

## COLLEGE NEWS

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**COFFS CUP HALF DAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
Thursday 3 August 2016**

The NSW government has declared a local part day public holiday for the Coffs Harbour City Council area from 12 noon on Thursday 3 August 2016. Consequently the college will close and classes will not run from 12 noon on that day.

Bus companies will operate the normal morning services to schools, but there will be no afternoon school bus service from the campus. However, normal public buses will operate from the campus.



### Upcoming Exams

#### Year 12 Trial Exams –

7-18 August – download the exam timetable at:

<http://www.seniorcollege.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Year-12-Trial-HSC-Timetable.doc>

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

### YEAR 11 INTO YEAR 12 SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

The college will soon be conducting “Year 11 into Year 12” Interviews. Students will meet with their mentors and, if required, an interview will be scheduled to discuss their subject choice options for the commencement of Year 12 in Term 4.

The interview will look at the student’s proposed pattern of study and any subject changes that might be made. This might include removing excess subjects or picking up additional subjects. These changes will then be examined in terms of Department of Education requirements, NESA requirements and possible university pre-requisite requirements.



### INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

#### Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

The ceremony will be held on Tuesday 19 September commencing at 11am at the Cex Club, Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour. A rehearsal will be held on 12 September at the student meeting – all Year 12 students **must** attend. Parents and carers of Year 12 students are invited to attend the Graduation. An information sheet, including arrival time and dress code, will be provided to students at the rehearsal.

#### Year 12 Formal

**Date:** Wednesday 20 September 2017 from 6pm

**Venue –** Coffs Harbour Race Club

**Tickets –** \$65 per person; Please be advised that students will be able to purchase a ticket for themselves and ONE ADDITIONAL GUEST ONLY (a total of TWO tickets maximum).

#### Year 12 Morning Tea

Year 12 students are invited to attend a farewell morning tea following the Graduation rehearsal on 12 September.

#### College Reference

Year 12 students can request a college reference be written for them – applications are available online by no later than Monday 14 August. The reference will be posted to students, along with their book bond refund, after they have returned their textbooks and completed the signing out process. If an early reference is required for a scholarship application, students are to organise this with their mentor.

#### HSC Showcase Nights

A showcase of outstanding creative and performing arts from our 2017 cohort. Show contains mature content.

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August

**Venue:** O Theatre 6-9.30pm. Only 90 seats available each evening. Cost \$10 pp [incl light supper]. Tickets available now from Administration office.

# FROM THE DIRECTOR



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone has enjoyed the break.

### NEW FINANCE SYSTEM

On the next page of this edition of *College News* is a letter regarding the introduction of a new Department of Education finance system. Please take the time to read this carefully as it will impact on our ability to process payments from **25 August to 6 September**.

### SCHOOL PLAN 2018-20

Every three years the college community goes through a process of developing a new School Plan. On the Monday before classes commenced the college staff got together to review and update our shared vision, reflect on what has happened over the last three years, analyse the data and start the process of developing new strategic directions. As always it was a wonderfully positive time where we focused on the future.

This is a six month process for all of us and will include lots of consultation with students and parents/carers. We are using the three domains (Learning, Teaching and Leading) of the School Excellence Framework to organise our strategic directions.

### STUDENT FORUM

Congratulations to Harry O'Brien-Smith who has been selected as President of the Student Representative Council. Tom Berger and Jamila Grace will be assisting Harry as SRC Executive members for 2017/18.

I am very excited to report on a new student leadership initiative at the college which Harry, Tom and Jamila will be leading. The college has tried to implement a model of student representation which is now not appropriate for our senior college setting.

Early this term a Forum for all interested staff and students will be scheduled to re-imagine what 'student voice' looks like at the senior college. This will be the beginning of a year long process. Harry, Tom and Jamila will be reporting back regularly through the *College News*.

### YEAR 12 GRADUATION AND FORMAL

In this edition you will see a lengthy article on the Year 12 Graduation and Formal. I would like to encourage you to see the Year 12 Graduation at the Cex Club as the occasion to celebrate with family and friends the end of schooling at the senior college. Perhaps you might consider enjoying lunch afterwards in a more intimate setting.

The Formal at the Racecourse is more of a relaxed occasion where students are busy socialising with their friends, getting photos taken and generally parents/carers don't often get quality time with their son/daughter. Perhaps it is time to change the name to more accurately reflect the event as a Student Farewell Social. However, I will leave that discussion for the new Student Forum.

### EXAM PREPARATION

It is also a big term for exams with year 12 students commencing their Trial HSC exams in Week 4 and Preliminary Final exams occurring at the end of the term. Remember the secret to success in exams is to be well prepared, be positive and focused. It is quite normal to feel some stress 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. Sharna St Leon our counsellor is available on Monday's and every second Thursday. Lynda Shrubbs our Careers Advisor can clarify NESA and HSC requirements if these are concerning you.

Best wishes  
**Dianne Marshall PSM**



# COFFS HARBOUR SENIOR COLLEGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Coffs Harbour Senior College will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on 4 September 2017.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

1. **Direct deposits:** As of **25 August 2017**, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made using direct deposit after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student's account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before **25 August 2017**.
2. **EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **29 August and 4 September 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **29 August, 2017**. From **4 September 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
3. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **29 August 2017** and **4 September 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **29 August 2017**. From **4 September 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
4. **Online payments (POP):** As of **25 August 2017**, payments to our current online payment facility will cease. You will not be able to use the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system until **Wednesday 6 September**.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact **Veronica Bryant** on **6659 3010**.

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## SCU Open Days

Southern Cross University invites Southern Cross University students and their parents to our Open Days to sample campus life, and explore study options and career opportunities. Join us on campus for workshops and presentations, campus tours, food options, live music and entertainment.

**Gold Coast campus: Sunday 13 August**

**Lismore campus: Sunday 20 August**

**Coffs Harbour campus and National Marine Science Centre: Sunday 27 August**

For more information, registration and details on the event programs, please visit [scu.edu.au/open\\_days](http://scu.edu.au/open_days)

**SCU STAR Early Entry** enables Year 12 students to gain early admission to Southern Cross University on the basis of their school Principal's recommendation. STAR Early Entry matches an individual student to a particular Southern Cross University course based on their likelihood of success in their chosen discipline. Applications for current Year 12 students are now open for study in 2018. For more information, please contact your Career Adviser or refer to [scu.edu.au/STAR](http://scu.edu.au/STAR)

Keep up to date with our events by following us at [SCU Future Student Facebook page](#)



# FACULTY REPORTS

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY [MUNA]

The Model United Nations Assembly continues to offer students an opportunity to reflect on current global issues, thus gaining a greater global awareness. The camaraderie and rapport built between the delegates lends itself, not only to the delegates costume-donning tendency, but the friendly and open atmosphere created by the Rotarians running the event.

This year's assembly, hosted in Kempsey, demonstrated the good and bad within international relations - alliances, bribes, gifts and threats - which has personally opened my eyes to the reality of politics: it always hinders progress.

In comparison to the Model United Nations Committee developed by UN Youth Organisation, the event had a much more informal nature, but this informal nature is critical in making the event so memorable, and in creating lasting connections between the delegates. As the Rotary Club of Kempsey puts it:

There were "Lots of fun, lots of laughs, and lots of fantastic debating between... [the] 33 countries"

This club's Facebook page proudly displays photo's from the event, among which are many interesting people, generous helpers and military coupes (several).

Caitlin and I also received the 'Best Dressed' award, thanks in no small part to her style and design skills.

We, Caitlin (Nugent), Harry (O'Brien-Smith), Jayden (Whaites) and I (Clarence Harre), thank the Rotarians for their contributions to society, and, in providing this opportunity, their contributions to the future, in building goodwill and peace through a fair and fun environment that benefits everyone, affording us the opportunity to observe and experience the truth of international diplomacy.

Clarence Harre – Year 12 Student



## PRELIMINARY BUSINESS STUDIES



As part of the Preliminary Business Studies course, students need to cover the topic of Managing Human Resources in the workplace, and what better way to give students firsthand experience of this than role playing a mock job interview. Students were either part of an interview panel (the employers) or given the role as a job applicant. The employers had to devise questions to ask during the interview and the potential employees were given character information of the person they were playing. At the end only one person was given the job. It was a great experience for all those involved seeing how important questions and answers are during a job interview.



## Living in the Digital World

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, the local police community liaison officer, Constable Bernadette Snow was a guest speaker during the HSC English Studies classes. Her presentation focused on some of the dangers to be aware of when online, strategies for being safe when using the internet and social media, and the various legal ramifications for inappropriate use of the internet and social media. This supplemented the current module: English and the Digital World being studied by the classes and was well received by those in attendance. Many questions and shared stories were had by all and hopefully students walked out feeling more prepared and knowledgeable about being safe members of an ever-demanding online community.

Kate Sharwood and Michael Major  
English Studies Teachers

## THE INTERACT CLUB OF COFFS HARBOUR

### C.ex Community Crew Sleep Out - Coffs Interact Club

The C.ex Community Crew Sleep Out took place on Wednesday, June 28 at the C.ex Coffs International Stadium. We had 20 young people from Coffs Interact Club/Coffs Harbour Senior College brave the cold and set up cardboard boxes to sleep on or in for the night.

The event brought people together from the community to fund-raise and it was an eye opening experience for the participants to realise what it is like for homeless Australians. Coffs Interact Club raised funds, collected cardboard boxes, as well as served soup and bread rolls for dinner at the event.

The event raised more than \$60,000 this year, with all money raised equally distributed locally between Warrina Domestic & Family Violence Specialist Services, Bridging the Gap - Men's Resource Centre and Homes for Heroes.

Coffs Interact Club were proud to play a part in assisting at this community event as there are 105,000 homeless Australians and this is increasing at a rate of 1.6% each year.

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



## SCU GET PSYCHED DAY

A number of students attended a day hosted by SCU's Psychology faculty to discover what is involved with this career path. Psychological Science is a very popular course here at SCU Coffs Harbour, and has some very engaging academics delivering this course. Students were entertained and informed by both Dr Jim Donnelly and SCU's Counsellor Rachael Jones who demonstrated to students the different ways in which psychologists work. Students were able to participate in lab sessions utilising the methods employed by psychologists in their research, as well as be an active member of a group wellbeing session. It was a day well spent, and all students were satisfied with the information they have gained from being involved in this event.



## ART EXPRESS GRAFTON

Dakota Rees and Isabella Horspool (HSC 2016) have recently had their Visual Arts Body of Work on display currently at Grafton Regional Gallery.

This state wide exhibition is comprises 200 students only (out of a HSC total candidature of over 9000 students) who displayed exemplar artmaking skills in the practical component of the course.

It was also announced on the night of the opening that Isabella's artworks have also been selected for purchase to join NESA's (The Board of Studies) "Wilkins Collection"-a permanent ongoing collection of outstanding HSC artworks.

The Visual Arts staff would like to commend these students for their commitment to their senior year and their dedication to artmaking excellence.





## YEAR 12 ABORIGINAL STUDIES MAJOR WORKS PRESENTATION – FRIDAY JULY 21

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, Year 12 Aboriginal Studies presented their Major Works in Lower D Theatre to parents, Aboriginal Community members and staff. There were five research works which encompassed a range of topics. These included:



**Grace Pandora Dean:** *"How Does Art Connect Aboriginal Artists to Community and Culture?"*

**Chrissy Laverick:** *"Three Generations of Aboriginal Women" A Study of Changing Heritage and Identity*

**Kate Parker:** *"Dimimiirr-Biya Daandurra: Understanding Aboriginal Youth Suicide"*

**Caitlin Stuart:** *"Biyambiyala Let's Eat! A Gumbaynggirr Cookbook"*

**Gaby Dunn:** *"The AIME Mentoring Experience Coffs Harbour"*

The Ceremony began with a Welcome to Country from Uncle Michael Jarrett and the Orara High School Aboriginal Dance Performers led by Ben Ferguson and was concluded with some wonderful traditional food cooked by Caitlin Stuart. The students have been invited by University of Sydney to present their works for the 2018 HSC Aboriginal Studies Student Conference in December.

Congratulations to all of you. You can be proud of your work.

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## LEARNING SUPPORT

**TOTAL RECALL** – Make the most of study time before the Trials. While the only truly effective way for a student to do their best in exams is revision over a long period of time, here are some tips for Year 12 students to make the most of the study time before the Trial Examinations ... and for Year 11 students before the exams at the end of this term!

1. Eat well, exercise, get enough sleep (but not too much!). Nobody can perform at their best when exhausted and your brain, like any other part of your body needs to be well fed. Try to cut down on junk and sugar and try to drink more water and get some exercise. Your brain will work at its best when you look after it!
2. Switch off and Say no. If you really want to do your best, make it a real priority. This is not the time for late nights and socialising. Turn off your phone or anything else that you know will distract you.
3. Know your exams. Make sure you know your exam notifications well – length of paper, types of questions, mark allocations, topics to be examined. If you don't know, ask your teachers. Write lists of what you need to cover and tick them off as you go.
4. Make a date with yourself. In other words, put together a planner if you don't already have one. Add everything you need to do each day (that is, essential things) so you know exactly how much time you have. Be honest with yourself and realistic about the amount of time you need to put aside. Then stick to it. Use reminders on your phone to help organise your time. Again, this is about making priorities and helping yourself to follow them as best you can.
5. Practise, practise, practise! One of the best study techniques is to do practise questions and test yourself. Your teachers can then give you advice and feedback that is tailor made just for you.
6. Think differently. Drawing diagrams, concept or mind maps can be useful ways of learning content and making connections for concepts. Write key terms on cards with the definition on the back and test yourself. Say things that you've memorised out loud or explain it to someone else. Some students find it easier to study walking around or standing up rather than sitting still.
7. Know when you are drifting. Stop, stretch, take a quick walk, or a short break, change topics. (But stay away from distractors, the things that you know will turn a short break into a long one.)
8. If you are stressed, don't let that stop you. Doing nothing will feed the stress. Talk to someone, try some relaxation techniques. If you need help, or if stress and anxiety is an issue for you, chat to your Mentor or make a time to see Sharna, our Counsellor.
9. If you're stuck, ask for help. Take advantage of the Homework Centre. There is a network of people at the Senior College who can give assistance in helping you to develop good study habits in the lead up to the final HSC exams: your Mentor, your teachers, Sharna (Counsellor) and Vicki.

**Vicki Greer - Learning Support Coordinator 6659 3320**

## YEAR 12 'WHATNEXT' INFORMATION SESSIONS

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

### Week 2

**Wed July 26 from 9-10am - MPC building** – Post Options Expo

**FRIDGE  
MAGNET GOES  
HERE**

### Week 3 - Tues Aug 1/8 - 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 Aug 2/8 - 1-2pm - A1.09** – DET Scholarship Video conference

### Week 5 - O Block theatre Wed 16 Aug 5.30-6.30

#### Parent Meeting - Applying for University procedures

**Fri 18/9 AG7** – Uni of Wollongong – early entry help session

### Week 6

**Mon 21/8 AG7 - 1pm** SCU Star Scheme enrolment processes

**Tues 22/8 AG7 - 1pm** – Charles Sturt Uni info session

**Wed 23/8 CG1 - 1pm** - Griffith Uni info session

**Thur 24/8 AG7 - 1pm** – Uni of New England early entry application session



### FRIDAY 25/8 – UNI OF WOLLONGONG EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE

### Week 7

**Mon 28/8 AG7 1pm** - VTAC/QTAC enrolment procedures

**Tues 29/8 AG7 1pm** – Bond University information session

**Wed 30/8 A1.09 1pm** – Macquarie University Video Conference

**Thur 31/8 AG7 1pm** - EAS procedures

**Fri 1/9 AG7 1pm** - Will be 'hands on' sessions to help with early entry, scholarships



### Week 8 - Mon - Thurs in AG7 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 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2017**

### Week 9 - Tues 12/9 11.00-12.30 Gathering space

#### ITS TIME TO GET A JOB

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

**9th SEPTEMBER –  
ONTIME CLOSING FOR  
UAC AND UAC SRS**

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.



Lynda Shrubbs, Careers Advisor

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## NETBALL

The College Netball Team of 2017 have narrowly missed advancing to Regional level going down to Grafton High School by one goal. The girls were leading significantly for most of the game, however, with a combination of illness and sore arms from the vaccination on the previous day found it challenging to sustain the intensity of the highly competitive game. The girls should all be extremely proud of their efforts and their determination displayed in representing the college.

The team was made up of Holly Dummer, Caitlin Stuart, Olivia Stuart, Summah Daly, Logen Mullane, Gabbi Dunn, Sophie Cameron, Natasha Clancy, Amelia Newman.

## Tanya Stack



## TERM 3:

- 3 August** – Half Day Holiday, Coffs Cup – college will be closed from 12noon
- 7 August** – Year 11 Mentor meetings
- 8 August** – Year 12 Mentor meetings
- 7-18 August** – HSC Trial exam period
- 12 August** – Heron Island Excursion departs CHSC
- 22 August** – Charles Sturt University application seminar, 1-2pm at CHEC
- 23 August** - HSC Showcase Night 1 – O Theatre
- 24 August** – HSC Showcase Night 2 – O Theatre
- 25 August** – ADFA Open Day, Canberra
- 29 August** – Student meeting, 10.45am
- 11-22 September** – Preliminary Final exam period
- 12 September** – Rehearsal for Graduation
- 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 Club
- 22 September** – Last day of term for students and staff

## TERM 4:

- 9 October** – First day for staff and students
- 9 October** – Orientation for new Year 12 students
- 11 October** – Welcome to Year 12 Program
- 16 October – 3 November** – HSC Exams

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

## Homework Centre Roster - Term 3 2017 – Student Learning Centre 4pm – 6pm

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>1</b> 17-21 Jul			Biology Enrichment Group- Miller / Warskitt	
<b>2</b> 24-28 Jul	Maths	Chemistry – S.Hollingsworth	History – Charlie Bellemore Biology Enrichment Group- HSC Exam Strategy- Miller / Warskitt	Technology / TAS – <b>AG10</b> Economics / Business / Geography / Legal / Society and Culture
<b>3</b> 31 Jul – 4 Aug	Maths CAPA	Biology - M.Tory	English – Gerry Hilton/Jon Hart	Technology / TAS – <b>AG10</b> Economics / Business / Geography / Legal / Society and Culture
<b>4</b> 7-11 Aug	Maths	Chemistry – Chris Bormann	History – Charlie Bellemore	Technology / TAS – <b>AG10</b> Economics / Business / Geography / Legal / Society and Culture
<b>5</b> 14-18 Aug	Maths CAPA	Biology- Homework & Catch Up Session - M.Miller		Technology / TAS – <b>AG10</b> Economics / Business / Geography / Legal / Society and Culture
<b>6</b> 21-25 Aug	Maths	Chemistry- S.Hollingsworth	History – Charlie Bellemore	Technology / TAS – <b>AG10</b> Economics / Business / Geography / Legal / Society and Culture
<b>7</b> 28 Aug – 1 Sep	Maths CAPA	Biology – W.Warskitt	English - Karen	Technology / TAS – <b>AG10</b> Economics / Business / Geography / Legal / Society and Culture
<b>8</b> 4-8 Sep	Maths	Chemistry- S.Hollingsworth	History – Charlie Bellemore	Technology / TAS – <b>AG10</b> Economics / Business / Geography / Legal / Society and Culture
<b>9</b> 11-15 Sep	Maths CAPA	Biology –M.Miller	English - Kate	Technology / TAS – <b>AG10</b> Economics / Business / Geography / Legal / Society and Culture
<b>10</b> 18-22 Sep	Maths	Chemistry C.Bormann	History – Charlie Bellemore	Technology / TAS – <b>AG10</b> Economics / Business / Geography / Legal / Society and Culture