

# Newsletter

## SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 1, Issue 3, 2024

### From the Principal's Desk

This week has seen our Year 7 and Year 9 students complete their NAPLAN testing for 2024. I would like to congratulate the students on their positive approach to this as I witnessed students working hard and trying their best over the course of the three days. The results from this testing will assist us in identifying the strengths and weaknesses across these year groups. Results will be made available during Term 2.

I know that I have mentioned attendance numerous times this year, but I would like to highlight the improvements that we have seen so far this term. When compared to 2023 we have seen close to a 7% increase in overall attendance and nearly double the number of students attending over 90% of the time. I would like to congratulate our students and thank our school community for valuing education and the positives that come from consistent attendance. It has been great to acknowledge students in each year group every week with 100% attendance.

Tuesday saw us invite the primary school teachers from each of our feeder schools to catch up with their Year 6 students from 2023 and see how Year 7 had started. To say the students were excited about seeing their old teachers again would be an understatement. What came through was the positive conversations around being at high school and the new opportunities they had experienced.

On Tuesday 26 March 2024, we will be holding our Year 7 2025 parent information evening. The session will commence at 5.00pm with information about the school, meeting our Year Advisors, a tour of our facilities and light refreshments. This will be the first of several opportunities for parents and students to speak with our staff as we work towards ensuring that the transition from primary to high school is a smooth and successful one. I look forward to seeing everyone on the night.



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# Diary Dates

**P&C Meetings** - First Monday of the Month at 5.30pm in the Library, all welcome.

## Term 1 2024

### Monday 18 March

- NAPLAN catch up day

### Wednesday 20 March

- Clontarf senior Rugby League Trials
- Clontarf Yr 9/10 Inverell Touch Carnival
- Yr 11/12 Debate #1

### Thursday 21 March

- Yr 10 Mandatory Woolli Excursion
- Clontarf Yr 9/10 Inverell Touch Carnival

### Friday 22 March

- Yr 10 Mentor Excursion
- Clontarf Yr 9/10 Inverell Touch Carnival

### Tuesday 26 March

- Yr 6 to 7 parent/student information evening
- Yr 12 Charles Sturt University Explore Day

### Wednesday 27 March

- Clontarf Yr 10/11 Jackadgery Camp

### Thursday 28 March

- Clontarf Yr 10/11 Jackadgery Camp

### Tuesday 2 April

- Construction Induction Course (white card)

### Thursday 4 April

- Yr 6 Sports Transition Day



# Uniforms

When students wear a school uniform, they feel included in our school community. Students, teachers, parents and carers, as well as members of our local community helped develop our school uniform to make sure it:

- meets the requirements of occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation
- includes items that are affordable, comfortable and made from easy-care and easy-wear fabrics
- is appropriate for the full range of school activities
- is suitable for all body shapes.

At South Grafton High School we source all of our uniforms direct from the supplier, meaning a huge saving for our families. Visit the school Library to view our range.

[https://sthgrafton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/s/sthgrafton-h/uniform\\_poster\\_landscape.jpg](https://sthgrafton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/s/sthgrafton-h/uniform_poster_landscape.jpg)



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



# School Links

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://sthgrafton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/Sentral%20Parent%20and%20Student%20Portal) <https://web2.sthgrafton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal2/#!/login> SGHS Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/southgraftonhighschoolofficial/>

# Helpful Contacts

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

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

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

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

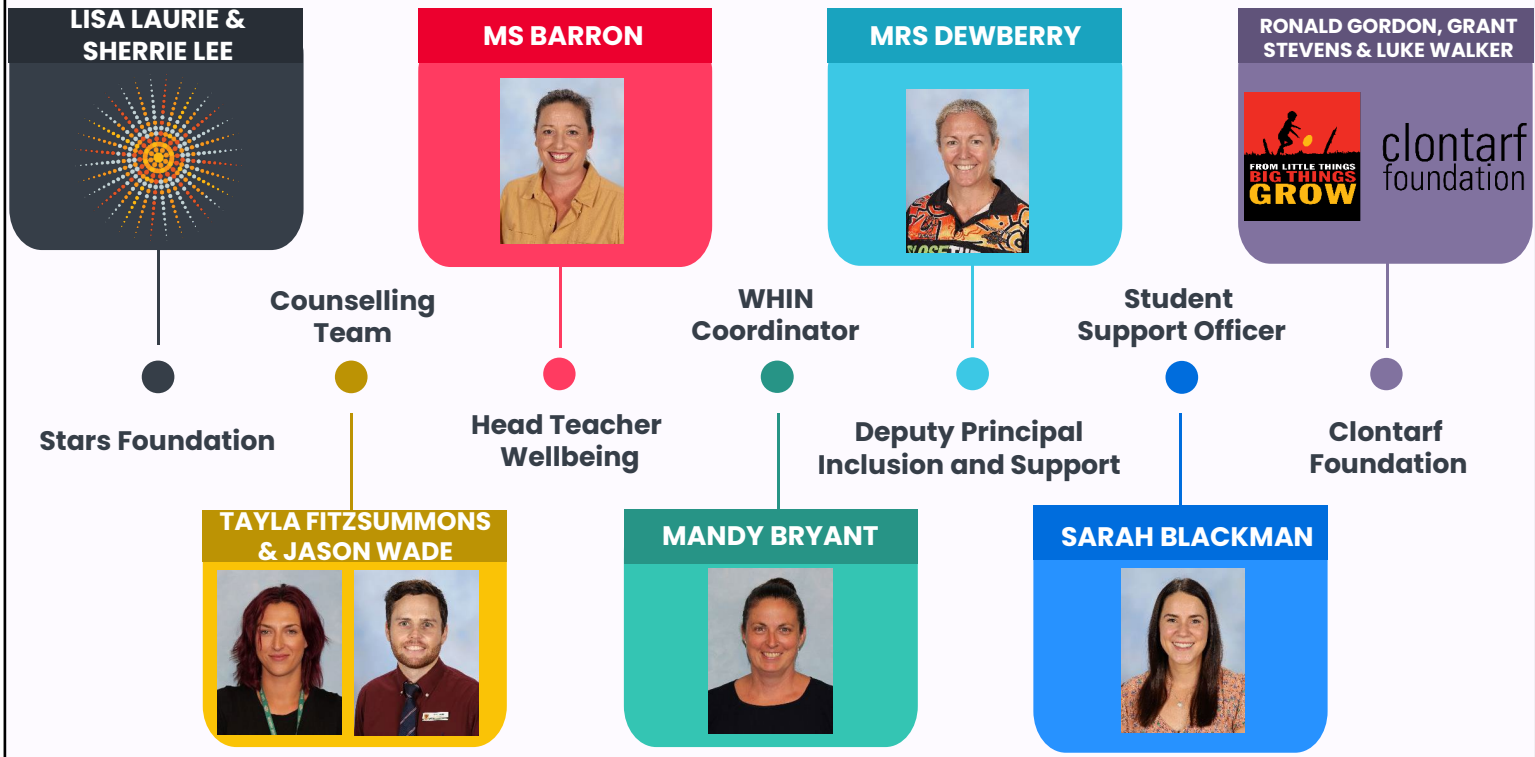
**Headspace:** 1800 650 890. <https://headspace.org.au/>

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

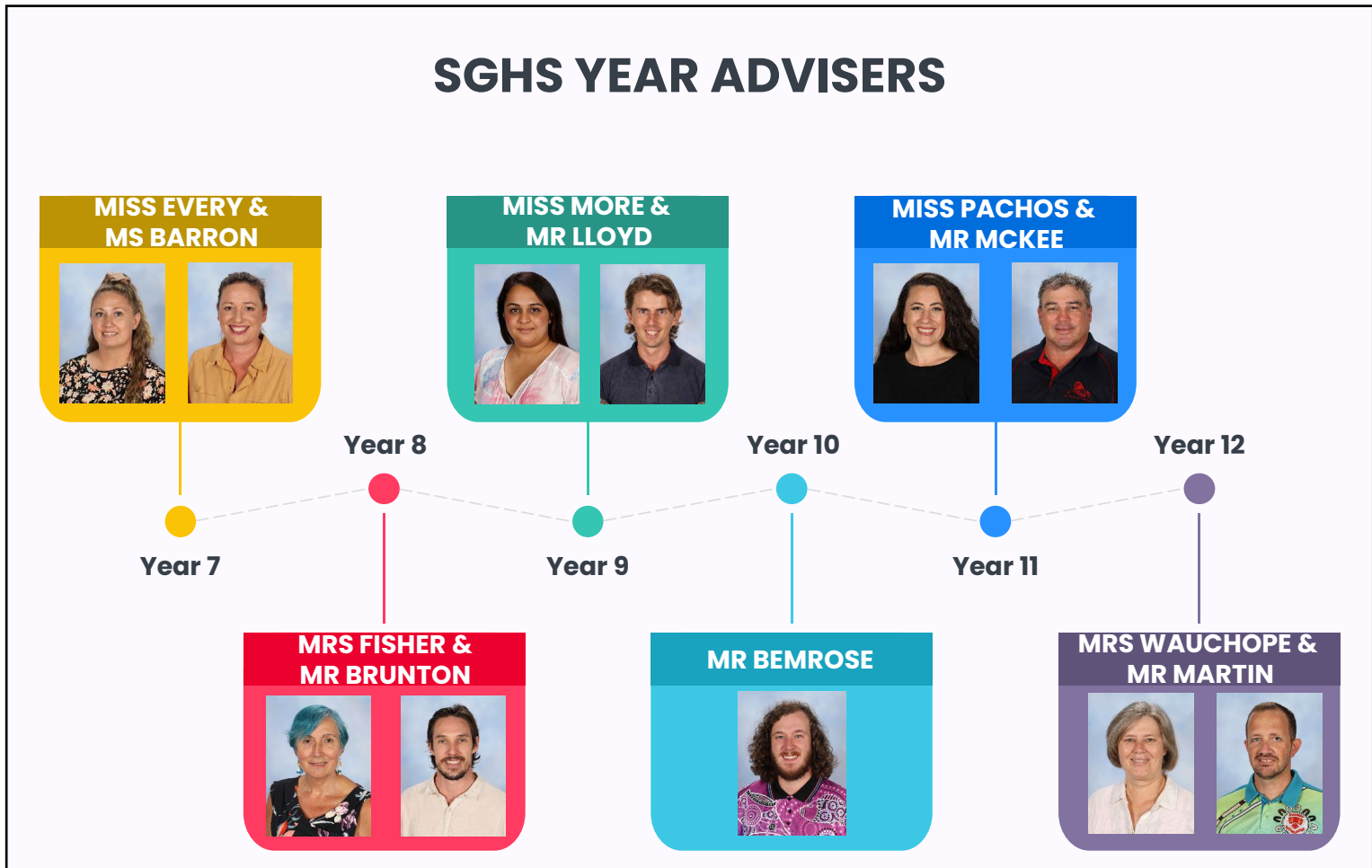
**Beyond Blue:** 1300 22 4636.

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

# SGHS WELLBEING TEAM



# SGHS YEAR ADVISERS





# South Grafton High School



## YEAR 6 TO 7, 2025

### PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT

- TIME: 5pm - 6:30pm
- DATE: Tuesday, 26th March
- LOCATION: SGHS Library

*Includes information session and tour of school.  
Light refreshments will be supplied.*



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## Do you have the new School Bytes App and the School Bytes Parent Portal?



 School Bytes

## Parent App

**Available now!**

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



### Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

 Download on the  
App Store

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Google Play



# International Women's Day at SGHS

On Friday morning 8 March 2024, staff at SGHS were given the privilege of attending a breakfast that included bacon and eggs, yoghurt cups, pastries, fruit and of course coffees and hot chocolate, all of which was catered by our Home Economics Department.



## Sport News

### Touch Football

Last week our Open Boys and Girls Touch teams competed in the first 4 rounds of the CHS Open's touch football in Grafton. The gala day also doubled as selection trials for the MNC touch team. Our Open Girls faced a strong Grafton High School first round. The girls played strongly with only seven players and unfortunately being knocked out of the main draw and eventually going down to GHS who were the winners. The girls played strongly in their remaining games for the day.

The Open Boys played Dorrigo in the first round of the KO, finishing the game with a win to progress to round two. SGHS played Woolgoolga High in a close fought game, eventually going down by two tries. In the playoff for third and fourth the Open Boys managed to finish the game against Grafton High in a three all draw to finish equal third for the day. Well done to both teams.

### MNC Touch

Congratulations to Sam Petch who was selected in the MNC Open Boys Touch team. Sam will now compete at the North Coast Championships in Week 11.



### MNC Rugby League

Congratulations to Shyanne Martin and Shaneeka Wisz on gaining selection in the MNC/LNC Girls Open Rugby League side and Leara Roberts who gained selection in the U16 MNC/LNC Girls Rugby League side. All girls will now trial for the North Coast teams in Coffs Harbour later this term. We wish them all the best.



# Work Experience



# Yr 7 Students Reconnect with Primary Teachers



Year 7 students enjoyed a scrumptious BBQ where they had the opportunity to reconnect with their primary school teachers.





# Congratulations

**Congratulations to the following students who earned a CALM award on Wednesday's week 6 assembly**

**Year 7:** Clara Bayliss, Tarrant Burns, Jake Elliott and Coby McDonald

**Year 8:** Liela McConnell

**Year 9:** Sasha Lawrence and Sienna Sorbello

**Year 10:** Callum Allison, Zara Bowling and Elisha Scott

**Congratulations to the following students who earned an Attendance \$10 Canteen Voucher**

**Year 7:** Indy Farmer

**Year 8:** Chloe Valencia

**Year 9:** Summer Gapes

**Year 10:** Charni Adamson

**Year 11:** Wraith Holloway

**Year 12:** Mackenzie Love

**Congratulations to the following students who earned PDHPE & Sport Faculty Lion Awards for Admirable Attitude**

**Year 7:** Levi Bowling, Mai Vo, Toby Bloomfield and Freya Fallon

**Year 10:** Kaiden Grainger and Donovan Bailey

**Year 11:** Sophie Watts, Shaneeka Wisz, Andrea Thomson

**Year 12:** Rahni McGrath

**Congratulations to the following students who earned a CALM award on Wednesday's week 7 assembly**

**Year 7:** Seth Anderson, Bayley Jackson, Will Jones, Michaela O'Dell and Mai Vo

**Year 9:** Lindsay Daley

**Year 10:** James Drewett, Reagan Duroux and Imogyn Wright

**Year 12:** Alice Chad

**Congratulations to the following students who earned Science Faculty Lion Awards for Admirable Attitude**

**Year 7:** Clara Bayliss, Brianna Knight, Dylan Edwards, Jake Elliott and Chloe Gavin

**Year 9:** Beau Salmon

**Year 10:** Donovan Bailey, Kiana Logan, Nayte Meyer and Logan McGrath

**Year 11:** Scharlotte Morgan-Saurine

**Congratulations to the following students who earned attendance awards**

**Year 7:** Annamaria Andrei

**Year 8:** Shaedon Wheeler

**Year 9:** Kirana Pope

**Year 10:** Sharon Ilunga, Lily Vidler

**Year 11:** Isaiah Wright



# 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 traveling on child or concession fares in NSW.

Please contact the school office if you would like to apply for a concession card.



## STYMIE

Stymie is an anonymous, harm reporting tool that we use to proactively support students. Students can report any type of harm anonymously through the [stymie.com.au](http://stymie.com.au) website and know that the student/s being harmed will be supported. Stymie is a key component of our school's Anti-Bullying Plan and is used to promote a positive school culture where bullying is not accepted.

You can *always* control:  
your words  
your actions  
your focus  
your effort  
your point of view



## Calculators for Mathematics

All students are welcome to have their Calculators engraved with their name on it for free. Just ask in F11.

Calculators are available for purchase at the front office at \$35 SGHS use the CASIO fx-82AU PLUS II



Those students looking towards Extension 1 & 2 Mathematics in Senior years will find the new FX 8200 a time saver. These are also at the front office for \$42.



## 2024 HSC

### Year 12 Students with Special Needs or disabilities

The process is underway for students with special needs or disabilities to apply for special requirements during the 2024 HSC exams eg. Reader/Writer, Rest Breaks, Small Group Supervision, Food/Drink required for medical reasons, etc. Any Year 12 students who wish to apply for Disability Provisions for the HSC, please contact Ms Kinny or Mr Martin (Learning and Support Teachers) in the Library. In order to qualify for various provisions, specific evidence is required such as assessments and/or medical evidence as well as teacher comments. The school must submit all the required evidence to NESAs by the end of Term 1 2024. After that time, other applications may be submitted as issues arise.



# Maths News

Launch, Explore, Summarise, Apply is the new approach in all mathematics lessons. Here is some of the fun happening in Maths lessons.







## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Who will be Student of the Year 2024



Donovan Livestock & Property

# Community News

## REGISTRATIONS 2024 NOW OPEN



Season kicks off 6th April

We are taking registrations for 2024

All ages welcome Juniors and Seniors

Register to play at:  
[www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)

Register for kids active vouchers:  
[www.servicce.nsw.gov.au](http://www.servicce.nsw.gov.au)

For any help or information please  
email:  
[yfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:yfootballclub@gmail.com)



Camping - Canoeing - Friendship - Archery - Volunteering

## GRAFTON GIRL GUIDES

### TRY GIRL GUIDES Before you join!

TWO free trials with a Unit of your choice to help you decide if **GIRL GUIDES** is right for you!



Guide Hall at:  
201 Prince Street, Grafton

Contact:  
[Grafton.Girl.Guides@gmail.com](mailto:Grafton.Girl.Guides@gmail.com)



Cooking - Life Skills - Campfire - Craft - Sleepover - Hiking



# GRAFTON JUNIOR HOCKEY

## 2024 Competition

### Hookin2Hockey Junior League Under 8 and Under 10

- Mouthguards and Shinpads are compulsory
- Training and Game on Saturday morning
- Register with Grafton Hockey Association (not with a club)
- Players will be evenly distributed into teams by the Junior Committee taking into consideration ability levels. Reviewed every 3-4 weeks
- Team shirts are provided by the GHA. Black shorts/skirt and black socks. Sports Power Grafton has stock available
- Starts Saturday 4th of May



#### Registration

<https://www.graftonhockey.com.au/home>  
(click on the registration tab)



GHA Inc



SOUTH GRAFTON



REBELS  
JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Come and Play for

# The South Grafton Rebels

## Junior Rugby League



- U6-U7 LeagueTag & Tackle Ready Program
- Mixed Tackle U8-U12
- Male tackle U13-U16
- Female Tackle U13,U15,U17
- Girls League Tag U13-U16

**SIGN UP NOW**

[Playrugbyleague.com](http://Playrugbyleague.com)

0409049888

## South Grafton Junior Hockey Club



Contact: Wendy - 0427 540 435  
or Jody - 0408 253 105

Play hockey with the Southies!

Girls 12's & Under

Girls 14's & Under

Expression of Interest for the 2024 Hockey Season



# JOSEPH and the OPEN AUDITIONS

THURSDAY 7TH AND 14TH AT 5:30PM  
LOCATION: CRITERION THEATRE, 149 OLIVER GRAFTON

ALL ROLES ARE SINGING ROLES  
MALE & FEMALE ADULTS  
CHILDREN AND STUDENTS  
AGE LIMIT: 7YEARS AND OLDER

Music By  
Andrew Lloyd Webber

Lyrics By  
Tim Rice

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SING A SONG FROM JOSEPH OR ANOTHER MUSICAL.

16-19 MAY 2024

YOU MAY SING  
\* ACCOMPANIED (BRING MUSIC FOR US TO PLAY)  
\* UNACCOMPANIED  
\* OR WITH A BACKING TRACK (WE WILL HAVE BLUETOOTH SPEAKER)

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## CLARENCE VALLEY YOUTH WEEK 2024

11 APRIL to 21 APRIL

- MON 15 APRIL - 10AM-3PM BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT JJ LAWRENCE PARK, STH GRAFTON
- MON 15 APRIL - 2PM-4PM FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP ILUKA COMMUNITY HALL, ILUKA
- TUE 16 APRIL - 11AM-2PM COMMUNITY CULTURAL CONNECTIONS DAY LAWRENCE MEMORIAL PARK
- TUE 16 APRIL - 3PM-5PM LASER SKIRMISH BAILEY PARK, ULMARRA
- WED 17 APRIL - 10AM-2PM ART IN THE PARK MEMORIAL PARK, GRAFTON
- WED 17 APRIL - 3PM-5PM LASER SKIRMISH NIP WELSH PARK, MINNIE WATER
- THU 18 APRIL - 2PM-4PM LASER SKIRMISH WOOMBAAH PARK, WOOMBAAH
- THU 18 APRIL - 5PM-9PM LIVE 'N' LOUD GRAFTON LIBRARY
- FRI 19 APRIL - 10AM-12PM WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP GLENREAGH HALL, GLENREAGH
- FRI 19 APRIL - 11AM-3PM KICK FLIPS & TAIL WHIPS YAMBA SKATE PARK
- SAT 20 APRIL - 5.30PM-8.30PM CHANGING LANES CAR MEET GRAFTON LIBRARY
- SUN 21 APRIL - 9AM-12PM COLOUR FUN RUN JABOUR PARK, STH GRAFTON
- THU 11 APRIL - 9AM-3PM YOUR FUTURE FEST CLARENCE VALLEY GRAFTON TAFE
- FRI 12 APRIL - 3.30PM-5PM OUT OF THE BOX SESSION YAMBA SKATE PARK
- SAT 13 APRIL - 10AM-5PM WADYARR YOUTH DAY ESK STUDIO, ILUKA
- SUN 14 APRIL - 5PM-8PM OUTDOOR CINEMA WHERRETT PARK, MACLEAN
- MON 15 APRIL - 10AM-12PM WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP DUNDURRABIN SCHOOL

ALL YOUTH WEEK EVENTS ARE DRUG, ALCOHOL AND VAPE FREE. UNDER 12'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT. ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. PLEASE CONTACT ALLIRA 0428 420 908 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO MAKE A BOOKING.