GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL

Quality education in a caring, innovative environment.

School Calendar

2022 Term 1

Friday 28 January
Staff development day
Canteen open for uniforms 9am-12pm

Monday 31 January
Staff development day
Canteen open for uniforms 9am-2pm

Tuesday 1 February
Year 7, 11 & 12 students return

Wednesday 2 February
Year 8, 9 & 10 students return

Wednesday 9 February
Swimming Carnival

Thursday 17 February
Open Boys Basketball - Taree

* All activities and events subject to COVID restrictions

CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

Tuesday 1 February
Emma

Wednesday 2 February
Elona

Thursday 3 February
Emma

Friday 4 February
Elona

Monday 7 February
Elona

Tuesday 8 February
Emma

Wednesday 9 February
Merrylyn

Thursday 10 February
Elona

Friday 11 February
Leanne

URGENT:
Volunteers needed to help in our school canteen.
Once or twice a term, 10.30am-1.30pm
No experience required, just a friendly face.
Please contact us on 6558 9963 asap.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have a great break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in 2022.

Students Return:

Year 7, 11 & 12 - Tuesday 1 February

Years 8, 9, 10 - Wednesday 2 February

The MC Class would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you to our community for your support throughout the year.

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PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
Thursday 9 December 2021

Gloucester High School staff and students gratefully acknowledge those businesses and individuals, listed below, who have made donations towards our 2021 Presentation Assemblies.

Addison Partners
Accommodation Gloucester
Ashmar Farmstay
Avon Valley Concreting
Barrington Trophies, Signs & Screens
Bowe & Lidbury
Calco Surveyors Pty Ltd
Class of '63
CWA Day Branch
CWA Evening Branch
Dr David Gillespie M.P.
Mr Dave Layzell M.P.
Gloucester Flowers
Gloucester High School P & C
Gloucester High School P & C Ag Subcommittee
Gloucester Lions Club Inc
Gloucester Quota Club
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Gloucester Tax & Accounting Pty. Ltd.
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Turner Freeman Lawyers
Webbs Real Estate
University of Newcastle
University of New England

Gloucester High School acknowledges the valuable support and the contributions made by the P&C to enhance the learning experience of our students.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our 2022 school captains, Hayley Connell and Lynelle Hester, who were officially inducted at our Year 11 Assembly.

YEAR 7

Seth Toohill-Sargent
Academic Commitment in 7A

Irelyn Want
Academic Commitment in 7A

Jarrah Wilson
Academic Commitment in 7B

Brody Taylor
Academic Commitment in 7G

Shauni Muddle
Effort and Commitment to study

Phineas Hester
Effort and Commitment to study

Isabella Parker
Academic Improvement

Amy Rumbel
Academic Improvement

Georgia Ellis
Academic Improvement

Rhys Saunders
Effort and Commitment to learning in the Intensive Learning Support Program

YEAR 8

Xavier Soupidis
Academic Commitment in 8B

Alana Benson
Academic Commitment in 8N

Kaleesha Aitken
Academic Commitment in 8Q

Sam Collie
Effort and Commitment to study

Owen Brown
Effort and Commitment to study

Emma Carsley
Effort and Commitment to study

Georgia Hughes
Academic Improvement

Christopher Younan
Academic Improvement

Jessica Howard
Academic Improvement

Alex Channon
Effort and Commitment to learning in the Intensive Learning Support Program

Henry Greenham
Encouragement award for Outstanding Effort in 2021

YEAR 9

Kyden De Angelis
First in Year 9

Mia Sharples
Equal Second in Year 9

Abbigale Sterling
Equal Second in Year 9

Matthew Hester
Lucas Kemp Memorial Prize for Effort and Commitment to study

Seth Muddle
Effort and Commitment to study

Tallulah Ashby
Academic Improvement

Hailey-Jo Gruisinga
Academic Improvement

Ellen Griffin
Effort and Commitment to learning in the Intensive Learning Support Program

Abbey Seale
Class of '63 CARER Award

Mackenzie Schafer and Mia Sharples
Year 9 Black OPAL Award

YEAR 10

Ella Howe
First in Year 10 &
Effort and Commitment to Study

Jorja Beard
Second in Year 10 &
Service to the School Community

Elyssa Keen
Third in Year 10 &
Year 10 Black OPAL Award

Chelsea Webeck
Academic Improvement

Gabrielle Bird
Academic Improvement

Miranda Yates
Service to the School Community

Sybilla McPhail
Effort and Commitment to learning in the Intensive Learning Support Program

Josephine Fitzgerald
Australian Defence Force
***Long Tan* Leadership and Teamwork Award**

YEAR 11

Anita Jackson
First in Year 11 &
Duke of Edinburgh
Navigation Shield

Laura Stone
Second in Year 11

Daphne Wilkes
Third in Year 11,
Effort & Commitment to Study
& Year 11 Black OPAL Award

Luke Williams
Class of '63 CARER Award

Georgia Shultz
Turner Freeman Award for Effort and Commitment to Business Studies

Jessica Kernahan
Mid Coast Connect Vocation Education and Training (VET) Award

Lynelle Hester
Service to the School Community
& the Dave Layzell State
Goodwill and Leadership Award

Emily Walker
Dr David Gillespie's School
Community Service Award

SPORTS AWARDS

2021 WINNING HOUSE:

TIBBUC

GHS SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR 2021:

Sarah Schiffmann

GHS SPORTS AWARDS:

Zac Schafer, Emily Marsh & Kaitlyn Commons.
Absent Nicholas Edwards.

Courtney Webeck

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL & HOUSE CAPTAINS

Year 7 & 8 - Paige Connell, Jazmin Murray, Irelyn Want, Seth Toohill-Sargent, Locky Moulds & Ms Renee Berger

Year 10 - Kobi Redman, Jorja beard, Elyssa Keen, Ryan Beggs & Ms Renee Berger

Year 9 - Mackenzie Schafer, Abbigale Sterling, Tallulah Ashby, Thomas Troope & Ms Renee Berger

Year 11 Senior Executive Team - Emily Walker (SRC), Hayley Connell (Captain), Jessica Kernahan (SRC), Lynelle Hester (Captain), Emma Elder (SRC) & Ms Renee Berger

Year 10 House Captains - Jessica Murray (Mograni) Josephine Fitzgerald (Kurricar), Kate Bradbury (Belbora), Jorja Beard (Belbora) & Mr Adam Cameron

Year 11 House Captains - Laura Stone (Tibbuc), Brooke Willis (Tibbuc), Macy McMillan (Morgani), Anita Jackson (Kurricar) & Mr Adam Cameron

Academic Awards
Year 12

Jai Gilmore, Danielle Channon & Chloe Edstein

Chloe Edstein

First in Year 12
First in:
English Advanced
English Extension 1
Modern History
History Extension
Visual Arts
Second in:
Mathematics Advanced

Danielle Channon

Second in Year 12
First in:
Food Technology
Mathematics Advanced
Equal First in:
Chemistry
Second in:
Biology
Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

Jai Gilmore

Third in Year 12
First in:
Construction
Mathematics Extension 1
Physics
Second in:
Software Design & Development
Third in:
Mathematics Advanced

Makayla Battams	First in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
	Equal Second in Visual Arts
	Third in English Advanced
	Third in Food Technology
Tristyn Beard	Second in Business Studies
	Second in Mathematics Extension 1
Jarrod Commons	Third in Software Design and Development
Lucy Corbett	First in Mathematics Standard
	Third in English Standard
Erin Diggins	Second in Agriculture
Riko Fitzgerald	First in Hospitality
	Second in Food Technology
	Equal Third in Mathematics Standard
Sharla Gammage	Second in Music
	Third in Drama
	Third in Legal Studies
Will Germon	First in Industrial Technology
	First in Information and Digital Media Technologies
	Second in Construction
	Third in Primary Industries

Academic Awards
Year 12

Jarrod Green-Crook	Second in Industrial Technology
	Second in Information and Digital Media Technologies
	Second in Primary Industries
	Third in Construction
Hayley Griffiths	Second in Investigating Science
Sarah Griffiths	Third in Biology
Hannah Higgins	Second in Community and Family Studies
	Second in Drama
James Latimore	Equal First in Chemistry
	First in English Standard
	First in Software Design and Development
Keira Macdonald	First in Biology
	Second in English Advanced
	Equal Third in Mathematics Standard
	Third in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Tahnee Papalia	Second in Exploring Early Childhood
	Third in English Studies
Chloe Reid	First in Community and Family Studies
	Second in Modern History
	Third in Investigating Science
Hayden Reid	Third in Physics
Aiden Rose	Second in Physics
Chloe Rozynski	Third in Modern History
Marlene Sadler	Second in English Studies
	Third in Community and Family Studies
	Third in Exploring Early Childhood
Sarah Schiffmann	First in Business Studies
	Second in English Standard
	Second in Mathematics Standard
Amy Shultz	First in Agriculture
	First in Investigating Science
	First in Primary Industries
Allison Simon	First in Legal Studies
Felix Snow	First in Drama
	First in English Studies
	First in Music
	Second in Hospitality
	Equal Second in Visual Arts
Christine Taylor Leayr	Second in Legal Studies
	Third in Business Studies
Courtney Webeck	Third in Agriculture
	Third in Hospitality
Keely Yates	First in Exploring Early Childhood

YEAR 12 STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED CERTIFICATES/QUALIFICATIONS EXTERNAL TO GHS

Chloe Rozynski	Certificate 3 Individual Support Services in Disability Care through Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group
Sharla Gammage	Certificate 2 in Hospitality through Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group
Tahnee Papalia	Certificate 3 Early Childhood Education and Care through Gloucester Pre School

SPECIAL AWARDS YEAR 12

Danielle Channon	Gloucester High School Captain
Hayden Reid	Gloucester High School Captain
Keira Macdonald	Gloucester High School Vice Captain
Amy Shultz	Gloucester High School Vice Captain
Makayla Battams	Gloucester High School Senior SRC
Lucy Corbett	Gloucester High School Senior SRC
Courtney Webeck	Gloucester High School Senior SRC

Sarah Schiffmann	Ampol Award for the 'Best All Rounder' *Recognises commitment in academic, leadership, sporting and community service activities*
Danielle Channon	Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment *Recognises consistent effort and desire to improve*
Amy Shultz	University of New England Vice-Chancellor's High Achievement Prize *Acknowledges the considerable effort made as a high achieving Year 12 student*
Danielle Channon	University of Newcastle Vice-Chancellor's Award *Acknowledges Academic Excellence in Year 12*
Chloe Edstein	Gloucester High School Award *Recognises achievement through Motivation and Commitment*
Lucy Corbett	Gloucester High School Service Award *For commitment and service to Gloucester High School throughout her school career*
Courtney Webeck	Gloucester High School Service Award *For commitment and service to Gloucester High School throughout her school career*
Chloe Edstein	GHS Black OPAL Award 2021 *Achieving the greatest amount of Black OPAL Awards for 2021 (Ongoing Performance Assessment Log), awarded every 4 weeks for engagement, enthusiasm, effort and application in the classroom*

SPECIAL AWARDS YEAR 12

Riko Fitzgerald	Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award *Demonstrates leadership and teamwork within both the school and the community, displaying strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and "mateship"*
Marlene Sadler	Raymond Burton Memorial Prize *For Spirited Effort* *Donated by Mrs K Braunton in memory of Raymond Burton, former student of Gloucester High School*
Will Germon	John Tight Memorial Prize *For Woodwork* *Donated by Mrs Janet Nolan in memory of John Tight, former student of Gloucester High School*
Allison Simon	Turner Freeman Award *for acheivement in Legal Studies* *Donated by Turner Freeman Lawyers*
Danielle Channon	Derek Kerry Memorial Science Award *Demonstrates commitment and understanding of Science concepts.* *Donated by Mrs Suzanne Landers in memory of Derek Kerry, former student and teacher of Gloucester High School*
Amy Shultz	P&C Ag Sub-Committee Agricultural All Rounder Award *Commitment and Application to Agriculture*
Hannah Higgins	Tim Westcott Memorial Award for Drama *Donated by Gloucester Arts Cultural Council (GACCI) in memory of Tim Westcott, former teacher and member of GACCI*
Riko Fitzgerald	Mid Coast Connect Vocation Education and Training (VET) Award *Displays excellence in Vocational Education and Training.* *Donated by Mid Coast Connect*
Amy Shultz	NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal *Commitment and contribution to sport and physical activity programs*
Courtney Webeck	Hunter School Sports Association *Certificate of Achievement for the sport of Cross Country*
Sarah Schiffmann	Hunter School Sports Association *Certificate of Achievement for the sport of Cross Country*

Farewell Year 12!

To see Year 12 graduation photos on our website gallery please CLICK HERE

2021 Student Executive Team
Lucy Corbett, Courtney Webeck, Keira Macdonald, Danielle Channon, Hayden Reid, Amy Shultz, Makayla Battams amd Mrs Trudi Edman

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Considering Covid interrupted nearly a term of face-to-face learning and extracurricular activities all year, teachers and non-teaching staff have ensured our students received the best possible experiences during this time. Our students have been very successful and have demonstrated their resilience and flexibility in meeting this challenge.

During this term, our 2021 Year 12 students have completed their HSC examinations and finally had the opportunity for their graduation assembly. Years 7-10 students completed their yearly assessments. The formalities of the school year have concluded with individual presentation assemblies for each year group from Year 7-11 held last Thursday. School reports were issued Tuesday 14 December.

We concluded the year with a wonderful assembly to acknowledge International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD). During roll call, all students participated in completing a poster and three students gave a speech on what the day meant to them. Thank you to the Learning Support Team and congratulations to all who participated.

I would like to take this time to thank our teachers, office staff, student support staff, general assistant, farm assistant, canteen manager and our P&C for the support they have given our students – your child/children - during the year.

On behalf of all our staff I would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas and New Year with family and friends and a very safe and enjoyable holiday.

Mrs Trudi Edman, Principal

SHARE OUR SPACE

During the upcoming school holidays our school gates will be open to everyone to give them access to recreational areas, playgrounds and sports courts.

Our school is your school so whatever it is that you decide to do we hope you enjoy sharing the space.

We're open from Monday, 20 December to Thursday, 27 January from 8am to 5pm, including weekends and public holidays.

Visit **edu.nsw.link/ShareOurSpace** to know where our school's entry point is.

THANK YOU FROM THE AG DEPARTMENT

Students and teachers of the Ag department would like to thank Chad Wool Pty Ltd for their ongoing support and for selling our 2021 wool clip.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

This year we celebrated this day by creating and displaying posters that represented inclusion. Emma, Jaxon and Sybilla led our morning assembly, speaking personally and passionately about their own experiences. They each gave unique insights into living with disability and are proud to share some excerpts from their speeches -

"As a youngster it really affected me and from then I assumed everyone hated me, however that negative past situation made me a stronger, resilient, understanding and caring person who is passionate about important celebrations like today.
I have autism and I am proud to say that I have come a long way, acceptance is needed to make a difference to our community, the change starts with you, this is the start, make positive changes. Even by doing something simple such as sitting and talking to people with a disability, like you would anyone else."

Emma Elder, Year 11

"In Australia about 1 in 7 people have autism (that's a lot of people) and there is no cure for it, because to cure autism you would have to change their DNA and then they would no longer be themselves.
Autism can affect people in different ways, through their feelings, thoughts and emotions and the environment around them can be really hard for them to cope with. So I have to work really hard to regulate my emotions and I have strategies that keep me calm.
If there was a cure for Autism, I would not take it because then I wouldn't be me.
So, on this International Day of People with Disability I would like you to see my abilities."

Jaxon Griffis-Powick, Year 8

"Any disability may have some mental, emotional and physical changes to your life, but it doesn't mean that your life is not going to be what you want it to be.
Stephen Hawking, one of the most famous people who lived with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis his whole life, once said ***"My advice to other disabled people would be, concentrate on things your disability doesn't prevent you doing well, and don't regret the things it interferes with. Don't be disabled in spirit, as well as physically,"***
Stephen hawking achieved so much in life when he had a disability that would prevent him doing certain things. You don't have to live your life thinking that being different is bad, and that if I have this I can't do this. These negative thoughts will bring you down, and that's not why we are here. We are here to make a change and to become who we want to be."

Sybilla McPhail, Year 10

Sybilla, Emma and Jaxon

YEAR 8 SCULPTURES

Year 8 have recently completed sculptures based on the style of Swiss sculptor Alberto Giacometti. From their sketches, students created a wire armature, then applied plaster bandage followed by painting with black and metallic acrylic paint.
Well done Year 8.

Paige Connell

Rhys Summerville

Summer Edwards, Kaysha Smith, Harvey Willis

ABORIGINAL ART PROJECT

Students have been continuing their work for the Gloucester Soldiers Memorial Hospital Aboriginal Art Project. With assistance from Kim Wright, students are learning new techniques and refining their painting skills. Some designs are now complete and are looking fantastic. Thank you to parents, our school community and Hunter New England Health for enabling this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Stacee Henderson, Jarrah Wilson, Kyiesha Leary, Kim Wright, Elizabeth Copeland, Hayden Johnston, Alex Ring, Amarlie Stephenson, Mia Hardy and Lotti Warwick.

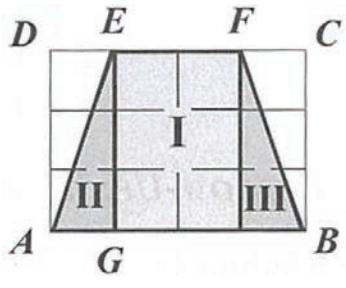
Kyiesha Leary and Alex Ring with their completed preliminary design.

MATHS CORNER QUESTION
(for students and parents)

Previous Answer:

Strategy: Add areas.

Each small square has an area of 1. Separate EFBA into rectangle I and right triangles II and III, as shown. The area of rectangle I is 6; triangle II is ½ of rectangle AGED, so its area is 1.5. The same is true of triangle III. Thus, 6+ 1.5 + 1.5 =9. The area of trapezium EFBA is 9 sq units.



* Maths corner questions have been provided courtesy of 'Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) Inc' an advanced problem solving course currently being undertaken by some of our Year 7 & 8 students.

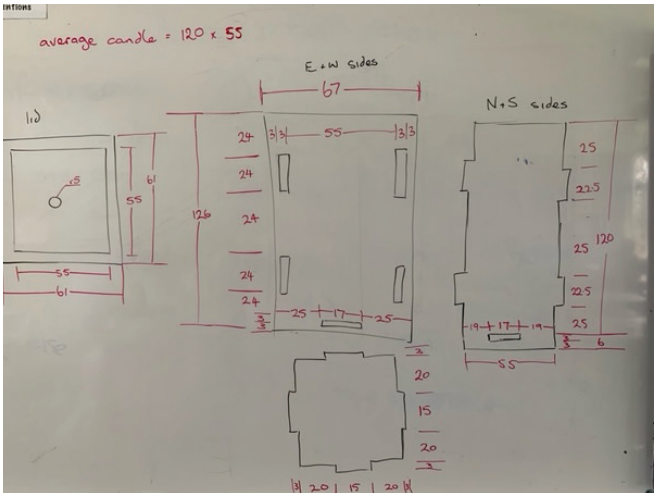
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH SUGAR IS IN COMMON FOOD ITEMS?

Year 8 PDHPE have been developing their health literacy skills to assess health products and information presented to them through the media. They have critically analysed health information from a variety of sources to expose myths and fallacies associated with health information. Students have learnt how to read food labels on a variety of products, and they have assessed products based on the levels of fat, sugar, and salt present in each item. The pictures below demonstrate the amount of sugar present in a variety of food products that are commonly consumed by teenagers.

OUR NEW LASER CUTTER IN ACTION!

Year 7 Mandatory Technology students have been busy learning skills to use the new laser cutter. They have developed a laser cut box to store and display their free-standing pillar candles in.

First, they measured up the size of the candle and the thickness of the craft wood to work out the box dimensions, then students had to create the drawing in Illustrator before sending to the UCP software for the laser to recognise. After cutting out, it was a quick glue and assembly for display.



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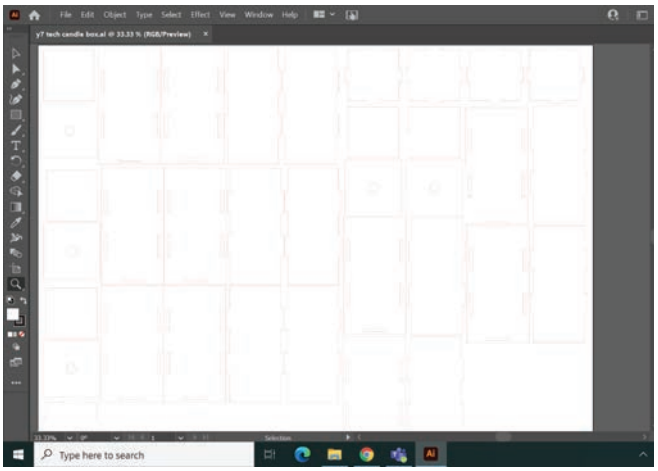

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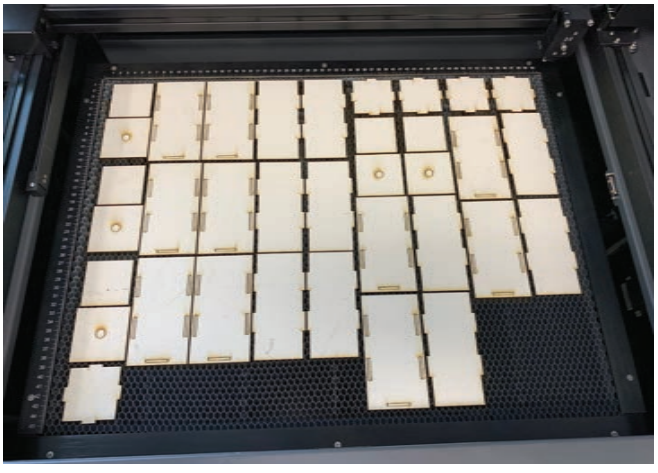

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FAREWELL YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY

After two uncertain and disruptive years, Year 12 Hospitality have made it to the 'finish line'. Thankfully, in between the Covid lockdown periods, the students had the opportunity to assist at three external functions. This included the Westpac Helicopter Fundraising dinner, the RSL Remembrance Day luncheon and the RSL Christmas luncheon. This required the students to plan and prepare a selection of delicious desserts. On both occasions the students demonstrated a professional approach as they represented Gloucester High.

We also managed an excursion to the Hunter Valley. The visit to the Crowne Plaza provided students the opportunity to hear from industry personnel from a diverse range of sectors within the Hospitality Industry. Before heading back home, we headed to the cheese factory and the Sabour dessert house for a very tasty way to end the day.

Goodbye Year 12 Hospitality, I miss you already! I wish each of you the very best as you begin this exciting new chapter in your life.

Mrs Harris

REGIONAL GAP YEAR

Has your child just finished school or university and isn't sure what to do next? Perhaps a regional NSW Gap Year is what they need!

Is your child aged between 17-24, finishing school or uni and not quite sure what to do next? Do they want to work in hospitality, tourism, agriculture or construction? A regional NSW gap year could be your answer!

Your child can earn good money while enjoying a unique work experience, meeting new people and learning valuable transferable skills. Incredible hospitality, tourism and agriculture jobs are now available in some of the most beautiful parts of the state. So, if you know someone thinking about a career in one of these industries, spending some time learning the ropes and filling out their resume in regional NSW, a Gap Year experience will give them a terrific head start.

Many of the skills people can learn on a Regional Gap Year are useful for all sorts of careers and jobs too – like cash handling, communication, project and time management, leadership and customer service.

The NSW Government's Regional Gap Year Program provides a range of resources including information on available jobs, accommodation options, travel itineraries and support services in the regions so your child can have an adventure of a lifetime in your own backyard.

They don't have to do a full year in regional NSW to gain these amazing experiences. They can still escape the hustle and bustle of a larger city for a three or six month stint and reap the amazing benefits of this program while creating life long memories.

If your child would like to continue learning while they're living regionally, NSW Job Trainer is providing people aged 16-24 with fee-free courses in a range of areas including construction, coding, business, mental health and more. This is a fantastic opportunity to upskill as school or the university year comes to an end. These courses can be completed in regional NSW and can be accessed through the **NSW Government Education website.**

To find out more about this exciting Office for Regional Youth program, **visit nsw.gov.au/RegionalGapYear**

LEGACY PROGRAM
I AM A GIRL I CAN DO ANYTHING
COME N TRY
GLOUCESTER BASKETBALL
FUN - FREE - GIRLS
THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY 2022
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
AGE 6-15YRSGL
SIGN UP NOW
https://www.bnsw.com.au/i-am-a-girl/
NSW GOVERNMENT
Basketball NSW

GLOUCESTER COMMUNITY
CAROLS
Brought to you By The Inter Church Council
SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER
GLOUCESTER SHOWGROUND
6pm BBQ
7pm PROGRAM
Come & Enjoy the Celebration together

Tobwabba
Aboriginal Medical Service

Remaining 2021 Gloucester clinics:

- Wednesday 1st December
- Wednesday 8th December
- Wednesday 15th December
- Wednesday 22nd December

Tobwabba AMS will be **closed** for the Holiday period from:

Friday 24th December to Sunday 9th January.

In case of an emergency, call 000 or attend your closest Emergency Department.

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Gloucester High School aims to develop a supportive learning environment that engages all students, teachers and community in the pursuit of excellence.

NSW GOVERNMENT Education & Communities

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