



GOOD LUCK YEAR 12

We wish you all the best!

Have
FUN



Congratulations to our Year 12 Class of 2025: Abby Forrest, Ella Stig, Tesharna Smith, Georgie Gillard, Chelsea Green, Lachlan Fifield and Laycee Kelly! Their Graduation Dinner was held late last term, and it was a fabulous celebration of 13 years of schooling, and the milestone of completing high school. We wish everyone all the best for their HSC exams over the next 3 weeks, and for every success in the future.



Welcome to Week 2, Term 4!

Year 12: On the last Thursday of Term 3, the Year 12 cohort celebrated their graduation with the Formal Dinner (see front page). Year 12 students, looking beautiful in their formal attire, joined with their family, friends and staff to celebrate the completion of their HSC and 13 years of schooling. The Dunedoo Central School Hall was decorated beautifully, thank you to Mrs Penny Copelin & Miss Brianna Smith, along with Year 11 students and staff. A delicious meal was catered for by Marlitt and staff from the Dunedoo Hotel. Thank you to the student helpers for assisting with serving and cleaning up. The speeches and PowerPoint presentation were excellent, recounting fun times and memories over the years of schooling. Thank you to the parents for their ongoing support and to the many staff who have been involved in the education of this Year 12 cohort, both in the classroom and with the multitude of extra-curricular activities the students have participated in. The HSC examinations commenced last Thursday and we wish our Year 12 students all the best as they complete these exams and for their future endeavours.

NSW PSSA State Athletics Carnival: We wish Ashton James and Noah Davis-Wilson all the best as they represent Western Region in the NSW PSSA State Athletics Carnival at Homebush tomorrow. Ashton is competing in the 200m and Noah in 100m.

League-Tag Gala Day: Sixteen secondary girls are participating in a League-Tag Gala Day in Dubbo today. A huge thank you to Miss Price for taking the girls and to Mrs Ricky Cox for driving the bus.

Year 3/4 Excursion: Our Year 3/4 students head off tomorrow to Lake Burrendong Recreation Park near Wellington for 3 days of adventure. Some activities include kayaking, grass skiing and a 50 metre slip and slide. Thank you to Mr Ben Kline and Mrs Ailsa Watton for accompanying the students on this excursion and to Mr Aaron Watt for driving the bus.

Scone Beef Bonanza: Mrs Mayes will also be taking a group of Agriculture students to Scone for the Scone Beef Bonanza from this Thursday to Sunday. A big thank you to Mrs Mayes for organising this excursion and giving up her weekend to take the students.

Infants Excursion: Next Tuesday, our Infants students will visit Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo. This day involves visiting the animal enclosures and lunch in the play area at the zoo. Thank you Mrs Shephard, Mrs Louwen, Mr Jake Besgrove & Mrs Michelle Skinner for accompanying the students on this excursion.

Attendance: Our attendance goals continue to be:

K-6: 90%+ attendance for each class

7-12: 90%+ attendance and 0 unexplained absences (Please note: absences must be explained within 5 school days)

Have a great week!

Mrs Cathy Gallagher
Relieving Principal





Dates for your Diary

TERM 4 WEEK 2

Wednesday, 22nd—Friday 24th October

- Year 3/4 Excursion to Lake Burrendong

Wednesday, 22nd October

- HSC exam: Mathematics Standard 2 (9.20am—12pm)
- NSW PSSA State Athletics Carnival

Thursday, 23rd—Sunday 26th October

- Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza—Scone Showground

Thursday, 23rd October

- HSC exam: Ancient History (9.25am—12.30pm)

TERM 4 WEEK 3

Monday, 27th October

- Year 11 Interviews

Tuesday, 28th October

- Infants excursion to Dubbo Zoo
- Macquarie Uni Healthcare Workshop—Yrs 9-12

Wednesday, 29th October

- Pink Day—wear pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness
- Earlybirds Parent Information Session—
from 5.30pm
- CSU workshops—Years 9, 10 & 11



Thursday, 30th & Friday 31st October

- Civil Construction Taster (RIEP) - Dubbo and Wellington

Thursday, 30th October

- Earlybirds—1/2 day (9am-1pm)

Friday, 31st October

- World Teacher's Day



Dates for your Diary

TERM 4 WEEK 4

Monday, 3rd November

- HSC exam: Industrial Technology Timber (1.55pm-3.30pm)

Tuesday, 4th—Thursday, 6th November

- Farm Vehicle Safety Course—Dubbo

Tuesday, 4th November

- HSC exam: Textiles (9.25am -11am)
- Melbourne Cup—picnic lunch and activities

Thursday, 6th November

- HSC exam: CAFS (1.55pm-5pm)
- Earlybirds—1/2 day (9am-1pm)

Friday, 7th November

- HSC exam: Food Technology (1.55pm-5pm)
- Blackstock-Clarke Shield—Squash—Parkes (Primary)

TERM 4 WEEK 5

Tuesday, 11th November

- Remembrance Day—Cenotaph Service 11am
- Year 6 into Year 7 Transition parent information session—
from 5.30pm

Wednesday, 12th November

- Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day

Thursday, 13th November

- Earlybirds—Full day
- St George Dragons visit—Years 3-6
- P&C Meeting—6.30pm Sports Club. All welcome!

TERM 4 WEEK 6

Tuesday, 18th November

- Year 10 Department Day

Wednesday, 19th November

- Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day

Thursday, 20th November

- Earlybirds—Full day

Friday, 21st November

- League Tag: K-2 and St Michael's



K/1 News



Time in the sun with a buddy and a book We really enjoy time with our Year 3/4 buddy readers!

A writing assessment towards the end of last term provided an opportunity for K/1 to reflect on just how far we've come this year, and students were excited to compare their work from the beginning of Term 1 to the end of Term 3. What a difference!

We've enjoyed the variety of opportunities across the year, including having our Year 3/4 friends visit weekly to mentor us in our reading. We've been losing teeth, discovering new games, developing OT skills, constructing roads, dams and farms in the playground, and learning more about resilience and how to manage our emotions in challenging times.

It's with extreme excitement we look forward to the term ahead, with our K-2 zoo excursion next week, the Production item we are practising for, and of course Intensive Swimming later in the term.

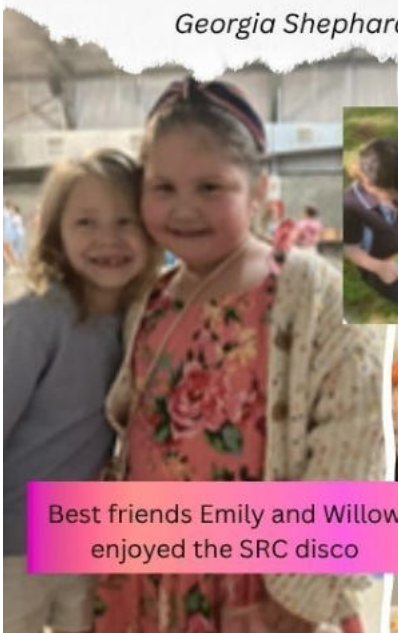
I can't believe we are in Term 4 already. Thank you parents for your ongoing support of our wonderful K/1 learners.

Georgia Shephard—K/1 Teacher

Some of our OT skill development activities—the students love these!



Both Hamish and Archie lost a tooth on the very same morning!



Best friends Emily and Willow enjoyed the SRC disco



STEM Activity: Creating a marble run - inventive ideas!



Miss Smith's Classes



Year 11

Welcome back to our Year 11 students who have officially commenced their HSC courses this term. This marks an exciting new chapter in their studies as they take on the challenges and opportunities of their final year at Dunedoo Central School. Alongside their academic focus, students are also busy preparing for their upcoming production number. What a big Term 4 it will be!

Yr 7/8 English

Year 7/8 English students have begun their film study unit exploring the works of renowned director Steven Spielberg. Throughout the term, they will view a selection of his iconic films and analyse how elements such as sound, camera angles and shot types contribute to meaning and emotion.

Yr 11 English Standard

Year 11 English Standard are studying the Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences, with their major text focus being Billy Elliot. They will explore both shared and individual human experiences represented in the film, analysing how characters, events and language features reflect the complexities of growing up and overcoming adversity.

Yr 11 CAFS

Year 11 Community and Family Studies students have begun exploring Research Methodologies in preparation for their Individual Research Projects (IRPs). They are learning about a range of methods, including questionnaires, interviews, observations and case studies, as they develop and refine their own research focus questions. This work forms the foundation of their major research project in Year 12.

Food Technology

Year 9/10

This term, Year 9/10 Food Technology students are studying Food in Australia. They are exploring the role of native ingredients, the impact of multicultural influences on our diets and the many factors that shape our food selection. Through practical and theory lessons, students will gain a deeper understanding of Australia's diverse food culture and how it continues to evolve.

Year 11

Year 11 Food Technology students have commenced their first HSC unit, The Australian Food Industry. This term, they are exploring the sectors of the agri-food chain and investigating the structure and operations of food companies within Australia. Students will develop an understanding of how the industry functions and its vital role in our economy and daily lives.



Mrs Douglass' classes

Year 7/8 TAS

These students have almost completed their Huckaback cushions, learning new machine skills whilst doing this. These new skills have included gathering a frill for the cushion edge, and buttons and buttonholes. Many of the students have learnt how to use the iron whilst turning over their frill edges and the precision sewing needed to stitch on the very edge of the hem fold.

They will then move on to complete an animal face mask made from felt and hand stitched together. Once these are together, the students will connect a conductive thread between light components to complete an electronic circuit. When turned on, it will light up the mask!

Year 8 PDHPE

Students will explore effective strategies for managing relationships and family dynamics. They will develop skills in self-awareness to better recognize their emotional responses in various situations. They will explore how these feelings impact their interactions, and reflect on the importance of communication and empathy in nurturing respectful relationships.

In addition, they will develop an understanding of boundaries and the significance of consent, recognizing it as a fundamental right and responsibility in all relationships. Through practical activities and discussions, students will learn to apply these concepts in both their personal and familial contexts.

Year 9 PDHPE

This unit aims to equip students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to make safe and respectful choices in a range of social, physical and online contexts. Students will explore issues such as bullying, harassment, discrimination, risk and crisis situations, and will learn practical help-seeking strategies. The unit also emphasizes cyber safety, preparing students to navigate digital environments responsibly.

Year 9/10 Textiles

These students are completing their free choice garments including shirts, dresses, hoodies and skirts. They will now commence a project on precision patchwork. This project will test their skills in joining seams accurately. It will also allow them to use their own quilting pattern to sandwich several layers of fabric and wadding together.

Year 11 Textiles

These students are completing their corset top and moving into Year 12 work. The students will look at the historical development of textiles and fashion throughout the ages and the reasons why clothing changes happened, such as war and shortage of fabrics, cost and availability, and the Industrial Revolution.

Year 12 Textiles

These students have completed their Major Textiles projects. These projects have been sent away for marking at a central marking location and have been returned to school. The students are now in the process of completing their final HSC Exams.





MRS HOGDEN'S CLASSES

Year 11

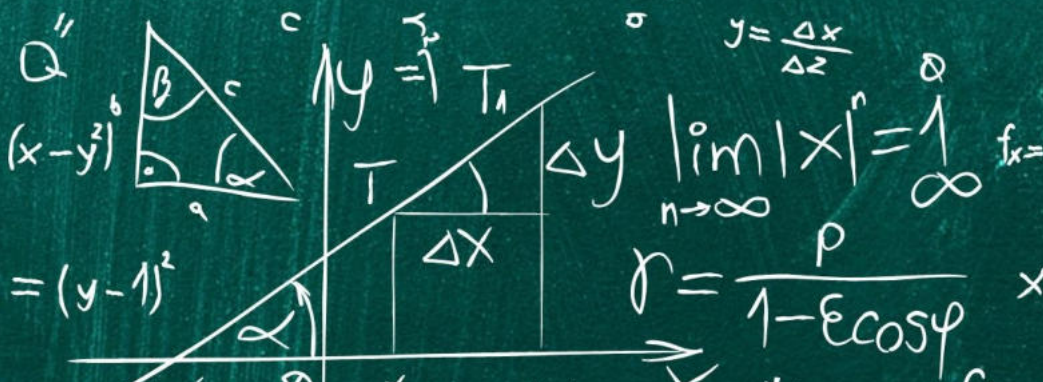
Year 11 students are finalising their Preliminary Mathematics course, looking at energy consumption and applications of rates. They have been assigned regular revision homework twice a week to consolidate their understanding of the Preliminary course in preparation for Year 12.

Year 9

Year 9 are exploring Data Analysis, with many students balancing their studies alongside extra-curricular commitments. To support those who may be away, we will be working from a booklet to help everyone stay up-to-date with classwork. Students are also encouraged to continue practising their previous topic, Indices, to prepare for their Week 5 assessment covering Indices, Statistics and Probability.

Year 7

Year 7 are building confidence in working with decimals, focusing on performing operations accurately and efficiently. Next week, they will begin a new topic on Measurement, with both topics to be assessed in Week 5. Students are encouraged to practise their skills regularly to consolidate their understanding and prepare for the final assessment.





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Year 5/6 Excursion

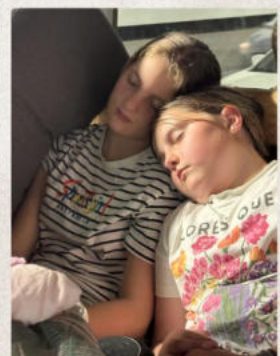
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MORE SNIPPETS FROM

SYDNEY



Year 5/6 had an unforgettable time exploring the stunning sights of Sydney! From breathtaking views at *Scenic World* to the excitement of the *Sydney Ferry*, our adventure was filled with laughter, learning and plenty of smiling faces. So many special memories were made - a trip to remember!





Happy WORLD TEACHER'S DAY



Our school community
is full of gems



The wonderful teachers at Dunedoo Central School work passionately and tirelessly every day to make the school journey for our students one filled with adventure, enthusiasm and genuine affection. Let's take the time on Friday, 31st October 2025, on World Teacher's Day, to let them know we truly appreciate the wonderful work they do!

☒ New Website



Dunedoo Central School
Our Best Always

We are in the middle of a major revamp to our website, which is due to go live in Week 6. We're looking forward to welcoming our school community to come and have a look!



About us ▾ School life ▾ Learning and support ▾ Contact us

Dunedoo Central School

We help every student to learn, grow and succeed. Join our friendly and inclusive school community today!

[Enrol now](#)





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Hello and welcome to Week 2!

Term 3 winners of the wonderful manners vouchers are:

- Delilah Schrader
- Balin Davis

Well done to you both; please come and see me at the canteen to organise your free lunch.

The canteen has lots available for purchase at recess:

- fresh rolls
- sandwiches
- salads and more!

Sports uniforms have been ordered, but I still have most sizes in stock if you need anything before the end of the year.

Have a great week everybody!

Sherri



Infants Excursion to Dubbo Zoo

The Infants Excursion to Dubbo Zoo is fast approaching, and we are all super excited! Please make sure the permission note has been completed on the Parent Portal and the \$25 fee has been paid as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact the Front Office.





Book Fair will run from Wed 15th—Fri 24th October, open 2nd half lunch and after school until 4pm, EFTPOS available.

You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

OCEAN ADVENTURE
Mr Luke's class opened a magic book and found themselves under the sea!
100144570 | HB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

\$10

TWO CRANKY BEARS
Can two cranky bears learn to share?
100144522 | HB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

\$10

WOMBAT.
A funny look into the life of a wombat.
100141320 | PB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

SPECIAL VALUE \$6

THE PUPPY PARADE
A new series all about Ella and Olivia's puppy, Bob.
100144370 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 5+

\$6

NINJA SUPERSTARS!
Can Ninja Girl and Karate Kitten save the town from evil lizards?
100145003 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+

\$10

DARE TO BE SCARED!
Pizza and Taco go Ghost Pepper hunting!
100145054 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 6+

\$10

SLEEPOVER BFFS: BIG DREAMS
These BFFs make a business out of planning sleepover parties for people!
100145640 | PB NOVEL | AGES 9+

\$10

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS



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KINDER 2026 EARLYBIRDS PROGRAM



ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Our Earlybirds program is designed to introduce students and their families to "Big School" in a safe and caring environment. Over several weeks, students are given the opportunity to build confidence and familiarity with school routines and expectations, with a view to making the transition to "Big School" seamless and stress-free for all.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ Information session with parents:
29th October, from 5.30pm
- ✓ Earlybirds ½ days:
30th October, 9am-1pm
6th November, 9am-1pm
- ✓ Earlybirds full days:
13th November
20th November

CONTACT US



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YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 TRANSITION 2026



ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Even though we are lucky enough to be a Central School, moving from Year 6 into Year 7 is still a big step! Our Transition Program is designed to integrate the next year's Year 7 into "high school life" as smoothly and stress-free as possible. Opportunities are created to ensure familiarity and confidence with the next stage of schooling well before Day One.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ Information session with parents and meet the Year Advisor:
Tuesday 11th Nov from 5.30pm
- ✓ Year 6 into 7 Transition Day:
Wednesday 12th Nov
- ✓ Year 6 into 7 Transition Day:
Wednesday 19th Nov

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Dunedoo Central School has previously provided support for the KIDZFIX 2025 Car Rally by making a donation from the proceeds of the steer that was raised by DCS Agriculture students. The rally made an incredible \$284,500 in total, and these funds will be spent on incredible projects, such as equipment and resources for children with disability, music and speech therapy sessions and medical equipment. We look forward to supporting the rally again next year, and can't wait to hear about more KIDZFIX projects.

RURAL HEALTH CAREERS EXPO

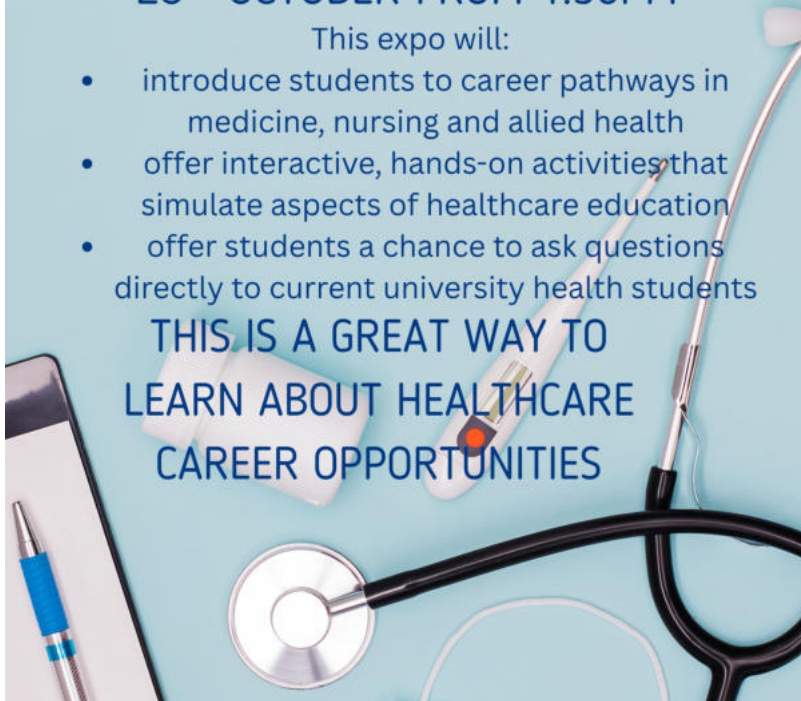


COMING TO DCS ON MONDAY,
28TH OCTOBER FROM 1.30PM

This expo will:

- introduce students to career pathways in medicine, nursing and allied health
- offer interactive, hands-on activities that simulate aspects of healthcare education
- offer students a chance to ask questions directly to current university health students

THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO
LEARN ABOUT HEALTHCARE
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES





Stevie Ryan	23rd October	Year 3/4
Brianna Smith	26th October	Staff
Tanya Kline	26th October	Staff
Lilly Hincksman	28th October	Year 7
Annalise Stanford	29th October	Year 9

Wishing you all the best for a
fabulous birthday!

DUNEDOO & DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC.

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Phone (02) 63751975 Email coordinator@dunedoo.org.au
ABN- 92 622 378 809

**'To Advance Dunedoo and District for the Benefit of
the People'**



Friday 3rd October 2025

To the Dunedoo Central School,

On behalf of the Dunedoo and District Development Group I would like to sincerely thank you for being a part of our "DOO September" initiative.

Your enthusiasm and willingness to organise and run an event, to support and encourage our community throughout the month of September is greatly appreciated.

We were able to offer a wide range of activities for free, which was only possible due to individuals and organisations like yourself, who were willing to participate and share the skills and natural beauties within our area.

If you could please take a few moments to fill in the attached survey and return to coordinator@dunedoo.org.au or PO Box 1 Dunedoo NSW 2844 we would really appreciate it.

Regards,

Cathy Bowman

Cathy Bowman
President - Dunedoo & District Development Group
0428 752 329



Community Noticeboard



Indigenous Literacy Day Wednesday 22nd October

Neilson Park Coonabarabran

10am

Be a Proud Voice for Country

FREE EVENT

Free Books
Stories
Fruit Salad
Face Painting
Arts and Crafts
Drumming
Footy 4 Fun

STRENGTH IN OUR STORIES
For Now & Future Generations

Come along and join in all the fun!



Coonabarabran Christmas Spectacular

Saturday December 13th
5pm - 9pm

Market stalls
Food stalls
Christmas carols
Santa Visit
Fireworks

We would love to have your organisation join us to showcase your services.
For further info or to book your space please email us on coonakidscarols@gmail.com



Hockey Australia

HOOK in 2 HOCKEY

GET STARTED TODAY

6-week program starting October 23
Thursdays 5pm to 6pm for primary schoolers (5-12 years)
Glen Willow Field 8 (Mudgee)
Cost: \$31.34
maree.hockey@gmail.com or Mudgee Hockey Facebook

HOCKEY.ORG.AU/HOOKIN2HOCKEY



Community Noticeboard



**MUDGEES REGION SCHOOL-BASED
APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION NIGHT**

SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS ON OFFER

-  **TWO-YEAR SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIP IN ELECTROTECHNOLOGY (ELECTRICIAN)**
-  **TWO-YEAR SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIP IN ENGINEERING (MECHANICAL)**

- Paid formal training at TAFE one day per week
- One day per week during School Terms and up to 5 days per week during School Holidays as required to meet training requirements.

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

WHEN: Tuesday October 28 2025
4.00pm - 5.30pm

WHERE: 48 Market Street,
Mudgee NSW 2860

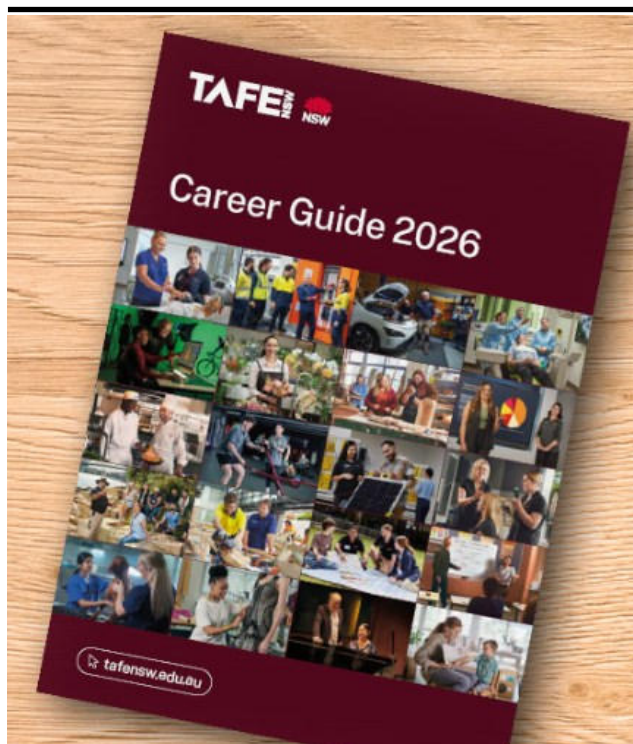


If you are unable to attend the drop in session please email info@skillset.com.au and we will arrange for a consultant to contact you.

ANGLICAN WOMEN'S
ASSOCIATION

Morning tea

Third Thursday of every month from 10am at the Church Hall. Next date: Thursday, 23rd October.
All welcome!



Career Guide 2026: Courses, Support & Pathways

Click [here](#) to access the guide



Community Noticeboard


**Warrumbungle
community care**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
EXPO
COONABARABRAN**

WARRUMBUNGLE COMMUNITY CARE
INVITES
COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND
SERVICE PROVIDERS
TO COME ALONG
AND BE A PART OF OUR
ANNUAL
COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO

Stall Holders are asked to remain for the entire time.
RSVP to communitycare@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au
or
PH: 6849 2200
by 8th October 2024
advise if power is required

Coonabarabran Town Hall
Coonabarabran
10:00am to 2:00pm

Wednesday 5 November 2025

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**GET THE
LATEST
INFORMATION
FROM
COMMUNITY
SERVICES!**



**LEST WE FORGET
NOVEMBER 11**



**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE GENOTAPH IN
DUNEDOO AT 11AM ON 11TH NOVEMBER
TO COMMEMORATE REMEMBRANCE DAY**



Share your world

Become a foster carer

It's the little things that matter most – like having a safe place to call home, someone you can smile with and the right support.

You can make an extraordinary difference in the life of a young person by sharing those ordinary, everyday moments.

We are looking for compassionate individuals, couples and families to become foster carers to provide a safe and supportive home for vulnerable children and young people. We'll support you 24/7 and provide all the training you need.

If you have a spare bedroom and time to share, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us today and be the positive change in a child's life!

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