



## Meet your SRC Executive

*Back L-R:* Liam Carver (Vice President), Kirk Mathews (President)

*Middle L-R:* Leonie Small (Treasurer / CHV Liaison)

### **WANT TO BE INVOLVED?**

Year 11 students wishing to be involved in the SRC must attend at least three SRC meetings during Terms 1 and 2 to be eligible to be nominated for a position on the executive. SRC elections are held at the student meeting on 5 June. The new executive is announced at the Colours Day activity on Thursday, 21 June. Students should see Ian Rushforth for details of regular SRC meeting times and location.

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Welcome to the 2007 College Year. The Year 12 of 2006 carried on the tradition of excellent HSC results. There were solid results across the whole cohort with many outstanding performances. Congratulations to students and staff on a great performance. College dux of 2006 Synden Linsley proved the award was deserved by also achieving the top UAI of 98.1. I believe this was the second highest in the area. Synden is heading south to ANU to pursue her university studies there. Last week she also picked up the local Fishburn Watson O'Brien scholarship to assist with her studies. Zoe Hillier and Luke Garden were awarded lucrative scholarships, further information is in this edition.

Welcome to our new Year 11. This is the largest group of Year 11s to enrol since the college began. The group have quickly adapted to the adult environment and can get themselves to class without the aid of a bell. I have met some and intend to get into classes in the near future to meet all. Welcome aboard and I hope you thoroughly enjoy the next two years.

We have some new staff this year. Welcome to Dianne Hendry and Dawne Bruckner in the Mathematics faculty, Lynne Robertson in English/Drama, Lindsay Morley in Music, Wayne Warskitt in Science and Sue McEntyre in Visual Arts. All are experienced teachers and ready for the challenges of 2007.

I was saddened to learn that our general assistant Rod Boon became quite ill over the break and is fighting his own challenges at the moment. We are all thinking of you Rod and wishing you all the best.

Students will have access to additional support this year. We are in the throes of finalising extra tutorial and study support. From Week 4 the college will make available an after hours study centre one day a week from 4pm to 6pm. This facility will be staffed by a qualified teacher to assist students who wish to complete assignments, homework, study, assessment tasks etc. Later in the year students will have access to laptops to assist in project work. The college will also begin a tutorial centre this term that will assist in extension work on courses.

A brochure outlining the assistance available is included with this edition. Details of dates and times etc will be communicated to the students when the facilities are finalised.

Parents are invited to a parent/staff social evening on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Osprey Restaurant on campus. The purpose of the night is for parents to meet staff and have a chat over drinks and nibbles. I would particularly encourage parents of students new to the college to attend so we can introduce ourselves.

Once again welcome to the new academic year. The staff of the college look forward to a productive and enjoyable four terms.

*Peter Cameron*

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## MORE STUDENT NEWS FROM 2006...

**Ashlee Corfe** has been named Coffs Harbour Young Citizen of the Year.

**Luke Garden (UAI 97.20)** is enrolled to do Civil Engineering/Commerce at UNSW and has received two UNSW scholarships, one was presented at the Year 12 Presentation Day ceremony in 2006, and a Leighton Holdings Rural Scholarship in Civil Engineering (\$9,000 per annum).

**Synden Linsley (UAI 98.1)**, Dux of 2006 is studying a Bachelor of Law/Bachelor of Actuarial Studies at ANU and received the Fishburn Watson O'Brien law scholarship.

**Zoe Hillier** is studying Bachelor of Accounting at University of Technology Sydney and received a B. of Accounting Co-operative Education scholarship (\$12,500+ per annum).

### Past student news...

**Alys Moody (2002)** graduated from Sydney University with 1<sup>st</sup> class honours (English literature) and the University Medal.

**Renee Trezise (2003)** graduated from Griffith University (B. of Business/Psychology) and received the University Medal for Business.

**Bodie Clare (2003 SRC President)** – look for Bodie's name in the credits of the movie *Happy Feet*. Bodie was involved with the 3D animation in the movie.

## Contribution Scheme – 2007

General Contribution - \$70.00 each year

*(all students paying this will receive a FREE Year Book)*

Book Bond (refundable) - \$50.00

*(payable in Year 11 and refunded at the end of Year 12 or when student leaves)*

**Ceramics** - \$40 each year

**Design & Technology** - \$30 each year + major project materials

**Distance Education** - \$50

**Food Technology** -

Year 11 \$50 + \$10 uniform hire

Year 12 \$70 + \$10 uniform hire

**Hospitality Operations** -

Uniform purchased by student (approx. \$100)

Year 11 food costs \$60 + toolkit hire \$10

Year 12 food costs \$90 + toolkit hire \$10

**Marine Studies** - approximately \$250 (SCUBA, boat licence) + approximately \$550 (Heron Island excursion)

**Photography** - \$60 each year

**Textiles & Design** -

Year 11 \$40 + materials for project 2

Year 12 \$25 + major project materials

**University Courses** - \$50 each year

**Visual Arts** - \$40 each year + material for body of work

**Visual Design** - \$20 each + specialised project materials

Payments can be made at Admin as cash, cheque (payable to Coffs Harbour Senior College or Eftpos). If you would like to discuss finances and payment of fees, please contact Marie Moore on Level 1 Admin (6659 3010) to arrange an appointment with the Director. The college has limited Student Assistance funds and application forms to access these funds can be obtained from Marie

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Thank you  
to **Coffs Ex-services Club** for their  
generous donation of \$1000 to the  
college. The college is appreciative of  
the Club's support of education in the  
Coffs Harbour area.

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**HSC Mid-Course Exams**  
Commence Week 8 (19 March)  
And Conclude Week 10 (2 April)

## STUDENT INTERNET ACCESS AND EMAIL

The NSW Department of Education and Training is committed to providing a secure e-Learning environment. This year all students will be provided with an e-Learning account (DET user ID and password) to access the Internet facilities at the college, including filtered browsing and email. In using these e-Learning accounts, students are required to abide by the college's 'Student Access to the Internet' policy that was signed as part of the student enrolment procedure. This policy addresses issues including the safety and privacy of students, staff and other Internet users, and establishes an Internet code of behaviour.

If you would like further information about your student's access to Internet and email facilities at the college, please contact Gaille Sheehan (phone 6659 3115) or Geoff McBride (phone 6659 3120). Also available at the front office are copies of a Cybersmart Guide produced by the Department of Education and Training that students or parents may collect.

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## CHARGES FOR PRINTING ON CAMPUS

Parents and students are reminded that print charging applies to materials printed in the computer labs. Students access printing by using their student ID cards that are issued at the beginning of the year. Alternatively, if students wish they can purchase printing cards from the library. Each college student will be issued with a quota of printing for which there will be no charge to the student. This quota is designed to provide for the curriculum needs of students studying their HSC.

**When the quota is exhausted, further printing will be at the student's expense. Students are urged to monitor their printing so that it is done in an efficient manner and costs to individuals are minimised.**

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## Change of Address

for parents and students must be notified in writing to Admin as soon as possible.

## STUDENT COMPUTER ACCOUNTS

Some points to note:

- Computer accounts have been established for all new students and orientation sessions were conducted for all new Year 11 students. Further orientation sessions for new Year 11 or Year 12 students will be held every Thursday at 1pm in the Student Learning Centre.
- Returning Year 12 students need to see Gaille Sheehan (O.1.5) or Chris Webb (O.1.9) to reactivate their computer accounts.
- For any problems with computer accounts, students should see Gaille or Chris initially.
- Students are reminded that their ID cards are required for all printing on campus. The ID cards are also required as identification at the CHECIT Helpdesk where students may be sent to get assistance with their computer accounts.

## TAS FACULTY NEWS

The TAS faculty includes a wide variety of subjects. Each subject has its own requirements and students will be made aware of these requirements by the teacher of each subject. This includes what students need for each lesson, footwear requirements, cooking requirements, woodwork requirements and in the case of Textiles, travel requirements. Students need to plan what is needed for each lesson to ensure they are able to participate fully in the lesson prepared for them. Where there are difficulties in meeting these requirements, please consult with the teacher of the subject or the Head Teacher.

We are pleased to be running Engineering Studies at the college this year with Bob Christensen as the teacher. The course looks extremely interesting and we look forward to some excellent results from this group of students.

*Gaille Sheehan, Head Teacher TAS*

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**Parent Social Evening**  
Tuesday, 6 March – 6.30 pm  
Osprey Restaurant, CHEC

## SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

This year the faculty will provide a range of extra opportunities for students to excel. Registration for three competitions will open soon.

### **RACI Australian National Chemistry Quiz**

Competition Date: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007  
Registration Close: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007  
Year 11 & 12  
Cost: \$4.00

### **Rio Tinto Big Science Competition**

Competition Date: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007  
Registration Close: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007  
Year 11 & 12  
Cost: \$4.00

### **ICAS Science Competition (Australasian Science Competition)**

Competition Date: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007  
Registration Close: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007  
Year 11 & 12  
Cost: \$6.00

Students will be provided with further information in the coming weeks about each competition. Information will also be sent home closer to the registration date.

Increasingly, student participation in extra curricular activities is being used by universities, scholarship providers and employers in the selection of candidates. All students are encouraged to consider participating in one or more of these competitions.

*David Bateman, Head Teacher Science*

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## SUBJECT CHANGES – YEAR 11

The greatest majority of students have now confirmed their study pattern, however, some may still be considering changes of courses. Students are to see Garth Jones to undertake changes, but they must be aware that not all changes may be possible as it will depend on spaces in classes.

**Changes are to be finalised by the end of Week 4 (23 February).**

## **ASSESSMENT HANDBOOKS**

Information regarding all assessment tasks in both Preliminary and HSC courses conducted by the college is communicated to students via two Assessment Handbooks.

Each contains planning calendars inside the front and back covers for students to list the major tasks for the courses they are enrolled in. This enables every student to plan ahead and better manage both his/her time to effectively address the workload of tasks, and regular revision study efforts, leading up to formal examination periods.

A glossary of key words from the Board of Studies appears in both handbooks. Students should review this and all relevant information contained in the Assessment Handbook on a regular basis.

Students are always encouraged to discuss their workload with class teachers and with their mentor. Likewise, parents and care providers are invited to contact class teachers direct at any time – staff telephone numbers are enclosed with this newsletter.

The 2007 HSC Courses Assessment Handbook has been available to Year 12 students since mid-Term 4 last year. Year 11 students will receive their own copy of the 2007 Preliminary Courses Assessment Handbook during Week 4 (by 23 February). Accelerating students and some Pathways students will need to consult both Assessment Handbooks.

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## **COMMUNICATION**

The aim of the college is to encourage open communication between all partners – students, parents and staff. Please feel free to contact staff at any time on their extension numbers (list enclosed). Academic issues should be discussed immediately with the class teacher and/or head teacher, while welfare issues should be discussed with the year advisers, girls adviser, careers adviser or counselling team.

Administrative matters or general issues should be referred to the Assistant Director, Garth Jones.

## **MENTOR PROGRAM**

All students are assigned to one of their teachers as their mentor. This mentor will support the students in many ways and will take a special interest in them, especially how they have settled in at the college. Informal meetings between students and their mentors provide opportunities for students to raise issues of concern to them. Mentors can provide their students with advice on the productive use of their time, so that they can be well prepared for assessment tasks, exams and other assigned activities. Support is also available on study methods, coping with stress and other problems associated with Preliminary and HSC courses. Where mentors do not feel they have the expertise to directly help their students they will refer them to others who do possess the necessary expertise. This is a very valuable support mechanism that all students should use effectively. Year 12 students have been allocated their mentors and Year 11 students will receive one of their class teachers as a mentor in March. Parents should feel free to contact their student's mentor if they have any concerns.

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## **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance at lessons and other scheduled activities, such as student meetings, Crossroads, *All My Own Work* sessions and Colours Day, are compulsory. Under our timetabling structure a day's absence is in effect the equivalent of a student missing 50% of the weekly program in four to six units of their courses. Completion of the course is a prerequisite for both Year 11 and 12. Students are required to sign on before 2pm each day or they will be recorded as absent. Absences will be deemed as 'unexplained' unless a leave form is submitted within seven days. Teachers also record all absences of students in their classes. Students whose attendance is considered unsatisfactory will receive warning letters. Students are required to rectify the situation and should a student continue with an unsatisfactory record, a second and final warning will be issued and the student asked to justify their continued enrolment.

### ❖ **Regional University Roadshow**

Southern Cross University will host the Regional University Roadshow to be held on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 1.15pm in the D Block theatre. Representatives from Southern Cross University, University of New England, and Charles Sturt University will each give a brief presentation and will be available for individual questions.

Topics to be covered include application to university, costs associated with study, scholarships, special application schemes and course specific information. The presentation should be extremely useful for any student thinking about studying at university.

### ❖ **UAC Guides**

I have a number of last year's UAC Guides to give away. These contain the most recent information regarding specific universities in NSW, courses available for study and recent UAI cutoffs. If you would like a UAC Guide please see me. Year 12 students will receive a 2008 UAC Guide in late July.

### ❖ **Useful Websites**

Please see me if you would like a comprehensive copy of career websites. Many institutions advertise all scholarships on their website and do not send out hard copies to schools.

### ❖ **University of Queensland FEAST Program**

A four-day experiential camp featuring Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology will be held at the University of Queensland's Gatton Campus between Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> April and Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> April. For further information see me or visit [www.uq.edu.au/gatton](http://www.uq.edu.au/gatton)

### ❖ **Interviews**

Please contact me on 6659 3258 to discuss any career matter or to arrange an interview.

### ❖ **Tax File Numbers**

If you need a tax file number please see me for an application.

*Lance Noel, Careers Adviser*

## **SPORT NEWS** continued

### **REPRESENTATIVE SPORT**

Information concerning representative sport will appear in the daily notices, giving coach's name and selection information. **Kevin Walker** (in O.1.18) is the sport organiser for representative sport. End of year College Sport Awards are determined according to levels and breadth of sporting representation in NSW Combined High School sport activities during the year.

In other sports news from 2006, Robyn Lester has been awarded a prestigious Pierre de Cubertin Award for sportsmanship and endeavours in a range of sports consistent with the aims of the Olympic movement.

Duncan Chubb, who received a College Blue in Rugby, has been awarded a Blue in Rugby from North Coast CHS Sports Association.

Geoffrey Eastwood, who received a College Blue in Swimming, has been awarded an Honour Blue in Swimming from North Coast CHS Sports Association because he again achieved at this level in 2006 after receiving a North Coast Blue in 2005. Geoffrey capped an outstanding year when he was also awarded a Swimming Blue by the NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association.

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### **STUDY SKILLS**

During 2007 the college is continuing the Study Skills Program. Student booklets have been developed and form the basis for the program – sessions are designed to reinforce basic skills in organisation, note making and summarising, time management and revision techniques. Year 11 students will receive their copy of the booklet during Term 1. It is important to stress that if you, as a student, have problems with any areas at the college, then seek assistance – tutorial assistance is available with Susan Mifsud and Denise Wake. The Study Centre, staffed by qualified teachers, will commence in Week 4 (see brochure enclosed).

Over the next few weeks, a number of sporting events are scheduled to occur. Participation in all sporting events and excursions off-campus requires the prior return of a completed Permission Note and often the prepayment of any associated cost involved.

As information comes to hand, the details will be published in the daily student notices and/or at the fortnightly student meeting, or via an email message broadcast to all students.

Students are therefore advised to read and listen to ALL notices carefully to take full advantage of these and other opportunities of interest arising throughout the year. The following members of staff will be looking after these college sports/teams this year:

**Athletics** – Bob Edgar  
**Baseball** – Kevin Walker  
**Basketball** – Ian Rushforth (boys), Bob Edgar (girls)  
**Beach Volleyball** – Sue Bower  
**Cricket** – Kevin Walker  
**Cross Country** – Bob Edgar  
**Futsal** – Maria Priori  
**Golf** – Robyn Thomson  
**Hockey** – Craig Holden (girls)  
**Lawn Bowls** – Lance Noel  
**Netball** – Sue Bower  
**Rugby** – Chris Webb, Ross Burton  
**Rugby League** – Ross Burton, Chris Webb  
**Sailing** – Bob Edgar  
**Soccer** – Wayne Warskitt (boys), Maria Priori (girls)  
**Softball** – Sue Bower (girls)  
**Squash** – Maria Priori  
**Surfing** – Jon Hart  
**Surf Life Saving** – Chris Webb  
**Swimming** – Tanya Stack  
**Surf Life Saving** – Chris Webb  
**Table Tennis** – Kevin Walker  
**Tennis** – Kevin Walker  
**Touch** – Chris Webb (boys), David Bateman (girls)  
**Triathlon** – Bob Edgar  
**Volleyball** – Jon Hart (boys), Sue Bower (girls)

## **TERM 1:**

**6 March** – Parent Social Evening

**14 March** – College Photos

**26 March-5 April** – HSC MC exam period

**5 April** – Anzac Day ceremony, 11 am

**5 April** – Last Day Term 1

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## **FRIDAY SPORT REQUIREMENTS**

A range of different activities is organised for Year 11 students to choose from to meet their sport requirements.

- Students must choose a minimum of **two** sport sessions **per term** in order to meet both college and departmental eligibility requirements for the completion of Year 11.
- Exemptions from sport will be granted to some students, ie those already involved in regular external sporting activities. Written evidence must be provided – see **Ian Rushforth** (in C.1.9) if you think this applies to you.
- Sport lists will be posted on the noticeboard two weeks in advance – students need to check these to know when they are doing sport.
- Students are expected to be present at any sport they have nominated for. If absent, students are to notify Craig Holden.
- Students meet at the **CHEC Gym at 2pm** for on-campus sport and at the **bus bay** for off-campus sport at the advertised time.
- Clothing should be appropriate for the sport chosen. Non-marking rubber soled shoes must be worn in the gym.
- If attending an off-campus sport, a permission note needs to be completed and given to Ian at least one week in advance. Permission notes are available on the sign on tables.
- There are costs involved with some activities – check the noticeboard.
- Students in timetabled classes in Line 8 are exempt.

See page 6 for more sport news.