

TERM 1

AROUND THE GROUNDS





Principal DANE ROPA

Dear Parents

It's hard to believe we have completed Term 1 2021 already. For our Year 12 students, this means only 20 weeks to go until their HSC, even less for some subjects. Our senior students appear to be coping and working hard, while our new students are settling in well.

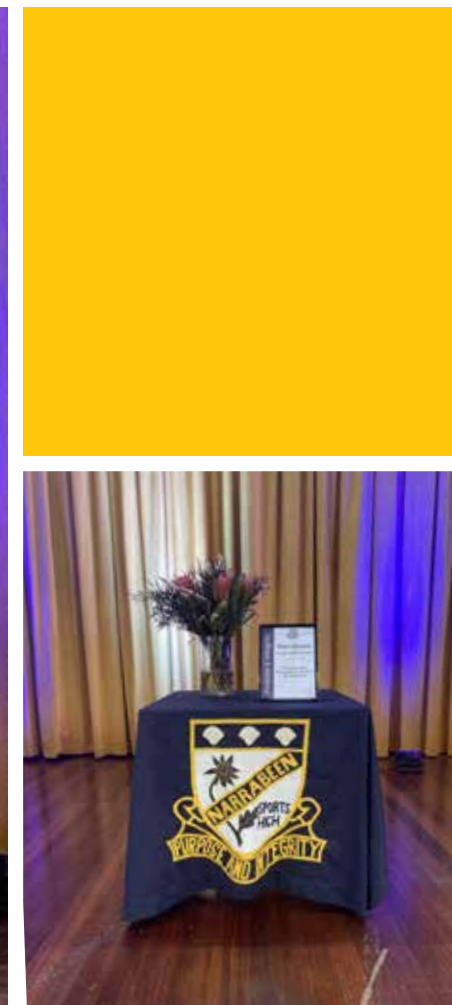
The great image below designed by our staff, represents what we offer at our school. At our core, we are a comprehensive, local high school with the added advantage of having a specialist sports program.

This term, it has been great to see the increased commitment to academic studies and participation in co-curricular teams at our school. More students than ever have been using our online learning platforms from Google Classroom to Edrolo. It is encouraging to see the number of parents using Google Guardian and the number of students using our Senior Tutorial Centre and Homework Club.

These programs provide free tutoring or help with assignments and homework. Our teachers give their time to be available in the library to support any student who needs help on Monday and Thursday afternoons and throughout the week for Year 11 and 12 students. I'm confident it was this dedication to study that helped every one of our students be offered a place at university last year, many even before they sat the HSC.

The following pages are a pictorial representation of our Term 1 adventures and successes. Then several important Term 2 updates.

All the best for a safe couple of weeks. We look forward to seeing you ready for Term 2.



PERSONAL BEST ASSEMBLY

This assembly recognised those students who achieved above the results of their previous report. While restrictions still in place meant we couldn't invite parents, our team set up a live-stream so family and friends could watch from near and far. We had over 500 parents watch each assembly!



The following pages showcase some of our Term 1 Highlights.
In addition:

- We started using the new classrooms in the Senior Learning Precinct (to be officially opened in Term 2)
- Year 7 SRC reps elected
- Writing Exchange Program with Narrabeen North Public School started
- Year 12 Photo Exhibition
- We created our first Parent Student Information Seminar
- Contributions to our P&C became tax deductible



YEAR 7 CAMP

Part of our transition program, and very important to help settle in to high school. New friendships are made, comfort zones are challenged and a lot of fun is had by all!

OPEN NIGHT

We had over 200 families attend our Open Night. And while we created virtual tours for each of our faculties, people wanted to be onsite and interact with our students and staff. A wonderful showcase of our school, staff, students and community.



IWD & HARMONY DAY

RESPECT for ourselves and others, is one of our three core values. We embed this in everything we do at NSHS. As part of this message, we actively participated in International Women's Day, International Women in Science Day and Harmony Day. #respect

SPORT

Here is a selection of some - definitely not all - of our Sporting Heroes. CLOCKWISE: 1) Open Boys Baseball, 2) Henry Riccioni - Brown CHS Tennis Championships, 3) Open Girls Football, 4) Tian Rae & Zac Morris who have made the Sydney North Baseball team, and 5) the 14's Rugby League team who won The Sydney North Buckley Shield.



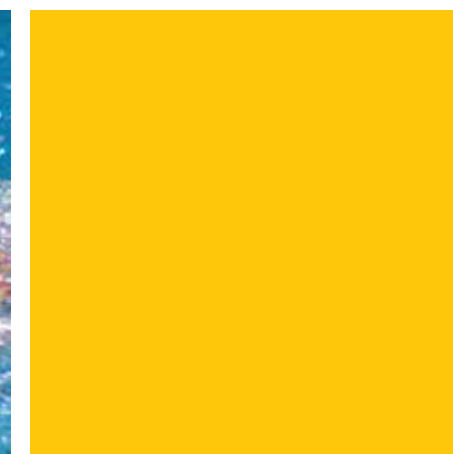
IN THE SURF

Our Academy Surf is run by ex-pro Beau Mitchell and his team. Each Tuesday and Thursday morning our surfers take to the water under their watchful and expert eye. No doubt, this will have it's advantages when the World Surfing League Championship comes to Narrabeen. We are also extra proud that ex-student Dylan Moffatt will be representing Australia at this international level competition.



NARRABEEN SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2021 RECORD BREAKERS

Mixed 300 Freestyle All Age Relay	Rafter	New Record: 3:09.52
Girls 15 200 Free	Melbourne, Dominique	New Record: 2:16.80
Girls 15-16 200 IM	Melbourne, Dominique	New Record: 2:38.34
Boys 13 100 Breast	Coy, Lachlan	New Record: 1:34.42
Boys 13 100 Free	Stockley, Jack	New Record: 1:05.58
Boys 17&0 100 Free	Melbourne, Lee	New Record: 0:55.00
Girls 15 100 Free	Melbourne, Dominique	New Record: 1:03.47
Girls 16 100 Free	Bradley, Gabrielle	New Record: 1:08.38
Boys 17&O 100 Back	Winn, Kyan	New Record: 1:08.01
Girls 14 100 Back	Clues, Olivia	New Record: 1:14.80
Girls 15 100 Back	Melbourne, Dominique	New Record: 1:12.47
Girls 16 100 Back	Bradley, Gabrielle	New Record: 1:17.22
Boys 12 50 Free	Stockley, Jack	New Record: 0:30.71
Girls 13 50 Free	Clues, Olivia	New Record: 0:30.48
Girls 14 50 Free	Clues, Olivia	New Record: 0:29.46
Girls 15 50 Free	Melbourne, Dominique	New Record: 28.88
Boys 12 100 Fly	Cater, Mitchell	New Record: 1:58.28
Boys 16 100 Fly	Morris, Mitchell	New Record: 1:05.04
Boys 17&O 100 Fly	Winn, Kyan	New Record: 1:03.53
Girls 13 100 Fly	Clues, Olivia	New Record: 1:17.68
Girls 14 100 Fly	Clues, Olivia	New Record: 1:15.17



SWIMMING

We had over 22 new records made at our School Swimming carnival. Those who qualified, went on to the Zone Carnival, which we won and where we had a lot of success. Lastly, we had the Sydney North Swimming Championships. Our school won over 50 other competing schools!

EXCURSIONS, EXHIBITIONS & OPENINGS

CLOCKWISE: 1) Year 12 Modern History students visited the Jewish Museum 2) Sunday Morrow's photographic works showcased in the Year 12 Photography Exhibition 3) The Writing Exchange Program with Narrabeen North Public School, and 4) First day using the Senior Learning Precinct.



PAST STUDENTS

Some of our past students are excelling on a national (and global) stage. 1) Cooper Chapman, ex-pro surfer now surf commentator on Channel 9 and host of the Good Human Podcast, 2) Dylan Moffatt, competing in the Pro World Surf League (WSL) Series, 3) Zach Morris, top 10 and automatic qualifier for 2022 Nutri-grain Iron Series, and 4) Lauren McWilliams, Digital Producer 60 Minutes, and our first ex-student to come and speak to our senior students this year about 'What Next?'

CHANGES FOR TERM 2

90% OR ABOVE ATTENDANCE

From Term 2 students will need to have a 90% school attendance rate to be eligible to attend non-curriculum activities including excursions and incursions.

While not a new initiative, we will begin enforcing it next term. Earlier this term, we let our students know, and at that stage, almost all students had the opportunity to reach 90% attendance by attending the remaining weeks left in the term. On Thursday 1 April 2021, 89% of the school attended which is the highest last day of term attendance we were able to find on record! Congratulations to our students and parents who made this happen!

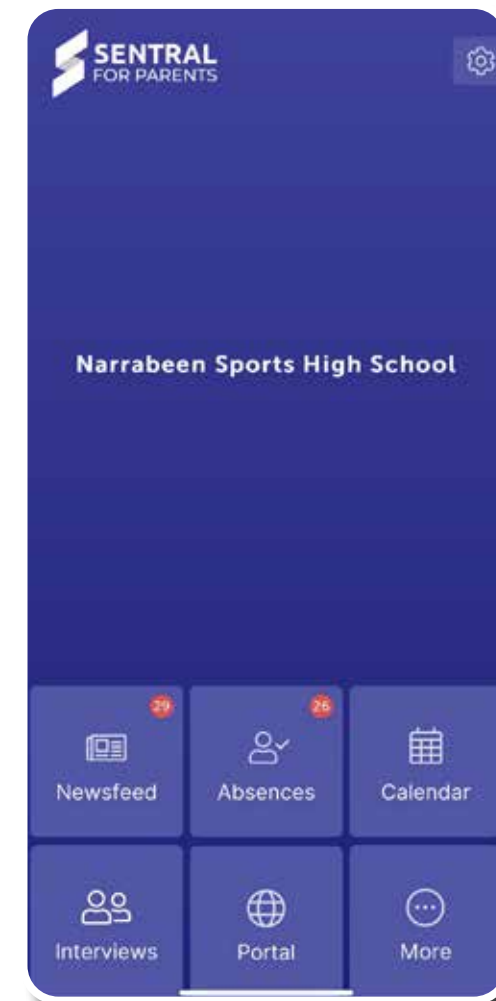
We want our students to value their education and being away from school has a negative impact on this. When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to learn, build friendships and develop life skills. The graphic below shows how missing school can really add up:



You can use the Parent Portal to track your child's attendance. We ask that, unless it is unavoidable, appointments for your child to see doctors, physios or other specialists, be made outside of school learning hours. If this is not possible, the school must be notified, your child needs to find out what work they will miss, and the absence will count towards your child's official record of attendance as absences.

Also, we know there are some extenuating circumstances that can cause extended absences from school. If this is the case, please keep us informed so we can ensure your child stays on top of their school work.

We want all of our students to be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities, sports, and incursions however it takes all of us to help make this happen. Thank you for your support with this. Showing up is the key to success - one the core values we strive for at Narrabeen Sports High School.



PARENT PORTAL & APP

After many challenges, we are happy to announce that our Parent Portal has had an upgrade. You may have noticed some changes and a fresh look. The new design will make it easier for you to navigate and find the information you are seeking.

And if that isn't exciting enough, these upgrades also mean we have a new App that will make it easy for you to stay up to date with what is happening with your child at school, what events are coming up and any other important information you need to know.

The information you need to download and use the App is here. <https://info.sentral.com.au/new-app-getting-started>

While this App will make all communications more clear and timely in the future, we do anticipate teething problems.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we roll out this new system. For answers to the Frequently Asked Questions, please visit the link above. Please let us know if you still have questions after going through all the information as this will help us communicate it to other parents.

Thank you to Mr Date, Deputy Principal for his tech skills and getting all the school data on to the App. It was a huge task and one that will allow for clear communication between parents and our school.





See you in Term 2

