Newsletter South Grafton High School

Term 3, Week 5, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

COVID-19 Update

The NSW Department of Education and NSW Health have updated their COVID-19 advice to schools this week. Information was emailed to parents and the following was posted on our Facebook page.

- 1. Non-essential visitors to schools are not be allowed. Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This includes parents and carers except for face-to-face parent/ teacher meetings that are essential (e.g. to discuss disciplinary or other welfare matters).
- 2. If a student has been absent due to flu like illness or develops flu like symptoms while at school, they are not to return to school until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom free.
- 3. The negative COVID-19 test result must be sighted and received by the school for both students and staff members before their return to school.
- 4. Schools must not travel outside of their local community area or zone for all interschool activities.
- 5. Schools are required to follow the AHPPC guidelines. The guidelines do not require schools to conduct widespread temperature screening or for anyone to wear masks.
- 6. Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.
- 7. Essentially, all excursions beyond the school are cancelled unless they are ESSENTIAL activities that meet the guidelines.
- 8. Year 7 orientation should be delayed until Term 4.
- 9. School-based apprenticeships and traineeships work experience and VET work placements can proceed subject to the availability of placement and appropriate risk assessments. Employers must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- 10. Graduations & Formals schools may hold a 15 minute Year 12 assembly to recognise the completion of school. Further advice will be issued when restrictions are relaxed. School formals, dances, graduation or other social events are not permitted and schools should not promote or sanction social activities organised by others.

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Diary Dates

Friday 21 August

• Debating Year 7/8 - Round 1

Thursday 27 August

- Debating Year 9 Round 1
- SRC Elections Yrs 7 11
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- Friday 28 August
- Wear it Purple Day

Monday 14 September

• Yr12 HSC Incusion Body Of Work

Tuesday 1 December

Year 7 Dose 2 HPV and catch up Year 7, 8 & 10

Daily - A reminder that 'Healthy Breakfast' is available for all students from 8.00 am in the hall

Year 12 Graduation Assembly and Formal

Our Year 12 Graduation Assembly that was scheduled for the end of this term has been postponed to Friday 13 November 2020, which follows the last day of the HSC Exams. This decision has been made due to additional Covid-19 restrictions being applied this week including assemblies not exceeding 15 minutes. We also have the Year 12 Formal scheduled for Friday 13 November from 5.00 pm at the Clarence River Jockey Club. We are hoping for restrictions to ease next term for these events to proceed as planned.

From the Principal's Desk

Wellbeing

As parents and educators, we know that there is a strong link between a young person's success at school and their wellbeing. When a student is healthy both mentally and physically, they feel connected to their family, peers and teachers. They learn more, achieve better outcomes, make stronger social connections, set challenging goals for themselves and actively work towards achieving their personal best. They feel secure in the knowledge that if they have a problem, someone will support them and help them work their way through the issue. This includes mental health issues which are equally as important as physical health issues. We have access to a range of specialist services in our area and I would encourage families to access them if they think their child needs support. If you are unsure of exactly what type of support to access, a visit to your GP is a great place to start.

Local Service Providers

If you or someone you know needs help there is support available. Potential sources of free, anonymous and confidential, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week support for your children include:

- Kids Helpline (1800 551800 or www.kidshelp.com.au)
- Lifeline (131114 or www.lifeline.org.au)
- Headspace (1800 650 890 or www.headspace.org.au)

• You or your child may also contact the State Mental Health Telephone Access Line (1800 011 511) which operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is staffed by clinicians who can provide advice, make referrals and link callers to the mental health service in their Local Health District.

• Headspace Grafton (6642 1520) is also available to support students. Their centre on 59 Duke Street is open 9-5 Monday to Friday.

School Website

Our school website has seen a few changes in recent times with the addition of Home Learning, South Radio and Careers @ SGHS pages. Home Learning is where students can access their Google Classrooms and information related to home learning. South Radio is currently an introduction to our very own radio station and Careers @ SGHS is a page where students can access the SGHS careers website and links to relevant information regarding applying for University and apprenticeships and traineeships.

Our school website is where you can find information related to how our school operates including policies and procedures. For access to day-to-day information, students and parents should refer to the Sentral Parent and Student Portal and/or our school Facebook page.

SGHS Website https://sthgrafton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/

Sentral Parent and Student Portal https://web2.sthgrafton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal2/#!/login SGHS Facebook https://www.facebook.com/southgraftonhighschoolofficial/

Debating

This week the Year 7/8 debate team competed in their first virtual debate against Banora Point High School. The topic for this debate was "Should students be allowed to home school for one day a week." Our team spoke eloquently but unfortunately, we did not win this debate. Well done to the team for their outstanding effort and good luck to the Year 9 team who debate next week. from Mrs Kerrigan, Debate Coordinator.



SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL Tyson Street, South Grafton, NSW, 2460 Phone: (02) 6642 1466

Tenders are called for the licence of the South Grafton High School Canteen commencing 12/10/2020 and for a term of approximately One (1) year. Annual school enrolments will be approximately 670.

General Enquiries and requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to Ms Kristine Pizarro, South Grafton High School, Ph 0266 421466.

Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential- School Canteen Tender" and either hand delivered to the school or posted to:

The Principal South Grafton High School, Tyson Street, South Grafton, NSW, 2460.

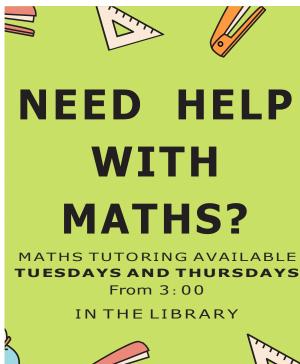
A tender visit and briefing session is planned to be held Wednesday 19 August 2020.

All applicants must make themselves familiar with clause 2 of the tender offer.

Tenders close 3pm Wednesday 2 September 2020

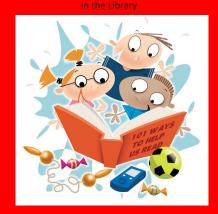
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Homework Club



NEED HELP WITH English or HSIE

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Maths News

Year 12 recently completed the Aurora College HSC revision days in preparation for their trial exams. These revision days saw our SGHS students collaborating with teachers and students across Australia to review all content they have covered in year 12!



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English News

Check-in assessment for Year 9

Dear parents and carers

Year 9 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in assessment in Term 3, 2020.

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The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 3/5/9 student learning following the period of learning from home.

The Check-in assessments will supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 9 students during Week 5.

School Uniform

Students at SGHS have the option of a wide variety of uniform items that they can wear to school each day. The SRC undertook an extensive review of our uniform in 2018, and in consultation with the P&C they developed a new style for our students to wear. This began its phase-in process last year, so by the end of 2021 all students need to be wearing the correct uniform. If you need support in providing the correct clothing for your child to wear to school, please let us know.

Maths Challenge

The Education perfect Maths Challenge is back.....

In 2019 SGHS achieved: First in NSW; Ninth in Australia; and Twentysixthth in the World

Let's do it again!!!!!!!



Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

Students are asked to bring headphones that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

If your child needs headphones provided by the school, please contact Ms Rebecca McPherson or Mrs Jenni Worthing (Learning and Support) in the library. If you have any questions please contact the school for further information. Kind regards, Mrs Carla Taylor

Head Teacher English

Careers

Careers Conversations EPPP Information

As part of the Educational Pathways Policy Pilot program (EPPP) I am working closely with your school's Careers Adviser to support the connection of young people with targeted career learning opportunities. Over the next few weeks, I will share 3 simple processes to help start a Career planning Conversation!

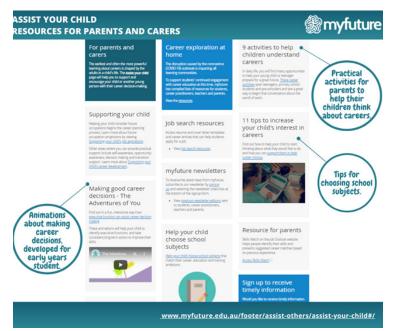
Students in Year 10 are progressing through a key decision-making time, as they transition from Year 10 into Year 11. Taking time to start a conversation about exploring and developing their career awareness can be a really valuable investment to help your teenager prepare for a great future.

myfuture <u>https://myfuture.edu.au</u> is a Career Exploration site. There are a number of sections which provide tips and guides for starting conversations around career planning with teenagers.

1.Jump onto myfuture and do some exploring! - Assist Others

2.Keen for more...real stories from real people - Case Studies

Enjoy supporting and working through this exciting transition time with your young person!



If you have any questions or would like further support or details regarding this information, please contact me at Woolgoolga High School or as per details below. David Youman

Head Teacher Careers

EPPP – Grafton Cluster of Schools

Maclean HS, Grafton HS, South Grafton HS, Woolgoolga HS

0409 452 901 David.youman@det.nsw.edu.au

EPPP Information Videos & Fact Sheets

Additional careers information and videos for students and parents have been released on the NSW Government Education Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) website. The new EPPP information video is:

Introduction to SBATS

The video details what an SBAT is and how it works, the difference between a traineeship and an apprenticeship, the benefits of doing an SBAT, which industries are available to do an SBAT in, websites to resource for further information about SBATs, SBAT support systems, and advice for students considering doing an SBAT. New EPPP Fact Sheets are also available on:

- Apprentice to Site Supervisor Pathway
- Tertiary Education Pathways

To access the EPPP information videos and fact sheets visit <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/</u> <u>career-and-study-pathways/educational-pathways-pilot-program/student-resources</u>.

Scholarship Programs

Applications for the NSW Department of Education's future teacher scholarships are now open for high school students.

The scholarship programs offer a range of benefits and incentives, including financial support whilst studying and a permanent teaching position in a NSW public school on successful completion of studies.

There are a number of programs open to future teachers: •teach.Rural Scholarship

- •Teacher Education Scholarship
- •Teacher Education Scholarship Aboriginal

Register for a High school student webinar to find out more about the scholarship programs or a Guide to completing your scholarship application webinar to support you in successfully submitting your application.

Applying for University - 2020/2021 Important Dates

2020

Monday 25th May Sunday 5th July Friday 10th July Saturday 29th July

Friday 31st July Saturday 1st August Monday 3rd August Tuesday 4th August Monday 10th August Friday 14th August Monday 31st August

Friday 11th September Sunday 20th September

Friday 25th September Wednesday 30th September

Friday 9th October Monday 12th October Sunday 8th November Monday 9th November

Thursday 12th November Tuesday 1st December Wednesday 9th December Friday 11th December

Friday 18th December Saturday 19th December Wednesday 23rd December

2021

Sunday 3rd January Friday 8th January Tuesday 12th January Sunday 17th January Thursday 23rd January Saturday 30th January Sunday 31st January Thursday 4th February Friday 5th February Sunday 7th February Thursday 11th February Sunday 28th February Thursday 4th March ANU Direct Entry (COVID round), closes University of Canberra COVID SRS Early Offer round closes Macquarie Uni Leaders & Achievers Early Entry Program Round 1 closes ACU Community Achievers Program applications close, Brisbane campus (differs depending on campus) University of Notre Dame, Early Offer applications close Bond University Scholarship applications close (most!) UNSW Gateway Early Entry closes QTAC opens (also EAS and scholarships) Macquarie Uni Leaders & Achievers Early Entry Program Round 2 closes University of Wollongong Early Entry closes Macquarie Uni Leaders & Achievers Early Entry Program Round 3 closes Charles Sturt Uni, Advantage Program closes LaTrobe Uni Aspire Early Entry closes SCU Star Entry applications close UAC SRS applications close University of Sydney E12 Scheme applications close UNE Early Entry applications close VTAC closes (5 pm) UAC (Early Bird) applications close (midnight) UAC EAS applications don't close until 20th Nov but submit by this date to be considered for early offer rounds Torrens University Early Entry Program closes Excelsia College Performing Arts Early Offer Program closes VTAC's SEAS applications (and most VTAC scholarship applications) close University of the Sunshine Coast Early Offer Guarantee Program closes UAC confirm preferences for SRS (by midnight) SCU STAR entry, students advised of outcome (UNE Early Entry usually around same date) UAC SRS offers released by some NSW universities CQUniversity Principal's Recommendation Scheme closes QTAC closes (also QTAC EAS) Western Sydney University True Rewards Program closes UAC Equity Scholarships close for December offer. HSC Results released (6 am); ATARs released (9 am) Confirm UAC preferences for December offer round UAC offers released (7.30 am)

UAC confirm preference for January round 1 offers UAC January round 1 offers released UAC Equity Scholarships close for January offer UAC confirm preferences for January round 2 offers UAC January round 2 offers released UAC Equity Scholarships close for February round UAC confirm preferences for February round 1 offers UAC round 1 offers released UAC Equity Scholarships close for final round UAC confirm preferences for February round 2 offers UAC confirm preferences for February round 2 offers UAC confirm preferences for February round 2 offers UAC February round 2 offers released UAC confirm preferences for final offer round UAC confirm preferences for final offer round UAC final offer round released.

The above dates are based on NSW UAC events, please ensure you note dates from other states:

VIC http://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html QLD http://www.qtac.edu.au/key-dates-fees SA and NT https://www.satac.edu.au/ WA http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/home.tisc TAS https://www.utas.edu.au/ (NB Early Entry by Schools Recommendation, apply any time until September)

Tell Them From Me Surveys

Tell Them From Me Partners in Learning survey

This erm, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

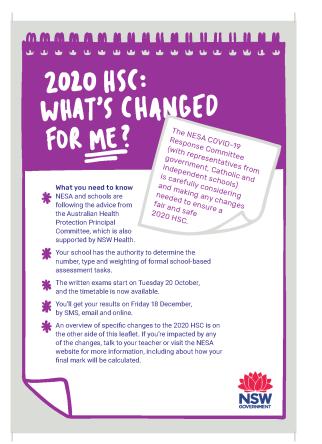
More information about the survey is available at: http:// surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au. To access the survey for our school go to: http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/9gtkf The survey is available in 23 languages.

Wear it Purple Day

Wear it Purple Day is on Friday 28 August. South Grafton High School students and staff are invited to celebrate and show support for (LGBTIQ+) youth by wearing purple or rainbow socks or hair accessories to school. Full school uniform must still be worn.

Wear it Purple Day is about showing young people, and everybody around us, that they have the right to be proud of who they are. This years theme is "WE ARE THE CHANGE" celebrating ten years of Wear it Purple.





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Creative Arts performance and practical exams DANCE Core composition: You must dance your own choreography DRAMA Individual Project (Critical Analysis-Portfolio of Theatre Criticism): You may use filmed theatre performances Individual Project (Video Drama): Submit documentation and up to 2 minutes of edited footage, instead of the final film MUSIC You can only perform solo, ith pre-recorded accompanime r with a single live accompanist VISUAL ARTS Body of Work: Now due on 14 September

Cancelled exams

- DANCE Major Study Composition Major Study Dance and Technology (Film and Video)
- DRAMA Group performance MUSIC EXTENSION
- Performance (Mandatory ensemble piece)

Ouestions about the HSC Contact the COVID-19 support tea on 1300 138 323 email covid19support@nesa.nsw. risit educationstandards.nsw.edu stayhealthyHSC Practical and oral language exams DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY Major Design Project: Now due on 10 September ENGLISH EXTENSION 2 Major Work (Multimedia-Short Film): Submit documentation instead of the final film INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY Major Project (Product): Now due on 27 August TEXTILES AND DESIGN Major Textiles Project (Product): Now due on 31 August

Language oral exams start on 15 Aug An updated timetable is now available Other changes

If you are doing a VET subject and are unable to complete the work placement you'll still be eligible to receive the corresponding units of HSC credit. If you are applying for disability provisions, you have more time to provide evidence to support the application. If you are yet to meet the HSC minimur standard, you can attempt each test up to six times in 2020. You can also take the tests once you have left school.

Need help managing stress? Visit ReachOut.com for informati and tips to turn exam stress into s If you need help right now, call Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 or Lifeline 13 11 14, or talk to your G