

# Newsletter

## SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL



Term 2, Issue 2, 2025

### From the Principal's Desk

This weekend, we will be having the P&C Debutante Ball. With 11 girls and their partners taking part, it is always an enjoyable night with family and friends. Each year it is fantastic to watch these students take on learning dances, committing to practice and putting themselves completely out of their comfort zone. I am sure that the night will be a great success.

I want to congratulate Caitlin Amos, Meg Amos and Shaneeka Wisz on their success with the North Coast Hockey team, which was successful in winning the NSW CHS Championships last week. The North Coast team has been dominant over the past couple of years, and it is a fantastic achievement to have these three girls representing South Grafton High School at this level.

Our Under 14 girls league side recently travelled to Ballina playing 3 games against some tough opposition. The girls were dominant in every game winning the day overall. Another example of the sporting talent at the school and the great ambassadors that we have representing us in a variety of areas.

Attendance is always a focus for us, and we know that regular attendance makes a difference with students achieving positive academic outcomes as well as engaging in the many and varied extra-curricular activities that our school provides. To assist us with monitoring attendance and working to improve it, the explanation of absences really makes a difference.

The NSW Education Act requires that all student absences must be explained within 7 days of the first day of them being away from school. Please contact us promptly whenever your child is absent and let us know the reason for them being away. This allows us to provide the right support and make sure your child's absences are correctly recorded. When you receive a text message from the school you can simply reply to that message with a short explanation, and we can update our records.

We are committed to working with you to offer support and remove any barriers that may be preventing your child from regularly attending school.



# SGHS Uniform Requirements

## Junior Uniform

- Red school polo shirt with logo
- Grey school skirt (pleated or straight) with logo
- Grey school shorts with logo
- Red jumpers with school emblem
- Long grey trousers may be worn (not fleecy track pants or jeans)
- Grey school track pants with logo
- Fully enclosed sturdy shoes.

Preferably black

## Senior Uniform

- Green school polo shirt with logo
- Grey school skirt (pleated or straight) with logo
- Grey school shorts with logo
- Red jumpers with school emblem or senior jersey
- Long grey trousers may be worn (not fleecy track pants or jeans)
- Grey school track pants with logo
- Fully enclosed sturdy shoes. Preferably black

***If you do not have a uniform for a day, you will be expected to report to the library before school. A replacement uniform will be provided for you.***

## Sports Uniform

- School sports polo shirt
- School sports shorts (short or long style)

## Formal Uniform

(For formal & special occasions)

- Grey long trousers or grey school shorts with logo
- Grey school skirt or slacks
- School Blazer (to be provided by the school)
- White buttoned shirt (not a polo shirt)
- School tie
- White socks
- Black leather-covered shoes with laces

## Uniform Prices - as of November 2024

School polo shirts (Junior and Senior) **\$30.00**; School shorts/skirts **\$25.00**; Red school hoodie (with Emblem) **\$32.00**; Sports shirt **\$30.00**; Sports shorts (Short or Long) **\$25.00**; School hat **\$15.00**; School tracksuit pants **\$35.00**

All uniforms are available from the SGHS library.



South Grafton  
High School

School uniform

Junior



- Red school polo shirt
- Grey school shorts or grey skirt
- Red school hoodie
- Grey school track pants or grey slacks
- School sport polo shirt
- School sport shorts (long or short)

Grey skirt COMING SOON



Senior



- Green school polo shirt
- Grey school shorts or grey skirt
- Red school hoodie or senior jersey
- Grey school track pants or grey slacks

Grey skirt COMING SOON



# Do you have the new School Bytes App?



## School Links

SGHS Facebook Page: [SGHS Facebook](#)

SGHS Website: [SGHS Website](#): [SGHS Website](#)

## Congratulations to our 2025 School Captains



## REMINDERS

Term 2, 2025

*Please remember that payments for school sport can be made any time online via School Bytes.*

### Friday 23 May

- Building and Construction EPP Short Course
- Yarrawarra Yr 10/11 Excursion

### Monday 26 May

- PCYC Perfect Presence

### Tuesday 27 May

- PCYC Perfect Presence
- Rock and Water

### Thursday 29 May

- STARS Yr 9 State of Origin Incentive Camp
- RAGE Program

### Friday 30 May

- STARS Yr 9 State of Origin Incentive Camp

### Monday 2 June

- Visual Arts Yr 12 Bow Workshop
- PCYC Perfect Presence

### Tuesday 3 June

- PCYC Perfect Presence
- Rock and Water

### Thursday 5 June

- Captains Visit to Parliament House

## Helpful Contacts

**Kids Helpline Official:** 1800 55 1800.

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

**Suicide Call Back Service:** 1300 659 467.

<https://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au/>

**Headspace:** 1800 650 890.

<https://headspace.org.au/>

**Lifeline:** 13 11 14. <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

**Beyond Blue:** 1300 22 4636.

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>



# Going Green



## Going Green in Grafton – Horticulture and Land Management Skills Taster Day at Trenayr TAFE

A group of students from South Grafton HS & Maclean HS undertook the Going Green in Grafton horticulture & land management skills taster day. The day had the group visit the TAFE NSW Trenayr campus and develop skills and knowledge focussing on horticulture, regenerating and land management with local industry representatives and TAFE NSW Teachers. Students spent time undertaking activities in the industry areas of conservation and ecosystem management, production horticulture and general horticulture.

The industry representatives who spoke with the students were Joao Branco from Costa Group, Jack Mooney from Provenance Propagation and Brendan (Eb) Ebner from NSW Department of Primary Industries. The representatives discussed their career journeys and the role they currently undertake. Students were guided on training, skills and qualifications required for entry into the variety of careers and workplaces.

Students undertook activities planned by TAFE NSW staff Nicole & Gary that developed an understanding around identifying weeds and land management methods, potting seedlings, planting trees and the use of tools and equipment in a safe manner.

Kate Hogan (EPP, School based apprenticeship & traineeship engagement officer) spent time with the group discussing SBAT pathways and how this HSC pathway can be an option for students interested in starting their career journey while completing their HSC or schooling.

This program was developed by the Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP), Regional Workforce Development in collaboration with TAFE NSW and the Educational Pathways Program (EPP) operating at our school, to ensure students leave school well prepared for higher education, training or work.





# Sport News

Congratulations to Meg, Caitlin and Shaneeka on winning gold as part of the North Coast Hockey team!



The Under 14 girls Rugby League 9's team recently played in Ballina with a win in the first game 8 tries to 1 against Casino, a win the second game 6 tries to 0 against Maclean and a win in the third and final game 6 tries to 1.

## Open Girls Hockey

Congratulations to Caitlin Amos, Meg Amos and Shaneeka Wisz who represented the North Coast Open Girls Hockey team last week at the NSW CHS Championships held in Parkes. The North Coast Girls team who successful in winning the tournament for the third year in a row. Well done girls.

## Zone Cross Country

The zone cross country carnival was postponed this week due to wet weather. The new date and venue has been decided on. The carnival will now be held on Friday 30 May in Woolgoolga. Those students who have nominated for zone will be sent a permission note shortly via school bytes.

## Open Girls Rugby Union

Congratulations to Esther Barker in representing the Open Girls North Coast Rugby Union team at the NSW CHS Championships in Newcastle last week. North Coast slowly improved throughout the Championships eventually finishing in 7th for the tournament.

# Congratulations

## WEEK 3 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

The following students received a LION AWARD from Support and Inclusion

Year 7: Rush Danks Brown and Grace Mawhinney

Year 8: Tyler Ellis, Liam Marmont and John Croake



The following students received an ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 7: Liam Slater

Year 8: Jack Meyer

Year 9: Tristan Mason-Ehsman

Year 10: Georgia Simpson

Year 11: Zac Burke

Year 12: Satriya Pope

# Wednesday winners!

The following students received a CALM AWARD

Year 7: Ayla Noordhof-Skinner

Year 8: Olivia Reckless and Maru Schroeder

Year 9: Chloe Korner

Year 10: Ethan Henderson

## WEEK 4 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

The following students received a LION AWARD from the HSIE faculty

Year 7: Emmett Bayliss and Marley Gallaher

Year 8: Mai Vo

Year 9: Lebron Mercy

Year 10: Cloie Loadsman

The following students received an ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 7: Jesse Ottaviani

Year 8: Indy Farmer

Year 9: Lochlan Egan

Year 10: Tyler Vancea

Year 11: Cole Brown

Year 12: Mia Nicholson

The following students received a CALM AWARD

Year 7: Brett Smidt, Cody Casey and Carley Baldry

Year 8: Le-ontae Mundine

Year 10: Mia Murray





# Congratulations



During the recent grafton show, five SGHS students volunteered their time to help out local alpaca studs by leading their animals in the show. The students all received placings with their animals including a reserve champion.





# Creative Corner





# TAFE Yes Program

## Work Experience





# Community News

Come try cycling in a safe and supportive environment!

## WOMEN AND GIRLS SOCIAL BIKE RIDE

New to cycling? Looking for a supportive group to ride with?

Join our FREE social bike rides led by trained Auscycle Ride Leaders—a fun, safe way for women and girls to gain confidence and build skills!

### WHY JOIN ?

- Ride in a fun & friendly group
- Build skills & confidence
- Meet like-minded women & girls
- Learn from trained ride leaders
- Pathways to social & competitive cycling

### LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

Criterium track Junction Hill, cycle paths, quiet local roads, Bom Bom State Forest trails & more!

No one to ride with? No problem! Join our community and find your riding buddies.

### LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE – REGISTER NOW!

 **Contact Us**  
Susan Polsen 0422414198  
Laurelea Moss 0410609488

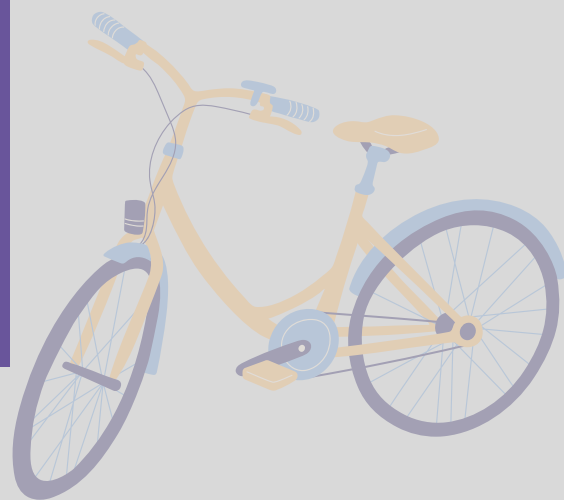
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OR <https://www.graftoncycleclub.com.au/>

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## CLARENCE VALLEY CHILD & FAMILY NETWORK Annual Children's Spring Carnival Stall Holders Needed

4th September 2025

Save the date

Connect with hundreds of families in the community  
Showcase your services and initiatives



Register your interest: [Clarencevalleyfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:Clarencevalleyfamilies@gmail.com)

## Transport Concession Entitlement

If you're a student aged 16 years or older and eligible for concessions, the Transport Concession Entitlement Card serves as proof of entitlement when using a Child/Youth Opal card within the Opal network or when travelling on child or concession fares in NSW. **Please contact the school office if you would like to apply for a concession card.**

### INFORMATION LINKS FOR SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

1. Timetable information - [busways.com.au](https://busways.com.au) or [transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info)
2. School bus travel pass - [School Student Travel Scheme](#)





# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



GRAFTON  
REGIONAL  
GALLERY

# CLASS OF 2025

THE GALLERY  
FOUNDATION EMERGING  
ARTIST SCHOLARSHIP

KEY DATES:  
TEACHER NOMINATIONS DUE:  
MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2025  
AWARDS PRESENTATION:  
NOVEMBER 2025

\$5000 TO A CLARENCE  
VALLEY YEAR 12 STUDENT  
WHO HAS STUDIED  
ONE OR MORE:

- Visual arts
- Visual design
- Design & Technology
- Textile & Design
- Industrial Technology
- Photography, video  
and digital imaging

For more information:  
[graftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://graftongallery.nsw.gov.au)



thegalleryfoundation

Image: Chris Semms, 'Spew! Part 1 in Series' 2019. Cast aluminium sculpture commissioned by The Gallery Foundation in 2019 and part of the gallery collection.



## Share your world

### Become a foster carer

It's the little things that matter most – like having a safe place to call home, someone you can smile with and the right support.

You can make an extraordinary difference in the life of a young person by sharing those ordinary, everyday moments.

We are looking for compassionate individuals, couples and families to become foster carers to provide a safe and supportive home for vulnerable children and young people. We'll support you 24/7 and provide all the training you need.

If you have a spare bedroom and time to share, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us today and be the positive change in a child's life!

1300 592 227  
[lwb.org.au/foster-care](http://lwb.org.au/foster-care)

**LIFE  
WITHOUT  
BARRIERS**





# MAKING MUSIC

## Clarence Valley

in acknowledgement of Make Music Australia Day 2025



SOPHISTICATED BEGGARS



HATS OFF



SHIP OF THESEUS



PAC V



SONS OF THESEUS



RYAN MARTIN



PW POOLWORKS



Loving Life FM103.1



LIVE SOUND



BUCKLEY'S MUSIC GROUP

## MAKING MUSIC - CLARENCE VALLEY



This year, we're turning up the volume with a **special evening showcase** at the stunning **Saraton Theatre in Grafton** — a celebration of our vibrant local music scene, happening **Saturday 21st June from 4:00pm to 9:00pm!**

**Tickets are just \$10**, and every dollar goes **directly to the performers and school music programs**. You'll witness an incredible lineup featuring emerging school bands and seasoned local artists who are making waves far beyond the Valley.

**South Grafton High School Band, Ship of Theseus, and Pacific Valley Christian School's PAC V Band**

Our next generation of musicians step into the spotlight, gaining real-world experience on a professional stage with full lighting and sound.



Who will be PBL Student of the Year 2025



Donovan Livestock &  
Property