



# COLLEGE NEWS

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## HERON ISLAND 2017



On the 11th August, 30 students, parents, teachers and community members enjoyed spending a week at the University of Queensland's Heron Island Research Station.

We engaged in many and varied activities each day, starting with watching the sunrise at 6am followed by the mandatory morning swim and then some exercise on the beach— all before breakfast. After breakfast each day we were privileged to be able to use the Research Station's boats to snorkel and SCUBA at some amazing sites on the Great Barrier Reef. We saw some incredibly beautiful features at places like Coral Gardens, Blue Pools and Wistari Reef as well as some sombre sights – care of coral bleaching.

We were lucky to have a guided tour of the coral reef and handle some tropical sea creatures such as the epaulette shark as well as examining a number of rare species in the Research Station's touch tank. We also viewed some of the scientific research being conducted by the University.

Each day we spent some time working on our projects which was a practical and fun way of learning outside the conventional classroom.

Each night we planned our activities for the next day and had fun viewing everybody's photos and videos from that day.

Thanks to all the other students who came along and made it a fun and valuable learning experience.

Thanks to Ana and Scott for organising the trip.

The trip would not have been possible without the support of our Coffs Harbour community. We would like to thank Lindsay Devery, our Dive Master and Jetty Dive for the use of their SCUBA equipment. Mitch Young, our Ship's Master and boat driver was a stalwart in running the boats and standing watch. To our accompanying scientists, Victoria Thompson and Danielle Price – your knowledge and insights were invaluable. And finally to our parents - Karen Price and Wayne Benecke - your dedication to the cause and tireless involvement in all the activities from 6am to 10pm enriched the experience for everyone.

***Josh, Emma and Isabelle***

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

I wanted to start by saying a big thank you to all the staff and students involved in the Enrolment Open Day on Saturday 29 July. Through our market research it was very apparent that while students were keen to come to the senior college there was significant reticence amongst parents who thought we had university style lectures and students were not supported at all with their studies.

The Enrolment Open Day was an opportunity to interact with teachers and ask questions about subjects, walk around the college, see classes in action, watch student performances and listen to David and I talk about the college.

There were over 100 students who volunteered to help out on the day. They were the stars! Comments I have heard since then from prospective students and their parents was that our students convinced them that this was the place they wanted to be for Years 11 and 12. So thank you again to all our wonderful students.

## HSC TRIAL EXAMS AND MAJOR WORKS

In addition to the HSC Trial Examinations which have just finished there has been a multitude of deadlines for Major Works and also the commencement of practical examinations. These are the culmination of at least three terms planning, preparation and implementation. Well done to all students on the impressive final major works and performances. Thank you to teachers for your dedication and persistence to keeping your students on track over the long haul.

## NEW FINANCE SYSTEM

By the time this edition of *College News* reaches you there will be a new finance system in operation at the college. Please be patient while we train all staff to use the system.

## SCHOOL PLAN 2018-20

The School Planning Team has commenced working on the next three year plan. This year we will have students on the planning team to ensure “student voice” is driving our vision and strategic directions. I will be giving you an update next term on the progress to date and inviting the community to be involved in this important planning process.

*Dianne Marshall PSM*





## INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12

### Return of Textbooks

As students sit for their HSC exams, they are asked to return their textbooks and leave them in the trolley provided outside the exam room – **please don't leave it until your last exam**. Prompt return of textbooks will enable them to be issued to Year 11 students, who commence HSC courses in Week 1 of Term 4. **Please do not return textbooks to teachers.**

At the completion of all HSC exams, students are asked to complete the Leaver's Clearance form (included in their portfolio). The book bond will be refunded and the college Reference posted home upon completion of the Leaver's Clearance form.

This year our **Year 12 Graduation ceremony** will be held on Tuesday, 19 September at C.ex Coffs, Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour commencing at 11 am. **There are no Year 12 classes on this day.** Students are to be at the venue by 10 am. Every Year 12 student will receive a portfolio containing their Final HSC Report, last minute information regarding careers, together with any awards or certificates that they have won. There is a dress code for this ceremony and was provided to students at the graduation rehearsal.

The **Year 12 Formal** will be held at the Coffs Harbour Racing Club, Howard Street, Coffs Harbour on Wednesday, 20 September commencing at 6 pm and finishing at 11 pm.

The function is open to Year 12 students and those Pathways students who are completing their HSC this year. The Year 12 Formal is alcohol free.

***Normal classes will run on Wednesday 20 September, Thursday 21 September and Friday 22 September.***

### HSC Exams

Support for Year 12 will continue throughout the entire examination period. College staff and campus facilities are available during this time so please make use of them as you require.

Some final tips for your HSC preparation:

- Read your timetable carefully and make sure that you know when and where your exams are scheduled. If by any chance you miss an examination contact the Director immediately.

- Be prepared by reading the equipment list for each of your subjects. Know what you are entitled to take into the examination and what you cannot.
- Use all of the examination time and don't leave any questions unanswered.
- Attempt all questions required.
- Manage your exam time so that you devote appropriate time to each question relative to the mark value.

If you cannot attend an examination because of illness or misadventure, or if you do attend but are sick or something happens that affects your performance, you are entitled to lodge an appeal. If you do intend to do this you must see the Director to get the appropriate appeal form as soon as possible. In most cases a doctor's certificate will be required in cases of illness.

## YEAR 12 MORNING TEA



On Tuesday 12 September, commencing at 11.15 am there will be a free morning tea in the D Block foyer. It is the perfect time for all students to get together in an informal setting. All Year 12 students are encouraged to attend.

## YEAR 11 – RETURN OF TEXTBOOKS



Year 11 students are to be aware that their Preliminary textbooks are required to be returned to C.1.4 by Week 1 Term 4. HSC courses commence in Week 2 of Term 4. Preliminary textbooks still being used during the HSC course will be reissued on the spot to students. HSC books will not be issued to students until their Preliminary books have been returned for each course. Food Technology uniforms no longer required also need to be returned.

## END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS



**Schoolies Safety** – want to know how to prep your child for schoolies week? The **Turning 18** website offers savvy advice for parents and students alike and promotes the safe celebration of end of year activities, including information on the effects of alcohol and drugs as well as health and practical issues young people may encounter as they make the transition to the next phase of their life. Go to:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingsschool/index.php>



### Alcohol: Celebrations and supply.

**Information for parents** offers practical suggestions for hosting celebrations and provides information on laws about the supply of alcohol to young people, drinking and driving, and proof of age. The pamphlet is available at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/yrk12focusareas/druged/community.php>

## HERON ISLAND 2017





ANZAC MEMORIAL CENTENARY PROJECT SOIL COLLECTION CENOTAPH



Aleisha Bradbury and Nikita Snoek (Year 11 students) attended the Anzac Soil Collection at the Cenotaph Coffs Harbour Ex Services Club on August 21, 2017 for display at the renovated Hyde Park War Memorial in Sydney. The War Memorial is currently undergoing significant restoration and the soil sample collected from Coffs Harbour will be displayed on a Memorial Wall in the Hall of Service to be opened in November 2018. There will be a plaque and soil sample displayed alongside over 1600 other sites from around NSW to represent the



places volunteers joined up for military service in World War One.

At the ceremony various dignitaries were present including the Deputy Premier John Barilaro, The Minister for Veteran Affairs, local MP Andrew Fraser and Mayor Denise Knight. Aleisha and Nikita met many of these people and were worthy ambassadors to the College and also being recent participants in the Anzac Ambassador Program Essay Competition.

HSC EXAM DATES

Written exams start on Monday 16 October with the English Standard and Advanced Paper 1 in the morning in the MPC (gym). A rooming schedule will be provided to students in the portfolio that they receive at the Year 12 Graduation ceremony. Students can access the NESA site <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au> to see the complete exam timetable. It is highly recommended that students visit the NESA site to check dates and start and finish times of their exams. The NESA site also allows students to see what exam equipment they can and can't take into the exam room, including approved calculators. It is also useful for other exam advice and resources.

- Congratulations and thank you to all students who
- assisted in many different ways in the preparation and
- running of the inaugural CHSC Open Day. The day was
- a tremendous success due in part to the many 100
- students that assisted on the day.



- The winner of the iPad which was drawn at the student
- meeting on Tuesday 29 August is **KELSEY STURCH**.

# CAREERS

## WELCOME TO YEAR 12 PROGRAM

Wednesday 11th October will be the official change over from Year 11 into Year 12. The purpose of the day is to inform students about the next twelve months of study and highlight methods of achieving success in the HSC.

One of the most important methods for achieving success in the HSC is effective organisation. To address this key factor all students will be issued with their assessment handbook which has relevant information regarding assessment tasks for all HSC subjects. The session will commence at 10.50am in D – Theatre with a short address and welcome by our SRC president and our Director, Dianne Marshall.

David Bateman, Assistant Director and Lynda Shrubbs, Careers Advisor will be providing an information session on the HSC moderating process, Careers website/ facebook and the procedure for Illness & Misadventure process. Students will also be given an insight into the NESA requirements and the importance of individual ranks in the HSC. The ATAR process will also be explained.

Following this, Vicki Greer will highlight some valuable study tips along with a number of ways to build and maintain resilience between now and the HSC Exams.

The students will then break into mentor sessions where each student will be issued with their new Yr12 Timetable and have the opportunity to transfer key assessment dates onto a 12-month wall planner that is designed to be displayed in a regular place of study.

Lunch, along with activities will be provided before the students commence HSC classes at 2pm.

**Tanya Stack**  
*Student Programs Coordinator*



## YEAR 12

29th September is the on-time closing date for UAC, SRS, and QTAC. Make sure you have completed all necessary application processes by this date. VTAC closes the day before on 28th September.

## YEAR 11

An excursion to visit Queensland universities will be held on 30th November and 1st December. Students interested in studying in Brisbane/Gold Coast are encouraged to attend. Universities visited are Bond University, QUT, University of Queensland, Griffith University, and Southern Cross University Gold Coast campus. The cost of the excursion is approximately \$140 with full payments needed to be made in early Term 4. Southern Cross University will be holding a SCU Discovery Day on Tuesday 31st October at the CHEC campus from 10am-2pm. Information on all of SCU campuses and courses, and information regarding university will be available. It is a great day to come along and find out about courses you may be considering doing at university, regardless of which university you intend to apply to in the future. All year 11 students who want to go to university are encouraged to attend.

**Lynda Shrubbs, Careers Advisor**



## Southern Cross University Open Days

Students and parents are invited to Southern Cross Open Days to explore study options, career opportunities and campus life.

**Lismore campus:** Sunday 20 August, 10am-3pm

**Coffs Harbour campus and National Marine Science Centre:** Sunday 27 August, 10am-3pm.

For more information [scu.edu.au/opendays](http://scu.edu.au/opendays)

## Spring into Engineering

A program for aspiring girls in Years 10, 11 and 12. Engineering is a diverse career for young women and the event will offer the opportunity to discover more about engineering careers.

**Date:** Thursday 28 September 2017

**Time:** 8.45am-2.45pm

**Venue:** Southern Cross University, Lismore campus

**RSVP:** 6 September, registration is essential as places are limited.

For further information and to register, email [engineering@scu.edu.au](mailto:engineering@scu.edu.au) or visit [scu.edu.au/engineering](http://scu.edu.au/engineering)

## SCU Discovery Days

An opportunity for new Year 12 students to discover career options and the range of degrees on offered across our three campuses.

**Lismore campus:** Tuesday, 24 October 2017

**Coffs Harbour campus:** Tuesday, 31 October 2017

**STAR Early Entry** for current Year 12 students closes Friday, 8 September 2017. More information and applications [scu.edu.au/STAR](http://scu.edu.au/STAR)

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## New degrees available now for study in 2018

Bachelor of Digital Business

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Coastal Systems Engineering

Bachelor of Laws and Creative Writing

Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Laws

**Education degrees at Southern Cross University** are combined with a Bachelor of Arts to ensure a comprehensive foundation in relevant discipline areas of English, mathematics and science. Entry will be based on an indicative ATAR of 70 with no additional prerequisite entry requirements. Find out more at [scu.edu.au/education](http://scu.edu.au/education)

**The Southern Cross University undergraduate course list 2018** contains information about courses, locations, major study areas, career opportunities and much more. Search all course info at [scu.edu.au/courses](http://scu.edu.au/courses)



# COLLEGE SPORTS

## ATHLETICS



Aidan Wallace in Year 11 bagged a series of first and second place results in the Regional Athletics Carnival, and was awarded the Open Boys Age Champion for 2017. Aidan placed either first or second in the 100m, 200m, 400m, long jump and triple jump events. Aidan's results were made even more impressive when he broke a 42-year standing record in the triple jump. He is now set to compete in the State Championships to be held at Olympic Park, Homebush from Wednesday the 6th – Friday the 9th September. We wish him all the very best of luck in Sydney.

**Parents and carers of Year 11 students**  
*are invited to the*

## Year 11 Presentation Day

**Thursday 2 November**

**11 am, D Block Theatre at CHEC**

All Year 11 students will be recognised for their achievements and will receive their Preliminary Final Reports, awards and certificates.

## TELL THEM FROM ME – PARTNERS IN LEARNING SURVEY

**WE WANT YOU!** From now until 13th October 2017 we are conducting an online survey to gain an insight into parents' perspectives of our school. We intend on using this information to help identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement. It only takes 15 minutes to complete and will make a difference.

Access the survey now at  
<https://telltthemfromme.com/chsc>

# COLLEGE DIARY

## TERM 3:

**11-22 September** – Preliminary Final Exams

**12 September** – Year 12 Graduation rehearsal, 10.45am

**12 September** – Year 12 Morning Tea (following rehearsal)

**19 September** – Year 12 Graduation, 11am, C.ex Coffs

**20 September** – Year 12 Formal, 6pm, Coffs Harbour Racing Club, Howard Street, Coffs Harbour

**22 September** – Last day of term for students and staff

## TERM 4:

**9 October** – First day of term for students and staff

**11 October** – Welcome to Year 12 Program

**16 October** – HSC exams commence

**24 October** – Year 11 Presentation Day rehearsal, 10.45am

**2 November** – Year 11 Presentation Day, 11am, D Theatre

**3 November** – Last HSC exams

**9 November** – HSC Parent Support Evening

**7 December** – HSC Confirmation of Entry pack posted to parents

**8 December** – Senior History Study Day

**11 December** – Orientation for 2017 Year 11 students, 11am

**15 December** – Release of HSC results

**15 December** – Last day of term for students

**18 December** – Year 12 Class of 2017 BBQ – lawn outside Osprey Restaurant 10am

**18-19 December** – Staff Development Days

**19 December** – Last day of term for staff

The complete college calendar is available at  
[www.seniorcollege.com.au](http://www.seniorcollege.com.au)



## STAR Early Entry Closing Soon

Year 12 students are reminded that registrations for **STAR Early Entry** close on 15 September. Our STAR program enables students with proven ability and commitment to gain early admission to Southern Cross University on the basis of their school principal's recommendation. Registrations are submitted online and there are no application fees. For further information contact your Careers Adviser, Lynda Shrubb or call our Future Students Team on 1800 626 481.

## SCU Discovery Day

New Year 12 students (class of 2018) are invited to discover careers opportunities and the range of degrees offered across our three campuses. The program features course information sessions, guest speakers, bbq lunch and live music.

**Date:** Tuesday 31 October, 2017

**Venue:** Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour campus

**Time:** 9:45am - 2pm