Cowra High School NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

Term 3 Issue 7, 17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At the conclusion of Term Three it can be said that students, staff and parents have certainly shown skills of resilience, flexibility and the importance of self care with the recent Learning From Home platform. I would like to thank you all for working hard to ensure that the students of Cowra High School are the priority.

I would like to congratulate Year 12 who have completed their Trial Examinations. I was afforded the opportunity to work closely with Head Teachers and read reports where staff have worked hard to ensure you have all achieved results that reflect your potential. Many of you have already been offered entry into University, gained apprenticeships, full time work or study at Tafe. The Cowra High School community are very proud of all of you and it has been fortunate that we could celebrate with you during the final week of Term Three, seeing you all dressed up on Whacky Wednesday and Thrifty Thursday. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for your future. Each of you have the skills to embark upon challenges that may come your way and step out of your comfort zone to continue to learn about yourself. Congratulations Year 12 2021!

Year 11 have worked hard preparing for their End of Course Examinations and sitting these online. The feedback from Year 11 teachers was that all students were able to engage in the examinations online successfully. Thank you to all the staff who worked together to compose online examinations for students to continue the timeline for Year 11 and conclude their course. I look forward to reading your reports next term and to you all commencing your Higher School Certificate studies.

Year 6/7 Transition at CHS had our partner primary schools attend to continue to experience a touch of high school prior to 2022. Students returned for more activities designed to reflect what teaching and learning looks like in a secondary setting and feel confident to prior to the commencement of Year 7. Thank you to Mrs Louise Rowston for leading the transition days and supporting our new students and staff who work collaboratively to ensure a fun and worthwhile day for all.

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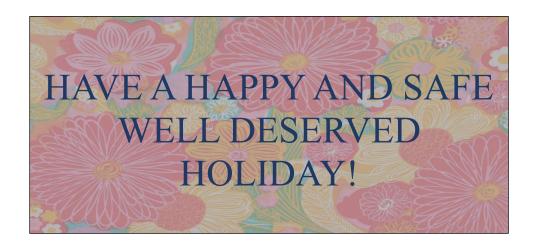
This week is the time where we as a school community take the time to stop and think about the amazing work done by our School Support and Administration Staff (SASS). Their jobs encompass everything from finance management, first aid to grounds and repair, as well as Food Technology/Hospitality assistance and Science Lab, attendance/enrolment, copying, and learning support and much, much more.

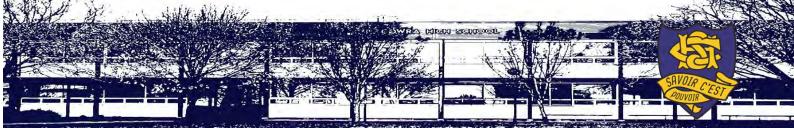
Our SASS staff support the wellbeing of students, teachers and the entire school community, especially during these remote learning phases.

You are all appreciated - we couldn't do it without you at Cowra High School. Seeing you everyday meeting parents and caring for students and staff each and every one of you are truly outstanding.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for their commitment to ensuring students learning and wellbeing is of the highest priority. Staff next term will continue to work collaboratively and share their expertise to ensure all students work towards more than one years growth for one year of learning. I hope you all have a safe holiday and ensure that you connect with family and friends. Rest up and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Regards, Helene Hamilton Principal





Deputy Principal Wellbeing Report

It is hard to believe that this newsletter sees the close of Term 3! Our HSC students now have an extended stu-vac holiday period to look forward to, with the final week of face-to-face teaching and learning concluding this week. I wish them all the very best as they continue to prepare for their HSC exams.

Our Preliminary students completed their yearly course exams over the past fortnight via an online platform, the first time we have done so at Cowra High School. I would like to congratulate them on their efforts, and I join all teaching staff in looking forward to seeing their results and assisting them in projecting forward with vigour and focus into their upcoming HSC year of study.

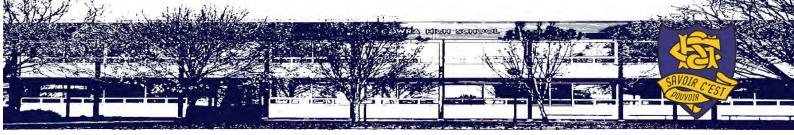
Term 4 sees the change to our summer uniform. A reminder to all students and families to ensure all students have appropriate summer uniform to start Term 4. The pride wearing correct attire shows in the school, and the shared sense of identity and belonging to the student body uniform, is a key aspect of schooling across all education institutions. As always, uniform assistance is available to all students and the school is very happy to help any families in need of support to ensure all students have the correct summer uniform. Please contact the school clerical office if we can be of any assistance in this regard.

In our last newsletter I wrote an important note regarding attendance. The key points made were that all school days are compulsory, and, that even if a student maintains a very high level of attendance at school throughout their 13 years of formal schooling, even a student with 90% attendance still misses a year of formal schooling as a result of their 10% absence over this period of time. A friendly reminder to all parents, carers and students that every school day is indeed compulsory and attendance is mandatory. Any necessary appointments should be made outside of school hours unless this is unavoidable, and all absences need to be explained to the school clerical office as soon as possible. Please let the school know if you have any questions about this or require any further clarification.

All staff are looking forward to the commencement of Term 4 and the teaching and learning opportunities this will bring. I would like to wish them and their families a very happy and well-earned holiday. I would also like to thank all students and their families for their support and efforts in ensuring the continuity of learning during the recent remote-learning period; I hope you all enjoy the break, take the time to recharge, and above all, stay safe.







A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our AMAZING students who celebrated their birthday in August and September

Chelsey Howarth Ruby McKeown Patrick Dun Samuel Dun Nikita Curtain Andrew Terbizan Jessica Parsons Ryan Carroll Joel Diamond-Squires Mitchell Blair-Dillon Jayden Gordon Hannah Stone Samantha O'Meley Coopa McNamee Abby Slattery Tatum Ryan-Sutherland Laina Kennewell Abby Baker Aeryc Sansum Jack Gee

Jacob Graham

Sabion McKeown

Kallum Miller

Tameeka Murray

Ryan Rudd

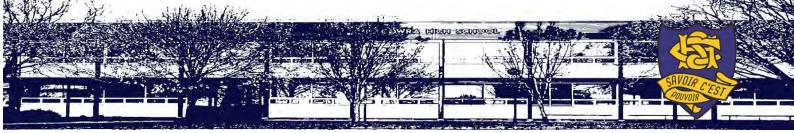
Jessi-May Williams

Nathan Cheng

Aiden Blinman Toby Croker Amelia McCulloch Shiloh Ballard Zachary Louttit Gemma Smith Chloe McKelvey Chelsea Marceddo Logan McKelvey Bella Mitchell Cooper Doyle Jayden Azzopardi Charlotte Ward Lucas McKenzie Lecksi Killick Christiane Bizimana Jonathan Ndayishimiye **Hugh Williams** Joshua Chalker **Ebony Ingram** Kiara Chambers Xander McMahon **Zachary Perkins** Alyssa Murray Tiffany Brown-Bartolo Makenzie Felton Cate Sutherland Charlotte Smith

Makayla Walker Kayne Veney Charlie Roberts Peter Henderson Ryley Fuller Blake Sandry Justice Radburn Ryan Louttit Jessica Schneiders Giselle Shaw-Baker Nicholas Hall Maddie Brown Mason Langfield Roderick Le Connor McMahon Jazmyn-Lee Gordon Isabella Howarth Noah Knight Sienna Grant Lexi Fliedner Marley Brown-Bartolo Montanah O'Malveney **Quarindee Bohman** Josie Hay Brianna Hay Aiden Gaffney **Brodie Hollingsworth** Allen Jane Del Rosario

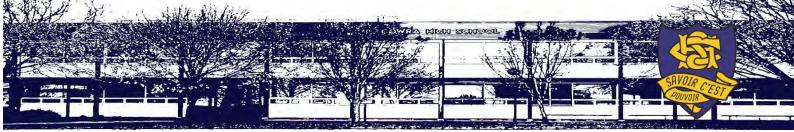




Cowra High School staff wish to thank all our parents and carers for your support during the lockdown period and for working hard to keep our students on task

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Keeping Up-To-Date





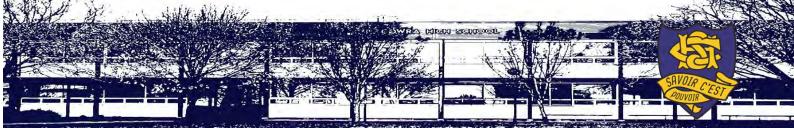
YEAR 7 VACCINATION CLINIC Vaccination Clinic Will be on Friday 15TH October











New Online Enrolment System

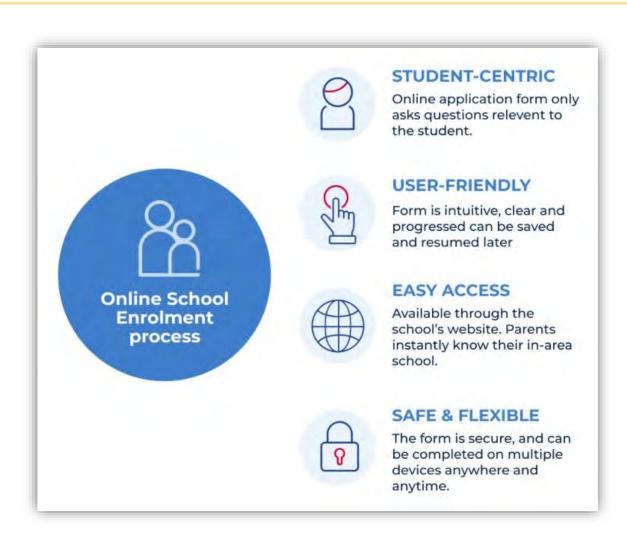
We are excited to announce we will be are rolling out the new Online Enrolment System from Monday 7 June 2021

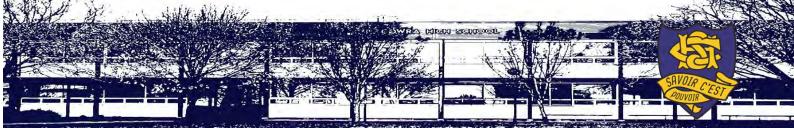
The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's going to a public school site. Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website https://cowrahschools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html





Learning in Science

Greetings from the Science and Agriculture faculty!

There has been a lot going on in Science and Agriculture, even with the current lockdown. In year 7 science classes and in Miss Pomering's 8P Science class, the students have been learning about forces. They have learnt about balanced and unbalanced forces, and how to calculate net force and weight force on Earth and on the Moon. Students learnt all about friction and carried out fun experiments online. Recently they have also been learning about static electricity and using fun simulations and games online to reinforce their learning. Some students also used balloons at home to study static electricity. To finish the unit of work, they will learn about buoyancy and surface tension.

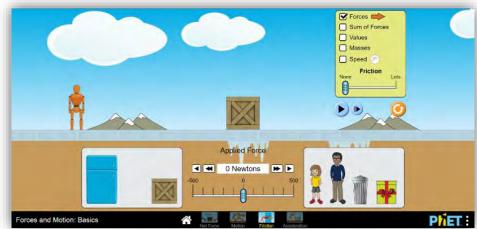


Figure 1: screenshot of an 8P student's online experiment on friction forces.

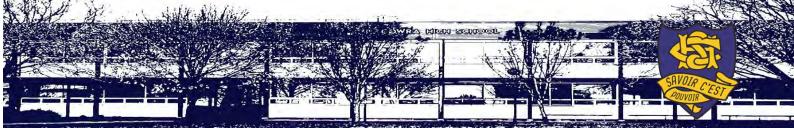
In year 8 the students have been learning about ecosystems. They have learnt about produces, consumers and decomposers and about food chains and webs. Year 8 Science classes now have an assignment on food webs to complete which can be found in their Google classrooms.

In year 9 the students recently completed their natural events assessment tasks. They have now been learning about atomic theory. Students have been learning about the parts of the atom, including how to determine the number of protons, neutrons and electrons in an atom. Students are learning about ions and valency and will also be learning about radioactivity and isotopes soon.

In year 10 students have been learning about evolution in 10 B Science, and motion in 10A and 10C science classes. The students in year 10 all recently completed their Independent Research Project at home and need to ensure that they submit the final scientific report for this task.

The stage 5 AES classes have been learning about electricity. They have learnt about series and parallel circuits, which includes how to calculate the current, voltage and resistance. They have also learnt about power and energy, and how a current carrying conductor produces a magnetic field. The students recently learnt about the difference between AC and DC, and the structure of DC motors, and are now studying how current can be generated.





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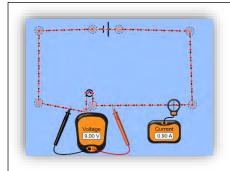


Figure 2: some of the online interactive experiments carrier out by stage 5 AES students

In year 11 Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Agriculture the students have been busily preparing for their Yearly Examinations. They will soon be starting their HSC work. We wish them all the best of luck.

In year 12 the students have all finalised their subject content and are now busily preparing for their HSC examinations through zoom lessons. We are looking forward to seeing them again soon in face to face classes.

The school farm is running smoothly. We had an agronomist come to the farm and with the students he took a soil sample. It was sent to Western Australia and the results returned. Then a follow up consultation was had here with the agronomist.

Blair has just sown a crop of lucerne that has sprouted. Previously he sowed a combination crop of vetch and oats in an effort to rejuvenate the soil and add nitrogen without using chemicals.

We had 10 lambs born. One died so there are 9 to be sold in coming months. One very old ewe died of pregnancy toxaemia. This is normally a rear occurrence but this year it was common in this region due to effects from the drought. Before the ewe was euthanized she was induced and her twin lambs were saved and bottle fed and are now back on the farm.

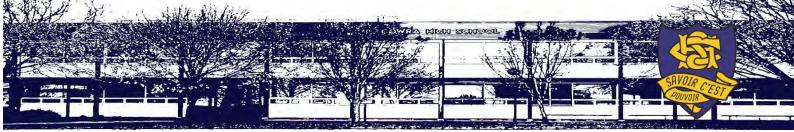
We have eggs for sale until the canteen is back in action- please contact the school if you would like to purchase some.

We sold all the young layer pullets that were very successfully hatched in the incubator.

We look forward to the students returning to the classroom and School Farm.







Learning in Agriculture



STAGE 5 AG REPORT



For a period of ten weeks, year 9 & 10 Agriculture students have conducted a lamb feed trail as a cooperative effort between local farmers, local rural stores, fabricators, Department of Primary Industries, stock and station agents and Cowra High School.

Lambs for the trial
were provided by local farmers,
Miss Joanna Treasure, Mr Brett
Treasure and Mr Ross Graham.

Feed and supplements were supplied by Mr. Alex Webster, Mr. Ray Wallace (Seed and Grain Cowra) Mr. Brett Treasure, Mr. Alan Weal and Delta Ag, Cowra.



Weigh scales supplied by Delta Ag. Mr. Rodney Watt (Felix Rams) donated a weigh crate and Mr. Peter Boyd (Boyd Metal Works) kindly donated a new sheep feeder.





The aim of the trial was to determine the most cost-effective ration for lambs to be sold for the domestic market.
Rations were primarily Barle or Lupin based.
Nutritional advice was provided by Dr.
Gordon Refshauge of NSW DPI, Cowra.





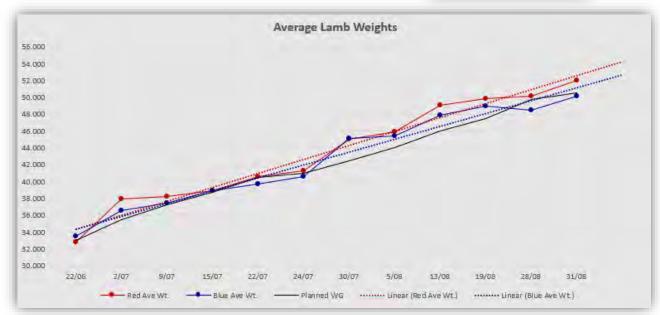
Students participated in preparing feed rations, stock management and husbandry procedures including weekly weighing to monitor animal health.



Mr Damien Stephenson of Norman C Bellamy Pty
Ltd provided a market appraisal and participated
in an instructional video for students demonstrating
how to assess lambs for the local market.
Our students gained invaluable knowledge
about nutrition and trial procedure as well
as market requirements.

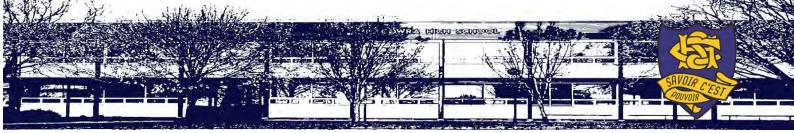






A quick thankyou to all those in the community and staff involved for investing in the future of Agriculture at Cowra High School.



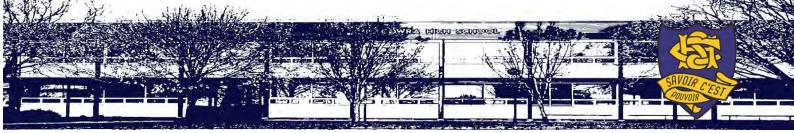


STAGE 6 AGRICULTURE



During the year our stage 6 Ag students have been busy studying the farm as a business, completing a Farm Case Study. The students learnt about farming systems, inputs and outputs, sustainability, and farm management.





STAGE 6 AGRICULTURE

Students also attended an Innovation in Agriculture event held by NSW Department of Agriculture at their research site in Orange.



They days was arranged around the stage 6 Agriculture outcomes. Students learnt about precision agronomy, new technologies in dairy and App design, climate science, horticulture and viticulture.

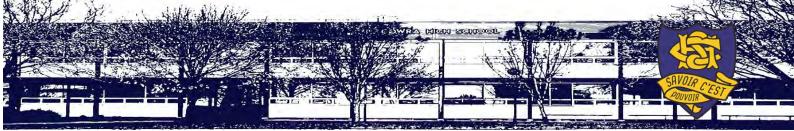
Employment in the agricultural sector was also a keen topic.











All About Me....



This or That

Sweet / Savoury - Sweet

Cat / Dog - Dog

Morning / Evening - Morning

Camping / Beach - **Beach**

Name: Zara Mckenzie

A little bit about me: I enjoy spending quality time with family and friends, and I love to stay active playing as many sports as I can.

An interesting fact about myself: I enjoy doing yoga and meditating.

My favourite quote: 'Be true to yourself"

Something that makes me happy: Spending time at the beach.

Something I'm proud of: Myself for getting through Year 12.

Something I'm improving on: My Confidence.

I can't live without: My mum and my family.



Each Jersey Day we ask schools and workplaces across Australia to allow students and employees to wear their favourite sporting jersey to school or work and begin the conversation with their family and friends about the importance of becoming an organ and tissue donor.



Mr Hamer and Mrs Watt supporting Jersey day 2021

https://www.jerseyday.com.au/register-to-become-an-organ-donor/





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"These awards celebrate the exceptional work that occurs every day across NSW public education"





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DARCY CALLAGHAN!



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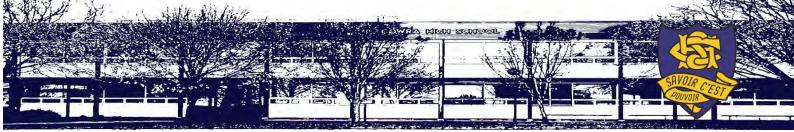


The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is a not-for-profit organisation that runs a number of residential programs to encourage young people in their passion for science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). Our programs show the wide variety of engaging, rewarding and inspiring study and career options available in STEM fields.

Our flagship program is the NYSF Year 12 Program, which runs in January each year for students about to enter year 12. Since 1984, more than 12,000 young Australians have progressed through the NYSF Year 12 Program, including those run under the organisation's previous banner, the National Science Summer School (NSSS).

Rotary is the Founding Partner of NYSF and today the 18 local Rotary districts across Australia continue to conduct selections for the NYSF Year 12 Program on behalf of the NYSF.





Year 12 Major Projects

Year 12 students working on Major Projects at school in a COVID safe setting. Yr12 Major Projects were almost complete prior to our current lockdown, however, there were some finishing touches that need to be completed before the due date.

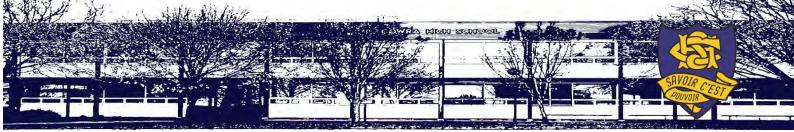










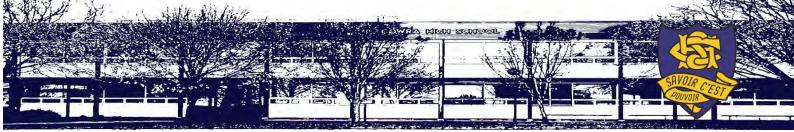


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WEAR YOUR CRAZY SOCKS AND YOUR OODIE AND THE COWRA HIGH SCHOOL BAKE OFF COMPETITION

During lockdown our students participated in some fun competitions and giveaways on our Instagram and Facebook Page.



Lily Lawler

Jacinta Blackburne



Charlie Duclos









Jayden Azzopardi



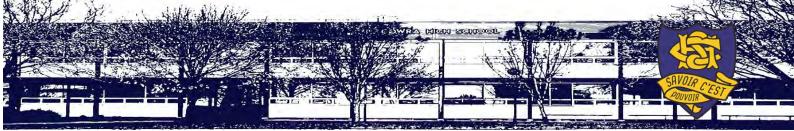




Charlotte Smith







FAREWELL YEAR 12



To have reached this important milestone is a wonderful achievement and you should be incredibly proud of yourselves as you head into your final exams and look to life beyond school.

Cowra High School wish you every success.

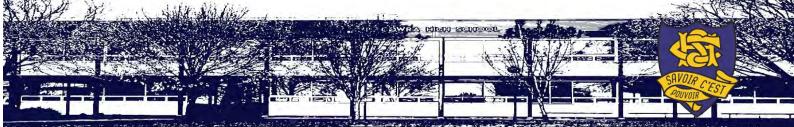














CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12!!!

You have almost made it... just a few exams to smash out next term & then you are 100% done with your 13 years of school education... how exciting!

Don't lose sight of this wonderful achievement you have accomplished regardless of all the COVID challenges that have changed how you thought you would achieve this goal. You are almost there just need to cross that finish line, so close, hang in there. You've got this.... & grit.... & resilience... two essential ingredients required for success... keep focusing on what you have rather than what you don't and then focus on what you want... remember this is your story and you hold the pen.

PS: Don't forget to be so appreciative of all those in your tribe, those number one fans of yours always supporting you to achieve your goals. They are amazing and it has been a marathon for them too.

"The best way to predict your future is to create it." —Abraham Lincoln

All I can say at this point is... bring on 2022... lots planned to happen outside our LGA, for now, we all need to stay safe, sane & appreciate our little freedoms as they come... this too shall pass!

Kind Regards Prue Williams Careers Adviser

CAREERS - WHAT'S HAPPENNING 2021

Term 4...

Thursday 4th November (Fingers Crossed) Meet a Keeper – Years 9, 10 & 11 @ Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo



"You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose!"

--Dr. Seuss





Careers.... LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

GRADUATE WOMEN NSW CENTRAL WEST BRANCH

Application is NOW OPEN for the

Cowra-Canowindra

Higher School Certificate Scholarship for Year 12 female students

(may be deferred to 2023)

Prize of \$2000.00

There will be two Scholarships awarded each of \$2000

Interested students are invited to submit:

- CV
- Letter of application
- ATAR (when it becomes available)
 University Acceptance (when it becomes available)

(Please refer to criteria available from the School Careers' Adviser or Principal) Email your application to: HSC Scholarship Coordinator

Graduate Women NSW Central West Branch

RSVP 25th January 2022

Further information at Graduate Women. NSW www.gwnsw.org.au

NEED FUNDS FOR STUDY AND TRAINING?

The Country Education Foundation of Cowra is a community-based association that provides financial assistance and encouragement to local school leavers to move into further education, training or entry-level careers.

Grants are based on circumstantial need and desire to achieving your goal, not on academic ability.

What funding can I get?

Grants usually range from \$500 - \$2000 and are 'non-cash'. This means they are distributed in the form of reimbursement to cover fees, text books, travel, accommodation, tools of the trade, unifo laptops and other costs associated with study, training and work. We can even pay an invoice you have sent to us so you are not out-of-pocket!

Who is eligible?

- You are between 16-25:
- You live or went to school in the Cowra area
- You can demonstrate need; and
- You show commitment to achieving your goal.

HOW DO I APPLY? Apply online at www.cef.org.au

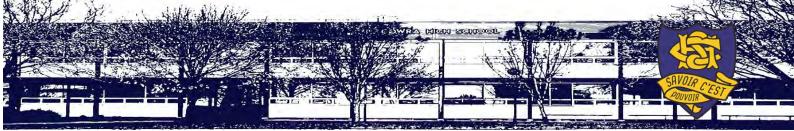


COUNTRY EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF COWRA

www.cef.org.au/foundations/cowra ontact: Annabel | 0420 969 181 | cefcowra@gmail.com







TAKE THE NEXT STEP WHILE YOU ARE IN SCHOOL & JOIN OUR TRIBE









AFTER SCHOOL

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I want to study



I want info on life after school





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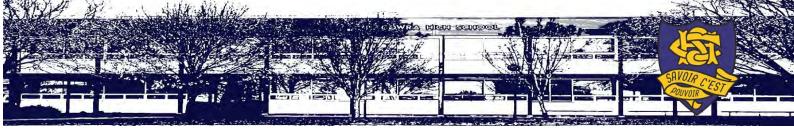
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Dive into the Summer Skills program today!

Every summer has its own story, time to write your own!

This summer is expected to be an absolute bumper. Many employers will need summer staff to cope with the huge demand of Jobs across a variety of Industries.

This is why the NSW Government is offering fee-free, industry aligned short course for young people wanting to learn new skills.

Who can apply?

Are you a school leaver or aged between 16 and 24? Are you looking to kick-start your summer career? Then Summer Skills could be for you.

Heaps of courses and locations available!

There are plenty of Jobs in trendy locations like Byron Bay and all the way down the beautiful NSW Coast; or head inland to magnificent places like Muddee.

You can choose from a range of short courses where there are plenty of jobs available in these industries:

- Hospitality
- Construction
- Agriculture
- Community Services
- · Sport & Recreation Swimming
- IT/Digital

Set yourself apart from your peers and get the skills you need.

Work in some of the most beautiful thriving parts of NSW. You could do a sea change or a tree change or hit the big smoke!

education.nsw.gov.au

Eligibility criteria

You must be:

- · a school leaver or
- aged between 16 and 24 (at the start of training)

You will also need to be:

- living or working in NSW
- Australian or New Zealand citizen, permanent resident or humanitarian visa holder
- signed out of school

Visit the Summer Skills enquiry form to register your interest

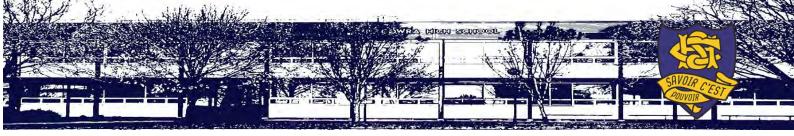
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HELPING YEAR 12 TAKE NEXT STEPS TOWARDS THEIR FUTURE







Skillset want to support Year 12's post school, no matter their chosen path.

IF THEY WANT A JOB



Resume help

Job Interview preparation

Insight on local job opportunities

The chance to try a trade

IF THEY WANT TO STUDY



Access to short courses to help with casual employment

insight on part time jobs to support study

Budgeting advice

IF THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY



Gap year guidance

Work experience tips

Post-school career counselling

For more information and to contact the Youth Connect team, scan the QR code!





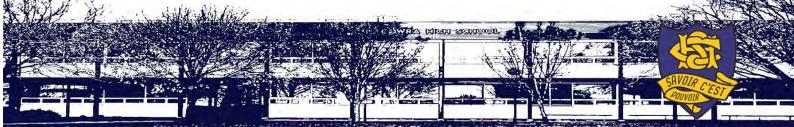
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Community News

