



Our annual Minimbah Celebrations were held last night to recognise the achievements of our ATSI students. From top: 100% Attendance awardees; the incredible cake; and our Year 12 ATSI graduates.

NEXT P & C MEETING:
TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER
6PM AT HSHS

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With just two weeks of the school year to go, 2017 has certainly been action-packed and our last weeks will be much the same as we finish off the year with celebrations of student success and many exciting end of year events.

Last night Hunter Sports High acknowledged the incredible efforts and contribution of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at our annual Minimbah Celebrations held at Charlestown Bowling Club. Parents, carers, staff and students enjoyed a great night which highlighted the talents and success stories of our Indigenous students, with amazing performances and a raft of awards presented for academic, cultural and sporting achievements. A special thank you to our Minimbah team who worked so hard to make the night such a great success. More photos and information are included further in the newsletter.

At next Friday's **Presentation Assembly** we will acknowledge the academic achievements of all our students. Parents and carers are encouraged to come along and share in the successes of our students (**in the stadium from 11.35am on Friday 8th December – access via the path near the COLA on Pacific Highway**). A list of award recipients will be posted on the external glass wall of E Block ground floor on Monday afternoon – please ask your child to check this list and let you know if they will be receiving an award.

TSP and Big Picture students and parents are reminded to return raffle tickets and money to Student Services by tomorrow (Friday 1st December) to be in the draw for some great prizes that will be drawn at our Presentation Assembly next week.

Other important dates over the weeks ahead include:

- Tuesday 5th December:** Year 6 Orientation Day
P&C Meeting – 6pm @ HSHS
- Wed 6th December:** ATSI Parent Meeting – 5pm @ PCYC
- Thurs 14th December:** Reports Available Online
- Friday 15th December:** Final day of school for students

Next week we will have some special visitors to our school as we welcome 150 Year 6 students from schools around the region for their Orientation Day. Our 2018 Year 7 Advisor Miss Sykes has a fun day planned to help them adjust to high school life, meet their teachers and learn how to find their way around Hunter Sports High. They'll be treated to a BBQ lunch and shown the ropes by student leaders and mentors throughout the day. We hope they have a great day.

The redevelopment continues at an incredible pace. As the old buildings continue to come down we are seeing the new buildings going up. Our school is quite literally changing before our eyes and it has been a very exciting, and yes, an incredibly hectic year coordinating all the changes that have been taking place. We can't wait to see what 2018 will bring!

Rachel Byrne – Principal

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Fri 01 December	Job Centre Program Taster
	Shine Program
	Brospeak
	Aboriginal Studies Bush Garden
	Baseball NSW Partnership Launch
	Hunter Wetlands Excursion
	HSHS Transition Band Tour
Mon 04 December	Support Unit End of Year Activities
	Why Try? Program
Tues 05 December	Year 6 Orientation Day
	P&C Meeting – 6pm @ HSHS
	Marine Studies Snorkeling
	Keepers Training Camp
	Band @ Lakeside School
Wed 06 December	Hunter Region Sports Awards
	ATSI Parent Meeting, PCYC 5pm
	Hospitality Sydney Tower Tour
	Big Picture University of Newcastle
	Girls Rock & Water Program
	Centre 4 Hope
	Why Try? Program
Thurs 07 December	PBL Rewards Excursion
	Acts of Citizenship @ Wiripaang
	Sports High School Rugby 7's
Fri 08 December	Presentation Assembly, 11.35am in the Stadium
	Aboriginal Studies Bush Garden
	Shine Program
	Job Centre Program Taster
Mon 11 December	Support Unit End of Year Activities
	Aboriginal Studies Bush Garden
	TSP Hockey Fitness Sessions
	Big Picture Year 8 Training
	Year 9 PIP
Tues 12 December	Big Picture Year 8 Training
	School Sport to Charlestown Pool
Wed 13 December	Girls Rock & Water Program
	Big Picture Year 9 Lunch
	Culinary Novocastrians
	'Wonder' Film Excursion
Thurs 14 December	Aboriginal Studies Bush Garden
	Acts of Citizenship @ Wiripaang
Fri 15 December	Shine Program
	Aboriginal Studies Bush Garden
	Last day for students

Our Sporting Blues



Congratulations to Year 12 students Erin Cleaver and Joel Rauch who were presented with NSW CHS Sporting Blues awards at a ceremony held at ANZ Stadium in Sydney last week.

These prestigious awards, the highest honour in school sport, recognise students who have achieved outstanding representation and achievement in their chosen sport and who have displayed a high level of sportsmanship in doing so.

Erin and Joel were lucky to listen to some words of wisdom from special guest presenter Ian Thorpe OAM who congratulated all 2017 recipients and spoke fondly of his memories of school sport. His advice to the up and coming athletes was to chase their dreams, break the mould and challenge existing records and achievements with a view to creating their own legacy.

Healthy School Canteen in 2018

Hunter Sports High School will transition to a new canteen menu in 2018 in line with the new Healthy School Canteens Strategy developed by the Department of Education and the Ministry of Health. These changes will take place when the new canteen opens in S Block in mid-2018. Read more about the upcoming changes at <https://healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au/>

Minimbah Celebrations Highlight Outstanding ATSI Achievements

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families, along with Hunter Sports High staff and community members came together last night to celebrate the achievements of our ATSI students during 2017. It was a great night with over 240 people attending the function at Charlestown Bowling Club.

Guests heard inspiring stories of success from guest speakers Aunty Laurel and ex-students Jamie Ghoulmieh and Zoe Khan. They were also treated to moving performances by students Michael Campbell, Tyrah-Ruby Luschwitz, Jack Edwards and Dakota Reed-Lorrie.

Congratulations to all the students on a fantastic year and for showing great commitment and dedication to their education throughout 2017.

Major award winners included:

- **Les Saxby Memorial Award**
(for outstanding achievement in the arts)
 - Jessica Hanson
- **Fiona Clarke 'All Rounder' Award:**
 - Jessica Hanson
- **Community Award** (for participation in and promotion of Aboriginal culture within the school and wider community)
 - Yazmyn Smith
- **Academic Awards:**
 - Year 7** Ryvah Shoesmith (Academic Excellence)
Lucy Edwards (Consistent Effort)
 - Year 8** Noah Abrahams (Academic Excellence)
Kynan Toomey (Consistent Effort)
 - Year 9** Shayla Dwyer (Academic Excellence)
Montana Shoesmith (Consistent Effort)
 - Year 10** Jaycoda Simon (Academic Excellence)
Calista Schueppenhauer-Wells (Consistent Effort)
 - Year 11** Jack Edwards (Academic Excellence)
Thomas Harrison (Consistent Effort)
 - Year 12** Kye Abrahams (Academic Excellence)
Tazmyne Luschwitz (Consistent Effort)
 - Big Picture** Tyrah-Ruby Luschwitz (Junior)
Kelly Kilduff (Senior)
 - Support Unit** Ashleigh Stanley
 - Hunter Class** Tjundy Simon-Clarke
- **Outstanding Attendees Awards:** for 100% attendance in 2017
 - Shannon Badier, Jack Edwards & Kye Abrahams
- **Female Sportsperson of the Year:**
 - Krystal Dallinger
- **Male Sportsperson of the Year:**
 - Tyrone Nean

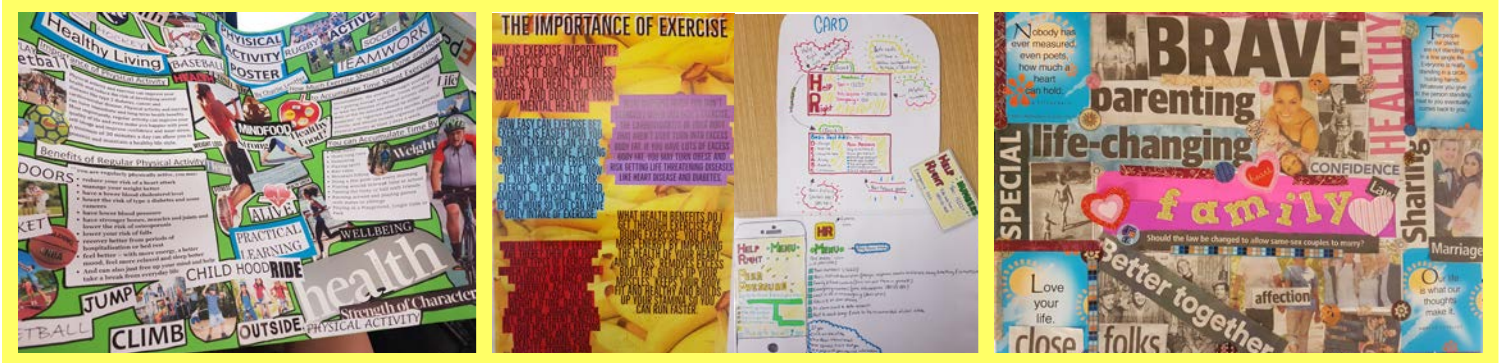


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PE Classes Crack the Matrix and Get Creative



Year 7 PDHPE students have been working on a matrix of activities in PDHPE theory lessons throughout the second semester this year. The Matrix Unit was designed to provide students with opportunities to choose from a selection of activities in order to meet relevant outcomes. Three major health concepts were explored in the Matrix unit, including:

1. The importance of a balanced lifestyle and physical activity to health.
2. The importance of family and connections in dealing with changes and challenges.
3. The consequences of risk taking and strategies to minimise harm.

Students completed activities, received feedback, edited where needed and added to their portfolio to demonstrate their ability to achieve relevant outcomes which were specific to each task. The images above are a sample of posters, collages and designs from students across the three health concepts.

Hunter Sports High Students to Star in 'The Hunter Four'



Hunter Sports High recently welcomed University of Newcastle lecturer Stephen Smith to our school when he came to visit our Big Picture Academy. Stephen, a Scholarly Teaching Fellow in sociology and anthropology from the School of Humanities & Social Sciences at the university's Callaghan Campus, has been commissioned by Viv White, the CEO of Big Picture Education Australia, to write the stories of 'The Hunter Four' – the four schools in our region that have taken on the Big Picture education design. He spent the day talking with students and staff, including Ms Byrne, about a range of topics including why Big Picture was introduced at Hunter Sports High, the vision behind it, why students decided to opt in and apply and how their experiences have worked out for them. Stephen will make several visits to HSHS to document the school and its Big Picture student successes.

Variety xmas WALK

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Sunday 10th Dec, 11am

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STUDENT WELFARE at HSHS: Keeping Our Students Safe & Happy

Our student welfare page lets students, parents and carers know about some of the great programs and support services that are available to students and their families at Hunter Sports High School and in the local community.

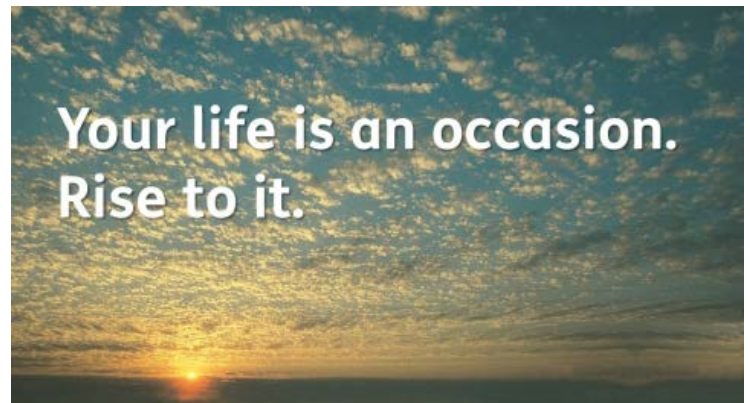
BOOYAH Project



The NSW PCYC's BOOYAH program provides training, development and employment pathways for young boys. HSHS students Nic Love, Tom Hall, Will Morgan and Caleb Robertshaw were all participants of the BOOYAH Project this year. The 12-week program involved outdoor education, functional numeracy and literacy, and vocational training resulting in nationally recognised qualifications and work experience for the boys.



Quote of the Week:



Website of the Week:



Headspace, the National Youth Mental Health Foundation, provides early intervention mental health services to 12-25 year olds, along with assistance in promoting young peoples' wellbeing. This covers four core areas: mental health; physical health; work and study support; and alcohol and other drug services. Information and services for young people, their families and friends as well as health professionals can be accessed through this website.

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Bullying – No Way! (continued)

Bullying can be physical, verbal, psychological, cyber-bullying or harassment.

What strategies do we have in place for dealing with bullying at HSHS?

There are many strategies in place if you are being bullied, including the Positive Behaviour for Learning program, peer support, youth workers, Minimbah, individual case management and anti-bullying workshops. Speak to your Year Advisor for guidance and support.

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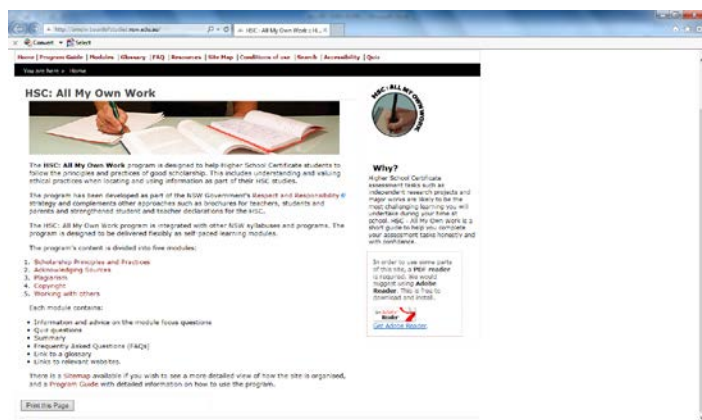
Attention Year 10: All My Own Work

As a condition of enrolment in Year 11, the NSW Board of Studies requires all students to complete the Board's course 'All My Own Work'. This is an online course that educates senior students about plagiarism and the associated rules of plagiarism. Notes with more information and instructions have been given to all Year 10 students today.

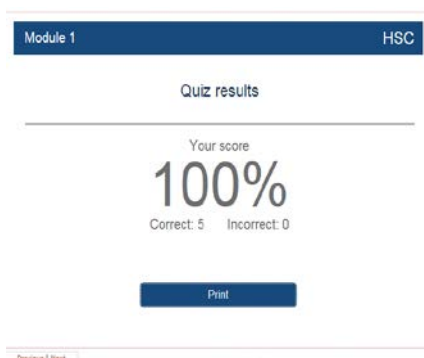
Time to complete this course will be provided between Weeks 8 and 10 of this year during nominated classes. You will be given two periods to complete the course. If you are absent it is your responsibility to complete the required modules in your own time. All students must complete the 5 modules with a pass rate of 90% or above.

To access the course follow the link below then select a module to complete:

<http://amow.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>



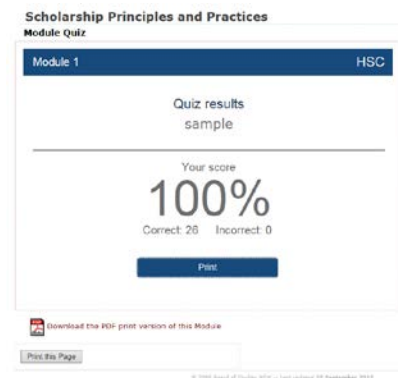
Each module has content which you must read through. At the end of each section (page) of content there will be a quiz based on the information you have just read. You should attempt these quizzes. If you do not get 100% it is suggested you revise the information before proceeding to the next section. These quizzes DO NOT need to be shown to your teacher.



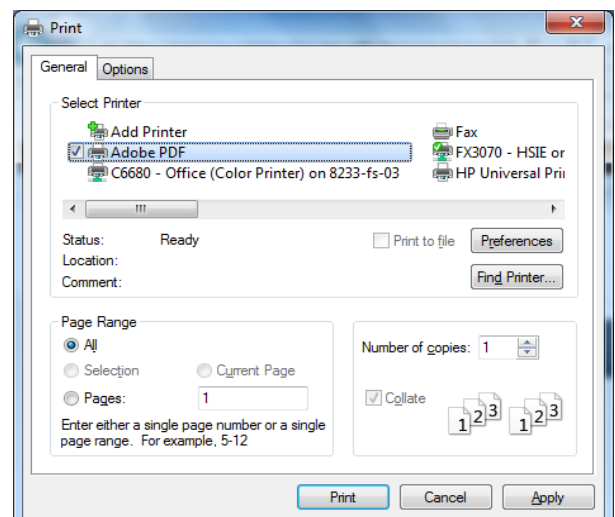
If you are completing the quiz during class time you can show your teacher the certificate on your screen to be marked off. If you are completing the quiz at home you must save or print the certificate to show to your teacher.

Once you have read all the information and attempted all the quizzes you need to attempt the module quiz. In this quiz you must get at least 90% and show your teacher your certificate for your completion of each module to be recorded.

If you are completing the quiz during class time you can show your teacher the certificate on your screen to be marked off. If you are completing the quiz at home you must save or print the certificate to show to your teacher.



Once you have achieved a grade of at least 90% show your teacher OR print your certificate using the 'print this page' button. If you are printing at school you can print to Adobe PDF which will create a pdf version of your certificate to save to your student drive (or flash drive). Remember to show your teacher to be marked off for completing the module.



If you have any questions about 'All My Own Work', please speak with Mr O'Neill.