

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire community for their support in these unprecedented times. The ability of the school to return so quickly to some form of normalcy says a lot about the strength of this wonderful community. I would also like to thank the entire teaching staff for their unwavering support of our students and the incredible lengths they have gone to support student learning and care for our students. Working together is how we get the best outcomes for all of our students.

As we move to the end of the year, I am taking this opportunity to provide some clarity regarding milestone events for the end of the year. With the current Covid 19 situation, we are currently taking daily advice from both the Department of Education and Health, which mean that things will look very different to previous years. We are incredibly conscious of how different the Year 12 experience has been for this group of students, and we are trying to provide a level of certainty for students and parents.

We have spoken to the students and wish to relay the following information regarding major events for Year 12, 2020. The Year 12 Graduation will occur although in line with the current requirements, parents/caregivers will be unable to attend the graduation as they have in previous years. As a parent, I understand that this is a crushing disappointment and recognise that you have been there for the entire journey and am devastated that you cannot attend. In order to address this concern the school has hired a videographer for the event, who will livestream the graduation ceremony and will provide each family in the week following, with a video of the events at school cost.

The Year 12 Formal remains in limbo. If the current health situation improves, the Year 12 Formal will be held in the school hall. This decision was made after discussing requirements with Crowne Plaza, who have a limit of 125 (120 students in the year), as well as no parents, no pre dinner drinks, no canapés, no dancing or singing and all must remain seated for the evening. The students appear to have accepted the situation and if the formal does occur, we will explore how to make it as special as possible.

The final point for Year 12 comes from NSW Police who have advised all Year 12 students across the Central Coast:

"As the time comes for Year 12 to commemorate the end of their schooling, we would like to congratulate them on their resilience and perseverance during these unprecedented times. We understand that traditional scavenger hunts and fridge-to-fridge activities are being planned within the Brisbane Water Police District over the next few weeks."

We would like to remind students to keep safe and keep activities legal. Previously, we have had issues at public places such as Erina Fair, Terrigal Haven and several beach locations, which have seen young people charged with criminal offences as a direct result of these activities. We ask students to remember their legal responsibilities when participating in these activities.

We would also like remind students that Public Health Orders, in regard to Covid-19, are still in place, with restrictions being placed on public and private gatherings. Current guidelines can be found here <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules>.

As the school term continues, I would like to ask for parent assistance in two areas. The first is School Attendance. As we are getting back into our daily school routines, can we please remind you of the following procedures.

If your child is **LATE** to school, please choose one of the following options

- ☐ Send a note to school with the child, to give to front office, with an explanation, upon arrival
- ☐ Reply to the SMS you may receive, as soon as you can with explanation
- ☐ Call the front office and explain reason for being late

If your child is **SICK** and absent from school, please choose one of the following options

- ☐ Send a note to school with the child, to give to front office, with an explanation, upon return
- ☐ Reply to the SMS you may receive, as soon as you can with explanation
- ☐ Call the front office and explain reason for being absent

If your child is **ABSENT** from school, please choose one of the following

- ☐ Send a note to school with the child, to give to front office, with an explanation, upon returning to school
- ☐ Reply to the SMS you may receive, as soon as you can with explanation
- ☐ Call the front office and explain reason for the absence

If your child is sent home from school with flu-like symptoms, or exhibits flu-like symptoms at home, can we please ask you to take them for a **COVID** test.

- They are to remain off school for this period of time and must show the NEGATIVE result to the front office for the return to school.

Finally, families are encouraged to holiday and travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation period is necessary, please do the following

- ☐ Apply for leave through the front office. A form will be issued to the child and signed by the their teachers and year advisor, pending the Principal's approval

Thank you for your assistance in this area, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the people in the front office for help.

The other area I require your assistance in is with school uniform. The school will soon begin a process to talk to students, parents and the community about possible changes to the schools uniform. Of concern now, we have two providers claiming to be the official uniform provider for the school. Of major concern is that they sell shirts of vastly different colourings. The official provider of the school uniform is Lowes, who support the P&C and our students financially, and make changes to the uniform based on their advice.

After consultation with Lowes, they have agreed to "price match" any competitor's prices, to ensure that the uniform is consistent and affordable for our families. To ensure consistency and a high standard of uniform, can I please ask parents and carers to consider this when purchasing new uniforms for 2021.

We have been working hard to get students back into the routine with high expectations regarding uniform, punctuality and general work ethic. We have issued reports for all years and undertaken parent teacher contact for Year 12. Unfortunately, events such as excursions and assemblies have not been able to occur, due to the health advice and restrictions imposed by Covid 19.



A Message to Year 12 Students, Parents and Carers

7th September 2020

On Behalf of Central Coast Secondary Principals



The final year of schooling for our Year 12 students has been unlike that of any other cohort due to the global pandemic. Whilst we recognise the impact that it has had on following a normal routine, we are very proud of the continued commitment our students have to supporting each other and looking ahead to better times.

Whilst completing the HSC is the next and final school milestone, we are aware that students are also thinking about their graduation and Formal.

All schools are working with their students, to stay within the guidelines, but also provide a memorable end to their schooling.

It is important to remember and reinforce, however, that if students are planning non-school sanctioned activities, that they keep safe, stay within the law and follow Public Health Orders.

Already, the police are communicating to schools the need to remind students to keep activities legal, as they can be charged with criminal offences and/or fined if they fail to do so.

In these times, that also means abiding by the restrictions due to COVID-19. These place restrictions on public and private gatherings.

Currently, these guidelines are:

- No more than 20 people are allowed to gather outside in a public place.
- Up to 20 visitors may visit another household at any one time. The total number of visitors includes adults and children.

The most up to date guidelines can be accessed from: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules>

We do not want to see the end of schooling marred for any student due to engaging in activities that the police are monitoring and on which they will act.

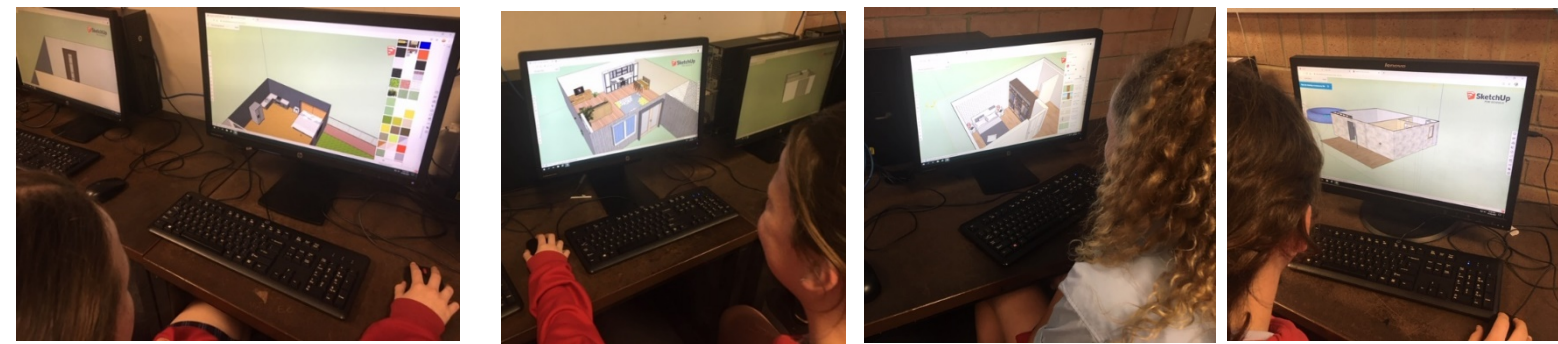
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school.



TAS REPORT

Yr. 8 Digital Technologies - Sketch Up

The Year 8 Digital Technologies students are currently working on an assignment in which they are designing a 'Granny Flat', using the Computer Aided Design package called Sketch-Up. They were given a list of specifications to work within and have produced a range of visually exciting designs.



Yr. 12 Industrial Technology – Timber & Graphics

The Year 12 Industrial Technology – Timber & Graphics students are currently working on completing their HSC Major Projects by Thursday, 27 August. Students began planning their projects back in Term 4 2019, and are now frantically applying the finishing touches to their work. Congratulations to all students on achieving these high standards.

Mrs Rearden, HT TAS



DANCE REPORT

**HSC Exams**

Congratulations to our HSC dance class! They have completed the practical components of the HSC dance exams. While there were a few alterations to the practical exams this year, they have embraced the challenges and worked exceptionally hard to achieve their very best. Thank you to Ms Elbra for the additional rehearsal and exam support.



Elle Mitchell



Laura Day

Outstanding students

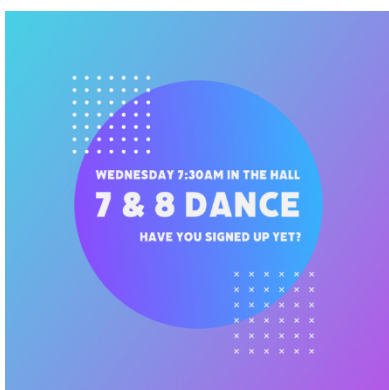
Despite the setbacks faced this year, our dance students continue to step forward and create amazing work. We are currently working on a number of different dance tasks and I look forward to creating a platform that can be shared with you in Term 4, so you may be able to view their outstanding work.

While things are definitely quieter this year, we would still love to see more and more students join our dance ensembles and electives and YES, everyone is welcome! No, you do not need to have a dance background, and yes, you can come because your friend is coming.

Year 7 & 8 Dance Ensembles

Wednesday mornings at 7:30am. Remember, everyone is welcome to join us.

If you are not part of our closed Facebook group (Kincumber High School Dance) or Instagram page (kincumberhighschool_dance), make sure to join us for updates and information.

**Communication**



Please join us at Kincumber High's School Dance to stay updated on information. Yes, we have an Instagram account, join us at kincumberhighschool_dance

If you have questions regarding anything to do with dance, please come and see us in the PE staffroom.

Mrs McRae, Dance Coordinator

PDHPE REPORT

Term 3 has been an interesting time in PDHPE. Staff have welcomed a new staff room, which has been advantageous for students wishing to speak to teachers and for teachers to collaborate on ideas for their classes. Due to the extreme weather over winter, all PE lessons have been restricted to the COLA and HALL. Students are commended for their understanding, good behaviour and application throughout this time. Fingers crossed there will be an increase in activities on the oval in the later part of the year.

Year 12

Well done to all students who have recently completed their trial exams in PDHPE and CAFS. Mr Crawford and Mrs Elbra are very pleased with the progress of their respective classes.

Year 11

Yearly exams are coming up in Week 9. All students are encouraged to seek assistance from their teachers and ensure they are up to date with all course work. Good luck to all of Year 11.

Year 7-10

All junior classes are currently working on assessment tasks throughout health lessons. Year 7 are choosing their own adventure and completing a Bloom's Taxonomy Grid, activities including creating a podcast on respectful relationships. Year 8 are designing a nutritious weekly meal plan for their families. Year 9 is creating a website focusing on a chosen mental health strategy, such as resilience and self-talk/self-awareness. Year 10 are working towards completing a Google Form focusing on Men's and Women's Health in class during the final week of the term.

Sport

Week 3 saw the beginning of the lunchtime volleyball competition. Eight teams across years 7-10 had entered the competition with Bing Bang (Jackson Adair, Zane Scott, Jayden Morgan, Jack Drury, Tom Nicholls and Safin Robertson) currently leading the competition. Unfortunately, new COVID-19 guidelines have halted the progress of the competition. Alternative arrangements are currently being investigated.

Tuesday sport has resumed again this term and has seen students participating in numerous activities, such as golf, indoor sports, beach activities and tennis. A big thanks to Miss Malone for the countless hours of organisation for sport. The new world of COVID-19 has made any sport extremely difficult and she has done a fantastic job.

If students have any questions about sport, please see Miss Malone (Tuesday Sport) and Mr Russell (Team and Individual Sports).

Mr Russell, PDHPE Teacher/Sports Coordinator

CAREERS REPORT



Events listed are presented as reported from the home website at the time of collection from the news source. We strongly advise you check directly with the event organisers regarding the delivery of the event due to current restrictions.

IT Virtual Open Day - Academy of Information Technology (AIT) will be holding their next Virtual Open Day on September 9, 5pm-7pm. This is the ideal opportunity to explore your study options and career paths - whether that may be in Film, Animation, Games, Digital Design or Mobile App Development. Register now via <https://hubs.ly/H0stkys0>

Avondale Online Information Sessions - Starting Tuesday September 8, Avondale is hosting a range of online information sessions for undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Register for any information session on Avondale's website, www.avondale.edu.au/infonights and learn about the degree programs and speak with the lecturers all from the comfort of your own home.

Looking for a pathway into UOW? Attend the UOW College Online Info Session on Wednesday 16 September UOW College offer pathway courses that can guarantee entry into a range of bachelor programs, some with direct entry into the second year. Attend the next online information session on Wednesday 16 September from 6pm-7pm to find out more about UOW College's range of courses. Staff will be available on the night to answer your questions. Book now: <https://www.uowcollege.edu.au/events/>

TAFE NSW goes virtual for Open Day - TAFE NSW Virtual Open Day 2020 is on from 9-10 September. Students and parents can connect their own way, from anywhere. They'll have access to all the information and expert advice they need, to find the careers path that's right for them and their teen. <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/open-day>

The University of Sydney - Online Open Nights: 9-10 September - Find course advice, chat to current students and attend a range of webinars at one of the University of Sydney's Online Open Nights. Choose from either convenient weeknight session and learn about the University of Sydney from home at <https://sydney.edu.au/undergraduate-events>

Sydney Conservatorium of Music - Admission Advice Week in August and September Auditions Registrations for September round auditions close 11.59pm, on 18 September, 2020. September round offers will be issued from October. bit.ly/usydauditions

Book an ACU Guided Visit now! ACU's capped guided visits are available for bookings now. This great opportunity gives students the chance to view each of the ACU campuses and check out the great facilities, while keeping up with social distancing and COVID-19 safe practices. Register here www.acu.edu.au/campus-tours

ACU Year 12 Revision Workshops - Register now for a series of free online webinars run by experienced Year 12 exam markers and assessors. They'll guide you through how to respond to possible exam questions, help you get your head around the class content to deepen your understanding, and offer plenty of tips and strategies along the way <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/year-12-revision-webinars>

Southern Cross University Virtual Open Day – This will be a little bit different this year with a month-long event starting on August 17. It's an exciting program of over 30 live online events that connect you with academics, 360-degree virtual campus tours, on-demand video and live chat with advisors to guide you through the application process. Register now at <https://discover.scu.edu.au>

Study at ACU Webinar Series - The Study at ACU webinar sessions are covering 'Moving Away From Home' on Wednesday, 23 September. Gain helpful advice on how to apply, find out more about non-traditional pathways to uni, and hear from students about what life is really like at ACU. <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/study-at-acu>

Warrane College UNSW - Warrane College UNSW offers an all-round residential and collegiate experience for young men going through university. It offers support for a smooth transition from high school, academic and professional success, a diverse and vibrant university experience, and lifelong friendships. For more information, visit <https://warrane.unsw.edu.au/> or contact Chris at futurestudents@warrane.unsw.edu.au

Claire Barber, Careers Advisor



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All Girls Cricket Ages 9-15

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