

Newsletter

SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4, Week 1, 2019

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. Rest assured, it does and when it is all finished, there will be plenty of time to celebrate. It has been great to see so many Year 12 students seeking out their teachers as they prepare for each of their exams and I would strongly encourage you to maintain this practice right through to the end. It will help you to remain focused and motivated.

Creative Endeavours

The Creative and Performing Arts faculty are never short of ideas when it comes to providing interesting learning experiences for our students. This week Andrew Shillam began a series of sculpture workshops and later in the term Kade Valja will be working with a group of students to update some of the murals in the school. However, it is not just the CAPA faculty who are creative. Mrs Lancaster organised a choir rehearsal on Thursday for any students interested in singing with the Clarence Valley Conservatorium in November and Ms Pachos runs a regular Ukulele group on Mondays. It is great that our students have the opportunity to be involved in these activities and I would like to thank the staff for organising them.

End of Year Activities

End of year activities will be running again this year. We have developed a special program of social and cultural activities that will take place on the last Monday and Tuesday of this term (16 and 17 December). On Thursday this week, students received a booklet that outlined the activities they can choose from and the cost associated with each activity. Please check out the booklet and help your child choose their activities. I expect all students to be at school during this time.

Jacaranda Time

This Saturday at 9am Year 7 student, Tallara Taylor, will represent our school and community by performing the Acknowledgment to Country at Market Square to open this year's Jacaranda Festival. This will be followed by the Parade of Youth and the Children's Party.

This Sunday SGHS will be competing in the Jacaranda Dragon Boat competition. We have a team of 20 students from Year 10 and 11. Plus, their Year Advisers Miss Cameron and Mrs Dewberry might also get in the boat! We had our safety/training session on Tuesday to get us ready for the big races on Sunday. All are welcome to support the team from 8am at the rowing sheds (end of Prince St).

Jacaranda Thursday - A letter has been sent home with students and emailed to parents outlining the arrangements for Jacaranda Thursday. SGHS will be open until 1.00pm and general supervision will be provided for any students who attend. There will be no structured classes.

The Riverlight Festival will be held on Friday 1st November at the rowing sheds (end of Prince St) from 5pm. Our Aboriginal Dance Ensemble and Combined Dance Ensemble will be performing before the big fireworks display.



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Diary Dates

Monday 28th October

- HSC Exams continue

Tuesday 29th October

- HSC Exams continue
- Sculpture Workshop

Wednesday 30th October

- HSC Exams continue

Thursday 31st October

- HSC Exams continue
- Jacaranda Thursday

Friday 1st November

- HSC Exams continue
- U15 CHS Netball
- VALILD 8 test

Monday 4th November

- HSC Exams continue
- P&C Meeting - 5.30pm in the library

Tuesday 5th November

- HSC Exams continue

Wednesday 6th November

- HSC Exams continue

Thursday 7th November

- HSC Exams continue

Friday 8th November

- HSC Exams continue
- Assembly - period 3

Monday 11 November

- HSC Exams continue
- Yr 7 History exam

Tuesday 12 November

- Yr 7 & 8 History exam

Wednesday 13 November

- Paul Dillon drug & alcohol community presentation 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm
- Yr 7 & 8 History exam

TAFE Yes Program

The TAFE YES Program is up and running again this term and SGHS has over 70 students in Year 9 and 10 participating in a variety of courses. Each course goes for one day per week for 6 weeks. It aims to increase students' knowledge and skills in vocational education and to increase their drive towards further education and to give them a taste of TAFE as a tertiary learning environment. Courses range from Barista, Automotive, Carpentry, Animal Studies, Hair and Beauty, Childhood Education, App and Graphic Design, Nursing and Music.



Work Experience

Year 10 student, Krystelle Lentfer has been at the Clarence Valley Council Library this week on Work Experience. She has participated in a variety of activities and duties associated with the day to day running of the library. Krystelle's supervisor has given her fantastic feedback on her work ethic and ability to learn skills quickly. This led to Krystelle being offered employment in the future.



Clontarf Gagu News

The Clontarf Academy has hit the ground running since returning to SGHS for Term 4.

In week one, the boys enjoyed a game of cricket, a swim at Corcoran Park on Wednesday afternoon and followed this up with a big footy training session on Friday morning. Our first Friday lunch was great, with some staff from the English faculty joining the boys for chicken burgers. A great effort for the first week back.

Week 2 has been a big week also, with training on Tuesday and a delicious lunch shared with a number of friendly staff members (the boys really appreciate the time taken by the staff to spend with them at lunch). On Thursday and Friday a group of Year 10/11 boys will be travelled to South West Rocks for a camp. Then they will travel to Melville High School for a basketball tournament against other Clontarf Academies in the Mid North Coast Region.

Upcoming Clontarf Dates:

- Tuesday 29th October: morning training
- Wednesday 30th October: Parent BBQ
(Parents and Carers of our boys are invited to a BBQ in the evening, at the Academy Room beginning at 5:00 pm to meet and discuss the program and upcoming events)
- Tuesday 5th November: morning training
- Wednesday 6th November: AMS Health Checks
- Thursday 7th - Friday 8th November: Year 7 Engagement Camp – Jackadgery



South Grafton Clontarf Academy



Parents BBQ

You're invited to attend a special Clontarf parents BBQ!
Come and enjoy some tasty food while mingling with the Clontarf students and staff.

We'll also be showing you through our Academy room and letting you know what is planned for the year ahead!

Wednesday 30th October from 5.00pm
in the Academy room
at South Grafton High School Clontarf Academy
room B3



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Principal: Kristine Pizarro

22 October 2019

RE: Jacaranda Thursday, 31 October 2019

Dear Parent/Caregiver

You may already be aware that Thursday 31 October is “Jacaranda Thursday”. This is an important community festival, which many of our families enjoy each year, and the day is, accordingly, declared as a half-day public holiday to allow for participation in festival events.

This means that South Grafton High School will only be open until 1:00 pm on the Thursday of the Jacaranda week (Thursday 31 October).

As many of the organised festival activities occur in the first half of the day, we acknowledge that many students and their families will still want to participate in those events. Based on attendance patterns in previous years, we have found that very few, if any, students attend school on this day. Whilst the school will be open for the morning, it is not possible to run normal lessons and routine with so few students in attendance. As such, the school will only be maintaining general supervision of any students who attend school for the morning, while staff utilise the time to participate in mandatory training. Any students who attend school in the morning will be required to stay at school until 1:00 pm, unless parents sign them out of school, as per normal school procedure.

To assist parents/carers, you can complete, detach and return the note below if your child **will not** be attending school on Jacaranda Thursday (Thursday 31 October). This note will be sufficient to explain your child’s absence on the day.

I would remind parents of their responsibility for the care and supervision of their children if they are absent on the day or, if they attend school in the morning, once they have left school at 1:00 pm.

We look forward to a safe and enjoyable Jacaranda festival and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Kristine Pizarro
Principal – South Grafton High School

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Explanation of Student Absence – Thursday 31 October, 2019

My child(ren)..... (list names) **will not** be attending school on Thursday 31 October as they will be participating in the Jacaranda Festival. I understand that I am responsible for the care and supervision of my child on this day.

Parent Name:Parent Signature:

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- Identifying Key Skills & Goals
- Building Capacity & Life Skills for Independence
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SGHS to administer VALID 8 test on Friday 1st November



Dear Year 8 Parent or Carer

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between **Monday 28 October** and **Friday 8 November 2019**. The test takes approximately 70 minutes. The **VALID Science 8** test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science Years K–10 Syllabus*. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values about science.

Since students complete *VALID Science 8* on a computer, each student needs to bring **headphones or earbuds** that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2020. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

The principal of your child's school is able to provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Donovan'.

Jenny Donovan
Executive Director, Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation
Department of Education

Community Notice Board



**SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS.**

PAUL DILLON, DRUGS & ALCOHOL COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

We aim to empower parents with a positive message & assist them in having open & honest family discussions in this complex area.

**Wednesday 13th
November
5:30pm - 6:45pm
South Grafton High
School Library**

FREE ADMISSION. FREE BBQ.





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COURSE SNAPSHOT

Location: TAFE NSW, Grafton Campus, 7 Clarence Street, Grafton NSW 2460

Course: Statement of Attainment for CPR, White Card and 3 trade units that can be credit transferred towards either the UEE30811 and/or UEE32211 qualification.

Cost: Fully Government Subsidised Student training programs

Delivery: Commencing Monday 4th November until Wednesday 4th December for 3 days per week over five weeks.
Delivery of Career Pathway Skills at TAFE NSW Grafton Campus Monday 8:30 to 3:30pm
Delivery of Electrotechnology units at TAFE NSW Grafton Campus Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 to 4:00pm.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

- You will undertake nationally accredited units of competency
- Apply Occupational Health and Safety regulations, codes and practices in the workplace
 - Fabricate, assemble and dismantle utilities industry components
 - Prepare to work safely in the construction industry
 - Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
 - Solve problems in ELV single path circuits
- You will be equipped with:**
- A White Card (also known as a General Construction Induction Card - mandatory in Australia to work on a construction site)

You will understand

- Workplace expectations in the commercial construction sector

You will know how to

- Communicate, behave and work safely and effectively on a construction site And be ready to Apply for a full time position in Electrotechnology as an apprentice

Places in this course are limited.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
For more information

Phone: (02) 66 204761
Website: tafensw.edu.au

CONTACT US TODAY!




YAMBA NIPPERS

YAMBA SLSC WILL BE RUNNING AN SRC COURSE STARTING THIS SUNDAY THE 20TH OF OCTOBER. REQUIRMENTS ARE YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF YAMBA SLSC AND BE 13 BY THE END OF THE YEAR. CONTACT YAMBA SLSC TODAY ON 66462463

TAFE NSW

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