



**COFFS HARBOUR**  
SENIOR COLLEGE

# COLLEGE NEWS



Term 3 2018

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

This is our last edition of the College News. Over the years we have looked at how we communicate with the college community and it has now become apparent there are other more effective ways to tell the wonderful stories that are so much a part of the Senior College. The [www.seniorcollege.com.au](http://www.seniorcollege.com.au) website will continue to have all the information students, parents/guardians and the public need to know. Our Facebook account: @coffsharboursc will keep you up to date with what is happening, usually with some great photos. The new SkoolBag app will push the daily notices out to all students in the morning. The Sentral portal is still there if you want to find out about attendance, timetables and email will continue to be used for information sheets and attendance notifications.

I think this just about covers everything and hence the decision to finish with this edition.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP



Congratulations to Ella Burgun who has been selected as President of the Student Leadership Group. Ashlen Farrelly is Vice President and Zoe Campbell and Zachary Mathew are Executive Members.

At this time last year I wrote about how we were re-imagining what 'student voice' looks like in a senior college setting where we haven't known each other since Year 7. It has been a difficult process as we saw how the traditional student

representative council model does not work here.

I am pleased that Ella, Ashlen, Zoe and Zachary clearly understand the importance of student voice and are excited about the opportunities available here.

### **STUDENT FORUM**

Our first ever student forum occurred in the last week of Term 2. This was a powerful example of student voice in action. Students were trained as facilitators and the groups went through a structured process (see article in this edition of College News). It is important that these forums are not seen as only information gathering exercises but a two way communication process. I am hopeful that this will be the first of many student forums.

### **YEAR 12 GRADUATION AND FORMAL**

In this edition you will see an article on the Year 12 Graduation and Formal which will be held at C.Ex Club. The Graduation is a formal occasion where family and friends are able to celebrate the end of formal schooling at the senior college. Perhaps you might consider enjoying lunch afterwards as a way of continuing the celebration.

The Formal is a more relaxed occasion where students socialise with each other, have their photos taken and dance. Each year the formal reflects the changing requirements of our students. There are restrictions which are detailed in the article.

### **EXAM PREPARATION**

Year 12 students commenced their Trial HSC exams in Week 4 and Year 11 exams occur at the end of the term. The secret to success is to be well prepared, be positive and focused. It is quite normal to feel some anxiety around exam time.

Start now – don't leave everything until the night before. You should be taking notes, making summaries, testing yourself on past exam papers, attending the Homework Centre, talking to your teachers and following their advice.

If you are not coping with your studies you should see Vicki Greer our Learning Support Coordinator who is available from Monday to Thursday. Ryan Squires our counsellor is available on Mondays and Wednesdays and every second Tuesday afternoon. Lynda Shrubbs our Careers Advisor can clarify NESA and HSC requirements if these are concerning you.

Best wishes to everyone for a busy term ahead.

Dianne Marshall PSM, Director

## STUDENT FORUM

Late last term the Student Leadership Group (SLG) partnered with Bec Minichilli from Coffs Harbour Groundworks Youth Centre to do a student forum to collect data relating to our students. The forum consisted of ten groups led by an SLG member along with a resident teacher acting as a scribe. The SLG students were trained by Bec and Chris Bormann on how to foster and lead the conversations being held and how to collect the data effectively. This forum is the first step in a lengthy plan, led by teachers and the SLG, to take into consideration what students are saying and then acting on it. Later this term, the Student Leadership Group and Bec will go



through all the comments made on the day and evaluate. Once we have sorted through everything we will report back to the student body and hopefully start putting things into place by the end of this year. This is a fantastic opportunity at our school and we hope to create a community environment here at the Senior College, one where everyone is heard and considered.

## NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Congratulations to our Year 11 student, Ella Burgun who has been selected to attend NYSF 2019!

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is a 12-day residential science immersion program for students interested in STEM. Participants gain significant insights into the variety of study and career opportunities available across STEM fields. It is held in January school holidays at the Australian National University (ANU). Ella is looking forward to attending this once in a life time program.

Ella has been sponsored by The Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak and The Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour South. The application process for NYSF is highly competitive; it begins in March each year, and involves a written application, endorsement from a local Rotary club and interview with a district selection panel.

Well done Ella, on your successful application to attend this prestigious science education event!





## INTERACT CLUB OF COFFS HARBOUR

The Interact Club of Coffs Harbour is a club for young people aged 12-18 years who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about. This club has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak District 9650.

Every Interact club carries out two service projects a year: one that helps their community and one that promotes international understanding.

Every night 105,000 people in Australia don't have a safe place to sleep or call home. The number of homeless Australians is a rising issue, with the rate of homelessness increasing by 1.6% each year. The C.ex Community Crew Sleep Out is a community event, raising awareness and funds for local charities working to improve these statistics, and reduce the number of homeless people and people at risk of homelessness living on the Coffs Coast.

We participated in the event on Wednesday 27 June by sleeping outdoors in support of this worthy cause. This is the second time we have been involved and assisted in serving of soup and bread at the sleepout with the Cex.

**As a team we raised \$1,306, which contributed to the total of over \$60,000, which was evenly distributed by the C.ex Community Crew to the following charities:**

1. The Men's Resource Centre
2. Warrina Women & Children's Refuge
3. Homes for Heroes

We congratulate and thank everyone who slept out and made donations. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by your local community.

If you are interested in joining the Interact Club, please contact Ana, [anastasha.amey@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:anastasha.amey@det.nsw.edu.au).

*The Interact Club of Coffs Harbour*



Participants at the Coffs Harbour Interact Club sleepout.

## UBS Finance Academy

**Michael Podbury** was one of only 40 year 11 high school students from across the state who was chosen to participate at the prestigious **UBS Finance Academy** in Sydney in July.

During the week long fully subsidised residential course, attendees gained a first-hand insight into the financial markets the operations of banks and the many career paths open to them, some of which they didn't even know existed. Many skills were developed including research, leadership and public speaking along with a small insight into the world of finance.

Michael should be congratulated on his success and what he brings back to the College.



## **NON-ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS – EMAIL AND SMS**

Parents and carers are advised that the college notifies parents daily of both whole day and partial student absences, via email or SMS.

The aim of this is to keep you informed of any missed school and allow you to respond to these notifications. Please ensure that all contact detail changes, e.g. address, phone numbers, email address, are provided to the college as they occur.

## **PARENT PORTAL**

The college provides parents with greater access to an assortment of personalised information about their child's schooling including attendance data, current timetables, daily notices and reports.

Payments for excursions, subject fees etc. can be made through the Parent Portal using the "\$ Make a payment" tab. Simply enter student and payment details. Only enter registration and reference numbers if known.

## **IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES**

### **TERM 3 – 2018:**

<b>13-28 August</b>	HSC Trial Exams
<b>23 August</b>	Yr 11 Earth & Environmental Science Field Study day – Trial Bay
<b>11-14 September</b>	Sydney Science Excursion
<b>17-28 September</b>	Yr 11 Final assessment/exam week
<b>28 September</b>	Last day of term 3
<b>15 October</b>	Staff and students return for Term 4

# Year 12 Graduation Ceremony 2018

**Tuesday 25th September**

Grand Auditorium, CEX Coffs Harbour, Vernon St, Coffs Harbour.

Students to arrive by 10am.

Parents/guests to begin being seated at 10:15am

Ceremony starts at 11am and will conclude at approximately 1pm.

**Students can have no more than THREE guests at the graduation ceremony.**

## Year 12 Formal 2018

**Wednesday 26th September**

6.30 pm to 10:30 pm

Doors will open at 6:00pm and will close at 7pm

Grand Auditorium, CEX Coffs Harbour, Vernon St, Coffs Harbour.

**Students can have TWO additional guests at the formal. See information below.**

### Formal Tickets

- \$75 per person. The cost of the ticket covers venue and security, two course meal; tea/coffee; room decoration; photo booth (including access to digital images) and entertainment.
- Full payment is to be made at the administration office – **no part payments of tickets will be accepted.**
- Table seating will be 10 persons per table (a seating plan is available and seats will be allocated at the time of payment). You are advised to organise your table group beforehand and indicate this to Admin staff upon payment. **Your allocation at a table will only be confirmed upon payment.**
- Please indicate any dietary requirements/restrictions at time of payment. This will be indicated on your ticket which will double as a place card, in this instance, for accurate meal allocation on the night.
- **Please be advised that students will be able to purchase a ticket for themselves and TWO ADDITIONAL GUESTS ONLY (a total of THREE tickets maximum).** This is due to the large Year 12 cohort for 2018. Students may choose not to buy any additional tickets or only one but may not exceed three tickets.
- **Please do not contact the college to request a variation to guest arrangements or special consideration to amend guest numbers at the formal for individual students as this is not something that can be offered equally amongst the student group.**
- **We urge ALL parents to take the opportunity to attend the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony the day prior as a way to celebrate the end of your child/guardian's formal schooling. Please see information above regarding this event.**

**No refund of ticket cost** will be given for non-attendance on the night.

**Formal tickets will be available for purchase from Monday 27th August to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September.** Ticket sales will cease on **Friday 7th September** to enable final numbers to be given to the venue.

### Dress Code and Code of Conduct

This can be as formal as students wish. The minimum dress standard for boys is a dressy shirt and trousers. NO JEANS. Suit hire can be arranged through a number of venues in Coffs Harbour. Girls should keep in mind the formal nature of the event and dress accordingly. CEX Dress code will also need to be met. NO BARE FEET OR THONGS!

A photo booth and space for personal photography will be available on the night. Photo booth images are instant and are included in ticket cost. Digital copies of these images will also be available on line. Many students and parents also gather at the Jetty Foreshores before the event to take photographs.

Attendance at the Formal is conditional on each student attending the Year 12 Graduation ceremony on Tuesday 25th September.

As this is a formal college function, college rules and expectations apply. **NO ALCOHOL** will be served at the function or is to be brought into the venue due to Department of Education policy. There will be a bar in operation outside the Grand Auditorium for the purchase of soft drinks and juice. Any person who leaves the first floor of the venue in the course of the night will be barred from re-entering the event. Coffs Harbour Senior College staff and the CEX reserve the right to refuse entry to, or remove, any person whose behaviour is inappropriate. The Formal is an opportunity for students to celebrate and these rules are in place to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable and memorable evening.

Further reminders regarding both the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and the Formal will be given to students closer to the events.

# YEAR 12 'WHATNEXT' INFORMATION SESSIONS

To help you make decisions about life after secondary school, information sessions on different topics will be offered throughout Term 3. Simply turn up with pen and paper and an open mind.

## Week 3 - Tues Aug 7 - D Theatre 10.30-11.30

### Preparing for University session

Help! I want to apply to University, but how do I apply? How many courses can I apply for? What is my pin? What are bonus points? What are Education Access Schemes? Scholarships?



UAC books distributed in this session

**Wed 8/8 - Uni of Wollongong information session - C.Ex Coffs Harbour 6-8pm**

**Wed 8/8 - 1-2pm - A1.09 - DET Scholarship Video conference**

## Week 4

**Fri 17/8 A1.10** – Uni of Wollongong – early entry help session

## Week 5

**Wed 22/8 5.30-6.30pm D Theatre - Parent Meeting** - Applying for University procedures

## Week 6

**Wed 29/8 A1.10 - 1pm** – UNE Early entry and course information

**Thur 30/8 A1.10 - 1pm** – Southern Cross Uni STAR early entry application session



**FRIDAY 24/8 – UNI OF WOLLONGONG EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE**

## Week 7

**Mon 3/9 1pm** - CSU Course information and early entry

**Wed 5/9 A1.09 1pm** – Newcastle Uni

**Thur 6/9 AG.7 1pm** - Griffith University



## Week 8 - Mon - Thurs in A1.10 at 1pm

- Will be 'hands on' sessions to help with UAC and SRS applications, early entry, scholarships etc

**DEADLINE FOR CHSC EARLY ENTRY APPLICATION FORMS IS WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2018**

## Week 9 - Tues 18/9 11.00-12.30 Gathering space

### IT'S TIME TO GET A JOB

Information on how to access assistance from employment agencies and job network websites.



So.... You think you would like to go to TAFE next year? Great choice! We look at course options, costs, important dates, opportunities for articulation to uni and the application process.



**28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER – ONTIME CLOSING FOR UAC AND UAC SRS**