



# COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL

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“Light out of Darkness”

## newsletter

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the 25 Coffs Harbour High students who have been selected to represent our school and the North Coast at the State Athletics carnival at Homebush. It is not surprising really that we have such a large contingent, given that Coffs Harbour High was named the most successful of all the schools competing at the regional carnival.

Amongst this exceptionally skilled group of young people, I would like to acknowledge in particular Jack Sheehan and Olissa Onley. Jack was named North Coast 14 years age champion and Olissa was one of only two students to set a new record at the carnival. She set the record in the girls 12 to 14 years 1500 metres.

Four students have qualified for three or more events at state level: Alyssa Jenkins and Hayley Kitching three each, Ama Mite four events. Jack Sheehan will be extremely busy over the three days with six events in all.

Of course everyone would understand that representation at state level means families incur considerable costs to get their children to Sydney and pay other expenses such as levies and accommodation. I would like to thank the P&C again for their ongoing support of students who represent our school at state level in any sporting or cultural discipline. Forms to access this P&C assistance are available at the school office.

Parents will have noticed that over 10 years I have rarely used this newsletter to talk about uniform. However I would like to elicit your support in ensuring that students come to school dressed appropriately.

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There are several reasons why we would like your child dressed in uniform. Our first reason relates to safety. Recently I escorted three young people from our playground. They had no connection with our school. On this particular occasion they had not entered the school to cause any mischief, but it could have been a different story. It is much quicker for staff to recognise unwanted visitors, if our own students are in uniform.

Students from the SRC, teachers and the P&C work very hard to provide an affordable uniform which is acceptable to students and positively recognised in the community. Modifications are made from time to time following student input; most recently a more comfortable pair of shorts for girls and a hoodie style school jumper for the colder weather. I would like all families to respect the work done by our uniform team.

And finally it helps our students become work ready if they learn to follow rules around dress code. The vast majority of our students, who have part-time jobs, wear uniform.

Please talk to your child and make sure they are dressed appropriately for school as they leave home each morning. Assistance with purchase of uniforms is available for families who need this. Please contact Mr Ryan Hardie-Porter.

**Patti Kearns**

## P&C REPORT

One of the wonderful positives about participating in a school P&C is seeing where the money that you raise gets spent! Mr Hardy demonstrated the technology upgrades that P&C profits funded. Sphero and Lego Mindstorms are being used in TAS classes and are an exciting way to introduce coding and robotics to Coffs Harbour High School students. The next round of grant submissions for projects benefiting the school community close on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. Forms are available for the school community.

The P&C gave grants at our last two meetings to students participating in North Coast Rugby, AFL, Athletics and Orienteering, at a representative level. Congratulations to those students.

We are always proud of our canteen, the quality food they sell, and the standard of service provided to our children. A recent inspection meant that our school is proud to have a five-star rating from Coffs City Council for food safety and hygiene. Well done to Michelle and staff. They are continuing that good work by reviewing the canteen menu to embrace Healthy Canteen Policy.

Many students have embraced wearing the school uniform hooded jumper this winter and is now in stock in the school canteen. It has the school logo and is just \$40. Changes to uniform are made in consultation with students, SRC, the school and the P&C.

If you would like to be part of this process come along to our next meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September starting at 7.00 pm in the school library.

Hope to see you there.

**Caitlin Mackie**  
**PUBLICITY OFFICER**



## Cybersafety

The internet is one of the most significant developments of the 20th century, giving access to information readily and connecting the world. Along with the internet came social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Youtube where people can be connected 24/7. Many of our students use these social media platforms to communicate with friends and as parents it can be a challenge to stay up to date with such technology and ensure your child's safety whilst using social media. The eSafety Commissioner was established as an Australian Government initiative to promote online safety for all Australians, by helping Australians have safer, positive experiences online. I encourage you to visit their website where you will find information and resources to assist you to support your child with positive internet use.

### Office of the e-Safety Commissioner

<https://www.esafety.gov.au>

## Year 8 Subject Selections

It is an exciting time for our Year 8 students as they make their Year 9/10 subject selections. Booklets have been distributed to your child and I encourage parents to discuss their child's choices prior to submitting them online in Week 4. The booklet can also be accessed on the school website.

## Year 9 Snow trip

Over 100 of our Year 9 students and staff are lucky to be travelling to Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Camp where they will spend a week at the snow. With significant snow falls expected during their visit, it is sure to be a memorable experience. Students who have attended this camp previously identify it as one of the highlights of their time at Coffs Harbour High School. It is always impressive to observe students challenge themselves over the week and confidently navigate their way down the mountain. I am sure there will be many stories that your child will share upon their return.

## Term 3

As usual, this term is shaping up to be a busy one. Already our students have attended the Bell Shakespeare excursion in Sydney, participated in the North Coast Region Athletics carnival, NSW All Schools Cross Country, NSW State Schools Surfing Titles, Australian Mathematics Competition, Agstravaganza and Multicultural Day. Be sure to check out the CHHS website, Facebook and Twitter for updates and photos.

## Year 12 Trial Exams

Year 12 Trial HSC exams commenced on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. We wish them well in the lead up to their exams.

**Melissa Garrels**  
**RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**  
**(YEARS 7, 9, 11)**

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
13-24 August	HSC Trial Exams
13-17 August	Year 9 Snow Excursion
14 August	ICAS Mathematics Competition
21 August	Year 7 Police Talks
21 August	AIME Program
28 August	Year 7 Police Talks
29 August	Year 12 Parent Information Evening on University processes
3 September	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm in the school library
4 September	Year 10 Lovebites (tentative)
5-7 September	NSW CHS Athletics
7 September	On Show ( <i>see page 7</i> )
11 September	AIME Program
11 September	Year 10 Lovebites (tentative)
11 September	Parent Teacher Evening – 3.30pm - 6.00pm
18 September	Year 10 Lovebites (tentative)
27 September	Year 12 Final Assembly



# PLASTIC FREE JULY PROGRAM

Coffs Harbour High School has worked in collaboration with Coffs City Council on a Youth event as part of the Plastic Free July program. Ten students who hold interests in both Visual Arts and the Environmental Committee participated in a sign writing workshop at Key Employment Youth Hub.

Students participated in discussions with the Sustainable Living Programs Officer, Ms Jessica Steinborner, around plastics use and the impact this is having on our environment. Students raised questions and ideas around current environmental concerns within our community and the wider world.

Students worked collaboratively to create signage that was used at the community event experiencing the planning, preparation and implementation of a large scale event.

Congratulations to the following creative and environmentally conscious students:

Chloe Badman, Kristabella Badman, Isla Dodd, Tahlia Farag, April Hennessy, Mikayla Howard, Hayley Milne, Leah Nichols, Eve Tedeschi and Shai Williams.



**Natasha Heinrich**  
**CAPA TEACHER**



## 'ON SHOW' – 2018



## SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

'ON SHOW' is on again this year and is jam packed with talent from our Year 12 students. There will only be one evening performance on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September with the show starting at 7.00 pm and the doors opening at 6.30 pm. There will also be a matinee show at 11.30 am that will have limited seats for school students.

Acts will include Year 12 HSC Music performances, Year 12 Drama performances, the Stage Band, the String Ensemble and dances from our Eisteddfod Dance groups.

Year 12 HSC Visual Arts major artworks will also be on display. It promises to be a fantastic evening. So hope you can make it.

Matinee tickets:        Adults/Children/Concession — \$5.00

Evening tickets:        Adults — \$10.00  
                                 Children/concession — \$5.00

Refreshments will be served by the school canteen.

### ANZAC DAY ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

On 19 June 2018, Mr Jason Prewett, President of the Coffs Harbour RSL sub-Branch, visited our school to present Liam Snell with the runners-up certificate and cheque for \$500 for the 2018 essay writing competition "The meaning of ANZAC". Congratulations Liam.

Liam also visited Villers-Bretonneux in the north of France with his father, where he presented a book to the children of the local primary school L'Ecole Victoria on behalf of Coffs Harbour High School. I am sure the children will delight in reading "Our Magic Beach" by Alison Lester.

**John Mellalieu**  
**RELIEVING HEAD TEACHER HISE/LOTE**

Right: Mr Mellalieu presenting Liam with the book "Our Magic Beach" to donate to the school children of L'Ecole Victoria in Villers-Bretonneux, France.



Below is an extract from an article written by Charles Miranda, News Corp Network, 23 April 2016 about the little school in Villers-Bretonneux. This story makes you proud to be an Australian.

#### "The school kids who do not forget Australia

IT could be a schoolyard anywhere in Australia.

The distinctive din of boys kicking footballs being taunted by girls playing chase in a quadrangle decorated with Aboriginal-painting style motifs and a large overhead banner demanding "Do Not Forget Australia".

But this is not Australia but the village in France that owes the nation a debt of gratitude that almost 100 years on, it is still writ large and honoured by new generations of locals.

On April 24-25 1918, the village was the scene of the world's first tank battle between British and German troops which the Germans would win and occupy the township only to then face two Australian brigades in counter attack.



## HSIE/LOTE FACULTY

By the end of the battle, there were 2400 Australian casualties with the decisive battle marking the end of the German advance in the Somme.



“For many of them it is very hard to understand but we spend time explaining not just the war that was all around here then but also the Australian men who came from the bottom of the world to fight and who died here,” said Nadia Skibinski, teacher of the local L'Ecole Victoria' (Victoria School) named in honour of the state that helped raise funds to rebuild the school after the war in 1919.

There is little to distinguish the village of Villers-Bretonneux in northern France from any other hamlet about the Somme but for its numerous references to Australia, from flags in shop windows and its streets named after Aussie cities.

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Principal and French teacher Ms Kearns was excited to learn that Liam was visiting the school at Villers-Bretonneux. She had a wonderful visit to this part of France with her own family in 2000.

### VISITING CHINESE STUDENTS

On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018, students from the Year 10 Chinese elective class had the opportunity to lead a group of Chinese students around the school. In the days prior to their visit, the 24 students had been studying English at Southern Cross University to deepen and improve their language ability.

An excursion to Coffs Harbour High School gave them the chance to experience an Australian high school as they sat in on a variety of classes from Year 12 Mathematics Extension to our excited Year 8 Chinese. Beautiful bonds of friendship were instantly made. A lovely morning tea was provided by canteen manager, Michelle Waugh, presenting scones, sandwiches, fruit and many more yummy treats. As we filled up many more questions were asked on our part and theirs about our different countries and customs. After photos were taken at the front of the school, a walk to our charming Jetty beach had their jaws dropping at the stunning blue waters. More silly photos and conversations helped to strengthen our growing friendships.

Having the students visit our school was a great language boost for both our Year 10 Chinese class as well as the visiting Chinese students, as many words were traded to develop deeper understanding of the languages being studied. It was a wonderful opportunity to have the students and teachers explore our school and the Year 10 class would gladly be interested in being involved in another event such as this one. We wish those students the best and hope they come back to visit Australia again one day and enjoy its many wonders.

**Tara Everson and Fiona Dun Mosquera**  
**YEAR 10 STUDENTS**



# Agstravaganza

The Science Staff have been busy again! In Week 2 this term we held the school's ninth annual "Agstravaganza". All students in Year 8 Science are currently studying an Agriculture unit, and this event was conducted especially for them. The Agstravaganza is designed to promote Agriculture in the school and supports many components of the curriculum.

The school farm was a hive of activity with all students involved in various fun and educational activities including:

- Horse husbandry and care presented by Jackalyn Pitman – Year 11 Primary Industries student
- Camp fire and damper cooking with Ms Bailey assisted by Year 10 Agriculture students Liam Snell, Damien Foster Ford, and Luke Baker
- Games with Mr Edmonds assisted by Year 10 Agriculture students Katie Soderlund and Patrick Lawlor-Lloyd
- Tractor Driving presentation by Mr. Roder, assisted by Mr MacDonald and Year 10 Agriculture student Bryce Williams
- Meat rabbits presented by Abbey Pennington (Year 10 Ag), Dairy Cattle presented by Kade Partridge (Year 10 Ag), and chicks presented by Miss Joyce
- Aqua-culture with Mr Austin
- Working in their plots with Mr. Hundle
- Free BBQ catered by Mr Mackay and Ms King
- Fancy dress competition – won by Tyson Williams, Quade Curry, and Rachael Eagles

It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members come and join in on the day. Thank you so much to all those who were able to attend.

Finally, thank you to all of the teachers involved, especially our new farm assistant Mr Roder, and our previous farm assistant Mr Parish, who both supported all the activities on the day. Also thanks to our presenters and the students themselves for all the work they did to make the Agstravaganza such a huge success. Congratulations!

**Amanda Joyce**  
**SCIENCE TEACHER**



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## YEAR 10 FOOD

Year 10 Food Technology have embarked on their next foodie adventure; focusing on Food for Special Occasions. Our first activity coincided with a class member's birthday, so the class all had 'nailed it or failed it' attempts at recreating birthday cakes for Daniel.

**Amy Kay**  
**TAS TEACHER**



## NORTH COAST CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

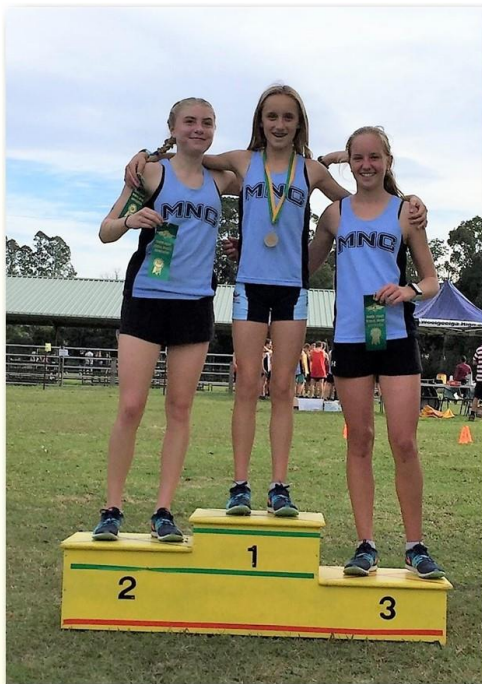
The Mid North Coast Cross Country Team comprising 20 Coffs Harbour High students set off again to Nana Glen on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018, for the North Coast Cross Country carnival. It was a busy day with representation from many schools all over the North Coast. Our team did particularly well overall with many students gaining a place in the North Coast Team to travel to NSWCHS/ All Schools Cross Country on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Congratulations to Olissa Onley who was awarded the Mid North Coast Age Champion and first place medal for the 14 Years Girls 4000m race with Hayley Kitching coming in second, Cloe Nolan third place and Georgia Kuchel fourth place. These girls not only support each other in this event but compete fiercely for a place. Breah Fischer, 13 Years Girls and Fin Deagan, 14 Years Boys also scored a bronze medal in their events.

Other team members who have been selected are Caley Little, 12 Years Girls (6<sup>th</sup> place), Lily O'Connor 13 Years Girls (9<sup>th</sup> place), Hudson Barry, 13 Years Boys (5<sup>th</sup> place), Sam Woolford 14 Years Boys (4<sup>th</sup> place), Tayla Cassidy (4<sup>th</sup> place) and Stephanie Howe (9<sup>th</sup> place) in the 15 Years Girls.

We wish you safe travels and good luck at All Schools.

**Jennifer Pearce**  
**CARNIVAL ORGANISER**



1<sup>st</sup> – Olissa Onley  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Hayley Kitching  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Cloe Nolan



3<sup>rd</sup> – Fin Deagan



3<sup>rd</sup> – Breah Fischer



## OLISSA WINS A SILVER MEDAL IN THE ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following students who competed at All Schools – NSW Secondary Cross Country Championships in Sydney on 27<sup>th</sup> July. The team ran exceptionally well and gained outstanding results in all age categories which consisted of over 200 students in each division! Well done to Olissa Onley who has qualified for Nationals Cross Country Championships to be held on the Sunshine Coast on 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August. We wish Olissa the very best of luck.

### 13 years Boys

Hudson Barry - 21<sup>st</sup> place

### 13 years Girls

Breah Fischer - 9<sup>th</sup> place  
Lily O'Connor - 39<sup>th</sup> place

### 14 years Boys

Sam Woolford - 53<sup>rd</sup> place  
Finian Deagan - 61<sup>st</sup> place

### 14 years Girls

Olissa Onley - 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Hayley Kitching - 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Cloe Nolan - 6<sup>th</sup> place  
Georgia Kuchel - 21<sup>st</sup> place

### 15 Years Girls

Stephanie Howe - 67<sup>th</sup> place

**Jennifer Pearce**  
**PDHPE TEACHER**



L-R:  
14 Years Girls  
Olissa Onley,  
Cloe Nolan,  
Hayley  
Kitching  
And  
Georgia  
Kuchel

## MID NORTH COAST ATHLETICS REPORT

Coffs Harbour High School students brought their A-Game to the Mid North Coast Zone Athletics carnival held at the CEX Coffs International Stadium on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. It was a non-stop day, with many athletes competing in back to back events.

Some of the many highlights of the day included Fin Deagan winning both the 14 years 800m and 1.5km races, Hayley Kitching in the 14 years 800m race coming in first with a 75m lead, Olissa Onley in the 1.5km 15 years girls, 13 year old Ama Mite winning the 200m race, Jorja Welch and Alyssa Jenkins taking out the top two spots in the 200m race, Hunter Churchwell and Zane Misios coming first in both the 15 years and 16 years 400m races, and Christian Mirindi winning the 14 years 400m run by a landslide. Coffs Harbour High was very well represented in the 100m sprints, with competitors in most of the heats.

There were many more highlights off the track, with Jack Sheehan, Georgia Kuchel and Reuben George smashing the 14 and 15 years high jump all placing first, with respective winning heights of 170cm, 155cm, and 165cm. Jack Sheehan and Zane Misios jumped 5.33m and 5.50m in the long jump, practically flying. In the discus cage, Zac Huls threw 33m placing first, and Claudia Kelsal came second in the 16 years girls' event.

The standout events of the day were the relays. Coffs High had teams in almost all of the races, and won most of the races we competed in. There was a great school spirit in the grandstand and on the fence line, everyone was cheering the runners on. The 13 years boys smashed their relay, so did the 13 and 14 years girls relay teams. The 14 years boys' team had everyone a bit nervous when Ama slipped at the first changeover, but Christian, Zavier and Jack brought it home strong and jagged the top spot. The 16 years boys relay team did a great job, with very smooth transitions and great speed which earned them first place.

All in all it was a fantastic day out in the sun, and Coffs Harbour High did an excellent job both in the events and in the grandstand, winning the overall point score against seven schools from the Mid North Coast Zone. Congratulations to everyone who had a go and gave it a shot.

**Jessie Henderson**  
**YEAR 10 STUDENT**

### Mid North Coast Athletics Age Champions

Congratulations to the following Coffs Harbour High School students who have been named Mid North Coast Athletics Age Champions:

13 Years Girls	Summer Welch (equal 1 <sup>st</sup> )
13 Years Boys	Ama Mite
14 Years Girls	Jorja Welch
14 Years Boys	Jack Sheehan

## SPORT

14 years Girls' North Coast Championship 4x100m relay

**GOLD MEDAL WINNERS**



L to R: Alyssa Jenkins, Hayley Kitching, Sophie Walsh and Jorja Welsh

## OUR BOYS TAKE HOME STAN JONES CUP

“Thirty years later we have another team as North Coast Winners in the Stan Jones Cup for Boys Tennis. It was a close game for our Coffs Harbour High School boys’ tennis team against Alstonville High School on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018. Both teams ended at four sets each but on a count back, Coffs High came out six games ahead.

Well done to Dominic Slaviero, Matt Lang, Ashley Slaviero and Charlie Pade (pictured left to right with certificates).

The Coffs High Open Boys Tennis Team recently won the North Coast title and will be travelling to Ulladulla on the South Coast to contest the state title on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August. The boys’ team is Dominic Slaviero, Charlie Pade, Ashley Slaviero & Matthew Lang.

**Natascha Gehrke**  
**PDHPE TEACHER**



## 2018 NSW CHS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TENNIS

In early March four students from Coffs Harbour High School travelled to Parramatta to compete in the NSW CHS Individual Championships for Tennis in the Opens and Juniors (15 years and under).

Medal results for our students were:-

GOLD	Open Girls Doubles	Lily Pade and partner
SILVER	Open Boys Doubles	Dominic Slaviero and partner
SILVER	Junior Boys Doubles	Ashley Slaviero and Charlie Pade

A CHS NSW Team was selected from this event and Lily Pade made the Girls team which then competed at the 2018 NSW All Schools State Championships.

## CHS NORTH COAST OPEN TENNIS TRIALS

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, five students from Coffs Harbour High School travelled to Port Macquarie to compete in the CHS North Coast Open Tennis Trials.

Year 10 student Lily Pade, came away with the number one position in the girls' team (second year running) with Year 7 student Majella Goulstone, also earning a spot in the team coming in seventh.

The girls will travel to Gosford later this term to take on the state's best with the North Coast team going for three years in a row as State Champions. Dominic Slaviero and Charlie Pade made the team with Ashley Slaviero a reserve. The State titles for the boys will be held in Inverell later this term as well with the North Coast boys looking to improve on their silver medal from last year.



## JACOB FORD REPRESENTS AUSTRALIA IN SQUASH

Jacob Ford has recently returned from representing Australia at the World Junior Championships in Chennai India.

Jacob Ford has had a huge couple of months competing in different squash tournaments. He started in June in Penang Malaysia where he competed in the Malaysian Junior Open and his performances on court were truly remarkable. After defeating his first opponent 3-0 in his first match he came up against the number one seed. With a strong performance he went down in 3 games 11-9, 11-9, 11-5. He was then able to capitalize on the next two games winning comfortably and finishing 13<sup>th</sup> overall.

Jacob then flew back into Australia to play for the NSW CHSSA Squash Championships. Jacob, playing for North Coast, cruised through his draw playing opponents from all over the state to reach the final against Alex Baines from Riverina. It was an epic 5 set battle with fatigue setting in for Jacob, but he was able to push through taking the trophy. Congratulations to Jacob for being the only player in its 57 year history to take the title three times and consecutively.

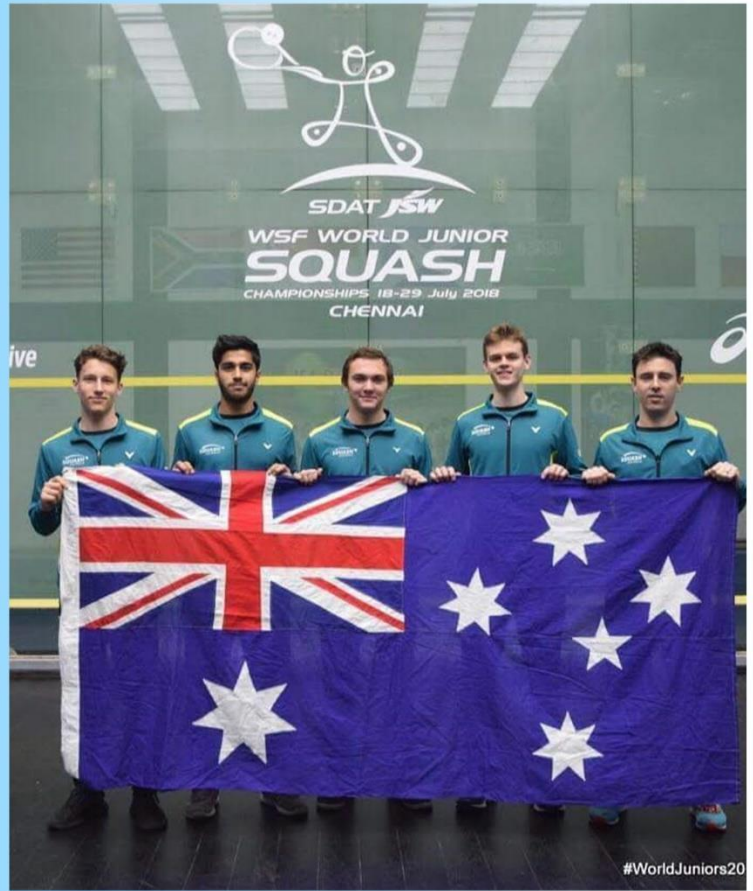
After spending a week at home. Jacob prepared to represent Australia in the World Junior Championships in Chennai, India. Australia was pooled with Egypt and Singapore. Up against the number one seeds, Egypt, the boys put in a mighty fine effort but unfortunately went down 3-0 to each of their individual players who were seeded in the top 5 in the world. Their second match was against Singapore and again the boys played well and this time taking the match 3-0. This moved them into the 9-16 grouping. With illness taking over, Jacob wasn't able to complete all his games, but the team did exceptionally well to finish Australia number 14<sup>th</sup> in the World.

Jacob now plans to enjoy some time at home relaxing and then preparing for Darwin and the Australian Junior Championships in being held in October.

Congratulations Jacob and we wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.



# SPORT



## JUNIOR BASEBALL TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS

Baseball is on the rise with more females taking the field. Three of our Year 7 students, Faith Wear and the sister duo Josie Warren and Emily Warren, were selected for the Country NSW Baseball Team.

22 teams from Far North Coast, Baseball Queensland, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Kul Gunn Academy and Country NSW, participated in the Timberjacks Junior Baseball Tournament, over a three-day period in Lismore on the 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July.

This was the first time that three all-female teams have been included in Timberjacks and the skill and sportsmanship shown was an asset to the competition and was a great encouragement for females to become involved in the sport. Included in the competition were four age groups, U/12, U/14, U/16 and U/20s, with more than 260 players participating.

Country NSW played against Metro, Bulldogs and the Pirates, winning their games in the first day. Overall Kul Gunn Academy won the tournament. Congratulations to all three girls for being selected in the team and gaining this invaluable experience.

**Jennifer Pearce**  
**PDHPE TEACHER**





# SRC SCHOOL SOCIAL

## COFFS HIGH SOCIAL REVIEW

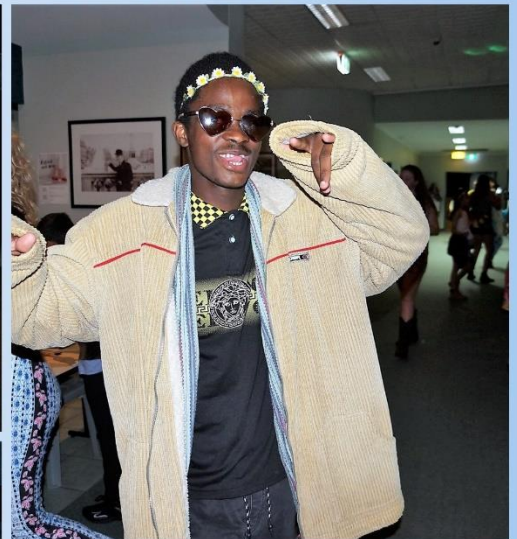
21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 or should we say 1970! Coffs Harbour High School took a step back in time to create a fun, enjoyable and groovy night. From the Hippies to the Disco Fanatics, the effort that everyone went to dress up was incredible. Thanks Mums and Dads! As we walked through the entrance it was an immediate blast from the past. The sounds of people singing at the top of their voice or the loud thump of everyone jumping up and down to their favourite songs played by the amazing DJ Stevo filled the atmosphere. Disco lights shining to and fro made the 70s experience so realistic. I must mention though, it was not just the students carving up the dance floor! The teachers proving to us that they have just as hip dance moves as us!

A big thank you to everyone who made this night happen. All the hard work and behind the scenes action from students, teachers and our fellow SRC members to make this night so successful. It was such a great experience.

**Summer and Jorja Welch**  
**YEARS 7 AND 9 SRC**



# SRC SCHOOL SOCIAL










# CAREERS

## UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS

- Year 12 University Parent Information evening Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- SES Cadet Program – August 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August – Year 10 only
- The Footnotes interactive Careers Student Program – 18<sup>th</sup> September – Year 10 & 12 only

To help you make decisions about life after secondary school, information sessions on different topics will be offered though out Term 3, 2018. To enrol in any of these session, please add your name to the sign-up sheets outside the Careers Office, then turn up with a pen and paper and an open mind.

<p><b>Week 1</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Period 4</b> Lower Library</p>	<p><b>Civil Contractors Federation talk</b> Come along to this free session on careers within the field of civil Construction, ranging from rail, roads, infrastructure and mining.</p>
<p><b>Week 2</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August – 9.15am – 12.00pm</b> CHEC Campus Gymnasium</p>	<p>The annual <b>Post School Options Expo</b> will be held at the CHEC Gymnasium. Entry is free. Come along and talk to more than 50 exhibitors from universities, TAFE, VET providers and employer representatives about further education and employment.</p>
<p><b>Week 6</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August – 5.30pm – 6.30pm</b> Lower Library</p>	<p><b>Parent and student information evening.</b> Mrs Court will run through all the different aspects of how to apply to university, how university accommodation works, scholarships, deadlines and general university information. This informal evening is a 'must event' to assist with future university planning.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August– Period 1</b> L02 –Upper Library computer Lab</p> 	<p><b>Southern Cross University</b> Star Scheme enrolment processes - Peter Marshall from SCU will be here at school to assist you with doing your Early Entry application.</p>
<p><b>Week 7</b></p> <p><b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Period 1</b> Lower Library</p> 	<p><b>Charles Sturt University</b> Student Engagement officer is coming to the school to assist with Early entry applications, how to apply for scholarships and everything to do with Charles Sturt University courses and accommodation.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Period 1</b> L02 –Upper Library computer Lab</p> 	<p>Marine Fogg from <b>University of Newcastle</b> will be in the school to assist students with enquiries related to courses at University of Newcastle. Come along and learn about their new Subject Spotlight early entry program.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Period 1</b> Lower Library</p> 	<p>Gabby Brown from <b>Griffith University</b> will be in the school to assist students with enquiries related to courses at the different Griffith University campuses as well as hints for applying through QTAC.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Lunchtime</b></p>	<p><b>Early Entry and SRS application</b> information session in the computer room. Have all your questions answered in relation to the different programs</p>
<p><b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Lunchtime</b> L02 –Upper Library computer Lab</p>  	<p><b>'How to apply to University'</b> UAC and QTC general information session. Bring your list of preferred courses to assist with applications. Remember that ontime applications for university courses close 28<sup>th</sup> September via UAC and QTAC.</p>
<p><b>Week 9</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Period 1</b> Library computer room – L02</p> 	<p>Sarah from <b>Footnotes Student Careers Sessions</b> will run a career exploration session for interested students. Only 30 spots available so get in quick to secure your spot. <a href="http://thefootnotes.com.au/">http://thefootnotes.com.au/</a></p>

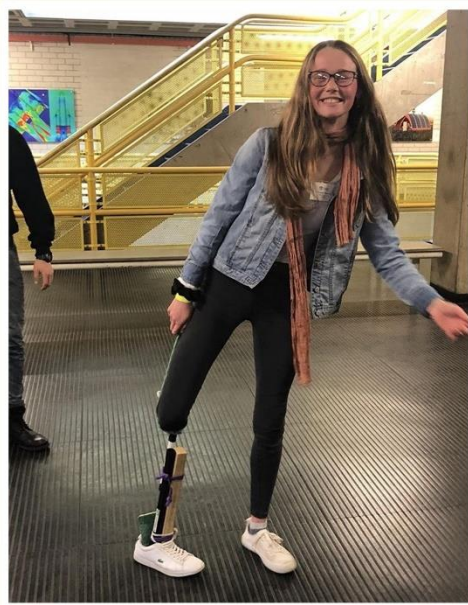
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Please note that Mrs Court is also in the process of getting TAFE to come in and talk about courses, how to apply and other VET information at a date in Term 3. This date is yet to be confirmed by TAFE.

### EXPLORE ENGINEERING WINTER SCHOOL by Miranda Thomas, Year 10

In the July school holidays, I attended the Explore Engineering Winter School hosted at the University of Sydney. The program was spread over two days and was extremely interesting. The first day we all piled into a lecture theatre and heard from a civil engineer plus a panel of current uni students studying a variety of engineering courses, including aeronautical, mechanical, chemical, biomedical, civil and mechatronics. We then spent the day first building a portable electrocardiogram and checking our pulse rate, touring the aeronautical lab and getting to sit in the official flight simulator, enjoying the VR computer room and lastly building a prosthetic leg out of a plunger, a piece of wood, pipe, rope and someone's shoe which we then had to attach and try to walk 4 metres, which was a good laugh.

The second day saw us on a bus to the google office, where we heard from engineers from google and went on a tour of the building, which was a whole lot of fun as the google building had sleep rooms, theatre room, games, cubbies and last but not least, cafés and kitchens on every floor, which were free! We headed back to the campus to do a maths workshop and a chemical and bio molecular engineering workshop, where we heard from a group called BioMode who are using DNA origami to create nanobots to help fight against the antibiotic resistant microbes that are becoming a problem in our world. We then collected DNA from strawberries, which was so much fun. The program was extremely rewarding, and I met many lovely people and learnt a lot about engineering, universities, and jobs.



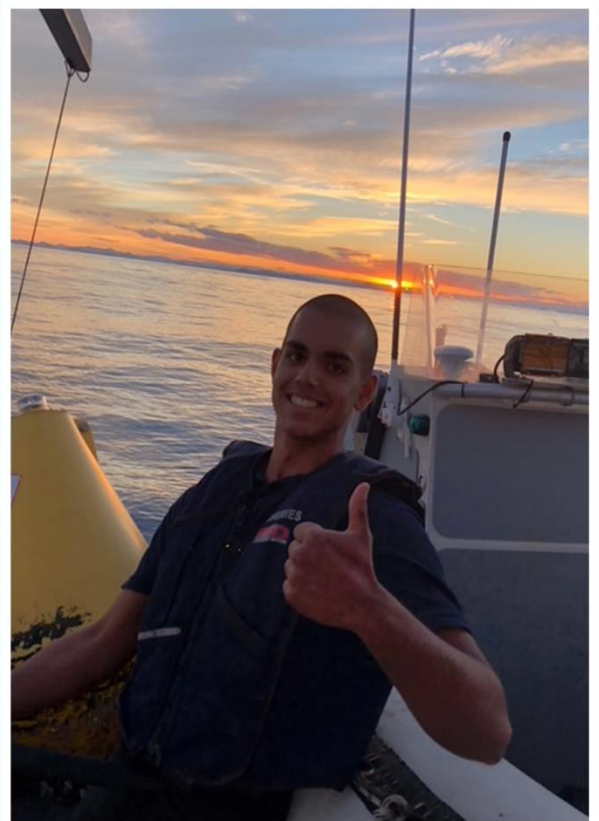
## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to all Year 10 students who participated in work experience. The feedback has been extremely positive and overall, students had a wonderful time. Some students travelled as far as Sydney and the breadth of placements extended from Automotive to Digital Media to Fisheries and Fashion Design and everything in between.

We would like to say a big thankyou to our many employers (over 125) who offered positive and value added opportunities for our students. As a result a number of students were offered casual employment, whilst others have been offered School based traineeships. Here are some responses from students.

### **KAELAN CHETTY – NSW FISHERIES**

Work Experience for me exceeded my expectations. The week was spontaneous and full of change. I went everywhere from Yamba to South West Rocks and spent time on various vessels of the industry from the supercharged pursuit boat through to the 40 foot patrol boat. I observed many interviews with persons suspected of illegal fishing and took part in taking in all of the Fishing Aggregating Devices off the coast.



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## **ARNIKA JONES BONVILLE INTERNATIONAL GOLF RESORT**

Work experience is an opportunity that Year 10 get between the week 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June to experience what a full time job is and sometimes an insight into what we would like to do in the future.

I did work experience at Bonville Golf Resort and performed a variety of tasks for the events, sales and marketing departments within the resort. My work experience included creating and updating event orders, research and quoting for expenditure submission reports, categorising marketing budget expenditure and generating gold card signs and golf draws for golfing events.

Work Experience was a great way to find out if I really like that kind of specific work and it has benefitted me for my future and helped me to decide what subjects I should choose for the future senior years.



## **ELLIE MCKAY – ROSE AVE VETERINARY CLINIC**

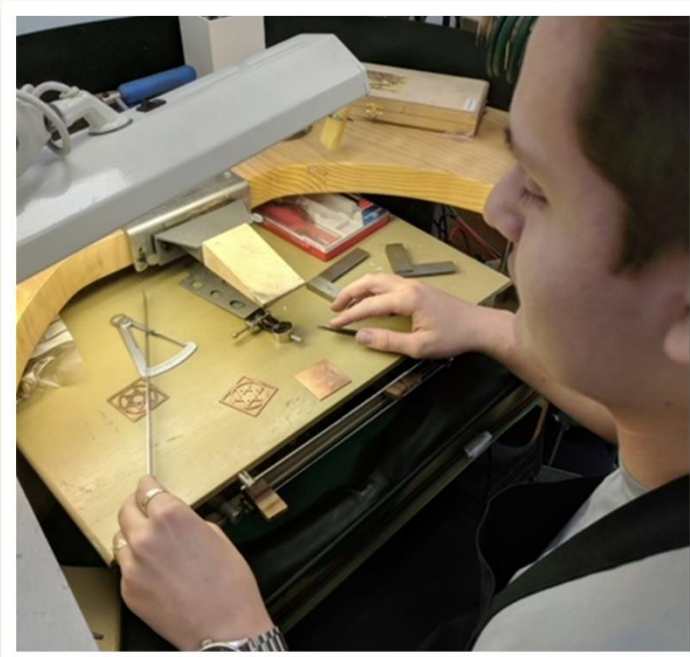
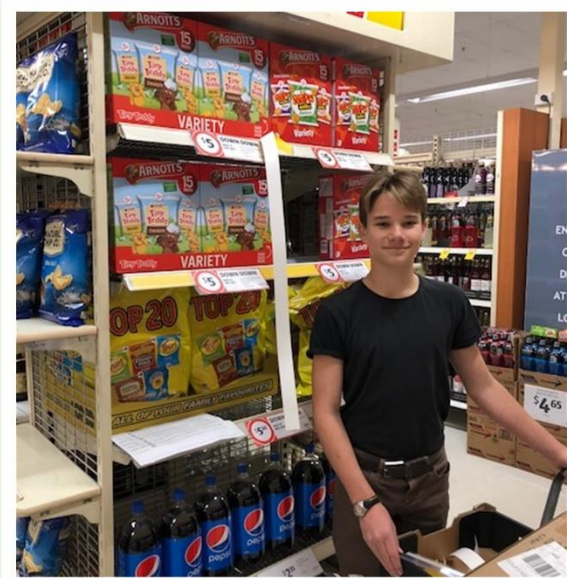


I had the best week! I spend my work experience week at the Rose Avenue Vet Clinic experiencing what it would be like to be a vet nurse. Throughout the week I was able to watch and help out with many procedures. These procedures included a castration, spraying, dental surgery and a lumpectomy. A lot of my everyday tasks involved cleaning like vacuuming, mopping, taking out bins etc. I was also lucky to do the patients vitals and give them pain killers after procedures. These were given using needles. I enjoyed my time at the vet because everyone there was so welcoming and friendly and trustworthy to me. They also gave me a log to tasks that I didn't think I would be able to participate in, which made me feel very trusted and good at what I was doing. I wish that I could have stayed longer!

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## School Based Traineeships

Congratulations recently to the following students who have secured School Based Traineeships. These students are excelling at combining school, work and vocational education and working towards a nationally accredited qualification whilst still at school.

### Year 11

- Ivy Rose Doyle with Coffs Harbour City Council
- Siobhan Pink at TAFE Business
- Ashleigh Covington at TAFE Business

### Year 10

- Flinders Young at Ben Thwaites Marine

**Dionne Court**  
**CAREERS ADVISER**



 Southern Cross  
University

**Discover**  
**OPEN DAY** 2018

**Friday 27 July**  
Coffs Harbour campus

**Saturday 28 July**  
Lismore campus

**Sunday 29 July**  
Gold Coast campus

## LAW CHANGE FOR BIKE RIDERS UNDER 16

### **Children under 16 are now legally allowed to ride on footpaths in NSW.**

Law change gives green light for teenagers to ride on footpaths. As students return from the winter holidays, many teenagers will no longer have to navigate traffic on busy roads while riding their bikes to school.

Children aged up to 16-years-old are now legally allowed to ride on footpaths.

This change is also a great opportunity to discuss the rights and responsibilities of riding on the footpath, consideration for others and the dangers of driveways.

*Encourage your students to discuss why this change has occurred - what are the benefits and issues for pedestrians.*



See the link to The Sydney Morning Herald article on law change:

[www.smh.com.au/politics/nsw/law-change-gives-green-light-for-teenagers-to-ride-on-footpaths-20180720-p4zsl2.html](http://www.smh.com.au/politics/nsw/law-change-gives-green-light-for-teenagers-to-ride-on-footpaths-20180720-p4zsl2.html)

# Expo 2018



**Date: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 9.00am - 12:30pm**

***Toormina High School Library***

**Access to over 20 local service providers**

**Information will be available for young people with a disability (aged 15 - 18 years) and their parents/guardians to assist with the transition from school to a range of post school options which may include the pursuit of further education, employment, volunteering and/or prevocational training.**

***Including schools from Grafton to Macksville***

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*until next time*