

SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL

Sea Horse News



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Flying High!



Our 2020 HSC results once again demonstrated the high quality educational programs offered at Swansea High School. Swansea High School featured among the top schools in the Newcastle, Hunter and Central Coast regions alongside more prestigious private schools. Here is a photo of Elly who was our DUX in the 2020 HSC. She achieved a fantastic ATAR of 95! Elly is very proud and excited to have just moved to Melbourne to study Osteopathy at Victoria University. She has been living in Melbourne for a few weeks now and is enjoying the university life — this is the view from her student accommodation in North Melbourne. Both Elly's and all of our student HSC results show that with hard work and dedication anything is possible!



Interested in Travelling Overseas?

Welcome back to Ella Bales, Nick Hay, Kristin Wolsey and Jeslyn Bowman who last year participated in the Rotary Club Oversea Exchange program. The students had the opportunity to travel to countries including Germany, Sweden, Brazil and Czech Republic. A few weeks ago the students presented to the Rotary Club about their travels and time overseas. All were terrific ambassadors for Swansea High School. Nick and Jeslyn also recently presented at a school assembly in front of their peers in a Q&A style session with Mr Carter. Both thoroughly recommended the experience. If other students are wanting to travel and study— see Mr Carter for details of how you can be involved in an oversea Exchange program.

From the Principal - Andrew Pesi

Welcome to our first edition of the Swansea High School Sea Horse News. We have already had an action packed start to 2021 with many exciting things happening at the school.

Outstanding HSC Results: Our Year 12 Class of 2020 achieved outstanding HSC results with Swansea HS being recognised for the large number of students achieving in the higher Bands. It is worth noting that we achieved well above average in Advanced Mathematics, Music, Drama, and Visual Arts.

Intensive Learning Support Focus Groups: Our Learning Support Staff have designed programs that target specific literacy and numeracy skills for students identified as requiring support in a particular area of literacy and/or numeracy. This support comes in the way of small focus groups of approximately 4 or 5 students per group. The groups will run for the remainder of this semester with more students being identified to start in Semester two.

Infrastructure: We are working hard to provide upgrades to our facilities with Air Conditioning being installed in six classrooms as well as the Library. We are also having getting our Skill Build Team (Year 9 students working with Tradesman David Reed and Nigel Golding) building a concrete area to house bike racks for 50 bikes. We are also expecting to get approval for an upgrade to our Administration building and front façade of the Office block.



Important Dates

March

- 10th Year 6 Information Evening
- 12th U14 Boys Rugby League
- 12th Yr12 Economics Assessment Task due
- 17th School Cross Country
- 18th Yr 12 Engineering Assessment Task
- 18th Yr 11 Maths Assessment Task
- 19th Yr12 Business Studies Assessment Task due
- 24th Yr11 & 12 Parent Teacher Night
- 25th White Card training
- 25th Yr11 Legal Studies assessment Task
- 25th Yr 11 Ancient History Assessment Task
- 25th Year 11 PDHPE assessment Task
- 26th Yr12 Maths Standard 1 & 2 Assessment Task
- 29th Yr 12 Legal Studies assessment Task
- 30th Yr 12 Society & Culture assessment Task
- 31st Yr 12 Ancient History Assessment Task

April

- 1st School Athletics Carnival
- 1st Last day of Term 1

Library News

The library is running a reading promotion to celebrate "Love your Library". We are encouraging students to have a "Blind Date with a Book". Books are wrapped up and placed on display or in a box at the front desk. A description of the book is placed on the front of the wrapped book. Students select a book based on the description only- no covers to judge here!

There are books with appeal to a range of readers. All students who borrow and read one of the "blind dates" will go into a draw to win a stationery pack or a box of chocolates. But remember that anyone who reads is a winner!

First Class HSC Artworks

Taylah's hard work and dedication for her HSC Body of Work in Visual Arts has been acknowledged. Her work is on display at Lake Macquarie Art Gallery in the "First in Class" exhibition of outstanding HSC artworks. It is so great to see Swansea High School selected.



Yr 7 Camp Rocks!

Last week Wyee Outdoor Education was overrun with 130 Year 7 students for 3 days of activities and excitement. The fun began with meeting roommates, bus singalongs and two activities on Day One.

Day Two saw students get covered in mud at Mud World, build and sail their own built rafts, test their fears on the High Ropes and perfect their aim at Archery with some even celebrating their birthdays at camp this year. Though the highlight was the teachers vs students Comando Event, with teams of kids trying to rescue their hostages from the terrifying and incognito teachers and their weapons of destruction also known as water pistols, safe to say, the students were unsuccessful at their rescue attempt.

Day Three was our final day and there were two more activities to finish off our trip before cruising home with a lot of very tired teens. There were lots of laughs, stacks, a few tears and about 100 pairs of muddy clothes that all made for a great Term One of High School.

Swimming Carnivale



It was a great start to the year getting the school swimming carnival underway. Covid restrictions are still in place but it was terrific to see staff and students enjoying themselves at sport once again.

Congratulations to our age champions and winning house!

Students from the school competed at Eastlakes Zone Swimming on Monday 15th February at Swansea Pool. A further congrats to Kaleah Kingston who is the U14 Girls Eastlakes Zone Swimming Age Champion. After the zone results were all complied, 5 individual swimmers and 2 relay teams have qualified for Hunter Region Swimming to be held at Lambton Pool on Monday 1st March. We wish all competitors all the best. Age Champions are below.

BOYS	AGE	GIRLS
HARRY HALL	12	KIRRA MOTTLEY
WILL PATERSON	13	CHLOE DUCK
KYE RIBEIRO	14	KALEAH KINGSTON
TY LEADBEATTER	15	TEGAN TAYLOR
ERIS ROUGHAN	16	MAGGIE ELLISON
TOM MARCH	17+	KAYLEE DOWSETT



Dobell Drawing Prize

Last year Carolynn was nominated and chosen (from Statewide nominations) to participate in the Dobell Drawing Prize Drawing Workshop at the National Art School in Sydney (Australia's oldest continuous Art School).

As COVID 19 continued to dominate and change most plans, the week long workshop was transformed into an intensive weekend which was held the weekend of 13th & 14th February. Carolynn had an awesome time and learnt many new and interesting drawing techniques which she can now apply to her Body of Work for the HSC.

Perfect French Cuisine



Year 8 students have been busy in TAS! They had to create a healthy breakfast that could be sold at a Coffee Shop. Students needed to think about the Healthy Dietary Pyramid and create a Brekky Blog utilising their technology skills. Attached are their creations.



Dance, Dance, Dance

7E have been dancing their hearts out in practical lessons for PDHPE, displaying their talent and ability. They are so good they even taught some year 9 PASS students and Miss Jeffs some Tik Tok moves. These champions will be on Dancing with the Stars before we know it!



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Softball Representation

Well done to Olivia Sedgman of Year 12 who has been a member of the Hunter Softball team each year since year 7. In her final year representing Hunter, Olivia had a strong tournament personally, helping to lead the team to equal 5th position overall. The Hunter girls became joint winners of the Country Cup with a fantastic win over the eventual 2nd place team, Sydney East in their final game of the tournament.



Healthy Cooking

The Biraban class have been working on healthy eating in their TAS. In Mr Brown's cooking class Eris and Cameron cooked Salmon along with avocado, sour dough bread, and baby tomatoes. We learnt the health benefits of eating this type of meal and how it can supplement our protein requirements. It is a meal which is low on carbohydrates and this is important for teenagers to lessen their daily carbohydrate intake. We are looking forward to our next TAS classes where we are hand-crafting tools which will be used to make a stool.

Written by Eris Roughan

Annual School Athletics Carnival
Thursday 1st April
on the School Oval.

More information to come soon

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