

# **EXCELLAMUS**

'Let Us Excel'

ISSUE 39-8th December 2023

Cohuna Secondary College Child Safe contact is the Principal If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.

#### **Head Start Program**

Today was the final day for the 2024 Head Start program. Students completed final PAT testing, and moved into their 2024 classes. If your young person has been absent at any time during the past fortnight then they will need to catch up this work prior to the start of next year.

#### **Presentation Night**

We look forward to celebrating our students' achievements with you all. Our school community is invited to our Presentation evening at the Cohuna Memorial Hall, on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All welcome.

#### **Semester Reports**

Our Semester 2 reports (Years 7-11) are being finalised, and will be ready to give out to parents and students at our Presentation evening. Our 7-10 reports will have the same format as for Semester one – once again, we would love to hear your thoughts on our new look reports. VCE reports will simply be a compilation of the Continuous Reporting from XUNO. VCE students and parents are encouraged to check XUNO for more detailed reports.

If you do not attend the Presentation evening, reports can be picked up from the front office, from December 13<sup>th</sup> to December 20<sup>th</sup> (12:15pm).

Parents are encouraged to contact individual teachers if they have any questions/concerns about their young person's report.

#### Year 12 results – released this Monday.

Have you registered to receive your results? Year 12 results are released at 7am on Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>. The easiest way to access your results is using the VCE Results and ATAR Service, but you need to register, using your VCAA number. There are two ways to do this:

Download the Results and ATAR mobile app,
 OR Go to results and atar.vic.edu.au

Parents and students have been sent further information about the support that we can give students, once they receive their results. For those students applying for further study, we will help you finalise your VTAC and TAFE applications – **VTAC applications need to be completed by 4pm on Wednesday, December 14**<sup>th</sup>. For those of you not sure of your next steps, we can give advice, and put you in touch with other organisations.

Year 12 students are encouraged to make an appointment to see Cath or Sharon on Monday to Wednesday of next week. It is an exciting time, as we look forward to seeing the results of your hard work this year.

#### **VCE Vocational Major update**

We are very proud that we can offer all of our students a pathway to complete Year 12. The Careers team have been very busy helping students to plan and implement their alternative pathways. We currently have 7 school-based apprenticeships lined up for 2024, and another 17 students completing VET certificates through Echuca TAFE, Echuca College and GOTAFE. These are wonderful opportunities for our students.



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Mrs. Sharon Payne - Assistant Principal



"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."

## **End of Year Activities**

Congratulations to students (and teachers) on the completion of the Head Start 2024 program. Students completed essential work across their Year 8–12 2024 classes, and will be prepared to continue with their work from the beginning of Term 1 2024.

With formal classes finished, next week we begin our End of Year Activities Program.

**Students do not need to wear school uniform.** They should wear something comfortable and suitable for physical activity. They may wish to bring a change of clothes to participate in Fitness and Sporting activities. No singlets, T-shirts with unsuitable slogans, or thongs please.

#### Monday December 11th

We have a number of activities for students to choose from across the day, including Origami, Environmental walk, Fishing, Games, Dance Party and more. Students that choose to go fishing will need to bring a fishing rod, hat, and sturdy shoes. We will supply the bait.

### Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>

We welcome our Year 7 2024 students to the College for a Transition Day. Year 7 2024 students will attend classes in the morning (with some of our students assisting), and then participate in our activities program in the afternoon.

We will also be preparing for our Presentation Evening.

Activities to choose from across the day include Christmas Crafts, ECA games, Dance Party, Board Games, and more.

#### Wednesday December 13th - Aqua Island Moama

This is going to be a fun day for students (and staff!). A reminder that you must have returned your permission forms to attend this excursion. The bus will leave Cohuna Secondary College at 9:00am, and return to school at 3:00pm. The weather forecast is for a hot, sunny day. Make sure you bring:

Swimwear and Towel

Hat and T-shirt to cover up

Sunscreen

Water bottle and Snacks

Lunch – or money to purchase lunch (Lunch may be purchased at the Aqua Island Kiosk, or if time permits there will be a quick "Maccas" stop)

### Thursday December 14th

We have a number of activities for students to choose from across the day, including Lego building, Outdoor Games, Christmas Tree build, and more.

#### Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>/Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>

Pupil free days – staff will be completing First Aid Training and other Professional Development Activities.

#### Tuesday December 19th

Mr Murray and Mr Jennings will take students for a round of golf – bring your golf clubs. There will also be activities back at school

#### Wednesday December 20th - 12:15 finish

This is a clean up day. Buses will pick up students at 12:15pm.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES: TERM 4 - 2023**

Monday	11th	December	VCE results and ATAR released
			VCE 2024 EDROLO Due @ www.edrolo.com.au
Tuesday	12th	December	Year 7 2024—State Orientation Day
			CSC Presentation Night @ Memorial Hall, 7pm
Wednesday	13th	December	Aqua Island (Moama) Excursion
Thursday	14th	December	Student Activities
Friday	15th	December	2024 Booklists due online @ www.campion.com.au
			Staff Professional Development
Monday	18th	December	Staff First Aid Training Day
Wednesday	20th	December	End of Term 4—dismissal 12:15pm





# CANTEEN MENU FOR TUESDAY DECEMBER 12TH



#### **RECESS**

PIZZA \$3.50

SAUSAGE ROLL \$3.50

HOT CHEESE & BACON ROLL \$3.00

GARLIC BREAD \$3.00

### LUNCH

PIZZA \$3.50

PIE \$4.50

SAUSAGE ROLL \$3.50

HAM & CHEESE TOASTIE \$4.00

HOT DOG \$4.50

HAM OR CHICKEN SALAD ROLL \$6.50

VARIETY OF DRINKS, CHIPS AND ICECREAMS AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS PRICES

SLUSHIES \$2.00 AVAILABLE LUNCH TIME ONLY

\*\*\*All orders for both recess & lunch must be placed by 9:30am\*\*\*



# Don't forget to order your 2024 BOOKLISTS by 15th December

Booklists (Years 7-12) - visit our website and follow the Booklists 2024 link or log on to <a href="www.campion.com.au">www.campion.com.au</a> using 'Y84F' as your code complete/pay by Friday 15th December 2023.

VCE Subjects—Edrolo Booklist - Using your student account @ www.edrolo.com.au complete/pay by Monday 11th December 2023.

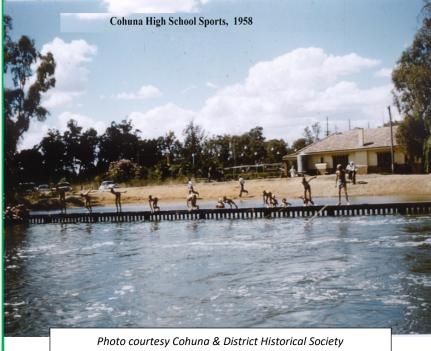
**Note:** When ordering VCE books for Year 11, ensure you are ordering for the correct units. eg Unit 1/2 or Unit 3/4

# ~Community Notices~

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# Join in the Fun!

For children aged 0-18 years

#### How to play:

- Scan the QR code below using a mobile phone or tablet
- Download and register your details on Beanstack
- Read or listen to 10+ books between
   December 1 January 31 and log them on the
   Beanstack app
- Complete challenges to earn character badges
- Enter the Gannawarra Library Service prize draw for a chance to win a summer bumper pack!

Visit your local branch or call 5452 1546 for more details





### 31st ANNUAL GEOFFSWIM PROGRAM

January 2024 Starts 8th January Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

All ages and abilities.

**Contact Geoff** 

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For information and enrolment form

