

Coombabah Connect

Issue 15 - Week 10, Term 3 Thursday 14 September 2023

Important Dates

Date	Item	Year Level
14/9	Attendance Rewards Day	Select Students
15/9	Last Day Term 3	Whole School
2/10	Public Holiday	Whole School
3/10	First Day Term 4	Whole School
27/10	Day for Daniel	Whole School
30/10	Sports Awards	Whole School
14/11	Academic Awards	Whole School
16/11	Graduation	Year 12
17/11	Last Day Year 12	Year 12
24/11	Last Day Year 10/11	Year 10,11
24/11	Swimming Carnival	Whole School
28/11	High School Experience Day	Year 6 students
8/12	Final Day 2023	Year 7, 8, 9

Student Absence Line 0427 248 467

or email medical certificates to absence@coombabashs.eq.edu.au



See the Events Calendar on our website for more upcoming events



Principal's Message

Schools are such dynamic and vibrant environments and Coombabah SHS is no exception. We have had a very busy term and there have been some real highlights which have allowed students to really shine. When students are in their element on camp, in Think Tank, performing at the Hollywood Night, Ovation, Write a Book in a Day, Colour Week or many of the other opportunities on offer, we see the best in our students. I'm am always encouraged to see how courageous students are when they perform or try something new. By pushing themselves through the nerves or anxiousness they develop a sense of accomplishment and show true grit. My thanks goes out to all of the teachers involved in creating these opportunities – whether big or small – because these are the moments students will take with them into their future.

Last week the Coombabah State School musical showcased the future talent we have coming through our schools. Building on this, early next term we will continue our work with our cluster schools in the moderation project.

Over the last couple of weeks visits to classrooms have shown students very focussed on their work and completing their assessment. I'm looking forward to seeing the results at the start of Term 4 when reporting wraps up. School reports will be sent out on Friday 6 October.

To finish off the term, today students whose attendance is 92% and above are being rewarded with the Attendance Rewards Day. Photos to follow on Facebook.

As we head into our September holidays I wish everyone a very happy and safe break. School resumes on Tuesday 3 October.



Tameeka Schelks Acting Principal



POSBEE focus of the week...

Be Safe and Speak Up - RUOK?



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Student Absences SMS: 0427 248 467 Uniform enquiries Ph: (07) 5552 3813 (Mon, Wed, Thurs)



In the Spotlight: IT Department

The team of two Librarians, the Computer Technician and the Director of IT make up the hardworking IT team.

Who doesn't love a makeover?

Our Library is looking sharp, having received new paint, carpet and furniture over the past year. Cool tones give a sense of calm and quiet, a safe and inviting space for the entire cohort. The undercover area has been made more inviting with the installation of two bench seats. The backrests feature



a stunning indigenous design and a QR code link to more information about the cultural significance of this area.

Talented students are able to 'showcase' their art work in our foyer.

Our computer 'classroom' in the library body has a new layout, providing teachers with greater line of sight. Students too, are enjoying the new furnishings that include several Happy Daze booths and a Showtime curved

Ottoman & book case.

We love the spacious feel and enjoy seeing so many use this popular space during the breaks for reading, studying, playing chess and knitting.

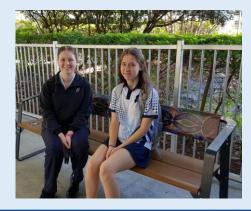




NAPLAN 2023:

With almost all students in the Junior school bringing their own device to school via the Coombabah SHS BYOx Program, the school was able to conduct the NAPLAN test online using student owned devices. Students benefit as they are familiar with their own devices; it also allows and entire year level to take each of the four NAPLAN tests at the same time. In the past students would have to rotate through the computer labs to take the test, this year students were able to take the NAPLAN tests in their own classrooms with a familiar teacher. Instead of disrupting the routine of other students in the school for 10 days, this year NAPLAN was completed in four days.







Weekly Careers Email

Is your student receiving and reading the weekly careers email sent from our Guidance Officer? You can view it here....

Ask them about it now!

There is great amount of information in there on various study and training options available during and post school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our GO Jess Reilly via email jreil47@eq.edu.au



Spotlight on IT continued...

Increased Use of Technology

Class Notebook within Microsoft Teams has become the platform of choice for most teachers to make their lessons and other content available for students. Every class has a Class Notebook automatically created for each teacher with all students pre-enrolled. Teachers are posting their subject's content in the Class Notebooks which is available for students 24/7 with the added benefit of reducing the school's paper use. Students who happen to miss a lesson can always access the Class Notebook and locate anything they need. Class Notebook is available for students on iPads, laptops and even mobile phones.

Ultimate devices for the Arts:

At the start of the year The Arts Department took delivery of 10 state art multimedia computers. This year students have enjoyed using the industrial standard devices for their multimedia lessons

Completed new class room AV equipment:

A further rollout of new, brighter and higher resolution projectors with wireless connection was completed earlier this year. Teachers are able to connect wirelessly to classroom projectors without being tethered to the front of the room, allowing for more flexible lesson delivery.

Increased Rate of Connectivity

Late last year the school internet was boosted by a factor of 20X with the incoming internet feed enhanced from 100Mbits to 2000Mbits. Just prior to this, the school obtained the latest generation of wireless access points, allowing for greater and reliable coverage for staff and students.

Our data indicates that more than 85% of students have their devices connected to the school internet. The school internet is fast, free and filtered for student protection. With this increased connectivity teachers are felling more confident to implement digital technologies into their lessons.

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