

Newsletter

SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4, Week 1/2, 2023

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to everyone for Term 4 and what will be a busy eight weeks in the lead up to Christmas. This term Year 12 students started their HSC examinations, and it has been nice to see the positive approach that they have taken in what are an important part of their lives as they transition to post school options. I look forward to celebrating with them at the upcoming formal in a few weeks time.

At the beginning of the term, I also had the opportunity to speak with our new Year 12 students for 2024. On that day they received important information regarding assessment and the expectations for their final year. All students were given the opportunity to participate in our staff mentoring program and this program will provide support for students as they navigate their way through the final year at school.

This term we also saw the statewide ban on mobile phone use in schools introduced. South Grafton High School has had a policy and procedure in place for several years which did not require any changes to be compliant with the new rules. What I would ask is that students and parents are aware that the use of the Yondr pouches whilst at school is the only way that students are able to have their device with them during the day. Students will initially receive a warning if found using their phone, a formal caution on the second occasion and a possible suspension on the third occasion. A copy of the school's policy will be emailed to all parents next week and a link to the Department of education's policy was recently posted on our Facebook page.

The STARs Aboriginal Girls Mentoring program has officially started, and it has been fantastic to have Lisa Laurie and Sherrie-Lee Redigar on board to work with our Aboriginal girls. Whilst our purpose-built building is not due for completion until early 2024, the program will start immediately with more information for parents and students wanting to participate available over the coming weeks. Lisa and Sherrie-Lee have already spoken to many of the girls to provide an insight into what the program can offer them and the opportunities it will provide. This is an exciting opportunity, and I would like to thank those within the school and community who have fought to see this program



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Diary Dates

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

Term 4, 2023

PCYC Behaviour Program continues
Run Beyond Program continues
TAFE Yes Program continues

Friday 27 October

- South Grafton Infants Games Day

Monday 30 October

- Schools Spectacular Rehearsals

Tuesday 31 October

- Far Out Science

Thursday 2 November

- Jacaranda Festival Performance
- Jacaranda Thursday - school hours 9am to 1pm

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



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



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



- Red school polo shirt
- 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/>

Education Hardship Fund

Last May, the State Government established the education hardship fund for students to support their education recovery after the floods. Schools in the Clarence Valley were identified to receive this money. The Education Hardship Fund provided \$500 for each of our students. The funds were transferred to each student's school account and appear on statements as 'unallocated credit'. **These funds must be used by the end of October 2023.**

Many of our families currently have a balance remaining and we ask, for your child's benefit, that you please spend the credit before the due date. After this date, the funds will not be accessible. We have included below some options for your consideration.

To find out how much flood funding you have remaining, please refer to your Parent Portal or contact us for details on the unallocated credit figure.

Funds can be spent on: School Uniform; School Hats; Book packs for Years 7 and 8; Calculators, Excursions, Heron Island Excursion; Year 12 Formal; Year 11 Jerseys; Elective Fees; Subject related costs i.e. skate board deck; Part payment towards a laptop.

Please note that the funds cannot be used for voluntary school contributions, nor can they be 'cashed out' or withdrawn for personal use.

How do I access the funds? You can contact the school on 66421466 or alternatively you can email the school on sthgraffton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au and let us know how you would like the funds to be used.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who earned a CALM award on Wednesday's week 1 assembly.

Year 7 - Layla Knight, Caleb Spears and Toby Tibbett

Year 9 - Lincoln Riepon

Year 10 - Sarin Moran and Tahj Makings

Year 11 - Rahni McGrath, Sharlee Cook, Max Rayward and Gracie Creighton

Congratulations to the following students who earned a LION award on Wednesday's week 1 assembly.

Year 7 - Lily Axford

Year 8 - Blake Gavin

Year 9 - Grace McIntyre

Year 10 - Andrea Thomson

Year 11 - Jade Palmer

Year 12 - Carter Smith

Congratulations to the following students who earned a CALM award on Wednesday's week 2 assembly.

Year 7 - Kileah Biggs, Jack Young and Logan Mawson

Year 8 - Tyson Hobbes, Elizabeth O'Dell, Izaac Murray-Stiff, Beau Salmon

Year 9 - Mitchell Green

Year 10 - Joshua Garrett

Year 11 - Kiarni Rhodes

Congratulations to the following students who earned a LION award on Wednesday's week 2 assembly.

Year 7 - Shanara Cameron

Year 8 - Ryan Lawson, Noah Reid and Isabella Watts

Year 9 - Donovan Bailey, Claudia Brown and Joseph Burke

Year 10 - Andrea Thomson

Year 11 - Phoenix Lee and Shea O'Hara

Run Beyond Project

The Run Beyond Project has got off to a great start this term. The squad have been gradually increasing their distance working towards their goal race in December. It has been great to see some of the resilience demonstrated over the past 2 training sessions. We all experienced struggles whether it be with the distance, heat or stitches but have kept going and achieved some great results.



7 English Violet



7 ENGLISH VIOLET are embarking on a unique cultural journey at the moment. As part of their "Across Cultures" unit, these students are sending heartfelt letters to a school in Japan. This fantastic initiative allows our children to learn about Japanese culture and forge lasting international friendships.

This project encourages diversity appreciation, cultural exploration, and strengthens their English language skills. We're incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and curiosity.



Sport News

CHS Tennis

Congratulations to Rahni McGrath who represented the North Coast in the Open Girls Tennis team in Sydney. North Coast finished the tournament with a bronze medal. Well done Rahni.

Clarence Valley Schools Touch Football

On Tuesday South Grafton High sent 4 teams to compete in the annual schools touch football competition in Yamba. The junior girls, junior boys and senior girls teams performed well. Unfortunately they failed to qualify for the final, narrowly going down in their semi finals respectively for the afternoon. The senior boys team defeated Grafton High in the last pool match to qualify 3rd for the semi's. However, the boys were narrowly defeated by Maclean High 5-3 to finish their night. Thanks to Mr Smith, Miss Lawson, Luke Walker and Keanu Staader for supporting the teams.

Rowing

Rowing training has commenced for the new season. Anyone interested in rowing for the school, please see Mr Dewberry in the PE staffroom.



Work Experience



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

Activating the School Bytes App

1. Access the app store on your phone and search for School Bytes.

If you can't find it, here are the direct links:

Apple: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

2. Download the School Bytes App.

3. Use your username and password created previously to log on.

4. If prompted, allow notifications.

School Bytes provides a parent portal to help your school communicate with you. This is accessible via a website and an App, available for both Apple and Android devices.

SGHS uses the parent portal for various things, including online permission notes, attendance, and payments, which can be accessed via a secure link. The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction, even if they attend different schools (assuming all of the schools use School Bytes!).

IMPORTANT – To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.

Detailed steps

1. Open the parent portal link – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>

2. Select the create a new account link.

3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.

4. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.

5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.

6. Enter a password.

7. Confirm the password.

8. Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address. Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.

You can now link your account to all students in schools that use the School Bytes platform.

1. Select link other student.

2. Search for the school's name.

3. Enter the student's first name.

4. Enter the student's last name.

5. Select the student's current grade.

6. Enter the student's date of birth.

7. Select search.

Please also enable Notifications and check in the documents tab for the latest newsletter.

If all student information matches with parent information according to the student's official enrolment stored at the school, the system will add the student to the parent account automatically.

If you are unable to link a student to your account or if you have any questions relating to this process please contact the school.

Wellbeing Corner

Bully Zero Certificate of Contribution - We were presented with this certificate in recognition of our support during National Bullying Prevention Week. As a school we are proud to take a stand against bullying, and for encouraging inclusivity and kindness throughout our school community.

Certificate of Contribution



Presented to

South Grafton High School

In recognition of your support
of Bully Zero



THANK YOU
for contributing to a world free from bullying

Janet Grima

Janet Grima
Bully Zero CEO

A WORLD FREE FROM BULLYING.

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 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.



Anxiety in Kids and Teens

Anxiety is a really normal human experience. Sometimes it can become too big, and when children get caught in the tail whip of anxiety, it can swipe at their belief in themselves, their engagement with the world, and the glistening unfolding of their potential – but it doesn't have to be this way. Anxiety is very manageable, and any important adult in the life of a child has a profound capacity to strengthen children and teens against anxiety and towards courage and resilience. With all anxiety, comes opportunities to strengthen children and teens with a mindset, skills and qualities that will lead them towards deeply fulfilling, brave, whole-hearted living. Hey Sigmund has lots of great articles and information for parents on anxiety. Visit <https://www.heysigmund.com/blog/>

RSA Course at SGHS

Last term we supported 28 Year 12 students to complete the Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate. We had a Trainer from CHS training provide the course onsite at our school. This opportunity supports students with their transition from school to work. We thank both the Education Pathways Program and our school for subsidising the cost involved in offering the course to our students.



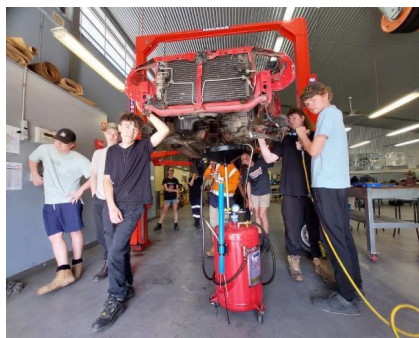
Term 4 TAFE YES programs

Our popular Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) Programs started again this week!

This term we have over 200 local High School students with 75 of these students from SGHS, participating in 16 key industry programs including animal studies, barista, beauty, civil construction, maritime, music, nursing, welding and much much more.

Be prepared for lots of images in the coming eight weeks.

The TAFE YES Programs aim to provide local High School students aged 15-17yrs with a taste of the basic skills and knowledge required for their chosen industry area. For more information on the YES programs, please contact our school Careers Adviser, Mrs Dewberry.



The Learning Hub



One of the support programs we have at SGHS is The Learning Hub, previously called STAR. The Learning Hub, located in the library provides support to mainstream students in a variety of ways, focusing on tutoring and literacy. In the Learning Hub we assist students to improve their literacy skills through our Reading Tutor Program (MultiLit), which is a structured program to support students who require extra literacy skills. SLSOs (School Learning Support Officers) withdraw students to work individually with them. Student progress is recorded to track their reading improvement. We also support students to complete assessment

tasks throughout the year and provide a supportive place for students when required. Learning and Support Teachers, Classroom Teachers and Year Advisors may identify students who need this extra support to complete current assessment tasks and N Awards. Students may also request support by speaking with the Learning and Support Teachers directly. An appropriate time will then be organised with the classroom teacher and the student to complete assessment tasks. Mainstream SLSOs also provide in-class support and assistance to hundreds of students across most subjects within the school.

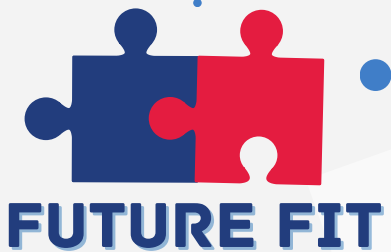
Go.Forward

Educational Pathways Program



Not sure how to prepare your child for their future career?

Look Forward
Educational Pathways Program



As part of the Educational Pathways Program, we are inviting parents to attend 'FutureFit', a FREE information session with a focus on Vocational Education Training (VET) and apprenticeships. It is an opportunity to learn more about training options to help support your child in the decisions that lay ahead when planning for their career.

This session is for parents of students at Woolgoolga High, South Grafton High, Grafton High, and Maclean High School

Registration is essential for this program. Follow the link to register, or scan the QR code.

Wednesday 30th November 2023
6:00pm - 7:00pm
South Grafton High School Hall

Tyson Street, South Grafton

For more information please contact:

David Youman

DAVID.YOUMAN@det.nsw.edu.au

0409 452 901



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Congratulations

Bianca won the 2023 SGHS NRL CUP footy tipping.



This program is funded by the NSW Government



Year 12 Graduation Assembly

Last Term we celebrated the graduation of our Year 12 students. We extend our congratulations to all our graduates with the portfolio presentation as well as we had the pleasure of recognising several outstanding students with special awards.

The Higher School Certificate (HSC) examinations commenced last Wednesday and will continue for four weeks. This will be followed by the Year 12 Formal at the GDSC on Saturday 11 November.



Transport Concession Entitlement Cards

Guide to school student concession cards

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.

The Transport Concession Entitlement Card replaces the following cards:

Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also issued to Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students.

Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)

Boarders Rail Pass

To travel on a Child/Youth Opal card or a child/concession ticket, students must carry a concession entitlement card.

Children aged between 4 to 15 years do not require a proof of entitlement for concession travel. However, if they look more mature, they can get a Transport Concession Entitlement Card to verify to authorised officers that they are under 16 years old.

A collection of logos for various sponsors. At the top left is the Grafton Tenpin Bowl logo. To its right is the Ice Cream Haven logo. Below these is the Blue Banana Fun Park logo for Coffs Harbour. At the bottom left is the Saraton Theatre - Grafton logo, and at the bottom right is the Pizza & Ribs On the Run logo.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

A collection of logos for various sponsors. At the top left is the B&S Kitchens logo. To its right is the Grafton Motor Group logo. Below these is the text "Who will be Student of the Year 2023". In the center is a large gold and black award ribbon with the text "Student of the Year". At the bottom left is a red box with the text "More Sponsors Coming Soon!". At the bottom right is the Donovan Livestock & Property logo.

Who will be Student of the Year 2023

Student of the Year

More Sponsors Coming Soon!

Donovan Livestock & Property

Community News



Free Financial counselling for you

Take control of your finances with confidential, one-on-one guidance and support from our specialist financial counsellors.

- Grow financial skills, knowledge and confidence
- Meet the growing costs of living
- Reduce bank fees and charges
- Get debt under control and negotiate repayments
- Create a realistic weekly budget and stick to it
- Prioritise expenses and plan ahead

Appointments essential Ballina • Grafton • Lismore • Murwillumbah

Call 02 6621 7397 email hub@nrcg.org.au

Visit nrcg.org.au



Come and TRI

18 & 19 November 2023

Where: Whiting Beach, Yamba
Ages: Options for 7 years and over!
Built for beginners.

Try as a **Team**, or take on the challenge as an **Individual!**



Community Gateway & Momentum welcome you to

Circuit Breaker

Support, discussion and information for the parenting of adolescent children.

6 free sessions every Wednesday 11am-1pm, from 18 October - 22 November 2023.

Registrations essential.

Venue - Pāua Yoga Studio, 8 Dellows Lane, Grafton. Morning tea provided and lunch provided at the final session.

Register by **12 October** Telephone **6643 4726** or email connectingfamilies@nrcg.org.au

Visit nrcg.org.au

Minnie Water Wooli SLSC Nippers

29 October

Free COME & TRY

at Minnie Water Main Beach

At 9.30am to 12.00

All Enquiries call Peter on [0427 426 977](tel:0427426977)