



COFFS HARBOUR SENIOR COLLEGE

CHSC END OF TERM 2 UPDATE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is so nice to be near the end of a very hectic term knowing there are two weeks to spend time walking on the beach, perhaps a bit of bike riding and most importantly looking after my health and wellbeing. I hope all of you join me in finding time to do what makes you happy and healthy.

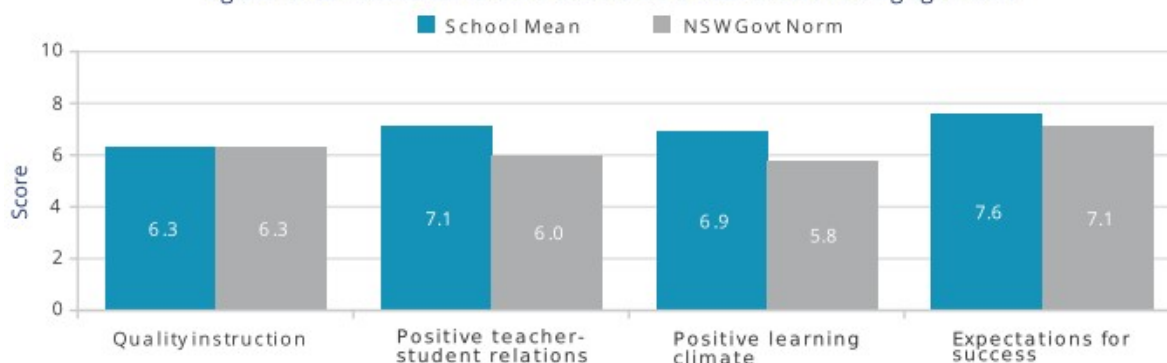
I know at this time of the year there is a lot of stress as assessment tasks are due and Year 12 students are starting to prepare for Trial Exams. Here is an interesting website with great videos for parents <https://parents.au.reachout.com/> and students <https://au.reachout.com/>.

Major works are also being finished. For those who are a bit unsure about the deadlines I have included them in the calendar at the end of this email.

Tell Them From Me Survey – Student Engagement Results

Each year we participate in the Tell Them From Me surveys. Of particular interest are the student engagement results. Student engagement is “a disposition towards learning, working with others, and functioning in a social institution”. It includes students’ sense of belonging at school, the extent to which they value schooling outcomes, and their psychological investment in learning. Engagement and learning go hand-in-hand: engagement begets learning and learning begets engagement. I am very pleased with the following results:

Figure 5: School-level factors associated with student engagement



Enrolment Open Day is coming up on Saturday 3 August. We know from our market research that family and friends are the major influencers on a student’s decision to come to the Senior College. So please spread the word about the Enrolment Open Day and the many opportunities that you have experienced here at the college. The day commences at 12noon in the gathering space.

I hope everyone has a great break and I look forward to catching up with you on 23 July.

Warm regards

Dianne Marshall PSM

YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

The Year 12 Trial Examination timetable has been updated to ensure there are no clashes for students. The examinations will now end on Tuesday 27 August. A new version will be distributed to students this week. Please follow this link to the latest version:

<https://www.seniorcollege.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-Trial-Timetable.pdf>

SCHOOL PLAN UPDATE

Here is an update on how we are progressing with the School Plan:

1. Foster student engagement and ownership of learning: The results from the 2019 Tell Them From Me Survey shows that our students level of engagement is above the New South Wales average; Students have had structured sessions reflecting on their own learning focusing on their 'overall effort- ownership' profile in their reports, ensuring that they understand what this means and reflecting on ways that this can be improved; staff are taking part in professional learning that helps them to understand and find ways of encouraging engagement and ownership of learning.
2. Build teacher effectiveness and collegiality: We have created Cross Curricular Conversations, which began as an exercise to see what we are teaching in common across the huge range of subjects that we offer. Staff across different faculties are now working together to share effective teaching strategies and create initiatives that will benefit students.
3. Improve and streamline communication between students, staff and parents: We have introduced Skoolbag and are streamlining our use of email to communicate with parents and students; internally we have improved our School Calendar and refined the use of email, Sentral and Stile (our online Learning platform) to ensure that staff are as well informed as possible. We recently surveyed students on the best ways that we can communicate important information with them.

N DETERMINATIONS

A friendly reminder that those warning letters which are sent home for incomplete work need to be addressed immediately. I suggest if this applies to you that you take the opportunity over the holidays to complete the outstanding work.

On Friday 6 September 2019, I am required to certify that each Year 12 student has completed all their courses. On Friday 18 October I am going through the same process for Year 11 students.

For me to do this there must be enough evidence that you have:

1. followed the course
2. applied yourself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences that the school provided in the course
3. achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

For courses that include school assessment marks, you must also make a genuine attempt at assessment tasks that make up over 50% of the possible school assessment marks for that course.

Most HSC VET Industry Curriculum Framework courses, and some other VET courses, also require students to work set hours to develop industry competencies and practise learned skills. You must complete any required work placements, or the school may find you have not genuinely attempted to complete the course.

Students with two outstanding warning letters at the appropriate date listed above will be deemed to have not completed a course. This means:

- you will receive no results in that course
- the course will not appear on your NESA record
- the course will not count towards your HSC pattern of study. I will tell you in writing and inform NESA if you did not complete a course. You will then have the right to appeal to the school against this determination. If your appeal is unsuccessful, you can appeal to NESA. I will explain this to you and tell you how to appeal.

Please contact your class teachers if you are uncertain about outstanding course work. I will be interviewing students who have two (2) outstanding warning letters in a subject.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

For the most up to date version always refer to the college website:

<http://www.seniorcollege.com.au/full-calendar/>

Term 3 2019

22 July – Staff Development Day

23 July – Students Return

31 July – Year 11 & Year 12 Post Options Expo 9am – 10am

31 July – Year 12 Preparing for University 10am – 11am MPC

1 August – Coffs Cup Half Day Public Holiday

3 August (Saturday) – Enrolment Open Day 12pm – 3pm

5 August – HSC Society and Culture PIP hand in

6 – 8 August – HSC Showcase Nights – D Theatre 6pm – 9:30pm

12 August – Industrial Tech Major Projects completion and hand in

12 August – 27 August – Year 12 Trial Exams

19 August – HSC Textiles & Design Major Projects completion & hand in

20 August – Year 11 Mentor Session 2pm – 4pm

23 August – HSC English Extension 2 Major Projects completion & hand in

26 August – HSC Drama Projects completion & hand in

29 August – HSC Design & Tech Major Projects completion & hand in

2 September – HSC Visual Arts Bodies of Work completion & hand in

9 September – HSC Music Submitted Works completion & hand in

16-27 September – Year 11 Assessment Period

24 September – Year 12 Graduation Practice & afternoon tea 2pm – 4pm

25 September – Year 12 Graduation, 11am, C.ex

26 September – Year 12 Formal, C.ex

27 September – Last day of Term 3