



# COLLEGE NEWS



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

No. 7 November 2017

The year 12 Graduation was a wonderful event. Approximately 1,000 people were at the C.ex Club to hear the impressive achievements of all the Senior College students. In this edition of *College News* we continue the celebration of the Class of 2017.



The diagram on the left is designed to show students how important it is to settle in quickly and focus on their studies while they are at the Senior College. The seven terms of being in a classroom with a teacher go by really quickly. At the recent Welcome to Year 12 Day I went through the following two slides which describe the assessment program leading up to the Higher School Certificate.



The new cohort of Year 12 students were encouraged to use their study planners to get organised early. Remember that the first point of contact for parents and students is the Teacher Mentor who can answer questions and direct you to the most appropriate support staff. After consultation with the Student Representative Council the *Who Can I Speak To?* diagram has been updated on the College website and is an important guide for everyone

<http://www.seniorcollege.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Who-can-I-speak-to-Sept-2016.pdf>

## FROM THE DIRECTOR CONTINUED ...

All parents of HSC students are invited to hear more about the HSC processes, NESA requirements, ATAR considerations, disability provisions and ideas about how to help them get through the next year at the HSC Parent Support Evening on Thursday 9 November from 6.00 pm in the O Block Theatre.

And for those *Class of 2017* leavers who are still close by, please join us on Monday 18 December from 10am until 12noon for a late breakfast of bacon and eggs cooked by staff outside the Osprey Restaurant at CHEC.

The latest *Partners in Learning Parent Survey* indicated that email is the preferred form of communication from the college. In line with this advice we have decided to reformat College News and email it to you.

I hope you are all enjoying spring and look forward to seeing many of you at the different events over this term.

***Dianne Marshall, Director***



## YEAR 12 GRADUATION—MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Year 12 students were presented to a capacity gathering of staff, family and friends at the Graduation ceremony held at C.ex Club on 19 September. Students were individually presented and acknowledged for academic achievement and college involvement and commitment. Congratulations to Luke Croak (pictured with Dianne Marshall, Director and Jason Prewett of the Coffs Harbour RSL Sub Branch) who was announced as the Dux of the college. Luke also received an Academic Excellence award as well as the STEM award. An amazing achievement!

The annual Year 12 Graduation ceremony continues to be a highlight at the college and we'd like to take this opportunity to again thank the community businesses and groups who continue to sponsor our major awards, and our two CHEC partners – Southern Cross University and TAFE.

The full list of award winners is on the next page

## MAJOR AWARD WINNERS CONTINUED ...

<b>DUX</b>	Luke Croak
<b>Top Atar 2016</b>	Emily Fergusson
<b>Academic Excellence Awards</b>	Luke Croak Araminta Miller Katelyn Phinn Joshua Sechi Rachael Sorensen
<b>Academic Awards</b>	Kai Craig Hailey Donnelly Caillean Honor Noah Klipin Peter McKenzie Isaac Noakes Chloe Payn Philippa West
<b>STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) Award</b>	Luke Croak
<b>Caltex All Rounder Award</b>	Jacob Switzer
<b>Reuben F Scarfe Foundation Award</b>	Angus Cameron
<b>University of Newcastle Scholarship</b>	Lila Raymond
<b>UNE Vice-Chancellor's High Achievement Prize</b>	Reuben Carey
<b>Vocational Education Award</b>	Kai Craig
<b>Vocational Education VET Courses Work Placement Award</b>	Jade Elworthy
<b>Work Placement Award</b>	Jack Dutson
<b>College Commitment Award</b>	Isaac Noakes
<b>Achievement Awards for Commitment</b>	Clarence Harre Sage Linden-Flick Katelyn Phinn Evan Poschinger Joshua Sechi
<b>Citizenship Award</b>	Jacob Switzer
<b>College Involvement Awards</b>	Kieren Jut
<b>The Rainy Macdonald Legacy Award for Service</b>	Jack Dutson

<b>The McDonald's Award</b>	Hailey Donnelly
<b>The SCU Award</b>	Araminta Miller
<b>The Chameleon Software Creative Aptitude Award</b>	Kate O'Brien
<b>Rotary Daybreak Service Award</b>	Caitlin Nugent
<b>ADF Long Tan Leadership &amp; Teamwork Award</b>	Jacob Switzer
<b>College Service Award</b>	Jessica Hayden
<b>Sportsperson of the year</b>	Erin Willis
<b>Sports Award with Distinction</b>	Zachary Cross Summah Daly Peter McKenzie Ryan Munday Kel Newcombe Natalie Purton Caitlin Stuart Olivia Stuart
<b>Pierre de Coubertin Award</b>	Gaby Dunn

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following  
HSC Dance student who has been nominated  
for *Callback 2017* –

**Jasmine Longstaff** – Core Composition

**Important!**

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12**

##### **Return of Textbooks**

As Year 12 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 as prompt return of textbooks will enable them to be issued to Year 11 students, who have now commenced their HSC courses.

##### **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 (if requested) will be posted home upon completion of the Leaver's Clearance.



# IT'S OVER AT LAST GET TOGETHER FOR YEAR 12

MONDAY 18 DECEMBER

After the results come out, let's all meet to share the relief that it finally IS FINISHED!!

Bacon and eggs cooked by staff at the campus near the Osprey Restaurant.

Look forward to seeing you all.

10.00 am 'til 12.00 noon

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## BELLINGEN FINE MUSIC FESTIVAL - MUSIC BY YOUTH PROJECT

What an inspiring initiative is the **Music By Youth Project** of the **Bellingen Fine Music Festival**, which this year runs from September 21–24. Introduced in 2014, this program enables some of our most talented young musicians to soar.

Pippa West, Katelyn Phinn and Donovan Taylor from our school are three of the six area Higher School Certificate music composition students thrilled to have been chosen to be participants this year.

A highlight of the project is that all six students went to Sydney for a recording of their composition performed by the Acacia Quartet at the Fine Music 102.5 FM Recording Studio for their HSC submission. The Acacia Quartet will play their compositions at the Youth and Exuberance Concert of the Bellingen Youth Orchestra at the Festival.

Three students from our school also entered the preliminary round earlier in the year of the **Music By Youth Composer Slam**. One student, Pippa West, has been selected to be in the final round to be held during the festival, which will be adjudicated by one of Australia's leading composers, Elena Kats-Chernin.

As a fitting tribute to the late Peter Nance, **Camp Creative** supports the **Music by Youth Project**. Support has also come from the Australia Govt Festival Australia. The opportunity to work with a professional ensemble and be mentored by professional composers is very rare in our region. The project with this support helps offset this lack of opportunity.

To find out more about the full and exciting program for the 2017 Bellingen Fine Music Festival, visit [www.bellingenmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.bellingenmusicfestival.com.au) or email [info@bellingenmusicfestival.com.au](mailto:info@bellingenmusicfestival.com.au)



Image: Music by Youth HSC students with their teacher, Susan McGowan, and the Acacia Quartet at the Fine Music recording studio in Sydney in 2017

## WRITING WORKSHOP



This year HSC student Minnie Coates entered the 'What Matters?' writing competition and was shortlisted from hundreds of other entrants. She then went into a draw for a 'Host an Author' competition and won! So..... (drum roll) Coffs Harbour Senior College have the pleasure of hosting a Writing Workshop for our students with esteemed Australian author and teacher Melina Marchetta who wrote 'Looking for Alibrandi' (a past HSC text), 'Saving Francesca' and 'On the Jellicoe Road'.

Melina will be presenting a one hour creative writing presentation on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 to all our Advanced and Standard English Students, followed by an intensive one on one workshop with our Extension One and Two students. What an invaluable experience for our students!

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## SENIOR HISTORY STUDY DAY

**Friday 8 December at CHEC**

History students will be able to attend this study day which will focus on the core topics of the Western Front and World War One for Modern History, and Cities of Vesuvius for Ancient History.

The cost is \$35 and is payable at admin.

For further information you can contact Charlie Bellemore on 6659 3371 or [charles.bellemore@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:charles.bellemore@det.nsw.edu.au)

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## CHSC PARENT SUPPORT EVENING



**Thursday 9 November 2017  
6.00pm – 7.30pm O Theatre**

Parents are invited to attend a HSC Parent Support Evening at the Coffs Harbour Education Campus.

The evening will provide parents with an understanding of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) requirements for the HSC and ATAR information, the college Mentor Program and tips for supporting HSC students. Please join us to discuss how we can work together to help your son or daughter make the most of the HSC year.

**Please RSVP to 6659 3054 by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

## WELCOME TO YEAR 12 DAY

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

The emphasis on the day was the importance of effective organisation for the HSC year. To address this key factor all students were provided valuable information from David Bateman, Assistant Director and Lynda Shrubbs, Careers Advisor to carry with them throughout year 12. Students were also given an insight into the NESA requirements and the importance of individual ranks in the HSC. The ATAR process was also explained.

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

The students all enjoyed a mentor session with their year 12 mentor. This gave them an opportunity to continue to establish a rapport as well as a support base for the year ahead. They were issued with their Yr12 Timetable and have now transferred key assessment dates onto a 12-month wall planner that is designed to be displayed in their regular place of study.

The day concluded with a barbeque Lunch and some team building activities before the students commence HSC class at 2pm.

*Tanya Stack, Student Programs Coordinator*



## SCU NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

### Southern Cross University Discovery Day

**Tuesday 31 October 2017** New Year 12 students (class of 2018) are invited to Coffs Harbour campus to discover career opportunities and the range of courses offered at Southern Cross Gold Coast, Lismore and Coffs campuses. Select from over 20 course sessions covering areas as diverse as Biomedical Science to Engineering and Law. Register attendance with your Careers Adviser or at <https://scudaycoffs2017.eventbrite.com.au>.

**Study Abroad with Southern Cross University** - Southern Cross students make the world their classroom by undertaking Study Abroad programs. Study Abroad allows students to explore different cultures, make new connections and follow their passion. Study Abroad is available to all students who have successfully completed their first year of study and Scholarships are available to help make this happen. More information at [www.scu.edu.au/studyabroad](http://www.scu.edu.au/studyabroad).

**Southern Cross Scholars 2018** - To celebrate the launch of a new range of innovative degrees, Southern Cross University has an additional 40 new \$2,500 scholarships. The \$100,000 scholarship program will not only help attract talented students to new programs, but also help create a cohort of student leaders ready to contribute to the University and the community. Current Year 12 students commencing first year of University study in 2018 can apply for these new scholarships before 30 November at [scu.edu.au/scholarships](http://scu.edu.au/scholarships)

## HOMEWORK CENTRE ROSTER – TERM 4, IN A.G.5 FROM 4 – 6 PM

The homework centre is an additional tutoring opportunity for students to extend their understanding or if they need extra help. Generally students work in small groups and readily get help when required by the attending teacher. For enquiries about the homework centre please contact Chris Bormann on 6659 3358, visit him in C.1.8 or email [christopher.bormann@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:christopher.bormann@det.nsw.edu.au)

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>5</b>  6-10 November	Maths  CAPA	Biology		Technology/TAS Economics/Business/Geography/Legal/Society & Culture/English – Gerry Hilton
<b>6</b>  13-17 November	Maths  Textiles – Tanya Stack	Chemistry	History – Charlie Bellemore	Technology/TAS Economics/Business/Geography/Legal/Society & Culture/English – Gerry Hilton
<b>7</b>  20-24 November	Maths  CAPA	Biology		Technology/TAS Economics/Business/Geography/Legal/Society & Culture/English – Gerry Hilton
<b>8</b>  27 November – 1 December	Maths	Chemistry	History – Charlie Bellemore	Technology/TAS Economics/Business/Geography/Legal/Society & Culture/English – Gerry Hilton
<b>9</b>  4-8 December	Maths  CAPA	Biology		Technology/TAS Economics/Business/Geography/Legal/Society & Culture/English – Gerry Hilton
<b>10</b>  11-15 December	Maths	Chemistry	History – Charlie Bellemore	Technology/TAS Economics/Business/Geography/Legal/Society & Culture/English – Gerry Hilton

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## DISABILITY PROVISIONS FOR THE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS 2018

According to NESA, Disability Provisions in the HSC are practical arrangements designed to help students who couldn't otherwise make a fair attempt to show what they know in an exam room. NESA grants specific provisions based on specific evidence about the student that demonstrates how the student's exam performance is affected by a diagnosed disability.

Applications are made through each school. Students must submit a completed NESA Medical or Vision form from a medical or other professional who is not related to them and complete a Student Declaration. Teachers will be asked to complete a form that focusses on how, in their professional opinion, the diagnosed disability affects the examination performance of the individual student in their course and how the specific provision will help them. Depending on the provision, a student may have to arrange specific reading, writing or other testing. It is also



important to note that evidence must be dated no more than one year before the 2018 HSC. If all the necessary information is not provided, some requested provisions may be declined by NESA due to insufficient evidence or in certain cases, where there is no evidence of ongoing treatment or therapy. Provisions are also declined when the evidence does not demonstrate that the impact of a student's disability in examinations will be relieved by a particular provision, or if testing results do not indicate a need for according to their guidelines. Applications for the 2018 HSC should soon be open. All students who wish to apply for disability provisions for Year 12 must see Vicki Greer, Learning Support Coordinator, as soon as possible to discuss their needs, what evidence may be required and which provisions may be most suitable, particularly as time is often needed to make specialist appointments.

This includes all students who were granted provisions in 2017. Some pathways students who have had provisions for HSC exams this year may need to reapply, depending on the nature of the disability. In line with the College Disability Provisions Policy, Disability Provisions will not be granted for college based examinations in Year 12 until a student begins the process of applying for NESA provisions and supplies the appropriate evidence.

Disability provisions also apply to temporary and emergency-related disabilities. A typical example of an 'emergency' is where a student breaks their writing arm a week before an examination and would require a writer, for example. Students who become ill during an examination period may be eligible to make an illness/misadventure application rather than a disability provisions application. We have been advised by NESA that this also applies to conditions that may or may not affect a student during an exam, such as migraine headaches.

Parents or guardians should contact me on 6659 3320 or via email [vicki.greer3@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vicki.greer3@det.nsw.edu.au) to discuss the process or ask any questions.

***Vicki Greer, Learning Support Coordinator***

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## CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE

The Careers Advisory Service is an annual initiative which gives students and their families, up to date information about the range of relevant career and study options available following the release of the HSC results by BOSTES. The Careers Advisory Service complements the services provided by BOSTES, UAC, TAFE NSW, universities and other providers.

In 2017 there is:

- .. Phone-ion service – 1300 300 687
- .. Email service – accessed via the website <http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au/>

The majority of enquiries usually focus on the following issues:

- .. career/study options to students with lower or higher than expected ATARs
- .. changes to university course preferences, and
- .. university and TAFE NSW application processes and courses.



## CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE CONTINUED ...



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Apply at [bcu.com.au/studentplus-scholarships](http://bcu.com.au/studentplus-scholarships)

Applications close Friday November 24, 2017

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## YEAR 11 SPORT AWARDS

Sporting achievements by Year 11 students were awarded at the Year 11 Presentation Day.

Students interested in participating in sporting events should make contact with the college’s Sport Coordinator, Wade Newton. Wade’s office is in C.1.21 and the sport noticeboard is located outside his office.

## ATHLETICS AWARDS



Aidan Wallace competed in the All Schools State Athletics Championship last week in Sydney and won the triple jump. He is now set to compete in the National Championships to be held in Adelaide.



## INTERACT CLUB OF COFFS HARBOUR

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, we held our change over dinner at Attitude Burgers to celebrate another successful year of Interact (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak District 9650). 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.

Our dinner was a chance to farewell our board members and to welcome the new. Congratulations to our new board members:

- **President** - Ella Burgan (Year 10 student, Toormina High School)
- **Vice President** - Jayden Whaites (Year 11 student, Coffs Harbour Senior College)
- **Secretary** – Dominic Vorreiter (Year 11 student, St John Paul College)

We had our first meeting for this term on Wednesday Week 2 and discussed our exciting year ahead. Every Interact Club carries out two service projects a year: one that helps their community and one that promotes international understanding. Our community project is to assist with the Cex Community Crew SleepOut for the Homeless and our international project is still on the agenda to be decided. We have lots of fun and exciting fundraising ideas to achieve our goals.

Our club is made up of enthusiastic students from the Senior College, Toormina High School, St John Paul College and Orara High School and we have a goal to increase our membership. Through Interact, students can connect with community leaders, develop leadership skills, make international connections and discover more opportunities to connect.

If you are interested in joining, we meet fortnightly on Wednesdays, even weeks of the school terms in the A.1.27. If you would like further information, please contact Ana Amey (C.1.16), [anastasha.amey@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:anastasha.amey@det.nsw.edu.au). Find us on Facebook as well, Coffs Interact Club.



## TELL THEM FROM ME (TTFM) – PARENT SURVEY UPDATE

On behalf of Coffs Harbour Senior College, I would like to thank all the parents who completed the recent *Partners in Learning* survey. In total, 65 surveys were completed! This represents an improvement in parent feedback from previous years, allowing us to gain better insights to inform our school planning and development.

We look forward to sharing the results of the survey with our school community later this term. If you would like to be involved in the analysis of the survey results, please contact me via email ([Christopher.bormann@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Christopher.bormann@det.nsw.edu.au)) to indicate your interest.



*Chris Bormann, College Data Analysis Coordinator*

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## IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES

### TERM 4:

**9 November** – HSC Parent Support Evening, 6pm, O Block Theatre

**27 November** – HSC Confirmation of Entry pack posted to parents

**8 December** – Senior History Study Day, CHEC

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

**15 December** – Release of HSC results

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

**18 December** – Year 12 Get Together, 10am, CHEC Osprey Restaurant

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

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

### TERM 1 – 2018:

**30 January** – First day for staff

**31 January** – Day 1 for Year 11 students, 9am, D Theatre

**1 February** – Day 1 for Year 12 students, 9am student meeting in D Theatre

**19-21 February** – Year 11 Wellbeing Program

**6 March** – Year 11 Parent Social Evening, 6.30pm, D Theatre

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