



COOMIE NEWS

TERM 3 WEEKS 8 - 9 - 10 2025

UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & KEY DATES

Monday 13th October
Term 4 - Staff Only



Tuesday 14th October
Term 4 - Students' Return

Thursday 30th October
Annual Schools Golf Day



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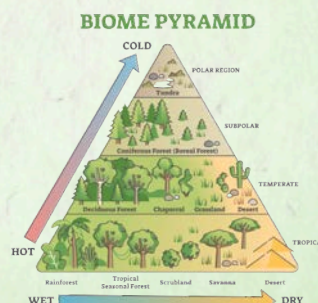
English



Stage 5 have been hard at work completing their discursive writing assessment tasks, exploring and comparing different aspects of their identity against other composers.

HSIE

This term, Stage 5 students have been exploring the world of biomes in Geography. Biomes are geographical areas characterised by the types of plants and animals found within them. Students have explored the interrelation between biomes and climate and have created their own climate graphs measuring average monthly temperatures and precipitation. They have also examined how human actions, particularly resource extraction, impact the various biomes in Australia. Central to the study of Geography and to the curriculum more generally is the idea of sustainability and students in Stage Five have been encouraged to reflect on how we can all act more sustainably in relation to the environments we live in. As part of their assessment, students were invited to suggest their own sustainability practices to support the protection and maintenance of different biomes around the world.



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Silver City Highway Dareton NSW 2717

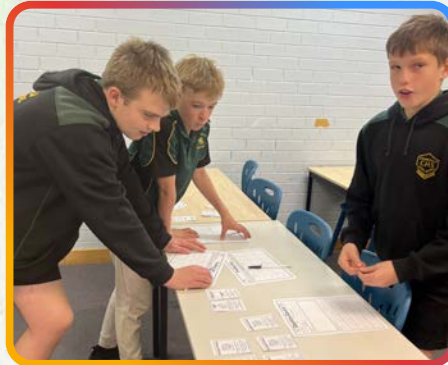
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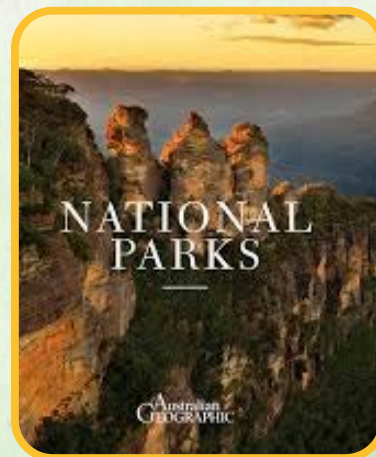
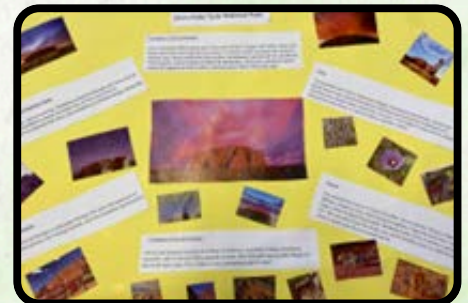
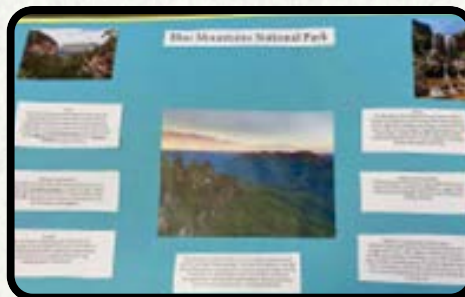
ENGLISH - HSIE

GEOGRAPHY

Year 8 Geography have been learning about the ways in which countries and people are connected around the world through trade. Students were part of an 'import/export' activity in which they had to negotiate with other countries (students) and share resources to improve their assigned country. Some top-notch negotiating skills were at work!



Year 7 Geography have recently completed their assessment tasks for the term. They chose an Australian National Park, conducted research and made posters. They have worked hard in class and have made some great looking posters to display. Well done, Year 7!



Australian Government
Parks Australia



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello everyone, this is the last edition of the Newsletter for the term, and what a bumper edition it will be. We managed to complete the Athletics Carnival at the rescheduled date despite unfavourable weather conditions. I commend students and staff who were fantastic on the day in dealing with the conditions, results and ribbons will be prepared for early next term.

This week is a very busy week; on Tuesday we had the year 12 Leaver's Dinner and then the Senior Formal. Both events were well attended, a big thankyou to Mr Jayden Smith and Mrs Tammie Dowling for their expertise in coordinating these, and to the other staff that attended.

Wednesday was our end of term Student Recognition Assembly, which was the final official duty for our 2025 School Leadership group. They handled this with their now well-developed skills and adapted to some small hiccups along the way.

Thursday is our annual Graduation Assembly; we celebrate Year 12 students reaching the milestone of successfully completing their secondary years of education, as well as showing younger students that hard work, regular attendance and determination pays off. There will be some photos in this edition from the graduation.

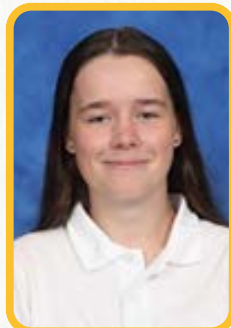
This will also mark the first official duties for our incoming 2026 School Captains, these being Moina Maulio and Lucas Rhead (Captains) and Grace Schmidt and Akasha Phillips (Vice Captains.) I look forward to watching this group grow in confidence and develop public speaking and interpersonal skills as part of their journey over the next 12 months.



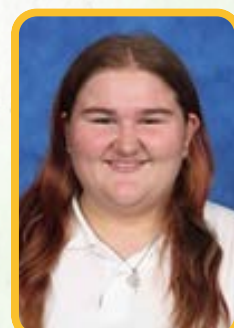
Moina Maulio



Lucas Rhead



Grace Schmidt



Akasha Phillips

I would like to take the opportunity to bring to the attention of our community the upcoming Coomealla Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Committee AGM, this will be held on the first Thursday of next term 15th October at 1.30 pm. There is an official notice with the agenda for this meeting including in this edition.

I will continue to be relieving in the Executive Principal position next term, this will be advertised early in the term, and the outcome will be advised in due course. I would like to wish students and families, as well as the hard-working staff who continue to amaze me with their commitment and team work in many different ways.

Duncan Driscoll
Relieving Executive Principal



YEAR 12 GRADUATION 2025

Congratulations Year 12

You have finally made it to the end of your schooling journey. Today is a significant milestone in your lives and you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves for reaching this moment. Some of you are planning further education, some are moving straight into full time work and others are still deciding where you will go. All of you are moving forward as passionate and resilient citizens ready to take on whatever comes your way.

You may know some of the things that lie ahead as you move forward, however there will also be many unknowns. Embrace these unknowns, much like you have embraced schooling and enjoy the ride. You are all well equipped to handle this step into adulthood and you should all feel confident in your ability to lead an enriching life.

I hope in the years to come you can look back on your time at Coomealla High School fondly, remembering friends, stories and how your experiences helped shape your values and sense of self.

Study well for your final exams and don't forget to enjoy this exciting part of your lives. Thank you for letting me play a small part in your journey and I wish you all happiness and fulfillment in your future.

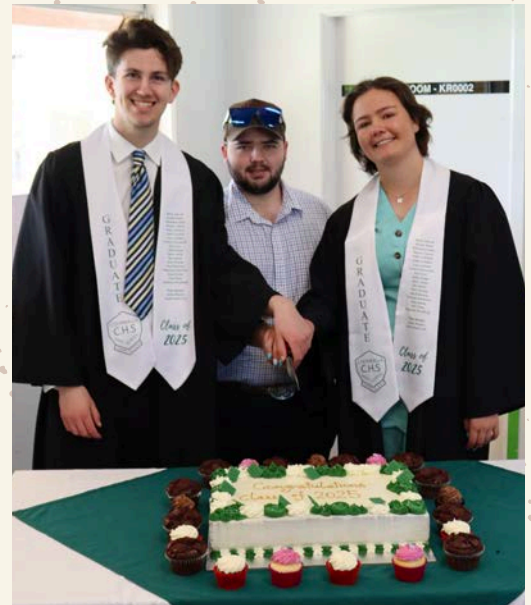
Jayden Smith - Relieving Year 12 Advisor



Graduating Class of 2025



YEAR 12 2025



ROTARY WENTWORTH



Year 12

Coomealla High

Congratulations

**Rotary
Wentworth**



To all students who have completed Yr 12 in 2025, we say Congratulations. You are ready to step into the next stage of your lives. It gives us great pleasure to hand out these awards and trust that as you consider your future role in the community you might be guided by Rotary's 4 way test in all you do.

1 Is it the TRUTH ?

2 Is it FAIR to all concerned ?

3 Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS ?

4 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned

CHILLAX

9TH OF SEPTEMBER 2025 THE WELLBEING STAFF, INCLUDING SSO TERRI, STUDENT ON PLACEMENT JAY AND MR BUSH, TOOK FOUR YEAR 8 BOYS FISHING AS A WAY TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A WELLBEING PROGRAM CALLED CHILLAX.

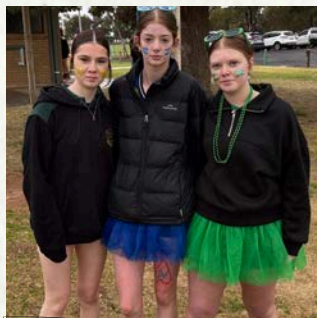
CHILLAX IS A 6-WEEK STRENGTH BASED PROGRAM, WHICH HAS BEEN RUNNING ONCE A WEEK FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS DURING CLASS TIME.

CHILLAX COOMIES

Students Feedback



2025 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

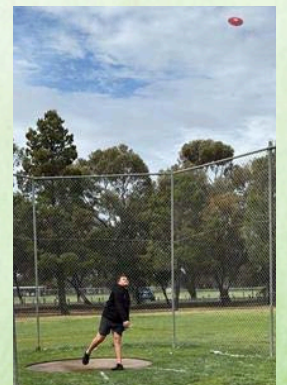
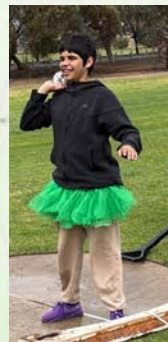


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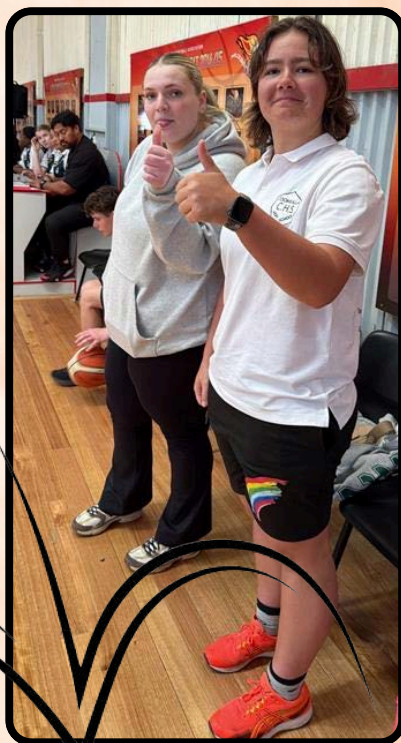
2025 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



YEAR 9 / 10 BASKETBALL



basketball



VIST TO SUNITAFE



Automotive & Engineering



Horticulture & Agriculture



Nursing



Building & Plumbing



Early Childcare



Food & Hospitality



COOMIE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

CONGRATULATIONS COOMIE BOOM! 2025 WINTER SEASON SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS



We are thrilled to congratulate our staff social Sunraysia Volleyball team, Coomie Boom, on their outstanding achievement in winning the Winter Season Grand Final on Wednesday, 10th September.

This dedicated group demonstrated exceptional teamwork and resilience throughout the term, finishing undefeated in all matches despite a few challenging sets along the way. It's wonderful to see our staff, students, and wider community coming together and excelling in extracurricular activities, reinforcing the spirit and camaraderie that define our school.

Meet the Champions:

David Potts (ex-SLSO / School Chaplain)
Conner Bouchard (Teacher)
Lisa Frost (Team Captain, Teacher & 2026 Year 7 Advisor)
Cameron Phillips (Teacher)
Hannah Pardoe (SAM/Business Manager)
Louise Schofield (Food Tech Assistant / SLSO)
Ellena Tzanakis (Teacher & 2025 Year 7 Advisor)
Emmanuella Bouchard (Science Lab Assistant / SLSO)

Congratulations, Coomie Boom! Your dedication and enthusiasm have truly paid off, and we look forward to celebrating more successes with you in future seasons.



COOMEALLA LOCAL AECG - AGM



New South Wales
Aboriginal Education
Consultative Group Inc.

Coomealla local AECG- AGM

General meeting to follow

Date: Wednesday 15th October 2025

Time: 1:30PM

Venue: Coomealla High school

All Welcome

Agenda:

- Introduction of returning officer - Denise O'Donnell
- Explanation of the nomination and voting process
- Declaration of all positions vacant
- President nomination
- Vice president nomination
- Secretary nomination
- Treasurer nomination
- Delegate to region nomination/s

General Meeting

- Membership endorsement
- Adoption of constitution
- Meeting dates for next year
- Close

Enquiries - contact Kim - Secretary - 03 50274506



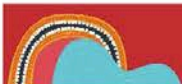
TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Transport for NSW

Relocating school signs around Coomealla High School, Dareton

Community Notification

August 2025



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Barkindji people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waterways on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

Transport for NSW will relocate school signs and paint new line markings around Silver City Highway and Tallawalla Road, Dareton from Monday 8 September.

This work will improve visibility of the school speed zone limit around Coomealla High School, improving safety for school students and other pedestrians.

What work are we doing?

Work includes:

- installing new static and flashing school zone signs and posts
- new line marking, including 'dragon's teeth' to alert drivers to reduce speed.

When we'll be working

We'll be working up to four day shifts between **Monday 8 September** and **Friday 12 September 2025**, weather permitting.

Our working hours are **9.30am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday**. We will not work on Saturday or Sunday.

Why are school zones important?

The 40 km/h speed limits in school zones help protect children on their way to and from schools, during busy times at the start and end of school days. The lower speed limit reduces the risk and potential severity of a crash. School zone signs, road markings and flashing lights help improve the visibility of school zones.

What will this mean for you?

You may notice:

- workers and vehicles
- traffic controllers and signs.

Changes to traffic conditions and reduced speed limits may be in effect while we are working.

Managing our impacts

We aim to manage our work to avoid impacts to the community and the environment.

This includes:

- turning off equipment when not in use
- reducing our noise as much as possible.

Traffic and pedestrian impacts

There will be temporary traffic changes while we complete this work. This includes lane closures and a reduced speed limit.

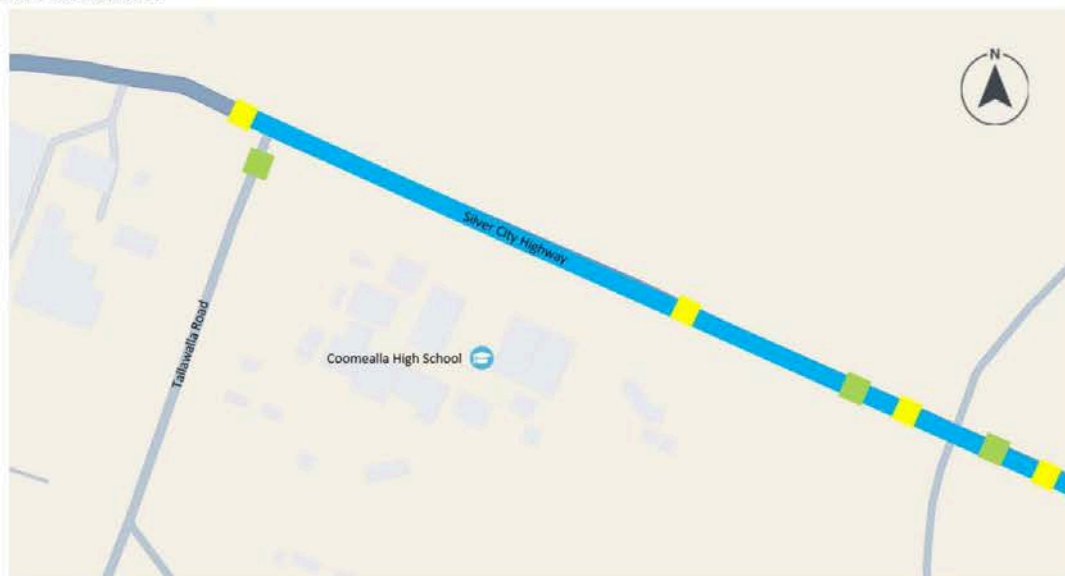
Please keep to the speed limits and follow the direction of traffic control and signs.

Traffic control will assist pedestrians through the work area if required.



TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Work location



Key

Work area Existing sign location New sign location

Contact us



Project Infoline **1800 577 441**



Info.parkland@ventia.com.au



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download the app Live Traffic NSW



Interpreter service

For languages other than English call **131 450**
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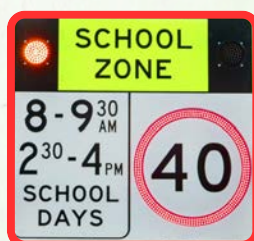
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GOLF - JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

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TOURNAMENT

2025

PRIZES VALUED AT OVER \$1000

\$20 ENTRY

ALL HANDICAP AND NON HANDICAP JUNIORS WELCOME

NTP's on par 3's

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

2025

12:30 SHOTGUN START
LUNCH FROM 11:30

REGISTER NOW

<https://merbeingolfclub.com.au/events/>

Merbein Golf Club
355 McEdward Sreet Cabarita
VIC 3500

www.merbeingolfclub.com.au



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DARETON SAFER DRIVERS COURSE

Dareton PCYC **SAFER DRIVERS** **COURSE**

26th & 27th Sept

- ★ **IMPROVE WITH SAFE AND LOW-RISK DRIVING STRATEGIES**
- ★ **GET 20 HOURS OFF YOUR LOGBOOK**

THE SAFER DRIVERS COURSE INVOLVES TWO MODULES

MODULE 1

A three-hour facilitated group workshop discussing risks and behaviours.

MODULE 2

A two-hour, in vehicle coaching session developing low risk driving techniques.

\$140

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available
Conditions
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SUNRAYSIA ATHLETICS CLUB

Season 25/26

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



SUNRAYSIA ATHLETICS CLUB

- ✓ Little Athletics Season commences September 28th
- ✓ 08:30am Start
- ✓ 3-5 yrs olds (Tiny Tots) & U6 to U17's Age groups
- ✓ Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex, 11th St, Mildura
- ✓ Training Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm. All welcome

JOIN US! FOR SEASON 25/26



ALL ENQUIRIES
mil@salaa.org.au



TO REGISTER:
SCAN QR CODE OR



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CHANCES FOR CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP



Scholarship opportunities

- Tertiary Scholarships
- Non-Tertiary Scholarships
- Keeping Kids at Secondary School Scholarships

Applications open

18 August 2025 - 20 October 2025 and
24 November 2025 - 20 January 2026

Visit chancesforchildren.com.au or call
03 5023 5966 for more information.



CLASS OF 2005 REUNION



COOMEALLA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2005 REUNION

SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 11TH & 12TH 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION;
CEBOOK @COOMEALLA HIGH SCHOOL 2005-20 YEAR REUNION
OR EMAIL COOMEALLAHIGH2005@GMAIL.COM

OPEN TO ALL WHO STARTED YEAR 7 IN 2000
THROUGH TO GRADUATION IN 2005



*Saturday & Sunday
11th & 12th
October*

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2025 CANTEEN PRICE MENU AND PRICE LIST

2025 - Coomealla High School Menu



SANDWICHES & ROLLS

Egg / Lettuce - \$5.00
Salad - \$5.00
Ham / Cheese / Tomato - \$5.00
Ham / Salad - \$6.00
Chicken / Salad - \$7.00
Chicken / Lettuce / Mayo - \$7.00
Toasties - Ham / Cheese - \$5.00
Toasties – Ham / Cheese / Tomato - \$5.50
Toasties – Chicken / Cheese - \$6.00

DRINKS

Diet Coke 250mL - \$3.00
Water 600mL - \$3.00
Pump Water plain 750mL - \$4.00
Nippys Orange Juice 250mL - \$3.00
Choc Oak 300mL - \$3.00
500mL Farmers Union Iced Coffee - \$4.50
Nippys Chocolate Milk 375mL - \$3.50

SALAD / FRUIT

Fruit Salad - \$5.00
Fruit (banana, pears, apples, oranges) \$1.50 each
Fruit salad with yoghurt - \$5.00
HeritageOat Clusters, Blueberries & yoghurt \$5.00
Peaches or Pears in Juice 125g - \$2.00
Salad Bowl - \$7.50

SNACKS

Chobani Yoghurt Tub - \$4.50
Chobani Yoghurt Pouch - \$3.00
Red Rock Sea Salt 28g - \$2.00

BURGERS

Sweet Chilli Burger (Steggles) - \$7.00
Salt & Vinegar Burger (Steggles) - \$7.00
Beef Burger with Lettuce & Mayo - \$7.00
Chicken Burger with Lettuce & Mayo - \$7.00

HOT FOODS

Steamed Dim Sim - \$1.00 each
Pasta Bolognese - \$5.00
Beef or Vegetable Lasagne - \$5.50
Egg & Ham Muffin - \$5.00
Hot Chicken Roll with Gravy - \$6.00
Sweet Chilli Tender (Steggles) - \$2.00 each
Small Pizza (McCain Cheese & Bacon) - \$3.50
Hot Chips & Gravy (Edgell/Maggi) - \$5.50 (Friday)
Fried Rice - \$5.00
Pumpkin or Vegetable Soup in bowl - \$4.50
Meat Pie - \$4.50
Hot Dog - \$4.00
Hot Dog with Cheese & Sauce - \$4.50

OTHER FOODS

Chicken and Salad Wrap - \$7.00
Ham & Salad Wrap - \$7.00
Egg & Lettuce Wrap - \$7.00

FROZEN

Moosies Choc - \$1.50



NO AEROSOLS AT SCHOOL

No Aerosols at school

**PROTECT YOUR MATES AND
LEAVE THEM AT HOME**



We have students and staff that have allergies and more serious reactions to aerosols. Please be safe and respectful by leaving your aerosols at home.

LIFELINE



Available 24/7 across the country



Confidential & anonymous



Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporters



Accessible by any phone in Australia



Culturally Safe Space



First national support line for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in crisis

CONTACT US

For all general enquiries, please email enquiries@13yarn.org.au

For all media enquiries, please email media@13yarn.org.au



This initiative is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Health



Gayaa Dhuwi (Proud Spirit) Australia
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership in Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

This service has been developed in collaboration with Gayaa Dhuwi



13 YARN
"Our Story, Our Healing"

Feeling worried or no good?

We will take the time to listen. No shame, no judgement, safe place to yarn. We're here for you.

13 92 76



13YARN [Thirteen YARN] is the first national crisis support line for mob who are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping.

We offer a confidential one-on-one yarning opportunity with a Lifeline-trained Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter who can provide crisis support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 13 YARN empowers our community with the opportunity to yarn without judgement and provide a culturally safe space to speak about their needs, worries or concerns.

If you, or someone you know, are feeling worried or no good, we encourage you to connect with 13YARN on 13 92 76 (24 hours/7 days) and talk with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter.

This is your story; your journey and we will take the time to listen. No shame, no judgement, safe place to yarn. We're here for you.

Our vision is to achieve a nation free of suicide. We know the current statistics for suicide and self-harm for Aboriginal people are disproportionately high. To tackle this problem head-on, this service will be led by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Board and employ professionals in suicide prevention and crisis support utilising Lifeline's extensive experience and infrastructure.



We take the time to listen. No shame, no judgement, safe place to yarn. We're here for you.

13YARN is an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander crisis support line funded by the Australian Government with the support of Lifeline and developed in collaboration with Gayaa Dhuwi (Proud Spirit) Australia. It is run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We have co-designed this line using Lifeline expertise with several Aboriginal mental health professionals including NACCHO, Black Dog Institute Aboriginal Lived Experience team and the Centre for Excellence in Suicide Prevention along with input from Torres Strait Islander, remote, regional, and urban peoples with lived experience.

We work to explore options for ongoing support and community members will always be reassured they will be connected to another Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who will understand where they are coming from and value knowing HOW to listen, without judgement or shame.

Call us for a YARN 13 92 76

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ATTENDANCE

Please note: If your child / ward is away for any reason, please complete the ATTENDANCE NOTE on COMPASS or telephone the school office on 0350274506.

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

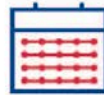
When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
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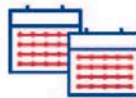
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
M T W T F
M T W T F

= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed

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VALUES CHART



RESPECT



YOURSELF

- Regulate your emotions
- Have a go and persist
- Ask for support when needed
- Wear uniform



OTHER PEOPLE

- Hands off
- Be kind and fair
- Follow directions
- Take responsibility for your actions
- Be inclusive



LEARNING

- Be ready to learn
- Right place, right time
- Aim for improvement
- Mobile phones off and away



SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

- Act safely
- Look after equipment
- Clean up after yourself

INTEREACH

ROAR!

Chris from Intereach attends Coomealla High School, and provides early intervention support to students, whom are not engaged with other mental health services.

Referrals can be made as per the poster but also by SSO (Terri) through the wellbeing team.

Should you wish to discuss this further, or seek further information in relation to ROAR, please contact SSO Terri.

ROAR!

need someone to talk to?



If you've been feeling
down or anxious and
not coping at school,
perhaps it's time to
reach out and relax.

Intereach Family Mental Health Support Service
roar@intereach.com.au
1300 488 226
www.intereach.com.au
#reachoutandrelax



ROAR is not a crisis service. If you are worried about your own, or someone else's safety,
phone the NSW Mental Health Line 1800 011 511 or 000

This service is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

NSW Health

CAMHS – Far West Local Health District



Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

About the service

CAMHS is an interdisciplinary team who support young people aged 0-18 and their families to promote mental wellbeing across the lifespan. CAMHS values a 'no wrong door' approach and strives to connect every child, young person, parent or carer to the most appropriate support that meets their needs.

The CAMHS service currently operates out of two sites located in Broken Hill and Buronga, and strives to provide equitable service across the Far West through the use of telehealth technology, regular outreach, and collaborative partnerships.

What CAMHS offers

- Mental Health Assessment
- Counselling and Psychotherapy
- Case Management and Service Navigation
- Psychosocial Support
- Psychiatry Review
- Alcohol and Other Drugs Support



How to refer

Drop in to:

Broken Hill Community Health Centre
2-4 Sulphide Street, Broken Hill

Buronga HealthOne
3 Pittman Avenue, Buronga

Call 8080 1707 and speak directly to CAMHS intake

Email us at FWLHD-BrokenHillCAMHS-Intake@health.nsw.gov.au



Opening Hours

Monday to Friday
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

After-hours support

