



## Mr Glenday's Guard of Honour on his last working day at Vincentia High School









# Showcase 2017

Showcase 3rd November 2017 was certainly a night to remember. A cast and crew of almost 100 students performed to a packed house of friends and family from tiny babies to grandparents. The evening began with a beautiful pop up Art and Photography exhibition.

The show opened with our awesome Dance and Didg crew followed by a huge variety of outstanding talents from all areas of the school. Highlights included our concert band, jazz ensemble, guitar ensemble and vocal groups led by our Music staff **Mr Josh Barkwith and Mr Tye Langford**. Our dance groups including our award winning Wakakirri troupe led by **Ms Vivian Nolan**. Yr 12 Music students who finished their final week of exams returned for a few show stopping encores and a variety of individual performers including the very accomplished **Harmony Dyer** and a special appearance from **Oliver Griffiths** very good friend "Tina Turner."

Many thanks go to Simon and his technical crew who along with the school's new sound and lighting equipment turned our school hall into a rock stadium, the canteen staff for providing refreshments to the large crowd, our gorgeous Captains and Vinnie the eagle for running the show and entertaining the audience, our fantastic Creative Arts staff, our fabulous performers, back stage crew and the wonderful audience for helping to celebrate the talent and hard work of our students!









# Crossroads Program

## provided valuable life skills

Our 2018 Year 12 group attended three days of workshops covering a wide range of topics designed to prepare and motivate them for a safe and successful final year at school. Miss Keogh was extremely proud and congratulated our wonderful Year 12 group on their phenomenal attitudes and commitment to getting out of their comfort zone as they ensure that they are the best possible versions of themselves for their HSC year.

The first day was all about driver safety and behavioural change. The Sanctuary Point Bendigo Bank branch kindly co-sponsored with us for the 'Motorvation' team to present a life-saving and often life-changing method of driver tuition for our young drivers. Young drivers are the most at risk group and what they lack is the ability to understand their driving personality (Motorvation call this Driver IQ) and make decisions to change their behaviour to reduce overconfidence and risk taking.

Day two included a morning of workshops with Mr Loupos 'Rites of Passage' and 'Inspire Motivation' with Miss Keogh, followed by lunch at Huskisson Bowling Club. The afternoon was full of fun team building activities such as mini golf and barefoot bowling.

Day three covered sexual health, a boot camp style exercise session designed to challenge the students physically and mentally and 'You're in the Driver's Seat' presented by Glen Haworth from Haworth Guitars. Glenn spoke about how he overcame issues that were holding him back and how he got to where he is now, focused on living life to the fullest. He talked about the importance of talking about our problems, setting goals and having a solution-focused mindset, working on our own strengths, bouncing back from challenges, and being grateful for what we have as well as providing some insight for dealing with anxiety and bullying. Glenn brought along his guitar to the school and put on a music show for the students and encouraged active participation and gave away prizes to the most engaged students.

Thank you to all the facilitators for making these three days such a success and well done Year 12 for your commitment and dedication.





# Prestigious Victor Chang Award for Cooper Solberg!

Cooper Solberg has been awarded with the prestigious Victor Chang Cardiac Research Science Award for 2017. This Science achievement recognises students who have excelled in the field of science and aspire to continue Victor Chang's legacy of inspiration and dedication. Cooper has demonstrated this through his commitment to three senior science subjects including Biology, Chemistry and Physics!

Cooper will be going to an award ceremony at Figtree High School where he will accept his award alongside other students from across the Illawarra region. Congratulations Cooper on your hard work and outstanding achievement!



## **\$10,000 & \$5,000 Scholarship for school leavers!**

**Sanctuary Point & Districts Community Bank Branch** are offering two scholarships to help with the cost of tertiary study for Year 12 students living in the 2540 postcode. \$5000 per year for 2 years of Bachelor degree studies is available for 1 student and \$2500 per year for 2 years for TAFE studies for 1 student. Click the link below for more information and the application forms. The Sanctuary Point & Districts Community Bank are committed to building stronger communities through sponsorship and scholarships.

<https://bendigobank.com.au/.../community/sc.../2018-scholarships>

## **A shout out for school uniforms**

If you have school uniforms that your child has outgrown from years 7 to 12 the Support Unit would very happily accept them. They can be left at the front office or sent directly to the Support Unit. These uniforms are used by the entire school when mishaps happen and would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

## **Australian Business Week (ABW)**

A reminder to all Year 10 that Australian Business Week (ABW) is next week (Week 7). It is a fabulous week of learning how to operate a small business. Please make sure you have your teams and your Cafe names sorted! See Mrs Morris or Ms Greyling for more information. This is a compulsory school week for all Year 10.



# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.







### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5129

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# Summer Bus

Mon 18 Dec 2017 – Fri 5 Jan 2018

CONTINUOUS SHUTTLE ROUTE 9.45am – 2.15pm:

BASIN VIEW SHOPS • ST GEORGES BASIN SHOPS • SANCTUARY POINT SHOPS/LIBRARY &  
SKATE PARK • VINCENTIA MARKET PLACE • LEISURE CENTRE • VINCENTIA SHOPPING VILLAGE  
• HUSKISSON BEACH/MOONA MOONA • HUSKISSON SHOPS/PICCS/SEA POOL



## Timetable & Route



Location	Depart AM	Return PM	Depart AM	Return PM	Depart PM	Return PM
Basin View Shops	9:45	11:05	11:05	12:53	1:00	2:15
St Georges Basin Shops	9:55	10:55	11:15	12:43	1:10	2:06
Sanctuary Point Shops	10:02	10:48	11:22	12:36	1:17	2:01
Old Errol Bay (Macclibbon PDE)	10:05	10:45	11:25	12:33	1:20	1:58
Vincentia Marketplace	10:08	10:42	11:28	12:30	1:23	1:55
Bay & Basin Leisure Centre	10:12	10:38	11:32	12:26	1:27	1:51
Vincentia Shops	10:15	10:35	11:35	12:23	1:30	1:48
Moona Moona Creek	10:19	10:31	11:39	12:19	1:34	1:44
Owen St Bus Stop	10:23	10:27	11:43	12:15	1:38	1:40

\*excludes Public Holidays

- Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult
- All bus services are hail & ride if you live on the main route and it is a safe place to stop
- Present a bus stamped flyer to receive discounts if applicable from participating businesses and the Leisure Centre
- Snap a shuttle selfie & email it to [council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au) to go in the draw to win a \$100 gift voucher of your choice. The email subject line needs to be Shuttle Selfie



## **Term 4, 2017**

### **Thursday 16/11/2017**

- ☞ Future Fit Wellbeing Yr9
- ☞ Sailability on Shoalhaven River Nowra

### **Friday 17/11/2017**

- ☞ Gumbari Bushcare/Parkcare Regeneration Group - Shoalhaven Council Reserves
- ☞ Support Radio Program - Bay & Basin Community & Resource Centre/J Cooper

### **Monday 20/11/2017**

- ☞ Links to Learning Program - YWCA Nowra
- ☞ Yr 10 ABW Program

### **Tuesday 21/11/2017**

- ☞ Yr 10 ABW Program

### **Wednesday 22/11/2017**

- ☞ Yr 10 ABW Program
- ☞ Wacky Wingello MTB

### **Thursday 23/11/2017**

- ☞ Future Fit Wellbeing Yr9
- ☞ Sailability on Shoalhaven River Nowra
- ☞ Wacky Wingello MTB
- ☞ Yr 10 ABW Program

### **Friday 24/11/2017**

- ☞ Gumbari Bushcare/Parkcare Regeneration Group - Shoalhaven Council Reserves
- ☞ Support Radio Program - Bay & Basin Community & Resource Centre/J Cooper
- ☞ Yr 10 ABW Program

### **Monday 27/11/2017**

- ☞ Links to Learning Program - YWCA Nowra

### **Tuesday 28/11/2017**

- ☞ Industry Visit Teppanaki Restaurant Fairy Meadows yrs 10/11 all day Mrs Boyce

### **Wednesday 29/11/2017**

- ☞ Science Fair 2017 University of Wollongong yrs 7-10 all day Mrs Corcoran

## **SCHOOL CONTACTS**

<b>P Taylor</b>	<b>Relieving Principal</b>
<b>A Newton</b>	<b>Deputy Principal Stage 4 (7 &amp; 8) Rel</b>
<b>S Clark</b>	<b>Deputy Principal Support &amp; Special Programs</b>
<b>P. Raftery</b>	<b>Deputy Principal Stage 5 (9 &amp; 10)</b>
<b>F Loupos</b>	<b>Senior School (11 &amp; 12)</b>
<b>J Oxley</b>	<b>School Administration Manager</b>
<b>S Fuz</b>	<b>Careers Advisor/VET (Rel)</b>
<b>P Greyling</b>	<b>Head Teacher WellBeing</b>
<b>M Meehan</b>	<b>Head Teacher Teaching &amp; Learning Literacy/Numeracy</b>
<b>M Swanson</b>	<b>Head Teacher Admin</b>
<b>G Keogh</b>	<b>Head Teacher English (Rel)</b>
<b>J Povolny</b>	<b>Head Teacher Mathematics (Rel)</b>
<b>T Borg</b>	<b>Head Teacher Science</b>
<b>L Ryder</b>	<b>Head Teacher CAPA</b>
<b>E Salahi</b>	<b>Head Teacher HSIE</b>
<b>B Warner</b>	<b>Head Teacher TAS (Rel)</b>
<b>J. Wright</b>	<b>Head Teacher PDHPE (Rel)</b>
<b>B Sauvao</b>	<b>Head Teacher Sport</b>
<b>M Goerlach</b>	<b>Head Teacher Support (Rel)</b>
<b>J Scott</b>	<b>Head Teacher Gumbari Facility</b>
<b>A Glenday</b>	<b>Head Teacher Learning &amp; Support</b>
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<b>A Hall</b>	<b>School Counsellor</b>
<b>P Charlton</b>	<b>School Counsellor</b>
<b>G Brown</b>	<b>Aboriginal Education Officer Ganya Garindja</b>

## **Uniform Shop**

**Please note that the School Uniform Shop will be CLOSED on Friday November 17 2017.**

**Sorry for any inconvenience caused**

**Kath Nation**