Winter persists with cold mornings, the chill sometimes extending for the length of the day, gusty winds, overcast skies and chilling rain. To alleviate the winter blues Nowra High has introduced a new snuggly warm polar fleece jumper to our winter uniform range. Priced at $35 and of very good quality, a lot of students have commented already on how warm the new jumper is. The jumper (sloppy joe) is available from the uniform shop which is open Tuesday morning from 8am – 12.30pm and Thursday afternoon from 1pm – 5pm. The uniform shop is also available online and I suggest students come to the front office to try on the jumper for correct sizing, purchase online and then pick up when the uniform shop is open. Nowra High is a uniform school and all students are expected to comply with this requirement.

Building work associated with the Secondary Schools Renewal Project (SSRP), involving the revitalisation of the entry point to the front of the school, will commence this week on Tuesday 9th August. The construction work should have minimal impact on the school; however it will involve the closure of the double entry gates at the turning circle leading to the MPH. Parents should still be able to drop students at the turning circle, as they do now but students will need to walk to the first bus gate on Moss Street to enter the school. Students are not to enter the school through the Administration block. Within the school a fence will run from the end of the Administration block to the MPH following the hedge line and from the back of the canteen to the front fence. Entry to the canteen for students will not be changed. To access the Year 7 area and the bus gates students will be required to move around the eastern side of the MPH.

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Netball team on winning the Regional Netball Finals, they now move onto the State Finals. Congratulations to all of the athletes who competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival at Canberra on Friday 5th August. Well done to Siwa Harvey-Aziz for breaking the South Coast Region Boys U15 discus record. The NSW CHS Athletics Regional Boys U15 discus record.

Students in Years 8 and 10 are currently undertaking their subject selections for 2017. All students have been provided with the necessary information to assist them in making the most appropriate choices to ensure their best learning outcomes and to prepare them for a future beyond schools. It was very encouraging to see the large number of parents and carers attending the Subject Selection evening last Thursday. If you have any questions regarding this process please do hesitate to contact the school.

Don’t forget the Parent/Teacher evening this Wednesday for the junior years in the MPH commencing at 3.40pm.

Mr Gerald Buckley
Relieving Principal
Make Online Payments
It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions or excursions that have been invoiced. There is also a category called Other. This to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
• the students name, and
• class and reference number OR
• the students name, and
• date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them. These are optional fields OR there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number. These are not used at our school, please leave them blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Have you downloaded Skoolbag yet?
Check it out in the AppStore / PlayStore by searching ‘Nowra High School’

Please 'like' our official Nowra High School Facebook Page today!

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
We are delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

We want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 19 August 2016.

WANTED
Industrials Arts is looking for old bolts and nuts - any shape and size but ideally medium to large. If you need any further information please contact the school.

Thanks in Advance
HSC DANCE PERFORMANCE NIGHT IN MPH
YEAR 10 VISUAL ARTS “RIVERSDALE” EXCURSION and SHOALHAVEN RIVER DRAWING EXCURSION.

Many thanks to Mary and Jim from Riversdale/Bundanon for allowing us to experience the beautiful location.
The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


Come and Play Cricket

Milo In2Cricket, T20 Blast, Juniors, Seniors - there’s a game for boys, girls, mums and dads of all cricket interests and abilities. Whether it’s a quick blast on a Friday afternoon, a Saturday morning hit or a weekend of competitive cricket there’s a cricket game for you.

North Nowra Cambewarra Cricket Club is holding its 2016/17 cricket registration days on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th August from 11am-3pm at Bernie Regan Sporting Complex. All existing and new Milo, T20 Blast, junior and senior players are asked to come along and sign up. Further enquiries can be made to 0408 000 528, email nnccc@hotmail.com or visit www.nnccc.org.au

NOWRA HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
ON-LINE ORDERING SYSTEM

Nowra High School and Daylight Sportswear are pleased to announce the launch of their new online ordering system for the purchase of school uniforms. This website will enable parents and students who are unable to visit the school uniform shop during opening hours to purchase school uniforms anytime. The online ordering system is quick and easy. Simply create an account profile, place your order, pay and select “walk in” to pick up your order from the School Uniform Shop on the next open day.

daylightsportswear.com/nowra

SHOP HOURS: TUESDAY 8.00AM TO 12.00PM
THURSDAY 1.00PM TO 5.00PM

NEXT P&C MEETING - WEEK 4, TERM 3
TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST
CONTACT DETAILS

President ~ Wendy Kettlewell 44237332
Secretary ~ Lesley McKinnon 44213212
Treasurer ~ Karen Standen 44221694

Meeting in the Staff Common Room starting at 7.30pm
All Welcome

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
MERIT ACHIEVEMENTS

Stressed about the HSC?

We are holding a free three part workshop for anyone in Year 12 who is stressed out!

This program helps students to use stress to their advantage without it interfering with their performance.

Topics covered include:
what is stress?
what is exam anxiety?
learning how to relax
learning the connection between thinking and feeling
learning how to deal with unhelpful thoughts
tips for managing procrastination and perfectionism
strategies for effective study
creating a study-life balance

When: Tuesday – 16 August, 6 September, 27 September
Time: 3:30 – 5:30 pm – munchies provided
Where: headscape Nowra
Contact: Phone 4421 5388 to register as places are limited. Please let us know if you would like to bring a friend
Apprenticeships & Traineeships
Information Sessions

Give yourself the best chance of getting an Apprenticeship

Find out:
What employers want?
Where do I find the jobs?
Strategies and Resources

Hear from and talk to:
Employers
Group Training Companies
Apprenticeship Networks

Current Apprentices
TAFE Illawarra
Training Services NSW

When and Where:
Monday August 8, 2016
5.30pm – 7.00 pm
Shoalhaven Ex-Serviceman’s Club, Nowra

Tuesday August 9, 2016
5.30pm – 7.00 pm
Dunn & Lewis Centre Ulladulla

Bookings for FREE event go to:
https://register.eventarc.com/34764 - for Nowra event
or
https://register.eventarc.com/34765 - for Ulladulla event
Or just come along on the evening.

Juniors must be accompanied by an adult.
For general queries or to book you can also contact Workplace Learning Shoalhaven on
Phone: (02) 4422 0988 or email: linda@lswlp.org.au
2016 information for parents and carers

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

The national data collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?
The aim of the national data collection is to collect better information about school students with disability in Australia.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

The national data collection is an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?
All schools across Australia collect information about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

When implementing the national data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and report data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through the national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. The data will help schools to better support students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as students without disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?
All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school.

Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students.

These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g. allied health professionals) to work together so that students with disability can participate in education.

The Standards can be accessed via the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?
A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. Reasonable adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g. ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting class lessons) and at an individual student level (e.g. extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?
Every year your child’s school will collect the following information for each student with a disability:

- the student’s level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student’s level of adjustment
- the student’s broad type of disability.

The information collected by schools will be provided to all governments to inform policy and
programme improvement for students with disability.

**WHO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?**

The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the DDA.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

**WHO WILL COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?**

Teachers and school staff will identify the number of students with disability in their school and the level of reasonable adjustment they are provided based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
- the school team’s observations and professional judgements
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is accurate.

**HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?**

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential. Personal details such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or federal education authorities.


**IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?**

All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and report information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of adjustment provided to them.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child’s school principal and the relevant education authority or association of independent schools.

Even if your child’s information is not included in the national data collection, the school is still required to provide support to your child with education needs.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may involve your child.
