



# LAWSON'S LATEST

1 September, 2025 | Term 3, Week 7  
THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

## Science and Engineering

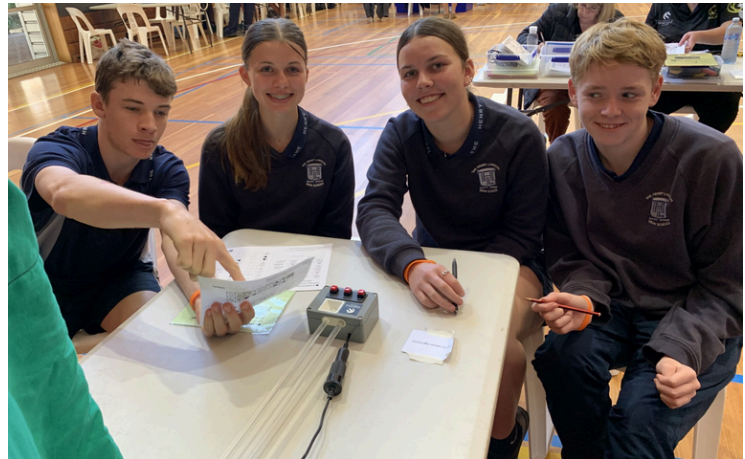
During last week, our Science and Engineering team travelled to Newcastle to compete in the NSW State Final Event. This event brought together the top-performing schools from across the state, giving our students the opportunity to test their skills against some of the best young minds in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Throughout the day, the team took part in a series of hands-on problem-solving challenges. Each challenge required not only technical knowledge but also teamwork, creativity, and resilience. They came in 5th place on the day, with only 85 points separating them from 1st place, with most events placing in the top 4.

Our students represented the school with pride, showing determination and focus in every event. The scores and feedback highlighted the dedication and effort they had invested in preparing for this competition. It was inspiring to see the way they encouraged one another, shared ideas, and worked collaboratively to find solutions.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the way they carried themselves throughout the day. Competing at state level is a significant accomplishment in itself, and their commitment, enthusiasm, and positive attitude are a credit to themselves.

Congratulations to our Science and Engineering team – a fantastic effort and a job very well done!



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## 2026 Captain Speeches

On Thursday, 28 August, ten of our Year 11 students presented their captain speeches to the school community. This year, the theme was "Ignite Your Potential."

Each student spoke with passion and purpose, sharing their vision for leadership and how they would represent their peers if elected. The speeches reflected the students' commitment, creativity, and courage in putting themselves forward for this important role.

We are proud of all candidates for their efforts and wish them the very best as the election process continues. Well done to each of our Year 11 students for embracing this challenge and showcasing their leadership potential.



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## Ryan Toole at the Long Tan commemorations

On Monday, 18 August, Ryan attended the Long Tan commemorations, where he shared a powerful and heartfelt story drawn from his grandfather's lived experiences on that significant day in history. His moving words offered a personal connection to the bravery and sacrifice of those who served, reminding us all of the enduring impact of their service.

Ryan's story follows below.

I would like to speak to you this afternoon about my grandfather, Private Allan Keith Russell. Who at the age of 21 was conscripted to The Royal Australian Regiment and served from June 1966 to June 1967. He was present at the Battle of Long Tan in Alpha Company, 6th Battalion.

I would like to relay a memory he retold me recently about his experience in Vietnam.

On Long Tan Day my grandfather was transferred from One ARU to Nui Dat with a friend of his. Upon arrival at Nui Dat, he noticed a large line of APCs and there were people running everywhere. When he got off the truck a Sergeant told him to throw his gear down and get on one of the APCs. They then progressed to the river which was halfway between their base and Long Tan. Once they reached the river they stopped as they had to wait for the OC who was the commander of the task force. He wanted them to wait there so he could go in with them. My grandfather's captain said after 10 minutes they would leave one APC there for him and advance to Long Tan. Luckily, they did as the soldiers were becoming agitated at being made to wait. When he finally arrived at Long Tan he was met with chaos seeing hundreds of Vietcong emerging from the undergrowth of the rubber plantation. After a short time of heavy battle in the pouring rain the enemy began to flee. By dark everything had quietened down, in the morning they were directed to follow the Vietcong. They got so close that mud was dripping off the leaves where they had walked through the plantation, however, they didn't catch up to them.

This recollection from my grandfather leaves me with feelings of pride and understanding of their bravery and determination in the face of unimaginable fear of danger. It leaves me with a lasting respect not only for my grandfather but for all veterans who have fought for our country.

Thank you



## YES Program

What a fantastic opportunity for our students! Fifteen students have commenced a five-week TAFE NSW program at the Grenfell campus, exploring a variety of courses including floristry, hair and beauty, special effects makeup, animal care, and hospitality.

The program began with students honing their floristry skills through a virtual delivery, and in week two they've been hands-on with Animal Care. It's been an exciting start, and we can't wait to see what the coming weeks will bring!



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## Ben Halls Shield

On Friday, 29th August, THLHS hosted Forbes High School in the second round of the Ben Hall Shield. The competition was played with exceptional sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and humour despite the threatening weather. THLHS achieved some pleasing results throughout the day, showcasing strengths and defeating Forbes High School in:

- Junior Boys Indoor Hockey and Table Tennis
- Junior Girls Soccer and Volleyball
- Senior Boys Soccer and Table Tennis
- Senior Girls Netball and Soccer
- Senior and Junior Trivia
- And of course, showcasing our champion Boccia Team.

THLHS MVPs, as voted by Forbes High School, were:

- Junior Boys: Wyatt Bruce
- Junior Girls: Daisy Forde
- Senior Boys: Jethro Fenton
- Senior Girls: Marley Loader
- Support: Riley Dennis

Forbes were great sports, and everyone had a fantastic day together, building strong relationships between the schools. Forbes were victorious overall, defeating THLHS 66 - 47 in competition points. Forbes also won the Staff Challenge, overcoming a late comeback to beat THLHS staff in straight sets in Volleyball.

The Ben Hall Shield is a triangular series between THLHS, Blayney High School, and Forbes High School.

The results of this years competition are:

- Blayney High School defeated THLHS (at Blayney)
- Blayney High School defeated Forbes High School (at Forbes)
- Forbes High School defeated THLHS (at Grenfell)

The Ben Hall Shield winners for 2025 are Blayney High School.

Mr Barclay would like to thank Ms Tara Morrison (Forbes High School) and Ms Maureen Dickson (Blayney High School) for their time and effort in working in partnership across our school communities to coordinate this competition between the three schools. Thank you to Leaders Coaches for rising to the occasion to transport Forbes High School. Thank you to all THLHS staff for their tireless efforts and commitment to providing positive learning experiences for our students. A special thanks to our catering team — Barista students, Stage 5 Food students, Ms Hunter, Ms Troth, Mr Connelly, Nigel, and Luke — for their amazing efforts and to Ms Bell for her coordination of the support students alternative activities. Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Ben Hall Shield, making it a huge success in supporting our sense of belonging, connection, and wellbeing as a school.



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## 2025 Debating

This year, we proudly entered five impressive teams in the Premier's Debating Challenge, including one Stage 6 team and two teams each representing Stage 5 and Stage 4. All teams performed exceptionally well, winning several debates and engaging in some outstanding exchanges.

Our Stage 6 team advanced to Round 4 of their competition, a significant achievement to be proud of. Meanwhile, all our Stage 4 and Stage 5 teams secured at least one victory within their respective zone debates.

Beyond the wins, the real success has been witnessing the growth of each debater. They have demonstrated remarkable resilience and strength, confidently standing up to defend a range of topics and issues. This outstanding group of students has shown they are more than ready to take on bigger challenges.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements and can't wait to see where their debating journey takes them in 2026!

Well done to:

Stage 6: Hugh Nowlan, Bridie Forde, Xanthe Johnson and Harmony Hua.

Stage 5: Adelaide Nowlan, Marley Loader, Hannah Kohlen, Matilda Morley, Maddison Martin, Ali McCann, Keira Chown, Georgia Petty and Jack Death.

Stage 4: Patrick Radnedge, Thomas Kilby, Ben Hay, Wyatt Bruce, Heidi Morley, Tilly Hockings, Jessie Pollock and Ava Baker.



## Chess Bringing Minds Together

A familiar sight in our library – Stage 4 students gathered around the chess boards, learning from one another and sharing in the art of the game.

## Congratulations Addison Day

Addison Day in Year 8, has been very successful with her dancing through Christine Wishart Dance Studios, travelling around the countryside this year and achieving many wonderful results.

Addison has competed in three competitions in Cowra, Bathurst, and Parkes, with two more coming up in Wagga and Goulburn.

She dances in many genres including Tap, Jazz, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop, Ballet, Pointe, and Contemporary. Addison has been awarded numerous 1sts, 2nds, and 3rds, and also gained two qualifications for Nationals in Queensland from the Parkes competition for her solos. Along with this, Addison has formed a tap group that has travelled to eisteddfods, achieving 1st place in their competitions and earning invitations to the Gold Coast.

Earlier in the year, Addison auditioned for the Southern Stars Dance Company and has also performed in musicals with the School of Music. It has been a very successful year for Addison, with even more competitions still to come.



## Fit 4 Life

On Tuesday, a group of students participated in the Fit 4 Life program. This initiative offers young people the opportunity to engage positively with our local police while also providing mentoring and a supportive space to discuss any concerns. We look forward to running the program later in the year to give more students the chance to be involved.



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## Ag News

Last week, the Primary Industries class participated in hands-on training to enhance their fencing skills. During the session, students successfully installed a new gate, constructed end assemblies with stays, and completed a section of fencing. Along the way, they practiced essential knots and gained valuable experience using a variety of specialised fencing equipment.



On Wednesday and Thursday, some of our Year 11 and 12 students completed the Agricultural Chemical Skill Set run by TAFE NSW. Students obtained skills in the safe use and handling of chemicals in an agricultural setting. On successful completion of the course, students will obtain their Chemical Users License.





## Reminders

### Year 12 Students and Parents: Revision Guides Now Available via ATOMI

All 2025 HSC revision guides and study plans available through ATOMI have been emailed to students, along with a link to access additional study tips and resources.

Preparing for your final HSC exams just got easier! ATOMI's 2025 study plans and timetables are designed to help Year 12 students organise their revision with confidence and clarity.

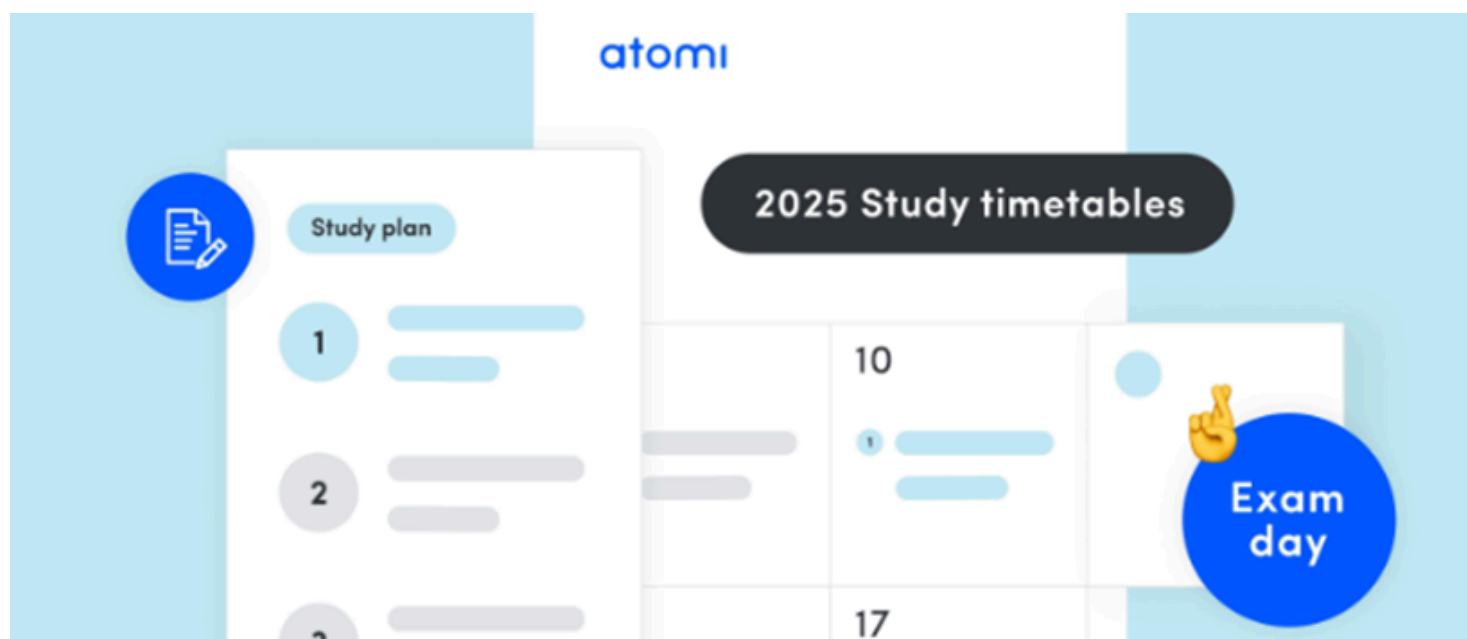
These expertly crafted six-week study guides break down your exam preparation into manageable blocks—revision, practice, and practice papers—so you can cover all your syllabus content effectively and build your exam skills step-by-step. Whether you're aiming to excel in Mathematics, History, Science, or any other subject, ATOMI's resources provide clear direction and support.

How it works:

- Revision Block (6 weeks out): Refresh your knowledge by revisiting topics and completing quizzes.
- Practice Block (4 weeks out): Test your understanding with short-answer questions and review past assessments.
- Practice Paper Block (2 weeks out): Simulate exam conditions by completing full practice papers.

These plans assume your notes are complete, so if needed, be sure to organise your notes first before starting.

Get started today! Check your email for your personalised 2025 study plans and timetables via the ATOMI platform. If you have any questions or need support, please visit the library or contact your teachers



### English/History Assessment Reminders

YEAR 11 ENGLISH ADVANCED AND STANDARD AND MODERN HISTORY: Preliminary examinations begin Week 8. Make sure you are preparing.

Year 11 English Studies: Classwork portfolio due 15th September (week 9)

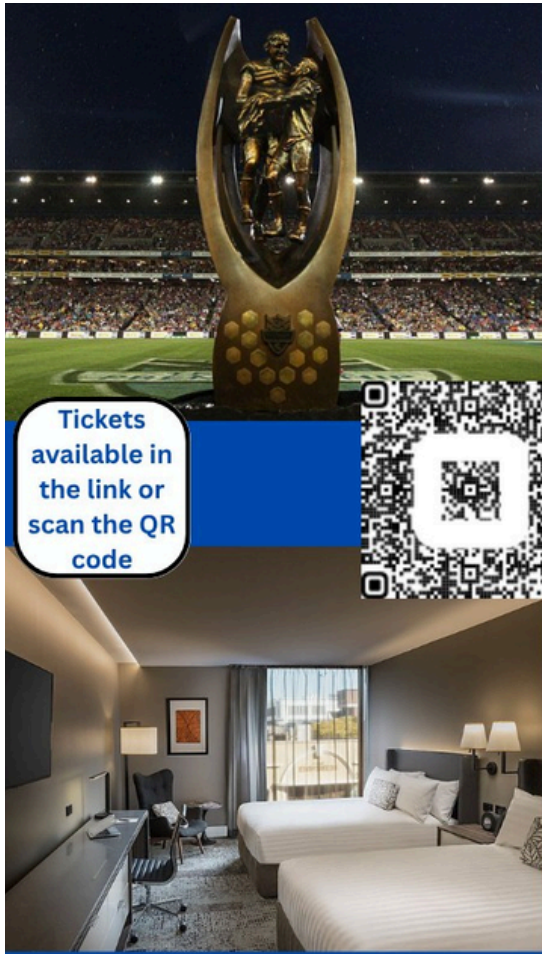
Year 11 Ancient History: Historical investigation due 25th September (week 10)

Stage 5 English: Genre essay due 25th September (week 10)

Stage 5 History: Rights and Freedom exam in class week 10 (date to be confirmed)

Stage 4 English: Imaginative narrative due 26th September (week 10)

Community News and Events



Tickets available in the link or scan the QR code

**THLHS P&C is giving your family the chance to WIN tickets to the NRL Grand Final!**



Prize Includes:

- 4 x tickets, Family Gold Pass, to the 2025 NRL Grand Final, Sunday 5th October
- 1 night accommodation for 4 people at the PARKROYAL Parramatta

**Tickets: \$10 each**

Winner announced: 12/09/2025

# DURSLEY POLL DORSET STUD

12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ON PROPERTY RAM SALE

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

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