

Shoalhaven High School - Newsletter

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2023 Term 2 Week 8

Friday 16 June 2023

COMING EVENTS

20 June – Eurobodalla Netball Carnival
21-23 June – Clontarf Top Attenders Camp
28 June – Student Leadership Excursion
30 June – Parent/Teacher Interviews
30 June - Last day of Term 2
17 July – Staff Development Day
18 July – Students return to school
24 July – Clontarf Senior Footy Trials
25 July – Just Live on Stage Andy Griffiths
27 July – Sam Bremner Girls Tackle
28 July – Bluescope Visit

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we draw nearer to the end of Term 2 and midway through the year, things just seem to speed up for our staff and students at Shoalhaven High School.

Our staff have been kept very busy on the reporting front this term. All staff have been finalising assessments and grades ready to report on the students' progress midway through the Year. All students' reports will be either printed (for those families who requested them) and published on the Sentral Parent Portal by the Tuesday afternoon of Week 10 - 27 June 2023. Please have a very close read of your child's report and use the interview booking through our Sentral parent portal, so you can attend our parent/teacher interviews on Friday 30 June. I strongly encourage all parents/carers and students to take time to attend these interviews so you can talk with staff about how your child is progressing and how we can work together as a partnership to ensure all students achieve their potential at school. Please note that on Friday 30 June 2023, there will be no normal classes for students. Interviews will begin at 8:30am in the school hall and will conclude at 12:30pm. This is followed by a whole school staff meeting. A

Community Day Event is also running on this day with our Clontarf Academy running activities on the oval and basketball courts. Please check in with our SLSO on arrival to the interviews so we ensure all parents/carers can access their child's school information through the Sentral Parent Portal.

We held our Zone Athletics Carnival on site in Week 6 this term. We had our 6 Zone schools attend for day of fun and competition. Any students who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their events will have qualified for the regional carnival to be held in Canberra early next term. Our students were great competitors and role models throughout the day. I would also like to praise our student helpers throughout the day. I have received great and positive feedback about these students from staff across the zone for their help, attitude and behaviour throughout the day. A great example of what our students are capable of. A special thank you to Ms Aird for her organisation of the carnival and our support unit for running the canteen on the day.

A friendly reminder that we are a uniform school. As the weather changes and the temperatures drop, we would like to remind parents/carers and students about the uniform procedures at school. Navy blue hoodies are acceptable if they have no logos printed all over them the same for tracksuit pants. Undershirts that are the same colour as our uniform are also acceptable for added warmth. If a student is out of uniform, they will be required to present a note to their teacher at the start of each lesson so they are not marked out of uniform. Students persistently failing to follow these procedures will have contact with Year Advisors to help in accessing uniform. Students present in uniform increase the safety of everybody on the school site.

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I wish all students, staff, parents and carers a safe and relaxing holiday break. All students return on Tuesday 18 July.

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



Dear Parent/Carers,
Parent/Teacher Day for Year 7 to 12 is on Friday 30 June 2023 (last day of Term) in the school hall from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

There will no normal classes for the day BUT we invite you to bring your student/s with you for interviews. This morning allows parents and staff the opportunity to meet.

Appointment for interviews can be made through the parent portal at

<https://shoalhavenhs.sentral.com.au/portal>

If an appointment cannot be made, please simply turn up and we will arrange for you to meet the teacher.

All staff will be available throughout the morning.

Please contact the school on 02 4421 8022 if you cannot make it on the day but would still like an interview.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY YOU SHOULD NOT MISS.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

ATTENDANCE

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

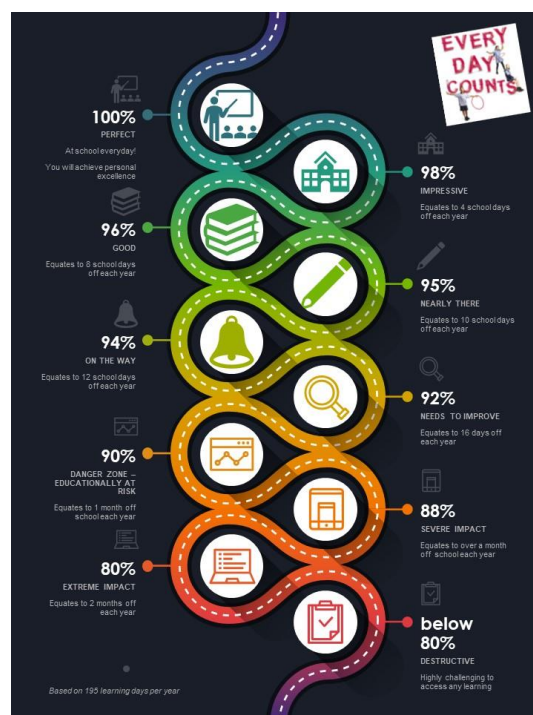
You have 7 days to explain an absence. If you do not contact the school within 7 days, the absence will be marked as unjustified and cannot be changed. This will affect your child's overall attendance.

How do you contact the school?

There are several ways:

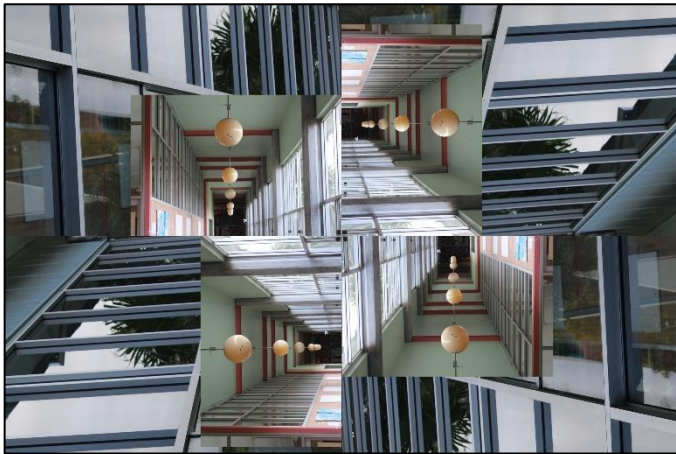
- Phone 02 44218022
- Email shoalhaven-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Log on to the portal
- Send a note with the student when they return.

Do you know what your child's percentage is?



YEAR 12 PHOTOGRAPHY

Talented Year 12 Photography student, Alexander Bates, has created these fabulous Kaleidoscope images. He has manipulated photos taken around the school by layering, flipping and rotating images using Photoshop.



NAIDOC WRITING COMPETITION 2023

Entry forms can be collected from the English faculty.

Entries close 26 June 2023.

FOR OUR ELDERNS
2-9 JULY 2023

prizes to be won!

**Shoalhaven High School
NAIDOC Writing Competition
2023**

Complete an imaginative writing piece using this year's NAIDOC theme 'For Our Elders'.

Entry forms can be collected from the English faculty.

Three Categories:
Years 7 - 9
Years 10 - 11
Staff

**Entries close Friday
26th June 2023**

DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Day #1 was a blast. Thank you to all the wonderful Year 6 students who came to enjoy all the amazing things our school has to offer.

Students enjoyed lessons in Agriculture, PE, Food Technology and Drama and some groups even got to tour the library. We hope you all had a great time!

Day 2. Thanks to all the amazing students who attended on Day 2. We had a lot of fun!! We participated in Woodwork, Drama, Music, PE, Science and Art!

We loved hosting all our local primary schools and cannot wait to teach you guys next year.





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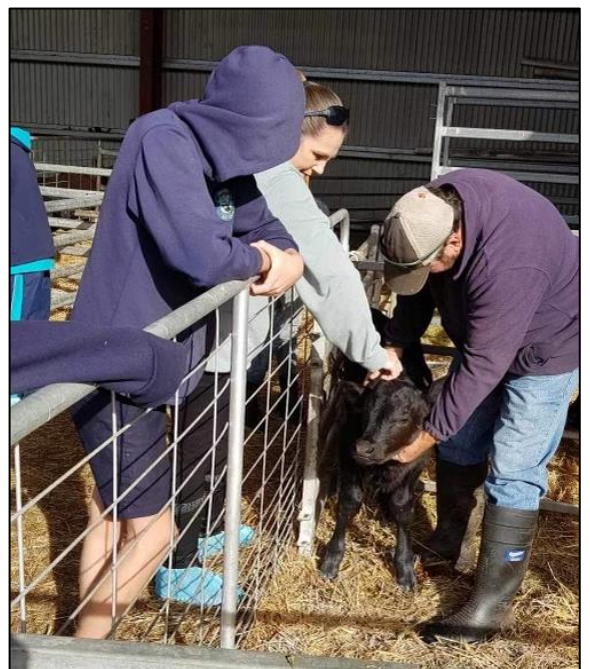
PARK ROAD

Park Road students cooked up a storm in the kitchen this week. Delectable vanilla lunchbox cakes with butter cream icing.



IO DAIRY FARM VISIT

The junior and senior IO classes had the opportunity to visit Chittick's robotic dairy farm where we enjoyed milkshakes made with fresh milk straight from the cows. We then enjoyed the sunshine and a play at the park.



IO FOODWORKS EXCURSION

Students in the IO Junior and IO Senior classes had the opportunity to talk to a local grocery store, Foodworks Worrigeer. They were exposed to the inner workings of how produce is delivered, stored and presented. They also had the experience of what it would be like to work at the store, baking cookies, scanning groceries, paying for items and counting change. All students showed respect and behaved beautifully.



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BELL SHAKESPEARE

Bell Shakespeare visited to perform 'Such Sweet Sorrow'. Their own rendition of Shakespeare's famous story of two star crossed lovers, 'Romeo and Juliet'. Thanks to the wonderful performers for bringing this incredible play to life and engaging our students in a true classic.



FUTURE FINDER

Nineteen Year 10 students attended the Future Finder careers expo at UOW Shoalhaven. It was a great opportunity for students to start thinking about their future career goals and start laying the stepping stones to path their way to the HSC and beyond.



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.



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We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 20 June 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

What this means for you

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 13th June 2023.
- Last day to make cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments will be close of business on Tuesday 13th June 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

SRC – The Lyrebird Latest by the Shoaly Scribblers

Trivia

Every Tuesday Week B at long break in the Drama Studio SRC has been organising and hosting Trivia. These trivia breaks are to give our students something fun to interact with. So far we have completed a Disney theme and Marvel themed trivia, learning and discovering new things about organising in school activities. We want to advertise, promote our school SRC for the year 7s or older to join and we want to encourage other kids to have a voice in our school. The trivia consist of 3 rounds of 10 questions, we try for 5 different groups, the groups grow and change each B week. Suggestions are always appreciated and acknowledged. The next theme will be General Knowledge, bring your friends!

By Paige Williams



Just because you are not in the SRC, doesn't mean you don't have a say in changes you wish to see in the school. The SRC meet every Tuesday in A11 or the Drama studio. If you have concerns you wish to raise, come and see us! Alternatively, speak to one of your SRC members or make a suggestion in our SRC

suggestion box. This can be found in the English foyer. Let's make a difference as one!

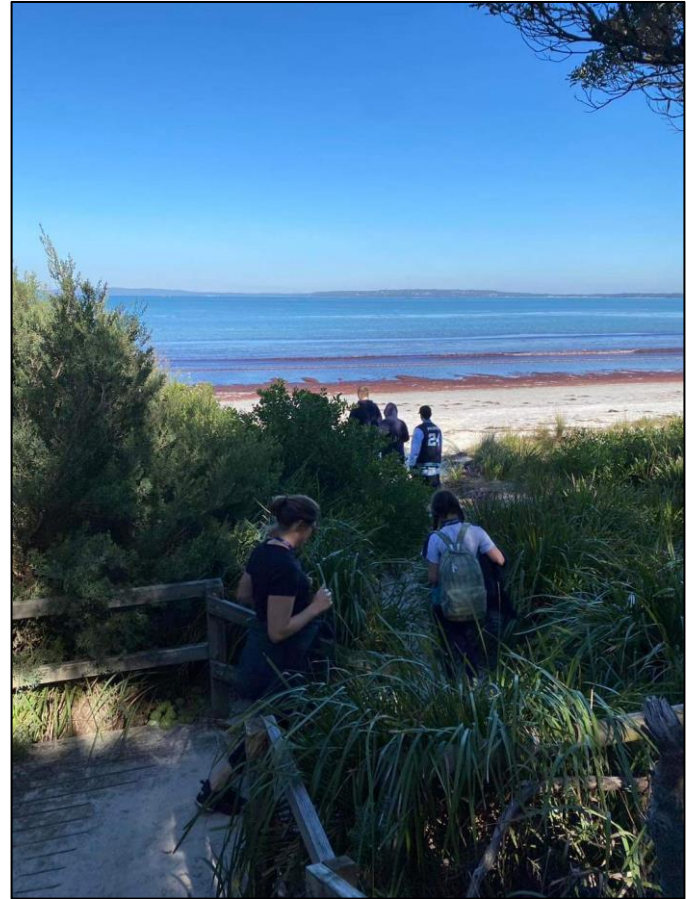
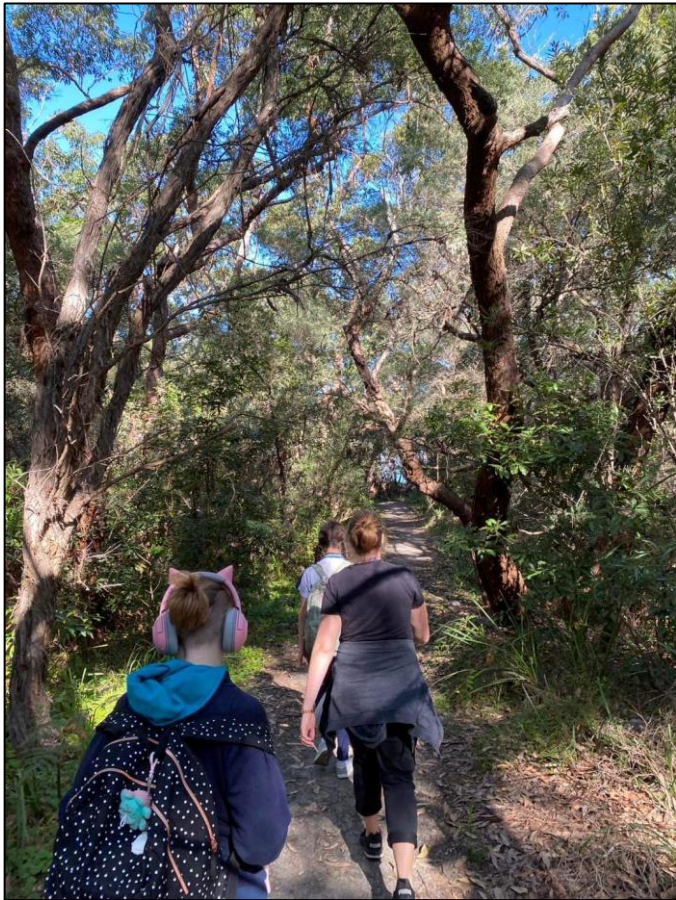


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SPORT

Bushwalking

Our Bushwalkers enjoyed the perfect weather and beautiful scenery during sport yesterday.



White Ribbon Day

On 1 June, we had a girls and boys team attend the annual White Ribbon Inaugural Gala Day. The day was about promoting awareness of domestic violence. Our students competed against Nowra High, Vincentia High and Bomaderry High, in rugby league and league tag. A big thank you to Group 7 Junior Rugby League and the South Coast Police District for putting on the day.

There was plenty of successes on the day with the boy's team winning the trophy, after going undefeated 🏆 well done to Amelia, Jordan, Tanesha, Leilani, Noah, Ethan, Yusuf and Luke who were all selected in the merit team- with Luke being selected as the captain for the boys team

Our students were presented their White Ribbon Cup jerseys by NSW Police.



Year 9 and 10 PASS

Year 9 and 10 PASS out enjoying tenpin bowling for their double! This term students are looking at activities for fun with tenpin being the first of many. Thank you to Shoalhaven City Lanes for always having our students and providing such a good atmosphere with the music and light show!



Regional Futsal Championship

Last week saw Shoalhaven High take an Under 14 Boys and Open Girls team to the Regional Futsal Championship in Berkley. The boys did a great job, as for most of them, this was their first time playing Futsal. They ended the day with a win. Friday saw the Open Girls do a tremendous job in reaching the final, unfortunately going down in Golden Goal. They will go on to the State Championships later in the year.



Futsal for Sport

We had an intense game of futsal during sport.
Impressive competition and great sportsmanship!



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Zone Cross Country

On Friday 19 May, Shoalhaven High had about 40 students attend the Zone Cross Country at Willandra. There were some outstanding results and excellent participation in what was a beautiful sunny day



CAREERS

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/>

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.

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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/ShY7d69UKVvfTNv8>

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/xWrp6dgAFWrvbb49>

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

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>

Starting next week, UOW, in partnership with InspirationEd is offering free HSC Support sessions either online (starting next week) or in person (starting 3 July). These free sessions will be hosted by us, but *presented by experienced HSC markers*. More information and registration is at bit.ly/uowhscsupport23



UOW Early Entry

Early Admission applications open on Monday 19 June. The online application will be essentially the same as last year's. A significant difference though is that there will be no interviews or any sort of in-person engagements. Our faculties have facilitated Early Admission for a very long time and have reached a place where they're confident to make offers based on the information supplied in the students' application. Applications will open June 19 at the [UOW Early Admission website](#) and will close August 11. 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 Respect, Responsibility, Safety & Participation

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>

Year 10 Subject Selection

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

Term 2

- Explore career paths and subjects in Career lessons and with Year Advisor
- Attend Year 10 Future Me Careers Day at Shoalhaven UOW Wed 6 June

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.

Free bus sponsored by University of Wollongong

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

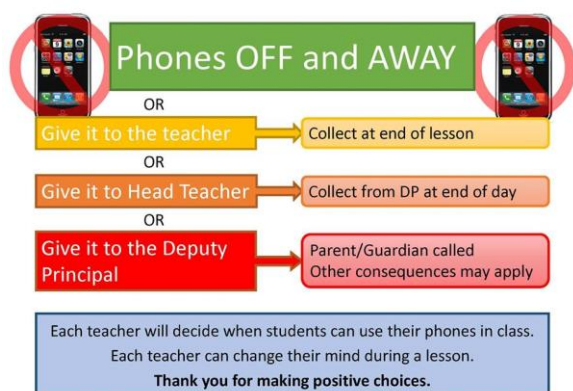
NEW BLUE SMILEY BOXES

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

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

- 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

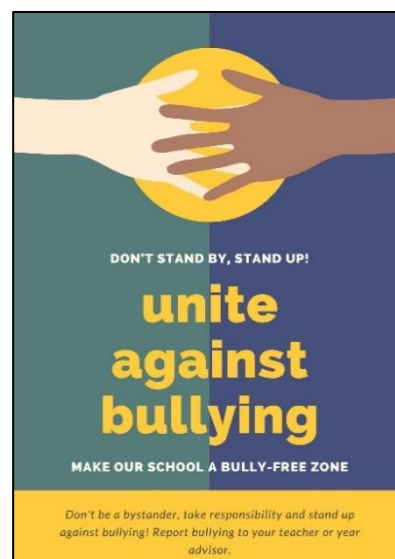
The Shoalhaven High School Uniform Policy is found on our School website under 'Our School' or click on the link

[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 passw



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.





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/leavingsschool/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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WWW.VICTORYRUNNERS.COM.AU



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL NSW VOUCHERS

Redeemable in-store ONLY

*Don't forget to
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service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers#related-information

Service NSW

DAYLIGHT SCHOOLWEAR

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.



COME & PLAY BASKETBALL!

U16/U18 GIRLS SOCIAL COMPETITION

- Tuesday afternoons at the Shoalhaven Indoor Sports Centre in Bomaderry
- Girls born 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009
- Winter Season runs April - September

EMAIL US TODAY & START NEXT WEEK!
enquiries@shoalhavenbasketball.com.au