Starting high school is a very exciting time in your life. Some of you may be nervous about starting high school, as it is a very different experience to primary school. The important thing to remember is that you are not alone. As your Year Adviser, Rob Pursch is here to help and support you during this transition, and throughout the rest of your high school years. There are also many other staff and students who are here to support you during your time at Woolgoolga High School.

We are looking forward to sharing your journey over the next six years. We will work together as a year group to make these years happy, rewarding and a pathway into lifelong learning.

What Does a Year Adviser Do?

- Listen when you need someone to talk to.
- Explain school routine when you are unsure what to do.
- Conduct Year Meetings to keep students informed of school activities and requirements.
- Maintain an overview of students’ progress and write Half Yearly and Yearly Reports.
- Liaise with parents/caregivers.
- Organise social activities for you so that high school is fun as well as work.
- Help you if you are having difficulties with your schoolwork.
- Help you if you get into trouble at school.
- Help you when you are having problems with your friends, family or school in general.
I would like to begin this newsletter with a big welcome to our Year 7 students. They certainly looked smart and excited at our first major assembly this week. From a teacher’s perspective it is also an exciting time with their new young and fresh students, who over the next 6 years will mould into fine young people.

Next Tuesday, 10 February is our Year 7 parent (and student) welcome sausage sizzle beginning at 5.00pm. There will be a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) information session for parents of all students 7-12 in the Library, beginning approximately at 5.30pm. This session will outline our expectations on BYOD and provide an insight for parents and students in the exciting new software just included in the student and staff portals. I have invited an external consultant to demonstrate how this software works in our BYOD environments. Some students have recently purchased computers locally which will fulfil their needs in the classroom, for under $300. Google Docs and Google Classroom, as well as Office 365 will transform education at Woolgoolga High School. Our school was initially involved in the trial of this software and by way of my representation on the statewide Secondary Principal Council Technology Reference Group, has enabled inclusion of this software for all students and staff across NSW. I am looking forward to seeing many parents and caregivers next Tuesday.

It was a shame that we had to cancel the swimming carnival last Wednesday due to wet weather and the muddy conditions at the pool. We are looking forward to better conditions next Wednesday.

We have invited Elevate Education to deliver a quality study skills program for our senior students on 24th February. This event is a must for all serious students and I am sure participation will add to our students’ ATARS. I encourage all senior students to be involved. The cost is $15 per student. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please see Helen Rook. A junior seminar will also be part of this program.

Our school is attracting more students and our numbers are steadily climbing. At last count we had 884 students. Please remember our school prides itself on being a full school uniform school.

Good luck to Alicia Phoonie who will be participating in CHS trials for cricket on 16-19th February. I hope she once again gains selection in this elite team.

Our school is looking forward to hosting the Science and Engineering Challenge on 31st March. Phillip Dalton, Head Teacher Science, has been working closely for months with our local Rotary and Lions groups and Newcastle University to make this day exciting, memorable and provide educational opportunities that focus on Science and Engineering for our local private and public schools. It is expected that over 250 students will participate.

Many senior students are preparing for the upcoming Lions Youth of the Year. I wish our Year 12 students good luck!

Our first P&C meeting is on Tuesday 10th February at 6.30pm in the Common Room. Come along and enjoy the friendly atmosphere, learn about and support your school.

Until next time
Guy Wright
Principal
### IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS

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The WHS P & C meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6.30pm

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### Year 7 Welcome Sausage Sizzle and BYOD question time for all parents (7-12)

**Tuesday 10th February 2015**

There will be a Welcome Sausage Sizzle for Year 7 parents and caregivers beginning at 5.00pm on Tuesday 10th February. Parents and caregivers from ALL YEARS are also invited should they want to discuss our BYOD program beginning at 5.30pm in the Library.

The P&C meeting will follow the welcome Sausage Sizzle from 6.30pm.

**BYOD parent information**

"Bring your own device" (BYOD) refers to students bringing a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. A personally owned device is any technology device brought into the school and is owned by a student or the student's family.

In summary, the school suggests that students are encouraged to bring a laptop that can connect to the 5GHZ School wireless network. Local suppliers have these types of devices. Please inform your local supplier that you require the device to be capable of connecting to the 5GHZ Woolgoolga High School network.

Please consult our school website for up to date information on BYOD:

http://www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/parent-information/bring-your-own-device

Regards
Guy Wright
Principal
School Photos are coming!

Thursday 6th March
Friday 7th March for absent students

All students need to have their photo taken (even if they are not purchasing photos) to get a free ID card.
See Mrs Hart in the Library for more information.

Sports Uniform

Remember to wear your sports uniform for all prac PE classes and bring a hat and water bottle.

Workplace Health & Safety Regulations in schools

Reminder about wearing appropriate leather enclosed footwear for all practical subjects, including Science.
This is for your safety.

Late arrivals

Students must go straight to the Front Office if you are late to school. You must be signed in before going to class.

School Contribution

Please continue to pay your school contribution of $51.00 (juniors), $61.00 (seniors) to the Front Office.
Your child’s educational experience will be enhanced by this contribution.

Year 7 — male and female students

Term 1: 26 February 2015
Gardasil (HPV) - dose 1 to all students
Boostrix (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis)

Term 2: 30 April 2015
Gardasil (HPV) - dose 2
Varicella (chicken pox)
Boostrix & HPV—catch ups if required

Term 3/4: 3 September 2015
Gardasil (HPV) - dose 3
Boostrix, Varicella and HPV—catch ups if required

Year s 11 & 12

Term 2: Dose 1 measles-mumps-rubella

ESSA reports for 2014 Year 8 students coming home with current Year 9 students within the next fortnight.

Registration forms can be collected from outside the Maths Staffroom and payment of $20 should be made at the Office then return form to Mr Feeney. Please write receipt number on the registration form.

http://mathsonline.com.au/?gclid=C12HromywsMCFQYGvAodUGgAgA
Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2015 the following vaccines will be offered:

**Year 7 students***
- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

**Year 11-12 students***
- measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine as a single dose as part of a catch-up vaccination program for students who are not fully protected.

* The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:
- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child’s school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.


To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL – 2015

Competitors Only

Will be held on Tuesday 10th February 2015 at the Woolgoolga Swimming Pool (weather permitting). This day is organised for only students in Years 7 to 12 who would like to compete in the following events: 100m and 200m freestyle, butterfly, backstroke and medley events. Students in Year 7 to 12 who do not wish to compete are to attend school for a normal day of classes.

The cost of pool entry is $3.00.

The carnival will begin at 11.30am. School buses will run as normal on Wednesday, dropping students at school as per a normal school day. Additional buses have been booked to transport students to and from the pool for the cost of $1.00. Students may go directly to the pool. Please indicate on permission note how your child will be getting to and from the pool. Permission notes available from Ms Hyder in the Social Science Staffroom.

The Mid North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival is at Coffs Harbour Memorial Pool on Friday 27th of February 2015. It is requested participants stay for the duration of the carnival as permission notes will be distributed to students selected to represent Woolgoolga High School at the zone carnival. Also if time permits there will be training for the WHS relay teams.

In the event of storms, an announcement concerning alternative arrangements will be made on radio stations Star FM and 2CHY FM at approximately 7.30am. Please do not phone these stations; wait and listen. If you are unsure, please send students prepared for both the swimming carnival and lessons. Mufti day dress will be acceptable.

If you have any questions regarding the carnival please contact Ms Hyder or the Deputy Principal.

Melissa Hyder
Carnival Organiser

Iain Henderson
Deputy Principal

Congratulations to our 2015 Sports Captains!

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The annual whole school swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 11th February 2015 at the Woolgoolga Swimming Pool.

The cost of pool entry is $3.00.

The carnival will begin at 8.20am for students participating in the 400m Freestyle race. All other students are to be at the pool by 8.50am for roll call. School buses will run as normal on Wednesday, dropping students at the pool in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon.

All students are encouraged to participate in the carnival, with traditional swimming races for students to compete in along with novelty events for all swimming abilities. Students are reminded that normal attendance requirements will apply.

Students are strongly advised to be SUNSMART i.e. wear a hat, have plenty of sunscreen and a shirt (preferably in your house colour). There will be some marquees at the pool for shade. No face paint or body paint of any kind is permitted.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the carnival and support their children. It is requested no shade structures be erected on the west side of the pool, so that the space under the shade cloths remain available for students.

It is requested that parents and caregivers do not bring take-away food to the swimming carnival for the children during the day. Please encourage students to bring a packed lunch or support the Yr 12 fundraising BBQ or pool canteen.

Roll call will be in year groups. Make sure your name is marked off the roll and you get your competitor number written on your arm from your Year Advisor or assisting teachers.

To achieve positive award levels in 2015 students must ATTEND and be ACTIVELY INVOLVED in the school Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics carnivals. There are plenty of jobs for non-swimmers so they can be ACTIVELY INVOLVED (setting up pool, data entry, running messages etc.)

There will be a number of occasions during the school year when the school may take photographs to be included in the School Newsletters, in the local papers, in other school publications or possibly on the School’s Website. This is one way of recognising student and school achievements. However, privacy laws require parental permission for this to occur. If you do not wish your child’s photograph to be taken and used for such purposes please contact the school by phone or in writing before our first official school activity, the school Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 4th February.

In the event of rain, an announcement concerning alternative arrangements will be made on radio stations Star FM and 2CHY FM at approximately 7.30am. Please do not phone these stations; wait and listen. If you are unsure, please send students prepared for both the swimming carnival and lessons. Mufti day dress will be acceptable.

If you have any questions regarding the carnival please contact Ms Hyder or the Deputy Principal.

Melissa Hyder  
Carnival Organiser  
Iain Henderson  
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**Students’ Photographs**

There are many occasions where we would like to publish photographs of students involved in various school activities, including reports for the local papers, school newsletters, and the annual report and on our school website.

If you do not wish your child’s photograph to be used for these purposes, please notify the school in writing.
Welcome Year 7 to our Sport Program

Firstly, I would like to thank the parents and carers of our Year 7 students for providing their daughters and sons with the School Sport Uniform.

The students really look great, like they are ready for physical activity when they are in uniform. Unrestricted movement is obviously important during sporting activities.

Please ensure students do not wear their sport uniform to school. This often leads to forgetting their change of clothes (school uniform) and given that sport lessons are early in the day, students are then left to wear sweaty and sometimes a dirty sport uniform for the remainder of the day.

The sport that we have started with is volleyball and this program will run for about five weeks, then we will move on to touch football. In term two we hope to begin sport off campus so if the $50 sport fee could be paid by the end of Term 1 this will ensure your child can participate in a "cost " sport next term.

I trust your daughter/son is enjoying their high school sport experience. If there are any questions or concerns regarding this program, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kath Bear
Year 7 Sports Co-ordinator

Safety First

Parents, carers and students are reminded not to use the staff car park for dropping off or picking up their children, unless using the disabled parking bays.

Our car park is very congested, especially on rainy days directly before school begins and after school finishes. Parking is available at the front of the school for safety and a covered walkway for students’ convenience leads from the bus bay into the grounds.
## 2015 SPORTS DATES

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**PLEASE NOTE:** DATES AND VENUES ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING BUT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK CLOSER TO EVENT.
Woolgoolga High School
School Uniform Guidelines 2014

The school colours are sky blue and navy blue. Our aim is to have the students wear our uniform so that a feeling of pride in belonging to the school is developed. Students should be encouraged to take pride in their appearance, presenting a neat and tidy image to the public. Uniform is also worn for safety and child protection reasons as well as to meet NSW Occupational Health & Safety Laws as we are a workplace training facility. It is a requirement under law that fully enclosed leather footwear must be worn in all practical classes.

### Basic Uniform for Girls

**Junior Girls - Years 7 to 10**
- Navy shorts (mid-length between knee and hip) or skirt with two pleats in front
- Sky blue buttoned and collared shirt with logo on pocket
- Acceptable socks are white (with or without blue stripe) or navy socks
- Enclosed shoes in school colours (black, white, navy, grey, blue), preferably leather but NOT canvas as they do not adequately ensure safety

**Senior Girls - Years 11 to 12**
- Navy blue skirt with two pleats in front or shorts (same style as junior uniform)
- White collared and buttoned shirt with navy piping trim and logo on pocket
- White socks
- Enclosed shoes in school colours (black, white, navy, grey, blue), preferably leather but NOT canvas as they do not adequately ensure safety
- Navy blue tie may be worn with collared buttoned shirt (not with polo shirt)

### Basic Uniform for Boys

**Junior Boys - Years 7 to 10**
- Grey shorts or trousers
- Sky blue collared shirt (polo only) with logo and navy/white striped trim on collar
- Socks in school colours
- Enclosed shoes in school colours (black, white, navy, grey, blue), preferably leather but NOT canvas as they do not adequately ensure safety

**Senior Boys - Years 11 to 12**
- Navy blue shorts or long trousers
- White collared shirt (polo or buttoned) with logo and navy/ sky blue striped trim on collar
- Socks in school colours
- Enclosed shoes in school colours (black, white, navy, grey, blue), preferably leather but NOT canvas as they do not adequately ensure safety
- Navy blue tie may be worn with collared buttoned shirt (not with polo shirt)

### Please Note
- No denim allowed
- Girls skirts and shorts should be worn no longer than just above the knee (no cuff) and no shorter than “mid-length”, half way between the knee and the hip; very short style shorts are not suitable and should not be worn
- Undergarments must be neutral in colour and not showing
- Belts are not part of uniform but if worn should not show
- All shirts or tops must have collars
- All students should have enclosed shoes, preferably leather, in school colours (navy, grey, blue, black or white); NO sandals, canvas shoes or thongs are allowed due to safety issues; laws prevent us from allowing students to enter some practical classrooms without the correct footwear
- Students are expected to wear school uniform on all excursions unless otherwise stated

### Cold Weather Alternative
- Navy zip front jumper with logo and sky blue lining inside of hood; all hoods must be worn down in class
- Girls - Navy trousers and white (senior), sky blue (junior) blouse or top; navy (not black) non-patterned stockings or tights with skirts or shorts are also allowed
- Boys - Navy (senior) or grey (junior) pants and white (senior), pale blue (junior) shirt

### Sports and PE Uniform – Girls and Boys
- Navy shorts with sky blue piping trim and WHS lettering with tri-coloured sky blue, white and navy polo shirt with logo and striped trim on collar
- White socks and sports shoes
- Variation for particular sports – special uniforms may be required
- For hygiene reasons and for freedom of movement, students are to change into and out of their sport uniform shirts for Sport and PDHPE practical lessons. The Sports/PDHPE shirts may be worn to other classes.
- Year 8-10 may come to school on Wednesdays in their FULL SPORTS UNIFORM (sports top AND sports shorts)

### The Following Items Are Not Acceptable
- No insignias, stripes or obvious brand names should adorn the uniform
- No football socks, black shirts, large brand name insignias, single tops or denim
- No sandals or thongs - all students should have enclosed shoes in school colours (black, white, navy, grey, blue)
- Track suit pants are NOT part of the school uniform

### Please Note:
- Funds are available to assist students to purchase uniforms if financial hardship occurs – please contact the Principal or Deputy Principal.
**Parent Tips!**

**Leaving your child at home alone**

Making some clear 'home alone' rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and can also keep you from worrying. Most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed.


**Printable 2015 homework calendars**

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out School A to Z’s 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


**Helping your child with career choices**

A video interview with a career expert offers advice to parents about how they can assist their children to recognise their personal interests and choose a career that suits them.


**Are active kids less likely to be bullied?**

Researchers have found kids who do extracurricular activities (such as sport or voluntary work) tend to be safer online, encounter less cyberbullying, and are more resilient to harassment if it occurs.

Canteen—Eat Fresh

http://www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/parent-information

See menu with price list on the school’s website

Volunteers needed to serve in only 1 hour increments:

8.30am - 9.30am
11.00am - 12.00 noon
1.00pm - 2.00pm

If you can help please ring the school on 66541500 or follow the link on the school’s website to complete the expression of interest.

Reminder to senior students

• When driving to and from school you will need to complete the 'Conditions for Application for Student Drivers' form. This can be obtained from your year Deputy Principal.

• All senior students are to remain on school premises for the entire day. Those wishing to leave at recess or lunch time will need prior permission.

• Flexible leave passes—see your year Deputy Principal.

• All senior students with unscheduled classes are expected to study in the 'Senior Area' in the Library.
WIN a Classroom of iPads!

Support your favourite school every time you shop at Park Beach Plaza! Start collecting your receipts today and present them to Customer Information to allocate points to your favourite school. Competition closes 11 March 2015.

Information Night

Do you know how floods, storms or tsunami could affect you and your home?

How will you get ready for a natural disaster?

Do you know who to call if you need help?

Would you like to join the NSW SES in an operations, support or education role?

Come along and find out lots of information.

Woolgoolga Scout Hall
Monday 23 February
6.30—8.00pm
All welcome
Corindi Red Rock SC
Sat Feb 7th & 21st 4-6pm at Amble Inn.
Tues 10th, Wed 11th & Thurs 12th Corindi Post Office from 3pm on.
Registrar: Lana Taylor - 0439 066 049

Registrations for 2015 are being taken now!
To register, go to www.myfootballclub.com.au and follow prompts.
Or meet your local club representatives.

Woolgoolga United FC
Saturday Feb 7st, 14th & 21th at Seaview Tavern, 10am-12pm.
Registrar: Jason Love - 0449 666 463
EFTPOS Facilities for credit/debit card transactions are now available for making payments at the school office. There is no cash out facility. The office is open for students to make payments before school and during Break 1.
ABDUCTED / MISSING
BRONTE & ISABELLA WATTER
$10,000 Reward

For information leading to the location of missing 7 year-old non-identical twins abducted from school in Townsville on 4 April 2014 and still missing.

Abducted by non-custodial parent Catherine “Cassie” Watter (nee Doubleday) in breach of court orders.

Recently in the Brisbane North region. Current location unknown.

Call CrimeStoppers to report sightings or information about the girls or Cassie Watter.

Help Find Isabella and Bronte  @Isabella_Bronte