**Principal’s Message**

Sunday November 29 2015 Midday, MADD Week has commenced with its official launch and opening of the Art exhibition in the MPH. The creative talents of Nowra High students are on display for family and friends who are here to show support and encouragement for the many award recipients for Visual Arts. On Wednesday night MADD Week Music night will commence at 6.00pm and again on Friday night the MADD Week Dance performance will commence at 6.00pm. Both nights will showcase the very high calibre of talent at NHS.

Forget about the X Factor and Dancing with the Stars, for two nights of truly inspiring performances come along to the Nowra High MADD Extravaganza.

Included in this newsletter is the Nowra High School Discipline Policy. The Discipline Policy outlines the expectations of students and consequences for inappropriate behaviour, all underpinned by our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Learning. Students are expected to arrive at school by 9.00am. Arrival after this time can cause significant disruption to the effective learning of students. The school acknowledges that there are times when late arrival is unavoidable and parents are asked to provide an explanation for these events. If a student does arrive late to school on more than three occasions without any explanation given then they will incur a Stage Two detention.

Please check in this Newsletter for the new bell times for 2016, Recess and lunch are now 30 minutes each and period length is now 52 minutes.

On Friday 27 November the new Year 12 cohort met in the library with myself and Ms Woods for an explanation of expectations and requirements for their HSC preparation. All Year 12 students are required to have a minimum of 10 Units of study for the HSC with a minimum of 6 units of Board Developed courses. Students require a particular pattern of study if they want to receive an ATAR for University entry. They also have access to the BOSTES Students Online website which explains in details all requirements and provides access to ongoing credentialing. Students were also issued a booklet detailing all requirements and procedures from BOSTES regarding the HSC. All students were required to check for correctness and sign off their Confirmation of Entry which outlined all HSC and personal details. Any parent/carer who is unsure of these details or requires clarification, please feel free to contact me at school.

On Wednesday 17 November the new Year 7 students for 2016 attended Orientation Day followed by a Parent Information evening. Nowra High is somewhat unique in that it takes in students from seventeen local Primary schools. The challenge for Nowra High is to take this diverse group of young boys and girls and meld them into a team of mature and responsible young adults aspiring to achieve their personal best. This is achieved by giving them the best opportunities possible to develop their academic, creative and sporting talents and providing solid foundations for the nurturing of independence and social responsibility. This all starts during Orientation Day when Year 9 students, trained and organised into Peer Support groups by Ms Ashley Robinson, are tasked with the role of introducing year 6 students to the culture and expectations of Nowra High. The long hours of lead up work by Ms Keryn Little, Year 7 Year Adviser 2016 and Ms Rachael Hopewell, Learning and Support Teacher. Congratulations to all involved, parents/carers of the Year 9 students should be especially proud of their very mature and caring response to the needs of the new Year 7 2016 students.

As I sit in my office on a Sunday afternoon writing this report after officiating at the official opening of MADD Week in the Multi Purpose Hall I feel very proud to be associated with Nowra High. Ms Yeomans, Ms Regan, Ms Hamilton and Mr Sadler happily gave up their Sunday morning to prepare and host the official launch. Students are given so many opportunities to develop whatever their talent may be and those opportunities only come about because of the hard work and dedication of the teachers who are prepared to give up so much of their time for the benefit of the students. Mrs Poulton has spent the last four days in Sydney with a group of 16 dancers as they rehearsed and then performed in the Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. These students were selected from across all state schools to perform their Segment based on a piece of composition which was part of the Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. This is a great tribute to the talent of the students and the hard work of their teacher. I look forward to their performance on Friday night.

The school magazine is near completion and I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Ms Louise Ryan who has undertaken the enormous task of compiling the 2015 School Magazine. At times a thankless task, Ms Ryan has persevered with chasing members of staff to submit reports before the all important deadline, with able assistance from a very creative group of ‘magazine’ student helpers. The magazine provides a wonderful snapshot of the life of the school in 2015 and is full of interesting reports and lots of student and staff photos. I would urge all parents to purchase a copy, details of which are included in this newsletter. As we need to place final orders this week it would be appreciated if any orders could be placed as soon as possible.

Mr Gerald Buckley
Relieving Principal

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**Calendar**

**Week 9 - ALPHA**

**Monday 30th November:**
- Yr 11 Maths Assessment - Ms Soeters
- M.A.D.D. Week - all week

**Tuesday 1st December:**
- Yr 10 Marine Studies - Shoalhaven River - Mr Orange
- Yr 10 PASS, Water Polo at Nowra Pool - Ms Killen
- Yr 11 Maths Ext 1 Assessment - Ms Opferkuch

**Wednesday 2nd December:**
- Yr 12 & Yr 11 Ext English to Opera House “Orlando” - Ms Newton
- Yr 11 Maths Extension 1 Assessment - Ms Opferkuch
- Music Showcase - 6pm - MPH

**Thursday 3rd December:**
- Lessons continue

**Friday 4th December:**
- Dance Showcase at 6pm - MPH
- Yr 10 PDHPE to Nowra Aquatic park
- Learn to Swim /Water Safety to Nowra Aquatic Park

**Week 10 - BETA**

**Monday 7th December:**
- Yr 11 Society and Culture Assessment 1 - Mrs Wellington
- Beach Week - Yrs 9 & 10 to Huskisson - Mrs Cairncross
- Yr 11 SLSR Aquatics Nowra Swimming Pool

**Tuesday 8th December:**
- Yr 12 Standard English Assessment
- Beach Week - Yr 78 to Huskisson with Mr Orange

**Wednesday 9th December:**
- Beach Week - Yr 7 to Huskisson with Mrs Cairncross
- 8VA4 - Rewards Excursion to Stocklands - Ms Yeomans
- Yr 10 PASS Aquatics/Water Polo at Nowra Swimming Pool
- Yr 12 Standard English Assessment

**Thursday 10th December:**
- Yr 11 Advanced English Assessment with Mrs Newton and Mr McKee
- Yr 11 VET Hospitality catering at NHS - Ms Williams
- 8VA1 to Rewards Excursion to Stocklands with Ms Yeomans

**Friday 11th December:**
- Yr 11 Advanced English Assessment with Mrs Newton and Mr McKee
- Yr 11 VET Hospitality catering at NHS - Ms Williams
- P4 Swimming class to Nowra Aquatic

**HOURS FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP**

**THURSDAY ONLY**

8.00am ~ 11.30am and 1.00pm ~ 5.00pm
NOWRA HIGH SCHOOL DISCIPLINE POLICY


BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS AT NOWRA HIGH SCHOOL

RESPECT – Follow all instruction immediately, without argument or complaint. Speak appropriately to adults and peers. Allow the teacher to teach and students to learn. Maintain a neat appearance and adhere to the requirements of the uniform policy.

RESPONSIBILITY – Speak politely. Bring all equipment. Complete all tasks to the best of your ability. Raise hand to speak. Attend school every day, be in class on time and be prepared to learn.

SAFETY – Use all equipment appropriately. Respect social rights of others to feel safe and free from harassment. Behave safely, considerably and responsibly.

LEARNING – Follow all instructions. Demonstrate a change in behaviour and academic application. Allow the teacher to teach and student to learn.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE STUDENT CONDUCT

The Nowra High School discipline system is based on stages. When students behave in an irresponsible manner, consequences will be applied with consistency and certainty.

Stage 1 Students are placed on this stage for ongoing misbehaviour in the classroom and or playground. A letter is sent home to parents/carers. Staff will be notified of this placement.

Stage 2 Students are placed on this stage when they have displayed significant misbehaviour in the classroom and or playground. This placement will incur a Deputy Principal Detention and removal from non-mandatory excursions and sporting events for a period of one week. Students may also be placed on a monitoring card by a Deputy Principal. If a student is on the SRC they will be stood down from their SRC duties for that period of time.

Stage 3. Students placed on Stage 3 are at risk of being suspended from school. They have demonstrated ongoing, significant misbehaviour in the classroom and the playground.

Students will be placed on this stage for two weeks and incur two Deputy Principal Detention’s as well as removal from non-mandatory excursions and sporting events. Students will be placed on a monitoring card and supervised by a Deputy Principal. If a student is on the SRC this may result in the student forfeiting their position, after consultation with SRC Adviser and Principal.

Failure to improve whilst on Stage 3 will result in an immediate Suspension.

Stage 4. For extremely serious breaches of school rules, students will be suspended from school under guidelines set out in the Department of Education Student Discipline in Government Schools Policy. https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/media/media/socialinclusiondownloads/leaflet_1.pdf

Upon returning from suspension, the student and their parent/carer must attend a Suspension Resolution meeting with a Deputy Principal and/or Principal to discuss the basis on which the suspension will be resolved.

Students will be placed on a Return From Suspension monitoring card for a period of one week as well as being removed from non-mandatory excursions and sporting events for a period of two weeks.

Students on the SRC will forfeit their position.

Principal\Deputy Principal Discretion

In some circumstances the Principal and Deputy Principals may use their discretion in considering the safety, care and welfare of the student, when making decisions regarding discipline consequences.
## CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE STUDENT CONDUCT

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| Initial Stage | Detention  
               Airporting  
               Seating Plan  
               Classroom Monitoring  
               Fair adjustment         | Classroom Teacher    | Misbehaviour                                           |
| 1           | Discussion with Faculty Head Teacher  
               Official Letter home to parent/carer | Head Teacher         | Low Level misbehaviour in classroom and playground      |
| 2           | Discussion with Deputy Principal  
               Letter home to parent/caregiver  
               Behaviour Monitoring Card  
               Attendance Monitoring Card  
               Playground Monitoring Card  
               1 x Deputy Principal Detention  
               Unable to attend non-mandatory excursions/sporting events  
               Suspension from SRC | Deputy Principal  | Significant misbehaviour in classroom or playground     |
| 3           | Discussion with Deputy Principal  
               Letter to parents/carer  
               Monitoring Card - Warning of suspension  
               2 x Deputy Principal Detentions  
               Unable to attend non-mandatory excursions/sporting events  
               Removal from SRC | Deputy Principal  | Ongoing significant misbehaviour in the classroom and the playground |
| 4           | Suspension (short or long)  
               Resolution meeting with Deputy Principal or Principal  
               Monitoring Card – Return from Suspension | Deputy Principal Principal | Continued Disobedience  
               Aggressive Behaviour  
               Physical Violence  
               Use or possession of a prohibited weapon, firearm or knife  
               Possession, supply or use of a suspected illegal substance  
               Serious criminal behaviour related to the school  
               Use of an implement as a weapon  
               Persistent or serious misbehaviour |
# MATRIX OF EXPECTED CLASSROOM BEHAVIOURS

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<td>Follow instructions</td>
<td>Wear school uniform</td>
<td>Hands, feet and objects to self</td>
<td>Be prepared</td>
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<td>Cooperate</td>
<td>Hats off in classroom</td>
<td>Care for wellbeing of others</td>
<td>Bring books/diary/equipment</td>
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<td>Be an active listener</td>
<td>Footwear and clothing conforms to school policy</td>
<td>Keep bags in appropriate place</td>
<td>Unpack, ready to learn</td>
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<td><strong>Care for environment, equipment and furniture</strong></td>
<td><strong>Right place, right time</strong></td>
<td><strong>Appropriate use of technology/furniture</strong></td>
<td><strong>Participate</strong></td>
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<td>Keep workspace clean</td>
<td>Arrive at school before 9am</td>
<td>Follow safety guidelines</td>
<td>Be an active class member</td>
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<td>Rubbish in bins</td>
<td>Arrive at roll call and classes on time</td>
<td>Be cyber safe</td>
<td>Be attentive</td>
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<td>Desks free of graffiti</td>
<td>Attend all lessons</td>
<td><strong>Enter and exit safely</strong></td>
<td>Engage in all lessons</td>
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<td>Keep the school gum free</td>
<td>Carry timetable</td>
<td>Wait for permission to enter and exit classroom</td>
<td>Attend school each day</td>
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<td><strong>Communicate politely</strong></td>
<td><strong>Be Fair</strong></td>
<td><strong>Play fair</strong></td>
<td><strong>Do your best</strong></td>
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<td>Be courteous (right words, right time, right way)</td>
<td>Phone/iPod off and in bag</td>
<td>Appropriate footwear</td>
<td>Stay on task</td>
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<td>Use appropriate language</td>
<td>Consider others</td>
<td>Kind words and actions</td>
<td>Proofread your work</td>
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<td>Use appropriate voice volume</td>
<td>Work without interrupting others</td>
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<td>Prepare for assessment tasks/exams</td>
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<td>Raise hand for permission to speak</td>
<td>Demonstrate/show/tolerance and understanding</td>
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<td>Value and use teachers feedback</td>
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<td><strong>Speak out, report problems</strong></td>
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<td>Remain quiet. Fill seats in order.</td>
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School’s Financial Year Processing

The school’s Annual Financial Rollover will occur on 1st December in line with all other schools in the state. Accordingly, to enable the smoothest transition possible, and to minimise the possibility of error, the finance office will stop processing payments in advance of this date.

Cash Payments will not be taken at the front office from 26th November to 5th December. Please pay for any excursions that fall within the non payment period before the 26th of November.

Direct Deposit

Please do not deposit any payments into Nowra High bank account between Monday 23rd November to 5th December.

Thank you. Bobbie Kumar - School Administration Manager

WANTED - COTTON PATCHWORK FABRICS

If anyone has any brightly coloured (preferably rainbow) cotton fabrics that they no longer need, would they please donate them to me. I am currently in need of materials for a patchwork quilt I am designing for my Year 12 major design project. There will be a box in the Staff Common Room.

Your donations will be very much appreciated.

THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC CENTENARY EXPERIENCE

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is a free, traveling exhibition that tells the story of Australia’s involvement in World War One and our subsequent century of service.

This once-in-a-lifetime event will be staged at the University of Wollongong Sports Hub from 11 – 20 January 2016. It’s an ideal summer holiday activity for families in the Illawarra region.

Over 40,000 Australians have already been through the Experience in Albury-Wodonga, Tasmania and Ballarat and the response has been overwhelmingly positive with locals saying it is "brilliant", "amazing", "a must see" and a "mammoth task executed perfectly".

Visitors can walk through recreated First World War environments, featuring innovative displays and interactive elements which showcase over 200 artefacts from the Australian War Memorial, the majority never before seen by the public.

Entry to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is free, but booking is essential as places are limited. Find out dates, locations and booking details at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au.
Donations of uniforms needed for the Nowra High School - CLOTHING POOL

If anybody has uniforms that they no longer need it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop them at the front office.

Attention Year 12 2016!

Special Provisions for the HSC 2016 are now open. Even if you have been receiving Special Provisions previously YOU STILL MUST APPLY TO BOSTES.

Come and see Mr Flanagan in D Block to start the simple process.

Applications close at the end of Term 1, 2016.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MERIT ACHIEVEMENTS

Bronze Award: Timira THOMAS, Emily THOMASON, Yasmin WILD, Natalie THEVENIN, Blaney JAMIESON, Emma DRURY, Holly SILLATO, Jarrod LEE, Chantelle SPEER, Leteisha KLEIN, Talia SMITH, Mitchell THOMPSON, Aiden WALLIS, Sarah STEINHOUR, Blaney JAMIESON, Anabel ROBSON, Jarrod JAMES, Hayley STEPHENSON, Austin CAMPBELL, Harrison BUTLER, Kye ANDERSON, Shakirra REGALADO, Lorcan EDWARDS-VILLALTA, Page MCCORMACK, Hannah URQUHART, Sophie MUDDITT, Dylan THOMAS, Adrian CHRISTOPHER, Brayden BENNETT, Lachlan ANDERSON, Riley BAXTER, Tyrone HILL, Abbey FRANCIS, Natasha DEAN, Isabella CROCKETT, Ricky THOMASON, Tori-Lee FEATON, Barton PHILLIPS, Elyzia QUIN, Brayden COLLISON, Tiana WOLLAGE, Holly WAKEFIELD, Patrick KERRIGAN, Will SEYFFER, Jasmine JAY, Paige MccALllum, Tenzin NYIDON, Jacinta SIMS, Ely MURRAY, Bailey MORRIS, Holly BUTTERWORTH, Chelsea SMITH, Freya EDWARDS-VILLALTA, Dylan DIAMOND, Kacee DAY, Kanza KHAN, Georgia HENDERSON, Keona CORNISH, Claire CARTER, Noah LATANZO, Jessica O’DONNELL, Brandon BOYD, Samantha FERGUSON, Alicia CRUICKSHANK, Grace CARNEY, Sam MURRAY, Asmara MORRIS, Chloe PARKINSON, Lachie LEEDHAM, Flynn MEYER, Kristy STUBBS, Lochlan HAY.

Silver Award: Matthias LOVERIDGE, Starr CASSON, Aidan SANDERS, Bridget FIELD, Sarah BIRCHALL, Lucy JOHNSTONE, Nicholas DEURA-THOMPSON, Rachael EADE-SHEA, Lucy JORGENSEN, Abby McCALLUM, Zaid FORRESTER, Josie COUSINS, Isaac COLLINS, Lila WHALLEY, Alicia SLEEMAN, Jade DAVENPORT, Alec LANDSTRA, Oscar MOYSEY, Madelene GILKES, Jasmine DRURY, Morgan SULJIC, Holly FINCH, Emelia COLLISON-GATES, Stewart BOWE, Brendan FRANKLIN and Dotty LUSCOMBE.

Gold Award: Dakotah MANNERING, Bruce CAMPBELL, Jacinta JAY, Brandon BURNEY, Maddison PICKERING, Lachlan BELLIS, Lachlan MORRIS, Amy ATKINS, Lachlan EDWARDS, Kirren BURGE, Bronte LEE, Lauren TREENERY, Anneliese GIBBONS and Patrick QUINELL.

Ruby Award: Matilda FIELD, Jaiden MILLER, Maddison BONE, Ritika BARAL, Brooke BEEHAG, Erin STOKES, Pete SAARDIAM, Alan STIRLING, Samantha PFLUEGLER.

Diamond Award: Jack CALVERT
**BELL TIMES FOR 2016**

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This book has been donated to the Nowra High School Library by Abbey Francis - 7N
The book refers to Joe Francis who is Abbey’s uncle.
Thank you for your kind donation.

**NOWRA HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL MAGAZINE 2015**

*Magazines are available by prior order for $14.00.*
This is payable to the schools front office or online.
*Orders need to be placed by Friday 4th December.*
Thankyou

Nowra High School - It’s News To Me
NOWRA HIGH PRESENTS...

MADD WEEK 2015
@ THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL

ART SUNDAY 29TH NOV 11-1PM FREE

MUSIC WEDNESDAY 2ND DEC 6PM $5

DANCE FRIDAY 4TH DEC 6PM $5

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OFFICE
FAMILY TICKETS $20