

Newsletter

SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4, Week 4, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

HSC Exams

The HSC exam period seems to stretch on forever, and some students feel as though it will never end. However, with just one week to go, most of our students are finished. It has been great to chat with so many of them as they return books, sign out and collect their formal tickets. Their plans for the future are inspiring and even though 2020 has been a tough year, they have been even tougher and shown themselves to be resilient young people. I wish them all the best. Remember – the harder you work, the luckier you get.

Graduation Assembly

On Friday 13 November 2020, the Graduation Assembly for the class of 2020 will be held in our school hall. This will be followed in the evening by our School Formal at the Jockey Club. Both of these events are significant milestones in the lives of our Year 12 students and their families. They provided an opportunity for us, as a school to pay tribute to a great group of students who have made a significant contribution to the life of SGHS.

Attendance

It is not okay to stay away from school and at SGHS we want to help every student be at school every day. Each term we set attendance targets for our year groups and more often than not, they meet or exceed these targets. This earns all students from the successful year group an ice block on the last day of the term. We also recognise our best attenders with a certificate each term and recently I have handed out certificates to a few “first timers”. Soon I will be sending out invitations to the “Principal’s Tea Party”. This event recognises students whose attendance for the whole year has been excellent and I am very much looking forward to it.



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 11 November

- Pre-apprenticeship skill course SGHS Trade Centre

Friday 13 November

- Yr 12 Graduation and Formal
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Monday 16 November - Thursday 19 November

- Pre-apprenticeship skills courst SGHS Trade Centre

Friday 20 November

- Maths Olympics

Monday 23 - Tuesday 24 November

- Pre-apprenticeship skills courst SGHS Trade Centre

Monday 30 November

- Parent Teacher Night - 4.00 to 6.30pm in the school hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided in the foyer. Be sure to book your time slots via SENTRAL

Tuesday 1 December

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

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

Year 12 Graduation

The Year 12 Graduation Assembly and Formal are on Friday, 13 November 2020.

All Year 12 students will be presented with their portfolio at the Graduation Assembly. Students are to wear full school uniform as part of the school protocol and arrive by 9.00am. The Presentation will commence in the school hall at 9.30am. Year 12 students can invite a maximum of two guests. We are requesting that all Year 12 students RSVP using the tear off section from the letter given to them.

The Formal will be held at the Clarence Valley Jockey Club commencing at 5:30pm. Tickets are available for purchase from the front office at a cost of \$40 per graduating student and \$50 per guest, with a maximum of two guests per graduating student. Unsold tickets will be made available to additional guests at a later date.

Covid-19 safety plans have been developed for these events and the guidelines include:

- Students, staff and guests are not to attend these events if feeling unwell
- Guests are to sign in with the external visitors form
- Guests will be allocated a seat to ensure social distancing is maintained
- Venue capacity is based on the four square metre rule
- Hand sanitiser will be available at the entry and exit points
- A reminder from the public health order that for pre and post formal activities the maximum number of visitors at a private residence is 20 people.

We are doing our best to give the students the most "normal" end to Year 12 as possible and your support is appreciated.

School Website

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://sthgraston-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

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

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/>

Need to collect your child early from school?

What you need to do:

- Send a note with your child explaining the reason for early departure
- Your child is to hand the note to the office when they arrive at school
- A leave pass will be issued
- The leave pass is to be shown to the teacher to allow the student to leave class
- The student will then show this leave pass to the office on their way out
- Alternatively, a phone call to the school as soon as possible would be appreciated



Yondr pouches to be distributed next week.

All students will be given their own pouch. This is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 10 November.

- Each morning as students arrive at school, they will need to turn their phone off and lock it in their pouch.
- The pouch and phone are retained by the student.
- The pouch cannot be unlocked until the end of the school day.
- There will be several unlocking stations attached to the perimeter fence for students to use to gain access to their phones as they leave in the afternoon after school.
- Please click on the following link to access the policies and procedures document.
- https://sthgraston-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/mobile_phones_sghs.html

What do I do if I'm sick at school?

What you need to do:

- Let your teacher know that you feel sick
- Your teacher will write you a note to present to sick bay
- The office will either call your parents/carers to take you home or you will have 15 minutes rest time and then return to class

SGHS Self-Select Classes

Students at South Grafton High School are offered the opportunity to apply to be a member of the Self Select class in English, Science and HSIE each year. This class is designed specifically for students with an intrinsic passion for learning who are dedicated to achieving educational outcomes to the best of their ability. Students will be surrounded by motivated and enthusiastic peers who will be provided with challenging and engaging learning opportunities. Students in this class are expected to adhere to our school PBL core values and behave in a manner that is conducive to their learning environment. They are also required to participate in and complete activities that will extend their skills, knowledge and understanding in these Key Learning Areas.

Students who nominate to be considered for the class should:

- Demonstrate positive behaviour aligned with our PBL values; Show Respect, Take Responsibility, Personal Best.

- Exhibit a motivated and enthusiastic attitude towards learning experiences.
- Engage in challenging extension classwork and activities.
- Participate in external competitions and excursions specific to the Self-Select class.
- Display a commitment to achieving educational outcomes to the best of their ability.

Placement in the Self-Select class will be monitored and reviewed to ensure students continue to meet the expectations outlined above. All students in Years 7 - 9 will be sent an electronic copy of the application form to their school email address. This is to be completed and submitted before the 9th November, 2020 please.

Maths News

Year 9 have been on a quest to find the tallest tree on our school grounds. With the use of trundle wheels, clinometers and their expert knowledge of trigonometry, they are accurately able to determine the height of our trees.....stay tuned for the winning tree.



The Young MATHEMATICIANS Program

Do you find mathematics interesting? Love finding patterns and solving problems? So do we!

The Young Mathematicians Program allows those in Years 7-11 to explore new ideas and be challenged in a supportive and interactive environment.

- Learn how career mathematicians think and work
- See how new mathematics is created
- Use the latest mathematical software
- Work with like-minded students
- It's FREE!

Students can check on their google classroom for the link to sign up or see Mrs O'Connor in the Mathematics Staffroom

Sessions and Times:

Time: 5-6pm on Wednesday, November 11

Title: Mathematics of origami

Time: 5-6pm on Wednesday, November 18

Title: Mathematics inside materials science

Time: 5-6pm on Wednesday, November 25

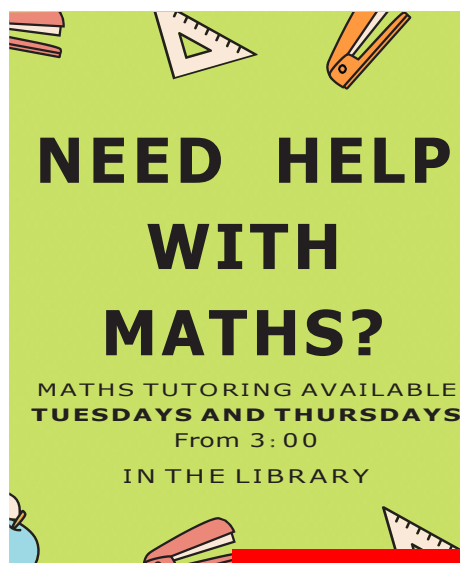
Title: Statistics is more than just its mean

Time: 5-6pm on Wednesday, December 2

Title: The mathematics of symmetry

Time: 5-6pm on Wednesday, December 9

Title: How does a soccer-playing robot know where it is?



NEED HELP WITH English or HSIE

Homework Club is on Wednesday afternoons
from 3.00pm
In the Library



Good Luck Andrea



Andrea Thomson was awarded February Sports person of the month with the Daily Examiner and Grafton Shoppingworld which has placed her into the running for Sports person of the Year with voting underway in the Clarence Valley Sports awards this week.

Andrea has broken all of SGHS swimming records earlier this year, made Champion female at Regionals and just recently broke the Nth Coast record for a 1500 mtr freestyle at just 12 years of age.

Andrea now has qualifying times in 16 events in the North Coast Championships held later this month and 14 qualifying times for the Country Championships held at Sydney Olympic park early next year. Andrea definitely has her sites set on Nationals.

You can vote for Andrea by clicking on the link below

https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dailyexaminer.com.au%2Fnews%2Fsports-awards-vote-now-for-the-2020-peoples-choice%2F4128433%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2fBJ5Nc1xbWccW_q5osdS2q4IMqS0g6fBKz36Z2UW0NDZpBZiyP7Z6fQg&h=AT12pzKSc6lrHmHQJF0eWVmbVRm5jhykw8x0SgbXAKxz9v1y5j72TllcTCDf78e-7ZfheRLynpag3yGrUDjFA7kAC_6XXAOZMZ6mzILVKdBkKtE1Nitsy8CCQLWP0_yHBTTe<89311300_10156831495881566_1871616253605445632_n.jpg

Careers



2021 Elsa Dixon Aboriginal School Based Traineeships APPLICATIONS are now open for Elsa Dixon Aboriginal School Based Traineeships for Aboriginal students entering Year 11 and studying Certificate III in Health Services Assistance. The traineeships will suit any student wishing to pursue a career in Health or Nursing. The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal School Based Traineeship is a 2-year program funded by Training Services NSW – Department of Industry for students considering a career with the Northern NSW Local Health District. The School based Traineeship forms part of the HSC, with students attending work placement one day a week at Grafton or Maclean undertaking paid work, and attending one day a week with a Registered Training Provider. Students who successfully complete the traineeship will be placed onto the Northern NSW Local Health District casual pool and will be supported with further employment. Interested students should contact the school's Careers Advisor to express their interest, then submit an application to <https://healthnsw.gov.au/employment/careers/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&job=REQ189308>. Applications close on Monday, 16 November.

BE AMBITIOUS

Switch On – Pathway Course into an Electrical Career

TAFE NSW is offering practical training for students interested in Electrical Apprenticeships or other Electro-Technology career options.

EVENT DETAILS

This funded (no cost to students) Pathway Course is designed to help participants learn about different types of Electrical work and provide practical opportunities to develop knowledge and skills that will be further developed in any of the Electrical Industry Traineeships, Apprenticeships or other work opportunities with local employers.

This course is delivered three (3) days per week over three (3) weeks (9 sessions in total).

ENTERTAINMENT AND INNOVATIVE ACTIVITIES

This training will provide a practical introduction to multiple aspects of Electrical work, with a high emphasis on safety, including:

- Basic circuitry
- Fixings and Cable Management systems
- General Wiring
- Electronics
- Telecommunications
- Control
- Sheetmetal Work

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

This course is offered at:
Grafton Campus: 9:30am-3:00pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Week 1: 30th Nov, 1st, 2nd Dec 2020
Week 2: 7th, 8th, 9th Dec 2020
Week 3: 14th, 15th, 16th Dec 2020

Each course is limited to the first 15 people to enrol.

JOIN US

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
or for more information

Phone: 131 601
Website: tafensw.edu.au
Email: grafton.electro@tafensw.edu.au



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Students Enjoying the TAFE Yes Program

Meet our Landscaping Design YES Program crew!

The magnificent 7 (as known by their teacher Mark) are beautifying gardens around Grafton TAFE campus. They're learning essential skills such as pruning, propagating and plant selection for design projects.

Stay tuned for pictures of their major project - landscaping the new front entrance to the campus.



2021 HSC

Year 12 Students with Special Needs or Disabilities

The process has begun for students with special needs or disabilities to apply for special requirements during the 2021 HSC exams e.g. Reader/Writer, Rest Breaks, Small Group Supervision, Food/Drink required for medical reasons, etc. If there are any Year 12 students who wish to apply for Disability Provisions for the HSC, please contact Ms Worthing, Ms McPherson or Ms Owens (Learning and Support Teachers) in the Library. In order to qualify, marked assessment tasks and/or medical evidence are needed as well as teacher comments. The school must submit all the required evidence to NESA by the end of Term 1 2021. After that time, other applications may be submitted as issues arise.



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE
AUSTRALIA

Newcastle University Diploma in Engineering 2021

NEWCASTLE University is offering a new one-year Diploma in Engineering program during 2021 for students completing their HSC. Students undertaking the new diploma will receive up to 80 units of credit towards an undergraduate degree and guaranteed entry into all disciplines of the Bachelor of

Engineering (Honours) degree.

The Diploma will provide students with a taste of two discipline areas within the university's 12 engineering specialisations, and prepare them with the appropriate academic literacy, research, science, mathematics and introductory engineering skills required for further study.

It would be a great stepping stone for those students interested in Engineering, but who may not get the required ATAR marks for direct entry into an Engineering program. You can find more information about the new diploma and apply at newcastle.edu.au/dip-engineering

Assessments at a Glance

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Week	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Term 4						
Week 5	Geography Music Visual Arts	Geography Music Visual Arts	Ceramics Commerce Food Tech IST Maths (Elect) PASS PDHPE Photography Visual Arts	Ceramics Commerce Food Tech IST Marnie Stud (C) Maths (Elect) PASS PDHPE Photography Visual Arts	NIL	NIL
Week 6	PDHPE Technology	Language PDHPE Technology	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Community News

Our mobile screening van is in Grafton now.



NSW BreastScreen

Book online or call 13 20 50



**7 Sep – 17 Dec
2020**

We recommend women aged 50 - 74 have a mammogram every two years.
Book your free mammogram online at book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au or call 13 20 50.

THE UNIT
Clarence Valley Technology Club

THE UNIT is a Technology Club where high functioning kids on the Autism Spectrum can explore their technology interests at their own pace in a safe environment, with support from professional I.T. mentors.

(No diagnosis or referral required)

THE UNIT is not a classroom. THE UNIT provides a social venue where kids can blend in, be understood and not be judged.

2-Hour Sessions each Saturday.

New School of Arts, South Grafton.

For ages 9 to 17

phone or text: 0419 610 917

email: b.carnaby@bigpond.com

(NDIS and 'Creative Kids Voucher' friendly)

BE CONNECTED

Aboriginal Learner Drivers Program

Aboriginal Pathway Program Expression of Interest

Aboriginal Learner Drivers Program

Code	CS0555
Duration	Depends on your study choice
Cost	Fully subsidised
Location	In class or online
Start Date and Time	Expression of interest at this stage

DO YOU NEED A LEARNERS PERMIT?

We are now taking expressions of interest for the Aboriginal Learner drivers program. In this course you will;

- Practice your test online.
- Learn in an environment with other Aboriginal people or in the comfort of your own home.
- Learn about driver safety and driver responsibility.
- Acquire your Learners permit.
- Resourced by the RMS.
- An exemption will be given at the end of the course to attempt for free until you pass the test with no rebooking fee! (up to 12 weeks)

Choose how you want to learn either face to face in class or connected online delivery!

HOW DO I APPLY?

Click on the QR code, complete the Enquiry form.

Then let us know how you would like to do the course

APPLICATION LINK:
bit.ly/LearnerDriver

HOW DOES IT WORK

Step 1: Register your interest by using the below link or QR code and let us know how you want to study!

HOW CAN I STUDY?

For the online program you will be provided with all required resources to study and complete the course, with regular scheduled support sessions with your teacher using Microsoft Teams

Or you can study in a classroom environment at your local TAFE college

COURSE ELIGIBILITY

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- No longer at school
- Living or working in NSW
- 16 Years or older

WORK DEVELOPMENT ORDER ASSISTANCE

Participants may also be eligible for a work development order where fines with state debt recovery can be reduced by studying at TAFE. Eligibility Conditions apply

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6 November 2020

Dear Parents

South Grafton High School is writing to share exciting news. From Tuesday 10 November 2020, we will be partnering with Yondr to make our school a phone free space.

Yondr has been used across the world in thousands schools, as well as at concerts, comedy shows, businesses, camps, weddings and special events of all kinds. The goal of these spaces is to encourage people to engage with each other and their surroundings.

We believe that mobile phones have great utility. Research has also found that learning and social behavior improve drastically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates.

The Yondr Program employs a simple, lockable pouch that stores a mobile phone. Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day. Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

For detailed information, please refer to the Mobile Digital Device Policy & Procedure Document and the Frequently Asked Question sheet attached. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly 66 421466.

In an effort to best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in adoption of the Yondr Program at our school.

Yours sincerely

Kristine Pizarro
Principal



POUCH

As a student enters school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr pouch.



SECURE

The pouch is closed and secured. Each student keeps their pouch throughout the day.



EXIT

When leaving school, the student taps their pouch to an unlocking base to release their phone.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. Please refrain from contacting your child during the school day unless it is an emergency. Contact can be made via the Front Office on 1466 to reach your child.

Will my student's phone be safe?

Students are in possession of their phone - in their Yondr pouch - for the entire school day. We advise students to store the pouch in their bags where it is completely safe.

What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged?

South Grafton High School will provide every student with a pouch at no cost. If a student damages or tampers with a Yondr pouch, they will be held responsible and will be asked to replace the pouch at their own cost.

What happens if my child uses a phone at school?

When a student chooses to use a mobile digital device at school, the discipline procedures as in the attached *Mobile Digital Device Policy and Procedures* will be implemented.

How can I clean my student's Yondr pouch?

In adherence to CDC guidelines, Yondr pouches can be washed in cold water for a short cycle dried on a short cycle and/or air dried. Pouches can also be cleaned with a disinfectant.