Term 3 is coming to an end with only one week to go before the school holidays. I have enjoyed the experience of Relieving Principal in Ms Byron’s absence immensely with an exceptionally busy time with numerous students participating in events across Creative and Performing Arts, Sporting, Tournament of Minds and French Language competitions to name a few. Student participation in these events could not have taken place without the motivation and dedication of highly professional and passionate teachers and SLSOs who always go the extra mile for the students at Nowra High School.

SCHOOL PLAN
We are currently working on evaluating the school plan 2015-2017 to write and implement the next three year school plan for 2017 – 2020. The school plan is a positive approach to develop strategic directions to ensure excellence in education for students to be successful. At the next P&C meeting we will be discussing what our community would like to see happen at Nowra High School during 2018 to 2020. All interested people are warmly invited to attend.

YEAR 12
The formal written examinations for the HSC will commence on Monday the 16th October. A HSC examination schedule is available on the BOSTES website. Year 12 students are expected to wear full school uniform for the duration of the examinations.

YEAR 11
Year 11 have commence their Final Preliminary Examinations in the MPH. Students are required to be seated in the examination room at the scheduled time on their examination timetable. To ensure students are well prepared for HSC Examination conditions the Year 11 exams are conducted under the supervision of Mrs Barby, the Presiding Officer for the HSC examinations. Year 11 will commence their HSC courses during Term 4.

YEAR 10
The curriculum structure for Year 11 2018 has been finalised and the line structure was provided to all students. This has been a new process at Nowra High School to improve the transparency of selections for students. The students, in Year 10 have been interviewed by the Principal, both Deputy Principals, Careers to ensure their patterns of study are in line with their future career goals. I have enjoyed working with the interview team and students to ensure their subject selections are appropriate to meet the pattern of study required for the award of a Higher School Certificate and their particular requirements.

CANTEEN
The school canteen tender process will be concluding soon, with an anticipated start date of week 1 term 4 for the new canteen. The students were consulted with the final decision, and approval for the new menu. I thank the school community for your patience during this time and value the support of the P & C repetitive for her time working through the process. Many thanks Karen Jorgenson!!

SCHOOL UNIFORM
We are currently in negotiations with Lowes for a local point of sale for the Nowra High School uniform, to improve support to the school community. We appreciate your patience during this time whilst we finalise the details. School uniform is always a concern, particularly during the colder months. Just a reminder that black pants, hoodies, shorts or tights are not part of our uniform and parents will be called to discuss further if students wear these to school.

Why does DEC support a mandatory school uniform in NSW schools?
• It defines an identity for the school within its community
• It develops students’ sense of belonging to the school community
• It provides an opportunity to build school spirit
• It enhances the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
• It promotes a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
• It reinforces the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
• It increases the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
• It promotes positive community perceptions of public education
• It makes school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes

If your family is having financial difficulties – please write a request to the Principal for support in getting your school uniform. There is funding in the school to help, where needed. All applications and assistance are treated confidentially and sensitively. We will be continuing to focus on improving and maintaining high uniform standards – so keep up the great efforts and wear your Nowra High School uniform with pride!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Nowra High School community for your support during my time of relieving as your proud principal. It is definitely a rewarding experience getting to know the staff, students, parents and wider community through a different role than my substantive position as Deputy Principal. My full appreciation is extended to both Tim O’Neill and Rod Loxley for their professionalism and dedication towards working in a collegial senior executive team.

Relieving Principal - Ms Trish Hammond
COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3 - WEEKS 9 AND 10

Week 9 - ALPHA

Monday 11th September:
- Year 11 exams in the MPH - all day
- Year 9 Drama - Task 4 - in class
- Y-PEP - Child Protection Ed Program - Year 8 in Periods 1-4 in MPH
- Year 10 Marine Studies - Mangroves Visit

Tuesday 12th September:
- Year 11 exams in the MPH - all day
- Y-PEP - Child Protection Ed Program - Year 8 in Periods 1-4 in MPH
- Year 12 Nan Tien Temple Cultural excursion

Wednesday 13th September:
- Year 11 exams in the MPH - all day

Thursday 14th September:
- Year 11 exams in the MPH - all day
- HSC Music exam
- Year 8 in class Assessment test - Ms Hiesley
- CHS Girls Cricket 9am-1pm at NHS

Friday 15th September:
- Year 11 exams in the MPH - all day

Week 10 - BETA

Monday 18th September:
- Year 11 exams in the MPH - all day
- Y-PEP - Child Protection Ed Program in Year 9 in Periods 1-4 - MPH

Tuesday 19th September:
- Year 11 Exams in the MPH - all day
- Year 8 Risk Taking exam - 8PP1 and 8PPE - Periods 3 and 4 - in class
- Year 10 English Assessment Task - Indigenous Experience - Period 3
- AIME - Years 8,10 and 12 to Nowra TAFE
- Year 12 Hospitality Rewards excursion to Tea Club Nowra

Senior School Uniform

After consultation with the P&C and student representative council, it has been decided the senior student uniform will consist of:

Senior blouse/shirt
Navy blue skirt, shorts or pants
Senior jersey...
Dress

We are transitioning the current yr11 into yr12, 2018. This cohort will be allowed to continue to wear the grey shorts, skirts or pants.

The current Year 10 into Year 11, 2018 will be expected to wear the navy blue uniform. The previous grey uniform will no longer be available for purchase or considered Nowra High School uniform.

Additionally, we are in the process of changing uniform supplier to Lowes in response to providing a better service to parents and ease of access.

Lowes will have Nowra High School stock available from approximately week 1 Term 2, 2018. Daylight will continue to sell stock until this time.

We appreciate your support and patience during this time so the new supplier can provide an improved service for the Nowra High School community.

P & C MEETING DATES FOR 2017

TERM 4 - Week 4 - Tuesday 31st October
Week 8 - Tuesday 28th November
Meetings will be held in the School Common Room
Meetings will begin at 7.00pm

Committee Members - 2017
President: Wendy Kettlewell
Vice President: Karen Jorgensen
Vice President: Leanne Bricklebank
Secretary: Lesley McKinnon
Treasurer: awaiting expression of interest
APPLICATIONS FOR 2017 SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR ORCHESTRA AND STAGE BAND ARE NOW OPEN!

Beginning in 1984, the show has grown to be one of the biggest annual cultural events in NSW. It is broadcast nationally every year, and each year a new theme is chosen, designed to draw together performers of many cultural backgrounds from all around the state in the Schools Spectacular.

The Schools Spectacular instrumental music ensembles include a full symphony orchestra and a stage band. These two ensembles are an integral part of the show and will include some of the best musicians that NSW Public Schools have to offer. Membership to these ensembles is by audition and open to students in Years 7 - 12.

Applications close **Monday 18 September 2017**

Don’t miss out on this amazing opportunity!

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MERIT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Bronze Award:** Callan O’Connor, Argyro Pollakis, Zoe Williams, Katia Stamatis, Wesley Stewart, Trinity Purcell, William Jeffrey, Kelsie Daley, Jemma Bradbury, Brendan Daley, Jason Magee, Lance Davison, Jade Moffatt, Wilson French, Jett Anderson, Oscar Ware, Brendan Marshall, Alistair Liu, Corey Simpson, Noah Bella and Zane Peter.

**Silver Award:** Iszi Crawford and Brodie Jolliffe

**Gold Award:** Declan Biddle, Jennifer Phillips and Shallbe Mackenzie

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**2pm Payment Deadline**

Please note that the office will no longer be accepting payments after 2pm each day.

If you need to make a payment after 2pm, you are required to do an online payment via the school website:

[www.nowra-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nowra-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Please click on the $ Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts.