



COFFS HARBOUR SENIOR COLLEGE

CHSC END OF TERM 1

Principal's Message

We are in the final week of Term 1, and this provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the opportunities provided to our students. As a college we are constantly looking at ways to thrive, learn and grow. One of the programs that we have introduced is the Academic Counselling Program. This is a program we are very excited about in terms of its ability to deliver measurable growth to student performance. In this program we look at how students are tracking to meet their ATAR goals at different points throughout the year. Central to the process is the one-on-one sessions which are used to set achievable goals, improve study habits, improve performance, increase accountability, and enable students to realise their aspirations and visions.

An information session was delivered to the year group. Students were then invited to sign up to the program. We had over 80 students express an interest. Individual appointments were then made with their assigned academic counsellor. The academic counselling session will then happen again after generating the reports in Term 2, Week 1.

Feedback from students has shown that the first session has provided a structure on how they can challenge themselves. It also reaffirms students that the strategies they have put into place have been successful.

Myself, David Bateman, and Josh Stewart will be at the upcoming parent teacher night being held on Tuesday 4th April in the library followed by the music showcase evening in D Theatre.

I provided an overview of the program at the last P&C Meeting.

Year 11 Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

We are delighted to share with you the great news of a very successful first term of school for 2023. As we near the end of this term, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and trust in us.

This term has been an exciting one for our students as they have embarked on their HSC Journey here at CHSC. Year 11's have shown great enthusiasm and commitment to their studies, and we are proud of their accomplishments thus far. They have demonstrated great maturity and resilience as

Important dates

25th April – ANZAC Day March

26th April – Students return for Term 2

2nd May – P&C Meeting 5:30-6:30pm
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11th May – Student Meeting 9-10am D
Theatre

2nd June – Mentor Session 11am-12pm
D Theatre

6th June – P&C Meeting 5:30-6:30pm
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12th June – Public Holiday

13th June – Year 11 Parent Teacher
Interviews 4-7pm Library

30th June – Last day of Term 2

Sport dates

See Scott Griffiths for dates.

they have adapted to the challenges of a new school and have forged new connections with their teachers and classmates.

Our Year 11 Students have been actively engaged in their classes, participating in discussions, and asking insightful questions. They have shown an eagerness to learn and have displayed a positive attitude towards their studies. As teachers we have been impressed by many of our students' work ethic and have provided them with guidance and support to help them begin to achieve their academic goals.

Outside of the classroom, I have seen students involved in a range of extracurricular activities, from sports to music, drama, debating, work experience and the school representative council. These activities have allowed them to develop new skills, make new friends, and give back to their community. I encourage all students to take hold of these opportunities as they present themselves, this learning is invaluable in expanding their horizons and developing them as well-rounded and resourceful learners.

I would like to extend my thanks to Rachel Fraser, our Careers Advisor who has met with many students in our cohort to help them plan for their future pathways and careers, giving them insights into the world of work and of tertiary education.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Julie Anne Chivers who has done a phenomenal job running the Connections Program to help our Year 11 Students transition to the Senior College. as you would remember from our previous communications the Connections program is designed to support our new Year 11 Students as they begin their studies at the College. Connections has empowered 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. Over Term 1 we have met with a range of school staff and covered:

- 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, All My Own Work and National Minimum Standards Tests

This program has been valuable to our students, building their sense of connection, confidence and community at CHSC.

We would also like to thank you for your support in ensuring that your children are ready to learn. Your involvement and encouragement has a huge impact on your child's success, and we are grateful for your partnership with us. My thanks to all parents who came to our information session earlier this term, it was great to meet you and to share ways we can work together to support our students.

As we move into the next term, we encourage you to continue to support your children in their academic journey. Please keep the lines of communication open with the school, and do not hesitate to reach out to us should you have any questions or concerns.

Once again, we would like to express our appreciation for your continued support, and we look forward to working with you to ensure your children achieve their full potential.

Warm regards,

Joshua Stewart