

Newsletter

SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 2, Week 8, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

COVID-19 Update

The following information has been provided to schools in relation to COVID-19 restrictions in place or easing in the near future:

- Students studying with TAFE NSW have begun a phased return to face-to-face teaching. Contact your local TAFE if you have any questions about students returning.
- From 1 July all school sport and physical activity program may resume in alignment with relevant health restrictions. School must continue to comply with safety and hygiene requirements as detailed in the Infection Control Practical Guide for sport and physical activity. For SGHS, this means that our current arrangements for sport will remain unchanged this term.
- From Term 3 (20 July), community use activities involving general adult attendance at which the organiser remains responsible for compliance with distancing and hygiene requirements aligned with the health advice of the day. For SGHS, this means our hall is once again able to be booked. (conditions apply)
- From Term 3, work experience and work placement are able to recommence.

Activities under consideration for Term 3, but not yet approved are:

- School camps and excursions
- Extended school assemblies (Semester 1 Awards Assembly)
- Parent information evenings (Year 10 into 11 subject information evening)
- Parent/ Teacher evening

Attendance

There is a very strong correlation between attendance at school and a student's academic, social and emotional wellbeing. Students who do not attend school every day, students who consistently arrive late to school, or students who are regularly signed out early from school struggle to keep up with their peers. They are constantly trying to catch-up to where their friends are academically in the classroom and socially in the playground. This can have a significant impact on their emotional wellbeing. At SGHS, we have a wide range of strategies we can put in place to help our students become better attenders at school. If you feel you need help with this, please contact the school.

Reports

I have had the pleasure of reading reports over the last few weeks and I am pleased to say that SGHS has many students working towards achieving their personal best. Their teachers have commented on their diligence, and their willingness to engage in the learning experiences offered – including learning from home. Reports for Years 11 and 12 have already been handed out to students. If your child has not received their report, they should see their Year Adviser to collect it. Reports for Years 7 to 10 will be handed out in the last week of this term.



Diary Dates

- The SWELL excursion that was planned for September has been cancelled for 2020
- The Year 7 Camp planned for July as been postponed until 2021.

Friday 3 July

- Years 7 - 10 reports handed out
- Last day of Term 2

Monday 20 July

- Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21 July

- Students return to school for Term 3

Wednesday 22 July

- Construction Induction Course

Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 July

- Love Bites - Year 9

Thursday 30 July

- Academic Awards Presentation

Monday 3 August

- P&C Meeting, Library 5.30pm - ALL WELCOME

Friday 25 September

- Minnie Water Painted Person Art Excursion (new date from 3 April due to COVID 19 situation)

Dux of SGHS 2019

South Grafton High School's 2019 Dux, Scott Rose, was presented with his Dux medal this week. He was also presented with the Southern Cross University Chancellors Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Scott is doing extremely well, studying Computer Science at the University of Queensland. He is looking forward to Covid restrictions being lifted so he can return to face to face study. We wish Scott all the best in his future endeavours.



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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/southgrafftonhighschoolofficial/>

SGHS Biggest Virtual Morning Tea

This term, during Covid restrictions, SGHS hosted the Biggest Virtual Morning Tea to raise much needed funds for the Cancer Council. All funds raised goes towards life-saving cancer research, prevention and support programs. This year our staff raised an amazing \$708.00 for this great cause.

Our Virtual Morning Tea involved staff and students submitting photos of their Morning Tea! And then staff voting on their favourite dish.

The Morning Tea winners include:

- Junior Winner was Julie Thurgood's 9 year old daughter Ava with her Choc Chip Cookies
- High School Student Winner was Tayla Denem from Yr7 with her Strawberry Cake
- There was a tie with our overall winners - Nathan Martin with his Cinnamon Scrolls & Julie Hill with her Pumpkin Bread.
- Lauren Jelinek was also a winner for her efforts in submitting the most entries.

A big thank you to Lorraine Hughes for hosting and organising this very important annual event at our school.



Careers Education

Applying for University 2020/2021 Important Dates

2020

Monday 25th May	ANU Direct Entry (COVID round), closes
Sunday 5th July	University of Canberra COVID SRS Early Offer round closes
Friday 10th July	Macquarie Uni Leaders & Achievers Early Entry Program, Round 1 closes
Saturday 29th July	ACU Community Achievers Program applications close, Brisbane campus (differs depending on campus)
Friday 31st July	University of Notre Dame, Early Offer applications close
Saturday 1st August	Bond University Scholarship applications close (most!)
Monday 3rd August	UNSW Gateway Early Entry closes
Tuesday 4th August	QTAC opens (also EAS and scholarships)
Monday 10th August	Macquarie Uni Leaders & Achievers Early Entry Program, Round 2 closes
Friday 14th August	University of Wollongong Early Entry closes
Monday 31st August	Macquarie Uni Leaders & Achievers Early Entry Program, Round 3 closes
	Charles Sturt Uni, Advantage Program closes
	LaTrobe Uni Aspire Early Entry closes
Friday 11th September	SCU Star Entry applications close
Sunday 20th September	UAC SRS applications close
	University of Sydney E12 Scheme applications close
Friday 25th September	UNE Early Entry applications close
Wed. 30th September	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
Friday 9th October	VTAC's SEAS applications (and most VTAC scholarship applications) close
Monday 12th October	University of the Sunshine Coast Early Offer Guarantee Program closes
Sunday 8th November	UAC confirm preferences for SRS (by midnight)
Monday 9th November	SCU STAR entry, students advised of outcome (UNE Early Entry usually around same date)
Thursday 12th November	UAC SRS offers released by some NSW universities
Tuesday 1st December	CQUniversity Principal's Recommendation Scheme closes
Wednesday 9th December	QTAC closes (also QTAC EAS)
Friday 11th December	Western Sydney University True Rewards Program closes
	UAC Equity Scholarships close for December offer.
Friday 18th December	HSC Results released (6 am); ATARs released (9 am)
Saturday 19th December	Confirm UAC preferences for December offer round
Wed 23rd December	UAC offers released (7.30 am)

2021

Sunday 3 rd January	UAC confirm preference for January round 1 offers
Friday 8 th January	UAC January round 1 offers released
Tuesday 12 th January	UAC Equity Scholarships close for January offer
Sunday 17 th January	UAC confirm preferences for January round 2 offers
Thursday 23 rd January	UAC January round 2 offers released
Saturday 30 th January	UAC Equity Scholarships close for February round
Sunday 31 st January	UAC confirm preferences for February round 1 offers
Thursday 4 th February	UAC round 1 offers released
Friday 5 th February	UAC Equity Scholarships close for final round
Sunday 7 th February	UAC confirm preferences for February round 2 offers
Thursday 11 th February	UAC February round 2 offers released
Sunday 28 th February	UAC confirm preferences for final offer round
Thursday 4 th March	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)

Essential Energy 2021 Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Recruiting 25 Apprentices and 14 Trainees to start February 2021.

Starting your career or looking for a change?

An apprenticeship or traineeship is a great way to kickstart your career, combining formal learning with on-the-job training. And if you choose to join Essential Energy, you will be supported by a great crew and professional training team.

Essential Energy operates the electricity distribution network in rural, regional and remote NSW, supplying electricity to more than 850,000 homes and businesses. We're part of a growing and evolving industry, set to experience great change and opportunity in the next few years.

We pride ourselves on recruiting exceptional people, who are motivated and passionate about their chosen career and who want to become an important and valued part of our team. If working outdoors in a team environment appeals to you, an apprenticeship or traineeship with Essential Energy may be the perfect way to power up your career.

Apprenticeships

All apprenticeship roles are four-year programs which combine structured nationally recognised training with on-the-job experience. We are recruiting for two apprenticeships:

Powerline Worker

Powerline Workers are responsible for building and maintaining the poles and wires that deliver electricity to our customers.

Zone Substation Electrical Technician

Zone Substation Electrical Technicians play a critical part in the electricity supply chain. Technicians in this area are responsible for the safe and reliable operation of high voltage switchgear, transformers and the associated electrical circuits that control the equipment.

Traineeships

Our traineeships provide an entry level role to the electricity supply industry. As a trainee, you will develop skills-associated with the maintenance and safe operation of electricity supply equipment. Our program will assist you to build transferable workplace skills which will unlock future opportunities with Essential Energy and across the industry.

We have opportunities available at a range of locations including: Condobolin, Griffith, Ewingsdale, Grafton, Mudgee, Bathurst, Dorriggo, Corowa, Buronga, Broken Hill, Bourke, Canowindra, Barraba, Narrabri, Armidale, Kyogle, Cowra, Wagga Wagga, Queanbeyan, Goulburn, Dubbo, Kempsey, Nyngan, Coonamble, Moruya, Tamworth, Moree, Guyra and Albury.

Apply now for an apprenticeship or traineeship with Essential Energy. Visit www.essentialenergy.com.au/kickstart to learn more.

Applications are now open and will close at 11.55pm (AEST) Sunday, 19 July 2020.

Engineering Your Future – registration is open

The Winter Engineering online event for students in Years 10-12+

Click to find the current program for Monday 13 – Friday 17 July, and Register!

Please note, we warmly welcome interested students in Years 7-9 and their parents/carers.

Learn more about the vast scope of exciting work that Engineers do; the courses available at University, TAFE and alternative pathway options; and the current and growing demand for Engineers and Technologists. email: stemnsw@engineersaustralia.org.au



ASSESSMENTS AT A GLANCE

The following subjects have assessments due in the next two weeks.

Please check the relevant assessment schedule for details.

All students have been issued with a booklet and there are electronic copies available on our school website.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Term 2 Week 9	PDHPE	NIL	Food Tech IT Metal	Food Tech IT Metal Maths (5.2)	Maths Advanced Maths Standard Maths Extension 1	Marine Studies PDHPE Physics SDD
Term 2 Week 10	PDHPE Technology	English	English Photography Visual Arts	English Photography Visual Arts	NIL	Chemistry History Ext Visual Arts Work Studies



Gardening News

Oscar Wales (Yr 7) has been busy gardening around the school. Some of his projects include: planting the TLC garden (pictured), and establishing gardens in the Support Unit. With donations of Bromeliads and Spider Plants from the Agricultural farm, he was able to transform areas in need of a makeover. Oscar is responsible for daily maintenance and general upkeep of the gardens he creates. He takes great pride in raising seedlings and propagating succulents, and has started planting mint, flowers, onions, celery, avocado, potatoes and a choko vine in the Special Ed playground.

Oscar's passion for gardening is motivated by his love of, 'getting outdoors and getting your hands dirty.' He is always willing to take on new projects and assist with buying supplies and seed stock. We look forward to seeing future projects and watching his creations grow. Well done, Oscar!



Photo of the Week

Photo of the week goes to Reign Browning of Year 7.



2021 National Indigenous Autumn School

Due to COVID-19, we have decided to run two schools in 2021: one in April as the Autumn School and one in December as the Summer School.

Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, the J Science and Engineering Colleges and the ANU Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Colleges will host an Autumn School for Indigenous students only in years 10 and 11 from across Australia, who have an interest in university studies.

The week-long Autumn School will run from 10 – 17 October 2021, to provide learning experiences to help realise education and career aspirations and goals. Participants will participate in a program of hands-on activities from a range of discipline fields on the theme of 'Global Challenges: People, Places and Communities'.

ANU academic staff, indigenous university students and staff will mentor participants through a fun-filled program in the nation's capital, which promises exciting experiences on and off campus. Tjabal Centre and ANU Colleges cover all accommodation, transport, catering and workshop materials.

There are two streams running in the Autumn School with 20 places in each: the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM) stream and the Humanities, Arts and Social Science (HASS) stream. You can only select one Autumn School stream to attend.

To be considered for one of the 40 spots in the Autumn School, you need to be:

- A current Year 10 or 11 student in Australia
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Interested in Science and Humanities subjects.

Applications can be downloaded from <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/communities-events/national-indigenous-autumn-and-summer-school> and are due **Friday 30 October 2020**.

Successful applicants will be notified by December 2020.

For any queries about the Autumn School, or about studying at the ANU, contact Tjabal staff by email tjabal.centre@anu.edu.au

2020 HSC: WHAT'S CHANGED FOR ME?

The NESA COVID-19 Response Committee (with representatives from government, Catholic and independent schools) is carefully considering and making any changes needed to ensure a fair and safe 2020 HSC.

What you need to know

- * NESA and schools are following the advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, which is also supported by NSW Health.
- * Your school has the authority to determine the number, type and weighting of formal school-based assessment tasks.
- * The written exams start on Tuesday 20 October, and the timetable is now available.
- * You'll get your results on Friday 18 December, by SMS, email and online.
- * An overview of specific changes to the 2020 HSC is on the other side of this leaflet. If you're impacted by any of the changes, talk to your teacher or visit the NESA website for more information, including about how your final mark will be calculated.



→ SPECIFIC CHANGES

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, with pre-recorded accompaniment or with a single live accompanist

VISUAL ARTS

Body of Work: Now due on 14 September

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 August. An updated timetable is now available.

Cancelled exams

DANCE
Major Study Composition
Major Study Dance and Technology (Film and Video)

DRAMA
Group performance

MUSIC EXTENSION
Performance
(Mandatory ensemble piece)

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 minimum standard, you can attempt each test up to six times in 2020. You can also take the tests once you have left school.

Questions about the HSC?

Contact the COVID-19 support team on **1300 138 323**
email covid19support@nesa.nsw.edu.au
visit educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/stayhealthyHSC

Need help managing stress?

Visit ReachOut.com for information, tools and tips to turn exam stress into success. If you need help right now, call Kids Helpline **1800 55 1800** or Lifeline **13 11 14**, or talk to your GP

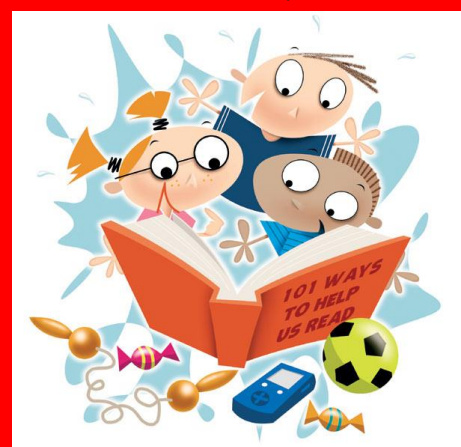
Homework Club

NEED HELP WITH MATHS?

MATHS TUTORING AVAILABLE
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
From 3:00
IN THE LIBRARY

NEED HELP WITH English or HSIE

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



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SOCIAL TENNIS COMP

Coutts Crossing Tennis Club



Trying again!
Social comp commencing 20th of July.
Games rostered Mon, Tues, Wed nights from 6:30pm. Play finishes approx. 8:45pm.
Beginner to skilled players, all welcome!
Social hit for everyone and grading for new players Sunday 5th of July at 6pm.
Enquiries to Bonnie 66494322



Become a foster carer

Foster carers are needed in the Mid North Coast region more than ever before.

Whether you are giving a child a long-term home, or stepping in to help in a crisis, being a foster carer is a hugely rewarding experience.

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Call Kimberley Pushong on, 0439 845 960 or email

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