



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and families,

We certainly are living in interesting times. Last Saturday, I was contacted by NESA to inform me that the HSC Dance practical examination is to be cancelled due to the implications of the Delta strain of COVID 19.

We are fortunate as a community to be operating at Level 2 restrictions. The implications for our school are as follows:

Our school continues to operate in a COVID-normal way. Students and staff are not to attend school if they have symptoms and a negative COVID-19 test is required prior to returning to school. Non-essential visitors are not allowed on-site (including parents and carers). QR code check-in and check-out is required for all staff and visitors. COVID safety plans are required in line with NSW Health advice (such as large gatherings or events).

Mask wearing is recommended for staff and students. Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances are allowed in outdoor settings only. Assemblies must have COVID-Safe practices in place and no parents or carers are allowed. Excursions are permitted within Local Government Area only, and strongly recommended to be outdoors and within walking distance. Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website.

Proposed Changes for 2022

Nowra High School in consultation with the school community are proposing changes to the daily structure of the school for 2022. This includes changing the starting time, period lengths and the end of the school day. We are considering commencing the school day at 8:20am and finishing school at 2:20pm. Our school bus companies have been consulted and all have indicated that they could accommodate these changes to the school day. We would love to hear from our parents to gain your perspective regarding the proposed changes to the school day for 2022.

Could parents and carers please complete the following survey - <https://forms.gle/2S45XVW5DDEUoJtz9> by Monday 16th August.

Bailey Van Den Hooven Fundraiser

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions, Bailey's Trivia Night fundraiser (scheduled for 13th August) has had to be postponed until the 19th November.

I hope you all have a safe and happy week.

Kind regards,

Mr Glen Kingsley
Principal

Calendar - 2021

Coming Events for Term 3 - Weeks 5 -7

Week 5 - ALPHA

Wednesday 11 August:

- Usual school routine

Thursday 12 August:

- Year 10 - B Street Smart - Road Safety excursion - postponed

Friday 13 August:

- Year 7 Science excursion - Mogo Zoo - postponed

Week 6 - BETA

Monday 16 August:

- Usual school routine

Tuesday 17 August:

- Year 9 YAM sessions - postponed

Wednesday 18 August:

- Year 10 Commerce 1 excursion to Stocklands - Mr Tagliabue

Thursday 19 August:

- Usual school routine

Friday 20 August:

- Year 12 PDHPE assessment task

Week 7 - ALPHA

Monday 23 August:

- Usual routine

Tuesday 24 August:

- Year 9 YAM sessions - postponed

Wednesday 25 August:

- Year 7 French assessment

Thursday 26 August:

- Year 7 French assessment
- Year 12 Visual Arts task 4

Friday 27 August:

- Usual school routine

Pod Olympics



Year 7 YAP classes this week were highly engaged with the Olympic Games by creating their own model "athletes" and "events", re-using expired coffee pods and cardboard boxes.

The students had loads of fun designing, testing and remodelling activities, as well as working in a team alongside other students they normally would not select for group work.

Congratulations



Congratulations to our under 15 and open girls netball teams who are both undefeated zone netball champions. All students are to be commended for their skilful display and quality sportswomanship. Huge thank you to Nicole Parrot, Jessica Davis and Bronwyn Freeman for umpiring. Thank you to all the parents for their support. Big thanks to Ms Dunk, Mrs Wellington and Ms Nielsen for their organising and coaching.

A reminder for all families

Students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.

Got symptoms? Get tested.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.

Symptoms include:



fever



cough



sore throat



difficulty breathing



loss of smell



loss of taste

Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include:

fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea, loss of appetite or other flu symptoms.



Testing is free, quick and easy
health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

SENIOR STUDY & SUPPORT



EVERY THURSDAY PERIODS 5 & 6
SCHOOL LIBRARY

PROVIDING ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE, VOCATIONAL
ADVICE AND WELLBEING SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS
IN YEARS 11 AND 12

TEACHING & WELLBEING STAFF WILL BE PRESENT AT
EVERY SESSION

LET US HELP YOU REACH YOUR FULL POTENTIAL

Homework centre

The homework centre at Nowra High runs in the library every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 - 5.00 pm.

Snacks and drinks are provided.

All students in years 7-12 are encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity to study, with staff present to assist.

Computer access is also possible during the sessions.

P&C meeting dates

TERM 3, 2021

Week 4 - Tuesday 3 August - postponed

Week 8 - Tuesday 31 August

**All welcome in the library
starting at 6.30pm**

Please Note - Access to school sites

In this constantly - changing world of COVID restrictions we ask our families to respect the boundaries of all local schools as workspaces.

Some of our students have in the past used Illaroo Road Public School as a walk-through space on their journey to or from Nowra High. Under current restrictions this is no longer a COVID - safe option on **any school site**.

Nowra High students are required to travel around the other schools under the current restrictions, rather than through them.



[Shoalhaven Youth Art Prize is back for 2021!](#)



[Young Archie competition](#)



Nowra Bridge project

NIGHT WORK IN AUGUST

Night work will be continuing across the project in August. This work will take place from **Sunday 1 August to Tuesday 31 August between 6pm and 7am**, weather permitting.

For more information, and to see a map of the work locations, please view the latest [resident notification](#).

Could you change a life?

Foster carers play a vital role in changing the lives of vulnerable children and young people through providing support, nurturing, guidance and love.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN CHANGES

There will be temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. Lane closures, stop/slow traffic conditions and a 40km/h speed limit will be in place in both directions on the Princes Highway and Bolong, Illaroo and Bridge roads during the night work. This includes lane closures on the existing northbound bridge for utility service relocation and bridge concrete pours.

The northbound bridge footpath will continue to be closed during some of these night work activities. A detour will be in place for path users via the southbound bridge during these temporary closures.

[Visit the project webpage](#)

Contact us

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[nswroads.work/NowraBridge](#)



If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call us on 1800 331 713.

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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