



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

Student Investiture Ceremony

Student Investiture will be held this coming **Monday February 26th** commencing at **12:15pm**. This official ceremony acknowledges and formally recognises the student leaders for the coming year. We welcome the school community to this event.

Our School Captains haven't been idle and have begun their leadership work. Ebony and Remy spoke to students at the Cohuna Consolidated Badge presentation night this week. Both captains spoke about their leadership journey and what they believe it takes to be a good leader.



'Ah-mazing' results at the Interschool Swimming Sports!

Wow, wow, wow! We know we have great students; we know we have talented students and we know we can compete against much bigger schools and excel! Just think about it, we were competing against schools with well in excess of 600 students in them. Cohuna Secondary College students are truly remarkable. Congratulations to the small but dedicated group of students who participated. The positive vibe, the spirit in which students competed and the way they supported each other was absolutely awesome.

Winners on the day and progressing to the next level; Edie (butterfly and freestyle), Tayla (breaststroke), Maddy (breaststroke), Charli (butterfly), Cooper (butterfly and breaststroke), Paige (freestyle, backstroke, butterfly), 17G relay Paige, Lilly, Tayla, and Edie.



Winners on the day and Age Group Champions

- Edie-1st (30 points),
- Cooper-1st (26 points),
- Tayla-2nd (33 points),
- Paige-2nd (29 points),
- Jack-3rd (14 points), and
- Charli-3rd (14 points)



Narelle Sue Hildebrand Memorial Trust

We are very fortunate to have generous benefactors who donate award prizes to our young people at Presentation Night. The Narelle Sue Hildebrand award goes to the VCE Dux of 2023, Carolyn Fergusson. This significant financial award will help with the cost of the purchase of text books, contribute to accommodation costs as well as whatever other university related expense is needed, as Carolyn begins the next chapter of her learning journey. We wish Carolyn all the best as she begins her university studies. I'd like to thank Dr Hildebrand and her brother and sisters for their continued support of the young people of this college.



Excellamus - Let Us Excel! Mrs. Fiona Miller - 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."

Senior School Update

Senior School Assessment Policy

The Cohuna Secondary Senior School Assessment Policy (2023/2024) is an important document, that outlines how our school implements the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum & Assessment Authority) regulations around the VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education). It is essential that all VCE students (and parents) understand the specific VCE requirements in this Policy, particularly as we move into a busy few weeks of SACs (School-Assessed Coursework). The policy was distributed to all families during our VCE subject selections period last year, and is available on the school website: <https://www.cohuna-sc.vic.edu.au/publications>

Reminder: SACs/SATs must be completed on the publicised date. SACs can be rescheduled for approved absences only (with evidence provided).

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our Senior School Assessment Policy.

XUNO Continuous Reporting - for VCE subjects

Now that the first SACs of the year have been completed (in some subjects) teachers will begin to write their reporting comments on XUNO. Parents and students will be able to log in to XUNO to read assessment comments (and grades) for each SAC. Continuous Reporting allows us to inform parents of student progress throughout the semester, rather than waiting for an end of semester report. Note that we are using Continuous Reporting for VCE classes only. Please make sure that you are able to access XUNO.

Tip of the Week - Using teacher feedback

When you get a piece of work back from your teachers, what do you do with it? Do you look at the mark only? Do you read teacher comments? Using feedback effectively is a **high impact strategy for improvement**. Suggestion - for every piece of work you get back, find one focus for improvement, and work on that focus.

Elevate parent sessions

Another reminder about the Parent Elevate session next week.

To register: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/auschoolwebinars>



Getting students to prioritise homework and revision outside of school can be a challenge, so this session is designed to show parents how they can support their child in staying on top of their workload at home.

Live Parent Webinar: How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time Wednesday 28th February 6:30-7:30pm (AEDT)

Parents often tell us how helpful they find this webinar in particular, sharing comments like the one below with us:

'Great speaker, relatable topics, lots of tips and solutions to help overcome procrastination and improve time management'

How to use XUNO to inform the school about a student absence

XUNO allows you to inform the school that your child will be absent on a specific date or time, either today or for a date in the future, before or after the roll has been marked. This feature is also available through the XUNO Family mobile app.

Submitting an absence note

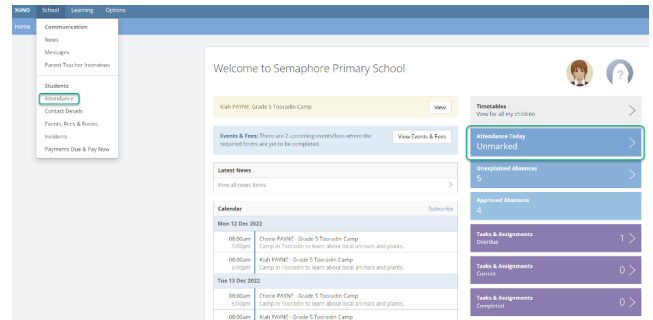
Log in to your XUNO parent portal or XUNO Family app.

Via the **XUNO web portal**: From the **School** menu click on **Attendance**, or on the dashboard, click the blue **Attendance Today** tile.

Via the **XUNO Family app**: From the main menu, tap **Attendance**, or tap the blue **Attendance Today** tile.

If you have more than one child at the school, select the name of the child you are reporting an absence for.

Click/tap on the **Send absence note** button.



Chase ABBOTT

Last Marked Today: **Present 09:52am** | Lowest Attendance: 86% | Highest Attendance: 97%
8 English S2 | **8 Multimedia S2**

Attendance Today: ●●●●●●●● | Unapproved Absences: 0 | Approved Absences: 43

Great job! Give yourself a pat on the back. Chase has no unexplained absences. Send absence note

View Day-by-Day Attendance

| Subject | Unapproved Absence | Approved Absence | Present | Attendance % |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------|--------------|
| 8 Maths S2 (BMTH201-DC1) 2021S1B | 0 | 5 | 44 / 49 | 90% |
| 8 Multimedia S2 (BMAA201-ME1) 2021S1B | 0 | 2 | 61 / 63 | 97% |

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Then click **Send a note for a future date**.

Select the date and period/s that your child will be absent from school. If the child will be absent for the whole day, you can just select the **All Day** check box.

In the Reason given section, type the reason why your child will be absent on that day or period. It is best to keep the note short and precise, so that the school can quickly and easily process the information.

Click on **Save**. The school administration will be informed of your actions.

Please note, it is not possible to delete the absence notes - if you wish to withdraw the absence, you'll need to contact the school directly

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View All Future Absence Notes Send a note for a future date

| Date | Period | Subject |
|--|--------|---------|
| No unexplained absences found in date range. | | |

Send a note for a future absence

Cherie PAYNE will be absent from school:

Mon 8 Feb 2021 to Mon 8 Feb 2021 Inclusive

February 2021

| Su | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |

Friday, January 15, 2021

Cancel Save

School Dental Program—Smile Squad

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you might be aware, we have had the School Dental Program - 'Smile Squad' attend our school in 2023 to give the students information on good dental health, undertake dental examinations and, where required, organise follow-up treatment. While the program is voluntary, many of you consented for your child/children to participate in the Smile Squad program.

To better understand the delivery of the Smile Squad program including benefits and challenges, an independent firm (Abt Associates) has been engaged to evaluate the program. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on your experience of the program. If you didn't consent for your child/children to participate in Smile Squad they are also keen to hear from you. The evaluation team want to understand why you chose not to participate. So, whether you participated or not, this is an opportunity to provide feedback so that improvements can be made to the Smile Squad program.

To participate in the evaluation, you can complete a confidential 5–10-minute survey. The survey does not require you to provide any information to the evaluation team that identifies you, however the survey does ask what school your child/children attend. Here is the link to the survey.

https://abtassoc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bf6YJUMs3NkfHWm

We encourage you to participate in this short survey and provide valuable feedback on Smile Squad. If you would like to provide more detailed feedback to the evaluation team, please contact Eleanor at sdpeval@abtassoc.com.au or 0738914145.

IMPORTANT DATES : TERM 1 - 2024

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|-----------|------|----------|---|
| Monday | 26th | February | Student Investiture at 12.15pm |
| Thursday | 29th | February | Yr 11 Physics excursion to Pyramid Hill College |
| Monday | 4th | March | Quantum Discover Engineering |
| Wednesday | 6th | March | Summer Sports |
| Thursday | 7th | March | LMR Lawn Bowls |
| Monday | 11th | March | Labour Day Holiday |
| Tuesday | 12th | March | LMR Swimming |
| Wednesday | 13 | March | NAPLAN |
| Thursday | 14 | March | NAPLAN |
| Friday | 15 | March | NAPLAN |
| Tuesday | 20 | March | GTAC (Biology) Excursion |
| Thursday | 28 | March | End of Term 1 |



REMINDER: Canteen
will only serve snacks
and drinks on
Wednesday this term.

Parent helpers are now only rostered on a Friday each week.

Parents will only be rostered on once for the entire year unless you wish to be put on more often of which you can let Jodie know. If your rostered day is not suitable, please try to find another family member or friend who is available or arrange a swap, alternatively please let Jodie know if you do not wish to be put on the roster due to other commitments.

Jodie Robinson—Canteen Manager

| Term 1 Canteen Roster | Friday ~ 10.30am to 1.00pm ~ |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Friday 1st March | Family of Travis, Lacey & Jacob Ford |
| Friday 8th March | Family of Lachlan Gray |
| Friday 15th March | Family of Zephan & Zara Hensley |
| Friday 22nd March | Family of Oliver & Noah Mathers |

~Career News~

Check out the latest Career News at cohunasccareers.com.au

Topics in this issue:

- ◇ Year 10 Work Experience
- ◇ Year 10 Work Experience Opportunities
- ◇ Monash University Updates
- ◇ University of Melbourne Updates
- ◇ Careers with STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths
- ◇ Thinking about an Apprenticeship?
- ◇ Information for Year 12 Students and Parents

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~Community Notices~

Music | Culture | Food

Alcohol Free Event

Free Entry

Afro-Brazilian Drumming Workshops with Humberto Porto & Baque Voador

The Marruk Project Matakupaat Dance Ensemble

SWAN HILL HARMONY DAY

Riverside Park
2 March 2024, 4pm-8pm

Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
Billabong Ranch Animal Nursery • Rishen Henna Arts
Multicultural performances • Traditional Dress Parade
Rest area • Children's activities and games

Food stalls from the Harmony Kitchen

swanhillharmonyday@gmail.com

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather and pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

From Diagnosis to OAM

plus a Sibling's Perspective: A Personal Autism Journey

Kerang

Wednesday 13 March 2024
6:30pm-9:30pm

(3 hour seminar including question time, doors open 6pm)

Daniel and Daniel's Dad (Daryl) will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

Daniel's sister (Leash) will also be sharing the sibling perspective and is a qualified educator (may be prerecorded).

Topics include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

There will also be an opportunity for question time.

Early Bird Tickets until 6 March!



Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM
Order of Australia
Medal Recipient
& Autistic Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles
Daniel's Dad

Leash Purcell
Daniel's Sister
and Educator



Venue

Kerang Sporties
25 Victoria St, Kerang VIC

Tickets (*includes \$0.50 booking fee for online bookings)

Autistic people, family & carers
\$30.50* early bird | \$35.50* regular

Professionals (Educators/Caseworkers/Therapists - incl. CPD cert.)
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