

# Woolgoolga High School



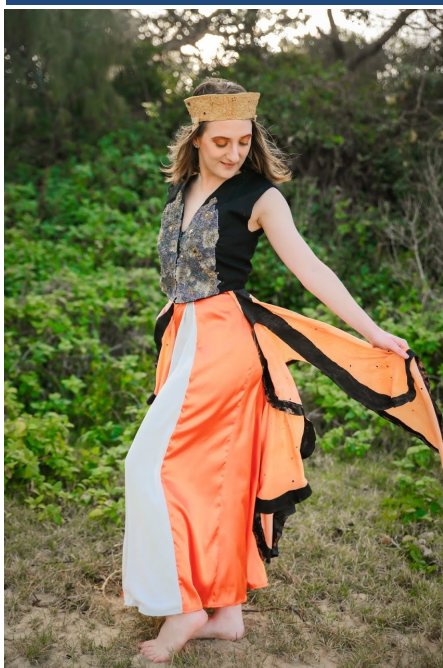
## Newsletter

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WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL

## TEXTILE WORKS 2020

Featuring the Major Works of graduating  
Textiles and Design students



2020

WORKS ON DISPLAY UNTIL FEB 2021

Congratulations and Good Luck to Year 12 2020

We are fortunate enough to have an amazing community and have been able to display the girls' work in the shops near Taffy's Coffee Shop in Woolgoolga, until February 2021. This is a wonderful opportunity for the school and the wider community to recognise the hard work of Woolgoolga High's Year 12 Textile and Design students.

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## From the Principal's Desk

Thank you to our students, staff, families and the community for your ongoing support of our school.

We have reached the end of the 2020 school year. What a year it has been.

Our Year 12 students receive their HSC results and ATARs this Friday. Mr Pursch is hosting a celebratory BBQ for them at school on Friday. Some good news stories I have received from Year 12 include - Beau Robinson has received a full scholarship from the RMS to study Civil Engineering, which he is hoping to study at the University of Newcastle. Ivy Francis and Lara Enerson have each been awarded an \$8000 scholarship from Southern Cross University. Sheldon Koopmans has been nominated for inclusion in *InTech*, the annual exhibition of Major Projects from HSC Industrial Technology.

We held our Annual Presentation Assemblies last week and this week. I was very happy to be able to invite parents back into the school following easing of COVID restrictions. Thank you to the families who braved the wet weather to attend on Tuesday. Unfortunately many award recipients were unable to attend due to roads being cut off.

Last week we were visited by representatives from Yondr who gave presentations to the students and staff. There was some healthy discussion with lots of questions. We are in the process of finalising our procedures for the use of the mobile phone pouches and this will be communicated to students and families prior to our launch date which is Week 3 Term 1, 8 and 9 February.

Reports for Years 7 to 10 are now available on the parent portal. For access please see the information on the back page of this newsletter or follow this [link](#) to view on the school's web page.

Please keep an eye on our school website and Facebook page to keep up-to-date with information such as our uniform shop holiday trading hours.

Thank you to our students, staff, families and the community for your ongoing support of our school. This has been a tough year for everyone and we have seen how important schools are to our communities. As restrictions will ease in 2021 we look forward to being able to welcome parents into our school again. Have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Lu Nickell  
Relieving Principal

### Uniform shop January 2021 opening hours

Wednesday 20 January	9.00am—12.00pm
Thursday 21 January	9.00am—12.00pm
Friday 22 January	9.00am—12.00pm
Monday 25 January	9.00am—12.00pm
Tuesday 26 January	CLOSED
Wednesday 27 January	8.30am—11.30am
Thursday 28 January	8.30am—11.30am
Friday 29 January	8.30am—11.30am

Visit [Woolgoolga HS website uniform shop](#) for school term opening hours and a price list.

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday 16 December	Last day Term 4 for students
Thursday 17 December to Friday 18 December	Staff Development Days

## 2021 NSW term and vacation dates

To support a strong start to 2021, school staff will now have two school development days at the beginning of Term 1.

- **Term 1** – Wednesday 27 January to Thursday 1 April  
**Students will return to school:**  
**Friday 29 January 2021 - Years 7, 11 and 12**  
**Monday 1 February 2021 - Years 8, 9 and 10**
- **Term 2** – Monday 19 April to Friday 25 June  
 Term 2 and 3 Staff Development Days remain on the first day of term
- **Term 3** – Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September
- **Term 4** – Tuesday 5 October to Friday 17 December  
 The last day for all students will be Thursday 16 December 2021
- Summer vacation – Monday 20 December to Thursday 27 January 2022

## PARENTS & CARERS

# REMINDER!

YOUR CHILD MAY HAVE TAKEN PART IN A CAREER ACTIVITY THIS YEAR.

HAVE YOU RETURNED THE EPPP SURVEY CONSENT FORM?

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CAREERS ADVISER!

[https://surveyswesternsydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bypk7wBDdKAtmpT](https://surveyswesternsydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bypk7wBDdKAtmpT)



# EPPP

targeted careers advice  
SBATs  
opportunities for young people



## JOB VACANCIES

New jobs listed on the Woolgoolga High School Careers webpage this week:

- SSS BBQ Barns Bar N' Grill at Coffs Harbour is seeking Casual Customer Service Staff for Summer
- Busy Dumpling Bar at Park Beach Plaza is looking for 5 Wait Staff and 2 Dishies
- Flavour at Woolgoolga is seeking a 1<sup>st</sup> Year Apprentice Chef
- Casual Roadhouse Attendants at 24 Seven, Halfway Creek
- Shearwater Restaurant at Coffs Harbour is seeking Waiters and Waitresses

Please visit the Woolgoolga High School Careers website to obtain further information about these new jobs at <https://woolgoolgahighcareers.com/>.

## 2020 YEAR 12 TEXTILES WORKS ON DISPLAY

The exhibition at Woolgoolga High School of the Year 12 Textiles works in 2020 was unable to proceed due to COVID 19. We are fortunate enough to have an amazing community and have been able to display the girls' work in the shops near Taffy's Coffee Shop in Woolgoolga. This is a wonderful opportunity for the school and the wider community to recognise the hard work of Woolgoolga High's Year 12 Textile and Design students. The nine young women; Sienna Hill, Sukhjeet Tiwana, Sienna Reeves, Sophy Simson, Eliza Smith, Sangam Singh, Gurpreet Kaur, Yaaslin Singh and Kiana Dosanjh spent 10 months, including many days through school holidays, designing and constructing their creations including costume, textile art and apparel items. They also spent many hours on their portfolios that accompany and support the production of their Major Textile Projects. A special mention must also go to Lisa Anderson of Emerald Beach, an ex Woolgoolga High School student who kindly photographed the girls in their Major Works to showcase their designs <http://www.withloveforlovephotographyandcakes.com/>. The girls have achieved outstanding results with many setbacks and should be congratulated on their hard work and resilience.

A special mention to Sophy Simson and Sukhjeet Tiwana who have been nominated for their Major Works to be on exhibition at the prestigious TEXSTYLE showcase, the annual exhibition of outstanding major textiles projects developed by HSC Textiles and Design students from across NSW. Their exceptional major projects caught the eye of the NSW Education Standards Authority and it is an amazing achievement to have their works selected. They will find out in the following few weeks if they were successful.

***Please take the time to go to town and view the works opposite Taffy's Coffee Shop.***



## YEAR 7 EXCURSION



Last Tuesday Year 7 jumped on a bus at 7.30am to have a day at Byron Bay. We arrived at the Byron Bay Circus Arts around 10am and quickly were put in our group with friends, to rotate around the various activities. The high trapeze was certainly a hit of the day; however, trampolining, the parkour ninja course and the aerial silks, with a little juggling thrown in, put us through our paces until 12.30.

With only three students managing the beam challenge, well done Ari, Alana and Jimi, it was all about pushing yourself to your limits. Some of us managed to hang upside down on the trapeze – others climbed up to the platform – a huge leap forward for those afraid of heights. Through it all, the supportive atmosphere our students created for one another, cheering and their exuberance for each activity did not go unnoticed by the Circus Arts staff. They frequently remarked on not only the positive behaviour of our students but how much they looked after one another.

The Byron Bay Circus Arts run holiday workshops and it is certainly a hive of fun and activity – their staff allowing us teachers to sit back and enjoy our time with the students. Upon departure, we chose the coastal road to travel down to Ballina – stopping off at Pat Morton Lookout for the views and some photos. Shaws Bay at Ballina cooled us off before heading home.

A special thank you to Ms Austin, Ms Hyder and Mr Henderson for accompanying us. To Year 7, you were an absolute delight to go away with – thank you and well done on an amazing first year of high school. One full of firsts (including a pandemic) but I am so proud of how you all have stepped up and stepped forward. Well done!



# CAREERS

## EPPP Information Video

AN additional careers information video for students and parents has been released on the NSW Government Education Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) website.

The new EPPP information video is:

### Careers conversations at home

How do you talk about careers with your children? Olga Gromof and Rosemarie Vujcic, Head Teachers - Careers have a few ideas. In our latest information video, Olga and Rosemarie share some great insights that parents and carers can use when helping their children plan their future careers. This video provides tips for parents whose children don't know what they want to do after school, encourages parents to have regular conversations with their children about their future career and work after school ends. Resources for parents and students are also discussed in the video to assist with future career direction. To access the new EPPP information video visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/educational-pathways-pilot-program/student-resources>.

## Apprentice to Site Supervisor Pathway

Apprentice to Site Supervisor Pathway factsheets for students and parents are available online for students interested in starting a career in Construction. The Master Builders Association (MBA) Tertiary Apprenticeship Pathway gives students the opportunity to climb up to leadership and management roles by pursuing a diploma and a university degree once they finish their apprenticeship after high school.

The factsheets also detail salary information for each level of your pathway, from a First-Year Apprentice (\$533 per week) to a Construction Manager (up to \$190,000 per annum). The Apprentice to Site Supervisor Pathway parent and student factsheets can be accessed at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/educational-pathways-pilot-program/student-resources/factsheets>.

## EPPP TV Episode 8

Episode 8 of EPPP TV is now available for viewing by students and parents.

This season finale of EPPP TV for this year looks to the future and tackles questions about robots, the future of work, and the role that student initiative will play in shaping the industries of tomorrow. There are interviews with futurist Charles Brass, and a radio producer who has found his creative calling. A former Trainee of the Year talks about structural drafting, and there's also a look at a YES+ robotics class at the TAFE NSW Miller campus.

The episode link is <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/educational-pathways-pilot-program/eppp-tv/eppp-tv-episode-8>.

## EPPP Parent/Carer Survey

Our school is taking part in the Educational Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) to test new ways of providing careers advice and support young people with job-ready life skills. We are interested in your views on how our school is going with providing career advice and supporting your child with job-ready life skills. Please tell us what you think by completing the EPPP evaluation survey. Your responses will help improve the EPPP program for future years. You can access the survey using the QR code below or the link here:

[https://surveyswesternsydney.au1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV\\_bypk7wBDdKAtmpT](https://surveyswesternsydney.au1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_bypk7wBDdKAtmpT)



If you do not have access to a computer or phone data but would like to take part in the survey, please present to the front office and we will help you with this. If you have any questions, please call the school to contact David Youman, the Head Teacher Careers, or email him on [David.youman@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:David.youman@det.nsw.edu.au).

## Switch On-Pathway Course into an Electrical Career

Woolgoolga High School Year 10 students Jake Hutchinson, Ned McLeod, Isaac Hart, Lachlan Avery and Luke Taylor have been enjoying completing the Switch On-Pathway Course into an Electrical Career at Grafton TAFE Campus over the past three weeks. The course has been offered to students for free, as part of the Educational Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) operating at our school this year.

The pathway course is designed to help students learn about different types of Electrical work, and provide practical opportunities to develop knowledge and skills that will be further developed in any of the Electrical Industry Traineeships, Apprenticeships or other work opportunities with local employers. The training provided a practical introduction to multiple aspects of Electrical work, with a high emphasis on safety, including Basic circuitry, Fixings and Cable Management systems, General Wiring, Electronics, Telecommunications, Control, and Sheetmetal Work.

The course was delivered 3 days a week over 3 weeks, with nine sessions in total, at Grafton TAFE Campus from 30 November to 16 December.

## 2021 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

SPORT	DATE	CARNIVAL	VENUE	TERM
SWIMMING	Wed 3 Feb Wed 10 Feb	WHS Swimming Carnival – Whole School WHS Swimming Carnival – Competitors	Woolgoolga Pool	1
	Mon 22 Feb	MNC Zone Swimming Carnival	Grafton Pool	1
	Tue 2 March	NC Regional Swimming Carnival	Coffs Harbour Pool	1
	Wed 28 Apr to Fri 30 Apr	NSW CHS State Swimming	Olympic Aquatic Centre Homebush	2
	Fri 1 April	WHS Cross Country	Woolgoolga	1
CROSS COUNTRY	Fri 7 May	MNC Zone Cross Country	Nana Glen	2
	Fri 28 May	NC Regional Cross Country	Lismore	2
	Thur 15 July	NSW All Schools State Cross Country	Eastern Creek	3
	TBA	WHS Athletics Carnival - Day 1 WHS Athletics Carnival - Day 2	Woolgoolga Sports Ground	2
ATHLETICS	Thur 10 June	MNC Zone Athletics Carnival	Coffs Harbour Inter- national Stadium	2
	Thur 29 July	NC Regional Athletics Carnival	Cudgen	3
	Wed 25 Aug Fri 27 Aug	NSW CHS State Athletics Carnival	Homebush	3

**NOTE: DATES AND VENUES ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING BUT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK CLOSER TO EVENT.**



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Dear Parent/Carer

Woolgoolga High School would like to extend an invitation to all parents of students in Years 7 to 11 to access a digital copy of student reports for Semester 2, 2020 from our Sentral Parent Portal.

During the past few years parents and carers have been given Access Keys to our Sentral Parent Portal in this new digital transition. You will be at one of the four different stages. Please identify your stage below and follow the instructions:

1. If you have **used the parent portal before for past parent teacher interviews in 2016/2017/2018/2019** - log into our parent portal with your username and password using the link below to access your students report.  
<https://woolgoolga-h.sentral.com.au/portal/login>
2. If you have **used the parent portal before to book past parent teacher interviews in 2016/2017/2018/2019** and **have forgotten your log-in username and password**, - click on the "forgotten password" button on the URL below to reset your password.  
<https://woolgoolga-h.sentral.com.au/portal/login>
3. Parents of **students in Years 8 to 12 who have never** used the online booking system, should request an access key from **Mr. John Chadwick** via email [john.chadwick7@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:john.chadwick7@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone the school on 02 6654 1500 and then register with the link below.  
<https://woolgoolga-h.sentral.com.au/portal/register>
4. Parents of **current Year 7 students** will be given separate individual instructions on how to register for the parent portal.

Technical difficulties can be emailed directly to Mr John Chadwick at [john.chadwick7@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:john.chadwick7@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone the school on 02 6654 1500.

**Alternatively**, a paper hard copy of your child's school report can be supplied by completing the reply slip below. Please return this reply slip to the Front Office at school by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Yours faithfully

Lu Nickell  
Relieving Principal  
23 November 2020