



3rd February 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Year 12 Careers Faculty Update for 2020

Throughout this year, students in Year 12 at Coffs Harbour High School will be given the opportunity to participate in activities and excursions that assist them to understand the range of employment, TAFE and university options available to them upon completion of secondary schooling.

The excursions and activities below are a sample and additional opportunities will be promoted throughout the year. It is recommended that these excursions are noted in student's diaries for planning purposes.

University Roadshow Thursday 20th February 2020

The University Roadshow will be held at Coffs Harbour High School on Thursday 20th February from 11.30am – 12.30pm. Representatives from Southern Cross University, Charles Sturt University, University of Newcastle and University of New England will showcase their courses and facilities and allow students to ask questions pertaining to university options. This session is an excellent introduction for planning to go to university after Year 12. **Admission is free and students are to advise their attendance by adding their name to the sign up sheets at school.**

Charles Sturt University Port Macquarie Open Day – Tuesday 10th March 2020

The Port Macquarie campus of Charles Sturt University is relatively new, but it has an extensive range of courses available for students to study after secondary school. Students in Year 12 are given the opportunity to investigate the campus with other students from across the region. Cost of this excursion is approximately \$15 and places are limited.

University of New England Excursion – Friday 8th May 2020

Careers Advisers from the Coffs Harbour district will be conducting an excursion to the University of New England Schools Open Day in Armidale on Friday 8th May. This excursion is a valuable opportunity for students to get a feeling for the university campus, investigate possible course and career opportunities and to look at the on-campus accommodation. Cost is approximately \$40 per student and places are limited.

University of Newcastle Excursion – Wednesday 1st July 2020

This one day excursion is a valuable opportunity for students to get a feeling for the University of Newcastle campus, investigate possible courses and career opportunities and to look at the on-campus accommodation. Cost is approximately \$45 and places are limited.

Post Options Expo, Wednesday 29th July 2020

Each year at this time Year 11 and 12 students are given the opportunity to discuss post school options first hand with representatives of Universities and TAFE Colleges from both NSW and Queensland in addition to Private Colleges and employment originators/providers. This excursion is held at the Coffs Harbour Education Campus. Entry is free and ALL Year 11 and 12 students are encouraged to attend this informative event. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Our school also has a careers facebook page that both students and parents are welcome to follow / like called <https://www.facebook.com/coffsharbourhighcareers/> Job vacancies, excursions, industry updates and career information is updated on this site daily for referencing and future planning.

TVET Courses

TVET courses for students start the week commencing 10th February. Please note that our timetabling program only allows us to add 12TVET on a Wednesday afternoon, but this does not necessarily mean that this is when the course is held. If the course is held on another day, students have Wednesday afternoons to study instead.

For further details regarding TVET courses, please contact Julie Edgar at TAFE on 026659 3111.

Southern Cross University Headstart

Students commencing the program this year are required to attend the Orientation session on Wednesday 19th February 2pm -6pm at the National Marine Science Centre. The course commences at the beginning of March and finishes in late May with exams set by the university to be held in June.

Applying to University

The application process for university entry for 2021 opens in late March this year, which is four months earlier than previous years and closes on 27th September. University applications are overseen by different organisations depending upon the location of the university. For NSW universities UAC <http://www.uac.edu.au/> is the governing body and QTAC <http://www.qtac.edu.au/> for Queensland based universities. Most courses require students to be eligible for an ATAR as part of their senior school studies. Applications must be submitted online. Approximate cost to apply is \$52 per person. Hard copies of the course guides supplied by UAC and QTAC will be available to students in August.

Some universities offer alternative entry pathways including awarding Adjustment Factors for regional students and specific subjects. Other universities offer 'Early Entry' placements where students can submit an application to their chosen university with a Principals' Recommendation. These universities include Southern Cross University, University of New England, University of Canberra and Charles Sturt University. Most Early Entry applications open in June and close late August.

Students need to consider many factors when deciding to apply to university, including cost, location, career choices, availability of courses and whether or not students are eligible for an ATAR. Applications need to be made by the end of September, prior to students knowing their final results, so it is important that they make informed decisions that involve both parents and teachers.

Prior to the Year 12 Trial exams in August 2020, a parent information evening will be held to provide information and guide parents through the university and TAFE application requirements.

Applying to TAFE

Many students will consider a vocational pathway upon completion of their HSC. North Coast Institute of TAFE offers a wide range of course options with flexible delivery. TAFE course booklets are available to students in late August and full details are provided on their website <http://northcoast.tafensw.edu.au/Pages/Default.aspx> TAFE prefers applications for 2021 study to be submitted by the end of November 2020.

Resume Development

Students of all ages are encouraged to develop resumes that can be built on for future use. We have an exclusive website www.coffsharbourhighcareers.com where students can develop an online resume that is saved automatically and can be updated regularly. We encourage all students and their parents to review this website as it contains a great deal of information relevant to the next few years of senior schooling.

Career Planning Interviews

Year 12 students will be surveyed and interviewed throughout 2020 to gain a better understanding of their post-school intentions. Students and parents are welcome to make an appointment at any time with the Careers Adviser and take the initiative in planning their future.

Should you have any questions about any career related aspect for your son / daughter, please feel free to contact me on 02 66523466. Additional information can also be obtained from the following websites <https://thecareersdepartment.com/school> (login name is Coffs Harbour High School password CHHS) and www.coffsharbourhighcareers.com.au

Yours sincerely,



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