



COLLEGE NEWS

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A wonderful opportunity to experience a taste of life and education at Coffs Harbour Senior College.

This family-friendly event will allow parents and prospective students the opportunity to interact with current students and their wonderful teachers in this dynamic state-of-the-art learning environment within the stunning Coffs Harbour Education Campus.

Families will gain an understanding of the school's unique learning environment for students completing their HSC, where the college functions in partnership with Southern Cross University and North Coast Institute of TAFE.

The Enrolment Open Day will launch from D-Block Theatre and Gathering Space. Over the four hours there will be multiple opportunities to hear from the Director and staff. You are invited to experience the college first-hand, including:

- Welcome Packs full of CHSC subject info and souvenirs for prospective students
- Meet the Director, staff and current students
- Subject Marquees - talk to the teachers
- Escorted Walking Tours around Campus
- Concerts and interactive displays
- Food and beverages available

This is a reminder that the **Year 12 Aboriginal Studies Major Works Presentations** will be on Friday 21st July, 2017 in **Lower D Theatre** starting from 9.30am and will conclude at 10.45am with a Morning Tea. All staff, students and community members are welcome to attend. Could you please contact Veronica Bryant 66593010 or email veronica.bryant@det.nsw.edu.au to indicate attendance for catering purposes by Wednesday July 19.

HELLO FROM CAPA (CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS) ...

WOW what a start to the CAPA year.....We've jumped into 2017 with some great opportunities and experiences for our students.

Over the last few nights we've participated in the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod with great success all round.

Whilst all our students represented us extremely well we had some notable performances and some outstanding results. Our Year 11 Drama cohort receiving a High Commendation for Ryan Grace in the Individual Performance section and a second and third in the Group Devised sections going to – Fire Team and No Strings Attached respectively. Our HSC classes were exceptional as well and had several Highly Commended and Very Highly Commended awards going to Evan Poschinger, Isaac Faulkner, Ochre Pastro and Jack Dutson with Rob Farrow winning second place for his Performance – Audiobook.

The night culminated with a hilarious win in 'Improvisation' from our boys team and an overall first place in Group Devised and selection for the Eisteddfod Gala Performance going to – A Night At The Theatre – devised by Marlay Commandeur, Jack Dutson, Robbie Farrow, Issac Faulkner, and Kieren Jut.

Congratulations to all our amazing students and the CAPA staff for making this all possible!



Michael Major HT CAPA

FROM THE DIRECTOR



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I like to think the Senior College is a dynamic, evolving place which is responsive to the needs of its community. We are always looking for ways to improve what we do and one focus area is how we connect to prospective students and their parents/carers. In the past we have held Enrolment Information Evenings which were usually on a gloomy, rainy evening at the end of June. Then we would offer a campus tour on another dark, uninviting afternoon in August. Surprisingly, we don't think this is an effective way to showcase the wonderful opportunities available at the Senior College.

So this year we have decided to combine both events into an afternoon **Enrolment Open Day**. It will be on **Saturday 29 July from 12noon to 4pm**. The Committee planning this afternoon having been putting a lot of effort into finding out what prospective students want to know about the college. This will be a family friendly event with tours of the campus, enrolment information sessions in the D Theatre and lots more.

Please pass on this date to your family and friends. I look forward to seeing them at the Open Day.

Student Representative Council (SRC) Elections

Nominations for the SRC President and Vice President are due on Thursday 8 June. Students who have been attending SRC meetings this term are encouraged to nominate. Nominations will be discussed by the Executive on Tuesday 13 June and I will be meeting with nominees over the next week before the Election Day speeches at the Student Meeting on Tuesday 27 June. If you have any questions about the process please see Scott Hollingsworth, SRC Coordinator or myself. Good luck to all nominees.

Colours Day

Colours Day is on **Friday 23 June from 9am to 2pm**. It is an official college function and we expect all students to attend. This day is an opportunity for Year 11 and Year 12 students to join together and celebrate being at the Senior College. It is a day full of activity and this year our Event Coordinator, Karen Deam and the SRC have put a great deal of thought and planning into building on last year's fair concept. It will be a great day.

School Plan 2015-17

The college is in the final year of its School Plan. It is timely to report on achievements against each of the strategic priorities

Build a Resilient College Community

- This year we changed the enrolment process to ensure subject selection was a priority. It was pleasing to see a reduction in the number of subject changes made by Year 11 students in Term 1 which in turn reduces anxiety related to poor subject choice.
- There has been an increased engagement with the broader community via social media and Melissa Croucher our PR Coordinator is planning lots more in the future.

Support a Culture of Professional Learning and Reflection

- Teachers have been discussing assessment in the context of the changes to the new HSC. There are some big changes for 2018 which will impact all aspects of the college.
- *Stile* is now being used by most faculties as the preferred learning management system. It has some unique features which are being used by teachers to enhance the learning experience.

Streamline College Procedures and Practices

- 100% of Student Learning Plans have been uploaded in *Sentral*. Teachers are now more aware of support strategies discussed during Learning Support Team meetings.
- A School Implementation Team has been formed to start the LMBR implementation. More information will be provided about this major project over the next few months.

Best wishes
Dianne Marshall PSM

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT [POP]

You can now make payments for your child online

The college has launched a new online payment portal linked to the college's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

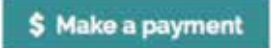
Voluntary School Contributions, Subject Contributions, Excursions, Sport fees, Sales to Students, Other.

When?

This payment method is now live on the college website.

How?

Go to www.seniorcollege.com.au

Click on  at the top of the home page and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.



THE ASX COMPETITION – SOME OF THE BEST IN THE STATE AND AUSTRALIA!

How can you engage students to show some sort of interest in the business world. One way that this can be done is by participating in the ASX Competition. The competition allows students to learn about investing and the sharemarket through virtual play. Students receive a virtual \$50,000 which they invest over a 10 week period, in 200 companies listed on the ASX. The prices students buy and sell at are the same prices as they would get in the live market so this is as close to real life share trading as they can get. It is an Australia wide competition with over 16,000 students playing.

As a result of playing the Game students:

- Develop their knowledge of the sharemarket
- Learn how to research companies
- Discover the importance of wise investment decisions
- Gain a greater knowledge of economic and world events
- Begin to learn more about investing which is beneficial for their future

This was an overall positive market to trade in and the majority of the 77 syndicates activated by Coffs Harbour Senior College students performed well as can be seen with the statistics below:

- 72% of students at CHSC made a profit compared to 46% for Australia.
- 65% of students at CHSC performed better than the national average.
- 5 students from CHSC finished in the top 100 in NSW.
- 1 student from CHSC finished in the top 100 in Australia
- Total number of participants in Australia 16,691.

Top performers from CHSC who finished in the top 100 for NSW were: Jacob SWITZER (6th), Aquila HARDMAN (41st), Aleisha BRADBURY (57th), Kurtis TOWLER (97th), and Dana PURVIS (98th).

Highlights were by Jacob Switzer and Aquila Hardman. Jacob finished 6th in NSW and 15th in Australia with a portfolio value of \$58,664.95. Aquila finished 41st in NSW and 107th in Australia with a portfolio value of \$56,445.51. A huge effort by any standards.

Well done to all who participated. Pictured: Jacob and Aquila

FACULTY REPORTS

MUSIC REPORT

It has been a busy month for the Music Department under the guidance of Melissa Croucher and Susan McGowan. This month saw our school selected for the Song Makers workshop for APRA. We were one of 7 lucky NSW Schools selected for this amazing initiative. This workshop saw our budding singer-songwriters grouped together in teams of 4 or 5 to write, compose, arrange, record and produce an original song. By the end of the 2 days with Milan Ring and Ilan Kidron ex-lead singer of the Potbelleez as our industry mentors our students had written and recorded four very different songs. All the songs are available for listening and download on the school Soundcloud page simply search SoundCloud for 'Coffs Harbour Senior College'. The songs written by our students were; Falling Faster by Kate O'Brien, Kieren Jut, Jack Dutson, Timothy Wilson-Douglas and Chloe Sheath. Bob Skellington by Jai Goffer, Lily D'Adam, Evan Poschinger, Noah Kilipin and Isaac Faulkner. Stolen Peaches by Maddie Wood, Lucy White, Jeshua Edwards, Bailey Schwarz. Shadow (Come Back) by Willow Driver, Ochre Pastro, Kye Bonventi, Braidyn Palmer and Daniel Abraham. This was an amazing opportunity for our students and we are proud of the album our students produced. You will hear these tracks being played on HIT 105.5 Coffs Coast and CHYFM.



Two weeks ago a group of 22 students travelled to Sydney for the Arts Unit 'In Concert'. This year the 1000 piece choir performed with Felix Riebl, two of his original compositions with his highly acclaimed band The Cat Empire. Students also performed repertoire such as Faure's Requiem and Jandamarra by Paul Stanhope which featured a 100 piece Orchestra. The live recording of the entire 'In Concert' show is available for viewing on YouTube and our students feature quite often in the video feed singing proudly. Our students rose to subsequent fame with a 'viral video' released and appearing on ABC news Sydney and Mid North Coast pages much to our surprise. The students created a spontaneous street festival when they spotted a lone busker singing covers and they stopped to support him, what followed was the uniting of 150 complete strangers in a 1 hour street festival of song and dance. This was truly an inspiring moment for us all led by our generous hearted school singers. You can watch the videos of this magical moment shared on the school Facebook page.

On May 30th, 5 of our Musicians were asked to be involved in a 'On Air' surprise concert for Tulles one of the hosts of the HIT 105.5 Breakfast show. The students performed a rendition of Happy Birthday and then followed it up with Tulles favourite song 'Sky Full of Stars' by Coldplay. The rendition was beautiful and featured the vocal talents of Lily D'Adam, Kate O'Brien, Ochre Pastro, Ryan Connery on Guitar and Bailey Schwarz on Cajon drum. This live performance is available for viewing on Facebook as well as our school SoundCloud account.



Special congratulations to our Piano students with Katelyn Phinn who was awarded her AMUS grading for AMEB recently. A very impressive achievement for her! Also to Kieren Jut, Willow Driver and Evan Poschinger who competed in the Coffs Harbour Piano Eisteddfod last weekend. All the boys played really well with a Highly Commended awarded to Kieren Jut on the night. We truly have some impressive pianists at the Senior College.

Melissa and Susan feel very blessed to work with such dedicated and committed students and we look forward to welcoming you all to the CAPA Showcase "Splendour In The College" for our Year 11 Students on June 21st from 6:30pm in D Theatre. Contact Melissa Croucher for ticket sale information.





INAUGURAL CHSC SKI EXCURSION

Hi everyone, well the snow has finally begun to fall for 2017 and looks like we're going to have a bumper season. The excursion is running as planned and we currently have 25 students and 4 staff attending the excursion this year, (not bad for our first attempt). We chose to run the excursion in the school holidays to lessen our student's academic program at this very busy time of the year. There are still at least 10 positions vacant on the trip and we are seeking any parent, sibling or relative who would like to join us on the trip. It costs \$900 for three days skiing and transport and food for the five days; excluding clothing hire and meals whilst travelling. A great bargain for a three day trip!

Please ring Marc Miller on 6659 3364 or come and see me in C-1-09 ASAP if you are interested as I have to send off final participant details very soon.

Look forward to a great ski trip!

Regards
 Marc.A.Miller
 Science CHSC
 (ski trip co-ordinator)

CHSC Snow Excursion 2017

Perisher Valley

5th – 9th July 2017

Cost - \$900

Your program includes:

- ☐ 4 nights dormitory style accommodation
- ☐ Supervision by experienced program staff
- ☐ 3 day lift and lesson pass with Perisher
- ☐ Professional graded lessons with Perisher Snowsports
- ☐ Private meeting and storage areas on snow
- ☐ Ski Equipment hire
- ☐ Transport to and from ski tube terminal including KNP entry and ski tube ticket.
- ☐ Evening recreation activities
- ☐ Meals; 4 dinners, 4 breakfast, 3 lunches
- ☐ Neck Warmer and Drink Bottle for each student
- ☐ Night time activities



LEARNING SUPPORT

Year 11 and 12 students have had their Mid Course examinations returned and finding out how they performed. Here are some tips to use this time as positively as possible:

1.If you are really happy with your results: that is great! Enjoy the feeling of pride but also think about what you did that worked for you and helped to you gain that result. Talk to your teachers about ways that you could build on the great work that you have done and keep the momentum going.

2. If you are disappointed with your results: first, don't worry about feeling disappointed. That is normal, especially if you expected to do better. However, don't get stuck in that feeling, let it pass and start to think constructively about your marks. What can you do now to learn what went wrong and start the process of learning to change things for the better? The first step is to read any comments or feedback that you have been given, including the Marking Guidelines. Be honest with yourself: did you give yourself the opportunity to do your best by being organised, getting the work done and giving yourself enough time for reviewing content? Did you ask questions about anything you didn't understand? Did you know the content but didn't answer the questions properly or miss some of the skills that were being examined? Talk to your teachers and find out what you can do to understand the content and the skills required in each subject.

3.If you really don't understand why you were given a particular mark: talk to your teacher about it.

Feedback from exams and tasks is an extremely important part of your learning process. Ask questions! Ask your teachers, your Mentor or contact Vicki in 015 for some support and advice.

Vicki Greer
Learning Support Co ordinator
66593320



There will be a **mentor meeting on Thursday 22nd June, 1pm for Year 11 students**. Students will meet with their mentor teacher to collect their Preliminary Mid Course Report. It is an opportunity for students to reflect on their first semester at the college and to come up with some strategies to improve with their mentor teachers.



Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews

The first of our parent teacher evenings will be held on **Tuesday 27th June** for parents of Year 11 students.

You will be able to book your parent teacher appointments online through the Sentral Parent Portal when they become available on the **12th June**. Availability of staff will differ from 2pm - 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:

- Contact the teacher/s at any time either by phone or email (staff details are on the school website)
- Make an appointment to see an individual teacher at another time by contacting the teacher direct.
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For the most benefit to be gained from the discussions, we do encourage students to accompany parents to interviews and to bring their Mid-course report with them. Interviews will be held in the newly renovated Library.

YEAR 12 ABORIGINAL STUDIES HERITAGE AND IDENTITY UNIT

The College would like to welcome Ben Ferguson our Practicum teacher who is currently working with Judith Wilks Year 11 Geography and Charlie Bellemore Year 12 Aboriginal Studies. As part of the Heritage and Identity work students are studying in Year 12 Aboriginal Studies, Ben gave an excellent lesson on why the local Aboriginal Dance group from Orara High was formed and how it represents an important link with Heritage and Identity in the local Gumbaynggirr community. Our Year 12 students participated in the dance workshop and they learned much about the symbolism of the dances and significant sites around Coffs Harbour associated with the inspiration of many of the dances.



CAREERS

Post Secondary Options Expo

This will be held in the Multipurpose Centre on the campus on Wednesday, 26th July, from 9am. Representatives from universities in NSW and Queensland, TAFE, private providers, employment providers, Defence Force, NSW Police and Ambulance services and many others will be in attendance. CHSC classes will attend from 9-10am on the day, but parents are also more than welcome to attend with their children at any time on the morning. The expo is relevant to all school leavers, and we strongly encourage you to attend. **Line 7 classes will commence at 10am to enable college students to attend.**

University applications

UAC guides (for applying to NSW universities) will arrive early in term 3. Closing date for applications with UAC being 29th September, 2017. Closing date for some 'early entry' schemes will be in the weeks prior to this. Every student in Year 12 will receive a UAC guide, with a limited number of QTAC guides (Qld) also being available. Students will be informed at a number of meetings over Term 3, of their requirements for these processes.

In addition, a number of universities will be here during Week 6 and 7 (21/8/17-1/9/17) to assist students with their early entry and entry requirements. They include SCU, Charles Sturt, Uni of New England, and Griffith University.

Charles Sturt University – Port Macquarie Campus Open day

This event is on Wednesday 21st June, and a bus is running for students interested in going and having a look at the courses, and new campus in Port Macquarie. The facilities are excellent, and this campus is well worth a look, if it has the courses you may be interested in studying. Paramedics and radiology are very much high demand courses for this university.

See Lynda if you are interested in going.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The next few months are vital as far as having access to the most current information on post school options. CHSC careers website provides a lot of answers to questions you may have. It also has a weekly newsletter which provides all the current events, open days, deadlines for scholarships, courses etc that you need to know about. Please make sure you are regularly checking this website - <http://seniorcollegecareers.com/>

Next term is an extremely busy time for Year 12 (and their parents). Please feel free to contact me regarding any matter at any time. My best contacts are by email Lynda.shrubb@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 66593258.

Lynda Shrubb, Careers Advisor

THE INTERACT CLUB OF COFFS HARBOUR

The Interact Club of Coffs Harbour is an awesome opportunity for the youth of Coffs Harbour to make a real difference while having fun.

Interact is a club for young people aged 12-18 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.

We have chosen to assist Coffs Cex with their community sleepout for the homeless of Coffs Harbour and we are hoping to have more young people present at this year's event. Please see this website to register for the event:

<http://www.cex.com.au/community/c-ex-community-crew-sleep/>

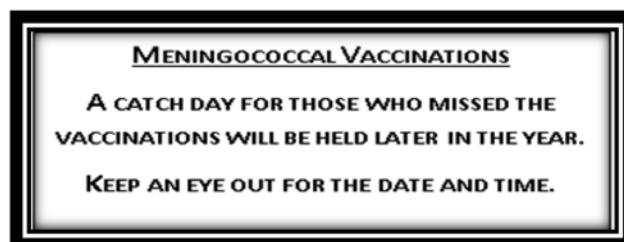


Our international project this year is to fundraise enough to purchase one or even two shelter boxes, which provide the essentials that people need to begin rebuilding their lives in the aftermath of a disaster.

The college has a group of enthusiastic students and we are hoping for the club to continue to grow. We now meet **every Wednesday fortnight (even school weeks) at 4pm in A.1.27 on campus**, feel free to come join the fun! **Our next meetings is on 14 & 28 June and 12 & 26 July.**

Like us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/coffsinteractclub and follow us on Instagram – coffsinteractclub

If you would like further information, please contact Ana Amey (anastasha.amey@det.nsw.edu.au).



WOMEN'S AFL

Our first Women's AFL team played on Tuesday 9th May against two other AFL women's teams in Coffs Harbour at Leisure Park. All 8 students played part of the games in the forwards, centre and backline positions in order to get an understanding of the various requirements needed for the game. Our girls moved the ball quickly around the field and did not shy away from making good tackles and taking steady marks. Although we had mixed results on the day, the best game was the last one as all players participated in a full sized field game where they started to incorporate good kicking to fellow team members and protecting one another with some good shepherds.

Congratulations on being such excellent ambassadors for the sport as you played hard but fair at all times.



The only player not included in the photograph was Hayley Millington-sorry Hayley!

Charlie Bellemore

2017 COFFS HARBOUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

SQUASH CHALLENGE

When most people think of squash that think of a vegetable to eat. However squash is a ball sport played by two (singles) or four players (doubles) in a four-walled court with a small, hollow rubber ball. It is called squash as this is a reference to the "squashable" soft ball used in the game.

Recently a number of students participated in the *Secondary Schools Squash Challenge* at the Korora Courts. Schools from around the region both private and public schools were invited to attend which is an opportunity that doesn't happen often in school sports.

Coffs Harbour Senior College who were the 2016 Champions entered two mixed teams in this years' Senior Division. Both teams played with flair and passion, with Team Gold missing out on being the overall winner by a mere 5 points after playing 6 matches, 24 games and over 1 440 individual points, a close second is an understatement. The title was taken by SJPC. We will be back to reclaim our title in 2018!

Congratulations to all who participated, especially those who tried the sport in a competitive environment for the first time. Natalie Purton was awarded a 'Spot Award' for her performance on the day.

Footnote: Peter McKenzie, Sarah Bower and Natalie Purton were selected to be in the Combined High Schools Mid North Coast Teams. They will be playing in Sydney in the near future and are also up for selection for the NSW State Teams for squash. Congratulations.

TERM 2:

- 12 June** – Public Holiday
- 21 June** – Preliminary Showcase Night – 6.30 pm - D Theatre
- 22 June** – Preliminary Mid-course reports distributed to students and placed on Parent Portal
- 23 June** – Colours Day
- 27 June** – Student meeting and SRC Elections
- 27 June** – Year 11 Parent Teacher Night, 4-7pm in Library
- 29 June** – Newcastle Uni Open Day Excursion
- 30 June** – Snow Excursion departs CHSC
- 30 June** – Last day of term for students and staff

TERM 3:

- 17 July** – Staff Development Day
- 18 July** – Day 1 for students
- 25 July** – Student meeting, 14.45am
- 25 July** – HSC Showcase Night 1 – O Theatre
- 27 July** – HSC Showcase Night 2 – O Theatre
- 29 July** – CHSC Open Day [replacing Enrolment Information evening and Campus tours]
- 1 August** – Year 12 meeting (Uni admissions information)
- 2 August** – Year 12 Mentor meetings
- 3 August** – Half Day Holiday, Coffs Cup – college will be closed from 12noon
- 7 August** – Heron Island Excursion departs CHSC
- 7-18 August** – HSC Trial exam period
- 22 August** – Charles Sturt University application seminar, 1-2pm at CHEC
- 25 August** – ADFA Open Day, Canberra
- 29 August** – Student meeting, 10.45am
- 11-22 September** – Preliminary Final exam period
- 12 September** – Rehearsal for Graduation at student meeting
- 12 September** – Year 12 Morning Tea (after rehearsal)
- 19 September** – Year 12 Graduation, 11am, Coffs Cex Club
- 20 September** – Year 12 Formal, 6pm, Coffs Harbour Race Course
- 22 September** – Last day of term for students and staff

The complete college calendar is available at

www.seniorcollege.com.au



TEAM GOLD: Peter McKENZIE (Captain), Reuban CAREY, Natalie PURTON, Sarah BOWER



TEAM BRONZE: Aquila HARDMAN (Captain), Isaac NOAKES, Racheal Sorensen, Hailey DONNELLY