

#### **Student Newsletter**

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#### From the Principal's Desk

We do not have long until the end of term. If you received a letter of concern, this is a reminder that your child's learning materials need to be completed and returned so that the staff can get the marking done and ensure that your child in up to date and meeting the NESA requirements in their education. Please ensure that you read these letters and discuss them with your child to ensure that they remain on track.



A big thank you goes out to the Primary staff for their mini-school and invite last week. I enjoyed working with the students and meeting with their parents. Some great work occurring around the HOW2Learn with the students working on their "superhero's" (Dispositions for learning) and their "superpowers" (the 20 habits of learning). Great job to all and keep up the great work.

I am endeavouring to follow up on the suggestions and requests from the parent meeting and should have these in sorted by the beginning of Term 3.

Thank you also to the students who have been into our Ballina Campus and shared their learning with me. I have spoken to students doing various courses and it is great meet you in person and see some of the great learning you are doing. Keep it up.

It has been a huge term for the staff with a lot of changes coming through from the Department of Education. Please thank your teachers when you get a chance as the work behind the scenes is massive and staff are under a lot of pressure to keep up with reforms, changes and their teaching loads, as well as the normal functioning of a school. Thank you to all the Staff from me.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable school break and I look forward to catching up in the new term.

Yours in Education Danny Henman

#### **HSIE News—Primary Students**



Some of the primary students have been exploring the question:
What is special about our community?
Through this exploration, students learnt about the importance of Aboriginal culture and Dreamtime stories. For their assembly item, Yellow Class created artworks and told the story of the traditional Aboriginal Dreamtime story
'How the koala got a stumpy tail'.









# HSIE Faculty.

HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT







## Introducing the HSIE Faculty staff.



Not pictured: Paula Taylor, Ross Glover, Fraser Munro, Dominica Coulthust, and Alison Sandercock

## Stage 6 Geography

Geography is the study of the world around us. Understanding and making sense of our environment, both human and natural. How we fit into the world, how it works and how we can look after it. It is the what, where, how and why of our lives as well as an introduction to new places and a journey of discovery.



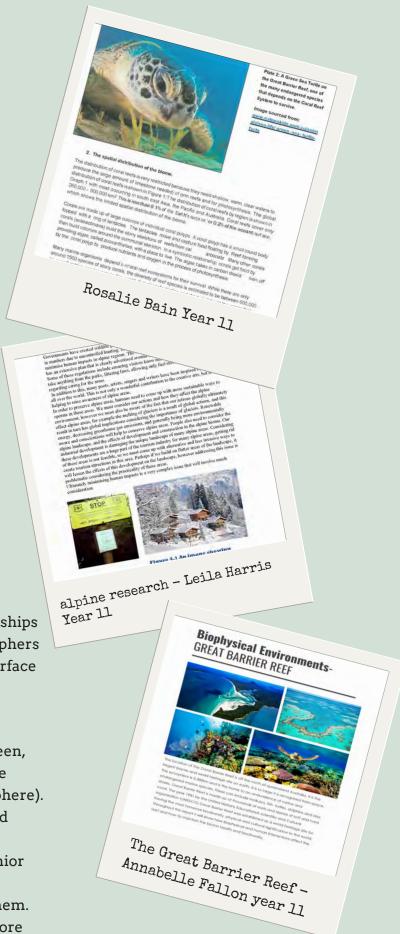
Geography is the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments. Geographers explore both the physical properties of Earth's surface and the human societies spread across it.

In Year 11, Geography students study:

- \* biophysical interactions (the interactions between, and the human impacts on, the functioning of the atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere and biosphere).
- \* Global challenges, population, development and natural resource use.

Students also produce a research project and Senior Geography Project that allows them to study and investigate a geographical issue that intrigues them. This journey of discovery allows students to explore areas of personal interest, and draw conclusions or recommendations on their focus area.

Fieldwork and skill building are important elements in the Year 11 and 12 course and give a foundation for students that is useful in their lives.



Year 12 study People and economic activity, urban places and ecosystems at risk. This course is about being aware of your surroundings and being curious about your world and your place in it.

### Legal Studies

#### Going to court as a visitor

Visiting court is fun, interesting and easy. There are a few things to consider though.

#### Where do I go?

The answer depends on where you live! Search here **onlineregistry.lawlink.nsw.gov.au** by your location and see what pops up.

#### Getting into the court building.

Many court buildings have full security measures in place, others have no screening. Please follow all screening requirements as instructed by the court security staff.

It is an offense to use a mobile phone inside a courtroom or to take photos anywhere in the building. The penalties are severe, even for minors. They must be switched off.

No sharps – including scissors, nail clippers, geometry sets, metal rulers and key-ring knives – are permitted. Neither are glass drinking bottles and aerosols.

If you accidentally bring them, they can be checked in at the security desk and retrieved upon leaving.

#### What should we do once in the building?

On any given day there will be a multitude of cases being undertaken. Some of these will not be appropriate for you, or will have a sign on the door denoting "Closed Court". The latter are simply not open to the public. It is worth asking at the front desk or registry which cases are not appropriate for you—namely, sexual assault and cases involving minors. Aside from that, all active courtrooms are fair game, though some cases will be more engaging than others. For this reason, criminal cases are typically advisable over civil.

#### What court etiquette do I need to know about?

If the judge is present when entering or leaving a courtroom, everyone must bow to His/Her Honour. A simple bend at the waist will suffice.

If the judge is not present, no bow is required, but when the judge enters or leaves the court officer will clearly say "Silence, all stand". Bow when the judge is at the chair, standing or leaving. You should not speak in court.





## Studies of Religion

Food is an important part of religious observance for many different faiths, including Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. Most religions include food observances as a vital part of their faith.

• Some Catholic and Orthodox Christians observe several feast and fast days during the year. For example, they may fast or avoid meat on Fridays, during Lent or on Good Friday. Some eat fish instead.

Students in year 11 Studies of Religion will participate in a "religious feast" in term 3 2018.

"Students will experience the religions and their practices through food"

The students will experience a Jewish Shabbat and will discover it can be Liberal or Orthodox, depending on how strictly people follow (adhere to) the Jewish laws. Kashrut refers to the laws pertaining to food in the Jewish religion. Kosher means that a food is 'fit' or permitted. Foods such as pork and shellfish are strictly forbidden. The Jewish 'food laws' originated more than 3,000 years ago and contribute to a formal code of behaviour that reinforces the identity of a Jewish community. Food forms an integral part of religion in life for a practicing Jew.

The dietary rules of Buddhism, which is more of a life philosophy than a religious doctrine, depend on which branch of Buddhism is practiced and in what country• In his multiple lives on Earth, Buddha cycled through various animal forms before attaining the form of a human being. Most Buddhists choose to become vegetarian to avoid killing animals.





Symbolic Christian foods

- Similarly to the Hindu concept of Karma, Buddhism proposes that violence or pain inflicted on others will rebound on you, hence the need for a vegetarian lifestyle.
- Religious dates vary from one region to the next. Mahayana Buddhism, for example, celebrates three festivals for the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha, while Theravada Buddhists observe all three events on a single day.
- Buddhist monks tend to fast in the afternoon.

## Business Studies

Business activity is a feature of everyone's life. Throughout the world people engage in a web of business activities to design, produce, market, deliver and support a range of goods and services. In addition, investors, consumers and employees depend on the business sector for much of their quality of life.

In a recent Year 12 assessment task, students used their entrepreneurial skills to market a line of products for a fast food restaurant. Year 12 student Georgia's product ideas (see right), were particularly impressive!



Email from Year 12 Business Studies student, Vera:

"Hi Mr Mitchell,

I'm loving studying the Business
Studies course. Learning online has
made it much easier for me and I've
learnt so much that will help in my
day to day life and future studies.
Thanks for all your support "

## Attention Year 12 Business Studies students HSC BUSINESS STUDIES REVISION LECTURE DAY

TUESDAY 26 JUNE (LISMORE WORKERS CLUB)

This is your opportunity to gain an edge in Business Studies at this year's HSC. This series of workshops will cover **the four compulsory topics** in detail. Each session deals with examination techniques and approaches, together with discussion of HSC questions.

Contact your Business Studies teacher for more details. Brian.mitchell7@det.nsw.edu.au

## Society and Culture

Society and Culture is a relatively new subject offered here at Southern Cross School of Distance Education. It is a very interesting and useful subject to study. Many students enjoy the real world connections the subject draws. In Society and Culture students conduct several cross-cultural comparisons, drawing conclusions from social and cultural research.

In Year 12 students studying Society and Culture are required to complete a Personal Interest Project. This project encourages students to conduct social and cultural research in a field they are personally interested in.

"Society helped me prepare for university, the PIP was hard but worth the effort. I felt like a success when I completed 5000 words in my PIP."

— Emerald Goodwin 2017 HSC Student

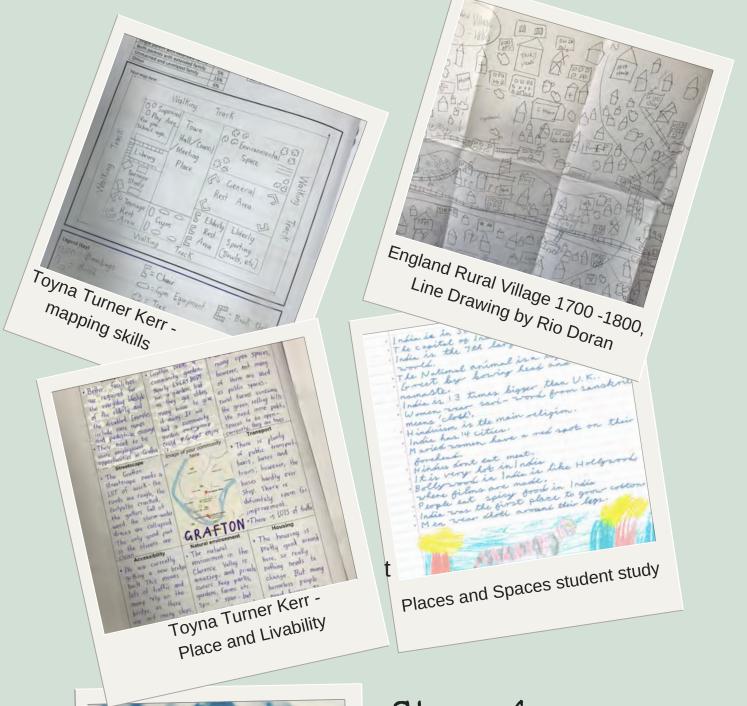
Over the past two terms year 12 students have been conducting primary and secondary research on their PIP topics. This involves focus group studies, questionnaires, interviews and a great deal of reading.

The PIPs are marked in late Term 3 and contribute 40% of the year 12 grade. Many of the Year 12 Society and Culture students in our school will be seeking assistance from staff and students to complete primary research. These students greatly appreciate your support.





Cross-cultural comparison of Australia and Fiji.





Toyna Turner Kerr - Photo sketch

## Stage 4 Geography

Year 7 has been introduced to the wonderful subject of Geography this year and have embraced the course, thus producing some amazing work. Students have studied the movie Wall - E to learn about "Place and Liveability" while also examining their own communities and communities overseas.

Year 8 has been studying Interconnections and Landscapes and Land forms.

### Stage 5 Geography

One of our intrepid Year 9 students, Jessica Deans, is enjoying the invaluable experience of travelling through a range of foreign countries. She is currently in Spain after recently completing the amazing 1,000 kilometre 'Camino Norte De Santiago'. Not only is Jessica having an awesome time, she is also enhancing her knowledge and skills as a global geographer. She has generously taken time to send a report of her experiences.

"I am currently travelling throughout Spain and have recently completed my second one thousand kilometre walking trek called the Camino Norte De Santiago which travels through spectacular and diverse country from France

along the Spanish Atlantic Coast.
Geography is a major and noticeable part of all aspects of my walk, from the variety of Spanish culture to the various biomes experienced first hand throughout the trek. I find it astonishing the changes in culture in such short distances for example the people of the Basque Country who speak their own unique language, then travel 50kms and you find yourself in Cantabria, a totally different language and way of life.

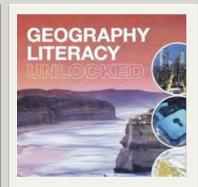


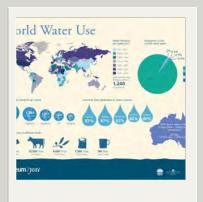


I believe this is due to the tight-knit family orientated communities who find all they need within their community, therefore negating the need for travel.

Many I have spoken to have never left their small community and see no need to. Just like the inhabitants, the landscape and biomes change dramatically in very short distances from towering, rocky peaks covered in snow to flat, brilliant green plains beside clear blue ocean, all within a spread of 20 kilometres. Combined with all the nationalities of pilgrims I am walking with it is an amazing learning experience that I highly recommend to all of my fellow students".

Year 7 Water in the World Place and Liveability

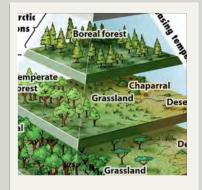






Year 8 Geography
LandScapes and
Landforms
Innterconnections







Year 9 Geography Sustainable Biomes Changing Places



Year 10 Geography Human Well-being Environmental Change and Management



### Financial Management

Knowing how to manage personal finances is one of the most important and challenging features of everyday life. It is a core skill in today's world. It affects quality of life, the opportunities individuals and families can pursue, their sense of security and the overall economic health of Australian society.

Young people today are interacting with money and making consumer choices from an early age. They are growing up in a fast paced consumer society where money is increasingly 'invisible', where there is a growing range of choice and complexity in consumer and financial products, increasing use of online and digital environments for shopping and making financial transactions, and where individuals carry a greater level of responsibility for the decisions they make in these contexts.

Students who are currently at school, will also face a number of social, economic and moral challenges in their lifetimes that will impact on their lives and choices such as increasing global interconnectedness, both on a personal level and more broadly; climate change; the ageing of the population; and scarcity of natural resources.

Effective consumer and financial education empowers students in the face of such challenges. It contributes to students' cognitive, personal and social development and develops the capabilities needed to address their short-term consumer and financial issues and concerns as well as shape their social and economic futures.



"Financial Management course has allowed me to see how easy it is to have things and to be able to afford to live the life I want to live."

— Somya Kedia



#### Economics

#### Interpreting a Supply and Demand Graph

To help us interpret supply and demand graphs, we're going to use a example of an organization we'll call Soap and Co., a profitable business that sells, you guessed it, soap.

The title of Soap and Co.'s supply and demand graph is called Soap. The title's location at the top of the graph tells us what good we'll be studying. Now look at the outside lines around the graph, or the axis points.

The y-axis (vertical line) is showing us the price of a box of soap bars. You can see in the graph that the price starts at \$0 and then rises. The prices shown on the graph are dependent on the good being discussed. For instance, if we were studying the price of houses instead of soap, we would see the prices go up by thousands instead of ones.

The other axis line, also called the x-axis (looks like a horizontal line), shows the quantity of the soap. This line shows the quantity supplied and the quantity demanded depending on which curve you're reviewing. The quantity will start off at 0 items and then increase. While you would enjoy paying \$0 for a box of soap bars, if you look over at the x-axis line, you soon learn that no boxes of soap bars will be offered to you at \$0.

The X in the center of the graph shows lines that represent our supply curve and our demand curve.

What happens when you put 10 economists in a room? You'll get 11 opinions.



#### Supply

Soap and Co. has a certain willingness to supply soap to us as consumers. They're much more willing to supply soap if the price is higher since they'll make more money.

In contrast, at very low prices, most soap suppliers can't afford to provide soap to the marketplace because the opportunity for profit isn't there. Think about the input costs, or the costs of elements needed to create the product, such as glycerin, machines, colors, and scents. Can you see how the input costs can add up quickly?

Let's review our supply and demand graph to check out how Soap and Co. is going to supply at different prices. Do you see the point that shows soap at \$20 a box? Well, if you draw a line from \$20 over to the supply curve, you can see that Soap and Co. will only want to sell about 5 boxes of soap.

If you keep drawing that line over from \$20 to the demand curve, you can see that consumers want to purchase about 15 boxes of soap at that price. That means we are demanding 10 (15 - 5 = 10) more boxes than Soap and Co. will supply. Can you see how this can create a problem in the marketplace?

## International Studies

Students studying International Studies learn to Understand Culture and Diversity in Today's World by investigating what the characteristics of Culture are how they differ from their own. They look into THE REASONS FOR CULTURAL CHANGE and examine the RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CULTURE AND IDENTITY. Students challenged with quotes from Australian newspapers in 1957 such as:

"Girls are not good bosses."

answered below....

"The issue presented is institutionalisd sexism, the thought and belief that women are inferior to men is strongly shown through this small piece of writing. this issue is still extremely relevant, discrimination in the workplace is still a huge issue for many people. Between the wage gap and the utter negligence towards promotions for the simple fact of being a female is currently, and always has been a very real and pressing issue for so many people." — Emily Chrisholm - Year

Core Study: Understanding Culture and Divers Today's World -1 Culture What is it? ① This is a preview of the published version of the quiz. Started: Jun 20 at 22:19 **Quiz Instructions** Culture: What is it? Western culture The term "Western culture" has come to define the culture of European countries The term - westerm culture has come to define the culture or European countries as those that have been heavily influenced by European immigration, such as the Unit according to Khan University e. Western culture has its roots in the Classical Pe e. according to Main university e. President culture has its roots Greco-Roman era and the rise of Christianity in the 14th century. Other drivers of Western culture include Latin, Cellic, Germanic and Hellenic ethni linguistic groups. Today, the influences of Western culture can be seen in almost evi Eastern culture Sample of our online course mterial I agree with you Bert. humanity is disgusting ... but rejecting it and trying to become a toucan is not a lifestyle choice, it's an idiotic delusion. Challenging Thinking

"No matter what culture a people are a part of, one thing is for certain, it will change. Culture appears to have become key in our interconnected world, which is made up of so many ethnically diverse societies, but also riddled by conflicts associated with religion, ethnicity, ethical beliefs, and, essentially, the elements which make up culture", said De Rossi. "But culture is no longer fixed, if it ever was. It is essentially fluid and constantly in motion." This makes it so that it is difficult to define any culture in only one way.







"Commerce provides the knowledge, skills, understanding and values that form the foundation on which young people make sound decisions on consumer, financial, business, legal and employment issues. It develops in students an understanding of commercial and legal processes and competencies for personal financial management."



"That sounds cool!"

hear you say. That's true, a course that provides you with the skills for financial living.

There are a variety of relevant and interesting topics you can study in Commerce, so you can put your mark on the subject by deciding what to study. Now lets have a look at some.

The course itself is divided into what are called core units and options.





Consumer Choice. Personal Finance. Law and Society. Employment Issues

#### OPTIONS



1 Investing 2 Promoting and Selling

3 E-commerce

4 Global Links

5 Towards Independence

**6 Political Involvement** 

7 Travel

**8 Law in Action** 

9 Our Economy

10 Community Participation

11 Running a Business

12 School-developed Option

You also can learn about the Australian Stock

Market

by participating in the

Stock market game which is run every year

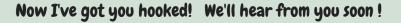
online.

The course itself is completed online using a system called CANVAS, which is

It's fun, easy and great to use



"PSST! The Options you complete will prepare you for your future"



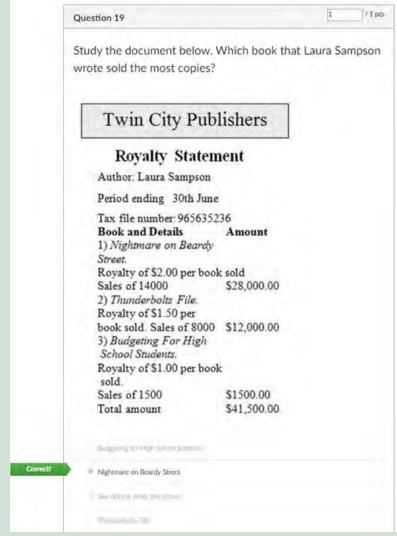
Welcome to the topic of Personal Finance!



Focus: Students develop knowledge, understanding and skills that assist them to achieve financial independence by developing the ability to make informed judgements andto take effective decisions regarding the use and management of

Attempt all tasks and submit when completed.

Once submitted, check your responses with the correct response. If you need to, contact your teacher for further clarification.



Thanks for the welcome message! Canvas is up and running, and everything seems to be working fine. The course looks quite interesting, and i'm sure it's going to be great throughout the year!"





to the 2018

## ASX SCHOOLS SHAREMARKET GAME

Details for the ASX schools sharemarket game are below. However, I will include some links here to get you started. Let me know if you have any further questions Mr R Petronio

Registration opens: 8 Feb - I have registed you for this! -Game 1 2018

The game runs from: 8 March - 16 May.

I will email you the syndicate name and password I have

chosen for you



when you log in you can change

your syndicate and password if you want to-



#### Work Studies

Being prepared for the world of work is very important.

Being prepared for the rapidly changing nature of the world of work and all that it entails is very important. By choosing Work Studies, students can be better prepared for the every changing nature of work and be more work ready.

In this course, they will develop skills, knowledge, understanding and confidence to allow them to experience a successful transition from school to work and further education and training.

You can't underestimate the benefits of doing both voluntary work or work experience.

#### **Benefits of Work Experience**

Work Experience assist students in their transition from school to work and will:

- Provide students with an opportunity to relate school studies with a workplace
- Give students an insight into the diversity of employees in the workplace
- Prepare students for the demands and expectations of the working world
- Help students make informed career decisions by assessing their aptitudes and interests, and exploring potential careers
- Improve students' maturity, confidence and selfreliance
- Provide a link between school and local community
- Provide students with appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes concerning both paid and unpaid work



#### **Benefits of Volunteering**

You learn a lot more about yourself, your interests, skills, strengths, what you enjoy and what you value. These things are all important when investigating your career options.

USEFUL WEBSITES THAT CONNECT VOLUNTEERS WITH VOLUNTEER ROLES INCLUDE:

Volunteering Australia
http://www.volunteeringaustralia.or
GoVolunteer
https://govolunteer.com.au



### Virtual Excursions

Twelve months ago I was fortunate enough to attend the Lake Mungo Youth Forum at Lake Mungo in the Willandra Lakes Region.

This unique place offers many educational opportunities for our students.

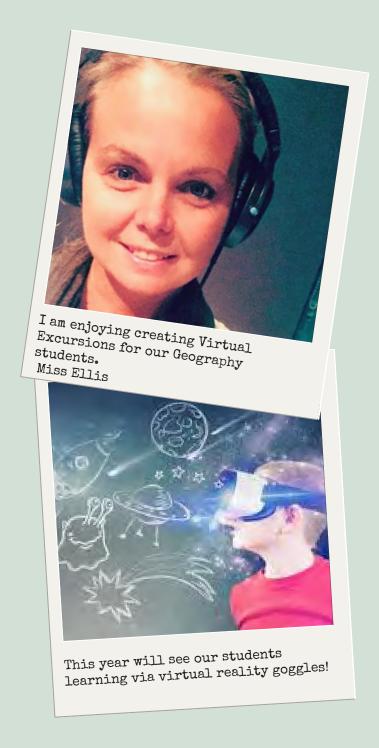
Myself and a team of science and Aboriginal Studies teachers explored the unique environment at Lake Mungo and interviewed several experts in the field. Since visiting Lake Mungo I have been working closely with a film editing team at creating the best Virtual Excursion of Lake Mungo for Southern Cross Distance Education Students.

"Surround yourself with quality people and you will have quality experiences" - Said someone to me once upon a time... Miss Ellis

The Lake Mungo Virtual Excursion has been included in the Canvas learning materials in Year 8 Geography Landforms and Landscapes unit of work.

If you are interested you can view the full seventeen episodes on the DET Learning Systems website. Link follows: https://www.youtube.com/user/Learning NSWDEC/playlists

The Southern Cross School of Distance Education Learning Innovation Team are currently working on two more virtual excursions. 'The Snowy Hydro Virtual Excursion' and 'Save Our Catchment Virtual Excursion'.



We hope to have students using 3D Goggles to view the Yarrangobilly Caves and the Tumut 2 Power Station in our virtual excursion of the Snowy-Hydro.

Save Our Catchment focuses on the invasive pest species of weed Cats Claw Creeper. Posing a real world challenge our students can assist in planning management solutions for.

Geography is getting more interesting every day!!!

Miss Ellis

#### **School/Community News**

#### OFFICE OF SPORT

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

✓ New friendships✓ Great value✓ Fun



Safe

Have an active holiday adventure at one of our exciting residential camps these winter school holidays!









#### BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

For the best holiday fun, our popular residential camps get kids and teens outdoors, learning new skills and making new friends. Our residential programs include:

- 24 hour supervision
- · Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport (where applicable)

#### DON'T MISS OUT BOOK NOW BEFORE PLACES FILL

For further information phone the Office of Sport on 13 13 02 or book online at

#### Residential programs for winter 2018

#### For kids:

 Adventurer (Broken Bay, Milson Island and Myuna Bay)

#### For teens:

Adventurer (Broken Bay)

Check out our website for a range of day programs in your local area.



sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays

#### **School/Community News**

#### SUMMERLAND CAREERS NETWORK

**PRESENTS** 

#### **FUTURE OPTIONS EXPO**



This expo aims to provide senior students from the far north coast region with relevant information that will assist them in making decisions regarding post-secondary options.

It is expected that at least 50 exhibitors will be attending including the following;

Universities (Bond, Sydney, SCU, UNSW, Canberra, Wollongong, UNE, Charles Sturt, Griffith, USQ) TAFE, Defence Force, NSW Police, UAC, TURSA as well as a host of private provider institutions and local companies

#### **DETAILS**

WHERE	Trinity Catholic College Sports Centre
DATE	Tuesday 31 July 2018
TIME	9:00am to 1.00pm

SEE YOUR YEAR ADVISER FOR MORE DETAILS



Student Calendar 2018							
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
Week 9	25	26	27	28	29		
June	Casino—PDHPE		English—Mullumbimby				
Week 10	2	3	4	5	6		
July					Lismore PDHPE		
					Last Day of Term 2		
7th July 2018—22 July 2018 School Holidays							
Term 3	23	24	25	26	27		
Week 1	First Day of Term 3						
July							
Mini-schools for fulltime students are in blue text.							



#### SAVE THE DATE 6TH DECEMBER 2018

## Market Day 2018

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE MARKET DAY THIS YEAR? MAKE OR GROW SOMETHING TO SELL OR PERHAPS YOU HAVE A SERVICE YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROMOTE. CURRENT AND PAST FULL TIME STUDENTS WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU AND SUPPORT YOUR BUSINESS IDEAS.

CONTACT TIFFENY COX ON 0266187647 OR YOUR YEAR ADVISER