



CORRIMAL

HIGH SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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*Achieving
Greatness*



TEACHING FOR ENGAGEMENT, OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS

PRINCIPAL'S PERSONAL MESSAGE

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I have a PDHPE teaching background and have taught in a number of schools including out west past Dubbo, Campbelltown, Sydney and most recently Kiama. Each of these schools has provided me with a broad range of experiences in working with students, families and communities from very different regions. I believe that this has provided me with the skills to be able to work closely with the staff, students and community at Corrimal High School in a proactive and consultative manner.

I am very passionate about public education, and want to ensure that all students are provided with the best opportunities to learn and excel. I am very privileged to be in the position of Principal and see this as a very unique opportunity to support staff and students to further develop and strengthen the fantastic programs and initiatives which are in place at Corrimal.

In the short time I have been here, I have spent a lot of time talking to staff and students in the playground at Recess and Lunch. Almost unanimously, it has come back to me that the staff at Corrimal are great. The students feel a very strong connection to their teachers and I feel that these strong relationships are imperative to the success of the students. With great teachers, comes great opportunities, and I have challenged the staff to become educational risk takers – to challenge themselves, each other and the students to be better each day. Having worked with staff on our Staff Development Day at the start of Term 3, I was encouraged by the positive attitudes, the collegiality and the sense of wanting to move forward. All of these characteristics bode well for the success of Corrimal High School.

I have spoken to students over the first week about my expectations and about the things that they can do to help move the school forward. A big focus and the first challenge that I gave students was to improve their uniform. For me, uniform says a lot about what the students expect from the school and about what they are prepared to give. It provides a sense of belonging and connectedness, and I encourage students to wear their uniforms with pride every day. It has been very pleasing to see that the standard of the uniform has improved significantly, and I appreciate the effort that both students and parents have put in to ensure that this happens. Can I ask that as parents, you continue to support this and encourage your child to always wear the appropriate school uniform.

The second challenge that I have given the students is in relation to attendance. I have seen a lot of students arriving late to school, and there are many whose overall attendance rates are below what is expected by the school and by the Department of Education. I have asked students to ensure that they are at school on time every day and to ensure that they are going to classes on time. I have informed students that Mr Graham will be completing an attendance blitz this week to try to encourage students to attend on time. Student response has been fantastic and we have had a significant drop in the number of students who arrive late to school. This is very encouraging and again, I thank the students and families for responding to this request so positively. This is very much about creating a strong partnership between the school and the family, so please continue to support the school as we place these simple but high expectations on every student.

I have been very impressed by the quality of the performances of many of our students in both individual and team pursuits in the short time that I have been at Corrimal. Since arriving, I have seen the Boys Softball become Regional Champions – soon to represent the school at the State Titles; I have been informed of the success of one of our students in the Southern Stars Vocal Ensemble; another student who has been selected for the National Youth Science Forum and the

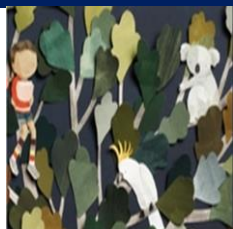
Debating team winning against one of our local high schools. I have also witnessed our Hospitality students prepare and present amazing food for the Year 6 Information night. These are all amazing achievements and are indicative of what I am seeing across the school. Congratulations to all of the students involved in each of these activities.

Finally, I would like to encourage more parents to become actively involved in the school through attendance at the P & C meetings. These are held in Week 3 and Week 8 of term and provide you with an excellent opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations around the direction of the school.

Thank you to all staff and students for the warm welcome I have received since starting here. I am very excited about what the future holds for Corrimal High School.

Paul Roger
Principal – Corrimal High School

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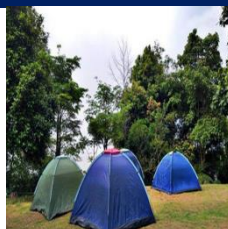
BOOK WEEK



everyone's family
WELLBEING



BUSH APP



CAMPS



DEBATING



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AUGUST 10

ENGLISH
WORKSHOP

AUGUST 13

YEAR 10 SUBJECT
SELECTION

AUGUST 16

COUGARS CUP

AUGUST 17

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AUGUST 21

SNOW TRIP

AUGUST 28

YEAR 5 DAY

AUGUST 31

AIME

SEPTEMBER 13

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STUDENT STEM SUCESS



The application process to the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) consisted of two main stages. Many people supported me throughout the process including Tanayah Burchell, Dear Winitsinthu, Laurence Hill and Luca Corby who also nominated themselves to attend NYSF. I also had a great help from teachers and Corrimal Rotary. We all encouraged each other through our individual passions for STEM during the application and interview process.

I was first required to complete an online application and approach a local Rotary club for endorsement. I answered questions based on my hobbies, passion for science and why I want to attend NYSF.

The next stage was an interview at the local Rotary district (9675) headquarters in Sydney. There were three different panels judging and three steps. I first had fifteen minutes to choose one of twenty-five STEM based articles. My selection was one based on the MelFind technology, used to identify skin cancer through a scanning arm and a database of skin cancer images.

After fifteen minutes of reading and forming a personal opinion on why I selected this particular article as well as if I agree or disagree with the facts stated, I was introduced to the first panel. In front of this panel of judges I presented a speech focusing on the field of medicine and Stem cells, ambulance helicopters and defibrillator technology.

The next panel I faced was based on the article previously read. I was asked questions such as why did I choose the particular article? What are my thoughts on the topic? And do I agree or disagree with the facts stated?

My answer stated many things including how far can we push technology and still have it be reliable and a short spill on the recent discovery into using blood tests to identify skin cancer. The final panel I faced was fifteen minutes of being asked general questions about myself and answering with short responses.

All together the interview was forty-five minutes to an hour and I am now fervently waiting until January 2019, where I will be travelling to Canberra for twelve days to meet leading scientists and participate in all things STEM.

Southern Stars Arena Spectacular is an annual show held at the Win Entertainment Centre, showcasing the amazing talent of students aged 5-18. The show consists of singing, dancing, acting and performing. Corrimal High School would like to congratulate Tarnni Foster - Year 8 - offered a place to perform this year in the Featured Vocal Ensemble.

There are still tickets available for this year's Southern Star show – 'Iconic'. The performance will show case iconic people and moments in history and is set to be amazing!

A SHINING STAR



CORRIMAL HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING

Last week our experienced Year 9/10 Premier's Challenge debating team came up against Woonona High School. The debate topic was 'That the voting age should be lowered' and we took the affirmative side with our team presenting the model that people as young as 16 should be given the choice to vote as they were voting for their future and by making it optional for people aged between 16-18 this allowed only those who were interested to actually vote. This was a very sophisticated argument that the opposition team struggled to rebut. As such, we were declared victorious, and now after winning 3 out of 4 debates we anxiously await the deciding debate between Lake Illawarra and Woonona to see if we are zone champions. I am so proud of our team - they have grown as speakers and always represent our school with pride and integrity. They are such positive young people and I can always rely on them to help organise the debate and create positive relationships with visiting schools. Well done.

I look forward to further representation with the public speaking squad representing our school on August 21 at the South Coast Public Speaking Competition. I still have a few vacancies so if anyone is interested- see me in Room 13.

BUSH APP SUCCESS



On Monday July 30, Year 7 were involved in a cross-curricular excursion to Mt Keira and the Wollongong Botanic Gardens. The purpose of the excursion was to mark the beginning of an eight week project between Science and Technology that Year 7 student will be involved in during term 3. On the day, Mr Jade Kennedy led students on a bush walk through Mt Keira, identifying local plants and wildlife. Students received valuable information on the types of plants and animals, their traditional Aboriginal use and current use as well as how they can be protected. Students worked to collate all information which will then be used across the next eight weeks. Students will develop their knowledge further, identifying more information, completing scientific drawings and building a final mobile App for use and submission. Well done to all Year 7 and organising teachers Mr Foster, Ms Steele and Mr Williams.



SOUTH COAST SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

Corrimal High School defeated Wollongong PA High School 28-5 in the Boys Softball Knockout Competition South Coast Final. A fantastic display of timely hitting and excellent defense set up a comprehensive victory.

Congratulations to the team and best of luck for the state finals later this term in Newcastle.



TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMES TRAINING

This term, 17 students across our senior cohort began the first instalment of their leadership and mentoring training in the Traditional Indigenous Games unit with Mr McDonald. Student's involved gained experience in game development, training, coaching and cultural information that will then be used to provide inclusive training to our Year 7 and Year 6 CoS students. This will all culminate in a massive interschool Gala Day on September 13. It will also form part of an assessment package for students in the senior years.

YEAR 7 CAMP 2018



Year 7 Adviser, Mr Wellings, has been busy organising a Year 7 camp to Cataract Scout Park for term 4 this year as part of student transition. Students involved will get the opportunity to learn more about each other as well as improve camp skills, and activities including water slides, giant swings and abseiling. The camp will be held on October 29-30 with deposit due August 16 to secure a place. Get ready for lots of fun.

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YEAR 6 INTO 7 INFORMATION EVENING

A Guide for Parents/Carers and New Students

On the Thursday 2nd of August Corrimal High School hosted a very successful “Meet and Greet” evening in the library for families making the transition from Primary to High School.

Parents and carers were courteously greeted and directed to the library by very smartly presented students. Our wonderful Year 11 Hospitality class prepared and served light refreshments on arrival at the library (in their usual professional manner), and a variety of staff presented information that was useful and helpful.

Together, we showcased the many educational opportunities that our students have, along with our continual drive and commitment to the community. As a result, we received very positive feedback from the parents and carers who attended.

We would like to thank, VERY MUCH, the following students and staff who gave up their leisure time to represent our school. You all did an amazing job!

Meeters and Greeters-	
Tameryn Burchell	Dylan Kramer
Mila Gehrke	Jack Ziems
Ella Hudson	
Hospitality Students	
Teliah Court	Leah Madin
Holly Ferguson	Samarah Winter
Presenting Staff	
Mr. Paul Roger – School Principal	Mrs Kerrie Faulkner
Mrs. Belinda Arthur	Mr. Andrew Laidler
Mr. Mark Banasiak	Mrs. Alicia Van Loo
Mr. Joel Foster	

We feel it is crucial that we make our new families feel welcome and part of our CHS team. Building positive connections and communication channels is the first step to ensure that parents and teachers are able to work together towards the common goal of providing quality education for our children.

VACCINATION PROGRAM

2018

Earlier this year you should have received an information pack and consent card for the Meningococcal Vaccination Program. This vaccination is being currently offered in all Illawarra and Shoalhaven High Schools for students in Years 10 and 11, and covers 4 types of meningococcal disease (strains A, C, W and Y).

We encourage you as parents and guardians to return a consent form to the school ASAP if you wish your child to have the Meningococcal vaccine for free this year at school. We cannot guarantee that your child will have another opportunity to receive this vaccine for free. For more information, visit our [website](#).

STUDENT WELLBEING AND SUPPORT

Corrimal High School is pleased to welcome Mrs Leanne Begg as Chaplain under the Department's Student Wellbeing Support Program. The Department is "committed to creating quality learning opportunities for children and young people.

This includes strengthening their cognitive, social, emotional and spiritual development" (The Wellbeing Framework for Schools). For the full story see our school [website](#).



BOOK WEEK 2018

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Library Display – Treasures for everyone.
Chocolate coins for every book borrowed!

- Blackout Poetry Competition – Junior (years 7-9) and Senior (years 10-12) prizes.
- Living Books – Year 11 – Friday 10/8/2018
- Author Visit and Workshop – Year 7 and 8 enrichment classes - Friday 24th
- Lunchtime Activities including craft and short films





everyone's family

SMITH FAMILY

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Smith Family, Learning for Life Program has places for academic scholarships.

Eligibility:

- Family has Pension Concession or Low Income Health Care Card
- Student is in Year 7 or Year 8
- Student attends School regularly (90%)
- Funds to be used for educational expenses

If you would like more information about this program please contact the school.

**YEAR 10 TO 11
SUBJECT SELECTION**
5PM AUGUST 13 @ CHS

**ARE YOU READY TO MAKE
THE RIGHT CHOICES FOR
YOU?**