



COFFS HARBOUR SENIOR COLLEGE

CHSC WELCOME TO TERM 3

Term 3 Principal's Message

Welcome back to everyone to Term 3.

This is a significant term; it is the last term for year 12 and is the culmination of 13 years' worth of learning. I have been fortunate to see so many of the major projects being in the final stages of development. Students have been committed to develop innovative work which is of a high standard. Many attended workshops at the college over the break to refine and develop their work. A big call out to the staff for running these and providing extensive feedback on drafts. Students will need to be preparing for their Trial exams. A reminder that after the trials that attendance is compulsory. Teachers will be sending out information regarding post-trial learning programs.

Teachers have been providing advice and strategies on how to be best prepared. Can I also encourage students to make appointments to see out Careers Advisor, Rachel Fraser, to discuss post school options whether this is for apprentices, job pathways, TAFE or University.

Helen Rook has been running Thursday morning sessions for short answer responses and Kate Sharwood has been running English essay responses on Wednesdays at lunch. I would encourage all to attend.

Important Dates

29th July – Open Day

1st August – 5:30pm, P&C Meeting

7th – 25th August – Trial HSC

11th – 22 September – Yr 11 Final Exams

20th September – 11-1pm, Yr 12 Graduation

21st September – 5-9pm, Yr 12 Formal

22nd September – Last day of Term

OPEN DAY
ENROLLING FOR 2024

SATURDAY JULY 29th 12PM – 3PM
CELEBRATING OVER 20 YEARS OF HSC ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Enrolment packs with CHSC subject information and application form
- Subject Booths - meet and talk with our experienced teachers
- Meet the Principal and Deputy Principal
- Guided campus walking tours of our specialised class rooms and state of the art facilities
- Create your CHSC timetable
- Food and beverages available all afternoon

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Over the break we received some great news, Emelia Naumov has been recognised as a 2023 Trail blazer for Science and Technology by the Art of Smart. Marisol Taylor has been accepted to

participate in the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University Australian Honours Ensemble program.

Thank you to all the teachers who ran the ski excursion over the holiday break. I understand the students who attended had a brilliant time.

Year 11 have been working well. This is their last term of year 11 as they start year 12, at the beginning of next term.

Electives for college captains will commence in the next few weeks.

Let us continue the learning journey.

Deputy Principal – Year 12

Welcome to the start of the end for year 12. Term 3 represents to final term of face to face teaching. As Sam mentioned earlier, it is essential that students take full advantage of all the opportunities to be fully prepared for the HSC.

Some additional useful resources for both students and parents include.

[the Sydney Morning Herald's "Put your best foot forward: the essentials for tackling the HSC"](#)

This covers a range of strategies, including.

- Study Schedules.
- Reducing Distractions.
- Understanding different exam type questions and how to tackle them.
- Understanding the HSC Exam Rules.
- The Day of the Exam.
- Illness Misadventure.
- Exam Moderation.

Your child's teacher and the College have been working with students on all of these things over the past two year. They are increasingly a focus in this lead up to the Exams.

The lead up to the Exams and during the Exams can be a stressful time for parents and students. A resource I have previously mentioned is "[Reachout](#)". It provides a range of support strategies for students and their parents. One article worth looking at is "[Self-care and teenagers](#)"

The Australian Catholic University website "Impact" also has some good resources. [Surviving Year 12 exams: a 'study guide' for parents](#) specifically address the needs of parents at this time.

The NSW Department of Education also has resources for Parents at this time [Parents - Tips to support your kids going through the HSC.](#)

NESA, who write and run the HSC Exams also have resources for [Parents](#) and [Students](#)

David Bateman

Deputy Principal – Year 11

Dear Parents, Students and Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to the start of Term Three!

It's hard to believe that we have reached the final term of Year 11 before students commence the HSC in Term 4. Time has flown by, and it is with great pride that I reflect on the growth and development I have witnessed in our students during their time here this year. It is exciting to think that our Year 11 Students will soon be stepping up as our school leaders and welcoming a new cohort to Coffs Harbour Senior College.

As we welcome everyone back to school, I want to take a moment to acknowledge just a few of the many exciting opportunities and events our students have recently been involved in:

- The Year 11 Snow Trip: I've had incredibly positive feedback on our students and how they conducted themselves on this excursion. A huge thank you to Mel Croucher, Brett Croucher, Gary Maher and Karlee Hackfath for their work organising, supervising and running the trip.
- Battle of the Bands: A huge success for several of our students who will be representing us at an upcoming State Level Competition in Sydney and a big thank you to our CAPA Faculty for their ongoing support of our students in their creative endeavours both in and out of school.

- NAIDOC Celebrations: It was a great opportunity for us to host a NAIDOC event here on school and our thanks to the students and their families who joined us here on campus. A special shout out to two Year 11 Music students Lily Booth and Charlie Cheers who performed a beautiful rendition of 'Took the Children Away'.
- Mock Trial Team: Amazing work from our Mock-Trial Team who have continued to go from success to success and a big thank you to our Legal Studies Teacher Michael Franks who has been a phenomenal mentor and coach for the team.
- Major Works: I had the pleasure of helping mark our Year 12 Drama Trials and I was really impressed with the quality of work I saw from our group and individual performances, with some incredibly creative and thoughtful pieces. Similarly I've been inspired from some of the highlights I've seen from our Visual Arts students, Design and Technology, Extension Science, Extension 2 English, Dance, Music and other major works that are currently ongoing. I want to thank our teachers for their patience and support through what is a challenging process and to encourage all students to keep polishing and refining to make their project the best it can be.

Throughout Term Three, we will continue to focus on providing a supportive and engaging learning environment for our students, our dedicated team of teachers and staff will continue to guide, mentor, and challenge them, ensuring they are well-prepared to commence the HSC.

For parents, I encourage you to continue being actively involved in your child's education. Open communication between school and home is essential to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.

As we embark on Term Three, it is important to remind our Year 11 students that this term marks a new milestone— our Year 11 examinations. While it may seem like the year has flown by, now is the time for our students to focus their efforts and begin their preparation.

Examinations are a significant part of the Year 11 journey, and we understand that they can be both exciting and nerve-wracking. To support our students in their preparation, we encourage them to use effective study and revision strategies that will aid them in achieving their best:

- Create a Study Schedule: Help your child develop a study schedule that outlines specific study times for each subject but that still allows them time for their other commitments. Consistent study routines can enhance memory retention and ensure all subjects are adequately covered.
- Start Early: Cramming just before a test is not an effective way to study, begin revision early to give yourself the best chance of being successful.
- Break Down the Material: Encourage students to break down their study material into manageable chunks. Tackling small portions at a time is less overwhelming and improves understanding.
- Use a Variety of Study Resources: We recommend using various study resources such as textbooks, notes, online resources, study-groups, flashcards, videos, podcasts, and practice exams. Diverse study materials can offer different perspectives and reinforce learning.
- Timed Practice Papers: These help to familiarise students with the examination format and types of questions by practicing past papers. This helps build confidence and allows them to identify areas for improvement. Setting a timer helps you know what you can write in the examination timeframe.
- Take Regular Breaks: Emphasize the importance of taking short breaks during study sessions. Stepping away from the books for a few minutes can refresh the mind and improve focus.
- Stay Healthy: Encourage students to engage in regular physical activities or exercises, keep a healthy sleep routine and stay hydrated. Physical well-being plays a vital role in mental alertness and overall academic performance.
- Seek Help and Guidance: Remind students that it's okay to seek help from their teachers. Our teachers are here to provide guidance and support throughout this journey and are all experienced HSC Markers.
- Opportunities for growth: Use these exams to help you know what is and isn't effective when it comes time to study for the HSC exams next year.

Most importantly of all these is attendance. We know that your child's attendance is the single most important contributor to their success at school. We need students here every day unless sick to ensure their ongoing learning and achievement.

We know that students dedication and hard work will pay off with strong results. Let's approach this term with determination, focus, and a growth mindset.

Best of luck to all our Year 11 students as they embark on this final term before they begin Year 12 in Term 4. We look forward to celebrating their achievements together.

Wishing everyone a great Term Three!

Warm regards,

Joshua Stewart
Deputy Principal

Term 2 Sports

Soccer: Team made it to the final 16 of the State.

Lawn bowls: Lost on countback to Woolgoolga High School at the knockout/Gala Day.



Team L -R Toby Bailey, Bailey Jenkins and Max Ellison

Cross Country: Term 2 saw Cross Country happen, the School had 7 MNC Reps: Jamie Woolford, Jade Kitching, Sean Phinn, Josiah Phinn, Daniel Bird, Bec Newman and Leah Nichols.

Jade and Bec represented the North Coast last Friday with Jade finishing 2nd



Swimming: We had two North Coast Reps: Amelia Moore and Caleb Daykin.

Basketball: We went through to the final 16 when they lost to Cecil Hills High School in a close game. We also had 6 reps in the North Coast team: Taj Rea, Kaspa Nghoset, Kane Phillips, Jonathon Orange, Jake McMillan and Flynn Taylor

Golf: Gabby Bowles represented the North Coast at golf.

Netball: Arrin Stirrat-Black and Kayla Gage represented in the NC Team were,

Rugby League: We had Jay Crismale Rep NC

Squash: Also two players Rep. MNC in Sean and Josiah Phinn.

Dance

Year 11 and 12 Dance students performed at the Mid North Coast Dance Festival in Week 10 of Term 2. It was a wonderful showcase of their hard work throughout Terms 1 and 2. Additionally, Mercedes Green, Heath Secomb, Erin Krainik, Tayla Mackay, and Ena Salmon successfully auditioned for the Mid North Coast Dance Ensemble, working with Sydney Choreographer Pete Evans to create a contemporary dance work. The Ensemble Group has successfully auditioned for the State Dance Festival in Sydney and will perform their work in Sydney at the Seymour Centre later in Term 3, we wish these hard-working dancers all the best for their Sydney performance.



Year 12 are fast approaching their practical dance HSC examinations, in Week 5 of Term 3. They are busy rehearsing their dance works and working with their composition dancers in preparation for the upcoming exams. Good luck to our Year 12 Dancers!

Special mention also goes to Year 12 Student, Tayla Mackay who successfully auditioned for Full-Time Dance training at the prestigious Sydney school, Ev&Bow starting in 2024. Congratulations Tayla, we are all very excited for you to continue to pursue your dance passions!

Attendance

Leave forms must be completed within seven (7) school days of any absence, whether full day or part day. The Senior College Leave form is available on the college website in the 'Current Students' section or can be obtained from Administration. Parents can also provide a written note. Leave forms are to be handed in to Administration when the student returns to school.

Medical certificates are required for absences for sick leave for 3 days or more.

If leave forms are not submitted within seven (7) school days of return, the absences will be officially noted as 'unexplained'. This can jeopardise a student's position in a course as well as adversely affect Youth Allowance payments. College attendance records are not changed if a doctor's certificate, absence letter or leave form is provided to the college after seven (7) days following an absence.

If a student calls a teacher by telephone to notify them of an absence it is still officially required to provide a written note or email to Administration when the student returns to school or a phone call from a parent/carer.