

School Calendar

Monday 14 October
Students Return Term 4

Tuesday 29 October
Open Netball - Forster

Tuesday 5 November
Open Basketball - Taree

Monday 11 - Friday 15 November
Year 7 & 10 Formal Assessment Week

Monday 18 - Friday 22 November
Year 8 & 9 Formal Assessment Week

Tuesday 26 November
Y6 Orientation Day

Wednesday 4 - Friday 6 December
Y9 Camp

Monday 9 December
Presentation Evening

Tuesday 11 December
Y9 Try-a-Trade day

Weekly events to remember:

School Band - Mon 3:10 - 5pm
Breakfast Club - Wed & Thur 8:30am
Homework Hub (Y7-9) - Wed 3:10 - 4:30pm
Night Library (Y10-12) - Tues 4 - 7pm

P&C

Our next P&C meeting will be:
Monday 21 October 2024
6:00pm - school library

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Once or twice a term
10:30am-2:30pm
No experience required, just a friendly
face. Please contact us on 6558 9963.

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FAREWELL & GOOD LUCK, YEAR 12



Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go.
But don't forget to enjoy the journey. – Michael Josephson



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Lotus Rossi

Equal First in Year 12

First in English Advanced
First in Community and Family Studies
First in Modern History
First in History Extension
Third in Business Studies
Third in Mathematics Advanced

Kaitlyn Commons

Equal First in Year 12

First in Hospitality
First in Business Studies
First in Investigating Science
Second in Mathematics Advanced
Third in English Standard (Equal)

Mackenzie Schafer

Third in Year 12

First in English Standard
First in Industrial Technology - Timber
First in Food Technology (Camden Haven High School Distance Ed)
Second in Hospitality



Lotus Rossi, Kaitlyn Commons, Mackenzie Schafer

Year 12 Special Awards

- Charli Macdonald** Gloucester High School Captain
- Mackenzie Schafer** Gloucester High School Captain
- Kaitlyn Commons** Gloucester High School Senior SRC
- Abbey Seale** Gloucester High School Service Award
For commitment and service to Gloucester High School throughout their school career
Donated by Gloucester High School P&C
- Kaitlyn Commons** Gloucester High School Award
Recognises achievement through Motivation and Commitment
- Lotus Rossi** Gloucester High School Black OPAL Award 2024
for achieving the highest accumulated OPAL score in 2024 (Ongoing Performance Assessment Log), awarded every 4 weeks for engagement, enthusiasm, effort and application in the classroom - Donated by Gloucester High School P&C
- Mackenzie Schafer** 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"*
- Lotus Rossi** Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment
Recognises consistent effort and desire to improve
- Danieka Wakefield** University of New England 2024 Vice Chancellor's High Achievement Prize - *Outstanding performance and endeavour in the fields of academic performance, personal development, social and community contributions and School activities*
- Ava Croker** Taree Universities Campus Go Further Award
Extends themselves in their studies and provides a role model for fellow and younger students to strive for good outcomes
- Mackenzie Schafer** Ampol Award for the 'Best All Rounder'
Recognises commitment in academic, leadership, sporting and community service activities



Abbey Seale



Charli Macdonald



Thomas Troope



Mackenzie Schafer



Ava Croker



Danieka Wakefield

- Ryan Latimore** Derek Kerry Memorial Science Award
For demonstrating commitment and understanding of Science concepts. Donated by Mrs Suzanne Landers in memory of Derek Kerry, former student and teacher at Gloucester High School
- Lotus Rossi** Leone Hooke Memorial Award
*For excellence in English
Donated by the Hooke family in memory of Leone Hooke, former teacher at Gloucester High School*
- Ryan Latimore** Wayne Mavin Maths Award
*For displaying excellence in mathematics
Donated by Wayne Mavin and Co. Bespoke Joinery*
- Kaitlyn Commons** Turner Freeman Award
*For achievement in Business Studies
Donated by Turner Freeman Lawyers*
- Emily Marsh** P&C Ag Sub-Committee Agricultural All Rounder Award
*For Commitment and Application to Agriculture
Donated by Gloucester High School P&C*
- Ryan Latimore** John Tight Memorial Award
*For Senior Woodworker of the Year
Donated by Mrs Janet Nolan in memory of John Tight, former student of Gloucester High School*
- Kaitlyn Commons** Mid Coast Connect Vocation Education and Training (VET) Award
For displaying excellence in Vocational Education and Training Donated by Mid Coast Connect
- Emily Marsh** NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal
For Commitment and contribution to sport and physical activity programs
- Tallulah Ashby** Academic Achievement Award for Legal Studies through Aurora College
- Abbey Seale** Academic Achievement Award for Legal Studies through Aurora College
- Abbigale Sterling** Academic Excellence Award for Legal Studies through Aurora College



Ryan Latimore



Lotus Rossi



Kaitlyn Commons



Emily Marsh



Tallulah Ashby
Abbigale Sterling
Abbey Seale

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We concluded Term 3 with two amazing events. The first was last Friday when we hosted The World's Greatest Shave. Sam Cornall and his SRC team were well organised making the day such a great success for all the students, teachers and visitors. There was a variety of foods available, from cakes, fete sweets, spider drinks to the staple sausage sandwich, as well as board games and competitive picnic games that added to the fun for students. The highlight of the day was witnessing 9 students and 3 staff cut or shave their heads for the cause. As at 26/09/2024 GHS and community have raised \$15,922. This is a massive amount of money for a relatively small school and community. I would like to thank Jessica Grady, Gloucester hairdresser, for donating her time on the day. I would also like to thank the school community and the broader community for getting behind these brave participants in this worthwhile national event.



The second important event this week was to farewell Year 12. On Monday they entertained us during the school assembly...the GHS 'Minions' invaded the playground, with Edward Hollingsworth as the leader Gru, and Mr Herps leading the Minion pack. Then on Tuesday Year 12 arrived dressed as 'Twins' and it was 'bring anything other than a bag day' and their final day of 'lessons' was Wet 'n' Wild Wednesday. From Break 2 through Period 5, Year 12 had fun with buckets of water, water pistols and makeshift swimming pools. It was lovely to see the strong connection and friendship with each other that has been forged throughout the past six years. On Thursday we formally celebrated Year 12 with a family breakfast, followed by a farewell assembly. Again, it is so heartwarming to see family and friends joining with us to mark this significant milestone. After the formalities, Mr Herps and Ms Ross took them to Paintball and dinner at Forster. Great memories! We wish Year 12 every success in their HSC examinations and their future endeavours.

A few more highlights I would like to acknowledge, and this is in partnership with Rotary. Stacey Henderson is being sponsored by Rotary to attend Rymarine in Coffs Harbour for four days. Brody Taylor won the Regional Rotary Four Way Test Speech Competition. He competed against St Clare's High School and Great Lakes Campus. Brody's first speech was on sharks, and it was during this speech that he was required to weave the principles of the Four Way Test. His impromptu speech was titled 'One fun fact about me'. He will now represent Gloucester Rotary in the District semi finals at Forster in November. Congratulations Brody.

Finally, we received notification on Wednesday that the Industrial Technology timber projects by Mackenzie Schafer and Ryan Latimore have been nominated to be showcased in the state SHAPE display. SHAPE is a selection of outstanding works from HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students and will be held at the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct from March 2025. Congratulations Mackenzie and Ryan.

On behalf of our school, have an enjoyable and relaxing vacation break with family and friends.

Mrs Trudi Edman, Principal



SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE 'INCLOSED LANDS'

Dear parents and carers

Unfortunately, it has been reported that some of our students and some primary school students have been on school grounds, both at GPS and GHS after hours and before 8.30am, displaying anti-social and inappropriate behaviour. This is disappointing, as our schools are important places for our community and should not be places for anti-social behaviour. Staff will not be dealing with issues that occur after school hours. Please refer all issues to the police and be mindful that school grounds are 'inclosed lands'.

Please ensure you talk to your child/ren about entering school grounds (inclosed lands), particularly after hours and if you notice or hear conversations about inappropriate behaviours, please contact the Police 02 5594 8420. Schools are defined and covered as 'inclosed lands' and covered by the Inclosed Lands Act. The boundary fences are clearly defined for both schools. Any buildings or other structures occupied or used in connection with the land are provided the same protection by the Act. This includes sites that may be controlled by the school for a school event such as a local hall hired for a presentation night.



SCHOOL PHOTOS 2025



Save the date!

Thursday 13 February



AG Farm Donation

Please contact us if you have any old bales of silage, that we can use on our garden.



THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2024

Surviving Year 12

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Getting through the stress of Year 12 lies in balancing work and play, pursuing physical and mental wellbeing, and nurturing the inner self.

Hosted by CatholicCare's Targeted Earlier Intervention Program, this free event is for senior students and their parents about surviving and thriving in Year 12.

The presentation will include practical, evidence-based tips and strategies to reduce stress and increase productivity based on Dr. Carr-Gregg's lifetime of research.

It incorporates the latest research from around the world on the psychology of effective study techniques, how to manage sleep and social media, how to improve memory, how to avoid distractions, what foods to eat before exams, managing parents, and so much more.

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest-profile psychologists, the author of 14 books, and a broadcaster and specialist in corporate mental health, families, parenting, children, adolescents and technology for mental health.



DATE Thursday 17 October 2024
TIME 5.30pm – 7pm
LOCATION Gloucester Senior Citizens Centre,
30 Hume Street, Gloucester.

Register now to secure your spot.



WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

A big thank you to Jess Grady for helping with the cuts plus everyone who supported and donated! Thanks to your incredible generosity and the SRC's awesome fundraising efforts, we've raised over \$15,000 for the Leukemia Foundation—absolutely smashing our original goal of \$6,000! The link is open for donations until the end of the year.

<https://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/fundraisers/GloucesterHighSRC>



MC CLASS ARE LEARNING FRENCH

The MC Class have been learning the French words for food. Here they are playing memory to match the picture with the French word. Lots of competitive hilarity was had by all.



BRODY THROUGH TO PUBLIC SPEAKING SEMI-FINALS

Brody Taylor represented Gloucester at the Area Level of the Rotary Public Speaking Competition. He competed against students from St Clare's High School and Great Lakes College. Brody presented an engaging speech on Sharks, using the Rotary 4-way test. This was then followed by an impromptu speech on the topic; 'One Fun Fact About Me'. Gloucester's own, Brody Taylor was selected to advance through to the next round of the competition, the semi-finals in Forster.

Well done, Brody!



CONNECT GLOUCESTER 2024

Connect Gloucester Jobs Fair and Careers Expo was an outstanding event, organised by Erin Lute, RIEP Officer, and funded by the Gloucester Business Chamber and Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP). The event took place on Wednesday, 11 September, in the Gloucester Recreation Centre. It provided a unique platform for students of all years to connect with local employers and businesses.

The Connect Gloucester 2024 event proved to be a rewarding experience for our students, connecting them with a multitude of career opportunities and resources. The primary focus was to create links between students and local businesses in our area. The event emphasised the importance of staying rooted in the community while pursuing career goals.

The event showcased an array of employers, educators, industry professionals, and emergency services who were eager to share their insights and guidance. With a wide collection of local employers and businesses participating, students had the invaluable opportunity to engage in one-on-one discussions, explore potential career paths, further education and gain insights into the job market. The event created a bridge between our talented youth and local possibilities, fostering connections that may potentially shape their futures.

We would like to thank Erin Lute, our RIEP Senior Project Officer, whose commitment to our school and the community is truly commendable. This event was made possible through the combined contributions of the Gloucester Business Chamber and RIEP, who recognised the importance of promoting jobs, apprenticeships, and career opportunities for our local community, especially our young talents. Their dedication and commitment were evident in every aspect of the event, from its organisation to its execution.

We would like to thank all the exhibitors who gave up their time and resources to participate in this event for the benefit of GHS students. Without their enormous, combined contribution, the event could never eventuate.

Considering the feedback from the exhibitors, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our students who attended Connect Gloucester 2024. Your conduct and enthusiasm have made us immensely proud. You have proven that you are indeed ambassadors of our school's CARER Policy, and you promoted our mission to foster excellence in education and character.

The success of Connect Gloucester 2024 is a testament to what can be achieved when our community comes together to support our youth.

Thank you again to everyone who made this event a success.

Mr Michael De Angelis, Careers Adviser



CONNECT GLOUCESTER 2024



YEAR 9AG VISIT MIDDLEBROOK'S DAIRY FARM

Last week, our Year 9 Agriculture class visited Middlebrook's Dairy as part of the Dairy Production in Australia unit. Tom Middlebrooke gave us an informative tour, showing us their herringbone dairy bales, the feed room, their software systems, and record-keeping processes. A highlight for many was visiting the calf sheds. The visit provided valuable insights into how theory is applied in practice, which will help students with their assessment tasks.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Tom for taking time out of his day to guide us through the farm and explain the operations.

Mrs Sally Andrews, Ag Teacher



YEAR 10 AGRIBUSINESS

Building on the success of last year's program, Year 10 Agriculture students have been actively engaged in studying Agribusiness as part of their course work this term. The unit focused on the management and various factors that influence large-scale commercial enterprises.

For their assessment, students applied key principles of Agribusiness to real-world scenarios, selecting either a beef reproduction enterprise or a chicken layer production enterprise. They explored financial, marketing, and operational aspects, honing their decision-making skills, while tackling the challenges faced in these industries.

Beef Reproduction

Students visited our heifers and cows on the school flats before researching suitable terminal sires. They evaluated factors such as birth weights and growth rates to select the ideal bull. After careful consideration, semen was ordered and used for artificial insemination. We now eagerly await a good conception rate and look forward to the calving season in winter 2025.

Chicken Layers

We're excited to announce the upcoming arrival of our new 50-egg incubator! Once it arrives, students will gain hands-on experience in hatching eggs, including learning about candling and the incubation process.

A special thank you to our supporters:

- Jack Laurie at Breeder Genetics for providing the semen.
- Liam Mowbray for his veterinary expertise in conducting the AI program.
- James Hooke from Skibo Angus for his assistance and providing a mop-up bull.
- Douglas Troope from Clareval Farm for donating fertilised eggs for our incubation project.

Mrs Sally Andrews, Ag Teacher



HARRY WELLS 9S

Last Thursday, the U16 Boys rugby league side travelled to Port Macquarie to compete in the Harry Wells 9s.

The team played 3 games on the day, coming away with 1 win and 2 losses, which was a very good result with a relatively inexperienced team.

A great win over Melville High School 25-4 was the highlight. Tries to Brad Rayner (2), Wyatt Griffin, Mitch Whitby and Jonas De Angelis. In the other games on the day, tries were scored by Nash Griffin, Wyatt Griffin and Brad Rayner, who scored another 2 in one game.

Mr Adam Cameron, Rugby League Coach



Back: Seth Toohill-Sargent, Mitchell Whitby, Wyatt Griffin, Dylan Crossley, William Wooster, Jonas De Angelis

Front: Nash Griffin, Kenneth Wright, Jarrah Wilson, Bradley Rayner, Nicholas Maggs

U15 NETBALL KNOCKOUT

Last Monday 16 September, the U15 Girls Netball Team played in the Hunter Top 16 Netball Knockout in Maitland. The first game was against West Wallsend. The Gloucester team worked very hard, demonstrating excellent communication and teamwork skills. There was some brilliant shooting from Kymani and Sienna, and they quickly managed to take the lead. This continued throughout the game, and together with tight defence shown by Jessica and Lara, Gloucester came away with a win 46 – 30.

Gloucester progressed through to the final round due to Whitebridge withdrawing from the competition. The girls played Mount View who were a very strong team. Gloucester started strong, commanding a lead of 8 goals in the first quarter. The girls made some brilliant intercepts in the centre court, and their determination never wavered. Sadly, not a win on this occasion, conceding to Mount View 41 - 32.

A great learning experience and I look forward to seeing these girls continue to improve each year.

A big thanks to Tonia Channon for umpiring, and to our parents, grandparents and carers who assisted on the day!

Mrs Toni Stanton, Netball Coach



Back: Mrs Sally Maslen, Alice Murphy, Sienna Macdonald, Olivia Wade, Jessica Marchant, Kymani Tarr, Charlotte Marchant.

Front: Kaitlin Perry, Lara Kemp, Melody Maslen, Amy Fry.

U15 BASKETBALL FINALS

The U15 Boys and Girls basketball teams travelled to Broadmeadow yesterday to participate in the Hunter Knockout finals.

Both teams had a great day with the Boys finishing Top 4 in the Hunter and the Girls finishing in the Top 6.

The boys defeated West Wallsend 27-25, Singleton 29-24 and Great Lakes 20-18 to make the Hunter Semi Finals. The semi final was a great game with Gloucester unfortunately going down 27-18 to Newcastle High School.

The girls had wins over Whitebridge 34-6, Muswellbrook 45-2 and were defeated by Maitland 20-14.

A big thanks to the parents who travelled to support the teams and particular mention to Brett Plater, Kylie Hall and Cara Gruisinga who helped coach the teams on the day.



Back: Samuel Wilson, Daniel Brooks, Archie Ribbons, Nick Maslen

Front: Jarrod Plater, Ryder Martin, Bradley Higgins



Back: Nylah Wisely, Lara Kemp, Jessica Marchant, Kymani Tarr, Olivia Wade

Front: Bonnie Clarke, Kyharlee Holden, Amelia Gruisinga, Melody Maslen, Darcy Hall, Emily Clarke

ENSEMBLE OFFSPRING

On Friday 13 September, Gloucester hosted a special musical performance and workshop by one of Australia's leading performing ensembles called 'Ensemble Offspring'.

Founded in 1995, Ensemble Offspring is led by percussionist Claire Edwardes OAM and comprises a core sextet line-up of some of Australia's most virtuosic musicians. With a huge commissioning track record, Ensemble Offspring is also deeply committed to supporting traditionally underrepresented voices and nurturing emerging, female-identifying and First Nations artists.

Thanks to the Craven Creek Music Festival team, and in particular, Jenny Lindsay, for funding a concert/workshop for our students. Gloucester High and Gloucester Primary music students were treated to an amazing musical experience with 3 members of the Ensemble Offspring (Claire Edwardes- Artistic Director & Percussion, Lamorna Nightingale – Flute, Jason Noble – Clarinet) performing a range of Australian classical music with a twist. A highlight was listening to a bass clarinet imitating a didgeridoo and a beatboxing flute.

Mr Robert Swadling, Music Teacher



YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY - MAKING NYLON!

Year 12 Chemistry students recently performed their last experiment - making the Nylon-6,10 rope from 1,6-diaminohexane and decanedioyl dichloride. As soon as the two chemicals are poured on top of each other, the white film of nylon formed in-between the layers. They picked up a little of this with a pair of tweezers, lifted it slowly and gently from the beaker and pulled this over the rod of the clamp. They've made the BEST thread of nylon. Great work Ava, Ryan and Thomas!

Mrs Risa Tomita, Science Teacher



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



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4 weeks



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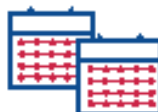
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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Gloucester: 6pm, Tuesday 22 October.
MidCoast Council, Railway Street side entry

Tuncurry: 6pm, Wednesday 23 October
Rear of RFS, Manning Lane, Tuncurry.

Taree: 6pm, Thursday 24 October.

MidCoast Council, Yalawanyi Ganya, 2 Biripi Way



Book Now

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WORKSHOPS @ GLOUCESTER CREATIVES NSW

29th Sept Spring Hat Decorating

3rd Oct Beginners Basket Weaving for 10-17 year olds

6th Oct Adult Beginners Basket Weaving

9th Oct Kids Fantasy Garden for up to 8 year olds

13th Oct Macrame Hat Hanger Duo for 12+ years to adults

All the details and bookings here <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/gloucestercreativesnsw?embed=>

Plus Kidz Klub starts on Oct 14 and Co-op Crew on Oct 17!!!

CNR CHURCH & PHILIP STS

LET'S GET
CREATIVE!!



AT GLOUCESTER CREATIVES WORKSHOPS



**KIDS FANTASY
GARDEN**

UP TO 8 YEARS

WED OCT 9

10.30AM - 12

BASKET WEAVING

10 - 17 YEARS

THURS OCT 3

10.30AM - 1PM

**POLYMER CLAY
JEWELLERY**

8- 15 YEARS

TUES OCT 1

10.30AM - 12.30PM

**MACRAME HAT
HANGER DUO**

12+ YEARS-ADULT

SUN OCT 13

10AM - 12.30PM

**BOOK
HERE**



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You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram

GLOUCESTER BASKETBALL

Free School Holiday Basketball Clinics With Jackson Kirkwood Funded by NSW Government School Holiday Program

Tuesday 1st October 2024

9am-10am 8-12yrs (beginner to intermediate level)

10am -11am 13-15yrs (beginner to intermediate level)
11am-1130am 13-15yrs (intermediate to advanced level)

12noon - 1pm Girls 12-18yrs (beginner to intermediate level)
1pm-130pm Girls 12-18yrs (intermediate to advanced level)

1:30pm - 3pm 15-18yrs (intermediate to advanced level and rep players)

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

9am-10am 8-12yrs (beginner to intermediate level)

10am -11am 13-15yrs (beginner to intermediate level)
11am-1130am 13-15yrs (intermediate to advanced level)

12noon - 1pm Girls 12-18yrs (beginner to intermediate level)
1pm-130pm Girls 12-18yrs (intermediate to advanced level)

1:30pm - 3pm 15-18yrs (intermediate to advanced level and rep players)

Open to all children aged 8 - 18yrs.



To register or for more info message Kate 0418263219
Or via our Gloucester Basketball Facebook page

N.B Intermediate/advanced players are encouraged to do both the beginner to intermediate and intermediate to advanced sessions.

Gloucester Junior Rugby League Now taking names for our 2025 Season!

**Please message child's name and date
of birth to our Facebook page or
email us gloucesterjrl@gmail.com**

2025 Season Team Helpers

-  **Coach**
-  **Referee (paid per game)**
-  **League Safe (yellow shirt)**
-  **Sports Trainer (blue/green shirt)**

****Training courses provided for all helpers****

**If you are interested in any of the
above positions please contact us
via Facebook or email or call
Jason on 0418 422 587**



Calling all girls interested in playing Rugby League in 2025



**Gloucester Junior Magpies
are looking to form 2 girls team for
the 2025 season (14yrs and 16yrs)
If your child would be interested in
playing please contact Kayla Jory or
send us a Facebook message.**

Names and \$100 Rego Due December

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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