



LAWSON'S LATEST

14 February, 2025 | Term 1, Week 3
THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome Back, 2025!

It has been a pleasure to welcome Year 7 to The Henry Lawson High School! The students have truly embraced their new routines, teachers, and subjects. They have made a positive start to their high school journey, and we look forward to watching them settle in and thrive in their new environment. Welcome Year 7!



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Principals Report

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

As we embark on another exciting school year at The Henry Lawson High School, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our returning students and a special greeting to our Year 7 group and others who are joining us for the first time. We hope you had a relaxing break and are ready to dive into a year filled with learning and new opportunities.



This year, our school will continue to foster an environment where every student is valued and encouraged to reach their full potential.

My colleagues are here to support each student's academic journey and personal development. We have an exciting new curriculum planned, including a variety of subjects and extracurricular activities that cater to diverse interests and talents.

We are eager to implement innovative teaching strategies that engage and inspire our students. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events, including the Parent/teacher interviews on Tuesday 25th February, where you can meet our teachers and connect with other families.

We encourage open communication, so do not hesitate to reach out to myself, teachers or school administration with any questions or concerns.

We are looking forward to another school year filled with memories, achievements, friendships, and new experiences.

Together, we are a supportive and thriving school community.

Wishing you all a fantastic start to the year!

Warm regards,
Mr Aaron Flagg
Principal



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Congratulation Mr Andrew Jones



We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Mr Andrew Jones as the new Deputy Principal at The Henry Lawson High School. This significant achievement reflects his unwavering dedication and commitment to our school community and our students.

Andrew Jones has been an integral part of our school as the Head Teacher of Mathematics and has demonstrated exceptional leadership and a passion for education. He has consistently worked to create an inclusive and supportive environment for both students and staff, and we are excited to see how he will continue to inspire and lead in this new role.

As Deputy Principal, Andrew Jones will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our school, ensuring that we continue to provide an excellent educational experience for all our students. We look forward to the innovative ideas and positive changes he will bring to our community.

Please join us in congratulating Andrew Jones on this well-deserved appointment. We are excited to support him as he embarks on this new chapter in his career!

Congratulations Mr Andrew Jones.

Stage 6 Study Skills Session

Our new Year 11 cohort met in the library on Thursday to discuss all things Stage 6. The purpose of this study skills session was to ensure that students were aware of the increased expectations of senior study, as well as to provide them with resources to support the management of their time, planning for assessments, and ideas for revision. During the two hours, students covered:

- Work-life balance
- Weekly planners and study routines
- Band descriptors and syllabus dot points
- Planning for assessments
- Researching and referencing
- Effective revision ideas
- ATOMI

Students were provided with a detailed guide to help support them during their senior schooling. If parents would like a copy of this guide to provide support at home, please email the school, and one can be sent to you.



Welcoming Our Newest Team Members

My name is Claire, and I will be teaching English and History at THLHS. I was born and raised in Singleton, NSW, and I recently moved to Grenfell from Sydney. Outside of teaching, I enjoy staying active through Pilates and swimming, reading my way through my bookshelf, and baking any recipe that looks delicious. I am thrilled to be joining such a positive, supportive, and caring environment. I look forward to meeting more people, developing positive relationships with staff and students, and sharing my love for teaching with the school and the broader Grenfell community.



Hello! My name is Shannon McDonald, and I am very excited to join The Henry Lawson High School as the new Mathematics teacher. I grew up on the Central Coast, but lived in Normanhurst, Sydney for the past 15 years. I studied at Macquarie University and completed a Bachelor of Science and Education, majoring in Mathematics. Outside of teaching, I have a passion for sports, especially soccer, tennis, and snowboarding. I also love music and enjoy playing the drums. I'm looking forward to being part of this great school community and all the awesome opportunities it provides for students. I'm also excited by the opportunity to support students in their mathematical learning and help them develop confidence and enjoyment in the subject. Keen for a great year!



My name is Emily Cartwright, and I'm a Student Learning Support Officer at The Henry Lawson High School. I am from Grenfell and attended Henry Lawson High School while growing up. I studied for a Certificate IV in School Based Education Support at ITAC. My interests include netball, camping, and spending time with my dogs. What I'm looking forward to the most about The Henry Lawson High School is getting to know everyone in the school community!



I am Michael McPhee. After 26 years at the same school, I decided it was time for a change. Last year, I was teaching casually on a day-to-day basis at The Henry Lawson High School. I am now teaching maths, a subject I am truly passionate about. I am also deeply committed to public education and believe in its importance for our community. I look forward to working in a school where people care about one another and treat each other with respect.

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Australia Day 2025

Congratulations to our award winners at the 2024 Weddin Shire Australia Day Ceremony!

Higher School Certificate Award: Congratulations to Thi Thuy Trang for her outstanding achievement in the HSC, achieving the highest ATAR score at The Henry Lawson High School. She received an outstanding achievement in Advanced Mathematics, Extension 1 Mathematics, Extension 2 Mathematics, and Geography, as well as High Achievement in Chemistry and a Commendable Achievement in Biology at The Henry Lawson High School Presentation Day 2024.

Youth Achievement Award: Congratulations to Ryan Toole, our 2024 Student of the Year, for his outstanding all-round achievements. This award recognises a student from each year who has excelled across all three areas: academia, sport, and community.

Well done to Patrick Radnedge for his wonderful poem recital of 'My Country'.

A special mention goes to our School Captains, Xanthe Johnson, Riley Bowerman, and Hugh Nowlan, who did an exceptional job as MCs!

Congratulations to all individuals and community award recipients. We are so proud that our students were able to be part of this community event!



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30 Point Assembly

At the start of each year, we celebrate the achievements of all students who earned 30 or more house points during the previous year under the house points system. It's wonderful to see students continue to strive for excellence and engage in school life. There are some new names on the list, which is fantastic to see.

Students who achieve 30 points or more receive a gift from the school in recognition of their outstanding effort. Year 8 students received a School Cap, Year 9 students received a house swimming bag, Year 10 students received a house beach towel, Year 11 students received a house drink bottle, and Year 12 students received a power pack.

Additionally, three students, one from each house, received a special house award for demonstrating exceptional effort and involvement throughout 2024.

Congratulations to the top students from each house for earning the highest number of points:

- Ella Mitton (Top McNamara House Point Winner)
- Ryan Toole (Top McCabe House Point Winner)
- Xanthe Johnson (Top Lehane House Point Winner)

Our 30 point students are:

Raphaella Macmillan	Patrick Radnedge	Spencer Mehrton	Lisbeth Toole
Ali McCann	Keira Chown	Penny Hughes	Savannah Bruce
Jack Death	Maddison Martin	Sienna Yerbury	Lachlan Rolls
Marley Loader	Adelaide Nowlan	Natalie Sheehan	Lachlan Ingre
James Death	Matilda Morley	Mikayla Hughes	Harry Robinson
Bridie Forde	Scarlett Nowlan	Braeden Leibick	Ryan Toole
Dylan Forde	Ebony Dowd	Grace Heatley	Sophie Berry
Ella Mitton	Jethro Fenton	Sophie Hughes	Riley Bowerman
	Harmony Hua	Xanthe Johnson	



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Year 7 Project Based Learning

Year 7 have begun a new subject this year, Project-based Learning. It involves students applying their critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication skills to undertake a series of future and careers-focused activities.

So far, the students had to team up to create a robotic arm to stack paper cups into a pyramid and were very excited to see how they tackle the topic this term.



Stage 4 Jamberoo Excursion



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School Calendar Term 1 2025

Term 1 2025	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February	2 A					
		3	4	5	6	7
February	3 B			200m freestyle and IM		
		10	11	12	13	14
February	4 A		400m Freestyle	Swimming Carnival		Year 12 legal studies Canberra Excursion
		17	18	19	20	21
February/ March	5 B		Mt Kosciuszko YR 12 geography excursion	Mt Kosciuszko YR 12 geography excursion	Mt Kosciuszko YR 12 geography excursion	Mt Kosciuszko YR 12 geography excursion
		24	25	26	27	28
March	6 A					
		3	4	5	6	7
March	7 B					
		10	11	12	13	14
March	8 A					
		17	18	19	20	21
March	9 B					School Photos
		24	25	26	27	28
March/ April	10 A					
		31	1	2	3	4
April	11 B					
		7	8	9	10	11

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The poster features a collage of student photos and activities. It includes the school crest, a starburst graphic with the text 'Meet the teachers', and contact information at the bottom.

English/ History Assessment Reminder

- Year 12 English Studies: We Are Australian imaginative and reflective writing due 7th March (week 6)
- Year 12 Ancient History: Julius Caesar historical analysis due 7th March (week 6)
- Year 12 Modern History: Russia and the Soviet Union historical analysis due 18th March (week 8)
- Year 11 English Advanced and Standard: Read to Write persuasive and creative writing due 8th April (week 11)
- Year 11 Ancient History: Nature of Ancient History essay due 21st March (week 8)
- Year 11 Modern History: Cuban Revolution historical narrative and analysis due 4th April (week 10)
- Stage 4 English: A History of Poetry analytical paragraphs due 9th April (week 11)

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Where Are They Now - Jaykob Gavin

I graduated from Henry Lawson High School in 2015. During my time at Henry Lawson High School, I developed a strong interest in sports and extracurricular activities, even though I wasn't the most academically focused student. Throughout my school years, I participated in various sports, including rugby league, soccer, and cricket. I was also a member of the school's science and engineering team, which represented the school at the national finals. These experiences helped me cultivate important skills in teamwork, leadership, and communication, while also forming lifelong friendships.

At Henry Lawson High School, my favourite subjects were sport and mathematics. After graduation, I continued to pursue my passion for sports by playing rugby league for the Grenfell Goannas. I worked for GrainCorp during harvest and took on various laboring roles, including concreting. In 2016, I began working at Grenfell Hospital doing general maintenance and groundskeeping, and I joined Fire and Rescue NSW as a retained firefighter in 2017.

In late 2019, I decided to pursue a career in law enforcement and applied to join the NSW Police Force. I was accepted into the NSW Police Academy in January 2020, and after completing my training, I took my oath of office as a Probationary Constable on June 19, 2020.

I was posted to Parkes Police Station in the Central West Police District, where I successfully completed my 12-month probationary period and was promoted to the rank of Constable. In 2022, I transitioned to the Parkes Detectives Office, and after passing the "Bullring" assessment on November 9, 2022, I was promoted to the rank of Plain Clothes Constable, taking on a permanent position in Criminal Investigations.

As part of my professional development, I began the Detectives Education Program (DEP), which focused on criminal investigation processes, evidentiary law, and investigation methodology. This program involved extensive coursework and examinations in complex areas such as drug supply and homicide investigations. On August 30, 2024, I was officially designated as a Detective Constable, continuing my work in the Parkes Detectives Office.

Throughout my career in the NSW Police Force, I have developed critical problem-solving skills and gained valuable experience in high-pressure, life-threatening situations. These experiences have highlighted the importance of effective teamwork, clear communication, and sound decision-making in high-risk environments.

Reflecting on my time at Henry Lawson High School, I fondly remember the friendships and experiences that have shaped my personal and professional life. While I may not have been the top academic performer, my commitment to perseverance, continuous learning, and teamwork has been essential to my success. I am proud of the path I have taken and remain grateful for the skills and values I developed during my time at school, which continue to guide me in my career today.



Community News and Events



The Cargo to Grenfell Walk is a registered fundraising event that takes place annually in March between the two regional towns of Cargo and Grenfell NSW.

Participants are put to the test of both mental and physical endurance during the 96km trek with the aim to raise awareness and funds to increase education around mental health wellbeing and suicide prevention. As a community-based event, we would love to see the locals of the Central West come on board and register for the event, supporting a great cause to improve mental health awareness & resources within Central West NSW.

The 2025 C2G Walk is scheduled Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th March 2025. There are registration options to enter as an individual or a team and to complete the full 3 days, any 2 days or any 1 day of the event! We're proud to have the Head Strong Foundation as our beneficiary again this year. Every step we take helps support their mission to provide mental health support and raise awareness for those in need. You can find out more information about The Head Strong Foundation by heading to the website:

<https://www.headstrongfoundation.com.au/>

Become a part of the C2G Walk vision today, there are numerous ways to support the event including:

1. Registering and complete the C2G Walk
2. Volunteering for the C2G Walk
3. As a business, sponsoring the C2G Walk
4. Contributing any goods/services that will benefit the C2G Walk E.g. Water, Massage Therapy or Nurses
5. Donating to the C2G Walk through our website, which will go directly to the Head Strong Foundation
6. Attend any community events supporting the C2G Walk E.g. Trivia Night at Gooloogong, presentations etc.
7. Buy tickets in any raffles that are running to support C2G Walk

For more Information or to register scan the QR Code >>>

OR head to our website: www.c2gwalk.com



Any questions about the event, registration or if you would like to be involved as a volunteer, please contact Toby Barons on 0421 880 088 or email c2gwalk@gmail.com



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Youth Dance Classes

WITH
**FRANCESCA
FENTON**

Discover the joy of dance in a fun and inclusive environment!

Dance provides a perfect blend of creativity, discipline and fun. Class includes basic techniques with an experienced teacher.

All are welcome, no dance experience required.



Classes **THURSDAY** afternoons starting **20th February** until the end of term 1

Located at:
KB5Fitness
100 Main St, Grenfell
NSW 2810

Cost: **\$160** for the term per class

Contact Francesca to enroll now at
francesca.fenton@outlook.com
or call/text 0491 133 336

Class Details

Ballet (5-7 years) 4-4:45pm

This class delves into the fundamentals of ballet. It includes basic techniques incorporating the ballet barre as well as centre-work. We will work on skills including, coordination, balance, strength, flexibility and self expression through movement.

Ballet (8-12 years) 5-5:45pm

This class delves into the fundamentals of ballet. It includes age appropriate techniques incorporating the ballet barre as well as centre-work. We will work on skills including, coordination, balance, strength, flexibility and self expression through movement.

Contemporary & Creative Dance (8-12 yrs) 5:45-6:30pm

This class delves more into the free form and creative side of dance. We will work on basic skills including contemporary technique and improvisation with lots of space for creative movement and exploration as well.

High School Dance (13+ years) 6:45-7:30pm

Aimed at high school aged students, this class covers a range of styles including ballet, contemporary, creative movement and jazz. The class style can be tailored to suit based on interest.

These classes are for anyone looking for fun through movement. No previous dance experience required, just an enthusiastic attitude and willingness to give things a go!



About Francesca:



Francesca grew up in the Grenfell community, attending the local primary and high school. Her passion for dance started at a young age training in multiple styles in studios around NSW and ACT.

Since leaving Grenfell she pursued further training, completing her Diploma in Elite Performance (Dance) with Sydney Dance Company's Pre-Professional year, as well as completing a Bachelor of Arts Honours in Dance at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Since graduating in 2021, she has pursued a professional career as a contemporary dance artist and teacher in Perth. She is currently a company Artist with Co3 Contemporary Dance as well as a Teaching Artist with The West Australian Ballet. Her role with WA Ballet includes touring to regional areas in WA, delivering youth programs centred around inclusion through dance and providing opportunities for youth in remote areas.

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Grenfell Art Gallery

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BY GRENFELL ARTISTS INC



31 JANUARY - 12 MARCH 2025
GRENFELL ART GALLERY

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**SUNDAY THE
2ND MARCH
2025**

**STARTING AT
5PM**

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Army Cadet Recruitment Drive 2025

1st Platoon, Grenfell
200 Army Cadet Unit

Start Date: Monday, 10th February 2025

Time: 6.00pm (1800hrs)

Location: Grenfell Cadet Unit, Grenfell Show Ground, Alexandra Street,
Grenfell NSW 2810

Contact: Lt (AAC) Camille Baldwin – 0427 661 211

If you have been thinking about joining the Army Cadets – Now is the time!

200 Army Cadet Unit is welcoming anyone who meets the age requirements to come along for a fun experience and an opportunity to achieve in many areas of leadership and teamwork. Army cadets will develop self-confidence, self-discipline, new skills, and you will make life-long friends along the way. The skills and experience you learn from Army Cadets will stay with you for life.

If you're turning 13 this year, you're old enough to join! You must also be under the age of 17.

To join us, simply call Lt (AAC) Camille Baldwin or simply submit an expression of interest to join the Grenfell Unit and then complete an application online. Head to www.cadetnet.gov.au for more information and to apply. We look forward to meeting you!

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