



COOMIE NEWS

TERM 2, WEEKS 1 & 2 2022

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UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & KEY DATES

Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May

NAPLAN Online Assessment for Years 7 and 9

Friday 13th May

National Walk Safe to School Day

Monday 9th May to Friday 13th May

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 16th May to Friday 20th May

Completing the Puzzle Camp

Tuesday 10th May

Year 9/10 Music Task 1

Tuesday 17th May

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 11th May

Coomealla HS Open Night

Thursday 19th May

Year 11 Bio Practical Investigation

Thursday 12th May

Year 11 Ind Tech Report

Friday 20th May

Year 9/10 InTech Metal BBQ Plate and Folio

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th May

Year 11 and 12 LifeReady camp

STUDENT VOICE

Last Monday we went to the Curlwaa and Wentworth ANZAC day services. We were fortunate enough to get the opportunity to do a speech and lay a wreath at each service. This allowed us a chance to publicly speak in front of a crowd and have the honor of representing our school on such a solemn occasion. We constructed a speech on the Salvation Army's involvement within the world wars. This taught us a lot about our country's history revolving around ANZAC day. ANZAC day means to us, a day of remembering those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Holly Bysouth and Kyla Gregg - Year 12





ANZAC DAY



ANZAC Day ceremonies are held every year on the 25th April around Australia. This year, communities have been able to commemorate the event largely without the interruption of COVID safety protocols. In our local area, events were held in Dareton, Curlwaa and Wentworth, and Coomealla High School was well represented at each ceremony by its school captains.



In Dareton, Jody Boundy, Oscar Collins and Mia Thompson participated as flag bearers. In Curlwaa and Wentworth, Holly Bysouth and Kyla Gregg spoke about the importance of the Salvation Army to the history of ANZAC and laid wreaths to commemorate fallen servicemen and women. Our students were commended on their role and members of the RSL and local community commented on the consistent quality of representatives from Coomealla High School at annual ANZAC Day services. Some of our younger students also attended the march in Wentworth to mark the importance of this solemn occasion.



Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in these events.



ACHIEVEMENTS OF PAST STUDENTS

Ms Fraser was recognised for her commitment to patient care and initiative in service delivery.

Her internship was split between community pharmacy and research at the University of South Australia, which meant learning double the skills in half the time – all while dealing with the additional demands of the pandemic.

Rather than let this hold her back, Ms Fraser threw herself into her intern year, developing partnerships with groups including Sonder and Asthma Australia, and co-designing grant applications with both organisations to further pharmacy practice.

‘Being able to work with the incredible team at Terrywhite Chemmart Christies pharmacies and care for their patients one day, and work at the university on my research with the academics there the next has been an amazing experience,’ she said.

‘The most challenging aspect was learning the community pharmacist role in the space of 2 days a week and then alternating it with my own work at the university, all whilst COVID was very much still impacting our day-to-day lives. It was a very ambitious but rewarding year.’

Ms Fraser should soon complete her PhD at the University of South Australia. She plans to continue to work in community pharmacy and hopes to help expand professional services and advance pharmacy practice.





PARENT / TEACHER AFTERNOON

Term 2 Parent / Teacher afternoon.

Dear Parents and carers, we welcome you to the first of our Parent/ Teacher afternoons on Tuesday 17th May.

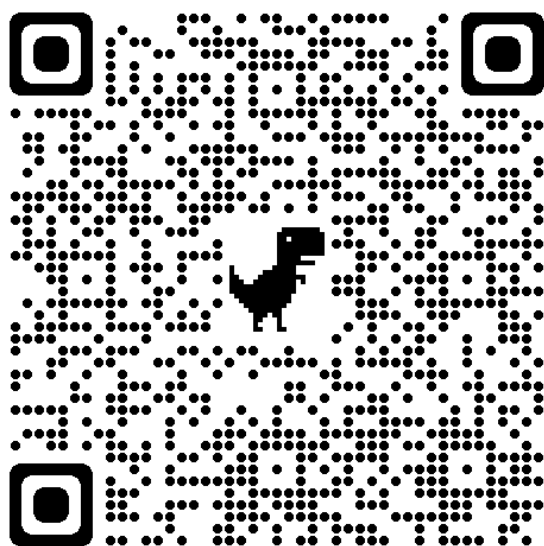
Staff will be available between 3.30 and 5.30 to discuss academic progress with parents and carers.

Please book time slots (5 minutes in duration) to meet with your student's teachers to discuss their progress or any concerns that have been raised. This will be completed in Coomealla High School's Compass App.

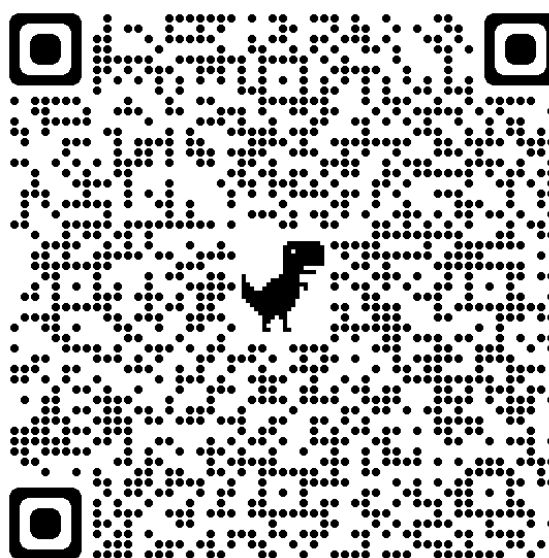
Please use either of the following QR codes, to assist with bookings. These will be live as of Monday 9th May.

If you have any problems with making a booking, please contact the school on 03 50274506 for assistance.

There will be a light afternoon tea available, we look forward to seeing you all there.



QR CODE 1 Conference Booking



QR CODE 2 Conference Booking for
Mobile devices



OPEN NIGHT



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DATE

Coomealla High School

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 11th May 2022
5.30 – 7.30pm



For more information contact:
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Come and see all that Coomealla High School has to offer!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Term 2 is off and racing with our teachers very busy with classes and planning extracurricular activities for the term. It was pleasing to see our students participating in community ANZAC day events and I enjoyed meeting more parents and members of our school community. Our captains are to be congratulated for their service and leadership in the ceremonies both at school and in the Curlwa, Dareton and Wentworth ceremonies.

Open night

I am looking forward to meeting members of our school community who come to our Open Night next Wednesday. The plans are progressing well, and I encourage parents and students of Year 5 and 6 students to attend and begin the orientation process to high school with tours, food, drinks, activities, and information. Further details are provided later in the Newsletter.

Life Ready Year 11 and 12

We are pleased to offer a short enrichment camp Thursday and Friday next week for our Year 11 and 12 students who will participate in a range of wellbeing and personal development sessions with the team from Creating Chances. Overnight camps off site offer fun and teambuilding which are a vital part of schooling, and we are excited to present this opportunity. Students will stay overnight at Cullulleraine camp and all costs will be met by the school. There will be no classes at school for Year 11 and 12 students on these days because this is a compulsory component of Stage 6 and students need to attend to get their accreditation for this course. We do apologise for the short notice of this camp as we have had some delays in confirming details of the accommodation and program but we are very confident that it will be a worthwhile and positive experience for our students.

Creating Chances is the organisation based in Sydney who work all around NSW with schools on leadership training and they were here with us in term 1 training our Year 9 and 10 PASS class to coach and train primary aged students in a range of sports. Their visit last term culminated in a gala day run by our students and involved the local primary schools playing sport against each other. The focus for Year 11 and 12 will be on positive lifelong decision making, positive health and safety choices, career transition and goal setting. Students are asked to return permission slips to Ms Dobe asap to assist with catering and organisation. Some students have requested permission to leave the camp to attend work commitments on Thursday evening and they have been informed that parents would need to arrange this with staff, collect and return their child to the camp, as we do not permit student's own vehicles on the camp.

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Snow excursion

Another piece of exciting news for our students is the confirmation of our snow excursions for year 9-11 students in September. We've had very strong interest from students, with 55 confirmed and we now have a waiting list. There is no doubt that a week in the snow country is a once in a lifetime opportunity for students and I thank our enthusiastic staff for their planning and dedication to help this camp go ahead. The school is subsidising the cost of the bus for the camp to reduce overall costs and we are seeking donations from community groups to again lower costs for all students. Our plans for camps in Year 7 and 8 is to look for local options which are more affordable and therefore accessible for hopefully all students. If you are a part of a community group that may be willing to make some financial contribution for the Snow excursion, please contact the school.

Staff shortages

You may be aware from media reports of shortages of teaching staff across the state, including here at Coomealla High with a number of staff on extended leave. Classes impacted are Senior English, German, some Junior Science and PDHPE classes. I thank our teachers for their dedication and flexibility to add extra students to their classes or cover additional lessons above their teaching load to keep our learning going. As Principal, it is currently my highest priority to recruit quality staff into those vacancies and I thank the members of our P & C for their assistance with selection panels. If any community members have current approval to teach in NSW or know of other relatives who may be interested in spending some time with us at Coomealla, please contact me at the school.

At the time of writing, our Cross Country team are leaving for Mildura to compete at the inter-school championships and I congratulate them on their selection in our school team and look forward to hearing about the day.

Ms Kath Steward
Executive Principal