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This Month at WHS

- Mon 16 Oct—Fri 3 Nov HSC Exams
Tue 24 Oct Excursion to Sydney Aquarium
Fri 27 Oct Year 7 Taronga Zoo excursion
Fri 27 Oct GRIP Student Leadership Conference
Mon 30 Oct—Fri 3 Nov Student Monitoring Week
Mon 30 Oct Year 5 Sample Lesson Day
Mon 30 Oct Halogen Young Leaders Conference
Tue 31 Oct Year 11 Engineering Studies day UOW
Thu 9 Nov Year 7 2018 Enrichment Class day
Fri 10 Nov Remembrance Day Assembly



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Principal's Report

Year 12 students have settled into their final HSC Examinations this week at Woonona High School. We are proud of the mature and calm approach that the students are demonstrating. It is great to see Year 12 students continuing to come into school to get support from their teachers and peers as they finalise their preparation for these important assessments. We are all looking forward to celebrating with Year 12 at the Formal on the evening of November 16th.

Well done to Year 11 for their excellent start to their HSC studies. Students in Year 11 participated in an individual planning meeting on Monday this week. On Wednesday this week the hall was full of parents, carers and students learning about how the Raising Achievement Program for Year 12 works. A big thank you to families for giving up their time to begin the journey of the HSC with us. Also, a thank you to the dedicated Senior School Co-ordinator, Mrs Abrahams and Year Advisor Ms McCarthy for their support of Year 11 as they transition and settle into the HSC. We look forward to seeing everyone again at the beginning of Term 1 2018 for the Raising Achievement specific Subject Workshops evening.

Congratulations to Angel Watson and Jackson Woods-Brooks for receiving the 2017 Deadly Encouragement Award at the ceremony at Waniora Public School on Thursday 19th October. We were very proud to share in the celebration of your achievement with you.

Ms Natasha Watt
Relieving Principal



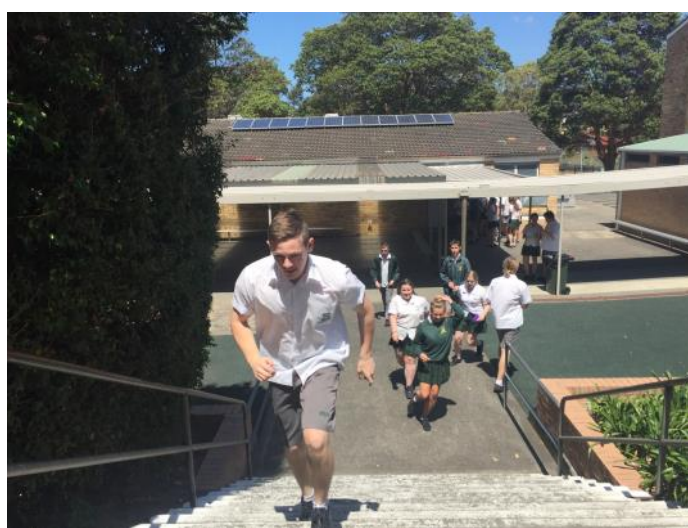
Discovering 'Discovery' in Year 12 English

Year 11 students began their Year 12 English course with an interactive treasure hunt introducing their 'Area of Study' unit of work on the concept of 'Discovery.' Working in groups, students were given a series of quotes about 'Discovery' with a clue that would lead them to the next mystery envelope with a word about Discovery and another clue. At the end of the treasure hunt students used the words found in their envelope to develop 'concept statements,' which will help form the basis of their in-depth understanding of English.

Students were very involved in this activity - discussing clues and collaboratively working to solve problems. Teachers commented that they had never seen so much exercise occurring in an English lesson!

Thank you to Ms Johnstone for organising the activity - and congratulations to the winning teams from each class.

Mrs Matthews, Head Teacher—English



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Year 11 Crossroads



On Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October Year 11 participated in their last two days of their crossroads program. The presenters from "Red Frogs Australia" on day one went through a range of valuable information for Year 12 students. Students participated in discussions and activities about positive relationships, self value and self awareness. Students also watched videos and had discussions about choices for the future as well as effects of decisions and actions on their life beyond high school. They then went into discussions about "schoolies" and what to expect and avoid if they are thinking of attending. This included alcohol and drug awareness and ways to look after yourself and your friends. During this session we were also entertained by a dance performance from Noah Green during an activity about being aware of your surroundings and safe partying.

During day two, students watched a heartbreaking and eye opening presentation on Nicole Fitzsimons' story and about travelling safely. As well as resilience and skills. It highlighted what you need to pick yourself back up if things unexpectedly go wrong for you at school or beyond. Both presentations were by Kate Fitzsimons, Nicole's sister. Students were also presented with concepts around success and GRIT as well as consent in relationships.

All students received valuable information over the three crossroads days.

Mrs McCarthy, Year Adviser



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Woonona High School Special Education Unit Fundraising Raffle

Over \$10,000 in prizes



100 Prizes



Woonona Bowling Club

Saturday 11th November

Tickets on Sale From 6.00 Draw at 7.30

3 Day Cruise on Ovation of the Sea \$700 Travel Voucher TV Meat Trays

\$400 in Electrical Goods \$450 Accommodation Package Hawks Box Tickets

\$250 South Coast Automatics Vouchers \$200 Bears Vouchers Savvy vouchers

\$300 Accommodation and Golf Package \$100 Mr Bugs Windjammers Voucher

CAPA News

48th Combined Schools Instrumental Festival

On Tuesday 24th October, the Woonona High School Stage Band will be performing at this wonderful event for the first time. Last year there were close to 250 students involved, representing 20 different public schools and including two of our students, Jocelyn Bray and Ryan Mills, who were a part of the ISER Junior Band Camp. The concert starts at 7pm in the Grand Hall at the University of Wollongong. Tickets will be available at the door for \$20.

L Lyon Performing Arts Trophy

The L Lyon Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Performing Arts is named after Mrs Le-A Lyon, a former music teacher of Woonona High who dedicated many years of her life to the students of this school, fostering their talents and providing them with a wide range of performance opportunities. The recipient of this award has made outstanding contributions to the life of the school through their dedication to the Performing Arts over a number of years.

Conor has been an integral part of the Performing Arts community at Woonona High for the past six years, providing technical support and assistance for most school events. Conor has also performed in and hosted many school events including numerous Unplugged Concerts, Variety Nights and Assemblies; and he won an Arcadian's Theatre Group 2015 Inter-School Competition Medal for his portrayal of the Scarecrow in our musical production 'The Wiz.'



More recently, Conor graduated from the Illawarra ITEC with a Certificate III in Technical Production and was selected to participate in the SongMakers Project; which saw him write and record an original song with his peers, working alongside famous industry professionals.

Conor is always willing to help at school and community events; even setting up, running the sound and packing up for the Moonlight Cinema at Woonona Primary School last Saturday. Conor has also recently received offers to study Audio Engineering at JMC College and the Australian Institute of Music in Sydney, before HSC exams commenced. Congratulations Conor!

Save the Date—Variety Night

Our annual Creative and Performing Arts Showcase 'Variety Night' will be held in Week 10 on Tuesday 12th December at 7pm. Our Woonona Community of Schools Primary Band will be performing at this event. This program has grown in size again this year and we now have 34 Year 5 and 6 students attending. They are sounding fantastic and many of the students playing at a higher level now combine with our WHS Junior Band as well. The night will also feature performances from our Stage Band, Vocal Ensemble, Dance Companies, Drama and Circus groups, as well as an exhibition from our Visual Arts and Photography students.

CAPA Camp

After a successful camp at our new venue last year, we are once again offering all students from Year 7-11 the opportunity to go to our Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Camp, to be held at the Waterslea Centre in Nowra from Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd November. An expression of interest note was sent home last week and interested students are asked to pay a deposit to secure their place. The purpose of the camp is to enable students to learn new repertoire, form ensembles and rehearse group items ready to audition for Variety Night. All students with an interest in Dance, Drama, Circus, Music, Photography and Visual Arts are welcome to apply. Please contact Miss R Sharp (CAPA Coordinator) for more information.

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Circus Program

The Circus Program continues to grow to new heights at Woonona High! We now have a large group of students who train on the aerial apparatus of silks (tissu) and hoop (lyra) each week during Sport time, and we also look forward to running Circus Skills again as a Year 8 Elective Course next year, along with the new Year 9/10 Elective Course Aerial Foundations.



However, due to the increase in students involved, we are now outgrowing the equipment we have in our space. As such, we are seeking donations of equipment or funding from local businesses or organisations to help us purchase more circus and safety apparatus for our students, including gym/crash mats and trapezes. If you are able to donate any funding or equipment, please contact the school. We would greatly appreciate any offers of assistance.



Schools Spectacular

Over the years, Woonona High School has been proudly represented in Schools Spectacular, a state wide version of Southern Stars that is held in Sydney each year. In the past, we have had several students selected as featured artists for both vocals and aerial circus performers. In 2017, three of our dancers will be featured in the show at Qudos Bank Arena in Homebush as part of their role in the Southern Stars Performing Company. A massive congratulations to Elizabeth Apter and Layla Ryan (Year 7) and Chloe Jones (Year 8). They will be performing in four shows from November 24th - 25th. We are hoping to organise an excursion to watch on the 24th November – keep an ear out at assembly. Tickets are also available from Ticketek.



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Community of Schools Band Program



The Woonona Community of Schools Band Program provides an affordable opportunity for Year 5 and 6 students in our local primary schools to learn an instrument and form a band. 2017 has seen the biggest growth in this program since it began in 2012, and we are very proud of the 34 primary students who attend each week. All students receive small group tuition on their chosen instrument and rehearse each week in our Beginner Band (mainly new primary students) or our Advanced Band (junior high school and advanced primary students.)

It has also been wonderful to see some high school students from our advanced Stage Band volunteering their time each week to tutor beginner students before school. However, due to the rapid growth of our band program, we are running out of instruments for students to hire.

Along with the Community of Schools Primary Band, Junior Band and Stage Band Programs, we also offer our Year 7 CAPA Enrichment Classes the opportunity to learn an instrument for a term. This year has resulted in over 60 students from Year 5-11 playing in a band. If you know of

any instruments that are not being used at the moment, please contact the school - we are happy to accept all donations or loans, even if instruments are not in working order.

CAPA in the Community

Congratulations to all of the performers and helpers from our Community of Schools at the Woonona Primary School Moonlight Cinema last Saturday! We were very proud to support the event and would like to thank the following current and future students who helped out:

Carla Baker and Riley Walker (Yr 9), and Ethan Johnson (Yr 10) – Acoustic Trio

Kai Johnson (Yr 6 WPS and Yr 7 CAPA Enrichment 2018) – Saxophone Solo

Ruby Martin and Koda Way (Yr 6 WPS and Yr 7 CAPA Enrichment 2018) – Acoustic Duo

Elizabeth Apter (Yr 7 CAPA Enrichment 2017) – Dance Solo

Conor Johnson (Yr 12) Set up, operation and pack up of WHS equipment for all performers



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Instrument and Vocal Tuition

Now that our Year 12 Music students have finished their HSC exams, we have some new spaces available for current and future students of Woonona High to learn an instrument or voice before or after schools. Our program features experienced teachers at an affordable price, with private 30 minute lessons costing \$20, and partner 30 minute lessons costing \$10 each. Lessons are offered in guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboard, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone and voice. Please contact Miss R. Sharp via email below for more details.

Miss R. Sharp, Music Teacher/Creative and Performing Arts Coordinator
rhiannon.sharp@det.nsw.edu.au

“Shodo Dojo” Calligraphy Workshop

On Thursday 12th October, all Year 7 students attended the "Shodo Dojo" Calligraphy Workshop in the school hall. Each class participated in a one hour session run by David and Katsumi Sensei. David and Katsumi are both professional, traditional calligraphy instructors who have taught all ages and levels for many years. Their "Shodo Dojo" (Shodo = calligraphy, Dojo = learning space) is located in Figtree.

For almost all of Year 7 this was the first time to use the traditional brush, brush pen or even do calligraphy. Students learnt how to write some new kanji characters while practising the finer skills of "stopping, flicks, sweeps and sweep and stop". It was a wonderful experience for all students learning an interesting culture. Besides numbers, examples of words the students wrote were; ninja, samurai, love, tiger, heart and flower. Below are some student's comments about the experience.



It was interesting to learn about what each thing meant and how to write it.

I wrote the tiger kanji!

It was fun to use the brush pens and traditional brush.

The experience was relaxing and calming.

The instructors were really good and helpful.

It was really fun, I want to do it again!

In future years, I hope to continue to share this rewarding experience with all interested students at Woonona High School.

Ms Lowe (Language teacher)

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kailyn Nicholson, Carla Baker and Sienna McClafferty (*inset*) for being selected and representing the South Coast in Gymnastics 2017.

Mrs Sim (Sport Coordinator)



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Year 10 moving experience at Jewish Museum

Throughout both semesters one and two, Year 10 have been investigating the causes and nature of the Holocaust, the attempted murder of the Jewish population of Europe during the Nazi era. As a central part of their studies, students have been examining the nature of dehumanisation in these societies and how, through laws, propaganda, prejudice, bystanders and fear, horrible atrocities like the Holocaust can occur in what were previously more peaceful societies. The maturity and interest students have shown throughout this course have been outstanding, in particular their ability to draw comparisons between historical and contemporary issues.

To conclude this course, Ms Walker, Ms Cohen and myself were able to take a group of 70 students to the Sydney Jewish Museum in Darlinghurst. Following a very early start, students were guided around the different museum sections by volunteers, all of whom had family connections to this tragic time period. The children's section was particularly moving, reinforcing the horrors of dehumanisation and racism.

It was furthermore the privilege of the group to listen to Kuba, a Holocaust survivor from Krakow Poland, share his story of hardship and resilience. Kuba was expelled from his school for being Jewish and was forced to live with his family in a sectioned off Ghetto where starvation and disease was the norm. He was forcibly separated from his family at Auschwitz and managed to survive forced labour at munitions factories under heavy allied bombing. Witnessing the tattooed number on his forearm, used by the Nazis to register Jewish inmates, powerfully demonstrated to teachers and students alike the proximity and reality of these events.



It was special to see students engage with Kuba and ask some thoughtful questions such as "Did Jewish Guards treat prisoners differently to the SS?" (the guards were watched by the SS and had to be severe in meting out punishment) and "Have you ever returned to you homeland?" (A number of times with his children and grandchildren!). Lastly "how did you have the mental strength to survive this ordeal?" (being relatively young and hopeful that he would one day see his family again gave him the strength to fight to survive). Finally, Kuba explained why he relives his story of survival every time he speaks to students at the museum; in the hope that knowledge of the past will enable students to recognise the signs of dehumanisation and to play their own small part in contributing to a better society.

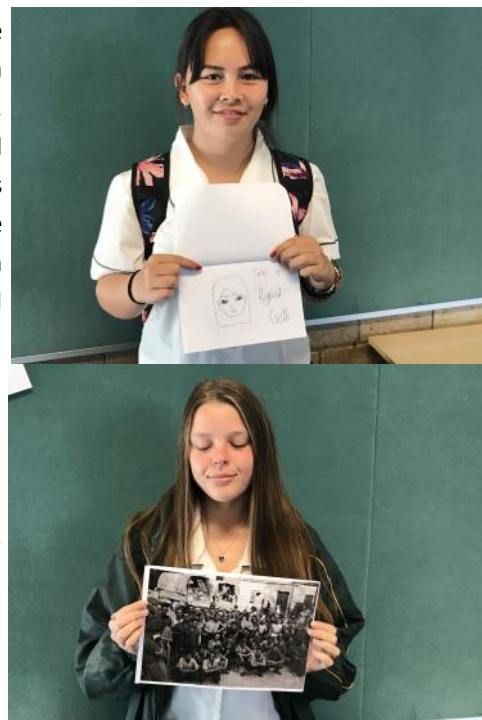
All teachers involved were very impressed by the behaviour of students who showed the type of maturity and respect that the venue and occasion required.



Congratulations to Year 10 for taking part in this excursion!

Mr Mucci

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End of Year Activities

In Week 10 of this term, all students will be involved in a program of activities. The dates for the activities are Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th of December. Year 7 to Year 10 students will have the opportunity to learn new skills provided throughout the 3 days. Year 11 students will be expected to take part in the activities or attend the library for the 3 days similar to the expectation in the homework centre. The library will be staffed by teachers who can help with revision and further understanding of course outcomes.

Many of the activities offered will be free and will take place in the school grounds. Some activities will incur a cost as they are run by outside providers and will take place outside the school grounds. Parents/carers will be given a list of the activities that will be offered this year in the coming weeks.

Some of the activities that are confirmed as being offered are: surfari (for learn to surf and surfing sports groups), bush walking (Stanwell Park to Austinmer track), Bike ride, ice skating, robotics, Christmas decorations construction, CAD design, dance lessons, circus lessons, performance rehearsals, live performance in Sydney, School surf contest.

Mrs Sim—Coordinator



Woonona HS Surfing Talent Continues to Grow

Some fantastic shots of our three surfers Myles Maling, Stuart Logan and Corey Gray (pictured left to right) who were successful in gaining entry to the prestigious DP Battle Royale Undercard Surfing Event which was held at Stanwell Park on Friday 13th October. Congratulations to all of the boys who continue to improve at a great rate. Special congratulations to Corey Gray, who managed to make the Semi-Finals. Thanks to Brett Maling and Nick Logan who accompanied the boys.

John Chamberlain/Rod Landy (Organisers)



It's Frocktober

It's Frocktober and Woonona High School staff wore their best frocks today to raise money for research into ovarian cancer. This form of cancer has one of the lowest survival rates as its early symptoms are easily missed and there is no early detection test. As part of Frocktober Ms Johnstone in the English Faculty has to try to wear a different dress every day.

Thanks to staff today we have raised \$71, bringing Ms Johnstone's total fundraising to \$1002!



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University of Wollongong Learning Labs 2018

Learning Labs is an enrichment program designed for students who are performing in the top 15% - 15% in their area of interest within their peer group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays.

All workshops are held over one (mini-labs) or two days, and are presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education.

Dates: Learning Labs (Years 7 to 10) : 17—18 January 2018 from 9:00am—3:30pm Cost: \$170

Learning MINI Labs (Year 7 to 10): 16 January 2018 from 9:00am—3:30pm Cost: \$90

Venue: University of Wollongong (Wollongong Campus)

Applications Close: 7 November 2017

For further information about workshops and the application process, please go to: uow.info/learninglabsyr7-10, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Learning Labs team via email at learning-labs@uow.edu.au or phone on (02) 4221 5557.



Canteen Roster

Monday	23 October	Leona
Tuesday	24 October	Janece Pender
Wednesday	25 October	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	26 October	HELP NEEDED
Friday	27 October	Donna Thompson
Monday	30 October	HELP NEEDED
Tuesday	31 October	HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	1 November	Leona
Thursday	2 November	Karen Bate
Friday	3 November	HELP NEEDED



Year 7 2018 Uniform Fittings

The Woonona High School Uniform Shop will be open for fittings for students starting in Year 7 next year on the following days. Bookings are essential by phoning the front office to make an appointment.

Wednesday 15 November 2017 from 8:30am to 11:00am

Thursday 16 November 2017 from 8:00am - 11:00am

Friday 17 November 2017 from 8:30am - 11:00am

Tuesday 21 November 2017 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm (cash or cheque payments **only** on this night)

Tuesday 28 November 2017 from 5:00 - 6:30pm

If you are unable to make these times, the uniform shop is open every Thursday morning (other than 16/11/17) from 8:00am - 9:30am (appointments not necessary).

Payment for school uniforms can be made at the front office by cash, cheque or eftpos. Online payments can be made through the **Woonona High School website** <http://www.woonona-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/> by clicking Make a Payment on the home page. Fields marked with an * need to be filled in.

If you have any questions, please contact the Woonona High School front office on 42841513 or 42831623.

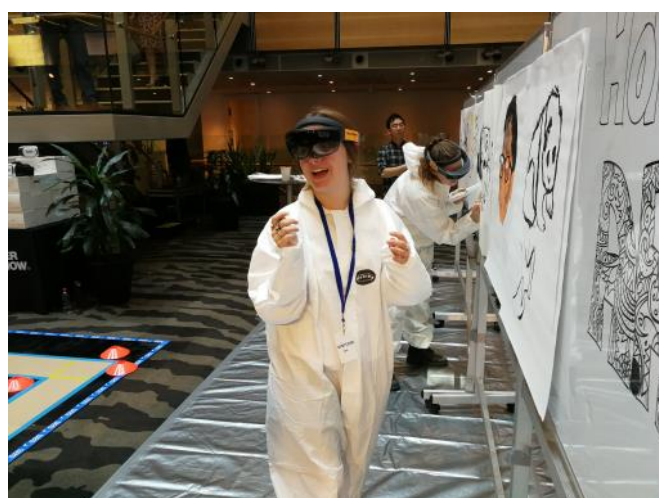
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Commonwealth Bank Amaze Expo

The Commonwealth Bank hosted 'Tech Today | Tech Tomorrow' event on Thursday 19th October and a group of interested students attended from Years 9 & 10. The main purpose was to promote female participation in STEM areas. The event provided an interactive, fun and unique experience around technology trends and possible career opportunities in the workforce of the future. Students participated in a variety of timed activities and rotated around the technology exhibition expo. The activities involved learning about coding, robotics, cyber security and innovation.

The students enjoyed the day immensely and in particular, the female students were encouraged to consider other possible careers in the STEM areas.

Mr J Mete



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Careers

“Mastering the HSC” is a fundraising event designed to provide students with the skills and information they need to **maximise HSC marks**, while also raising much needed funds for The Fred Hollows Foundation.

In just one day, you will learn how **average students achieve 90+ ATAR scores**, and how you can use the same strategies to reach your full potential in Year 11 and 12. Featuring a unique range of guest speakers and HSC exam markers, this exclusive event is a must for students studying Year 11 and/or Year 12 subjects in 2018.

Valued at over \$250 this program is open to you for a \$10 Donation fee for each day. Go to: www.tsfx.com.au/mhsc to enrol online or www.tsfx.com.au to find out more information. Mrs Crump has some flyers in her office also.

Courses run at University of Sydney on Sunday 12th November and at the University of NSW on Saturday 18th November 2017
Degrees at TAFE - Tafe is offering a number of Degree Courses. Go to www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees for more on these!

White Card Training

Mrs Crump is currently taking expressions of interest for any Year 10, 11 or 12 student who wish to complete their **White Card Training**. Anyone wishing to do Construction at school, or do work experience in any trade where you will be on a worksite **MUST** have this qualification. Cost will be \$100 and will be run at the school as soon. As soon we have the numbers to run a class, I hope to book a date for it in early November. Students interested, give your names to Mrs Crump and money to the office to secure a place.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 should have their organisation well underway and I am expecting a flood of completed SPRs (Student Placement Records) any time now! I would appreciate the return of completed SPRs as soon as possible please and I would like to thank all parents who have assisted in finding their placements for Week 7 20th -24th November 2017.

Also, a reminder to year 10 students who have yet to submit their **Resumes** into Careers. These are now overdue. Marked resumes can be collected for final editing from Friday 20th October 2017 from the Careers Room. Thank you.

Term 4 Calendar

Mon 16 Oct— Tue 7 Nov	HSC Exams	Fri 24 Nov	Schools Spectacular
Mon 30 Oct—Fri 3 Nov	Student Monitoring Week	Tue 28 Nov	Year 7 2018 Parent Information session
Mon 30 Oct	Year 5 Sample Lesson Day	Fri Dec 1	Years 7—11 Gold Rewards Excursion
Tue 31 Oct	Year 11 Engineering Studies Day UOW	Mon Dec 4—Fri Dec 8	Student Clearance Week
Thur 9 Nov	Year 7 2018 Enrichment Class Day	Mon 4 Dec	Peer Support Stanwell Tops
Fri 10 Nov	Remembrance Day Assembly	Tue 5 Dec	Year 6 Orientation Day
Tue 14 Nov	Stage 4 Assembly	Thu 7 Dec	Presentation Evening
Thur 16 Nov	Year 12 Formal	Mon 11 Dec	Farewell / Christmas Farewell Assembly
Fri 17 Nov	Forensic Science Incursion	Tue 12 Dec	Variety Night
Mon 20 Nov—Fri 24 Nov	Year 10 Work Experience	Wed 13 Dec	Music Excursion
Mon 20 Nov—Wed 22 Nov	CAPA Camp Nowra	Fri 15 Dec	Last day for students 2017
Tue 21 Nov	P&C Meeting		

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**Festival of Song
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CONCERT

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