



COFFS HARBOUR SENIOR COLLEGE

CHSC WELCOME TO TERM 1

Term 1 Principal's Message

Welcome back to a new school year.

Year 11 and 12 have settled into the Senior College routine and importantly are engaging well. We have had very positive feedback from students and staff regarding their orientation to CHSC.

I would like to welcome new staff to the Senior College – Josh Stewart, who will be our second Deputy, Rachel Fraser, who will be our Careers Advisor, Dave Edmonds to Science and Izaak Hillery to TAS. Welcome back to Ana Williams and Holly Hopper.

This year we have several exciting programs organised to continue to enhance student achievement. For year 12 we will have an academic counselling program, more details to come. Connections will run in year 11. We are also fortunate to have Southern Cross University to provide free tutoring to learning. This should commence in the next fortnight.

To aid in organisation I would urge year 12 and year 11 students to revisit their Assessment Handbooks and note when their tasks are due this term and mark this on a calendar.

Important dates

14th Feb – Student Meeting – D Theatre - 11am -12noon

20th Feb – School Photos

28th Feb – Year 11 Parent Information Night – D Theatre – 5:30pm – 6:30pm

8th Mar – Student Meeting – D Theatre – 11am – 12noon

23rd Mar – Mentor Session – D Theatre – 11am – 12noon

4th Apr – Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews – Library – 4pm – 7pm



Photo: Year 11 Orientation Day in D Theatre

Introduction – Josh Stewart

My name is Joshua Stewart and I am excited to have begun work as Deputy Principal alongside David Bateman and Sam Hutton here at Coffs Harbour Senior College. My sincere thanks go out to our fantastic staff and students who have been incredibly welcoming. I have already been impressed by the calibre of our students and their commitment to supporting each other and the school, particularly our Year 12 students who returned to school early to guide our new Year 11 students through their first day at CHSC.

Prior to starting at the College, I served as Deputy Principal at Port Vila International School, Vanuatu where I led a diverse learning community to build a strong senior secondary program. I have a passion for empowering students to succeed and am incredibly proud that many of our students were able to achieve their personal best and achieve to access tertiary studies in Australia and around the world.

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working with students, teachers, and families to create inclusive and supportive learning environments. I am committed to continuing to foster our strong school culture that prioritises student achievement, well-being, and a love of learning. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you and working together to continue to make CHSC an exceptional place for our students. Please come and introduce yourself when you see me around campus and don't hesitate to reach out should you have any questions about your child's learning.

Warm Regards

Joshua Stewart



David Bateman

Welcome back to 2023 to all our students and parents. A special welcome to the new Year 11 cohort and the few new Year 12 students.

In term 4 I sent out a series of emails to the new year 11 students about their transition to the Senior College and the final two years of their schooling. This seemed to be very well received.

A key role for all schools and teachers is to keep students safe. Part of this is the ability to identify who are and who are not students. The Education Campus, by its nature, is a fairly open site. To assist staff and students to identify Senior College students, we have introduced a requirement for students to wear a Senior College lanyard and to carry their id card in that lanyard. The id card in addition to identifying the student as a college student

also acts as their print, photocopying, library, and flexible leave card. It can also be used to access some specialist classrooms on campus. Each student has been provided with a free lanyard. Lost lanyards can be replaced for a fee of \$2.50 at the college office.

P&C

Coffs Harbour Senior College prides itself on the promotion of opportunities and equity for all students. These opportunities may arise through academic, community-based, leadership, sporting or creative avenues and may be extra-curricular and within their studies for Year 11 or the HSC. There are usually costs associated with a student's ability to participate in these opportunities.

The P&C has created a fund, that all eligible students can access, so one's financial circumstances are less of a limiting factor.

The "P&C Opportunity Assistance Fund" is a voluntary payment we are asking any parents and carers who can spare some money to help us to help other students who need access to financial support. This is where you only pay what you feel you can afford. This way, equity and opportunity can continue for our students.

Each year we will acknowledge our sponsors and the student initiatives we were able to support via our school website, our newsletter and email updates.

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The P&C thanks you for your kindness and generosity and looks forward to an even more successful year ahead helping our students to achieve personal success

Warm regards

CHSC P&C

Signing out

I am writing to remind everyone about an important aspect of our school safety: sign-out procedures for students leaving campus.

At CHSC we require that all students sign out before leaving the campus for any reason, whether it be for an appointment or to go home if on a flexible timetable. This helps us keep accurate records of who is on campus at all times and ensures the safety of our students.

Please remember that when a student needs to leave campus, they must first report to the office to sign out. The office staff will record the student's name, the time of departure, and the reason for leaving. When returning, students must follow the same process to sign back in. This information is critical in case of an emergency, and it helps us ensure that all students are accounted for at all times.

Forms are available in the front office for students to apply for a flexible timetable which will allow for late arrival, or early departure on days when they have a study period at the beginning or end of the day. Students on a flexible timetable are still required to sign in and out. Year 11's will need to factor in their connections program which will run during their first study period of the week.

Staff will be monitoring campus exits to check students sign out slips, please have these ready to present to staff along with your lanyard and student card. Please be polite and considerate as Teachers are working hard to ensure the safety and security of our school.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and I thank you for your commitment to keeping our school community safe and maintaining our duty of care. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office.

Joshua Stewart

School Attendance

A DAY MISSED HERE OR THERE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE MUCH, BUT....

When your child misses just...	That equals...	This is...	And therefore, from kindy to year 12, that is ...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearing 8 weeks of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

GIVE YOUR CHILD EVERY CHANCE TO SUCCEED

Parents are to phone the Administration Office on 6659 3054 the morning of a student's absences. Please do not wait for the afternoon SMS to notify the college of absences.

If an absence is known about in advance, a yellow student absence form should be completed and returned to the office. These can be collected from the Administration Office or downloaded from our website <https://coffsharbs-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

If the student is absent for more than 3 days a medical certificate will be required.

Connections Program

We are excited to announce the launch of the Connections program, designed to support our new Year 11 Students as they begin their studies at the College.

Connections is a program that empowers our students by connecting them with their peers and staff at the school, skills, people and support. It enriches their learning, covering many of the important skills and understandings they need to thrive, outside of the learning in their individual classes and subjects.

This week all students met with Gary Maher, our Student Support Officer who discussed positive wellbeing and the supports we have for students when they may be struggling with stress and other challenges students may face during their HSC Year.

Students attend this lesson for one hour in their first study period of the week. Each week students will engage with different themes, presenters, tutors and skills. Over Term 1 we will be covering:

- Building friendships and connections with other students
- Technology and ICT
- Library and research skills
- Careers
- Goal setting
- Organisation and study routines
- Focus and productivity tools
- NESA HSC Requirements
- And More!

We know this program will be valuable to our students, building their sense of connection, confidence and community at CHSC.

In addition to the Connections Program, all Year 11 and 12 students are able to access free tutoring and support. This support is provided by our own teachers as well as academically successful students from SCU. Students and parents just need to contact Julie-Anne Chivers who will be happy to connect you with the support you need.

Should you require any further information about the program, please contact Deputy Principal Joshua Stewart or Learning Support Teacher / SBAT Coordinator Julie Anne Chivers.

