

Deni High News



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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

YEAR 12 CAPTAINS FOR 2024

At our formal assembly today, it was announced that the following students were elected by the students and staff of the school to be our School Captains for 2024.

Captains: Madeline Weir and Hayden Doncon

Vice-Captains: Bonnie Everett and Darby Watson

Congratulations to these students, but I would also like to acknowledge the other students who nominated for the positions. Our student body is in great hands with such a strong leadership group. While some students gained official positions, all of those who nominated will be leaders in our school.

YEAR 12

Week 10 is the last school week for our wonderful Year 12 students. On Monday students will hold their auction fundraiser. Tuesday students will dress up in the junior uniform and will give back to the school by assisting teachers in junior classes.

Wednesday will see their end of year excursion to Shepparton while Thursday morning at 9am we will hold their final assembly. This assembly provides us with the opportunity to celebrate the culmination of 13 years of schooling.

The HSC Exams begin on Wednesday 11th October and continue through until Friday 3rd of November. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 12 all the best for the short term with their exams and in the longer term with their future careers. I am sure that they have developed a strong range of skills to assist them to become positive members of our community.

Nyernangurrang nyumangurrang katimang nyuman Kurrek Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa Kuli Pakaya-puk Mim kilayitya kiki.
We would like to pay our respects and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Wamba Wamba and Perrepa Perrepa people and also pay respect to Elders both past and present.

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE CON'T

SCHOOL BYTES

Thank you to the 109 families that have already signed up to the School Bytes Portal. It is important that this is done as all permission notes will be pushed out through this system. The feedback we have been receiving from parents has been this is so easy, why was it not introduced years ago.

I ask that all parents sign up for the School Bytes Portal which can be done through the school website under the Make a Payment tab. This will then allow for parents to electronically sign notes on either their computers or phones and instantly make a payment.

If you have changed your email address, please make sure you update your contact details with the front office to ensure that you are receiving all communications.

Payment - School Bytes

Making a payment

Our school has implemented a system called School Bytes to manage payments. Parents/carers can visit the School Bytes portal at any time to make a payment online, view payment history and apply credit. For non-student payments, please contact the school for a payment link.

[Registration and access](#)

[How to guides](#)

MOBILE PHONE BAN

I ask that parents make themselves aware of the new Government policy as shown below.

From Term 4, mobile phones will be banned in all NSW Government schools. The Department of Education ban involves:

- The mobile phone ban will apply during all school hours, including break times such as during lunch and recess, as well as while students are on school-organised excursions.
- Students will still be able to carry their phones while travelling to and from school.
- School staff can allow students to use their mobile phones in specific circumstances, such as for an educational purpose, for their wellbeing or to support students with specific needs.
- The new strategy is being implemented to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and to promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying.

We will continue with our use of Yondr pouches to support this policy. New, improved pouches will be distributed at the start of Term 4. If your child does not own a phone or does not bring it to school, they can register and receive a pass that is kept in their pouch. All students will need to have their pouches with them every day. If a student does bring their phone, then it must be turned off and kept in the pouch.

Did you know that the average teenager spends 9 hours a day looking at screens and they check their social media feeds up to 100 times per day. As a school we believe that students' minds should occasionally be filled with more than likes, follows, tweets and toks.

Glen Warren
Principal

ENGLISH NEWS

It has been a busy end to the term for English. Years 7 to 10 have been completing their assessments over the last few weeks. Year 7 have their assessments due at the end of Week 9, whilst Year 10 have theirs due at the beginning of Week 10.

Year 11 have been preparing for their Yearly Exams occurring in Week 10. They are implementing knowledge and skills developed over the course of the year to respond to unseen texts and questions. Year 12 are in their final weeks of their schooling and are revising for the HSC Exams at the beginning of next term. We would like to wish them all the best.

Reminder to return any texts belonging to the English Faculty as soon as possible.

MATHEMATICS NEWS

MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2023

Deniliquin High School would like to acknowledge and thank a local business owner, who is also a parent, who generously donated the entry fee for any student in the school who was interested in participating in the Australian Mathematics Competition. This kind gesture meant that 40 students were signed up to participate in this Nationwide competition. This once again highlights the support of our local community for the students at Deniliquin High School.

On Wednesday 2nd August, 29 students, ranging from Year 7 to 11, participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. They are to be commended on their participation and effort on the day. This has been running since 1978 and is the most well-known, longest running, and largest mathematics competition for school students. The competition contained unique problems designed to challenge and extend our student's problem-solving skills.



SCIENCE NEWS

YEAR 12 INVESTIGATING SCIENCE

As part of the HSC Investigating Science course, students are required to learn about the importance of safe drinking water for public health, as well as the processes used to test and treat it. To enable them to learn more about these processes, the Year 12 Investigating Science class were taken on a guided tour of our local water treatment facility.

The students were shown the path the water takes through the facility, starting with the pipes bringing the raw water into the facility right through to when it is pumped out to the storage tanks in the town. They were shown the different tests conducted on the water at various points as well as the processes used to treat the water to ensure it is clean and safe to drink. It was an interesting, informative and enjoyable experience for all involved. Thank you to Edward River Council for allowing us to take a tour of the facility and to Tienielle for sharing her knowledge of water treatment processes.



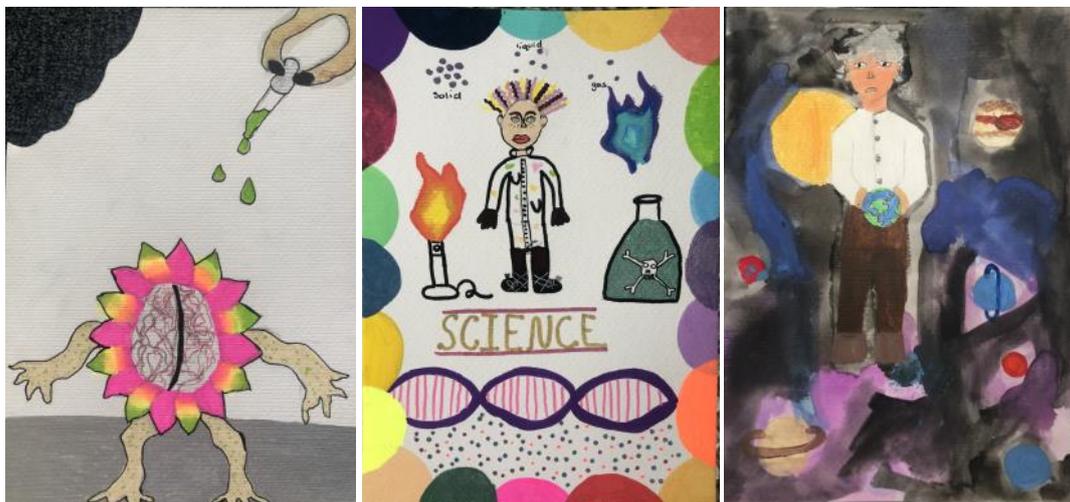
CHEMISTRY

Chemistry is the basis of all life and matter. What are children’s perceptions of chemists, the chemical sciences and industry which uses chemistry? The Chemistry and Art competition provides an opportunity for students to express their own ideas creatively, limited only by their own imagination relating to Chemistry!.

This Year Deniliquin High had 11 students participate in the National RACI Chemistry and Art competition.

Nine students received a finalist certificate with Kyah Watson (Year 7) obtaining a second-place certificate and Tamika Johnstone a highly commended certificate.

Well done to all students who participated and many thanks to Jo Nathan for helping facilitate this AWESOME opportunity.



AGRICULTURE NEWS

Over the past 6 months Year 11 Agriculture have been participating in the NSW Schools Merino Wether Challenge. The challenge involved each school being allocated 6 wethers from the same age drop from Egelabra Merino Stud. There was 58 school and around 550 students involved in the competition. Students were responsible for the health and wellbeing of the wethers, adjusting their diet and, monitoring their weight gain, teaching them to lead with the aim of producing a commercially productive animal.

The students were accompanied by Mrs Pearn and Mrs Dunmore travelled to Dubbo to compete in the competition. The wethers had been placed into two teams and were judged on restocker value, wool value and carcass value with these 3 adding up to a combined value.

Team A was first in the western region for their combined value. The team placed 3rd in the carcass value and took out best fleece out of all the schools combined. In the overall results they were awarded best team and then champion school in the state, a wonderful result for Deniliquin High School.

Along with the judging of the sheep students participated in workshops teaching them about stock handling, pregnancy scanning, agriculture careers, and were also to see top quality merino rams and ewes being judged at the National Merino Sheep Ram and Ewe competition.

The students were fantastic representatives of Deniliquin High School and it was great to see them engaging with industry leaders and networking with students from other schools.

We would like to thank Elders Deniliquin and Rivalea stock feeds for their ongoing support and feed donations and the organisers of the NSW School Merino Wether Challenge.



PDHPE NEWS

YEAR 8 LAWN BOWLS

Our Year 8 Orange PDHPE class have had the unique opportunity to delve into the world of lawn bowls, thanks to the support of Deniliquin RSL Bowling Club.

The aim was not only to enhance their physical prowess in lawn bowls but also to foster teamwork, sportsmanship, and a deeper connection with our local community.

Our students learned the fundamentals of stance, grip, and precision, gaining valuable insights into the art of lawn bowls.

We extend our sincere gratitude to volunteers Wayne Bradley, Cheryl Bradley, Ian Chessells and the Deniliquin RSL Bowling Club for the use of their facilities.



TAS NEWS

FOOD TECHNOLOGY WITH YEAR 9

In Food Technology, Year 9 students have been busy practising their food styling and photography skills for their upcoming assessment task. Students are required to create a digital food styling folio that contains photographs of each dish they cook. Students have had great success in creating chilli flowers, tomato roses and strawberry hearts to garnish their dishes.



TELL THEM FROM ME

Our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student engagement and well-being.

There are three components to *Tell Them From Me*; a student survey, a teacher survey and a parent survey. These three surveys complement each other to accurately capture student, teacher and parent voices, in order to provide reliable evidence to identify strengths and areas for improvement.



More information about the survey is available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me>

The survey is conducted online, is completely confidential and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. Students have the opportunity to complete their survey at school and parents have online access to the survey. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. The survey window closes at the end of Term 4, Week 4 (Friday, 3 November, 2023).

We encourage all parents/carers to use the link below to complete the survey:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/deniliquinhs>

STEM

The Deniliquin High STEM groups participated in the SPREE UNSW incursion at school. We were very fortunate to have been able to have the 2023 SPREE team visit our school. The team is composed of students currently studying renewable energy and engineering at UNSW who are AMAZING ambassadors for the School of Photovoltaic and Renewable Energy Engineering.

Students had to build a solar powered car and race the car against the other students' cars in an allocated time. Prizes were awarded for the fastest cars in each session.

Many thanks to Mr Peter Rae, Ms Pauline Macleod and Ms Tanya Momot for also facilitating this event.



CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS

We have engaged the services of our local REIP agent who has kindly organised interview panels for Thursday and Friday of Week 1 next term. A host of local employers are meeting up with our organised Year 11 students to participate in the mock interview process. The interviews will be conducted over the course of the day from 10am to 2:30pm on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 October. Students will be put through their paces with a range of questions relating to the field the students have applied for. Panelists will provide feedback to students about their performance and the expectations when applying for a "real" job.

YEAR 11 MELBOURNE/GEELONG EXCURSION

A reminder to all Year 11 students who have opted into the Melbourne/Geelong Excursion, all payments must be finalised before the end of the term. The full amount of \$400 can be paid online using the school bytes platform. Students have all received an outline of the excursion along with a list of items to bring. All students **MUST HAVE PHOTO ID** with them. The staff attending the excursion will be Kylie Barker, Peter Humphries and Pam Sinha. All students will need a MYKI card and these can be purchased from the front office for \$20.00.

GIRLS CAN TOO...

This is a 6-week taster course that is being hosted for schoolgirls interested in trying non-traditional trades. The course will be a bit of industry visits along with trying their hand at different trades. Any interested students between 15-17 years of age should join in and see what the trades are all about.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SECONDARY TEACHING DEGREES

The Victorian Government is investing more than \$93.2 million to deliver scholarships to support secondary teaching degree students with the cost of studying and living. For full details go to:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/scholarships-secondary-teaching-degrees>

TIMELY VTAC APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE 5PM THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER.

We encourage all applicants to apply and pay their processing fee by this time to ensure that their application is in good order for offers in December and January. Applicants can continue to change their preferences after this time but should be mindful of courses with early application deadlines - these cannot be added as preferences after the Timely deadline.

SEAS AND VTAC SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE 5PM FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER.

Applications must be finalised and any supporting documentation must be submitted by this date. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of our SEAS and VTAC Scholarships document review guarantee deadline of this Friday 15 September.

STEPS TO MANAGING HSC STRESS

Stress and anxiety are incredibly common for students studying their HSC. While we need a certain level of stress to motivate us and help us achieve our goals, it's important to know how to manage it and seek support when things become overwhelming.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/5-steps-to-managing-hsc-stress>

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NIDA – SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS YEARS 7 - 10

Practical, skill based learning led by industry experts across a range of performing arts disciplines. NIDA courses for Grade 7-10 students are designed to support and inspire young people at any stage of their creative development.

<https://www.open.nida.edu.au/course/OTSK710>

HSC ATAR NOTES – FREE HSC RESOURCES

Follow these links for a cache of free resources and lecture series for different KLA's:

<https://atarnotes.com/nsw>

<https://atarnotes.com/lectures/nsw#lectures>

CAREERS NEWS CON'T

TAFE DEGREES

You don't need an ATAR to study a degree with TAFE NSW, but you will graduate with a qualification that will change your future. Study a Bachelor degree, post graduate or higher education qualification with TAFE NSW, and graduate with strong theoretical knowledge, practical experience and industry connections that will give you a head start on your career. Plus if you have previously completed a higher education or vocational diploma or certificate qualification, you may be eligible for credit transfer or recognition of prior learning (RPL) towards your degree, which means you could graduate sooner.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees>

5 FREE TAFE COURSES FOR A REWARDING CAREER IN SCIENCE

With fee-free TAFE continuing into 2024, you can try science before committing to a degree. A TAFE qualification could help you transition from school to uni, or it could get you the entry-level position you need to kickstart your dream career in science. Science is a diverse area and there are many hands-on vocations that you can work in with just a certificate-level qualification. Or, you could choose vocational education and training (VET) as a stepping stone to a Bachelor of Science.

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/5-free-tafe-courses-to-help-you-decide-if-a-science-career-is-for-you>

AFTRS FIRST NATIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

AFTRS First Nations Scholarships are awarded on the basis of creative excellence or equity. The scholarships are intended to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, with the costs associated with higher education at AFTRS.

The amount of annual support vary, between:

- Up to \$7,500 for the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production;
- Up to \$12,500, for the Graduate Diploma in Radio & Podcasting (full time);
- Up to \$6,500 for the Graduate Diploma in Radio & Podcasting (part time), per year;
- Up to \$25,000 for Master of Arts Screen; and
- Up to \$12,500 for Master of Arts Screen: Business, depending on a student's individual circumstances. https://www.aftrs.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/First-Nations_2024_03_08.pdf

ACPE CAREERS EDUCATION HUB

Whether you are a Coach, Teacher or Parent looking for additional resources or you are aged between 15-20 and would like to kickstart your learning, the ACPE Education Hub has you covered! The ACPE Education Hub has been created to support the learning, personal and professional development of young adults aged 15-20 years old. Each topic area has been specifically designed and delivered in partnership with ACPE Academics and Industry Professionals, bringing you industry relevant and engaging resources. Enjoy your learning! <https://acpe.edu.au/registration/>

GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE 2023

DHS students have started training in preparation for their 540 km cycle through Gippsland in late November. The 9-day cycling trek will be a hard slog heading through some steep terrain. Ten students will be participating this year including 2 boys who did the ride last year Rory Smith and Matthew Pitt. The first time riders are Elka Connolly, Lucas Thompson, Nathan Coleman and Harry Nolan from Year 7 and Phoebe Newman, Ruby Pisasale, Amelie Bulmer and Catie Michael from Year 8. The students train during sport every Wednesday and next term they will train on Weekends and after school as well.



CULTURE PROJECT

Kulken have been busy learning about the Dreaming (Yemurraki) in Culture History lessons this term. We read the local story of Kawir and Kuthun, the emu and the brolga, and learned about why these birds have the characteristics they do today. You might recognise these characters from the side of the old Yarkuwa building:



We have also been looking at some of the Dreaming stories surrounding some of our well-known landmarks, including Uluru and Purnululu, and practising geography skills by mapping their locations in Australia.

In Language, we have been joined by Leah and Danica who have been helping with the pronunciation and lyrics to a number of different songs. 7 Yellow is singing the Wamba version of 'Old McDonald', 7 Blue is working on the National Anthem and the other classes will be performing different verses to '5 little ducks'. We are hoping to film clips of each of these songs, and have created some colourful puppets to help tell the story.



SUSTAINABILITY

Year 8 classes have been fortunate to have Michael Richards, a University of NSW lecturer, join their lesson via Zoom to discuss variables related to their solar car project. Michael discussed the science of solar energy, gear ratios, wheel sizes, and the concept of friction.

Students have been experimenting with variables to try to improve the speed of their solar car. Each car has been timed on a 20m track and a leader board has been established. Students have until the end of the term to improve the efficiency of their car, and try to secure a position on the podium.



VISIT BY DR ROBERT CHAPMAN

On Tuesday (12/9) Deniliquin High Science Faculty was fortunate to host Dr Robert Chapman from The University of Newcastle/ Discipline of Chemistry.

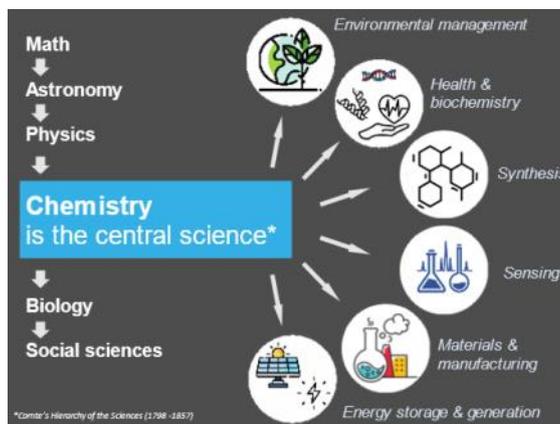
Robert provided students with 2 informative presentations which were very hands on. One on *The Chemistry of Disease Diagnosis* the other *Polymers – a true love/hate relationship* (Adapted from Dr Vipul Agarwal's original Nyholm Lecture on this topic, with permission).

Students were treated to up-to-date research around the role of Chemistry in the detection and Amplification of disease. The pathways research is heading towards in the treatment and detection of cancer and other diseases. Students were left pondering... How far off is a RAT test, or a breathalyser, for cancer?

The immense role polymers play in society today was highlighted and discussed. Are we at a stage to abandon the usage of ALL plastics or is there a better way of utilisation.



Dr Chapman's presentation to Years 11 and 12 Chemistry students was funded by The Royal Australian Chemistry Institute (RACI) as part of the Nyholm Lecture Series.



HOMEWORK CENTRE

The Homework Centre operates in the Library on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.15pm. This free service enables students to progress with their assessment tasks or class activities by providing:

- academic guidance from teachers in students' chosen learning areas;
- access to the Library computers for Internet research and assignment work; &
- complimentary refreshments provided by the school canteen.

Students can access the Homework Centre by writing their names next to their required teacher's name on a sheet outside the Henry Street office before lunchtime on days they wish to attend. This assists teachers in providing the necessary support.

Students without a booking may attend, although may not receive the full range of benefits.

Mobile phones are allowed in the Homework Centre. We ask that conversation is at a low volume and headphones are used for music and videos.

The Homework Centre is usually open for one hour from 3.15pm; however, longer periods can be negotiated.

Students who attend and make a reasonable effort receive PBL's acknowledging their commitment to study.

The Homework Centre is supervised on Wednesdays by Mr. McKeon and Thursdays by Mrs. Barker. We are pleased to help students achieve their personal best!

Mr. McKeon



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

DHS
BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Monday, Wednesday & Friday out of the MPC kitchen.

8.20am to 8.50am

DHS
DENILIQVIN HIGH SCHOOL
HOMEWORK CENTRE

In the Library
3.10 pm - 4.10 pm on Wednesdays
3.20 pm - 4.20 pm on Thursdays
Students put their name down at Henry Street Office
Great for homework and study
All students welcome and afternoon tea provided

COMMUNITY INFORMATION CON'T

DENILIQVIN HIGH SCHOOL P & C

Face The Tee

SUNDAY 24TH SEPT
11.00 FOR 11.30 AM
SHOTGUN START

4 person Ambrose
\$30 per person includes BBQ
Lunch
Register teams at Deniliquin
Golf Club 5881 3333

Fundraiser event for the school
breakfast program and other P & C
initiatives that support Deniliquin
High School

P & C

MEETING

19 SEPTEMBER

**6pm in the Admin
Building or on Zoom**

ALL WELCOME

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3
SEPTEMBER
18-22 Year 11 Examinations
21 Year 12 Final assembly
22 Last day of Term 3
24 P&C Golf day 11.00am
19 P&C Meeting 6pm

TERM 4
OCTOBER
9 Students first day of Term 4 (Monday)
9-13 All Terrain Vehicle Training Yr 11
12-13 Mock Interviews
16-19 Year 11 Excursion
20 P&C Trivia Night 7pm in the MPC
24 P&C Meeting 6pm
25 CSU Future Moves Year 9

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER
30-3 Year 10 Examinations
31-3 Year 9 Excursion
23-3 Year 8 VALID Science Test

ASSESSMENTS DUE

TERM 3
WEEK 10
Yr 7 Mathematics
Yr 8 Mathematics
Yr 9 PASS
Yr 10 English
Yr 11 Examinations

TERM 4
WEEK 1
Yr 7 PDHPE
Yr 8 Science
Yr 10 Visual Arts

WEEK 2
Yr 7 English
Yr 8 English
Yr 9 Timber, Metal, Child Studies
Yr 10 Timber, Metal

WEEK 3
Yr 7 HSIE
Yr 8 HSIE
Yr 9 Science, Agriculture, Muisic
Yr 10 PDHPE

COMMUNITY INFORMATION CON'T



In 2024, Deniliquin High School will be facilitating 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) for all students in Years 7, 8, 11 and 12.

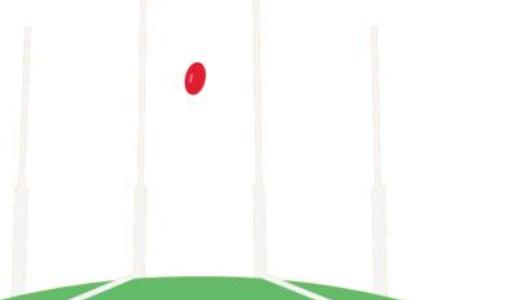
Students in these years will be required to bring a computing device to school each day for educational purposes.

More information is available on the parent portal. This includes device specifications and technology providers where devices can be purchased at a discounted price.

Swan Shield Football

Term 3 Year 8 & 9 Gold Award recipients are invited to attend the football on Tuesday September 19 in Albury. The school has subsidised this opportunity.

Please check your email for a link to School Bytes where you will find the permission note and costing.



Young BORDER Drivers FORUM

3rd October 2023 6.30pm

Speakers from Victoria & NSW Police will answer all questions

Who? 'L and 'P' plate drivers

Where? Echuca Workers & Services Club, Annesley St, Echuca

What? The challenges facing young drivers in border communities

For more information please contact Senior Sergeant Damian Keegan, Echuca Police Station (03) 5483 1500

Year 11

Melbourne Excursion

Monday October 16 to Thursday October 19



YEAR 9 HOWMANS GAP EXCURSION

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31 TO FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3

COMMUNITY INFORMATION CON'T

DHS
FACE THE TASK

BACK TO SCHOOL

October 20, 7pm, MPC

P&C TRIVIA NIGHT

\$30 per person | Dress code School uniform
\$300 table of 10

Drinks at bar prices

<https://www.trybooking.com/CKUUR>

YEAR 10 DRIVER EDUCATION

DRIVER EDUCATION
Po Box 517
DENILIQUN, NSW 2710

MONDAY DECEMBER 4 TO FRIDAY DECEMBER 8

DHS
FACE THE TASK

YEAR 10 SYDNEY EXCURSION 2023

Monday November 27 to Friday December 1

Self-Care September 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly
4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok
11 Make time to do something you really enjoy	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself
18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love
25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are	

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**