



COLLEGE NEWS



Term 2 2018

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Each year the college compiles an annual report. The primary focus of the annual report is to provide you with an account of the college's progress towards achieving the strategic directions identified in the school plan. The annual report features a summary of the college's ongoing self-assessment of the impact of the key strategies that lead to growth in student learning. It provides an account of the impact of budgetary expenditure on the achievement of equity. It also includes assessment of the college's progress in learning, teaching and leading using the School Excellence Framework. The report incorporates information and evidence as required under the National Education Reform Agreement 2013 (NERA) and enacted in the Australian Education Regulation 2013.

Please find a copy of our 2017 Annual Report here: <http://www.seniorcollege.com.au/about-chsc/annual-school-report/>

A new School Plan for 2018-2020 has also been collaboratively developed. We have three new strategic directions. The first is to "foster student engagement and ownership of their learning", which has a focus on building the capacity of our senior students for achievement and adult responsibility. The second strategic direction is to "build teacher effectiveness and collegiality", which aims to promote professional dialogue and growth that will benefit the whole school community. The third is to "improve and streamline communication between students, staff and parents", with the goal of creating the most cohesive and inclusive environment possible. Thank you to School Planning Team and all involved in the development process. I will be reporting on our progress in future editions of *College News*.

Parents are a valued part of the school community and I would like to encourage any parent who would like to be involved in the School Plan to contact me. There are also two parent teacher nights planned for this term. One for Year 12 in Week 5 and one for Year 11 in Week 6. These events and other opportunities to be involved with the college are promoted on our college website. This is also where you will find a copy of our new School Plan.

<http://www.seniorcollege.com.au/about-chsc/school-plan/>

As communication is such an important element of our School Plan it seems a good time to clarify the main communication methods of the college and what they are used for. The table below should act as a useful reference guide. Also please update your contact details if they change.

Method of Communication	What is this most useful for
College Website (under 'Current Students')	The Parent Portal (which shows attendance), Homework Centre Timetable, Exam Timetables, Careers, Illness/Misadventure and Student Leave Forms & a Staff List (with contact details)
Email	Newsletters, Information Sheets and Reminders. Students also must email Head Teachers ASAP if they miss an assessment task. (see assessment notification for HT email)

Facebook https://www.facebook.com/coffsharboursc	Events, photos, videos, posts, reviews and community notices.
Mentor (by phone, email or appointment)	Students seeking advice. Parents with an issue that impacts on more than one subject. For single subjects concerns or enquiries contact the relevant teacher or Head Teacher.
Sentral https://web1.coffsharbs-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login	College Calendar (also on the Website) & Daily Notices about events, sport, excursions, meetings and much more.
Stile	Student site for Assessment Task Notifications & Resources/Activities for individual subjects.

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP

Over a number of years it has become apparent, due to the unique nature of the senior college, the regular form of Student Representative Council that is found in other schools does not work. This occurs because students arrive here at the beginning of Year 11 from more than 10 different schooling environments. It takes time to get to know each other and the more traditional form of whole school election does not work.

After considerable discussion, focusing on the purpose and structure of the Student Leadership Group, a new procedure has been endorsed. Year 11s are invited to attend regular meetings of the Student Leadership Group. Regular members will attend a Leadership Forum this term. This group will determine the male and female President and Vice President. Enquiries to Scott Hollingsworth, Student Leadership Coordinator.

Best wishes

Dianne Marshall PSM, Director

ASPIRING STUDENT LEADERS WORKSHOP - Wed 23rd May 2018 9 am – 4pm

Guest Speakers and workshop leaders:

Session	Presenter/Leader	A brief bio
1 .Building a team 9am – 11am Includes morning tea	Jane Gillings	Jane is an artist-educator with the Art Gallery of NSW. She is a successful artist with numerous awards, commissions and exhibitions to her name
2. Realising Leadership potential 11-12:45	Marilyn Brien	Marilyn started working with Leadership Management Australia (LMA) in 1998. Her contribution to not only LMA but the wider business community has been acknowledged, with a number of awards including the Coffs Harbour Chamber of Commerce Sunny's Business Awards winner and Professional Services Award 2013.
Lunch 12:45- 1:15		
3. Being an effective public Speaker	Bonnie Capell	Bonnie is the President of the Coffs Harbour Business Women's Network. Bonnie is an experienced business advisor with ETC. Bonnie has been working in social media since it was invented!

Year 11 students interested in attending, please see Scott Hollingsworth C.1.18 or email Scott.hollingsworth@det.nsw.edu.au

Places are limited to 10 Year 11 students who aspire to be members of the School Leadership Group (previously the SRC). Applications close Friday May 18

Year 11 Mid Course Assessments and Examinations

Year 11 will be having their Mid-Course Examinations and Assessment Weeks in Weeks 5 and 6 of this term. Students were given an outline of the requirements for these two weeks at the student meeting on 8 May. Links to the key documents presented are on the College Website at <http://www.seniorcollege.com.au/current-students/>

- Examination Timetable
- Assessment / Examination Rules
- Illness / Misadventure Form
- Illness Misadventure Flowchart

During these Assessment / Exam weeks, students are not required to attend normal Year 11 classes. Any student who has a TAFE or Year 12 class should attend those classes unless there is a direct time class with an exam or assessment task.

If students have questions about the exams or tasks, they should speak with the classroom teacher or the Examinations Coordinators (Maria Priori and Ross Burton).

Students who have or believe they should have access to Disability Provisions for any task or exam should speak with Vicki Greer (Learning Support Coordinator) immediately to ensure the Provisions are authorised and available.

David Bateman

Assistant Director

CAREERS

- **HSC exam timetable**

The HSC exam timetable was released on the 2ND May 2018. Students are able to access their personalised HSC exam timetable by going to NSW Students Online (<https://studentsonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au>). It is important that they do so, as it has specific information for them, especially if their HSC includes a subject with a major work or performance. If students do not remember their NESA number to access Students Online, they can see Lynda to collect this.

- **Bond University Information Session** will be held at C.Ex Coffs on 22nd May from 6-7pm. All interested students and families are invited to attend to find out about studying at Bond.
- **Macquarie University Video Conference** will be held on Tuesday 22nd May at 1pm. students will have the opportunity to learn about; our areas of study and flexible study options, entry pathways, scholarship opportunities and adjustment factors.
- **Discover Engineering**
A free seminar will be held at Coffs Ex-Services Club at 6.30pm on Tuesday 19th June, 2018. To register - <https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/portal/event/discover-engineering-coffs-harbour-0>
- **Charles Sturt University Open Day**
An excursion is being organised to take a bus to the My Day at the Port Macquarie campus on 19th June, 2018. Cost of the bus is approximately \$35, and seats are strictly limited. If you are interested please see Lynda, to collect a permission note.
- **University of Newcastle Schools Open Day**
There will be an excursion to Newcastle University on Thursday, 5th July where students will be able to investigate courses and career opportunities, see facilities available and look at the campus accommodation. Please keep this date in mind with further details to follow.

- **Coffs Coast Career Expo**

This annual event will be held on Thursday 31st May, from 10am – 2pm at Coffs Harbour Racing Club. A range of exhibitors will be present and the expo should be extremely useful for students wishing to pursue a vocational pathway when they complete their HSC year, or who may wish to leave school prior to this date.

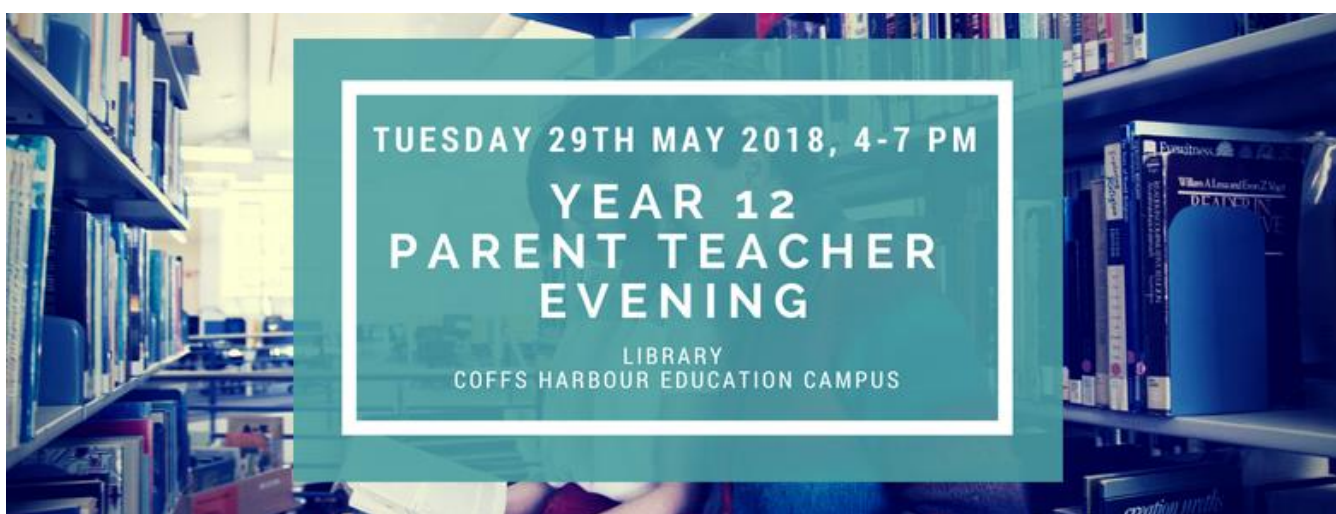
- **Semester 2 TAFE courses**

Students considering leaving school to study at TAFE should be aware that Semester 2 applications generally close at the end of May. A list of courses is available on <http://www.northcoasttafe.edu.au/>

- **University information**

Finally, a weekly newsletter of upcoming events at all institutions is posted on our careers website each Monday. This can be found by following this link and going into “Important information” on the top menu bar.
<http://seniorcollegecareers.com/>

PARENT TEACHER EVENINGS



The first of our parent teacher evenings will be held on **Tuesday 29th May for parents of Year 12 students**, followed by **Tuesday 5th June for parents of Year 11 students**.

You will be able to book your parent teacher appointments online through our Sentral Parent Portal when they become available. **Year 12 parents will be able to book from the 14th May** and **Year 11 parents will be able to book from the 21st May**. Availability of staff will differ from 4pm-7pm. You will then have a two-week window prior to the interviews to make these appointments. If you have any issues with accessing the Sentral Parent portal or making an appointment, please contact our administration staff on 6659 3054 who are happy to provide assistance.

If you are unable to make it on the night, or you feel you do not need to see all of your child's teachers, you may prefer one of the alternatives:

1. Contact the teacher/s at any time either by phone or email (staff details are on the college website under current students).
2. Make an appointment to see an individual teacher at another time by contacting the teacher direct.
3. For the most benefit to be gained from the discussions, we do encourage students to accompany parents to interviews. Interviews will be held in the library.

Anastasha Amey

Mentor Coordinator

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.

Information and individualised details on accessing the Parent Portal were posted out last term to parents of Year 11 students. Year 12 parents received this information late last year.

IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES

TERM 2 – 2018:

18 May	Year 11 Gumbaynggirr Excursion Boys Basketball - State KO Comp - Sydney
22 May – 24 May	"IN CONCERT" Choral Excursion - Sydney
22 May – 25 May	Year 12 EES Field Study - Thalgarra
28 May – 8 June	Year 11 Assessment / exam period
29 May	Year 12 Parent Teacher Night in Library
31 May	SCU Songwriters Workshop Excursion – Lismore
5 June	Year 11 Parent Teacher Night in Library
11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
18 - 19 June	Meningococcal Vaccination Program
5 July	Prelim Showcase afternoon [with Year 11 Mid-Course Reports distributed]