

Woolgoolga High School

Newsletter

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YEAR 7 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA



Last term, the Year 7's ventured down to the nation's capital and explored the wonders that are Canberra.

On the first day of exploring, they went to the central Canberra locations; Parliament House, the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, the High Court of Australia and a scenic drive to see the sights of Canberra from Mount Ainslie. They finished the day off with some Questacon fun! An excellent night was had while they explored all the fantastic exhibits at the National Science and Technology Centre. It was incredible how engaged all the students were after a big day!

They then had another massive day visiting the National Dinosaur Museum, National Arboretum, Australian War Memorial, and Dendy Cinemas before an evening of rock climbing. They went to many exciting places and filled their heads with fun facts and knowledge about Canberra, but most importantly, built memories and stories that the students will remember for a long time.

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From the Principal's Desk

"Year 12 started their HSC exams last week and they continue up to the 7th November. I wish our students all the best and know they will breathe a sigh of relief when they are finished."

This week we say a sad (although temporary) farewell to Claire O'Halloran who is leaving us for 12 months. She is following her passion to teach Dance through a maternity leave position at Coffs Harbour Senior College. We will definitely miss her, but this is a wonderful opportunity. Rheanna Blanchard will be replacing Claire as Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE. We welcome Ms Blanchard to our school.

This week at assembly, all students were reminded that if they bring a phone to school, it must be turned off and put in their Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students who don't bring a phone are still required to have their pouch in their bag. We will be carrying out checks next week to ensure students do not have unpouched phones in bags. We still have instances of students and parents contacting each other via phone during the school day. Please support us in our phone-free school by contacting the front office if you need to get a message to your child.

Woolgoolga High School Medallion interviews were carried out earlier this week. This is a prestigious award going to a student who demonstrates citizenship, academic achievement and community service. The panel were given a very hard task as all candidates are exceptional. I am proud that we have so many fine young adults graduating from our school. The outcome from this process will be announced at the Year 12 Presentation Assembly on 8th November. This assembly will also be the first official duty for our new school captains.

COVID update – in line with NSW Health advice, students are no longer required to isolate if they test positive to COVID 19. However, anyone who is sick/displaying symptoms can't attend school. Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when symptom free. We have a large supply of Rapid Antigen Test kits so please ask your child to collect some from the front office if you need them. The link on our website – <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> takes you to the current COVID 19 advice for families.

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2022 Yr 12

COMING EVENTS

Wed 12 Oct to Mon 7 Nov	HSC exams
Mon 24 Oct to Fri 4 Nov	Year 8 VALID test window
Fri 4 Nov	Year 7 vaccinations
Tue 8 Nov	Year 12 Presentation Assembly
Tue 8 Nov	Year 12 Formal
Mon 28 Nov to Fri 9 Dec	Year 10 Work Experience
Thurs 24 Nov	SMILE Luncheon
Tue 29 Nov	Year 6 Orientation Day
Tue 13 Dec	Annual Presentation Assembly
Fri 17 Dec	Last day for students
Mon 19 Dec	Staff Development Day
Tue 20 Dec	Staff Development Day

P&C

Outcomes from the Woolgoolga High School P&C Meeting held on Tuesday 11 October:

- The school Uniform Shop will be open on Year 6 Orientation Day on Tuesday 29 November
- Our electronic school sign at the front of the school is now fully operational
- Security cameras are being set up around the school
- The P&C Committee will continue funding its regular designated awards at end of year school assemblies
- The last day of school for students is now Friday 16 December (Week 10) instead of Monday 19 December
- More school canteen volunteers are needed
- Canteen prices will be rising around Week 3 due to product price increases

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 November at 6.30pm in the staff Common Room. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to meet with school staff and become involved in what is happening around our school.

REMINDER

NO use of aerosols at school due to health and safety of our school community. Please buy a roll on deodorant alternative. Common effects include respiratory problems including coughing and shortness of breath, migraine headaches, and asthma attacks.

YEAR 12 ASSEMBLY

Letters have been sent out this week to invite Year 12 parents and the Year 11 parents whose children will be School Captains and Vice Captains in 2023 to our Year 12 Presentation Assembly. Our Year 12 Assembly is on Tuesday 8 November 2022 and starts at 9:30am. Parents are advised to arrive earlier to be seated at 9:15am. It is followed by a morning tea at approximately 11:30am. Students are required to attend school in full school uniform from 8:55am, to participate in the ceremony.

Music Lessons at Woolgoolga High

This term we have some availabilities for our Wednesday Music Lessons. This is a great opportunity for any student who wishes to learn a new instrument or improve their music skills.

Lessons are available for the following instruments: piano, guitar, bass guitar or singing.

Please see Mr Dominey to collect an enrolment form if you are interested.



SUPER SATURDAY

Potential Year 7 Excel Class 2023 students participated in a range of Reading, Writing, Numeracy and Science activities through Google Classroom and Forms on Saturday 15th October. Feedback was that students enjoyed the flexibility of completing activities from an interest or strengths-based approach. 43 students from seven local schools participated over the 3 days.



STUDENT VACCINATIONS

Year 7 students will receive their final HPV dose Week 4, Friday November 4. There will be some catch-up vaccinations for Year 8 and 10 students who may have been absent for earlier vaccinations. These students will be notified beforehand. Please ensure your child has had breakfast on this morning before coming to school.

Donations of School—Greatly Appreciated

Leaving Year 12 students and Year 10 students moving into senior years please consider donating your uniforms to the clothing pool. Sports shorts and junior polo shirts in good condition which are no longer needed will also be gratefully accepted at the front office to replenish our stock.



THE NEXT GENERATION OF GEOGRAPHERS

Last Term, our Year 7 Geography students set off on foot to complete fieldwork as part of our current unit Place and Liveability. Students have been tasked with determining the liveability of Woolgoolga by focusing on the features that make a place liveable. Fieldwork offers students the opportunity to explore, observe and understand these factors first-hand as well as develop their inquiry skills, an essential part of geographical learning. Over the next few weeks, students will add to their research by completing surveys with family and friends to gain a range of opinions and insights before compiling their findings in a report.



Year 7 Textiles



Greetings! This is just an update for families and friends of some Year 7 Technology Mandatory classes who are currently working through our new Unit: Design a Monster. Students are currently researching and designing their own monster which will be hand-made. These monsters will also feature a hand sewn electric circuit that will be used to code the light globes sewn into their monster design, (this may be their eyes or other features). Below is 'Flashy' a project example used for students to build their own ideas and design. The circuit and coding mechanism we are using is Arduino. For more information, please use this link <https://www.arduino.cc/en/Guide/Introduction>. More projects and updates will be featured in upcoming newsletters and Facebook posts. The students and teachers are excited for what outcomes we achieve this term!

Miss Goodwin

Home Economics/TAS Teacher

Woolgoolga High School



Jemimah Friend's BIG CHOP!

Year 10 student Jemimah Friend has undertaken the BIG CHOP! and donated her hair (45cm) to charity and is also trying to raise \$2,500 for the Variety Children's Charity's 'Hair with Heart'. Please read Jemimah's personal story and help her achieve her goal if you can. Well done, Jemimah!

<https://hairwithheart.variety.org.au/fundraisers/jemimahfriend/hair-with-heart>

NSW State all Schools Canoeing Championships

The New South Wales State All Schools Canoeing Championships were held on the Mann River, near Grafton last term. Congratulations to Maggie CARR (Year 9) and Ally CORK (Year 12) who successfully represented Woolgoolga High School at this state competition. The girls competed in the Single Kayak (K1), Single Canoe (C1) and Double Canoe (C2).

Ally achieved runners-up for overall Female Champion for the whole competition. With both girls making the podium in the majority of their events they competed in, Woolgoolga High School placed 2nd overall in the state school competition. What a fantastic achievement girls!

	Ally's results	Maggie's Results:
Flatwater	Open women's K1 500m: 2nd Open women's K1 5000m: 2nd	16 Women's K1 500m: 2nd
Slalom	Open women's K1: 1st Open women's C1: 1st Open women's C2: 1st	16 women's K1 slalom: 2nd 16 women's C1 slalom: 2nd
Whitewater Sprints	Open women's C1: 3rd Open women's K1: 1st	16 women's K1: 2nd Open women's C1: 3rd
Down River (Wild water)	Open women's K1: 1st Open women's C2: 2nd	16 women's K1: 3rd Open women C2: 2nd



CONGRATULATIONS AHMAD AND ALI DAD

Two young men and their families arrived in Australia in 2019, enrolling at Woolgoolga High School along with their siblings. They travelled from war torn and rapidly changing Afghanistan to reunite with their families and to start a new life in Australia. Since then, they have not only learned to speak, read, and write English but have been an active part in the life of our school and community. Since arriving, both Ali Dad Khawari and Ahmad Yusufi have gained employment as members of the Woolworths team in Woolgoolga. Ali Dad is a member of the Woolgoolga Soccer Club and juggles training sessions and games with his work commitments.

Both boys have excelled at their subjects at school with great support from many dedicated staff members. Their HSC year has seen major works in Metals and Engineering completed with countless hours of design and construction and work placements in the community completed. Ali Dad was a school Student Representative Council member in Year 11 and 12, a SMILE mentor and received many awards for his outstanding citizenship and support of others in our school community. He demonstrated a positive attitude and the importance of positive relationships in our everyday lives.



Both Ahmad and Ali Dad found that music was a source of great joy and inclusion. They involved themselves in a regular drumming group, music lessons delivered by the Conservatorium of Music at the school, singing and piano performance. Ahmad will complete Music Performance for his HSC this year with a focus on piano. He is a natural talent! It is with great admiration and excitement that we see these two boys graduate from Woolgoolga High School this year, continuing their path to a fulfilling life in Australia and hopefully Australian Citizenship. We wish them both every success for their future.



CAREERS

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students have been instructed in their weekly Careers classes to begin planning for Work Experience in Week 8 (Monday 29 November-Friday 2 December) and Week 9 (Monday 5 December-Friday 9 December) of this term. Work Experience paperwork has been made available for students to take as they plan to contact potential employers. To build student communication skills it is extremely beneficial if students can make phone calls/contact with employers themselves. We recommend Year 10 students begin this process now to secure their work placements later this term.

Careers Adviser

Ms Hansen

*Simran Kaur at
Woolgoolga
Coastal Chemist*



New Careers & Transition assembly awards

Our school's Careers faculty has created 3 new 'Careers & Transition Awards' which will be presented to three of our students at this year's upcoming end of year assemblies. The new 'Stage 5&6 EPP Careers Immersion Award' is being funded by the school's Educational Pathways Program (EPP) and will be presented at the Year 12 Graduation Assembly on Tuesday 8 November. A new 'SBAT of the Year Excellence Award' will also be presented to a successful School Based Apprentice or Trainee (SBAT) student at the Year 12 Graduation Assembly.

At the school's Annual Presentation Assembly for Year 7 to 11 students on Tuesday 13 December a 'Stage 5 New SBAT Excellence Award' will be presented to a successful student. Thankyou to the school's Careers faculty and the Educational Pathways Program for establishing these new awards to acknowledge the vocational education and training (VET) pathways being undertaken by students at our school.

JOB VACANCIES

Please visit the [Woolgoolga High School Careers website](https://www.woolgoolga-h.school.nsw.edu.au/careers) to obtain further information about these new jobs.

Click on Workplace Learning then Vacancies & Opportunities. (Please scroll down on the left to see all vacancies)

Apprenticeships/Traineeships

- * Window Fabrication Trainee at Allview Windows and Doors, Coffs Harbour
- * Apprentice Carpenter at Jayeno Constructions, Coffs Harbour
- * Carpentry Apprenticeship with HIA Apprentices, Coffs Harbour
- * Roof Plumbing Apprenticeship with HIA Apprentices, Coffs Harbour
- * Apprenticeship in Refrigeration & Air Conditioning with HIA Apprentices, Coffs Harbour
- * Apprentice Carpenter at Hi-Glaze Contractors, Coffs Harbour
- * Apprentice Chefs at Bonville Golf Resort
- * Sheet Metal Fabrication Apprenticeships at Faircloth & Reynolds, Coffs Harbour (2023)(Yr 10)
- * Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Apprenticeships at Faircloth & Reynolds, Coffs Harbour (2023) (Yr 10)
- * Electrical Apprenticeships at Faircloth & Reynolds, Coffs Harbour (2023) (Yr 12)
- * 2023 NSW Government Infrastructure Traineeships at Coffs Harbour (Yr 12)
- * Claims Administration Traineeship with HVTC at Coffs Harbour
- * Apprentice Carpenter at CIRCL, Coffs Harbour
- * Light Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- * Trainee Receptionists/Administration Officers at Chandler Macleod, Coffs Harbour
- * Part-time Trainee Educator at Milestones Early Learning North Boambee

Fulltime/Part time work

- * Junior Office Assistant at DRA Architects, Coffs Harbour (p/time)
- * Junior Claims Administrator at Hello Claims, Coffs Harbour (f/time)
- * Kitchenhands at Bonville Golf Resort
- * Front of House Casual Event Staff at Jetty Beach House, Coffs Harbour
- * Café Allrounder at Oliver's, Coffs Harbour
- * Apprentice or staff at Brooklyn's Burger Bar Espresso, Park Beach Plaza · Juniors at Old Mate's Burgers, Coffs Harbour
- * Wait Staff at Cex Woolgoolga
- * Christmas Casuals at City Chic, Park Beach Plaza

A night with the Folks

Join us for an engaging and impactful workshop to have a casual and honest conversation exploring the impact of gender stereotypes and learning on our young people and the value of deepening connection between families.

Come along for this workshop with Tomorrow Man + Tomorrow Woman, have some laughs, and get some practical tools to help you speak honestly and to understand how you can continue to strengthen the relationship between you and your children.

As parents you will learn some key tools, mindsets, and strategies to support your young person on their journey to adulthood. Expert facilitators from Tomorrow Man + Tomorrow Woman will share experiences and learnings from working with teenagers for more than 15 years.

A Night with the Folks of Woolgoolga is specifically for parents of children and teenagers of Woolgoolga High School, and it is entirely FREE thanks to Gotcha4Life.

Thursday 27th October · 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Woolgoolga High School Library, Centenary Drive, Woolgoolga.

REGISTER NOW: <https://woolgoolgafolksnight.eventbrite.com.au>

We look forward to seeing you there!



Students on work experience

Two of our Year 10 students, Sunny McKenzie and Aalyah Costelloe, have been building their skills in the workplace recently with Aalyah undertaking work experience at Moonee Beach Pharmacy and Sunny successfully obtaining a School Based Traineeship (SBAT) at the pharmacy.

Thank you to our local businesses for supporting our students.



SRC Nominations

Students wishing to nominate for Student Representative Council (SRC) positions please collect a form from the front of the Library.

Please ensure you complete all necessary details, including the name and signature of a seconder, teacher and parent/carer.

Please also include brief details of your experience and ideas for activities in which you'd like to see the school be involved. When completed please submit it to Mrs Hart BY Friday 28th October.

This is open to all students meeting school expectations for uniform, attendance and behaviour.



GET LICENCED GET LEGAL

Fee Free 30 hours of support to get your learners licence
Delivered across multiple locations in NSW

**You must be of legal eligible age to take the Driver Knowledge Test*

READY TO BE DEADLY?
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SCAN HERE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



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CONTACT US 131 601 TAFENSW.EDU.AU/ABORIGINAL

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Transport for NSW

Teaching a learner driver?



Transport for NSW is inviting the community to attend free "Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers" workshops.

The free workshop supports parents and supervisors of learner drivers to be confident and effective teachers. Topics include information about licence conditions for learner and P-plate drivers, tips for using the learner driver log book and the importance of providing constructive feedback. Workshops will be delivered online by driving instructors from Job Link Plus and will run from August 2022 - June 2023 with a range of days and times available to suit your schedule. View available sessions and book a place at www.1800drive4life.com.au


NSW GOVERNMENT TOWARDS ZERO

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NSW Department of Education

Attention Year 10

Have you considered a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship Pathway?



Find out about this Year 11 and 12 pathway that combines paid work, an industry qualification and the HSC

Hear from employers, parents and students who have completed an SbAT
Meet local employers interested in employing an SbAT
Find out how to take the next step

Where: Grafton District Services Club, 105-107 Mary St, Grafton

When: Tuesday 8th November 2023

Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm (tea & coffee from 5pm)

RSVP: Students parents/carers please scan the QR code to register

This event is a collaboration across school sectors to support students from all secondary schools in the Grafton region.



Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP)

Jill McCall

jill.mccall@det.nsw.edu.au or 0436 846 104



Business & Hospitality Industry Taster Program

*FEE FREE - CSO555

Course description:

The short industry taster program will give you an introduction into the skills and knowledge to work in the local Business Administration, Retail and Hospitality industries.

This course also provides:

Excursions to local industry businesses to network and gain insight into their requirements for employment.

Course outcomes include:

- Barista skills
- Digital Literacy skills
- Customer Service Skills
- Resume/Cover Letter writing
- Excursions to local businesses

How to get involved:

Contact John-Paul Hope, Coffs Harbour, on 0266593149 or email johnpaul.hope@tafensw.edu.au

- This training is subsidised by the NSW Government

LOCATION

TAFE NSW Coffs Harbour Education Campus
363 Hogbin Drive

DURATION

2 days per week for 3 weeks

DAYS

Thursdays and Fridays

START DATE

17th November - 2nd of December 2022

HOURS

9:30am - 3:00pm each day

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Community Notices



UKULELE ART ATTACK

Join the group
Fridays 3.30-5.00pm
Coffs CWA Hall

REGISTER NOW

Contact headspace
 Starts 28 October

Logos for headspace, Coffs Harbour City Council, and UKO ONO are displayed at the bottom of the poster.

T: 6652 1878 E: kcameron@genhealth.org.au

Coffs Harbour Headspace are offering a free, 8-week Ukulele Course for young people aged 12-25 years old. The course begins Friday 28th October from 3.30-5.30pm at the Coffs Harbour CWA Hall (opposite Headspace in Coffs Harbour).

You will need a ukulele, however they are giving away 10 free ukulele's for any students interested. You need to book your spot as there are limited positions available.

Please see Mr Dominey if you have any further questions.

School Travel — Term 4 2022

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

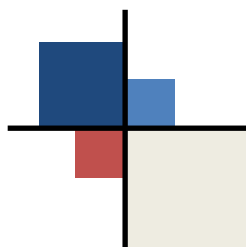
Parent Online Payment (POP)

Available At Woolgoolga High School

A secure Westpac banking facility has now been added to the Woolgoolga High School website to allow parents/carers to make online Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card payments for things like voluntary school contributions, excursions, sporting activities or sales to students.

To make a payment click on the link and go the "Make a Payment" tab: <http://www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

We hope you will find this payment option convenient. Payments can still be made at the Woolgoolga High School Office by cash, cheque or EFTPOS before school and during break 1.



WOOPI HIGH CANTEEN

fresh food daily

Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to give back and the students always love seeing their family members helping out. We are flexible with days and hours as any help is always appreciated. Ring the school on 6654 1500 to speak to one of the canteen team.

To view the menu and price list click [here](#)