



CORRIMAL HIGH SCHOOL



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PRINCIPAL'S PERSONAL MESSAGE

The end of Term 2 is nearly upon us and it has been another busy couple of weeks with lots going on for our students. I am extremely proud of our students and the way they have responded to what they have been asked to do. There has been a significant improvement in student attendance, a decrease in late arrivals and improvements in uniform compliance.

There has also been a significant improvement in student behaviour in the playground and student engagement in the classroom. These are all areas that I would like to see students continue to work on as we head into Term 3.

There have been a number of exciting events happening over the past three weeks which highlight the dedication our staff have towards our students, as well as our commitment to further strengthening our connections with our Partner schools. We have been able to host a Premiers Sporting Challenge for the Primary schools with Corrimal HS students organising and running a variety of sporting activities and demonstrating outstanding leadership skills and abilities.

Corrimal HS has also played host to over 120 primary students from Bellambi, Corrimal East, Tarrawanna, Wollongong and Woonona Public Schools as they prepare for participation in this years' Southern Stars Arena Spectacular. Students have completed a whole day rehearsal with a second one coming up next week. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to connect with the primary schools towards their performance in August. All students have expressed their enjoyment at being involved in this experience. I strongly encourage you all to purchase tickets for this years' show to support both Corrimal High School students as well as those students from our Primary partners. This year, we have 15 students involved in the performance with 12 in a mass dance performance, 3 in the disAbility performance and 1 in the Featured Vocal Ensemble, as well as one of our teachers choreographing a mass dance performance.

The recent Year 4 into Year 7 was a huge success with Corrimal staff and students presenting opportunities and experiences for the primary school students. This day gave a true taste of what life is like for students at Corrimal HS with a broad range of experiences available. Feedback from students and staff indicates a high level of engagement and enjoyment from this day.

I am very excited to let people know that the work our staff are doing within and outside of the school to support students is paying dividends with increasing amounts of positive feedback from members of the community. This is reflected in our anticipated enrolments for Year 7 2020 which have surpassed expectations thus far, and continue to grow. This is reflective of the increasing confidence that the community has in our school being the school of choice for local students. I would like to thank all of the staff for their ongoing hard work, and also thank the community for their continued support for our school. It is greatly appreciated.

As you will all know, there has been a lot of work taking place at our school at the moment. Please see below for an update:

- Home Economics upgrade – One kitchen has been fully completed with the second scheduled to be complete by the end of the holidays.
- Integration concreting work has been completed in the main quad with additional integration concreting to commence in the Agriculture plot in the holidays. This will provide the opportunity for all of our students to have greater access to all of our facilities.
- The school hall is currently getting a complete roof replacement and over the holidays, all of the windows and external doors will also be replaced in the hall. This will lead into a

refurbishment of the back stage area of the hall to match in with the recent upgrade to the hall and front office foyer.

- Classroom audit has taken place – this is providing an opportunity for me to identify the rooms which are most in need of an upgrade. From this, I will be embarking on a schedule of improvement across the whole school to ensure that every classroom provides an engaging, inspirational and aspirational space for our students to learn.

These works are all part of my intention to improve the external aesthetic of the school to ensure that the school looks inviting for all members of the school community, as well as improving the learning spaces to further promote engagement and pride across the school

I would like to wish all of our students and community a safe and relaxing holiday break with time spent with friends and family. I hope that our students come back to school refreshed and ready to go for what is shaping up to be another busy term.

Paul Roger
Principal – Corrimal High School

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S PERSONAL MESSAGE

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the completion of another successful term, in what has been a very successful year so far.

We regularly congratulate students and their achievements at school, in extracurricular activities, sporting events and academic achievements. This week, we would like to take a moment to thank, acknowledge the work of, and congratulate staff at our wonderful school on all that they do for our students. Our students are offered so much, in the classroom as well as the extra activities and opportunities that our students are presented with. These hard working and dedicated people consistently go above and beyond to help our students succeed.

This term, students have been offered so many opportunities, and have been involved in so much, including; sport representative teams; debating teams; STEM days; Southern Stars rehearsals; Careers days; HSC Boot Camps; Reconciliation events; and work placements just to name a few. This is on top of the 'average' day to day teaching and learning – which includes; cooking amazing dishes; creating woodwork projects; making Podcasts and Apps; science experiments; creating artworks; creating musical performances; tending to the animals in Agriculture; extension tutoring; and learning Chinese, again, just to name a few.

**So THANK YOU to our WONDERFUL teachers, SLSOs and SASS staff for ALL that you do!
We all appreciate you!**

To our students, with all of the wonderful opportunities available to you at our fantastic school, the world is your oyster! Dream big! With the right attitude and goals, you can achieve great things!

Enjoy the holidays and as we head into term 3, we challenge you to continue to strive for success!



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TRANSITION



SPEAKING



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KOORI CONNECTION

This term has seen some amazing work done by the KLC. We have secured final approval through the Lands Council to complete a Yarning Circle within the school grounds. This community project will see students, community and UOW partner up to complete a major work in the school and we look forward to its completion.

The KLC have also organised the first Reconciliation Week Football Knockout involving local high schools in the area. A big thank you to the Corrimal Cougars Rugby League Association, playNRL Dragons Community, NIAECG President Ms Julie Street-Smith and all student and teacher participants.



The next activity the KLC will be organising is the Corrimal High School contingent for Relay for Life Wollongong. This will involve student leaders from the KLC, SRC, Peer Support and Sport. This will be a great community event to get involved in.



LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY

On the 30th of May the under 16's girls league tag team made up of girls from year 7 to 10 attended a gala day in Albion Park. We versed four different school teams from all around the Illawarra. Nearly the whole team hadn't played before but they all put in lots of effort, had great teamwork and encouraged each other but unfortunately did not come home with a win. It was definitely a fun day and there were lots of laughs. All the girls should be extremely proud of their efforts and bring on the Koori Cup! We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Wellings and Mr Luskan for giving up their time to coach us over the past few weeks and take us away to play. Overall we had a great day and would love to do it again.



Corrimal High School
Parents and Citizens Association

Dear Parents and Community Members,

By the time you read this, the P&C Big Pie Drive will have finished taking orders for this year's fundraiser. Thank you to all the families and friends that have placed an order and helped your P&C to raise needed funds for our students. Pickup time for the pies is Friday 5th July in the Admin Conference Room after 2:00 pm. Information about further activities for the benefit of our students, will appear across all of the available communication sources, in particular, the P&C Facebook page and the School Newsletter. The P&C is not just about fundraising. The Dept. of Education encourages and requires supportive, community involvement in the work of our school. The P&C is often the first place for reliable information and feedback directly from the staff.

We would greatly appreciate more parents joining the P&C to share ideas and to support our students' learning.

Janice Paterson – President,

Brad Chapman - Secretary

ACARA TRIAL EXAMINATION

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for developing the questions ('items') for the National Assessment Program, which includes NAPLAN.

Your child's school has been selected to participate in this year's Item Trial.

What is an 'Item Trial'?

The point of the Item Trial is to evaluate *potential* questions (which we call 'items') for use in future NAPLAN tests. Further information about NAPLAN is available at www.nap.edu.au

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ENRICHMENT EXAMINATION



CORRIMAL HIGH SCHOOL ENRICHMENT EXAMINATION 2019

The Enrichment Examination for Year 6 students enrolling in Corrimal High School for 2020 was held on June 17. It was great to see so many applicants once again this year. There will be a supplementary examination held on July 1 in the school hall starting at 2pm (arrive and sign in at 1:45pm). Application submissions are also due from student on July 15. Successful applicants will be offered a place in the Enrichment class for 2020 which will provide extra and targeted learning opportunities of students to extend their learning outcomes.

TRANSITION TEAM



This term has been busy for the Transition Team, in particular, for Years 10 and 12. Across the term, students participated in the Year 10 Future Finders Day at UOW. This program allows students to attend several university sessions in interest areas to help students identify potential future post-school study options. Our students were excellent leaders and were able to get a lot out of the day.

Year 12 also participated in a Road to Success session, also hosted by our in2uni partners. The session provided valuable information regarding post-school opportunities, application dates and support available to students. This will help students better prepare for the transition from high school to post-school life.

Similarly, the Transition Team has made contact with Year 12 students who graduated in 2018 to follow up on their progress. This initiative involves making contact each term to discuss progress, support for applications and scholarships and connections to possible job applications. We are happy to hear from all our past students and it was wonderful to hear about your current successes and plans for the future.

NEW ENROLMENTS



Corrimal High School had some new enrolments this term from our local CoS schools. These amazing Year 4 students from Bellambi, Corrimal, Corrimal East, Tarrawanna and Towradgi Primary School's attended Corrimal High School's annual Year 4 Transition Day – "Try Year 7 for a Day". Students formed groups and were able to participate in sessions across PDHPE, TAS – IA, TAS – HE, Science, Mathematics, Dance and Language. It was great to see so many fantastic students learning to speak Mandarin, producing small Perspex keychains, delicious meat balls or playing a round of scootboard. We hope all students involved enjoyed their time at Corrimal High School and look forward to seeing them at Corrimal High School in 2022. For parents and carers, we are also looking at organising a day for your involvement. Please stay tuned.



DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

It's been a busy few weeks for our public speakers. First our Year 9 debating team travelled to Keira high as Round 1 of the Premier's debating challenge. In a very sophisticated and challenging debate they were declared the WINNERS! And now we go on to rounds 2 and 3 to be held at Smiths Hill High School next week. Good luck to Maddi Devitt, Justin Berrell and Eden Goodier.

We also were lucky enough to be invited to adjudicate the Bellambi Public Speaking Competition and Tyrese Murray and Justin Berrell did a wonderful job, carefully listening to the very talented kids at Bellambi and it was so difficult to choose a winner!

On the issue of public speaking, it is that time of year to nominate to represent our school in the South Coast Public Speaking competition. If you are interested see Ms Mahon in Room 13.

NCCD COLLECTION

'All government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)**. This simply means we will be collecting data on students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs. This data will then be provided to the Australian government to assist in the development of a national picture of the education needs of students with disability. Further information can be accessed on the Australian Government website at <https://www.nccd.edu.au/> or by contacting the school and asking to speak to a member of the Learning Support team.

