



Southern Cross
SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

School Newsletter



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27 November 2024

Term 4 Week 7

We understand that some students work on weekends or after school hours. This is a great opportunity to build social skills, confidence and customer service experience. However, students enrolled at Southern Cross School of Distance Education should not be employed in casual or temporary employment during school hours. Students attending school work placement or work experience as part of the school are exceptions to this process.

Congratulations Year 12 Class of 2024

Each week we are seeing an increase of students attending their 9am roll call with their learning coach. It is important that the supervisor or parent provide a reason to the learning coach of why the student may not been able to attend the roll call. All supervisors will receive a text message if the student is marked absent. We encourage students to contact and raise any questions that they have about roll call.

Coming Up

- Australian Music T-Shirt Day 
28 Nov

- Presentation Day
10 December


Happy Graduation

- HSC Results
18 December

RESULTS

- 20 December

happy holidays



Primary News

For the last five weeks K-6 students have been reading, writing and performing poetry. Here is a snapshot of some of their learning – note the use of gestures and expression! It all culminates in our K-6 Poetry Assembly, where we view the finalists' performances and hear from our learned judges.

What did the pig
say on a hot
day?

I'm bacon



write
poetry



Primary News cont.

Karijini is a spectacular sight, where waterfalls crash on rocks, smoothing and soothing them. Where boulders on the rugged gorge walls, fall off to be greeted, by the chilly water of Kermit's Pool.



Uluru, a massive monolith, under the turquoise blue sky, towering above mountains of red dirt. Stretching kilometres across a sunburnt desert, where the grass is bone-dry, and there is endless piercing spiky spinifex.



CARE FOR THE EARTH!

BY - Asher.N

It's Important -
to sustain
What we have
for it to remain



CARE FOR THE EARTH

No need to complain
Wherever we stay
We must maintain!

CARE FOR THE EARTH!



Soaring on the wave's face
Tightly I grip my board.
Flying along with tremendous pace
Slicing the wave like a sword.

My body alive with excitement
As I swiftly sail into land.
Beached by the trembling breakers
I roll and relax on the scorching sand.

The ocean is an incredible place
Where I love to ride a raging wave
Let's keep it a plastic free space
It is a resource we need to save!

Caring For The Earth. ♡ - By Evie Nymeyer

Monday, 11 November 2024 9:21 AM

Clever, Carefree Creatures Roaming The Land,
Amazing, Adventurous Animals Everywhere,
Reasonable, Reliable Recycling,
Impressive, Important Ideas,
Natural, Native, National Nature,
Ghastly, Greedy Governments,

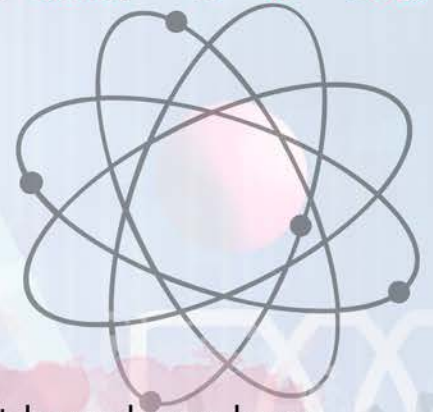
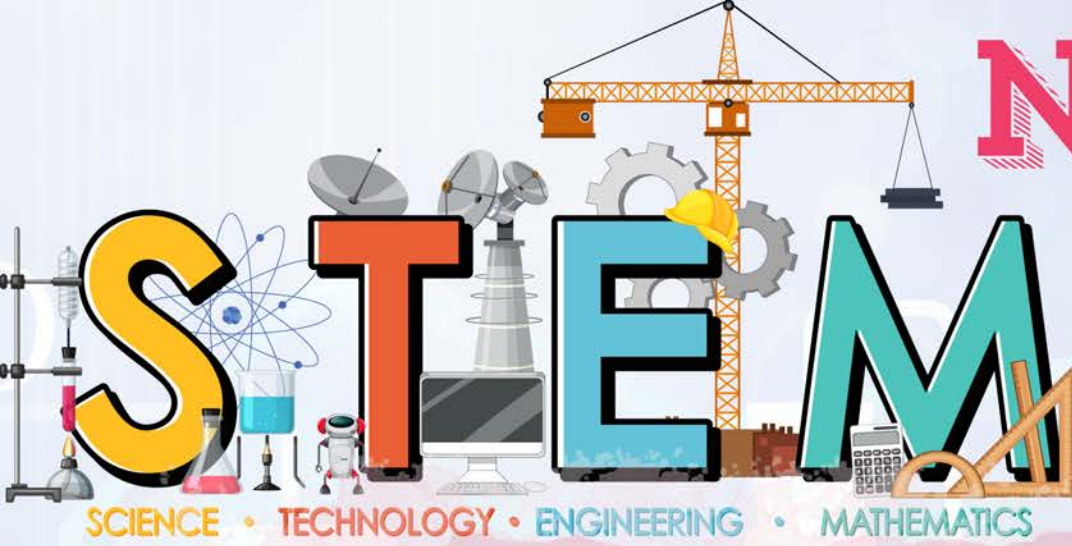
Fearless, Fierce, Faithful, Filth Foes,
Offensive, Officious, Ominous Litterer's,
Rebellious, Reckless, Rash Road-drivers,

Talented, Trustworthy Teamwork,
Healthy, High-Up, Habitats,
Educational, Eloquent, Wildlife Explorers,

Earthy, Emerald, Grass,
Angelic, Adaptable, Acknowledgment,
Relaxing, Radiant, Rain In The Sky Showering The Earth,
Terrible, Toxic, Tree-Breakers,
Harmful, Heartless, Hateful, Tree-Hackers.



NEWS



Year 9 Science students at the Mullumbimby Project have been busy exploring STEM through exciting hands-on activities! Highlights include creating reaction time games and musical instruments with microbits, designing earthquake-resistant structures, building giant laser-cut spiders, and investigating household acids and bases.

Special thanks to Sam Nelson in the STEM Lab.



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STEM

SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATHEMATICS



Dance NEWS



Update on a former student

Vivienne Clements-Lee studied the HSC Dance course with us in 2022 and achieved a Band 6 result and two Callback nominations. She has been studying tertiary Dance at the Sydney Dance Company and was recently quoted in their program for 2025. It's so wonderful to see our former students achieving success in their Dance careers!

Pre-Professional Year

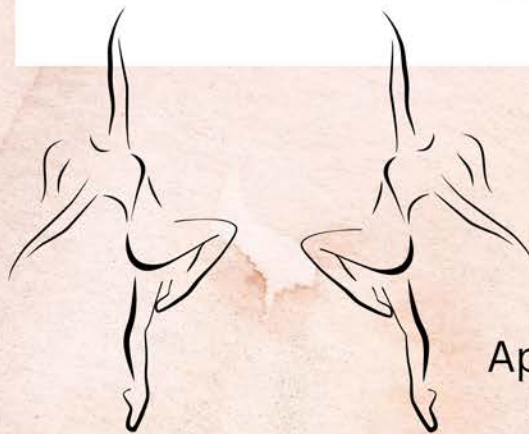
Sydney Dance Company's Pre-Professional Year provides a unique opportunity for aspiring professional dancers aged 18-24 to experience full-time training with Sydney Dance Company. Encompassing a wide spectrum of industry-based dance practices, the Pre-Professional Year dancers train as an ensemble and work with over 40 choreographers, teachers and company affiliates each year. The expansive and highly curated program offers a diverse range of practices and movement philosophies, forging a direct link to the global contemporary dance community.

Dancers in the Pre-Professional Year work towards completing CUA60120 - Advanced Diploma of Professional Dance (Elite Performance) over two years, with the option to finish after one year with a CUA51520 - Diploma of Professional Dance (Elite Performance). Sydney Dance Company is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO #45863).

For more information, read the 2025 Prospectus [here](#).

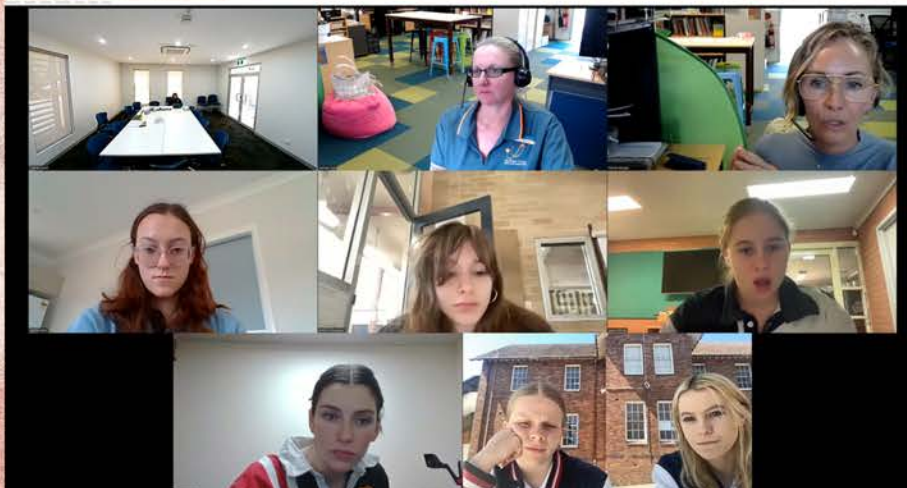
"Pre-Professional Year is a course for introspection, evolution and reflection, diving into our mental and physical selves. It encourages individuality and provides us with the tools to successfully progress beyond the course. The culture of Sydney Dance Company has allowed me to be a more vulnerable and fearless person, aiding me in making the most out of every opportunity."

— Vivienne Clements-Lee
Pre-Professional Year 2023 - 2024



HSC Core Appreciation online workshop

Before their HSC Core Appreciation exam Year 12 participated in an online workshop. The workshop was a huge success with the students gaining valuable skills and knowledge in readiness for their final written exam. A huge thank you to Felicity Murphy for facilitating and running the workshop.



Dance Cont.



Far North Coast and State Dance Ensembles

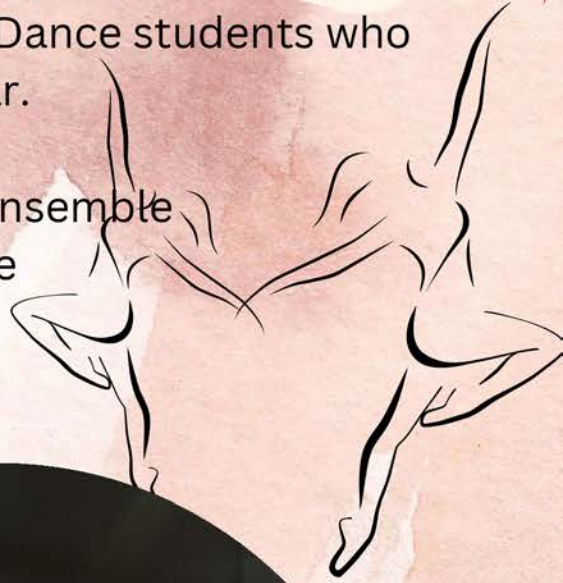
Congratulations to the following Single Course Dance students who have been involved in these ensembles this year.

Jessica Hill (Year 10) – Far North Coast Dance Ensemble

Elkie Sargeant (Year 10) – State Dance Ensemble

Kiara Lind (Year 11) – State Dance Ensemble

Well done girls! - Belinda Toth, Dance Teacher



L-R Kiara Lind, Jessica Hill, Elkie Sargeant

BALLINA

headspace is expanding!



Hello,

We are pleased to announce that headspace services are expanding!

headspace Ballina will be opening its doors in early December, enhancing the support available to young people in Ballina and the surrounding areas.

Holistic support for young people

For the past two years, headspace Lismore has extended its outreach services to Ballina. Now, Ballina is set to benefit from its own dedicated service centre. Our expanded services are designed to provide more comprehensive, holistic support tailored to the needs of young people. They can:

- drop in for a yarn with our Social and Emotional Wellbeing Worker,
- access counselling and therapeutic supports,
- connect with a Work and Study specialist,
- walk in or call the centre to chat with one of our counsellors, social workers or other mental health professionals.

We are here to ensure they receive the right support at the right time.

We're keen to work with you

As we refurbish our location at 32 Swift Street, we are eager to connect with you and your organisation. We would love to learn more about your work and share information about our referral pathways and services.

Your voice matters

Additionally, we are seeking passionate leaders to join our consortium advisory committee, which will serve the Lismore and Ballina regions.

Connect with us

If you are interested in collaborating with us or would like to join the committee, please reach out to Sim Balzer, Senior Manager headspace at simone.balzer@socialfutures.org.au or call [02 66 250200](tel:0266250200).

We look forward to building stronger connections and working closely with you to support the young people in our community.



headspace is funded by Healthy North Coast.

Year 12

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2024 PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY INVITATION

Tuesday 10th December

We warmly invite you to attend the Presentation Day Assembly, where we will celebrate the work of students and the presentation of awards.

A BBQ lunch will provided following the assembly

10:00AM - TEA AND COFFEE
YEAR 12 CAKE CUTTING

11:00AM - PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Location
2-40 Chickiba Drive
East Ballina NSW 2478

- Awards
- Photo Montage
- Student Work Showcase

RSVP

Students receiving an award have been notified by email

Years 7 - 11

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“Roll Call!”

ROLL CALL

1° STEP

Log in to the DoE portal at: <https://portal.education.nsw.gov.au/>



2° STEP

Click Canvas LMS tile.



3° STEP

Select Student login



4° STEP

Accept the invitation to Roll call



5° STEP

Go to the dashboard and then open the Roll Call link



6° STEP

Click on the Roll Call Class link at the bottom.



7° STEP

Click Continue on this browser



8° STEP

Click Join now



Trouble Shooting

Problems with audio

If the audio is not working, it may be one of the following issues:

- 1 Check that you are unmuted. Check the menu at the top of the screen. The images below show the unmuted (left) and muted (right) icons.



- 2 Check that the correct audio speaker and/or microphone is selected in meeting options. At the top of the Teams meeting, go to the 'More' icon:-



Select 'Audio settings'

Under 'Audio settings' make sure that the correct audio devices, speaker and microphone are selected from the drop-down menus.



- 3 The privacy settings of your device are blocking the microphone.

Windows: Open 'Settings' on your device. Under 'Privacy', select 'Camera'. Make sure that the 'Camera access' for this device is turned on. Close all apps and restart your device.

Mac: Open 'System Preferences', Select 'Security and Privacy'. Under 'Privacy' select 'Camera' and make sure that Microsoft Teams is selected. Close all apps and restart your device.

- 4 Teams is not recognising the microphone. Close all other apps on the device. If you're using an external microphone, unplug it and plug it back in. Restart your device.



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Opportunity. Wellbeing. Engagement.

Dear Students and Supervisors

7 November 2024

As you would be aware the Southern Cross School of Distance Education will be implementing a 10-minute Roll Call for all current full-time students.

This will commence for all full-time secondary (7-12) students from next Monday 11 November 2024 (week 5) and run daily from 9am.

You will be contacted by your roll call teacher in the coming days. This teacher will be a Learning Coach. Your learning coach will provide you with a positive start to your school day and assist and guide you with any questions that you might have about the day ahead.

There will be approximately 6 to 8 students in each Roll Call class giving students the opportunity to meet and interact with each other. In most cases the Roll Call class will include students in the same year or stage group. Learning Coaches will be monitoring daily attendance and will also check in with students to discuss their learning activities for the day ahead, help with Canvas or provide support around learning activities and assessment tasks.

To assist with preparation, our tech team have put together an easy-to-follow step by step guide that will assist you with successfully getting into morning roll call. There are also helpful fact sheets on the next page of this letter that will assist you in overcoming problems with audio or camera.

We look forward to seeing you online with your Learning Coach each morning at 9am.

Yours sincerely,

Kris Pizarro

Kris Pizarro
Relieving Principal
Southern Cross School of Distance Education

Calendar 2024

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Key dates

* Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.

Term start and end dates*

Term 1 (Eastern): 30 January to 12 April

Term 1 (Western): 6 February to 12 April

Term 2: 29 April to 5 July

Term 3: 22 July to 27 September

Term 4: 14 October to 20 December

School development days, students do not attend

Term 1 (Eastern): 30 January and 31 January

Term 1 (Western): 6 February and 7 February

Term 2: 29 April

Term 3: 22 July

Term 4: 19 December and 20 December

School vacation dates

Summer (Eastern): 20 December 2023 to 29 January 2024

Summer (Western): 20 December 2023 to 5 February 2024

Autumn: 15 April to 26 April

Winter: 8 July to 19 July

Spring: 30 September to 11 October

Summer (Eastern): 23 December 2024 to 30 January 2025

Summer (Western): 23 December 2024 to 6 February 2025

Public holidays



Scan me for key dates

Help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources, education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers



Scan me for key dates

education.nsw.gov.au/calendars

School zone speed limits apply

on all school days, including school development days.

