COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, WEEK 8 19 MARCH, 2025

— FROM THE PRINCIPAL —

Despite some minor disruption from recent extreme weather, it has been a very smooth start to the 2025 school year. We have had two new teachers appointed to our teaching staff this year: Ms Krystal Morris in our Inclusive Education and Support faculty and Ms Holly Cork Rappell in our Creative and Performing Arts faculty. Ms Morris has been appointed due to an increase in our Inclusive Education classes. We now have five classes at our school supporting the diverse needs of students with a range of disabilities and learning difficulties. On behalf of our school community, I want to extend a warm welcome to all our new staff, both permanent and temporary. I would also like to announce that the school recently ran a merit selection process to appoint a new permanent Deputy Principal. Mr Hayden Gardiner has been appointed to this position, starting Term 2 of this year. Mr Gardiner comes to us from Melville High School and is currently relieving Deputy Principal at Orara High School. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank both Ms Angela Kellahan and Mr Michael Morgan, who have both been relieving as Deputy Principal and Head Teacher Mathematics, respectively. I particularly wanted to acknowledge the outstanding leadership of Ms Kellahan. Ms Kellahan has been relieving as Deputy Principal and at times as relieving Principal, over the last three years. In this time, she has worked tirelessly to support several school initiatives, particularly in relation to Aboriginal Education and Literacy and Numeracy. Ms Kellahan has developed strong and productive working relationships with several students and their parents/carers. We are very lucky to have her on our team.

- FROM THE PRINCIPAL —

With the appointment of Mr Gardiner, the school is now in the position of having a full staffing compliment. This is a great position to be in, given the context of staffing shortages and how this has impacted the school previously.

When I say we have had a good start to the year I mean it, and I do put this down to a number of factors, one of which is our more stable staffing. Having said that, we did of course have the disruption of Tropical Cyclone Alfred last week. I appreciate that this will have been disruptive to many families, but I also appreciate the fact that the government and Department of Education were willing to be decisive in terms of ensuring that all our students and staff were kept safe during this event. While we may not have had any significant impact on our school infrastructure/facilities as a result of the cyclone, given the forecasting and warnings from meteorological and emergency response agencies, I feel that decisions erring on the side of keeping people safe are always the right ones to make. On returning to school after this event, I am happy to say that we have school operations back on track. Our Years 7 and 9 students are completing NAPLAN this week and we will have our whole-school Harmony Day assembly this Friday. The regional swimming carnival has now been rescheduled, allowing our students to compete for progression to the state carnival later this term. The Coffs Coast International Women's Day breakfast was also delayed by the cyclone, and I was privileged to attend the re-scheduled event this Wednesday morning, along with several of our female student leaders and staff. Allup, it has been a busy term. I look forward to a smooth end to the term and hope to catch up with many of our parents and carers at our Parent Teacher Evening on Tuesday 1st April (details and links to make interview bookings will be available early next week).

Thank you

Peter South
PRINCIPAL

— IMPORTANT DATES ——

26-28 March	Sydney Senior CAPA Excursion	
1 April	Parent Teacher Interviews	
3 April	School Social	
7-9 April	Yr9 & Yr10 Self Select Excursion	
7-9 April	Yr8 Great Aussie Bush Camp	
11 April	Last Day of Term 1	
28-29 April	Term 2 Staff Development Days-Pupil Free	
30 April	All years, Return to School	
9 May	Australian Geography Competition	
12-14 May	Year 7 Camp	
28 May	Athletics Carnival	
4 June	Yr11 Biology Study Day-Botanical Gardens	
12 June	Zone Athletics Carnival	
16 June	Yr10 Vaccinations	

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we gear up for another exciting year at Coffs Harbour High School, we want to extend a warm invitation to all families to join our Parent and Citizen (P&C) association!

At Coffs Harbour High School, our P&C is dedicated to fostering a supportive and inclusive school community where every member can contribute to the success and enjoyment of school life of our students. We operate the school canteen with dedicated employees, ensuring that our students have access to healthy and delicious food throughout the day.

We want to emphasize that fundraising has never been a part of our P&C activities. Instead, we focus on creating opportunities for parents to get involved in decision-making processes, provide input on school policies, and support initiatives that enhance the educational experience of our students.

Our monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month at 7pm. We encourage all parents and guardians to attend these meetings to learn more about our activities, share ideas, and get involved in shaping the future of our school community.

Joining the P&C is a fantastic way to stay informed about school events and activities, connect with other parents, and make a meaningful contribution to our school community.

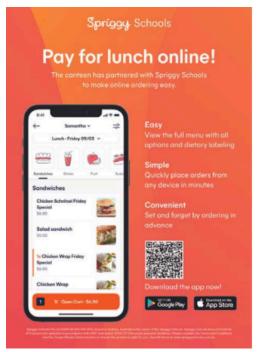
We had our AGM on Monday 3rd and wish to welcome our new members.

Our executive team are as follows:

President: Janet Austin Vice President: Vicki Booth Treasurer: Christie Rullis Secretary: Lisa Townsend

Executive Member: Helen Mahony

For more information on how to join the Coffs Harbour High School P&C or to get involved, please contact CHHS front office or email P&C chhspandc@gmail.com Let's work together to make this school year the best one yet!





- SRC REPORT —

This term SRC will be holding our School Social on Thursday 3rd April. The social will begin at 6.30pm (doors will open at 6.15pm) and ends at 8.30pm sharp. Entrance will be via the bottom gate in Camperdown Street (opposite the school oval).

The theme for the night is "Pyjama Party". Come dressed in your favourite pair. There will be prizes for best dressed and best dancing. The Social is organised by the Student Representative Council (SRC) and will be supervised by staff from our school.

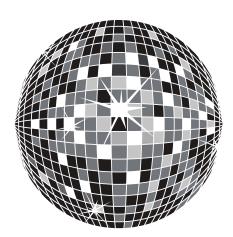
Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased through School Bytes as well as signing the permission note. If you can't access through School Bytes then students can obtain a permission note from office and pay there.

Drinks and snacks can be purchased on the night. (Cash only)

Hope to see you all there for a fun filled night, creating more memories at Coffs Harbour High School.











- SWIMMING CARNIVAL —

CHHS Swimming Carnival Report

There couldn't be a better way to start the school year than with the annual School Swimming Carnival on Monday 10th February. The day commenced with an array of colours with our House Captains and the rest of our year 12 students really bringing the house spirit to start the day. Year 12 cooked up a storm with bacon and egg rolls and a sausage sizzle. Thank you to Year 12 and Mr Lawson for all of your hard work and support throughout the day.

The competition was fierce this year with many new swimmers at our school and those who trained hard over the summer break. It ended up being one of the closest house finishes in recent time with only 4 points separating the two top houses by the end of the day.

House Points

Gallows 270

Sapphire 266

Macauleys 168

Emerald 50

Our only record broken throughout the day was a wonderful swim by Jude Bateman in the Boys 12 – 14 Year 100 Butterfly with a time of 1.17.75. Congratulations Jude CHHS AGE CHAMPIONS 2025

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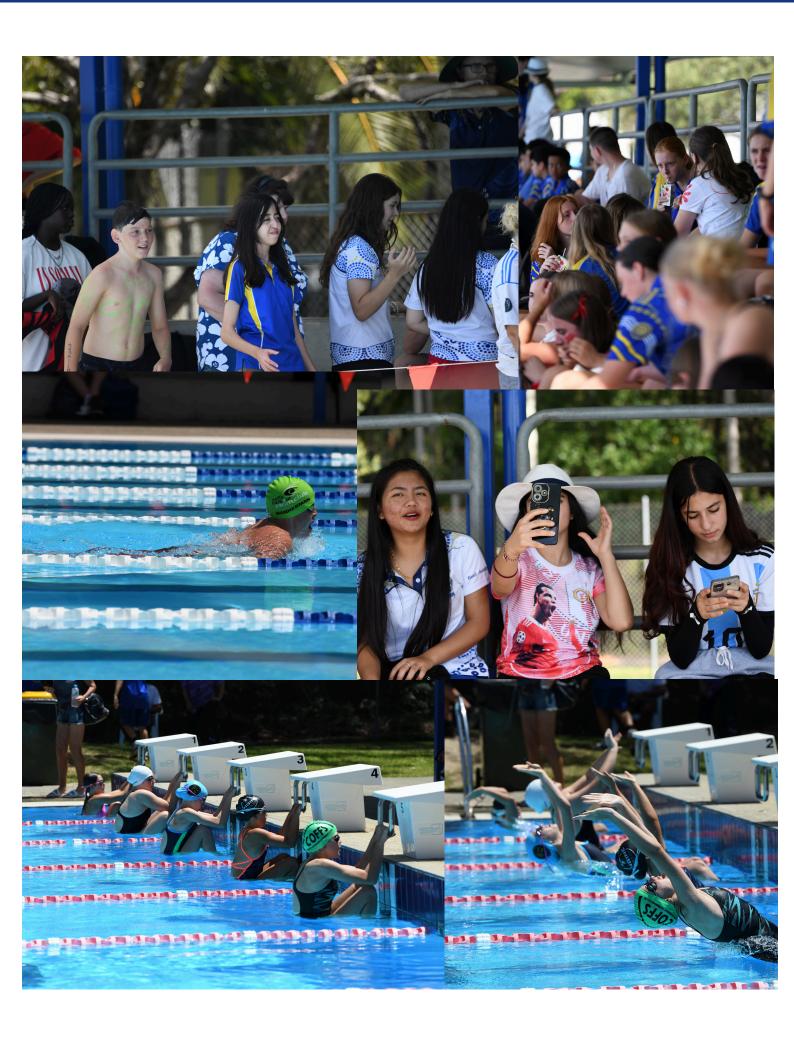
BOYS		GIRLS	
12 Years		12 Years	Lola Barclay
13 Years	Billy Covington	13 Years	Grace Cuthbertson
14 Years	Jude Bateman	14 Years	Zoe Tarlinton
15 Years	Eli Townsend	15 Years	Jarrah Onley
16 Years	Jacob Hubbard	16 Years	Tess Vanderburg
17 Years	Deegan Tomlinson	17 Years	

Nicholas Henry
PDHPE TEACHER

- SWIMMING CARNIVAL -



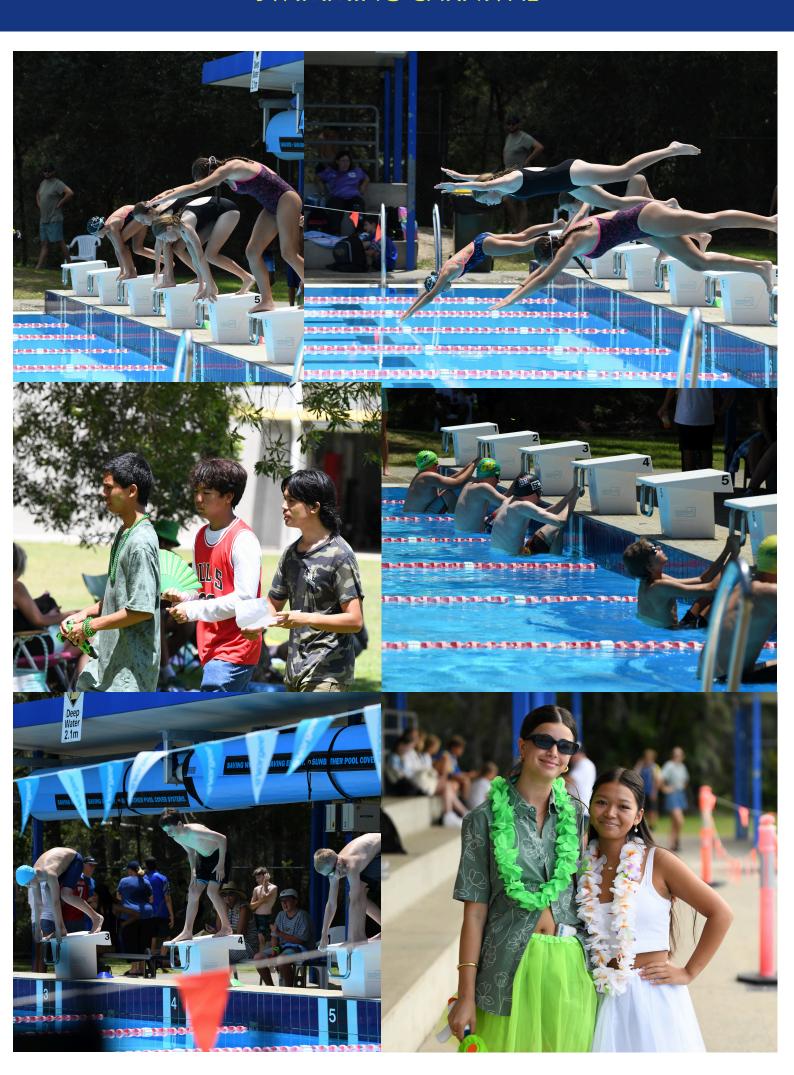
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Welcome

What a fantastic start we've had in the Library this year! It has been wonderful meeting all our new students, as well as welcoming back those who have returned. The Library has already received its first shipment of brand new books, and it has been heart-warming to see so many students reading and borrowing with great enthusiasm! Our new Lego sets are also proving to be extremely popular during breaks.

The Library opening hours are:

Before school: 8:40 - 9:05 **Break 1:** 11:30 - 11:50 **Break 2:** 1:50 - 2:10

Students are welcome to come into the Library during the above times to browse, borrow and read, draw, complete homework or play quiet games such as Lego, Uno, cards or chess. Computers are available for students to complete school work.

Library Website

Students can access the Library website (which includes our full catalogue of books), by going to their Student Portal and clicking on 'My School Library' or by going to https://oliver-11.library.det.nsw.edu.au/4/home/news. The website contains information about our new resources, book of the week, author of the month, as well as information on upcoming events, competitions or how to reference work for assignments. Students can also request books, reserve items and write reviews of the books they have read.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC is a statewide challenge that promotes a love of recreational reading and encourages students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to encourage each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely. We are excited to be participating in the Challenge this year. All Year 7 students will be participating, and will be given information during their regular Library reading lessons. Other interested students should see Ms Montgomery in the Library if they would like to take part.

All students who complete the challenge and have their reading record validated by Ms Montgomery will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW. They will also receive House Points for each book they read during the Challenge.

For more information, to access booklists, or to add books to your reading log, please go to the competition website:

https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/

















NEW BOOKS - Now available for borrowing



Celebrating Pi Day with NASA and Year 8 Students

On March 14th, also known as Pi Day (3.14), Year 8 students in Ms Mahony's class dived into the fascinating world of mathematics and space exploration. They took on one of NASA's engaging Pi Day enrichment activities, working collaboratively to solve the intriguing Proxima Centauri b problem—a challenge that connects mathematics with a real astronomy problem to unveil the mysteries of our galaxy.



Image: William Wolfreys, Hayden Booth, Sam Greenshields, Isaac Cox, and Robbie Montgomery

The students made excellent use of the innovative whiteboard desks, generously donated by the P & C, to brainstorm, calculate, and share ideas. These desks became a hub of creativity and problem-solving, fostering teamwork and critical thinking.

The activity was not only a celebration of international Pi Day but also an opportunity for students to see how classroom mathematics can have real-world applications in applied astronomy and cosmology. The event highlighted the power of curiosity, collaboration, and of course, the infinite magic of π .

Michael Morgan Head Teacher Mathematics (Rel.)

CHS Representative Sport

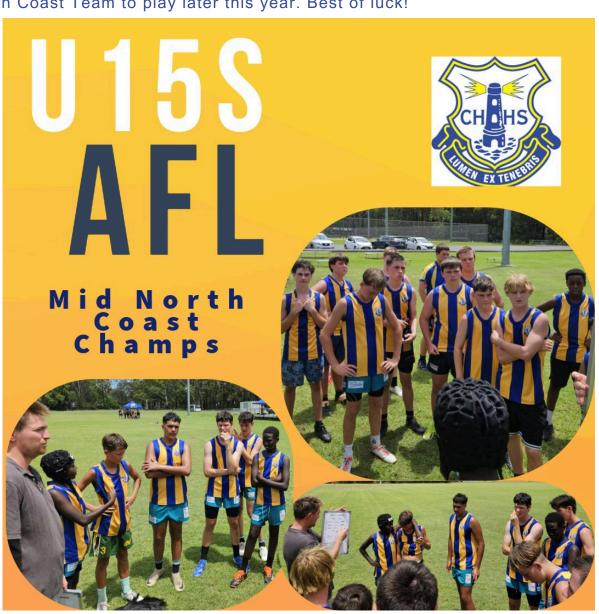
2025 has started on turbo mode and CHHS has already had much success with teams winning their way through the MNC sections of the knockout draws. We have also had many talented athletes earning selection in MNC Teams and NC Teams in their chosen sports.

Australian Rules Football

CHHS has won through the MNC section of the KO draw by defeating Orara HS in the MNC Final on Thursday 13th February in Woolgoolga (71 - 21). They will now face a LNC school to work out who will play in the NC Final.

We also had a number of players earn selection in the MNC Team to travel to Byron Bay on Monday 3rd March, in a bid to be selected for the NC Team. These were: Zane Guthrie, Tom Craig, Darcy Nikolich, Flynn Townsend, Charlie Cameron, Harley Teale, Hunter Lynch and Noah Hart.

Further congratulations to Zane, Noah, Charlie, Tom and Harley in being selected for the North Coast Team to play later this year. Best of luck!



Opens Basketball

It was a dominant display from our Opens Girls Basketball Team at the MNC Gala Day, with the girls going through the whole day undefeated. Fantastic effort girls and thanks to Ms Atwal for her coaching.

Further congratulations to Natalie Nauwawi, Jarrah Onley, Hayley Gambell, Kaelah-Rose Ballard and Leeanna Richardson for their selection in the MNC Opens Girls Team.

Our very young Opens Boys Basketball Team gave a great account of themselves at the gala day by winning two games and losing just one. Well done to Jasper Brooks on earning selection in the MNC Opens Boys Basketball Team. Thank you to Mr Macdonald for caching the team.





Touch Football

Harley Teale attended the 15s Touch Football Trials in week 3 and was successful in being selected in the North Coast Team to play in Nelson Bay later this month.

Hockey

Hannah Dickson has been selected in the MNC Opens Girls Hockey Team to attend the NC trials later this month. Best of luck Hannah.

Netball

Congratulations to our Open Netball Girls on their efforts at the MNC Opens Netball Gala Day.

The team had a wide variety of experience, including some who were playing their first organised game of netball, and was made entirely of junior girls (Year 10 or younger).

The girls lost their first game against Senior College, who made it to the final, in a tough close game. They then bounced back against Orara, winning 18-15.

Congratulations to Nat Nawauwi who will represent Mid North Coast at Wiigulga complex on March 18. Thanks to Ms Atwal for coaching the team.

Despite the recent poor weather, we still have many CHHS students out representing the school, zone and region in the coming weeks and wish them all the best.



Mr Adam Mason
PDHPE Teacher
CHS Sports Organiser

- WELLBEING TEAM -

A massive welcome to our Year 7 students and their families!

2025 has seen over 135 Year 7 students start their High School journey here at Coffs Harbour High School. This group have hit the ground running and taken to their new surroundings like ducks to water. On their third day of High School, many of them participated and enjoyed the school swimming carnival, representing their new school and sporting house.

To start the year students were supported by classroom teachers collecting them each period, and then by Year 10 Peer Support Buddies. By day 4, all the students were chomping at the bit to make their way around the school by themselves without support. There were a couple of students who needed their timetable re-printed or got a little bit lost, but for the most part this year group have demonstrated an extraordinary level of maturity and organisation skills.

Students are now settled into their subjects, completing classwork and will soon be working on their first assessment tasks for each subject.



Your Year 7 Contacts:

Year Advisor: Mr Darby Pearce (Mathematics)

Deputy Principal: Ms Angela Kellahan

Head Teacher Wellbeing: Mr Shaun Rayner

School Psychologist: Jen

Students Support Officer: Eddy Townsend and Binx Jade

Girls Advisor: Mel Laverick

Learning Support: Ms Melissa Garrels

Shaun Rayner Head Teacher Wellbeing

- WELLBEING TEAM -

Get to know your Wellbeing Team

Your first port of contact for wellbeing concerns is your relevant Year Advisor. They can refer and escalate from there if necessary:

Head Teacher Wellbeing: Mr Shaun Rayner

Year 7 Advisor: Mr Darby Pearce (Maths)
Year 8 Advisor: Ms Tina Brookes (Maths)
Year 9 Advisor: Mrs Amanda Guthrie (LaST)
Year 10 Advisor: Ms Kristal Bonney (HSIE)

Year 11 Advisor: Mrs Amy Kay (TAS)

Year 12 Advisor: Mr Kai Lawson (English)
School Psychologist: Jen (Tue, Thu, Fri)
School Psychologist: Sam (Mon, Wed)

Students Support Officer: Eddy Townsend (Mon-Thu)

Students Support Officer: Binx Jade (Wed-Fri)
School Wellbeing Officer: Kelly McCormack (Tue)

Girls Advisor: Mel Laverick

Deputy Principal: Ms Angela Kellahan (7, 9, 11) **Deputy Principal:** Mr Tony Wilson (8, 10, 12)



Shaun Rayner Head Teacher Welfare

- WELLBEING TEAM —

Welcome to Year 11 - Your Senior Journey Begins!

Welcome to the world of senior school! You've officially made it to Year 11, and with that comes new opportunities, new responsibilities, and of course, the privilege of wearing your white senior shirts. You're now the role models for the younger students, and we know you'll set a great example.

A few big things to keep in mind as we kick off the year:

Senior Jackets – Orders will be opening soon, with an estimated cost of \$85-\$100. More details to come, so start thinking about whether you want one!

Heron Island Excursion – This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to explore the reef and get hands-on with some scientific fieldwork. The cost is \$1250, and spots are limited to the first 44 students who get their notes and deposits in—so don't wait too long!

Minimum Standards Testing – All students will need to sit their Numeracy, Reading, and Writing tests. In the coming weeks, you'll receive a note with your scheduled date and time.

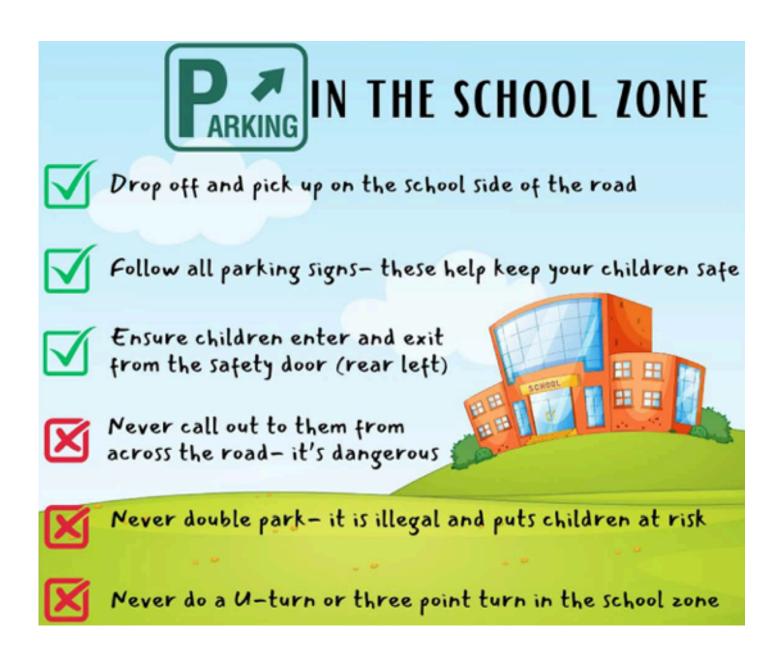
And a quick reminder: Year 11 is only three terms long—blink, and you'll be in Year 12. Make sure you're in class as much as possible because everything you learn now is a building block for your HSC. If you've lost your Assessment Booklet, don't stress—you can grab a copy online to help plan out your assessment task due dates.

Most importantly, enjoy the year! It'll be full of challenges, but also a lot of great moments. Step up, support each other, and make the most of it—we're excited to see what you achieve.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION -

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside school.

Please drive and park responsible even if it means you have to walk further to the school gate.





NO STOPPING

No Stopping at all on any length of road to which a No Stopping sign applies.

FINE \$410" DEMERIT POINTS 2

STOPPING

BUS ZONE

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone at all. Only public buses can stop here.

FINE \$410 ' DEMERIT POINTS 2

BUS ZONE

NO PARKING

You are not allowed to park here at all. You can only stop dropping off or picking up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle for no longer than 2 minutes.

FINE \$227* DEMERIT POINTS 2

DEMERIT POINTS 2

NO DOUBLE PARKING

Double Parking is not allowed. You must

not stop on a road between the centre

of the road and another parked car.



DO NOT SPEED

730 - 4_{PM}

SCHOOL

DAYS

Between the hours of 8–9.30am and 2.30–4pm on school days the speed limit is 40km per hour.

SCHOOL

ZONE

930 AM

Fines and demerit points in school zones have been increased.

Make sure you always stay within 40km speed limit in school zones.

MAX^ FINE \$4643 '
MAX^ DEMERIT POINTS 7'

 Maximum penalty fine and demerit points for a class A motor vehicle Exceeding speed over 45 km/h in a (school zone).

NO MOBILE PHONE USE

Do NOT use a hand held mobile at any time while driving.

FINE \$544 DEMERIT POINTS 4







FINE \$410'











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as of 01/07/2024

Coffs Coast YOUTH WEEK



TUES 08 APRIL

MURAL PAINTING

Intro, planning

Open Studio, 37 Little St

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APRIL

MURAL PAINTING

Practical painting & finetune design © Open Studio, 37 Little St 4-6pm THUR 10

MURAL PAINTING Begin mural

© Open Studio, 37 Little St 4–6pm

WED

16

APRIL

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL

TBC

© Key Community Group 10am – 2pm WED 16 APRIL

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS DAY WED 16 APRIL

MURAL PAINTING

Finalise mural, photography, debrief

© Open Studio, 37 Little St

2 Open Studio, 37 Litt 10am – 6pm

THUR 17

PARKFEST!

Youth-led festival

Breisford Park
10am - 2pm

THUR
17
APRIL

SKATE COMP!

15 & Under 16 & Over Girls (all ages) © Brelsford Park Skate Park Free activities including craft and sport Live music! All welcome Youth awards



To find out more, scan the QR code

TUES 29 APRIL

COFFS CREEK CLEAN-UP

All welcome

Argyll Estate

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!







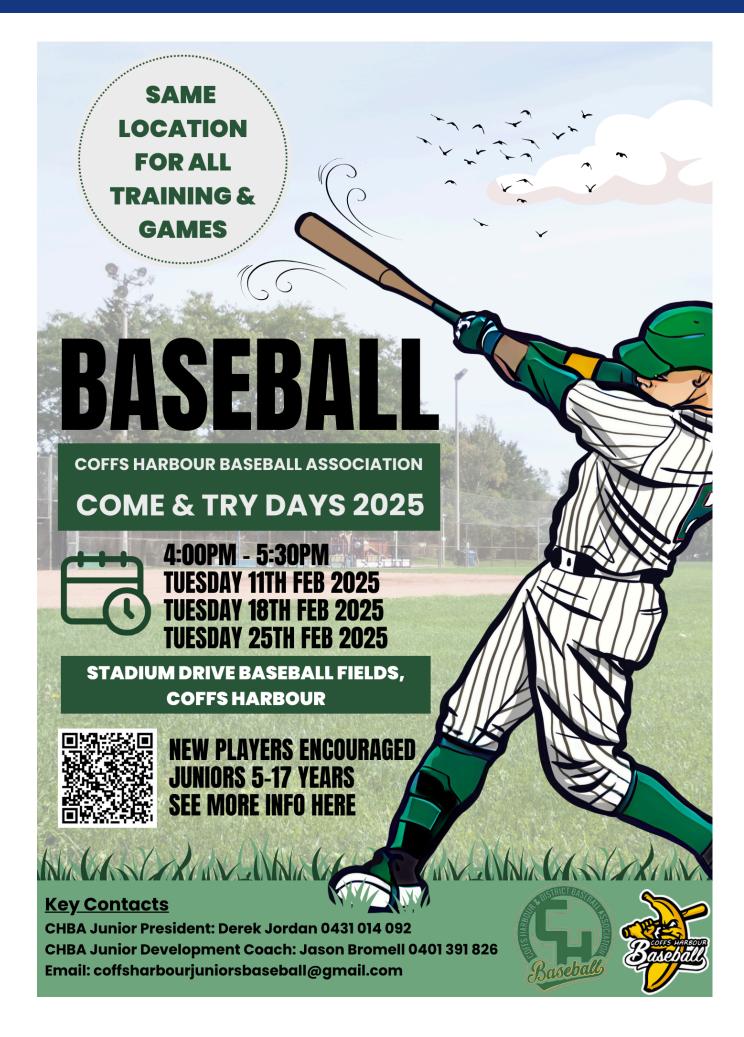














*BOYS & GIRLS *ALL WELCOME * LADIES & MEN*

*Pre-season training on NOW

TUES & THURS

- *U14 & U16 from 4.30pm * SENIORS from 5.50pm
- *Junior (7 to 12 yrs) training starts 6th MAR*
 - @ Southern Cross Uni Fields on Hogbin Drv



QR Code register interest

For more info pls message:







scumarlinsrugby@gmail.com



WELCOME TO BMX 2025

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO TRY A NEW SPORT? WE HAVE A 4 WEEK FREE TRIAL* TO ALLOW YOU TO GIVE THE WORLD OF BMX A GO! FOLLOW THE QR BELOW TO BEGIN YOUR BMX JOURNEY. ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME, A SPORT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Runs school terms commencing 31/01/2025

Tuesday: gate practice and training night from 6pm

Friday: Racing! Sign on from 5:30pm - Racing starts at 6:30pm.

*Conditions apply: Excludes training and racing fees, for new



members only
Food & Drink available

MEMBERSHIP OR AND FACEBOOK OR



LOOKING FOR A SPORT THAT'S FUN AND FULL OF FRIENDSHIPS?

OUR NETBALL CLUB IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR KIDS TO LEARN, PLAY, AND GROW!

SIGN UP BY MARCH 16TH & SCORE A FREE DRESS/SINGLET!

DISCOVER WESTSIDE

WEDNESDAYS: FEB 19TH & 26TH | 4:30 – 6:30 PM

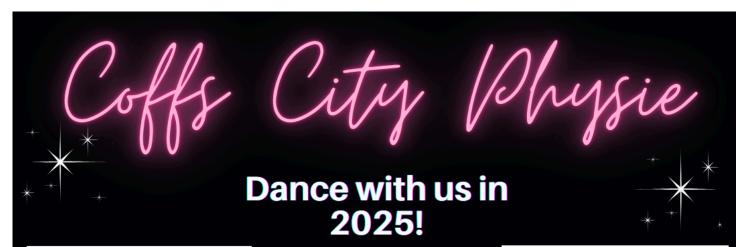
"WATCH NETBALL, MEET THE TEAM, FREE BBQ, EXPERIENCE WESTSIDE!"











TUESDAY

COFFS SHOWGROUND

EXHIBITION HALL

9/12 Years 4.00 13/1st Years 5.00 Beg/Int/N/O50 6.00 Open Ladies 7.00

EXHIBITION TRAINING ROOM

 3/4 Years
 4.00

 5/8 Years
 4.30

 Seniors
 6.00

THURSDAY

COFFS SHOWGROUND

EXHIBITION HALL

5/8 Years 4.00 9/12 Years 5.00 Beg/Int/N/O50 6.00 Open Ladies 7.00

EXHIBITION TRAINING ROOM

13/1st Years 6.15 Seniors 7.15

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