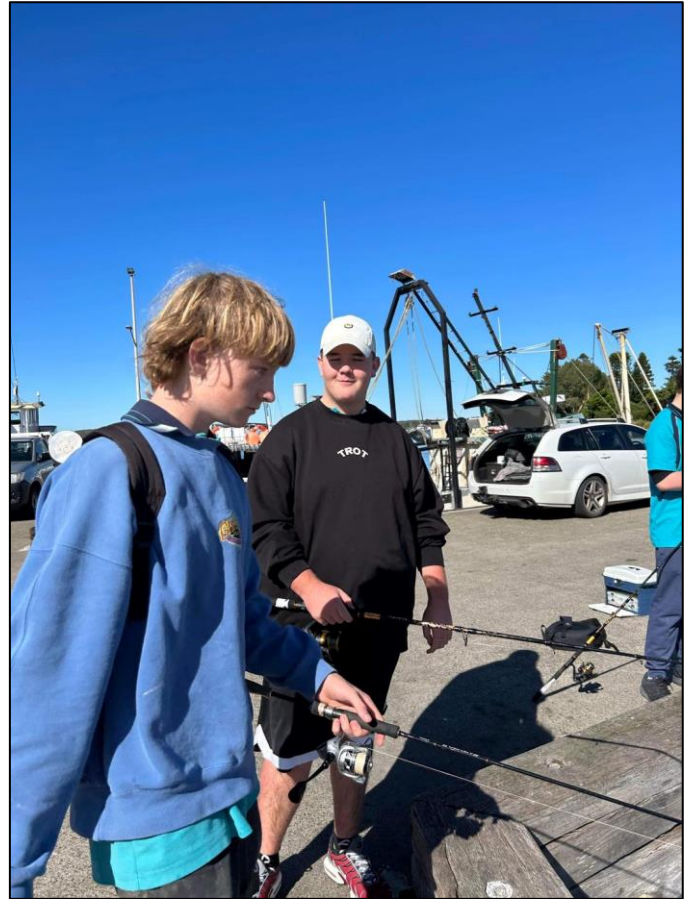
The students were beaming with pride as they helped serve tea, coffee, cakes and hot food to their special person. It was truly a heartening sight to see the boys thoroughly enjoying themselves while making special memories with their loved ones.

We want to express our utmost gratitude to Woolworths for being a part of making this event a resounding success. Your support has allowed us to provide an unforgettable experience to the students and their families.



MARINE STUDIES

Marine Studies students enjoyed a sunny morning at Greenwell Point at the end of last term, and the fish were biting. So far the girls have caught the most fish - so we will need a rematch this term!



YEAR 12 MARINE STUDIES

Year 12 Marine Studies enjoyed a day in Sydney earlier this year exploring the Maritime Museum and the Sydney Aquarium. It was a great day out with plenty of smiling and lots of learning.





SRC – The Lyrebird Latest by the Shoaly Scribblers

Harmony Day

Each year on the 21 March in Australia is Harmony Day. It is a government-declared observance day. It is, however, now celebrated as Harmony week, running from the Monday to the Sunday. It commemorates how Australia has become multicultural and inclusive. It began in 1999, and communities and schools all across the country celebrate this joyous occasion. Orange has become the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. It signifies social communications and meaningful conversations, as well as freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Shoalhaven High School celebrated with an exciting lunchtime, run by the SRC. There was a sausage sizzle, harmony inspired Kahoot and a paper chain of Harmony Day related words and drawings. There was also a frame that went around the school that people could take photos in, showing their love and appreciation for this day. Overall it was a very successful day, and allowed people to reflect on their life and connections with others

By Piper N (Yr 10 SRC Representative)



Harry Scouller Fun Run - School Cross Country

By Paige W (Yr 10 SRC representative)

The Harry Scouller Memorial Fun Run. The fun started as we jumped off the bus to sit at the stadium seats, starring Mr McNeil hosting the races. I walked around watching many excited and enthusiastic kids supporting each other with fun coloured dress up.



The day brightened every minute as we waited for the races to start, the canteen was prepared by the lucky seniors so the line was filled. Then the first race started, as the year 7s flew a bunch of kids cheered for them. Mr McNeil and his microphone humbled the crowd with his great hosting skills, the winner of the first race had ensured to show us older ones their running skills at the finish line. 2km of sweet joy.



4km of the 14s and 15s boys with the 16s and 17s girls joining the fun, flying with shark power the big mascot of the sharks (Bruce) disappearing without a

trace. The students clapped as these boys and girls ran.



Finishing our competitive races the 16s and 17s boys started their 6km run, we were stoked to see what they had in store in speed and elegance. Let's just say we were not disappointed. The day flew with power, after that elegant victorious race our favourite part of the day had commenced. The fun run. Raising awareness of epilepsy memorializing Harry Scouller, a teenage boy taken from us too early. An awesome way to showcase our jogging



skills.

I watched as the fun started, kids running down the stairs to line up for the run. Jogging, Running, smiling and dancing juniors. That 2km enchanted the evening, after our stride to finish running back to the bus. Enjoyable and awesome day even if we all didn't join in we still supported the teams that did join in supporting our school houses.

SPORT

Maddison Harris

Congratulations to this amazing sportsperson- Maddison Harris. Not only did she make the South Coast Soccer Team 3 weeks ago, last week she headed to the South Coast Touch Trials where she was selected in the team. An amazing achievement for Mads. SHS is so proud of you



Soccer

Congratulations to Maddy Harris and Anabella Pinkard, who for the last three days have been playing for the South Coast Opens Girls Football team at the



CHS football trials. The South Coast team came 6th overall out of 12 teams. The girls should be so proud of their performances as members of the team

Fun Run

Congratulations to the following students who were named age champions for the Harry Scouler Fun Run. Students were awarded their certificates at Monday's assembly:

U12 girls and boys- Kaileigh G, Eli C

U13 girls and boys- Myra B, Jakai T

U14 girls and boys- Indee P, Zac C

U15 girls and boys- Chevon B and Yusuf E

U16 girls and boys- Giorjet P and Lincon B

17s girls and boys- Anabella P and Lucas S

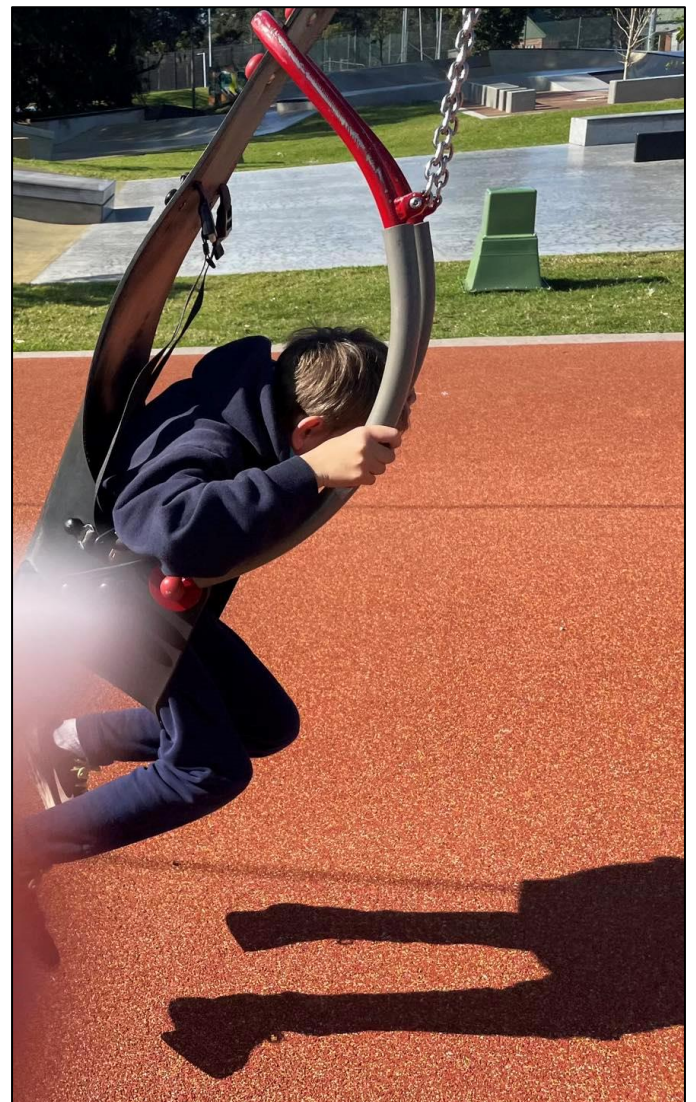
Well done to Lincon B who will be awarded the Harry Scouler Perpetual Trophy at the end of year award ceremony for his overall winning of the 6km event.

Congratulations also to SHARKS who were the winning house on the day.



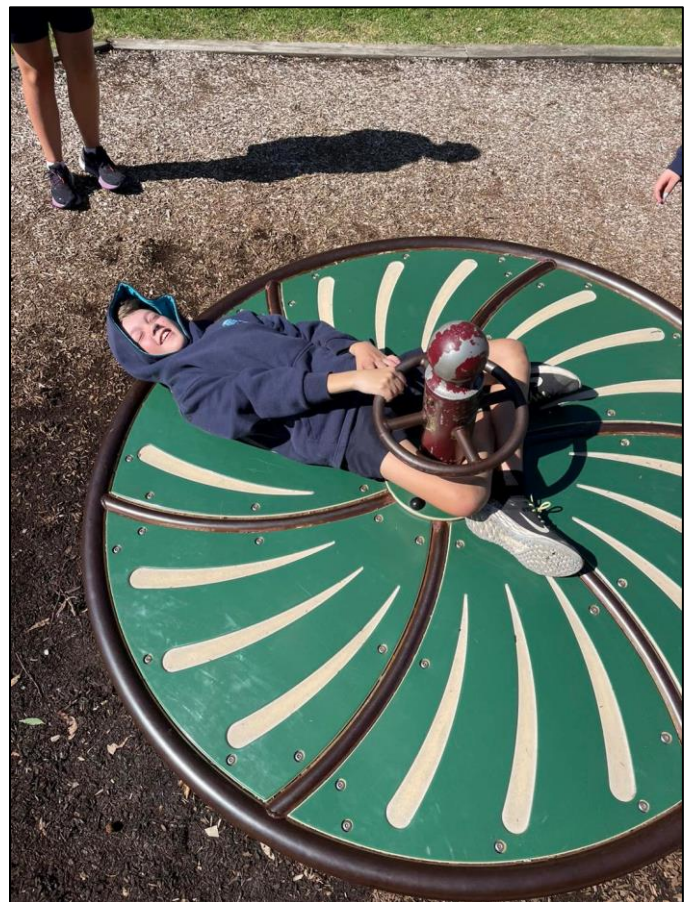
Sport at Berry Nature Playground

Students loving Berry's new Nature Playground during sport today, highly recommended by all!



Sport at Marriott Park

Some of the students soaking up the sunshine at Marriott Park for sport today.



CAREERS

Careers Expo



Careers in Nursing



UOW Learning Labs

Years 1 - 10

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

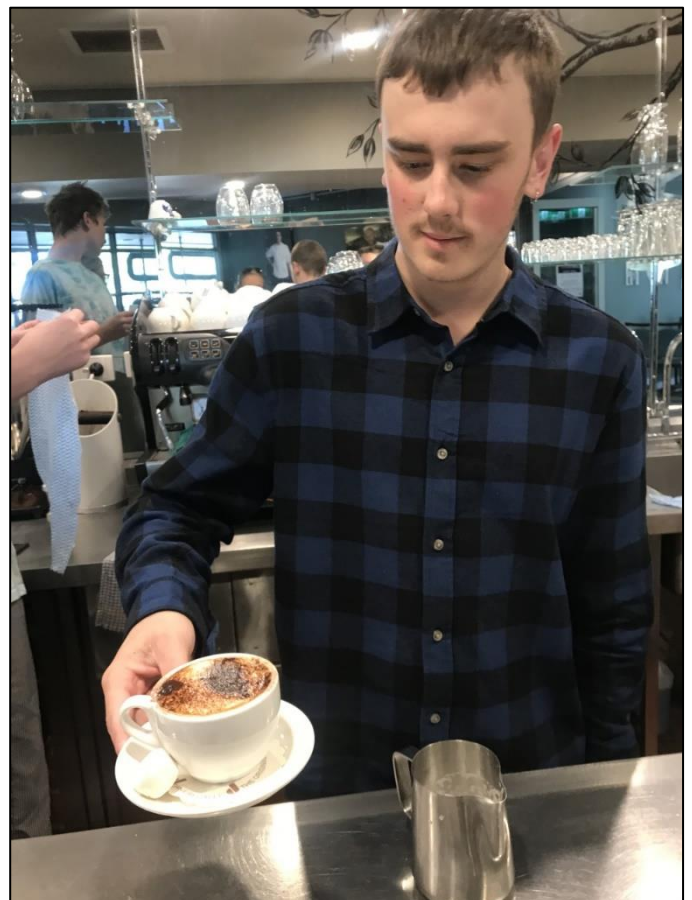
Learning Labs is an academic and creative arts enrichment program for high-achieving students from Year 1 to Year 10. Learning Labs offers one- or two-day workshops during the school holidays that cover numerous interest areas.

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

TAFE – one day per week courses for Term 2

These are available to students over 15 years.

- Introduction to Sports Medicine - Monday
- Introduction to Beauty - Tuesday
- Early Childhood Education and Care - Tuesday
- Introduction to Hospitality and Cookery Friday
- Café Skills – Wednesday





TAFE – one day per week courses for Term 3
Expression of interest closes 25 May.
These are available to students over 15 years.

- Introduction to Sports Medicine - Monday
- Introduction to Beauty - Tuesday
- Early Childhood Education and Care – Tuesday
- Introduction to Design, Graphics and Web Design – Wednesday
- Retail Skills – Wednesday
- Introduction to Maritime Skills - Wednesday

Rural Fire Training

Monday to Wednesday 15 to 17 May
Year 10 and 11 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
No cost and bus transport from and to school

WHS (white card)) Construction induction course

Tuesday 23 May
\$80 (\$100 less \$20 subsidised by school)

Australian Defence Force Visit

Thursday 25 May Period 6

ADF are available to discuss career pathways in ADF to all students and staff during short break

Bricklaying Trade Training with TAFE teacher

Tues 6 to Thurs 8 June

Learn bricklaying skills with a TAFE teacher doing a project at school. No cost

Careers in Hospitality, Cookery and Tourism

Wed 7 June

11 students can participate in a day of events involving hospitality, cookery and tourism at CUPITTS RESTURANT at Milton
Bus provided No cost

First Aid

Monday and Tuesday 4 and 5 December
\$65 (\$85 less \$20 subsidised by school)

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)

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.

To give young people experience in Local Government and community affairs.

To create greater awareness and appreciation within the general community of the needs and talents of young people.

To provide a mechanism for young people to address youth issues themselves.

We are seeking interested Year 10 students to represent in 2023.

Pool Life Guarding Course

Mon 31 July – Wed 2 August

The Pool Lifeguard and First Aid Course is an Educational Pathways Program (EPP) conducted by Royal Life Saving Society Illawarra and Shoalhaven City Council.

The course will be held at Bay & Basin Leisure Centre Vincentia and Vincentia High School. Students MUST be aged 16 or above at the time of training.

Expression of Interest application closes 9th June

<https://forms.gle/ShvY7d69UKVvfTNv8>

Apprenticeship and Traineeship Headstart Programs for Term 3

Automotive Must be 15 years Nowra – Bomaderry TAFE

(Note: SHS Year 11 who have final Year 11 exams at this time)

11- 21 September 8 days (Monday to Thursday only – NOT Fridays)

Supported by Apprenticeship Careers Australia and Jenny Hirst

Civil Construction Must be 16 years Ulladulla – Dunn Lewis Centre

8th – 11 August 4 days (Tuesday to Friday)

Supported by HTN and Glenn Maybury

Expression of Interest close on Friday 23 June

<https://forms.gle/xWrpU6dgAFWrvbb49>

Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Jobs

Many full time, part time and casual positions are currently available in the Shoalhaven.

To find them

- Register and check daily with ADZUNA and SEEK apps
- Facebook – Shoalhaven Jobs
- South Coast Register
- Shop windows and promotions
- Business websites such as Coles, Woolworths, KFC, McDonalds

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

- Does it include your personal details?

University Information for Students and Parents

Refer to websites of specific universities.

University of Sydney

Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

Thurs 22 June 5- 6.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/meet-the-university-of-sydney-nowra-2023-tickets-546609101537>

University of Wollongong

UOW Information Evening

Shoalhaven Campus

Wed 24 May 5.30pm - 7.30pm

More information and registration on the link

https://uow_srd.swoogo.com/infoevenings2023

UOW Early Entry

19 June to 11 August

<https://www.uow.edu.au/early-admission/>

UOW will visit Shoalhaven High during tutorial on Wednesday 21 June

Year 11 Future Me – UOW Online Mentoring

5 week program is one afternoon per week (Monday or Tuesday) from 7 August to 4 September
An exclusive opt-in online mentoring program for students to receive insight into skills that will enhance their senior school experience and guide them on their post-school pathways. Current University of Wollongong student mentors will host these sessions and answer all of your questions about life after high school!

Mentors take student interests into consideration as they deliver the program. Some topics include exam preparation tips, strategies for pursuing goals after high school, resume building skills, and a peek into life as a uni student.

Applications are open

<https://uow.swoogo.com/Y11Mentoring>

Early in Term 3 Year 10 students will select subjects for Senior Years

- Explore career paths and subjects in Career lessons and with Year Advisor

All year 10 students can find information from many career paths which will assist in selecting subjects for Year 11 and 12 and future career decisions.

Attending will be businesses, TAFE, University of Wollongong and information on traineeships, apprenticeships and school-based traineeships.

Term 3

- Workshops and parent/carers information sessions at school plus

Student/ parents/carers are encouraged to investigate opportunities at TAFE NSW Virtual Subject Selection Information Sessions for Parents/Caregivers and Students - Southern NSW.

Topics covered in the sessions will include:

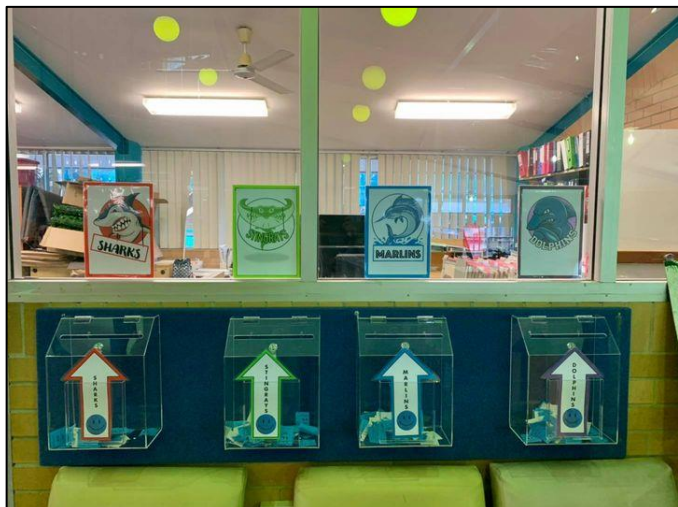
- TVET courses, types of courses and how they relate to the HSC
- Work Placement
- Pathway options to further study and a career
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships
- Attendance at TAFE
- Reporting to schools
- TAFE NSW website – how to navigate the TVET Guide and further information
- Next steps for a TVET or SBAT course in 2023
- Q&A Session

Date	Link
Thursday 25 May 2023 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm	Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting
Tuesday 6 June 2023 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm	Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting
Wednesday 21 June 2023 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm	Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting
Monday 3 July 2023 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm	Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting
Wednesday 19 July 2023 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm	Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting



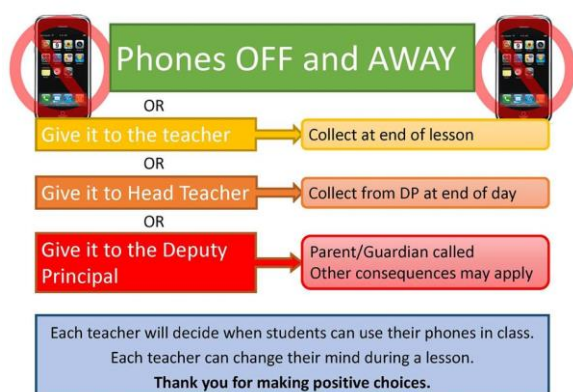
NEW BLUE SMILEY BOXES

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



PHONES OFF AND AWAY

Shoalhaven High School has updated its rules for student use of mobile phones. Students have been given several weeks of advance notice by the Principal Mr Rees and staff, so compliance is expected from students.



HOMEWORK CENTRE

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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 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

- 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.

SHS UNIFORM SHOP



**OPEN DURING TERM
TIME:**

MONDAY AND THURSDAY

9AM - 1PM

EFTPOS OR CASH ONLY!

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE IS
AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE
PARENTS**

The uniform shop is open every Monday and Thursday, 8am to 12pm, during school term.

The uniform shop is looking to increase its volunteer pool for orientation and the special January hours next year.

You will receive a \$20 store credit for every hour you volunteer.

If you are interested or know someone who is, please email Cassie at shoalhaven@daylightcorp.com

UNIFORM POLICY

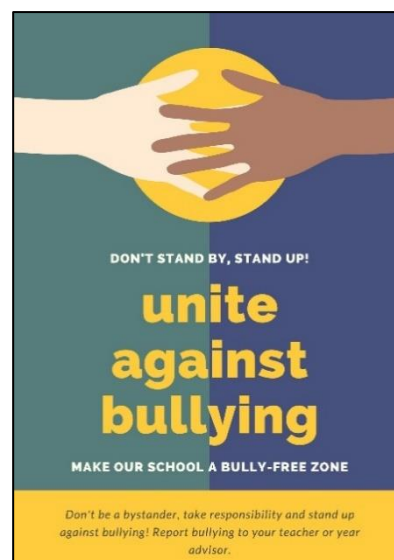
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[2020 Uniform Policy](#)

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 passw



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Education &
Communities

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.





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.

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

<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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