



# Coomealla High School

## Weekly News

Week 2, Term 3

29th July 2020

Welcome to Term 3,

It seems as though this year is becoming more and more surreal. The border closed between NSW and Vic is unprecedented in our history and undoubtedly causing much frustration to many in our community. Despite the unsettling effect that these events would inevitably have on the broader community, our students here have taken the COVID-19 events in their stride. We have had a very settled first week, and the students all seem very happy to be back into their school routine.

**Tell Them from Me:** Over the holidays, we received a report compiled from the Tell Them From Me Survey conducted last term. Below are some of the findings:

- There was an improved participation rate from students this year with a 50% increase in students completing the survey from the previous 5 years, thanks to the efforts of Josephine Crowley in coordinating the TTFM
- Whilst students' self-perception of their progress in English, Mathematics and Science was slightly down on last year, the survey detected that the drivers for positive learning outcomes were improved. Things such as: effective learning time in class, relevance of student learning activities, rigour, advocacy of at school of students, teacher/student interactions, positive learning environment, expectations of success and post school pathways.
- Students' sense of school pride is elevated, particularly amongst our Aboriginal students.
- Our students' attitudes were at or above state average for most measure taken in terms of their positive attitude towards school.
- 79% of students felt that school was challenging. 36% of students felt that they were well equipped for the academic challenges. This is an area that we will be focussing on over the next twelve months. It is important that students feel that they have the skills to tackle the work that is asked of them.
- Overall, I am very pleased with these results. The students appear to be more satisfied and happy at school and these elements are vital to success.

### What's on ?

- School Photos Wednesday  
12th August 2020.

### Coming up.....

- Trial HSC exams 17th-21st  
August.
- Year 11 End of course exams  
start 7th September.



Lowes carry the full CHS Uniform,  
including senior shirts, jumpers &  
jackets.



**Literacy:** This term we are refocussing our efforts on student literacy. The new learning centre is closing in on assessing students that have been identified as experiencing difficulty with reading. Students will be withdrawn from class to attend individualised intensive reading support.

The reading program that was started last term has been modified to focus more on writing skills. Students that require intensive reading intervention will be picked by the staff in the Learning Centre.



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COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Most infected people will develop mild to moderate illness and recover without hospitalization.

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**Most Common Symptoms:**

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Tiredness

**Less Common Symptoms:**

- Aches and pains
- Sore throat
- Diarrhoea
- Conjunctivitis
- Headache
- Loss of smell
- Rash on skin or discolouration of fingers and toes

**Serious Symptoms:**

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Chest pain or pressure
- Loss of speech or movement

Seek immediate medical attention if you have serious symptoms. Always call before visiting your doctor or health facility.

People with mild symptoms who are otherwise healthy should manage their symptoms at home.

On average it takes 5-6 days from when someone is infected with the virus for symptoms to show, however it can take up to 14 days.

Please keep safe everyone and do not go to work or send your child to school if you or they are experiencing these symptoms.

**SRC reminder:** We are still looking for candidates for SRC. In light of recent reviews, we are increasing the number of representatives for each year group from two to three. In addition, each year group will be electing an Aboriginal Education Consultative Group representative to the SRC. These representatives will work closely with the local AECG which supports and acts on the interests and needs of Indigenous students, staff, and wider community.

If you would like to nominate yourself or anybody else *in your year group*, please see Mr. Harrison or Miss. Ryan.

**Students and Staff of the week:**

**Year 7:** Xavier Leech for Consistent Application to his studies nominated by Miss Leon.

**Year 8:** Hayley Baker for Consistent application to her studies nominated by Ms Steel

**Year 9:** Nadia Hopkins for Consistent Effort in History nominated by Mrs Alderton.

**Year 10:** Thomas Stokes for Consistent application to his studies nominated by Mr Crammond.

**Year 11:** Sarah Watters-Behsmann for Consistent application to her studies nominated by Miss Leon.

**Staff:** April Winckle for always putting the needs of our Students first.

Please email any suggestions to me at [Stephen.harper@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Stephen.harper@det.nsw.edu.au) to improve this service.  
Have a safe and happy week everybody!

Steve Harper  
Principal

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**COLD? FLU? COVID-19?**

**Don't Guess...  
GET A TEST!**

**Testing is FREE  
No GP Referral Required**

**If you're experiencing:**

**\* Runny Nose \* Cough \* Fever \* Tiredness  
\* Loss of Smell \* Trouble Breathing \* Loss of Taste**



**Get tested for COVID-19**

**COVID-19 Drive-Through Clinic Buronga**

**Midway Centre**

**10am to 2pm Mon-Fri**

**COVID-19 Drive-Through Clinic Balranald**

**Balranald MPS**

**1pm to 4pm, Mon - Fri**

**COVID-19 Drive Through Clinic Wentworth**

**Wentworth Health Service**

**10am to 2pm Mon - Fri**

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Far West  
Local Health District

**For more Information:**

**Call the COVID-19 Hotline: 1800 020 080  
visit [wnswphn.org.au/coronavirus](https://wnswphn.org.au/coronavirus)**