



TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

PrincipalSue Xenos

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to all staff, students and families.

Term 2 is always a very busy term. This is the time that assessment of learning really becomes a feature as teachers look to assess what has been learnt and levels of understanding of what has been taught.

By the time you read this, NAPLAN will have already taken place. Unlike last year, this test is no longer going to be used to assess or determine whether a student has met a minimum standard to be eligible for the HSC. All we asked of students during this time was to give their best, which I am sure our students would have done. It is a snapshot of ability at a point in time and can be a very useful diagnostic tool for us to see what is working and where the areas of need are.

As winter approaches, can I remind all families that 'Hoodies' are NOT part of the school uniform. We have warm jumpers available at Lowes with the school logo or you may choose to buy a plain navy jumper elsewhere. Student's who come to school in a hoodie, risk being asked to remove it. No students will go cold as any student who needs to remove the hoodie will be offered a clean jumper to put on (all jumpers are laundered after they are borrowed). If you are experiencing difficulty in purchasing a jumper, please contact the office for confidential assistance.

I am pleased to say that the situation with the toilets seem to be resolved. I am very proud of the senior girls who took charge of the situation and held a meeting where they told the other students of their concerns and what they expected of each other.

In the next few weeks we will be seeking support to start the process of examining our school identity. Part of our School Plan looks at School & Community Success. We want to find out how we can better communicate with parents and carers. We will also be looking at other aspects of our identity in the community such as our

school uniform, our logo and motto for the school.

When students are absent from school it is important that we receive advice from home, letting us know the reason for the absence as soon as possible. We can be notified via SkoolBag, by responding to the SMS or sending a note in with your student on the day they return. It is also important that partial absences are also explained. If your child is arriving at school late, they should bring a note with them, the same as they bring a note if they wish to leave early. Each week letters are sent out to all families with unexplained whole day absences. It would reduce our postage and workload greatly, if absences could be explained before the letter is generated.

When you need to change your address or phone number, the following process applies. You can send the details in through SkoolBag or via a note with your student. The office will endeavour to follow up to verify the change. If you ring up to make the change, the office will ask you for some details we have on file to verify who you are, before making the change.

Finally a big congratulations to all the students who have featured on our Facebook over the recent weeks. Many sporting endeavours as well as cultural and academic activities and achievements were posted. Overwhelmingly, students at Tomaree High are respectful, responsible and seek success for themselves. It is a pleasure to be able to work at this school.

Important dates

May 30 - P & C Meeting at 6.15 pm

June 5 - Beanie Day

June 26 - Yr 10 Parent Information Evening & Subject fair.
6pm in the MPC



Deputy Report - Jim Papworth

Let me introduce myself. My name is Jim Papworth and I have been teaching at Tomaree High School for almost seven years, coming from Dungog High School. I am currently relieving in the position of Deputy Principal for Arron Stevens for a period of up to one year while he is fulfilling a role as Principal at Wee Waa High School. My background is in PD/H/PE, having been a head teacher of PD/H/PE for 22 years and before that as Head Teacher Secondary Studies at a small country school in the State's west.

As relieving Deputy Principal this year, I am coordinating Years 8 and 11 and I have already enjoyed working with some wonderful young people. In particular, I was really impressed with the Year 11 group when they recently attended a 'Roadwise' joint presentation to students from Tomaree and St Philips. Our students displayed our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Success through their excellent behaviour and interactions with the presenters.

I have been visiting Year 8 classes on a regular basis and have been impressed by the positive approach that most students take with their learning. Later in the year students in Year 8 will be selecting their electives for Years 9 and 10 and so should be starting to consider the types of courses that they are interested in. The variety of courses on offer will give the students an opportunity to think about their interests and career aspirations.

Meanwhile, Year 11 students have settled down into senior school life with the majority of students satisfied with their initial subject choices. A number of students have changed subjects during term one into courses that better suit them and many students have changed levels of Maths and English. As the Preliminary year is now half completed, course changes are restricted to only changes in course level.

Due to changes in the Education Act made over a decade ago, students must attend school until the age of 17 years unless they obtain employment or training which totals 25 hours per week. Consequently there are some Year 11 students who become disengaged with school and whose attendance falls below what is needed to successfully complete courses. The ensuing problems of falling behind in their work and failure to submit assessment tasks can cause anxiety for the students, parents and teachers. Fortunately there are avenues in place for these students by way of a number of training organisations who can help with apprenticeships and training opportunities outside of school. Mr McElwain, our Careers Advisor, keeps a look out for local employment opportunities, and students should

check in with him regularly to see what is available.

I have enjoyed this role and look forward to meeting parents, particularly of Year 8 and 11 as the year progresses.

Jim Papworth
Relieving Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS

Annual General Meeting Held March 28th Elected Office Bearers and Committee Representatives

President – Richard Davis Secretary – Sue Cocking
Treasurer – Mel Kilby
Vice – Presidents : Bruce Cocking & Louise Powers
Finance Comm Rep – Col Marley School Improvement Team – Mel Kilby
Publicity Officer- Position not filled.

From our May Meeting Road Repair

It was brought to our attention that mystery person/persons filled some large pot holes. Our thanks to whoever carried out the much needed repair.

P&C Contributions to Annual Assembly Presentation Prizes

Due to the considerable outlay it was agreed we review our contribution. If you know of a business, organisation or person who may be interested in sponsoring a prize please have them contact our Principal Ms Xenos.

Combined Meeting of Tomaree H.S & P.S. P&Cs with Local Member Kate Washington

It was agreed we pursue holding the same meeting that was initiated last year. It was suggested that our mayor Ryan Palmer be also invited.

E-Book Fundraiser

Thank you to those who have purchased a book or app thus far. We have made a total of 20 sales so we are well on the way of our target of 50.

If you use your credit card to pay for a book order that has to be processed by the P&C WE WILL DELIVER YOUR ORDER. Just note please deliver on the order form.

20TH Anniversary Celebration in November

If you have any suggestions for the program of events e-mail them to vickidavis8@bigpond.com

NEXT GENERAL MEETING All welcome. May 30th 6:15p.m.

ANZAC DAY



On Wednesday the 11th April, Tomaree High School held it's annual ANZAC assembly. Officer Cadet Dirk Smith from Williamstown RAAF BASE gave a wonderful speech to the students about what he has learnt about the significance of ANZAC day since migrating from his home country of South Africa. He also explained to students his experiences whilst serving in the RAAF. Students were very respectful of the ANZAC traditions during the assembly.

School Captain and Modern History student, Isaac Haynes, researched and delivered his speech on the centenary of the battle in the French town of Viller Bretenoux on the Western Front in 1918. He and female School Captain Molly Frazer laid the wreath at the school's Lone Pine Commemorative garden. During the school holidays a formal border has been laid to beautify the garden which is flourishing.

Debra Mould

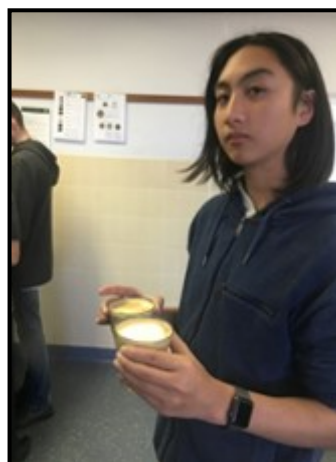
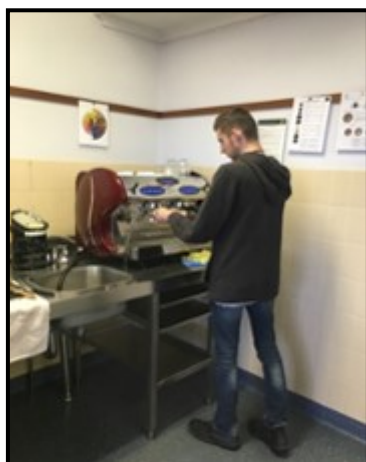
Defence Transition Mentor

SUPPORT UNIT - NEWS

Students from the Tomaree Support Unit have been participating in the Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) which has been conducted at Hamilton TAFE. The students have travelled down to Newcastle by bus each day with supervising SLSO, Leanne Blackwell. YES is a new and innovative TAFE program which enables the students to develop initial skills in Hospitality and Cookery, Hair and Beauty, Electronics and Mechatronics, as well as in

Community Services. This training has proved to be enormously valuable to our students providing them with the skills and knowledge to make informed choices about their future learning opportunities. This was a very successful experience for our students!

Dominic Witcom
H.T. Special Ed



From the Labs and Farm

During Term 1 our school received a donation of Lego Mindstorms kits from Rainbow Bricks. STEM teacher, Stephen Hartmann, participated in Rainbow Bricks annual event – Bricks @ The Bay and profits from this event were used to make the donation. The year 10 STEM elective class will use these kits to further their understanding of robotics and coding throughout the year. Thanks to Kevin Evans and members of Rainbow Bricks Lego User Group for supporting Tomaree High School and students with an interest in STEM and robotics. We have also recently received a 3D printer as part of a grant from Hunter ME. Thank you to them as well. These new resources will help us to provide a range of challenging activities to develop the knowledge and skills of students in STEM and Science.

Two teams of STEM students are currently preparing to enter the annual Aeronautics Challenge next week. At this competition they will compete with teams from other local High Schools to make and launch the best balsa wood planes and bottle rockets. We wish them the best of luck in this competition.

Some students from Years 7 to 10 are also gearing themselves up to do their best in the ICAS Science Competition which will be held on Tuesday 29th May.

All students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 have Half Yearly assessments for Science in the next few weeks. The tests will be conducted in class time, with Years 9 and 10 being held in Week 5 and Years 7 and 8 in Week 6. Class teachers can assist students with revision for the upcoming tests.

Our Senior students in Year 11 Science and Agriculture courses have commenced, or are about to commence, field studies, farm studies and other depth studies in line with the requirements of the new syllabuses. These studies require students to work independently to observe and analyse natural ecosystems, enterprises or experiments. Year 12 completed their Mid-Course assessments at the end of last term and are continuing with preparations for the HSC later in the year.

As always, our dedicated Science, Agriculture and STEM teachers strive to provide students with a range of rich learning opportunities and interesting investigations to enhance their knowledge and skills.

Linda Hazell
Head Teacher Science and Agriculture and
STEM Co-ordinator



SPORT

Touch

On the weekend, Bayley, Toby, Jacinda, Tarsha and Grace competed at the NSW CHS 15s Touch Football Tournament for the Hunter Region. The girl's team were runners up whilst the boys missed the final. Congratulations to all those students and particularly Tarsha, who was selected in the NSW CHS team. Tarsha will play at the NSW All Schools Tournament later this term. Well done!



Cross Country 2018

Tomaree had a fantastic cross country carnival. Congratulations to those people who took on the 4km competitive run, you were exceptional. It was great to see the enthusiasm from the non-competitive students who enjoyed the sand hill the most. The top 3 overall boys were: Casper Flint, Ethan Lambert and Kean Thomas whilst the girls were Letia Shiner, Kiara Dixon and Claudia Samoilenko.

Congratulations to the following age champions: 12 Years: Tyler Sarmias, Tianah Samoilenko; 13 Years: Iori Clarkson, Lexi Daly; 14 Years: Hugh Doherty, Claudia Samoilenko; 15 Years: Ethan Lambert, Logan Stewart; 16 Years: Ben Anderson/ Joshua Innis, Letia Shiner; 17+ Years: Caspar Flint, Kiara Dixon.

Zone Cross Country

Tomaree Cross Country runners have done their school proud yet again. Out of the 47 runners, THS had 40 qualify for the Hunter Carnival with top 10 positions. The Zone Champions were Claudia Samoilenko (14 Years), Logan Stewart (15 Years) and Tia Shiner (16 Years).

All of the students were exemplary in their behaviour and represented their school beautifully. We were super proud to be associated with such an excellent group of young people. Congratulations to all runners and to those who qualified for the next level of competition.

School Athletics Carnival

Tomaree High had a fantastic Athletics Carnival. The weather was perfect and so was the competitive and non-competitive races. At the end of the day, Stephens was crowned the overall champion house, followed by Nelson, Tomaree and Yacaaba.

The Age Champions were: 12 Years: Ava Forster and Lochlan Bartlett-Baldwin; 13 Years: Hanah McCleer and Alex Howarth; 14 Years: Grace Baxter and Sam Orton; 15 Years: Emily Cusworth and Cooper Luff; 16 Years: Erin Clark and Dylan Baillache; 17+ Years: Angela Helly and Kean Thomas.

There were four records broken on the day as well.

Congratulations to Lochlan Bartlett-Baldwin (12 Years 100m), Ben Esquilant (15 Years 100m and 200m) and Jack Kenny (15 Years Javelin).

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Cross Country Age Champions

Age	Girls	Boys
12 Years	Tianah Samoilenko	Tyler Sarmias
13 Years	Lexi Daly	Iori Clarkson
14 Years	Claudia Samoilenko	Hugh Doherty
15 Years	Logan Stewart	Ethan Lambert
16 Years	Letia Shiner	Ben Anderson/Joshua Innis
17+ Years	Kiara Dixon	Casper Flint



Hunter Regional Representatives

Congratulations to the following students for being selected into the Hunter Regional Team:

Surfing

Ellie Clayton-Brown
Michael Clayton-Brown
Charli Law

Hockey

Lucas McLeod
Jamie Whatman

Open Rugby Union

Jack Vincent
Ryan Duffy
Jordan Byfield

HOME ECONOMICS

Year 7

The Year 7s have settled in well and appear to be enjoying the opportunities provided to learn new skills in the practical classrooms. Some are making carry cases with their new found textiles skills, and others are learning how to prepare gourmet dishes that you could see on your dining tables soon. Just a reminder that fully enclosed leather shoes are a must for our practical rooms.



Hospitality

I recently took 3 teams of Year 11 students to the Tocal Field Day to compete in the 'Bake or Burn' Competition. The teams represented themselves and the school with pride. Not only did each team have to cook and present a dish using a sustainable fish product within 20 minutes, they did this in front of a panel of judges and a live audience, and had to talk and answer questions on the microphone. Each team did an amazing job and Tomaree was lucky enough to make it to the finals finishing runner up for the day. Although we didn't win, we did receive feedback that one of our dishes was the best for the day. A great effort considering these students have only had 7 practical lessons this year. Congratulations to following students on an awesome effort, and here's to working towards bringing home 1st place next year: Ella Driscoll, Nicole Dufour, Ella Morison, Shenoa Cook, Tarnie O'Hanlin-Vidler, Hayley Meechan and our runners' up team – Emily Davis, Charlie Robinson and Isaac Trela.

Mrs D Smithson Head Teacher Home Economics





“Bake or Burn”

Tomaree High School's super chefs took out “Runner Up” at this year's competition.



YEAR 10 GOLD COAST CAMP

I would first like to thank all of our parents and caregivers who have paid the initial deposit for the upcoming school camp to the Gold Coast in Term 4. We have 126 deposits paid and now it is time to begin paying regularly into your child's account over the next three terms of 2018. Your child would have received a second note regarding the excursion and with it was a suggested payment plan.

It is not too late for your child to come to the Gold Coast. Please contact us at school to see what we can do to support you in making this happen.

- **Initial deposit: \$70 due 11th April Term 1 2018**
- **Second instalment of \$100 due Friday 1st June (Week 5, Term 2).**
- **Third instalment of \$70 due Wednesday 4th July (Week 10, Term 2).**
- **Fourth instalment of \$100 due Friday 24th August (Week 5, Term 3).**
- **Fifth instalment of \$70 due Wednesday 26th September (Week 10, Term 3).**
- **Sixth instalment of \$100 due Friday 26th October (Week 2, Term 4).**
- **Final payment Amount to be advised: final amount to be paid by Week 5, Term 4.**

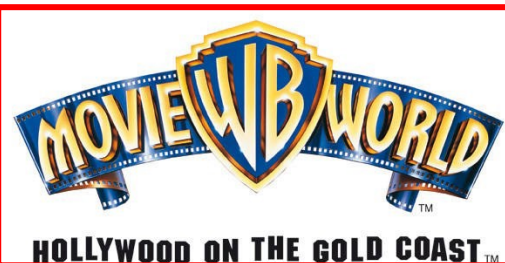
This is only a suggested plan! You may pay as much or as little as you like. For example, many parents will want to pay large amounts off immediately or some families may want to create their own payment plan. The important thing is that regular payments are made and targets are met to ensure we keep track of finances throughout the year. In total, with the deposit, the payments will add up to \$510. We anticipate that final costs for the excursion will fall somewhere between the range of \$550-\$600. Please be mindful of the final payment as this will be advised closer to the excursion. If you would still like your child to attend, it is not too late to pay your deposit and begin regular payments!

The camp will be a fantastic experience for our Year 10 students. It will be a great way to finish the year and celebrate the end of their junior schooling years. We have booked



theme parks (Movie World and Dreamworld), TimeZone, the cinemas for a movie night and we are working with Tallebudgera Creek staff to organise camp activities.

Further down the track we will sort out meals,



dietary requirements, cabin groups, medical information and other important stuff!

I will be in regular contact with parents and caregivers over the course of the year. I intend on having regular meetings with Year 10 students and updated notes will be handed to them as we progress through the year. If you have any questions or you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Sue D'Arcy at school. We would be happy to chat to you about this wonderful excursion.

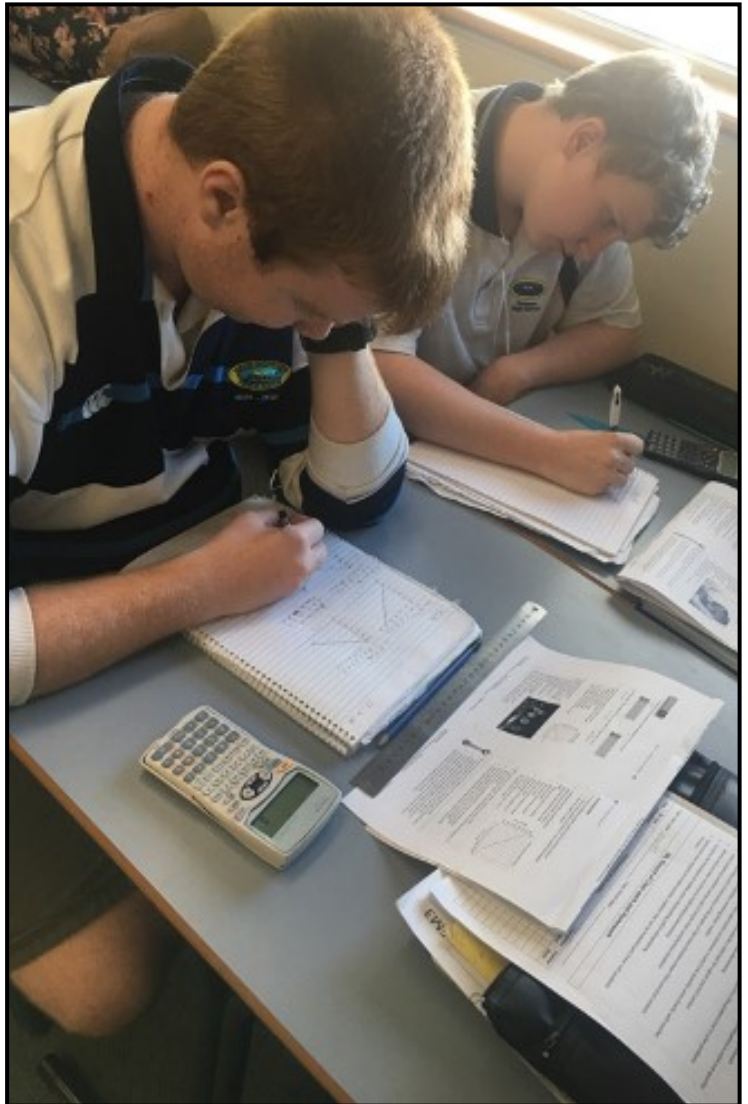
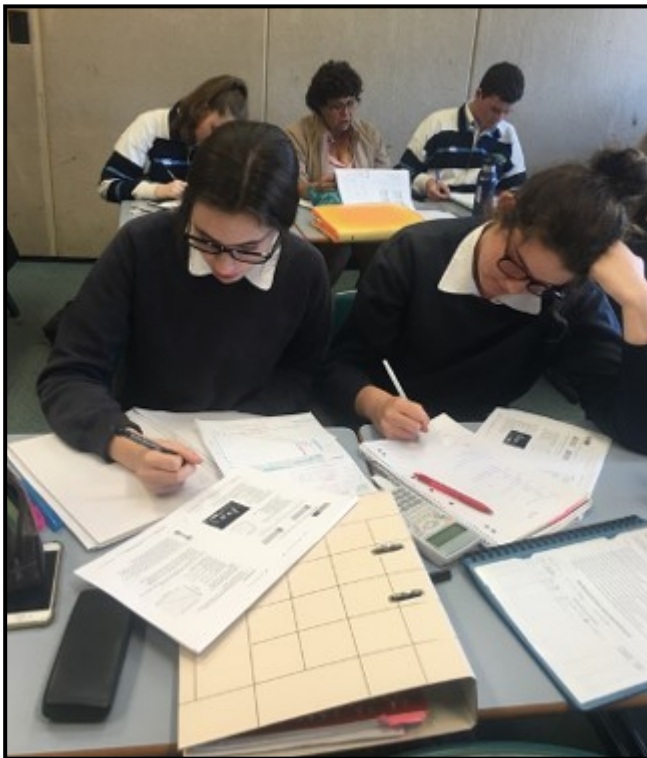
EXCURSION ELIGIBILITY

On the back of the second note is a reminder of the expectations we have of students in regards to the excursion. It is important that students regulate their behaviour, attendance and effort through the year. We must be able to trust students on this camp and students have been reminded that it is up to them to make good choices at school. Students who do not adhere to the eligibility criteria may find themselves unable to go on the excursion. However, the vast majority of our Year 10 students always display the mature and consistent behaviours we expect and we cannot wait to reward them with a fun trip away later in the year!

Joel Ross (Year 10 Advisor)

Year 12

Year 12 have now entered their third term of the course, and are getting closer to the HSC. Many of them have started thinking about their future, and some have even attended University Open Days, Career Expos and HSC Seminar days to explore their options. With the end nearly in sight, many have started to buckle down to study.



SOLDIERS POINT MARINA



- SCHOOL LEAVERS SCHOLARSHIP -

Soldiers Point Marina takes great pleasure in announcing the Soldiers Point Marina Scholarships for school leavers. Applicants will be short listed to motivated 15-18 year olds showing commitment to their career goal. Successful applicants will be eligible for awards of up to \$1,000 for much needed financial support.

For all enquiries regarding Soldiers Point Marina scholarships please email: hrspm@live.com.au
or complete the application form online: www.soldiersptmarina.com.au

Soldiers Point Marina, PO Box 493, Salamander Bay NSW 2317 / PH. (02) 4982 7445

CAREERS NEWS

The Careers calendar for Term 2 is fairly hectic; year 10 students have a subject selection program, whilst others have the option to attend expos, TAFE courses or a variety of careers excursions. In order to participate in these activities, students have to enrol or apply through the Careers Adviser.

Careers Expo, showcasing 100 exhibitors, took place on Friday 18th of May. Nearly 100 THS students travelled to Maitland where they were able to investigate career options such as tertiary education or employment. Information and links to presenters are available on the Tomaree High Careers Facebook page.

TAFE YES program has commenced with over 20 students attending programs such as Nursing, Fitness, Plastering, Cooking, Music and Mechatronics. Students attend various TAFE campuses and the programs run over several weeks. The program will run again in Term 4, so if students have any desire to attend TAFE then they should be applying to participate in the enticing TAFE programs.

The Year 10 Subject Selection program has

commenced in classrooms with student's being encouraged to explore possible career paths. Parents should be involved in this investigation and they can find information on internet sites such as <https://www.jobjump.com.au/> and <http://www.tomareehighcareers.com>. The initial subject selection forms will be made available in Week 7. Subjects and industry fairs will take place in weeks 9 and 10 and students will submit selections early in Term 3.

Other excursions taking place in Term 2 include a WHS Whitecard course (Week 8), Newcastle University School visit day (Week 10) and a visit to Newcastle TAFE campus.

Kyle McElwain - Careers

Pictured below: Students participating at the Drones Course which took place at PCYC in first term also the Girls' Entrepreneur Program.



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insights

Talking to kids makes them smart

by Michael Grose



The links between school achievement and parents' ability to talk with kids from a young age are now well established.

The language stimulation children receive when they talk with parents is one factor. But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us as parents. It is through talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts while also gaining access to a window into their worlds and the way they think.

In the current age of digital distraction, talking with children and young people can be a challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, a plethora of screens competing for attention and kids that clam up at the first sign of a chat are some of the conversation blockers parents must overcome.

You need to be cunning, proactive and inventive to get some chat going at home. These are some ideas that will help.

1. Turn screens off. Are you competing with televisions, computers and electronic games for your kids' attention? If so, take control of the screens to create some conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you have a home full of young hard-core screen junkies.

2. Turn screens on. If you can't beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder, particularly for older children and teens. Topics can range from "Who's going to win *My Kitchen Rules*?" or "What happens to the winners of *My Kitchen Rules*?" to "What is the point of *My Kitchen Rules*?"



3. Have regular mealtimes. The family that eats together talks together. Meals are great social occasions – more than just refueling stops. They provide terrific opportunities for families to get together and talk. It's no coincidence that families who enjoy and appreciate food generally enjoy close relationships as well. However, for this to work it's important that meals are screen free, so turn off the television and ban phones at the table.

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4. Move more. If sitting and chatting is not your child's thing then try to get some action happening. Boys, in particular, tend to talk more when they are playing, walking or involved in activity with an adult.

5. Talk with kids on their own turf. Many children will open up in the privacy of their own bedroom where they tend to feel more relaxed and secure. If you have something important to discuss then choose a comfortable place and a time that promotes good conversation.

6. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting. Travelling together in a car with the radio off, washing the dishes together or playing a game can all provide opportunities for talk. Paradoxically, many teenagers will talk more when they don't have to concentrate or make eye contact with the other person. That's why cars can be great conversation catalysts for parents.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. The best communication in families happens when no one is working at it, however busy modern families need to work on their communication rather than leave it to chance.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children*.



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- ★ Notices
- ★ Events

- ★ Cancellations
- ★ Reminders
- ★ ...and more!




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NSW Education Standards Authority



What the changes to the HSC minimum standard mean for your child

If your child is in Year 9 or below this year

To receive their HSC, your child needs to meet the HSC minimum standard.

Year 9 NAPLAN tests are no longer available as an early way to demonstrate the HSC minimum standard of literacy and numeracy.

This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on being a diagnostic test and to reduce unnecessary stress for your child.

The NSW Government still requires students to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC, as literacy and numeracy skills are important for success in everyday life after school.

Students will show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills. Students decide with their teachers when they are ready to sit each test, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.

Parents of current Year 10 students – what you need to know

To receive their HSC, your child needs to meet the HSC minimum standard.

If your child achieved a Band 8 or above in a 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy test they are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that particular area and will not need to sit the corresponding online test. If they did not get Band 8s or above they will need to take the corresponding online tests.

These are available for students to sit when they feel ready either this year, in Year 11 or 12 or for a few years after they finish their HSC. Your child can take the tests up to twice a year, and once they pass each test, they don't have to sit it again.

Students can keep track of their test results and which tests they have passed via their Students Online account, once their teachers have viewed their results.

Want to know more?

Visit the [NESA website](#) for videos and resources that [explain the tests](#), and give an overview of the HSC minimum standard.

A wonderful opportunity is available for our Years 9, 10 and 11 students. A historical European adventure is going ahead in the April school holidays 2019. If there are any interested students please contact Miss Adam or Mrs Xenos.

Ancient Italy and 20th-Century Germany Study Tour



A study tour for Hunter High Schools

Dates: 13th-27th April, 2019

Price: \$6,250.00 per student all inclusive

Prices based on a minimum of 20 participants, exchange rates and airfares at time of tour confirmation.

Price includes:

- ✓ Airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges
- ✓ All hotel accommodation
- ✓ All land transportation
- ✓ All breakfasts and all dinners
- ✓ Entrance fees to sites
- ✓ Tips to guides, restaurants and drivers
- ✓ Expert local guides & tour manager
- ✓ Comprehensive travel insurance

Academy Travel is an Australian company which designs and manages specialised international tour programs for schools, universities, and private groups.

Tour overview and highlights

- 15-day itinerary designed for the students of Hunter high schools, visiting Rome (3 nights), Bay of Naples (3 nights), Berlin (3 nights), Nuremberg (2 nights) and Munich (1 night).
- Discover Rome in the late Republic and early empire with our expert local guides.
- Investigate the "Cities of Vesuvius" with detailed site and museum visits, including Pompeii and Herculaneum.
- Explore sites relevant to the Third Reich and Cold War in Berlin.
- Learn about the rise to power of the Nazi Party in Nuremberg and Munich.

Hunter High Schools Study Tour

April 2019



A genuine learning experience

This itinerary links with the learning outcomes in the current HSC syllabuses for Ancient History and Modern History.

Itinerary

Day 1: Depart Sydney.

Day 2: Arrive Rome. Meet your Academy Travel tour manager on arrival for a private coach transfer to your hotel. Enjoy a walking tour of the city centre, including the Trevi Fountain and Pantheon. Overnight Rome.

Day 3: Classical Rome. A local expert guide will lead a tour through the Colosseum, Palatine Hill and Roman Forum. In the afternoon, travel along the Appian Way to tour the underground Christian catacombs. Overnight Rome.

Day 4: Vatican City. Today, visit the smallest independent country in the world – Vatican City. Marvel at the beauty of St Peter's Basilica. Then, continue to the Ara Pacis, the Altar of Peace created during the time of Augustus. There will be time to visit the shops of the Via del Corso and the famous Spanish Steps. Overnight Rome.

Day 5: To the Bay of Naples. Travel south to the beautiful Bay of Naples where our first visit will be the site of Herculaneum. This former seaside town was covered by the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Overnight Bay of Naples.

Day 6: Pompeii. A full day in Pompeii for a detailed investigation of the city's excavations. Explore the site with an expert local guide to see private and public buildings, bath complexes, daily life, economic activity and evidence of the eruption. Spend the late afternoon in the lovely seaside town of Sorrento. Overnight Bay of Naples.

Day 7: Naples and Vesuvius. Tour the National Archaeological Museum of Naples to view the artefacts salvaged from the surrounding area. Then, ascend to the summit of Vesuvius for a bird's eye view of the area (weather permitting). Overnight Bay of Naples.

Day 8: To Berlin. Transfer to Naples airport for a flight to Berlin. A visit to The Story of Berlin museum is the perfect introduction to the city's tumultuous history and includes a Cold War era nuclear bunker. Overnight Berlin.

Day 9: Third Reich Berlin. Ascend the Reichstag dome (subject to availability) before an expert local guide leads a walking tour of the city centre. See the Holocaust Memorial and site of Hitler's bunker as well as Cold War sites such as Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie. After lunch, there will be a guided visit of the Topography of Terror. Overnight Berlin.

Day 10: Cold War Berlin. Tour Cold War sites by coach, including the Eastside Gallery, Soviet Memorial Treptower Park and the Berlin Wall Memorial. Learn about life under communism with a visit to the interactive DDR Museum. Overnight Berlin.

Day 11: To Nuremberg. Travel by private coach to the medieval walled town of Nuremberg. Your tour manager will lead an orientation walk through the centre of the city. Overnight Nuremberg.

Day 12: The rise and fall of the Nazis. Begin with a walking tour of the Rally Grounds, where millions of Nazi Party supporters gathered for mass propaganda rallies in the 1930s. Explore the Documentation Centre with audio guides. Then, visit Memorium Nuremberg, home to Courtroom 600, which hosted the trials at the end of WWII. Overnight Nuremberg.

Day 13: To Munich. Private coach transfer to Dachau for a guided visit of the concentration camp memorial. Continue to Munich and view the town's main square, the Marienplatz. Overnight Munich.

Day 14: Depart Munich.

Day 15: Arrive Sydney in the evening or the following morning.

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