



HEATHCOTE HIGH NEWS

Term 4 Week 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

New School Website

I hope you have taken a moment to check out our new school website as part of the Department's Schools Website Upgrade. This upgrade responds to school feedback about needing a simpler, easier-to-use platform, and parent research on what families want to see when choosing a school.

Special thanks to Mrs Keating for leading the project with the assistance of Melanie Wolters, Schools Website Upgrade Engagement Officer.

World Teachers' Day

On Friday 31 October, we will be celebrating World Teachers' Day. This year's NSW theme is 'Teaching Gems'. *Do you know a teacher who... Shines bright like a diamond? Is as rare as a ruby? Or is as precious as an emerald?*

As Principal, I have the privilege of working alongside and witnessing the high quality teaching and innovation of our teachers at Heathcote High School.

They work long hours developing engaging and creative lessons, catering to a broad range of learning styles; mentoring students and supporting them in a caring environment; providing a broad range of extracurricular activities; organising and accompanying students on excursions, camps and sporting events, ensuring every student maximises their potential.

We aim, through the Heathcote High News and Facebook page to give you an insight into their outstanding work as it is impossible to sum it up in a few paragraphs.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all HHS teachers, I am grateful for your valuable work.

Year 12 – Class of 2025

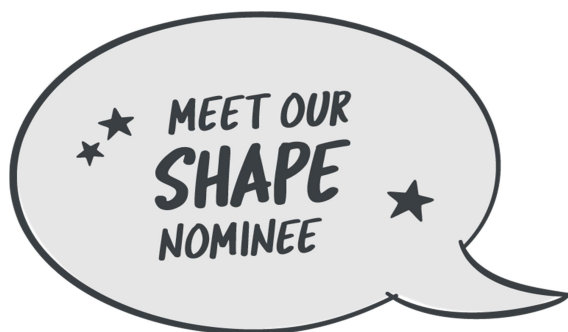
HSC Exams

The HSC written exams commenced on Thursday 16 November and students have now completed week 2. It is natural for students to feel a little nervous on the first day and I am pleased that students are settling-in well. Year 12, you have already made us very proud with your commitment, dedication and perseverance in your studies and I'm sure the whole school community will join me in wishing you well.

SHAPE Nomination

Congratulations to Lyla H on having her Industrial Technology Graphics major work nominated for possible inclusion in SHAPE.

SHAPE presents a selection of outstanding major projects by HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology, and Textiles and Design students in NSW. The 2026 exhibition will be held in the foyer of Building 1, UTS Main Campus from 16 March to 11 April 2026. The exhibition will be free to attend.



Class of 2026

Our HSC class of 2026 has now commenced their HSC journey. In preparation for this, students have undertaken the Life Ready Camp. See below for more details and photos.

Congratulations to ...

- Our Year 7 Debaters – Dawson E, Lilly A, Chloe B and Felicity T: Your performance in the Premier's Debating Challenge was outstanding. Thank you to Ms Roberts for all your work with the team.
- Lyla H, Year 12, on your nomination for possible inclusion in SHAPE, a selection of outstanding projects from HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design.
- Aaliyah S, Year 7, for proudly representing HHS and on your result at the All Schools Athletics Championship.
- Our Years 7 & 8 Mountain Bike team comprising Sonny P, Billy C (both Year 8) and Caylen R and Henry L (both Year 7) who came 3rd overall in the Rocky Trail Graduation Cup. Special mention to Sonny who came 1st overall in the 7/8 Division.
- Mrs Keating who directed and designed the sets with the help of Year 10 Drama and our students Kurt S (Year 12) and Isabella D (Year 10), parent Lisa Steggles, and alumni Matthew Tuck and Malcolm Tuck who performed or were crew in the Engadine Musical Society's 'Footloose'. I had the privilege of attending with Deputy Principal, Mrs Hunter and

other members of the HHS community. We were thoroughly entertained and marvelled at such an excellent production.

- Our alumni, Max Kypriotis, Blake Hosking and Ayla Clark on your career, sporting and study achievements. We are proud of how you have made your way in the world. Refer to the news item titled 'Alumni Congratulations' below for details.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 October at 7 pm in the Common Room, 1st floor, C Block. Vehicle entry is via The Avenue. Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

Steve Waser

Principal

PREMIER'S DEBATING CHALLENGE – YEARS 7 & 8

Our Year 7 Debating Team, comprising Dawson E, Lilly A, Chloe B and Felicity T, had a very successful 2025 Premier's Debating Challenge. As Zone Champions they progressed to the Sydney Region knockout rounds. They won the first round debate against Cronulla High School (details in the previous newsletter).

In Round 2 of the Regional knockout, the team debated Caringbah High School. The topic was 'that all sports leagues should invest in professional eSports versions of their game.' Heathcote took the negative side and presented clear and well thought out arguments to win the debate.

In the Sydney Region Semi Final the team debated Sydney Boys High School. The topic was 'The government should provide financial aid to lower socio-economic areas first following a natural disaster'. We were the negative team. Unfortunately the team lost in a very close debate. A 3rd adjudicator was needed to come in and rule on the debate because it was a split decision by the two adjudicators assigned to the debate.

The Sydney Boys High team are in Year 8 and will now compete in the Sydney Regional Final. The winner of this debate will go on to the State Championships tournament at the University of Sydney.

To lose so narrowly in the Semi Final is a massive effort and we are so proud of you and your coach Ms A Roberts. Being in Year 7, the team will be eligible to compete in the Year 7 & 8 challenge next year.



OCTOBER IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Mental Health Month is celebrated each year in the month of October.



The theme for Mental Health Month 2025 in NSW is **"All About You"**, focusing on the importance of self-care and the journey of growth and learning. This theme encourages individuals to take small steps towards better mental health and wellbeing, such as reaching out for support or simply checking in with others. It is a reminder that wellbeing is an ongoing journey and not a final destination.

The Heathcote High School Wellbeing Team comprises of

Head Teacher Wellbeing	Mrs Michelle Seidel
Student Support Officers	Mrs Shanlee O'Reilly (Mon, Tues, Fri), Mr Mitch Hatch (Wed, Fri)
School Counsellors	Mrs Sally Williams (Mon, Thurs) Ms Ran Shi (Tues, Wed) Mrs Heidi Jarvis (Fri)
School WHIN Nurse	Ms Emily Blue

Year Advisers

Year 7	Mrs Nicole Allsop (Science)
Year 8	Ms Erin Parker (English)
Year 9	Mr Neill Dorrington(Science)
Year 10	Mrs Louise Smith (CAPA)
Year 11	Mr Alex Barraza (HSIE)
Year 12	Mrs Merryn Penny (Maths)

The Department has some very useful information on the following webpage

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/school-community/mental-health-programs-and-partnerships>

At Heathcote High School we are passionate about assisting students to fulfil their potential as learners and people. We recognise that learning and wellbeing are linked and conduct the following programs to support students' wellbeing:

FLOURISH Program - a self-growth program for Year 7 students which is designed to help students with their high school journey. The program is run weekly by our school counsellor and Student Support Officer. The program consisted of an initial introductory session and seven sessions to promote general wellbeing with a focus on:

- Increasing self-awareness and personal strengths, emotional literacy and empathy awareness, learning to build self-esteem and resilience and building healthy relationships and establishing a positive rapport with others.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH Program is a small group education program that supports children and young people to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to understand and respond well to experiences of change, loss and grief.

Seasons for Growth supports children and young people who have experienced change and loss, including, although not limited to friendship changes; family separation; loss or death of someone they care about; loss of a pet; relocation and forced migration; living away in out of home care; physical or mental illness; or impacts of war, terrorism or pandemics.

This program is run by our qualified Student Support Officer - Shanlee O'Reilly.

FIT FOR CHANGE Tailored to address the core principles of risk, need and responsivity. This program focuses on the 7 risk/need factors to build resilience for young people aged 13 – 16 years old. Run by our Student Support Officer and Youth Engagement Officers, selected students are chosen to undertake the course throughout the year.

Year 7 Tutorials – A Resilience Program for Year 7 students run during tutorials each fortnight. The Year 7 Year Advisor uses a combination of fun, interactive activities, quizzes, animations and information across nine positive psychology domains - gratitude, optimism, flow, meaning, hope, mindfulness, character strengths, healthy lifestyle, and positive relationships. My Resilience is an early-intervention training run as a personalised workshop for students.

GEM Girls stands for Goal-driven, Empowered and Motivated Girls. This female leadership program focuses on empowering teenage girls with information and strategies to help them tackle the unique challenges faced by their generation. The program has been specifically tailored to suit high school girls who need extra guidance and support in hopes of redirecting their goals and enabling them to be leaders. The program runs once a week and focuses on students in Year 9.

Positive Lifestyles Program is being run at Heathcote High School for selected students across all year groups. The Program runs for one hour a week where students undertake workshops run by qualified mentors from the Salvation Army. The program focuses on resilience, help seeking skills, sense of belonging and goal setting tools. It provides students with the skills and resources young people need to support their mental health, social and emotional wellbeing and engagement with school and to navigate the complexity of adolescence and the challenges life may throw at them.

Teen Empowerment Program - A real and relatable session that helps teen girls understand self-belief, emotional wellness, and how to handle pressures without turning to numbing behaviours. The goal is to equip them with the confidence to make decisions that align with their true selves.

The Cyber Bullying Program - The Cyber Bullying program has been created in close consultation with leading education experts and delivered free to secondary schools across Australia by our Police Liaison Officers.

The Cyber Bullying talk contains engaging information, to empower and inform Australia's young people. By making informed choices, the program teaches students the advantages of a positive online presence whilst arming them with the facts they need to stay safe online in a way students can understand, use and enjoy.

Mastering Behaviour Program teaches students about making and keeping friends, character, conflict, social media, drugs, bullying, cyber safety, care, compassion, resilience... and many more topics. This program works with selected students on a 1:1 basis where student behaviour is

positively reinforced and practised as they learn how to regulate their behaviour, develop positive social skills and deal with conflicts in a constructive and restorative manner.

Year 12 Mentoring Program and Senior Learning Centre allow for the individual senior student to have 1:1 mentoring focusing on the needs of the student.

Throughout the year students have the opportunity to be involved in many wellbeing events such as the **Stand Tall Excursion** whereby a host of speakers are together in one room to arm students with the skills of resilience, the strength to stand up to bullying, the keys to motivation, the power of perspective and the benefits of making good and wise decisions. **Share the Dignity Project and the Red Shield Appeal** to help those less privileged members of our community.

We are also actively involved in the annual **Walk 4 Respectful Relationships, World's Greatest Shave** and numerous **First Nation Leadership Opportunities and Events**.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

The Year 12 Graduation was held on Friday 27 September. It was a proud moment for students, parents, family, teachers and staff. We are proud of the commitment and effort that every student has shown in order to do their very best.

The recipients of Special Awards are:

Heathcote High School Medal: recognises students whose attitude and effort have been outstanding during their time at Heathcote High and that the recipients are seen as "role models of excellence" to others, in their contribution to the life of the school. The 2025 awardees are:

Cara B, Tyson B, Madison D, Cody F,
Jessica F, Evelyn K, Brodie M, Anders S,
Jennifer S, Eilidh S, Amy S, Ayla S,
and Kiara S

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award: awarded to the student who demonstrates leadership and teamwork.

Evelyn K

Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award: awarded to the student who is a critical thinker, likes practical hands on challenges with science and mathematics abilities.

Brodie H

Rotary Club Prize – School Service:

awarded to the senior student who has made the greatest contribution to the school.

Anders S

Ampol Award for Best All Rounder:

awarded to the student who has excelled in Academic Achievement, Sport or School Service.

Tyson B

Duke of Edinburgh International Award

The Duke of Edinburgh International Award, Australia, is a national organisation focussed on supporting young people to thrive. They collaborate with a network of Award partners and volunteers including schools, organisations, governments and businesses, to support Australian young people meet new challenges, gain important life skills, and realise their potential. As part of this program our students have achieved the Gold Award.

Cara B, Anders S, Kiara S

T K Gardiner Encouragement Award:

awarded for Outstanding Achievement to a student studying a HSC course with a practical component.

Eilidh S

Music

The Youth Partnership VET Excellence Award

The VET Excellence Awards are a prestigious annual event organised by The Youth Partnership, dedicated to recognising and celebrating the exceptional achievements of students who are undertaking Vocational Education and Training (VET) studies as part of their Higher School Certificate (HSC) in Southern Sydney. These awards highlight the remarkable dedication and excellence exhibited by these students in their VET courses, classwork, industry commitment, professionalism, and motivation during their work placements.

Ashlee B

Hospitality

Reuben F Scarf Award for Consistent Effort: awarded to the student who has shown commitment to all their academic studies.

Daniel J

Senior Sportsperson of the Year:

Brodie M

Max Kypriotis, a former Heathcote High student, gave an inspiring graduation address.

Thank you to our sponsors, staff and organisers for their contribution to the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony - Ampol Australia Limited, Australian Defence Force, Rotary Club of Sutherland, Reuben F Scarf Memorial Foundation, T K Gardiner, Max Kypriotis, Heathcote High School P & C Association, School Administration Staff and the Graduation Committee

SPORT

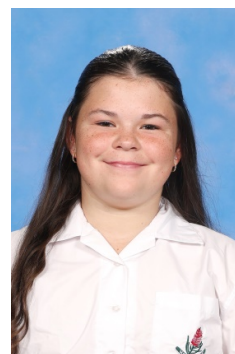
Summer Sport

Term 4 marks the start of the summer sports programs.

NSW All Schools Athletics Championships

Aaliyah S (Year 8) competed in the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre from 28 September to 2 October. Students from all sectors of the NSW Education system (Government, Catholic and Independent) compete against each other.

Aaliyah competed in Girls 13 Years Discus coming 5th. Congratulations, Aaliyah and thank you for wearing the HHS colours with such pride.



Mountain Biking

Congratulations to our Heathcote High School Years 7-8 Mountain Bike Team, who placed an overall 3rd in the Rocky Trail Academy Graduation Cup mountain bike competition at Cringila, Wollongong on 26 September.

The team consisted of Sonny P (Year 8), Billy C (Year 8), Caylen R (Year 7) and Henry L (Year 7). A special mention to Sonny who came 1st place overall in the 7/8 division. Incredible work!



Port Hacking Zone League Cup

The final games in the U14 and U16 Girls League Tag and Boys Rugby League will be played next Friday (Week 3).

Miss S Turner
Sports Organiser

LIFE READY CAMP

The Year 11 Life Ready Camp was held at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber from 22 to 24 September. The Life Ready program is an essential component for Stage 6 students and is designed to prepare and support senior students as they encounter situations related to health and safety as their independence grows and they gain more responsibilities.

During the three days of camp, students took part in a variety of activities – lost island, giant swing, abseiling, high ropes, and games night. These activities sought to develop the students' communication, teamwork, decision making and problem solving skills and strategies to manage challenges and to look out for others.

Thank you to all students for your enthusiasm and outstanding behaviour for the three days and huge thanks to the teachers for giving up their time.



ALUMNI CONGRATULATIONS

Max Kypriotis

Max completed his HSC as the School Captain and Dux of 2019, carrying an impressive 13 units while simultaneously completing a UNSW computer course. Following this, he pursued a Bachelor of Mechatronic Engineering (Honours) / Bachelor of Science (Physics) at the University of Sydney.

During his studies, he had the opportunity to write his undergraduate thesis with the Rio Tinto Centre for Mine Automation, titled Multi-Robot Cooperation for Blast Hole Inspection on Mine Sites. Max has also contributed to mitigating the global energy crisis by conducting research on building-integrated photovoltaics, co-authoring a research paper that was published in Joule, a leading research journal that addresses the need for more sustainable energy.

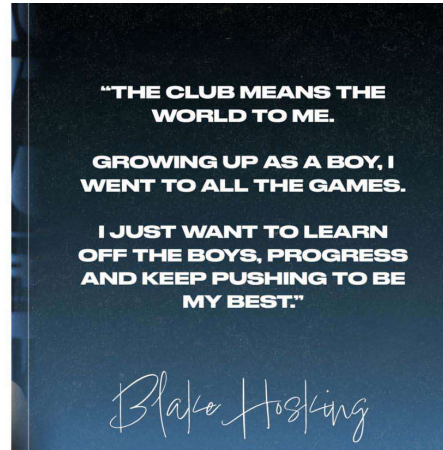
He now works at the University of Sydney as a Research and Development Engineer within the School of Physics, developing innovative sensors for a range of cutting-edge applications.

We thank Max for being a part of the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony.



Blake Hosking

Blake, captain of our triumphant University Shield team in 2019, has extended his contract with Cronulla Sharks full-time NRL training squad after standout NSW Cup campaigns. Blake had a key role in helping Newtown Jets, the Sharks' feeder team, win the NSW Cup premiership in 2024 and guiding the Jets to the semi-finals in 2025 despite adversity throughout the season.



Blake, known as a hard-working and talented lock/back rower, has risen through the ranks after first representing the Sharks at the Harold Matthews Cup level in 2019 and was crowned the Jersey Flegg Player of the Year in 2022 and 2023 before graduating to the NSW Cup with Newtown Jets. Over the past two seasons, 2024 and 2025, Blake claimed the Jets' Most Consistent award.

Ayla Clark

Ayla (Class of 2023) is featured on the UOW College's website with the heading 'Empowering Ayla to shoot for her dreams'.

Ayla's journey is an inspiration to us all – she has shown resilience in overcoming a setback, never losing sight of her ambition, tapping into resources, not giving up and finding a way.

In her final years of school Ayla, a Sutherland Shire rep netball player, suffered a sporting injury requiring surgery and a long rehabilitation. This impacted her HSC results, however our Careers Adviser, Ms Keats suggested that UOW College's Diploma of Business would be a good pathway to achieve her dream job in Sports Marketing.

Ayla completed the UOW College's Diploma of Business Fast Track in two 14-week sessions giving her direct entry in 2nd year of the UOW Bachelor of Business (Marketing) in 2025.

With growing confidence, Ayla hopes to study abroad, preferably in the USA, home to the world's finest sports marketing, and after graduation working with a high-profile sporting organisation.

We cannot wait to see where Ayla's career takes her.

To find out more about alternative pathways to university, refer to the Careers Report, below.



HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club, supervised by Mr Katehos, is held in the library on Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 4 pm.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to complete their homework, conduct research for their assignments or study for the Yearly exams.

All students are welcome to join.



EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS

Year 11 – Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies (SLR)

Well done to our 30 Year 11 SLR students (and teachers) who successfully completed the 15 km hike to Audley and return last Friday on a very hot day as part of their Outdoor Recreation studies.

It was a great day out in the Royal National Park with the wallabies, lizards, birds and a well-earned BBQ at Audley.



IN OUR CLASSROOMS

Year 7 Set Designs for Drama

We challenged our 7s to design and build theatre set designs for “Peter Pan” using found and recycled pieces. They were given four sets to choose from; Neverland Forest, a Pirate Ship, Underwater scene or The Darling Children’s Bedroom.

With only 3 practicals, they managed to create some terrific scenes. Thanks for playing, Year 7. It was wonderful to see your team work and creative application skills develop.



CLASS OF 2025 – THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES



CAREERS REPORT

Work Experience

Our Work Experience program continues to thrive, reflecting the strong partnerships we have with local businesses and organisations. Each term, more of our students are gaining valuable hands-on experience, building practical skills, and developing the confidence to navigate the world of work. We are proud to share just a few of the many success stories from recent weeks.

Ryley B recently completed a successful placement at HMco Hair, with the host employer stating *'Ryley's time with us was fantastic! She would have to be one of the best work experience participants we've ever had!'* As a result, Ryley has been offered a School-based apprenticeship for 2026, which is a testament to the way she represented herself and our school during this placement.

Daisy P's recent placement at Allegra Hair Studio was equally remarkable. From the very first day, Daisy impressed her host employer with her enthusiasm, strong work ethic, and eagerness to learn. Her ability to adapt quickly to a fast-paced environment left a strong impression. As a result, Daisy has been offered a full-time apprenticeship for 2026. Congratulations, Daisy.



Heathcote Public School recently hosted **Bella E** for work experience. Bella's supervisor described her as professional, positive, and respectful, noting that she embraced every task with enthusiasm. She was a big help in the classroom, supporting students with their learning, preparing activities, leading reading groups, and even assisting the Learn to Swim Program to help keep students organised.



Cameron S recently completed a fantastic work experience placement with Otis Elevators and Lifts, where he worked closely with construction crew to prepare work sites, assembled brackets and door frames, learned about diagnosing faulty brake switches and servicing lifts. He enjoyed inspecting lift shafts and cars, developing a deeper understanding of the technical and safety aspects involved in maintenance and operations. Cameron was grateful for the opportunity to learn from Otis's team, and benefited from their guidance and support.



Reid C also experienced amazing feedback from his recent placement with Sea Breeze Projects:

'As an architectural building company with sites across the Sutherland Shire, Eastern Suburbs, and Inner West, we offered Reid a unique opportunity to witness projects at various stages – from initial construction to the finishing touches. Reid jumped right in with our on-site teams, showing a real interest and offering to help out wherever he could.'

He was great at getting involved with what was happening right then and there, helping the team with getting a head start on prepping for what's coming up next and chatting about how everything gets built. We truly enjoyed having Reid with us, and we hope his time at Sea Breeze Projects provided him with valuable insights into the world of architectural building and construction. We wish him all the best in his future studies'.



We are incredibly proud of the initiative, dedication, and professionalism our students demonstrate during their placements. Their achievements highlight the power of real-world learning and reinforce the importance of bridging the gap between education and future careers. As always, we want to express our appreciation to the local businesses and our broader community networks for their ongoing support and for providing such meaningful opportunities to our students.

Apprenticeships & Traineeships

We are thrilled to celebrate **Nate J**, who has secured an apprenticeship as a Plant Mechanic after successful work experience placements with Onboard Engineering. Nate's journey is a true example of perseverance and dedication. Throughout his placements, Nate embraced every learning opportunity, and consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic. His commitment to gaining practical experience and developing his skills has now opened the door to an exciting career in the trades. Congratulations to Nate.



Freckles Childcare has provided an update on former student **Layla K**'s transition to the workforce. Following a successful work experience placement, Layla was offered a traineeship and has quickly become a valued member of their team.

She has been commended for her enthusiasm, genuine passion for working with children, and positive attitude, and professionalism. HHS's strong partnerships with local employers continue to open fantastic opportunities for our students, with several others also receiving employment offers in recent weeks.

Freckles Childcare remains a proud supporter of HHS, regularly hosting work experience placements for students interested in early childhood education and care. They are currently seeking another full-time trainee, and interested students are encouraged to see me for more information.



Tastes of TAFE:

We're excited to have another three students receive course offers for the Term 4 YES Program. This program gives students a valuable opportunity to explore VET pathways, experience hands-on learning, and develop practical industry skills in real training environments.

We look forward to supporting **Mia T**, **Tahlana P**, and **Jordan Y** as they take this exciting step.



We would also like to congratulate **Keegan C** who is commencing the Stage 5 Construction course this week.

This program will help Keegan learn about the construction industry, building technical knowledge and workplace skills that can lead to an apprenticeship. We're proud to see so many of our students engaging in learning beyond the classroom!



Pathways to University

At Heathcote High School we encourage students to dream big and imagine futures that align with their passions, strengths, and values. There are many pathways to support and achieve your ambition.

Ayla Clark (Class of 2023) demonstrates an alternative pathway to achieving her dream of being a Sports Marketer and is a wonderful example of not losing sight of her dream career, overcoming setbacks, tapping into resources and support, working hard and growing in confidence.

Read the full story on the UOW College website: <https://www.uowcollege.edu.au/our-stories/2025/empowering-ayla-to-shoot-for-her-dreams.php>

To summarise Ayla's journey, due to a sporting injury, surgery and a long recovery her HSC result was impacted. With career advice, Ayla applied to the UOW College to study Diploma of Business Fast Track.

Ayla found that the smaller classes and supportive teachers at UOW College made it easier to ask questions and engage in the coursework. It also helped her build strong study habits, like time management, and improve her communication skills. The smaller classes were also ideal for building supportive friendships that, alongside the strong academic foundation, eased her transition to the second year of the UOW Bachelor of Business (Marketing) degree.

Through the Auntie Linda Cruse Scholarship her UOW College tuition fees were covered and Ayla also had the support of the Woolyungah Indigenous Centre. She is passionate about inspiring other First Nations students to pursue higher education.

The UOW College, and similar pathway programs at other universities, are an excellent option for students who may not meet direct entry requirements or would like to access additional learning support as they balance work, study and sporting commitments. These diploma programs can also provide entry into the second year of a bachelor's degree, meaning there's often no additional time or cost to complete the qualification.



Upcoming events

White Card course

Limited places are available for our final White Card course for the year. The course will be held on Tuesday 18 November (Week 6B) and costs \$110. This qualification is essential for anyone considering work experience or future employment in the construction industry. Interested students should see me in the Careers Office as soon as possible to secure one of the remaining spots.

Navy Expo Day

We look forward to taking a group of students to the Navy Life Expo hosted by the Australian Defence Force, where they will have the opportunity to explore careers in the Royal Australian Navy and learn about the wide range of roles, training pathways, and opportunities available. Students will have the chance to speak directly with serving Navy personnel, see interactive displays and tour ships and equipment. If any other students are interested in joining this event which is scheduled for Tuesday 4 November (Week 4), please see me this week.

Work Experience - Lunch & Learn sessions

Students interested in organising a work experience placement are required to attend the Monday Lunch & Learn sessions held in the Library. These sessions provide important information about the application process, placement requirements, and how to prepare for your experience. Application packs can be collected and returned during these sessions, on Mondays only.

Year 10 Careers and Transition Program - Community Volunteers Wanted

Our Year 10 Careers and Transition Program will take place in Week 7. This program is designed to help students prepare for their senior years by exploring future study and career pathways, develop job-readiness skills, and set personal goals.

It's an important opportunity for students to plan ahead and make informed decisions about their next steps.

We're currently seeking volunteers from a range of industries and professions to get involved and share their experiences with students. If you're a parent, carer or community member who would like to help our young people learn about real-world opportunities and career pathways, please get in touch, as we'd love to include you in our program.

UNSW Gateway Admissions Program 2026 - Register Now

HHS is a proud UNSW Gateway school, giving our students exclusive access to opportunities through the Gateway Admission Pathway and Program. This program supports students in Years 10-12 to explore university study, build academic confidence, and gain early entry to UNSW. Students can take part in workshops, on-campus events, and mentoring that help with HSC success, and uni readiness. Students currently in Years 9-11 are encouraged to register their interest and subscribe for updates via this link.

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/undergraduate/admission-pathways/Gateway/program>

Year 10 - UNSW Leaders Day (Year 11 2026) - Applications Open

Calling all future leaders! EOIs are open for the UNSW Gateway Year 11 Leaders Day (Term 1, Week 8 or 9, 2026).

Leadership isn't just about taking charge, it's about inspiring others through your actions, inclusion, support and initiative. This full-day event features authentic leadership and communication workshops, plus a networking session with UNSW Ambassadors. It's a great opportunity to build confidence, develop leadership skills, and connect with like-minded peers.

There are only 12 places available, so interested students should see me in the Careers Office to register their interest.

Minister's Student Council - Applications are open for 2026

The Minister's Student Council is now recruiting students for the 2026 intake. Applications are open, (closing 26 November) with recruitment taking place over the coming weeks and interviews scheduled for Week 9. Students currently in Years 7-10 are eligible to apply.

Successful applicants will serve a two-year term on the 27-member council, representing our region and advocating for student voice through regular forums and discussions. See me for more information or support with your application.

EVET 2026

Student applications for 2026 EVET courses are currently being processed, and offers will be released in the coming weeks. Some applicants are required to attend pre-screening assessment sessions, so it's important that all students regularly check their emails and check in with me for updates and further instructions.

TAFE Open Week

17-23 November

Live sessions and on-demand videos to help students learn about enrolment processes, understand fees and scholarships, how to find an apprenticeship, discover student support services, and more!

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/events/open-week>

FREE HSC Kickstart Seminars

Hosted by InspirationED in partnership with leading universities, the morning brings together senior HSC markers and counsellors to share practical strategies on:

- What exam markers really look for in high-scoring responses.
- How to make smart study choices.
- Managing motivation and wellbeing through senior years.
- Ways families can best support their child's learning and wellbeing.

The dates and venues can be found below (9:30am-12:15pm):

Sunday 2nd November - Macquarie University

Saturday 15th November - University of Newcastle

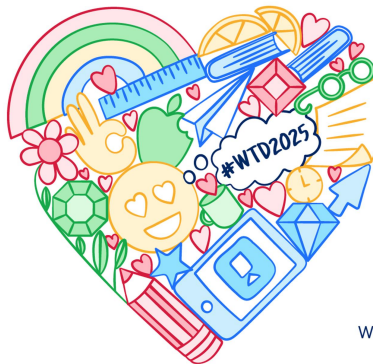
Sunday 23rd November - University of Sydney

You can view and share full details here:

<https://events.inspired.edu.au>

World Teachers' Day

HHS is excited to celebrate World Teachers' Day next Friday 31 October and recognise the incredible dedication and impact of our teachers. It's a chance for our whole school community to say thank you and show appreciation for the people who inspire, guide, and support students every day.



World Teachers' Day
31 October 2025

Year 11 students will encourage students to get involved by sharing messages of gratitude to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing work our teachers do.

Ms K Keats

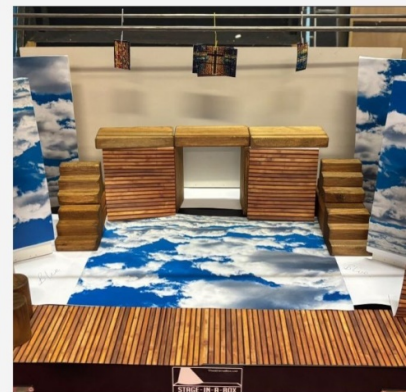
Careers Adviser

FOOTLOOSE – ENGADINE MUSICAL SOCIETY

Congratulations to Mrs Keating and HHS students, parent and alumni on your part in Engadine Musical Society's production of 'Footloose'

Kurt S (Year12) played the role of Bickle who sings in one of the nights most memorable numbers "Mama Says", parent Lisa Steggles as Principal Clarke who is back on stage after many years behind the scenes for Engadine Musical Society, Isabella D (Year 10) made her musical theatre debut as part of the Stage Left Crew where she also acts and dances as part of the scene work also joined by alumni Matthew Tuck on Stage Crew. His twin brother, Malcolm Tuck as Cop and who was also head of Scenic Painting.

This production was Directed and Set Designed by our Head Teacher Creative Arts, Performing Arts and Languages, Mrs Keating. She thanks her Year 10 Drama class for their thoughts and discussions of the Set Design inspired by their recent excursion/workshop at the Sydney Opera House.



Thank you also to the Heathcote High School community for attending the show.

UPCOMING EVENTS

29 October	P&C Meeting
30 October	Year 5 students from Primary Partner Schools – High School for a Day
3-7 November	Year 10 Exams
7 November	HSC Final Exam
10-14 November	Year 9 Exams
12 November	Year 12 Formal
17-21 November	Years 7 & 8 Exams
26 November	Recognition Assemblies
26 November	P&C Meeting
2 December	Orientation Day for incoming 2025 Year 7 students
4 December	MADD (Music, Art, Dance & Drama) Night
12 December	Presentation Day
19 December	Last day of Term 4

COMMUNITY NOTICES



SUTHERLANDSHIRE Cinema
UNDER THE STARS

PRESENTS


HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3 (PG)

Enjoy halloween-themed kids games, jumping castle, and community BBQ!

Friday 31 October
Corea Oval, Corea Street, Miranda
5pm pre-movie entertainment
6.30pm movie starts

FREE EVENT!

GRAYS POINT +
MTB FESTIVAL



BACK FOR THE THIRD YEAR!

**SATURDAY 22ND
NOVEMBER 2025**

JANNALI MOONRISE FESTIVAL

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT * BOX ROAD JANNALI

Saturday 1 November
11am to 9pm

FIRST NATIONS CULTURAL PERFORMANCES
BLUEY AND BINGO MEET AND GREET
FOOD AND MARKET STALLS
YOUTH ZONE KIDS WORKSHOPS
PETTING ZOO FACE PAINTING
LIVE MUSIC AND MUCH MORE!



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