

Newsletter

SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL



Term 2, Issue 4, 2025

From the Principal's Desk

Last week our Athletics Carnival was finally held after many delays due to the weather. It was great to see so many students attend and participate in the events throughout the day. Thank you to Adam Dewberry and Mat McKee for their work in coordinating the day along with the many staff who supported them. The long jump was held this week and once results are collated, we can announce champions for each age group and wish those going onto zone athletics all the best.

On Tuesday 24 June at 5:30 pm in the school library, we will be holding our Year 10 into 11 subject selection evening. This will provide students and parents with the opportunity to learn about what is available at our school and the different pathways that are available. Teachers from each faculty will be available to provide subject specific information and an outline of the process and the requirements will also be explained. Students will receive a copy of the course prospectus on the night. We look forward to seeing as many attend as possible.

Congratulations to the Year 7/8 debating team that recently took on Maclean High School. The topic was whether students should attend online classes instead of in person and after some great arguments from our team they were victorious. Well done.

Another team that has performed well recently was our Stars netball team, which travelled to Tamworth to compete against teams from other Stars foundations at Tamworth, Gunnedah and Inverell. Not only did they take the overall win but also demonstrated the core values of the Stars program, which are respect, honesty, commitment and pride. Great job girls!



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Year 10 into 11

Subject Selection Information Evening

Time: 5:30pm

Date: Tuesday 24th June

Location: South Grafton High School Library

Parents, and students commencing year 11 in 2026 are encouraged to come along and find out about the subject options available and different pathways to completing their HSC



Contact Information

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SGHS Uniform Requirements

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

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.



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 sports can be made any time online via School Bytes.

Thursday 19 June

- Bangarra Dance Workshop

Tuesday 24 June

- Y10 to Y11 Subject Selection

Wednesday 25 June

- Netball Schools Cup

Thursday 26 June

- Y10 & Y11 Vaccination Catch-ups

Friday 27 June

- Clontarf Years 7 / 8 Rugby League

Monday 30 June

- NAIDOC assembly

Tuesday 1 July

- Yr 5 Traditional Games Day
- Rock and Water Program

Wednesday 2 July

- Mod C Craft or writing workshop
- Guest speaker - Yr 12 Writing

HSC Minimum Standards

The online HSC Minimum Standards test allows our students to demonstrate that they have met the HSC Minimum Standard, which is required to receive the Higher School Certificate. There are three areas the students must pass to achieve the HSC Minimum Standard – reading, writing and numeracy. Opportunities will be organised throughout the year for students to meet the standard in each of these areas. For further information please access the NESA website to:

- understand what to expect in these tests
 - see sample questions and answers
 - take a demonstration test
- www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard

Athletics Carnival

SGHS Athletics 2025 results with High Jump and 1500m left to run.

House Points: Alpha 528, Delta 420, Gamma 340 and Beta 297

Age Champions (If more than 1 name, result is too close to call with events still to run)

Girls 12 years: Summer De Bono or Kira Baker

13 years: Josie Vickers

14 years: Ally Martens

15 years: Kirana Pope

16 years: Ruby Cramp

17+ Esther Barker

Boys 12 years: Caleb Lolic

13 years: Xavier Connors

14 years: Sebastian Hitchcock or Levi Bowling

15 years: Harry Donoghue

16 years: Nick Walker or Jaiden Davey or Beau Salmon

17+ Allen Davies



PDHPE News

North Coast Touch

Congratulations to Nick Walker who recently represented the Open Boys North Coast Touch team at the NSW CHS Championships held in Blacktown. North Coast played well throughout the tournament, but unfortunately, was eliminated in the semifinals by the eventual champions, Hunter, resulting in a 4th place finish. Nick was the leading try scorer for the North Coast team in the tournament with 14 tries. Well done Nick!

NC Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent the MNC Cross Country team at the NC Championships held in Woolgoolga. Kirsten Hayes, Bayley Jackson, Mylie Wall, Josie Vickers, Andrea Thomson, Kaiden Grainger, Caleb Lolic, Beau Salmon. We wish them all the best at the Carnival.

All Schools Swimming

Congratulations to Andrea Thomson who competed at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships held in Sydney recently. Andrea finished a very competitive 8th in both her events, the 400m IM and 200m Fly. Well done Andrea.

Rugby Union

Congratulations to Esther Barker on gaining selection in the Open Women's Country Rugby Union team. This is a fantastic achievement and well deserved by Esther for her dedication to the sport of Rugby Union, both at school and club level. Well done Esther!



Congratulations

WEEK 7 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

The following students received a LION AWARD from TAS

Year 9: Jayden Vandermeer

Year 10: Lucas Robinson

Year 11: Zara Bowling, Emmitt Okkonen, Zoe Rayward

The following students received a LION AWARD from CAPA

Year 8: Ivy McConnell, Tashiah Woodley-Walker

Year 9: Eva Bacon

Year 11: Kiana Logan, Byron Perry

The following students received an ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 7: Amelia Burnside

Year 8: Sebastian Hitchcock

Year 9: Thomas Palmer

Year 10: Thomas Bolch

Year 11: Jake Grebert

Year 12: Chloe Lucas



The following students received a CALM AWARD

Year 7: Willow Eggleton, River Benn, Jaxon Stephens

Year 10: Emma Bransdon

Year 12: Chelsea Berry

WEEK 8 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

The following students received a LION AWARD from the Science faculty

Year 8: Khyedon Russell-Green

Year 9: Violet Cox, Naysha Hynard

Year 10: Cloie Loadsman, Riley Tobin

The following students received an ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 7: Sami Zacek

Year 8: Jaxon Martin

Year 9: Lucy McConnell

Year 10: Henry Ricketts

Year 11: Lachlan Passmore

Year 12: Sidney Kelly

The following students received a CALM AWARD

Year 7: Izabella Ewen, Aleaha McLaren, Jaxon Stephens

Year 9: Lilly Axford

Year 10: Summer Gapes



Wednesday Winners!



Week 7 and 8 Wednesday Winners!



TAFE Yes Program



Work Experience



Julie Hutchings Art Workshop

We are excited to share the highlights of a recent workshop led by local Grafton artist, Julie Hutchings, for our HSC art students. Julie guided students through an intensive full-day session focused on charcoal and oil portrait techniques on paper.

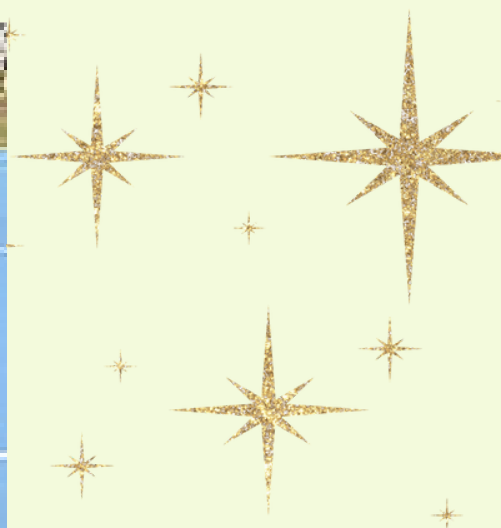
Throughout the day, every student created their own finished artwork, with some even producing multiple pieces. The hands-on experience allowed students to explore various techniques and materials, enhancing their understanding of portraiture and artistic expression.

Julie's extensive knowledge and expertise provided invaluable guidance, making the workshop an enriching experience for all involved. Her continued support for South Grafton art students over the years is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to many more opportunities to learn from her in the future.



NSW Stars Netball Carnival

On Monday, Stars travelled to Tamworth for our NSW Stars Netball carnival played on Tuesday. Our Stars girls played well and won their 3 games against the Tamworth, Gunnedah and Inverell Stars girls. We are the Stars champions for 2025. Our girls showed great sportsmanship and modelled the Stars values of Respect, Honesty, Commitment and Pride. We are super proud of our girls, and they bonded well with other Stars girls in other programs. Rhiannah received our Most Valued Player and Summah received our Shining Star award. Allyrah received a special award from Netball NSW and was also the team captain. Super proud of all our girls.



English News

Carlos the Alpaca Visits Year 7 Platinum

Year 7 English Platinum had a special visitor – Carlos the alpaca from the South Grafton High School ag farm! With support from farm assistant Cam, Carlos joined the class as part of his socialisation, calmly meeting students and observing his new surroundings with quiet curiosity. Before the visit, students read an alpaca fact file to prepare. Cam taught them how to interact safely – approach from the front, avoid touching the top of the head and watch for pinned back ears as a sign of distress. The students were respectful and gentle, and many were thrilled to give Carlos a pat.

Afterwards, as part of their Seeing Through a Text unit, students created posters using visual language to reflect on the visit. Their goal is to inform, entertain and encourage the school community to treat Carlos with kindness and curiosity.

A big thank you to Cam McGrath and Mr Bemrose for making this memorable moment possible!



Year 7/8 Debating team took part in their very first debate against Maclean High School. The topic was “Students should attend online classes instead of in-person,” and our team was on the negative side. After a thoughtful and engaging debate, our students came away with a well-deserved win! A huge congratulations to Maclean High for their strong arguments and great sportsmanship, and thank you for visiting our school and making it such a great experience. We are so proud of our young debaters and can’t wait to see what they do next! The next round will be against Byron Bay High on the topic of sport.



English News

On Wednesday, **Year 12 English Studies students** had a visit from the Stars Program participants who taught them about Aboriginal Art and symbols. The students have spent the last two lessons working on these art works. How great did they turn out?



Future Screens Excursion for Y10/11 in Lennox Head

Highlights included:

- Meeting actress, Maia Mitchell, who you might know from the series, The Artful Dodger.
- Stage make-up that got us some funny looks at the service centre on the way home. We can now say we have had our make-up done by the same man who has worked with Johnny Depp, Keanu Reeves and Jason Mamoia.
- Making our own sound effects to accompany a game of Halo.
- Meeting professors from SAE University who specialise in gaming and digital media content. You do not need an ATAR for this university.
- Meeting Screenworks CEO, Lisa O'Meara.
- ...and many other awesome workshops.

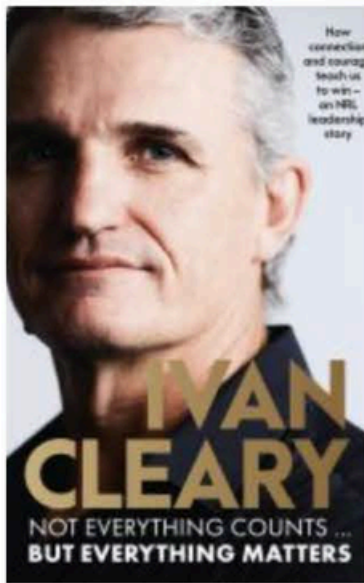


Year 10 Careers Expo

The Coffs Coast Career Connections was a great opportunity for Year 10 to explore future pathway options. There was a wide range of exhibitors on the day from a variety of industries, some of which included Health, Tourism, Agrifoods, Creative Industries and the Australian Defence Force, just to name a few. The students enjoyed the interactive aspect of many of the exhibitors and asked lots of questions, which was really fantastic to see.



New to the Library

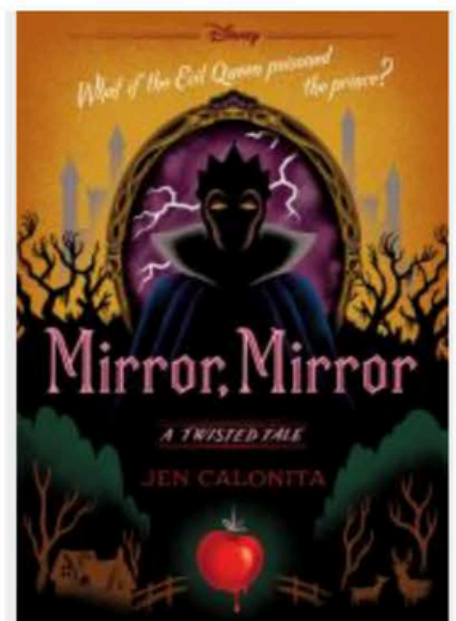


Whether you are a Penrith fan or not, you can not deny that they have dominated the NRL in the past 5 years. This book is for you if you would like to know what has driven Ivan Cleary.

It's described as the greatest achievement the modern game has seen, and Ivan Cleary is the man behind it -- the astonishing, historic benchmark of multiple back-to-back premiership wins by the Penrith Panthers in 2021, 2022 and 2023. In his own words, Cleary tells all about what he's learned and how he leads, informed by his decades as a player and coach -- a playmaker, team builder, mentor and leader who understands that not everything counts, but everything matters.

For Disney fans or fairy tale lovers, the library has a collection of Twisted Tales. Mirror Mirror is the latest addition. Ask us about the other tales!

What if the Evil Queen poisoned the prince? Following her beloved mother's death, the kingdom falls into the hands of Snow White's stepmother, commonly referred to as 'the Evil Queen' by those she rules. Snow keeps her head down at the castle, hoping to make the best of her situation. But when new information about her parents resurfaces and a plot to kill her goes haywire, everything changes for Snow. With the help of a group of wary friends, a kind prince she thought she'd never see again and a mysterious stranger from her past, Snow embarks on a quest to stop the Evil Queen and take back her kingdom. But can she stop an enemy who knows her every move and will stop at nothing to retain her power ... including going after the ones Snow loves?



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



“
You can stop
any kind of bullying
by finding a way, any way,
to say something.”



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/>



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 or transportnsw.info
2. School bus travel pass - [School Student Travel Scheme](#)

MAKING MUSIC

Clarence Valley

in acknowledgement of Make Music Australia Day 2025



SOPHISTICATED BEGGARS



RYAN MARTIN



HATS OFF



SHIP OF THESEUS



PAC V



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.

B & S Kitchens

Who will be PBL Student of the Year 2025



Student of the Year

Donovan Livestock & Property

CLASS OF 2025

GRAFTON REGIONAL GALLERY

THE GALLERY FOUNDATION EMERGING ARTIST SCHOLARSHIP

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

\$5,000 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:
graftongallerynow.gov.au



the gallery foundation

Image: Cass Semms, "Spoke Parts in School" 2010. Cast aluminium sculpture commissioned by The Gallery Foundation in 2012 and part of the gallery collection.



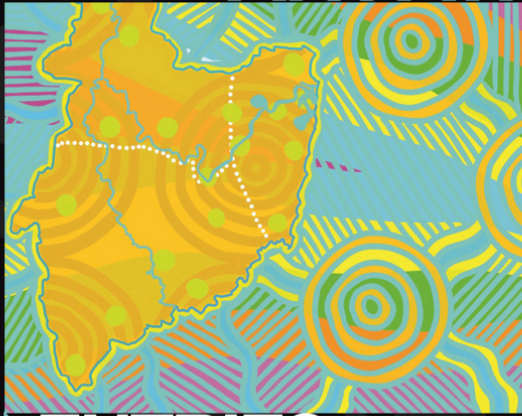
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CLARENCE VALLEY

INDIGENOUS

ART AWARD

2025



ENTRIES NOW OPEN UNTIL FRIDAY 27 JUNE
EXHIBITION ON SHOW SATURDAY 26 JULY – SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Acquisitive Award \$5,000 | Emerging Artist Prize \$1,000 | Youth Prize Art Pack \$250

GRAFTON REGIONAL GALLERY - To enter visit graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

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Image: Aneka Kapeen *Untitled*, 2022, digital illustration

Our heavy world
needs
soft hearts.


#saysomething

Free SCHOOL Holiday Fun!

Mini MasterChefs

MON 7TH - SAT 12TH JULY
 LOCATED OUTSIDE WOOLWORTHS
 4 SESSIONS DAILY
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

Get ready for some serious culinary fun at Mini MasterChefs, where kids can unleash their inner chef talents, create their own pizzas, and decorate their own chef hats to take home!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK



Sand Art

MON 14TH - SAT 19TH JULY
 LOCATED OPPOSITE CONNOR
 10AM - 1PM DAILY

Unleash your inner artist and explore the vibrant world of sand art.

*No bookings, just turn up and create beautiful art to take home.



COFFS HARBOUR RUNNING FESTIVAL!

JOIN THE 2025



SUNDAY
14
 SEPT

COFFS HARBOUR
 SHOWGROUNDS

FESTIVAL FUN AT THE SHOWGROUND

- Food stalls •
- face painting •
- jumping castle •
- Ice cream truck & snow cones •
- Kids' activities •
- community vibes! •

Event Options for All Ages & Abilities:

- 3km Family Fun Run/Walk – 9:15am
- 5km Run/Walk – 9:00am
- 10km, Half Marathon & NEW Full Marathon – earlier start times

The course winds through the beautiful Coffs Creek Walkway and Botanic Gardens, making it a perfect day out for families, students, and keen runners alike.

Supporting Local Kids Charities

In 2024, the event raised over \$62,000 for local causes - and we're aiming even higher this year!



Register or
 learn more:

coffsrunfestival.com