

EXCELLAMUS 'Let Us Excel'

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Cohuna Secondary College Child Safe contact is the Principal

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.

"I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and our school is built, the Barapa Barapa people. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, traditions and the culture of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia.

Cohuna Secondary College is committed to acknowledging, building and sustaining respect and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

Congratulations to the Cohuna Secondary College 2021 Dux, April Wishart. We are proud of your achievement April. It hasn't been an easy two years to be a VCE student. I have spoken to April and know that she is very excited, has exceeded her expectations and will get into any of her university courses that she has listed in her course preferences. On behalf of all of us here at Cohuna Secondary College, I offer April our sincerest congratulations.

Awards Night

Thank you to everyone who sent messages of support and congratulations after viewing our Virtual Awards night. Again, it was certainly a different way of undertaking our annual event. However, nothing beats being in the Cohuna Memorial Hall to see our young people proudly walk across the stage. The personal touch is very special. I have included the link for you here (copy and paste into your address bar. I have found it works better using google chrome too):



https://youtu.be/wNfGArCOkGM

Last night we announced the VCE academic award recipients on the Cohuna Secondary College Facebook page. As results were only released yesterday, we were unable to include these in our Virtual Presentation night. I'd like to congratulate all award recipients and indeed all VCE students for navigating another tricky year.

Farewell

As is the case at the end of most school years, we have some staff moving on to pursue other opportunities. I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Mr Alex Denison and Mr Josh Thurston for all their work throughout the last 18 months with our students. Josh, we wish you the very best as you continue your teaching career and to Alex as you pursue other opportunities outside of teaching at Cohuna Secondary College. I wish them both all the very best and hope that they look back on their time at Cohuna Secondary College with fondness.

Thank you

A huge THANK YOU goes to June Bagg who has completed 35 years of volunteer service to our college in the canteen. June began volunteering when her children came to secondary school many years ago. She has continued on over the last 35 years and has been a wonderful support to all of us. As a new person into the school, it was a wonderful feeling to have another friendly smiling face serve you at the canteen. We will miss you June.

As we traversed another unusual year, I couldn't have done this job without the support of the staff at the college. I'd like to personally thank each staff member for their contribution, their support and the care they have for each and every one of our students and for each other. Every staff member goes above and beyond to ensure that the opportunities and learning experiences of our young people, here at Cohuna Secondary College, are second to none. Thank you!

Finally, I'd like to thank the work of School Council and President Matt Hawken. They have worked with me, as we have continued to strive for improvement in all that we do at our college. Thank you Matt for your support. I look forward to continuing to work together with School Council to further improve our college and the opportunities available for our young people in 2022.

To our school community, I wish you a safe and restful break and a very Merry Christmas. I am sure that 2022 will be a year filled with hope and optimism with all that is good in the world shining through to encourage us to live with humility and kindness.

Let's work together to make this beautiful world even better for everyone

Mrs. Fíona Miller - Principal





CSC Annual Awards Winners

Due to the year we have endured, our usual delivery of our Presentation Night has been modified to an online awards night - here are the winners of each award.

Year 7 Honours Certificates: Brianna Bourke & Abigail Gray

Year 7 Dux: Mackenzie Dobie, Joelie Mathers & Ryder Van der Zande

Year 8 Honours Certificates: Zoe Tierney, Alfie Quinlan, Maddy Black & Cooper Lacy

Year 8 Dux: Paige O'Connell

Year 9 Honours Certificates: Charlee Sherlock, Will Cooke, Angus Donat & Ebony Black

Year 9 Dux: Ava Van der Zande

Year 10 Honours Certificates: Mackenzie Southern, Kiara Robins, Brittney Tierney & Mitchell Treacy

Year 10 Dux: Hayley Rooney

Year 11 Honours Certificates: Riley Mason, Sammi Moon, Alicia McFarlane & Alyssa Bourke

Year 10 Dux: Raphael Umali

VCE SUBJECT DUX Certificates:

VCD

Biology EJ Fernandez & April Wishart Business Management EJ Fernandez & Madi Purvis

Chemistry Cora Borchard Product Design & Tech Kye Treacy **English April Wishart** Health & HD **April Wishart Further Maths** Raphael Umali Math Methods Alicia McFarlane Physical Education Nathan Taylor **Physics** Riley Mason Psychology Alyssa Bourke Studio Arts **Emily Hastie** Systems Engineering **Kye Treacy**

Year 12 Dux: April Wishart

Ethan Rooney

Olympic Change-Maker Award 2021: The Olympic Change-Maker Award (previously known as the Pierre De Coubertin Award) is an award designed to recognise and reward students who are demonstrating the Olympic spirit through leadership and driving positive change in their communities. This can take on many forms-from minor to major, and from the ordinary to the amazing. Whether leading teams, coaching juniors, supporting seniors, making a difference at a sports club, a national cause or effecting change on the world stage. **Awarded to: Nathan Taylor**

Outstanding Sportsperson for 2021: An award to recognise a student for their participation and achievement for individual and team sports. **Awarded to: Paige O'Connell**

Special thanks: The college would like to thank Bus Proprietors, Mr Gavin Hird and Mr & Mrs Ron Stanton, for their contribution to our local primary schools. Their donation of \$200 per student is awarded to a Grade 6 entering Year 7 at CSC in 2022. Mr and Mrs Nicholas Carmody also donate the same amount to a student in Year 10 at Pyramid Hill College who is to attend CSC for their VCE studies.

Cohuna Secondary College Music Award: An award to recognise is presented to a student who has shown enthusiasm, cooperation, dedication and good attendance record towards the college music program. The award is to the value of \$100. **Awarded to: Raphael Umali**

Lynette and Bradley Whyte Memorial Junior School Scholarship This Junior School Scholarship has been established in memory of Lyn and Brad who have both been strongly connected with Cohuna Secondary College. The family have decided that this scholarship should be awarded to a student in either Year 7 or Year 8, who is a versatile talent and who will be encouraged to develop their talents to the full. **Awarded to: Billy Norman Hivon**

Eileen & Ned Turnour Memorial Award This book award has been established by the Turnour family in memory of Eileen. As Eileen was a Librarian, the award is for a student in Years 7-9, who has worked hard, uses the library and above all has made a genuine effort with their studies. **Awarded to: Ella Roberts**

Staff Association Award A book award sponsored by Cohuna Secondary College Staff Association. Awarded to a student in Year 10 who upholds the values of CSC and has demonstrated a commitment to their studies. **Awarded to Meiha Burns**

Meander Writing Competition Donated by the Narelle Sue Hildebrand Memorial Trust Fund. The award is in each of Junior, Intermediate & Senior sections for the best writing piece published in the Meander. **Awarded to: Junior - Hudson Fountain, Intermediate - Daisy McGlone & Senior - Raphael Umali.**

St Marys Parish Good Samaritan Award For a student who does more than society can expect from them as they endeavour to make the world a better place. The students seeks to provide a positive message about the important effect even a small good deed in class or in school can have on the lives of so many other people. **Awarded to Aaron Garner**

The Gannawarra Shire Bursary 1. Value: \$200 per person (to be paid in advance for 1 year only.) 2. Level: To be awarded to a student in Year 10 or 11 who is about to proceed to the next higher level, provided that Year 11 students receive first consideration. Conditions: Scholastic attainments during the whole year immediately prior to the award being made, are to be taken into consideration. The recipient must show evidence of character and leadership. Awarded to Alyssa Bourke, Jemma Baxter & Ebony Smith

Cohuna Neighbourhood House Community Art Gallery - "Colin Peel Award" Awarded to a student who has achieved excellence in The Arts at VCE level. The student's art work is to be exhibited in the Community Art Gallery. Value of \$150. Awarded to Emily Hastie

The 'Insight Award' The 'Insight Award' is for a Year 11 VCE student. The criteria for this award is that the recipient should have made significant progress during the academic year (but not necessarily be the highest achiever) and who would make the most of the award. The award consists of a certificate, a pack of resources to the value of up to \$300 and a \$50 stationary voucher. **Awarded to Sammi Moon & Zoe Stewart**

Australian Defence Force 'Long Tan' Leadership & Teamwork Awards Awarded to students who have displayed leadership and teamwork across a range of areas. Value, Year 10 \$250 & Year 12 \$550. Awarded to Lainie Hawken & Cassandra Crichton

Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning & Employment Network Award Awarded to a Work Experience, VCAL or VET student who has been hard working, industrious, and achieved excellent results. This person was a finalist at the CCLLEN VET Regional Awards held last month in Building and Construction. Cash prize \$200. Awarded to Hunter Anset

Pyramid Hill Welding Award This award is sponsored by Pyramid Hill Welding Supplies and is awarded to a student who has shown excellent welding skills. **Awarded to Kaylan Grogan**

AWMA Award This award is sponsored by AWMA Water Control Solutions and is awarded to a student participating in the Year 9/10 Metalwork elective, who is dedicated to improving their welding skills. The students must have demonstrated excellence and initiative in their metal work studies. Prize is a welding helmet . **Awarded to Charly Lake**

McGlone's Cohuna UNA IGA Awarded to a student who has achieved well academically in Mathematics, has had an excellent attitude to school and their studies. Awarded to Brianna Bourke

Coy & Harry Stone Memorial Fund (Year 11) This award is in memory of Coy and Harry Stone who served on various school and Mother's Club committees in the 1940s and 50s. It is donated by Beth Stone. The award is valued at \$350 each. Awarded to Tasha Crilly, Olivia Griffiths & Abel Prout

Cohuna Secondary College Best All Rounder Award This award aims to encourage and reward a student in Year 12 for commitment and consistent excellence in school and in community service activities. The Caltex Best All Rounder is someone with the attributes that Cohuna Secondary College strives to instil in all of its students. Those attributes include: academic excellence across a range of subjects, willing to help others and makes selfless contributions, exemplary conduct, is a role model to other students, participates in both school and community activities and participates in sporting activities without necessarily being a champion. Awarded to Lucy Holdstock

VCE Encouragement Award A book award, awarded to a student who has shown that through hard work, high achievement is possible. Awarded to Alicia McFarlane & Riley Mason

Principal's Award This award is for a girl or boy in Year 12 who is a quiet achiever and contributes positively to the school community. **Awarded to Ellah Gelletly**

School Council Award for Citizenship This book is awarded to a VCE student who displays the most outstanding qualities of school citizenship. **Awarded to Taylah Clements**

DS Kerr Scholarship Donated from the DS Kerr Charitable Trust. This scholarship criteria include: a student from any year level who has made a strong commitment to their studies all year, exemplary conduct, upholds the values of Cohuna Secondary College and who also may participate in college and/or community activities. Cash prize \$250 x 2. **Awarded to: Mia Geurts & Rivers Webb**

Matthew Dickson Memorial Scholarship Awarded to a student who will be leaving school to undertake an apprenticeship. Criteria also includes; someone who tries hard in all subjects, participates in school activities and upholds the person values of respect, honesty and trust. The scholarship will be given once the apprenticeship is confirmed with the principal. **Awarded to Ethan Stone**

Technology Award Book award presented to a student who has performed exceedingly well in Years 9 or 10 Foods, Textiles, or Technology studies. Awarded to: Tahlia Longstaff

Junior School R.S.L. Scholarship Donated by Cohuna - Leitchville Sub Branch of the R.S.L Conditions: 1. Recipient must reside within the Shire of Gannawarra. 2. Educational qualifications to be decided by the Principal. Awarded to: Emily Barker

Legendairy Award This is an encouragement award for a student from Years 9 or 10 who has demonstrated through hard work and persistence a commitment to their studies. The award is sponsored by the Leitchville Cohuna Dairy Discussion Group. Awarded to: Maddison Hore

SRC Scholarship An award sponsored by the Students' Representative Council. Awarded to a student in Year 9 for all round excellence. \$100 Awarded to: Ebony Black

Mawson's Award Awarded to a student who has been hard working, industrious and has an excellent attitude in all areas of schooling. We have two equally deserving recipients: Awarded to Tanner Roberts & Gillian McKenzie

Lions Club of Cohuna - Jim Lannen Memorial Award

- * This award is presented annually by the Lions Club of Cohuna, recognises and gives encouragement to developing the promising talent of a student from the Arts Learning Area.
- * The recipient may be selected for their presentation or performance in Art, Music, Graphics, Drama or Media.
- * Nomination of students for the award may come from across all levels of the College.
- * The award is a book and cheque to the value of \$250.

Nominations of students to be considered for this award will be made by teachers of these study areas and the final decision by a panel of appropriate co-ordinators in consultation with the Principal or Assistant Principal.

Awarded to Charlee Sherlock



IMPORTANT DATES

COHUNA SECONDARY COLLEGE - TERM 1. 2022



STAFF COMMENCE FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY

Office opens at 8.30am Friday 28th January



Students!

Monday 31st January 2022

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY THURSDAY 17th **FEBRUARY**



YEAR 7 CAMP WARRNAMBOOL/GEELONG

Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th MARCH



BOOK COLLECTION DAY TUESDAY 18th JANUARY 8.00am to 5.00pm



HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS FRIDAY 11TH

FEBRUARY

COHUNA SECONDARY COLLEGE

School Captains

Jemma Baxter & Jaspar Wilson Keir





Oice Captains

Alyssa Bourke & Abel Prout



