

School Calendar

Friday 1 September

SRE Excursion - Camp Elim

Tuesday 5 September

Y6 Transition BBQ - 5.30pm

Wednesday 6 September

Connect Gloucester Careers Expo

Musical Cast Excursion - Wicked

Thursday 7 September

School Vaccination Clinic

Friday 8 September

Leadership Assembly

Monday 11 September

Y8 Excursion camp Elim

Monday 11 - Friday 22 September

Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams

Thursday 14 - Friday 15 September

Y7 Archaeological dig

P&C

Our next P&C meeting will be:

Monday 18 Sept - 6.30pm - Room AG03

CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

Monday 28 August

Kelly

Tuesday 29 August

Amanda

Wednesday 30 August

Merrilyn

Thursday 31 August

Gai

Friday 1 September

Gai & Kelly

Monday 4 September

Gai

Tuesday 5 September

Amanda

Wednesday 6 September

Merrilyn

Thursday 7 September

Kelly

Friday 8 September

Gai

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BEAR THE SUPPORT DOG

We have a new member of the Well-being team, her name is 'Bear' and she is a five year old Labrador. Bear has been trained as a school support dog, she has worked for two years at Manning Gardens Public School with her handler and special needs teacher, Alison Trudgeon. She will be an extra layer of support for the students in our support classes. She will work primarily in the two support classes every Friday.

Bear had her first day at her new school last Friday and she settled in very well. The students enjoyed spending time with her, benefiting from her magical ability to calm and make everyone smile.

Thanks to students and staff for supporting this initiative.



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to begin today by announcing our school captains elect for Term 4 2023 and into 2024. Congratulations to Charli Macdonald and Mackenzie Schafer. Charlie and Mackenzie will lead the Senior Student Executive team and Student Representative Council. Our Leadership Assembly will be held on 8 September. On this day Charli and Mackenzie will be inducted into their positions together with the incoming SRC and House Captains. Congratulations to all students elected into these leadership and representative positions.

I hope you enjoyed our last newsletter celebrating Education Week 2023 - 175 Years of Public Education in NSW and 60 years at Gloucester High School. This was a compilation of historic and current day photographs that included the official opening of the school in 1963, staff photos from 1963 and 2023, then and now comparative photos of buildings and student groups taken from around the school and concluding with many pages highlighting students enjoying their learning in modern facilities and socialising in friendship groups. I would like to thank Kim Haschek who sifted through old school records and magazines to create this memorable account of our school.

Last Tuesday we held the Year 11 2024 Senior School Orientation and Subject Information evening for parents and students. This is the time when Year 10 set their preferences for courses that they would like to study in the Preliminary and HSC years. The evening provided an opportunity for families to become more informed about the courses available, the expectations in completing tasks, the role of NESA, to meet with teachers and discuss the requirements/topics within the courses on offer. The Year 10 students have been supported through meetings with the Year Adviser, the Careers Adviser and myself to further discuss course options and suggested patterns of study.

This is a very busy time of the year for our Year 12 students. This week they completed their Trial HSC Examinations, just over a week ago the drama and music students showcased their HSC performances to a very receptive audience, in the next few weeks students in Industrial Technology, Music and Drama will have external HSC examiners on site assessing their practical works and performances. Year 12 parents and family are now invited to a Year 12 graduation breakfast on 21 September at 8am followed by the Year 12 Graduation Assembly at 9:15am. This is a very fitting way to celebrate 13 years of schooling with Year 12 students, families and staff.

Mrs Trudi Edman, Principal



YEAR 12 PARENTS AND CARERS ARE INVITED TO:
Year 12 Graduation Assembly
Thursday 21 September
Breakfast BBQ @ 8am
followed by
Awards Assembly in the hall @ 9.15am



CONSENT LABS

Last term, we were lucky enough to be selected as a regional school to participate in the Consent Labs Program.

Consent Labs is an evidence-based program founded and run by a group of passionate young individuals, teaching students to navigate consent respectfully. The four facilitators made the trip from Sydney to deliver four modules over two days to students from Years 7 - 10.

These modules explored Consent Foundations, Consent in the World of Technology, Healthy Relationships, Positive Masculinity and Consent with Alcohol and other Drugs, as well as staff participating in a Professional Learning session.

The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, with over 90% of survey results stating that our students improved and broadened their knowledge on consent in a range of contexts and would like Consent Labs to return for future sessions.

CONSENT LABS



WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

Today we celebrated Wear it Purple Day.

By wearing purple, Australians demonstrate to LGBTQIA+ youth that they are seen, supported and respected, acknowledging all have the right to be proud of who they are and who they are becoming.

Originally founded by students in response to global stories of teenagers taking their own lives due to bullying and harassment, Wear it Purple Day has become an international movement of celebration and support.

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Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

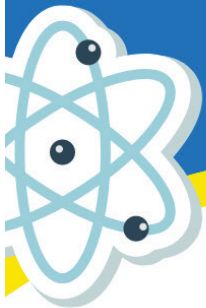


1 day per week = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed



Gloucester High School

YEAR 6 TRANSITION EVENING



TUESDAY
5
SEPTEMBER
4 - 6PM

Year 6 Students and Parents are invited to attend our Information BBQ Evening at Gloucester High School.

- ✓ Meet key staff members
- ✓ Enjoy a tour of the school
- ✓ Discuss important information

Any Questions? Contact us!

Toni Stanton
Year 7 2024 Year Advisor
(02) 6558 1605



ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING BUSHFIRE SEASON

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to advise you of bushfire emergency arrangements for our school this bushfire season.

Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is listed as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the Department has determined that on days when NSW Rural Fire Service declares a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for Gloucester High School, our school will temporarily cease operations for the following day.

In addition, schools may be made non-operational due to changing higher risk conditions and advice from Emergency Services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.

We will generally communicate with you via SMS, school portal, Facebook and or email of our intentions.

If we are required to evacuate we will go to;

- 1) Gloucester Public school
- 2) Community evacuation centre at Gloucester Baptist Church

If we cannot leave, arrangements have been made to shelter in the school in Blocks A, B and C. If we are required to shelter, we will request that you do not come to the school to collect your child until emergency services have provided the school with a clearance to leave the site.

The Fire Danger Rating does not mean there will be a bushfire, but rather weather conditions that could pose a high risk for a bushfire event. The measure is proactive to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

To ensure that we continue to support student learning on these days, I have put the following arrangements in place:

Teachers will communicate (if they are able to do so), with their classes via Teams to continue with units of work by following the most current timetable.

Students will be expected (if they are able to do so), to log into Teams each day and follow their most current timetable.

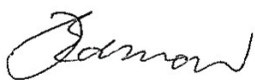
Our school will inform our school community after 4 pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day. To assist the school in contacting all families please ensure that you have provided us with up-to-date contact details.

We recommend that all our families follow the advice of the NSW Rural Fire Service and ensure that your family knows what to do if there is a fire.

It can take as little as five minutes to make your plan. Discuss it with your family so you know what you will do in the event of a fire. <https://www.myfireplan.com.au/>

Please contact the school on 0565581605 if you would like any further information about this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Trudi Edman
Principal

WELCOME OTÁVIO!

We would like to welcome our Rotary Youth Exchange Student, Otávio Mazzei from Brazil. Otávio started with us last week and is enrolled in our Year 11 cohort. Thank you to Mitchell Davies in Year 9 and to the MC class for creating a colourful sign to help welcome him at the airport.

Otávio has started his exchange with host family Deb and John Hogan and will rotate through another three families over the next year.

We are sure you will have a fantastic experience in Australia, Otávio!



THANK YOU TIKO

Tiko is our newest volunteer at Breakfast Club. On Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00am dedicated students and staff begin preparing toasties and fresh fruit. This initiative is supported by community donations. It's a rewarding experience helping out in the kitchen. Other student volunteers are most welcome.



MICROSOFT STORE EXCURSION

Last week, our Year 9 & 10 Information & Software Technology and Year 11 Software Design & Development classes had the opportunity to visit the Sydney Microsoft Store to experience new technologies around Virtual and Augmented Reality using Microsoft Technologies. What a fantastic experience for our students!

We'd like to say a big thank you to Gloucester Rotary Club NSW and in particular, Mrs Valda Barron for facilitating this excursion.



YEAR 9 MARINE

The Year 9 Marine class recently went on an excursion to the Gloucester water and sewerage treatment plants.

Daniel Harris (Mid Coast Council's coordinator of water management and treatment North and West) gave us a brief rundown on the equipment and processes that are used to keep our drinking water safe and our environment healthy.

We were then taken on a tour of the facilities by Mick Standon and Peter Ashby, looking at and discussing; water intake on the Barrington river (watched on by a platypus), water purification, chlorination/fluoridation and the various storage facilities around town.

A big thanks to Dan, Mick and Pete for an interesting and informative experience.



MUSIC ENSEMBLES PROGRAM

In Week 9 of this term, we are excited to announce the start of the GHS Music Ensembles Program. Our students will have the opportunity to participate in a selection of ensembles. Choir and Band will start on Wednesday 13 September, Guitar ensemble and Composers/Songwriters will start on Friday 15 September. Please see Mr Swadling or Mrs Ingram for more information or to register your interest as some ensembles have limited places.



COME & JOIN a MUSIC ENSEMBLE IN 2023

STARTS
WEEK 9
TERM 3
13th & 15th SEPT



WHEN: EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL
WERE: MUSIC ROOM
WHO: ANYONE WHO PLAYS A CONCERT BAND INSTRUMENT
YEARS 7-12
TIME: 3.15PM - 5.00PM



WHEN: BREAK 2 - EVERY WEDNESDAY
WERE: MUSIC ROOM
WHO: ANYONE WHO WHO LOVES TO SING
YEARS 7-12
TIME: 1.40PM - 2.10PM



WHEN: BREAK 2 - EVERY FRIDAY
WERE: MUSIC ROOM
WHO: GUITAR & BASS PLAYER
YEARS 7-12
TIME: 1.40PM - 2.10PM



WHEN: BREAK 1 - EVERY FRIDAY
WERE: MUSIC ROOM
WHO: ANYONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WRITING SONGS OR COMPOSING
YEARS 7-12
TIME: 11.10PM - 11.40AM

YEAR 10 MASTER CHEF CHALLENGE

In Week 3 the Year 10 Food Technology class were presented with a 'Master Chef Challenge'. Students pulled a number out of a bag, this number then corresponded to a tray containing a limited number of food items. The students, working in pairs, were given 10 minutes to research possible recipe/menu ideas that they might create from the allocated ingredients. An additional four items were allowed from the pantry. The criteria for the challenge included: a name for the product/who the target market will be, such as vegetarian, single parent with kids, lactose intolerant etc. Marks were also awarded for the most creative & best presented product within the allocated time frame.

The students worked brilliantly, ensuring safety & hygienic standards were maintained throughout the lesson. Some of the creations included 'Berry choc pops', a delicious variation of a 'Green curry' & a 'Berry-choc ice-cream cake'.

Well done Year 10 Food Technology!



HOSPITALITY WORK PLACEMENT

During weeks 3 & 4 of Term 3 the Year 11 Hospitality students attended mandatory work placement. The students attended both local businesses and establishments in Newcastle and Taree. We are very grateful to all the host employers for the wonderful opportunities this provides for our students. As you can see from the photos the students enjoyed the different experiences and tasks, they were given during work placement. It is also pleasing to read the positive reports the students received from their host employers.

Well done Year 11 Hospitality!

Mrs Louise Harris, Food Technology and Hospitality Teacher



SECONDARY SCHOOL 7S COMPETITION

On Thursday the U14 Girls Rugby Union team travelled to Port Macquarie to play in the Secondary School 7s competition.

In the first game, we played Hastings and won 35-14. Tries to Lara Kemp (3), Alicia Edwards and Jess Marchant.

Next up was a tough Bishop Druitt College. Both teams scored 3 tries but the opposition was victorious 19-17 due to 7 points for tries under the posts. Gloucester tries to Alice Murphy and Jess Marchant with 2.

The third game was against St. Paul's. A tardy start saw us down 21-0 but we fought back with some good play. Final score 21-7 with our try to Reannah Yates.

In our last game we played St Columba. Like the game against Bishop Druitt College, both teams scored 3 tries but Gloucester again went down 19-15 due to conceding 7 point tries. Tries to Jess Marchant x2 and Lara Kemp.

Well done girls on a great day's play.

Mr Adam Cameron, Sports Coordinator



Back: Nylah Wisely, Jessica Marchant, Hayley Green-Crook, Lara Kemp, Alice Murphy, Reannah Yates, Alicia Edwards, Mackenzie Young, Amelia Wooster

Front: Rubi Tull, Ivy Kellehear, Poppy Murphy

15 GIRLS NETBALL GALA DAY 2023

Last Thursday, the 15 Girls Netball team competed in the Manning Zone Netball Gala Day. The team consisted of: Charlotte Marchant, Emma Bignell, Makaylee Gooch, Hayley Edwards, Irelyn Want, Melody Maslen, Jessica Marchant, Amy Fry, Alice Murphy, and Sienna Macdonald.

The team played four games throughout the day. Firstly, Gloucester took on Chatham, holding their own and coming away with a convincing win 40 - 10. As the day heated up, we played Forster in the second round. The girls performed extremely well early into the game, although Forster were a well-drilled team and came away with the win in the second half, 26 - 20. Gloucester played Wingham in the third round. Gloucester fought hard, but Wingham were a tough defensive side, defeating us 27 - 6. We mustered what little energy we had left and defeated Taree in the last game 19 - 10.

All girls played extremely well in all games. Our defensive team of Irelyn, Jessica, and Emma kept the score margin tight. Our sharp shooters Charlotte, Emma, Sienna and Makaylee worked well together in the circle. Fantastic movement of the ball in the centres shown by Melody, Alice, Amy, and Hayley. They all displayed exceptional determination and good sportsmanship skills that Gloucester is well-known for. Congratulations girls on your achievements and perseverance on the day.

A big thankyou to Sally Maslen for her organisation, to Danielle Channon for umpiring, to Emily Beggs for scoring and to our lovely, supportive parents and Year 12 friends for cheering us on.

Mrs Toni Stanton, Netball Coach



Back: Emily Beggs, Makaylee Gooch, Alice Murphy, Jessica Marchant, Irelyn Want, Charlotte Marchant, Mrs Toni Stanton

Front: Hayley Edwards, Amy Fry, Melody Maslen, Emma Bignell, Sienna Macdonald

IN THE ART ROOMS

It's been a hive of activity in the art rooms this fortnight. Year 7 have started their Crazy Clay Creatures. Year 8 have been learning to mix a range of skin tones to create a Hero Portrait. Year 9 Photographic and Digital Media have made some stunning photograms during their Darkroom Photography unit and our HSC students are very busy finishing off their Body of Works. We wish these Year 12 art students well as the finish line on August 28 quickly approaches.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Demonstrating the core values of our CARER values, Will Griffis-Powick, Sarah Henderson, Rachael Smith and Abbigale Stirling have joined various local rural fire brigades. These students are developing leadership and operational skills as well as protecting our community.

Alex Channon, who is interested in joining our local SES unit recently attended a training night to see what knowledge and skills he can develop.

We're so proud to see our students getting involved in and supporting their local community.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

We love to hear about student achievements outside of school! If you have something worth sharing, please send in photos and info to gloucester-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Congratulations to Charles Tonks and Adelaide McIntosh for their rendition of "I Was Only Nineteen" at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service on Friday 18 August. They performed a very moving version which was appreciated by the Veterans and the audience. Thank you Charles and Adelaide for your continuing support of events in our Community.



CAREERS NEWS

UAC

UAC Key Date Reminders

Details of all Semester 1, 2024 courses offered by UAC's participating institutions are now available, so it's a perfect time to get started on your UAC application if you haven't already. Remember, if you apply before 29 September, you'll avoid a significant increase in the application fee.

Your Key Dates:

- 18 September - School Recommendation Scheme applications close
- 29 September - Early Bird Deadline - Significant increase to application fee after this date
- 23 November - Educational Access Scheme (EAS) application and documentation deadline for December Round 2 Offers
- 14 December - 2023 ATARs released
- 21 December - December Round 2 Offers released

<https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/dreaming-of-uni>

UAC Schools Recommendation Scheme

Applications Close 18 September

The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) is one-way institutions make early offers of undergraduate admission to Year 12 students. They do this by using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

Each institution has its own policy for determining SRS eligibility and making offers. For example, you may also have to submit an EAS application institution-defined dates or attend a school in a particular region.

SRS is not available for all courses. The institution-specific SRS criteria detail any exceptions.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/schools-recommendation-schemes>

Have a back-up plan: Pathways to Uni

UAC always recommends that, when you choose your course preferences, you include a 'back-up' course; that is, a course you are confident you'll be offered a place in and will be happy to study if you miss out on offers for your higher preferences. For example, you could include a diploma course in a similar area of study as your preferred degree course. You could then use your diploma studies as a steppingstone to the degree: you may even be able to move straight into second year. Pathways to uni.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/admission-criteria/pathways-to-university>

UAC Let's Chat - Applying to the Schools Recommendation Scheme

6 September

While the ATAR is still the main selection tool used by most universities, there are other ways for you to show that you're ready to succeed at uni. Many institutions have one or more early offer schemes for Year 12 students. Through these schemes, institutions assess you using criteria other than (or in addition to) your ATAR.

We'll give you an overview of the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) and discuss:

- how to apply
- whether you're guaranteed early entry if you apply
- other universities' direct early entry schemes
- how many early entry schemes you can apply for

<https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-srs2023>

CAREERS NEWS continued...

ATAR Myths Busted

HSC students hear a lot of confusing messages about the ATAR, so UAC's ATAR expert, Dr Helen Tam, has busted the top 5 myths.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/atar-myths-busted>

2023 Newcastle Open Day

Saturday 26 August – 9am – 3pm

Start Your Uni Journey

Explore the Callaghan and City Campuses. Join a degree presentation, tours – including accommodation, The Expo in the Great Hall, and find out more about studying at the University of Newcastle in 2024.

Register now and go in the draw to win. T&C's apply. [Newcastle.edu.au/opendays](https://newcastle.edu.au/opendays)

[Register here.](#)

NSW Police Application Process

Once you have successfully completed the University Certificate in Workforce Essentials (UCWE) you may be eligible to submit an application to the NSW Police Force. Once received, your police application will be allocated to a Recruitment case officer who will get to work processing your application.

1. Background Checks

Upon receipt of your police application your recruitment case officer will conduct several background checks including detailed background vetting, employment checks and a more thorough investigation of your history.

2. Physical & Medical Assessment

As a police recruit applicant, you will be required to undertake a number of physical tests to determine your ability to perform the physical demands inherent to operational policing. You will also be invited to attend a full medical assessment including a complete medical history. The assessment will be conducted by an external provider and will assess your medical fitness to perform the inherent role and functions of an operational police officer.

3. Interview

The final stage of the recruitment process is a formal face to face interview. The interview will be conducted by a three (3) member panel and will provide an opportunity for the NSW Police Force to assess you against several core qualities. The interviews will be conducted at a number of metropolitan and regional locations.

4. Ranking & the Eligibility Pool

Successfully completing all requirements of the recruitment process will see you progress onto the eligibility list to await an offer for placement into the Associate Degree in Policing Practice.

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/application_process



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Wednesday 6th September

12pm - 4pm

Gloucester Showground, Cattle Pavilion

Finished Year 12? Looking to secure your future?

A NSW Infrastructure Traineeship can give you a headstart in your future career.

How does the NSW Infrastructure Traineeship work?

- The two-year traineeship program combines practical work while studying for a Certificate IV at TAFE NSW.
- The infrastructure sector includes private companies in construction, infrastructure, real estate and property, as well as local councils and a range of NSW government agencies, such as Transport for NSW, NSW Health, and NSW Department of Education.
- Trainees get experience over the two years with three eight-month work placements – in government, in industry, and in consultancy.
- Trainees will be able to study for a Certificate IV in Business, Project Management Practice, Procurement and Contracting.

Who is this program for?

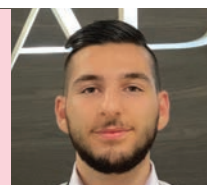
This program is for you, if you are:

- a school student finishing year 12 or
- have finished year 12 and are unsure what to do next.

What Traineeship graduates say

"It's an awesome program if you're unsure of what you're doing outside of school."

Samuil Angelkoski, Traineeship Graduate



"I gained a whole world of experience and knowledge firsthand in the construction industry while learning about it."

Amanda Bruhn, Traineeship Graduate



More information

To receive updates about the NSW Infrastructure Traineeships contact us by email:
traineeship@det.nsw.edu.au

Visit the Infrastructure Traineeships website by scanning this code:



What are the benefits?



Two years full-time paid work while studying 1-2 days per week



Nationally recognised Certificate IV qualification from TAFE NSW



Practical workplace experience you can take anywhere



Get experience in the growing industry of infrastructure

Gathang

(Local First Nations Language)

for Beginners



**BUCKETTS
WAY** Neighbourhood
Group Inc.

RSVP to:

cpo@bwng.org.au

or call Amber:

6558 2454

Information Session

Tuesday 29 August 2023

4.00 pm | 88 King Street, Gloucester

Due to previous successful Gathang workshops, a beginner's project is planned. Come along to our information session to find out more.

Free workshops for Gloucester Aboriginal community members, 2.5 hours every second Wednesday @ 4pm.

Numbers are limited so get in early.



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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.



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