HSC Exam Tips

With only two weeks of school left for Year 12 students it’s important that all students develop a study plan that provides effective use of time leading up to and during the HSC. A study space must be chosen that provides minimal distractions, which also means no mobile phones or other electronic devices.

Students should ensure they take breaks from studying so that they don’t become stressed. Schedule yourself some down time when you can just relax and do what you want to. Go for a long walk or participate in some intense exercise. It’ll allow your body to work out physically rather than just mentally. It’s important to get the heart pumping to help release all the stress building up inside of you.

Students need to ensure they have a good night’s sleep every night. You should avoid drinking coffee and other drinks with caffeine during the evening because it will affect your sleep and performance the next day.

Good luck to all Year 12 students.

Contact Details

We are still experiencing difficulty in contacting parents/carers via home phone and mobile phone numbers that we have on file. Many home phone and mobile numbers have been terminated. It is important that any changes to home phone, mobile phones, home address and emergency contacts are provided to the school as soon as possible.

What’s Happening

We are currently preparing for a very busy last two weeks of term 3. The most significant event will be the farewell of our current Year 12 students who will be sitting their HSC examinations next term.

Upcoming events include:

- Monday 7/9/15 – Student leadership speeches and voting
- Thursday 10/9/15 – P & C meeting 7pm
- Friday 11/9/15 – Use Hygienic Food Practices Course
- Tuesday 15/9/15 – Staff Development Afternoon 3:30 – 6:30pm
- Tuesday 15/9/15 – SES Cadet Day Narrabri
- Friday 18/9/15 – Year 12 Farewell 11am

Mr George Frangos
Deputy Principal

If you would like an electronic copy of the newsletter each fortnight, please send an email to janelle.lilliebridge@det.nsw.edu.au
PICSE Awards

The Science faculty is thrilled with the success of its’ students at the recent Primary Industry Centre for Science Education (PICSE) Science Investigation awards. Each year students in years 9 and 10 Science must complete a Science Research Project. Once the project is complete and marked, students are encouraged to enter the project, after responding to feedback, and then by displaying it on a poster board. At the award day, students are interviewed by Science industry markers and then a decision is later relayed back to the school. The Science Investigation Awards would not be possible without the support of Trudy Staines and sponsors and so, we sincerely thank them all for their assistance. The students would also like to thank the Science staff and Mrs Grellman for encouraging participation and improvements on their poster boards and Mr Catt and Ms Caskey for the excursion.

Trudy Staines (PICSE Science Educator) is pleased to announce the following prizes awarded for Science Research Projects:

Year 10 2nd Prize: Abby Downes for her project *Wheying the difference*. $250 sponsored by Santos
Year 10 Encouragement: Tristan Smolders for his project *Rusty bolts*, $75 sponsored by CRDC
Chief Scientists Award Shared by Anabelle Russell (*Metal madness*) and Montana Jones (*Rice, Rice, More Rice*), $50 each sponsored by CRDC
Agricultural Award: Amelia Cruickshank for her project *Pig Fattening Centre*, $100 sponsored by Barb Grey.

Year 9 2nd Prize: Jordan Morrison for his project *Metal Oxidation*, $150 sponsored by CRDC
Year 9 3rd Prize: Georgia Dickinson for her project *Striding it Out*, $100 sponsored by Cargill.

Each year the PICSE awards encourages students to increase their interest in Science and gives them an opportunity to demonstrate their skills to industry. We are very proud of all of our students hard work.

*Mrs Grellman*
SES Cadets

Over the last two weeks our cadets have been learning about communicating with their team and over the radios. The next two weeks will see our cadets doing a lot of team building exercises and finishing with a practical activity day in Narrabri on Tuesday 15th September with the cadets from Narrabri High School and cadet trainers from across the region. They will be participating in challenges involving flood boats, hydraulic lifting equipment, stretchers and lashings, forensic land search, urban search and rescue, and hauling and lowering systems.
Yr 7/8 Bilbies’ African Masks
MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2015

DENTAL VISIT

On Thursday 3rd September Aboriginal Students from Wee Waa High School travelled to Narrabri for a dentist appointment. The visit was organised by Carmel Schwager the Learning Support Teacher and me in consultation with the Winanga-Li Family Connector Tracey Towns from Gunnedah.

There were 11 Aboriginal students who had treatment over the two weeks. There has been a positive response from the Aboriginal families; the treatment is to encourage our Aboriginal students to have regular dental check-ups so that it helps keep their teeth and gums healthy. I would like to thank Carmel Schwager for her fantastic work in organizing appointment times and supporting me in getting students to and from Narrabri.

On Thursday August 27th, eight students from Wee Waa High School travelled to Narrabri for dental appointments at Namoi Dental Surgery organised by the Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, Gunnedah. The brave students had their teeth checked and cleaned. Some had fillings and one had a baby tooth out.

Pictured above are (L-R) Tracey Towns (Winanga-Li), Jermaine Toomey (Year 11), Vinnie (Winanga-Li), N’Kayla Gaydon (Year 8), Dwayne Dixon (Year 9) and (front) Shantai Biles (Year 8)

BROSPAKE

Wee Waa High School is going to start a new program next term. Targetting Aboriginal boys in year 9,10 the students will have the opportunity to relate more to culture and experience Aboriginal artwork with a artist from Lighting Ridge, Mr Darryl Ferguson the person who created the totem pole, situtated in front of the AEO office at the High School. We are looking forward to starting this positive initiative.
Bedford College - Scholarship Opportunities

Bedford College in Sydney are offering Scholarships for chosen school leavers who commence their study with in February next year. Scholarships will be awarded for both of our one-year, full-time Diploma courses in Business/Management and Early Childhood Education and Care and will cover half the cost of tuition fees for the 2016 academic year.

The Scholarships will be selected on a portfolio submitted by applicants (must be received by COB 30 Nov 2015) which must include:
1. References, including from High School, employer, personal etc
2. Resume
3. School Reports from last 2 years
4. 1-2 page essay written by the student describing themselves, their interests and hobbies and their career aspirations on completion of the Diploma.

For more information please contact us on 1300 174 174 or visit our website [http://www.bedford.edu.au/](http://www.bedford.edu.au/)

COUNTRY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Go to [https://cef.org.au](https://cef.org.au) Then click on Scholarship Guide

This information gives you 205 pages of scholarships that are available for students who are considering going to University. You can scroll through the scholarships that are available and click on any that may apply to you. This will take you to the application page for the relevant scholarship.

TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to 50 rural scholarships are available to students wishing to become primary or secondary teachers in rural or remote NSW public schools. Receive $6000 per year while you study and an additional $5000 on completion of your studies. Additionally, you will be guaranteed a permanent teaching position in a rural or remote NSW public school on successful completion of your studies. Students will need to meet the academic requirements for entry to teacher education. To apply, go to [www.teach.nsw.edu.au/teachruralscholarship](http://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/teachruralscholarship)

ABORIGINAL TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS An additional 80 scholarships are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to train as primary or secondary teachers. For information, go to [www.teach.nsw.edu.au/aboriginalscholarships](http://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/aboriginalscholarships)

TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS - Up to 220 teacher Education Scholarships are available to future teachers wishing to become a teacher in a high demand subject area including Mathematics, science (with physics) selected technological and applied studies subjects and special education.

All Applications are now open and close on the 18th September 2015.

PUGGY HUNTER ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIPS – UP TO $15,000 PER YEAR

For Year 12 students intending to enrol in a health related course such as Nursing, Midwifery, Allied Health – Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Environmental Science / Health, Paramedics, Radiology, Speech pathology and other allied health fields. The scholarship is for students studying at Certificate IV and above. Apply at [wwwacn.edu.a/phmss](http://wwwacn.edu.a/phmss) Applications close 12th October 2015
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE PORTFOLIOS

At the beginning of Term 4, Year 10 students will be undertaking a Mock Interviews with local employers. Students are required to complete a Portfolio and need to bring in any awards they have received during their High School Years. It is urgent that these portfolios are completed in the next few weeks. Can parents please assist your children by getting these awards together and make sure they bring them to school to Ms Blewitt or Ms Widauer.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY INDIGENOUS ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL

10 to 16 January 2016. Students in Years 11 and 12 in 2016 can apply. The program is fully sponsored with all activities, accommodation, flights and meals covered by Engineering Aid Australia and the University of Sydney. The week long program includes site visits to key Sydney locations, participation in cultural activities, curriculum exercises and networking opportunities. Students will meet with engineering industry representatives and participate in a Bridge climb. If you are interested in Engineering as a career, see Mrs Widauer for an application form. Applications close 16th October 2015.

NURSING SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP

School- based traineeships in the area of Nursing are available in 2016 through Hunter New England Health. Students can work one day per week at Wee Waa Hospital as well as undertaking the Health Services Nursing Course through TAFE while at school. Students need to commit to the traineeship which will continue over Years 11 and 12.

Year 10 students who are interested in this traineeship, please see Mrs Widauer for an application form. Applications close on the 13th September 2015.

AUTOMOTIVE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Apprenticeships are available for 2016. Go to www.vantageautomotive.com and click on apply now. Choose a dealership you are interested in and complete the online form. Attach your Resume with a cover letter and complete a short online assessment. The dealership may then contact you for an interview.

ATTENTION ALL YEAR 12 STUDENTS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING UNIVERSITY

UNE DIRECT ENTRY

All students who are interested in attending University need to complete the direct entry application to UNE. Entry is based on school recommendation and students will receive an offer prior to receiving their HSC results. If you still haven’t applied, please see Mrs Widauer.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG EARLY ADMISSION

If you are interested in attending Wollongong University, students can apply directly to their early admission website at uow.au/future/early-admission. Students will be assessed according to their academic performance and a compulsory interview.
UNIVERSITY ADMISSION CENTRE

Applications are now open for the University Admission Centre for applications to all NSW Universities and some Queensland Universities. Applications cost $29 and close on the 30 September 2015. Please see Ms Widauer for assistance with these applications.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY E12 SCHEME

The University of Sydney’s Early Offer Year 12 (E12) scheme makes your path to uni easier. If you apply successfully, a place will be held at the University of Sydney. As long as you meet some conditions, such as the E12 ATAR cut-offs (which are lower than standard ATARs) and the HSC subject requirements for your preferred course, you’ll have a definite place when results come out. You will also receive a $5000 scholarship, an Apple iPad and lots of support to help you get started at uni.

There are 39 courses you can apply for through E12 including business, engineering, health sciences, nursing, arts, law, agriculture, education, design computing, and architecture.

Applications for entry to the University through the E12 scheme are now open and can be submitted via the E12 application portal. Student applications will close at 11:59pm on 11 September 2015.

E12 is for domestic NSW students currently undertaking the HSC or IB who are from a financially disadvantaged background and/or are attending a government identified 'low socioeconomic' high school, see E12 eligibility criteria.


UAC SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION SCHEME

After you have applied through UAC for undergraduate admission, you can apply online for SRS via the UAC website using your UAC application number and UAC PIN. Go to www.uac.edu.au/srs/.

Participating Universities include Australian National University, Charles Sturt University, Griffith University, Macquarie University, National Art School, University of Canberra, University of New England, University of Newcastle, University of Technology Sydney and The University of Western Sydney.

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) are one way institutions make early offers to current Australian Year 12 students who have applied for undergraduate admission through UAC. SRS are used by institutions to make offers of undergraduate admission using criteria other than (or in addition to) ATARs. These criteria may include school recommendations, senior secondary studies and personal awards and achievements. Institutions have their own policies on determining SRS eligibility and making offers.

These may include:
- making early offers based solely on SRS criteria
- making offers based on both SRS criteria and ATAR (or equivalent)
- making offers based on SRS criteria and ATAR (or equivalent) and equity criteria.

You will need to upload awards and achievement documents as well as your Year 11 reports.

Have a look at all these websites first and if you need help, please come to see Mrs Widauer.
CADETSHIPS WITH McDONALD JONES AND THE MJH GROUP

Career opportunities in the residential building industry. Cadets will complete a Certificate III in Business and a Certificate IV in Building and Construction. You will receive on the job training and a career in the building industry. For further information go to mcdonaldjoneshomes.com.au or call Mark Maguire on 02 49182645.

NAHSSS Undergraduate Scholarships

Value up to $30,000, or up to $40,000 for the Bachelor of Nursing/Midwifery, Bachelor of Nursing / Paramedicine

The scheme is an Australian Government initiative to support students studying an accredited nursing or midwifery course which, on completion, will enable them to practice as an enrolled nurse, registered nurse or midwife. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are encouraged to apply. ACN receives an extremely high volume of applications; meeting the eligibility criteria will not guarantee applicants a scholarship offer.

Application form - Applications are now open and will close on 21 September 2015. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances. The application form is only available online. All applicants will be notified the outcome of their application via email by mid December 2015.

Eligibility criteria - Applications will be considered from applicants who are:

- Australian citizens or permanent residents.
- enrolled or intending to enrol in an accredited nursing or midwifery course that results in a nationally recognised entry level nursing or midwifery qualification.

Courses must be provided by an Australian university or registered training organisation.

Value of scholarship - Scholarship recipients will receive $5,000 per semester for full time study or $2,500 for part time study up to a maximum scholarship value of $30,000. The level of funding provided is determined by the period of study required. Maximum funding for the double degree of Bachelor of Nursing/Midwifery will be $40,000. Funding is only available for courses studied in Australia. These scholarships are not bonded.

Supporting documentation - Applicants will be required to provide evidence supporting the claims in the application immediately after submission. If this documentation is not received within two weeks of an application being submitted, the application will not progress through the selection process. An email will be generated once an application is lodged to advise what supporting documentation is required.

Assessment criteria - These are competitive scholarships and will be assessed using a selection weighting which will be applied to the following criteria:

- Previous qualifications
- Employment in the health sector
- Rurality
- Financial need. Scholarships are not means tested but applicants who can demonstrate a lower income level than others will receive more points.

The Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme: Undergraduate is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and administered by the Australian College of Nursing.

Contact Australian College of Nursing

e scholarships@acn.edu.au
t 1800 117 262
Professional Tutors will come to Narrabri and work with you to form a large, complete concert band!!

30 November - 2 December 2015
Crossing Theatre Narrabri

Who can come?
This workshop is for all instrumental players of all ages and experience. Instruments involved are piccolo, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, bassoon, trombone, French horn, tuba, drums, percussionists (or piano players with fluent reading skills) of all standards.

Cost: $70 per student. Cheque can accompany application form.
Cost includes all music workshops, concerts and supply of music
PAYMENT: Cheque to be made payable to Tamworth High School and sent to:
  Di Hall,
  Arts Coordination Officer
  PO Box 370,
  Tamworth 2340
OR pay by Direct Deposit. Please do not send money with the form. You will receive an invoice by email at the address supplied on the Nomination form.

Closing Date for Applications is Tuesday, 9 November 2015
What to bring: instrument, music stand, pencil, casual clothes, black & white for public concert.

Timetable
Monday 30 November
  Crossing Theatre
  Workshop 9 am - 3 pm
  Advanced players 3 - 5 pm
Tuesday 1 December
  Workshop 9 am - 3 pm
  Advanced players 3 - 5 pm
  Public Concert 6 - 7.00 pm
Wednesday 2 December
  Workshop 9 am - 2.30 pm
  Schools Concert 1.30 - 2.30 pm

Queries to Di Hall  Mobile 0411704654    Email: di.c.hall@det.nsw.edu.au
BandLink 2015

Narrabri Workshop

Please use ONE FORM per Person. Please Print

SURNAME:...........................................................................................................................................................

FIRST NAME:................................................................AGE:........Year(4 to 12)............

HOME ADDRESS:.....................................................................................................................................................

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SCHOOL:........................................................................................................................................................................

PHONE: Home:............................................Mobile:..............................................................................................

Email address:.............................................................................................................................................................

Please note: Any further information regarding the workshop will be sent via this email address.

Closing Date: Tuesday, 9 November 2015

Send to: Di Hall
Arts Coordination Officer
PO Box 370
Tamworth 2340
Email: di.c.hall@det.nsw.edu.au
Greetings All Earthlings

Let’s Blast Off Nurruby’s Movie Night and

Dress like we are misfits from another planet!

Wee Waa Golf Club 26th September 15

Gates Open 4:30pm For Some

Pre Movie Activities!!

Glow Sticks, Face Painting, Tattoos, Crazy Hair,

Best Dressed Alien, Pop Corn, Lolly Bags

BBQ Dinner & Hot Chips

Drinks Available from the Club House

Tickets $8.00 available on the night

Wee Waa Newsagency or Nurruby

Actual Movie Blasts offs @ 6:30 Children to be Accompanied by an Adult

Get your Tickets Early For your Chance to Win Gold Class Seating Drawn 18th Sept
Featuring Indigenous Celebrity Chef Mark Olive

Astart Indigenous Cultural Festival

Jumping castle / photo booth / sumo suits / popcorn / fairy floss / face painting / balloons / craft / information from service providers / food / drinks / music / and much more...

Market stall sites available - to hold a stall at the festival contact the office.

Thursday the 1st of October @ The Pilliga Ex Bowling Club

9.00AM - 3.00PM

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