



'Excellamus' Let us excel!

"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."

Søren Kierkegaard, Philosopher, 1844

Another year has flown by and we wonder where the time has gone! What a simply superb year we have had. We hold our head up proud with the quality of the education we offer at Cohuna Secondary College and it is not only backed up by our academic results but also by the education department data that they collect!

- **School of 'Influence' and classed as a system leader (see previous newsletter for an explanation)**
- **Successfully transitioned from the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) to the new Vocational Major Certificate**
- **Year 10 students completing VCE General Mathematics and sitting the final exam**
- **Year 7 students going into Year 11 Methods classes for extension work**
- **Maths Pathways growth above 100% in all year levels undertaking the program**
- **Maclit-individualised literacy program for students who need a bit of extra support, student learning growth is in excess of 12 months and in some cases two years growth**
- **Age appropriate and engaging books continue to be bought for the library**
- **Books 'graded' in levels, in all genres, to encourage our young people to read for interest and love at their reading age level**
- **Library borrowing up 150% on previous years**
- **A student has made it to the Nationals in 2024 in Cross Country**
- **We have a State Champion Clay Target shooter**
- **Our students have made it to the next level in numerous regional sporting teams**
- **Parent Opinion data results improved or significantly improved in all areas**
- **Student Opinion data has improved in most areas**
- **Staff Opinion data improved in most areas; and**
- **We successfully passed the independent financial audit**

I strongly believe that this is a true and fitting recognition for the hard work of every single staff member of the college who sets high expectations, develops, extends, and provides opportunities for our young people's academic, social, emotional growth and development. Our young people have risen to the challenge and they have showed us what they are capable of and isn't it amazing?



A huge shout out to our Dux for 2023 Carolyn Fergusson. Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off. A true 'all rounder'. We are so proud of your achievements and wish you every success in the coming years.

Congratulations to the small cohort of 16 Year 12 students who sat their final exams, have received their academic results and have a pathway moving forward mapped out. Our hearts are full! We are so proud of them all. Let us not forget those students who have worked hard and received their VCAL.

To the parents and families of a Year 12 student, I tip my hat to each of you. Year 12 is a hard and often stressful year. Without your support, encouragement and patience, your young person wouldn't have been able to focus and achieve as they have. We as a college, appreciate your support as together we have worked to ensure the success of your young person. Our results prove that students in small rural schools can achieve outstanding results comparable to their city counterparts. However, it just doesn't fall into their laps, it takes considerable hard work and dedication to one's studies.

These results couldn't happen without the support and work of our dedicated staff. I see the work they do, I know of the 'out of school' work that goes into each student and I hear the pride in their voices when a young person succeeds. They go above and beyond for each of our students. Throughout the VCE years this work only increases further. I'd like to thank each and every staff member for the work that they do and have done throughout the year.

As is the case at the end of most school years, we have some staff moving off to retirement, or to pursue other opportunities. We farewelled during the year Sue Bottcher (retirement) and Tina Prout (a career change) and thanked them for their contribution to CSC over many years. At the end of the year we say goodbye to:

Luke Gray who is moving to another school;

Stewart Smith is taking up an opportunity to work in a remote indigenous community;

Raewyn Smith is also going to work remotely interstate; and

Phil Day (Chaplain) has changed careers.

I would like to thank our School Council members for their support throughout the year. In particular, I'd like to thank our outgoing School Council President, Matthew Hawken for his continued and ongoing support. I have felt very supported and knew I could rely on Matthew any time I needed. For that I am eternally grateful.

Our focus as a council and college as always is to ensure that our young people have the best possible learning opportunities within their community.

School Captains

This year we have undertaken a new process for selecting the School Captains. There are four areas that have been weighted in this new process and they are:

- Student Vote
- Staff Vote
- Application
- Interview

It has been an interesting experience to go through with our prospective school captains. I would like to congratulate each student on the way they represented themselves as part of this process.

*School Captains for 2024 are:
Remy Doyle and Ebony Black*

*Vice School Captains are:
Xavier Wishart and Hawley Wells*



I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a safe and happy New Year. I look forward to continuing to work together to further improve our college and the opportunities available for our young people in 2024.

CANTEEN CLOSED WEDNESDAYS TERM 1 2024

Please bring lunch and snacks from home on Wednesdays.

Canteen will be open for a short window of time for the sale of drinks and snacks at lunchtime ONLY.

***Students WILL NOT be permitted to go down to the street due to the school's duty of care
Child Safety requirements.***

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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."

67th Annual Awards Evening

Academic Awards

Honours Certificates and Dux Awards for each Year level. Honours Certificates are awarded to approximately the top 10% of students at each level, from Years 7-11, for achieving overall excellence across the range of subjects studied.

Year 12 Honours Certificates:

Australian History	Remy Doyle/Hayley Rooney
Art Making and Exhibiting	Lachlan Rogers
Biology	Jules Kristoffer Sudayan
Chemistry	
Mathematical Methods	
Physics	
Business Management	Carolyn Fergusson
English	
Physical Education	
Psychology	

Health & Human Development	Brittney Tierney
General Mathematics	Cooper Lacy
Product Design & Technology	Lachlan Stone
Visual Communication and Design	
Systems Engineering	Daniel Hawken

Year 12 Dux: Carolyn Fergusson

Year 11 Honours Certificates: Angus Donat, Marli Easton

Year 11 Dux: Ebony Black

Year 10 Honours Certificates: Alfie Quinlan, Maddison Black, Paige O'Connell

Year 10 Dux: Cooper Lacy

Year 9 Honours Certificates: Broden Wishart, Ryder Van der Zande, Zephan Hensley, Joelle Mathers

Year 9 Dux: Charli Moon

Year 8 Honours Certificates: Georgie Neil, Zoe Pollock

Year 8 Dux: Tayla O'Connell

Year 7 Honours Certificates: Will Fletcher, Tayla Lewis, Olivia Barker

Year 7 Dux: Noah H. Mathers

Dux of VCE 2023

Carolyn Fergusson



Year 12 Honours Students



Domain Awards

French: Year 7-Noah H. Mathers, Year 8-Macey Dehne, Year 9/10-Joelie Mathers

Mathematics: Year 7-Will Fletcher, Year 8-Tayla O'Connell, Year 9-Zephan Hensley, Year 10-Cooper Lacy

Science: Year 7-Noah R. Mathers, Year 8-Tayla O'Connell, Year 9-Charli Moon, Year 10-Cooper Lacy

Special Achievement Award Winners

The Gannawarra Shire Bursary: Marli Easton, Ebony Black, Angus Donat

Lynette and Bradley Whyte Memorial Junior School Scholarship: Evie MacKenzie

Cohuna Neighbourhood House Community Art Gallery - "Colin Peel Award": Liam Rooney

Junior School R.S.L. Scholarship— Donated by Cohuna—Leitchville Sub Branch of the R.S.L: Millah Crichton

Lions Club of Cohuna – Jim Lannen Memorial Award: Rory Martin & Shayley McLeod

Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning & Employment Network Award: Zoe Tierney, Natalie Grosser, Tanner Roberts

English: Meander Public Speaking/Writing Competition (Book Award) - Donated by the Narelle Sue Hildebrand Memorial Trust Fund: Year 7-Tayla Lewis, Year-8 Georgie Neil, Year 9-Joelie Mathers, Year 10-Liam Rooney

The 'Insight Award' - Year 11 VCE Student: Ebony Black & Remy Doyle

Eileen & Ned Turnour Memorial Award: Noah Martin

SRC Scholarship: Bronte Bagg

Staff Association Award: Maddison Black

St Marys Parish Good Samaritan Award: Makayla Heap

Legendairy Award—sponsored by the Leitchville Cohuna Dairy Discussion Group: Miley Anset

Technology Award—donated by Echuca Steel and Sheds: Pepper Bannon

Mawson's Award: Abigail Gray & Shae Taylor

Technology Award: Jorji Easton (Food Studies)

AWMA Award: Rivers Webb

Australian Defence Force "Long Tan" Leadership & Teamwork Award: Cooper Lacy & Hayley Rooney

Coy & Harry Stone Memorial Fund (Year 11): Natalie Grosser & Tanner Roberts

Ampol Best All Rounder Award: Carolyn Fergusson

VCE Encouragement Award: Lachlan Stone & Brittney Tierney

Citizenship Awards

Principal's Award: Daisy McGlone & Mitchell Treacy

School Council Award for Citizenship: Lainie Hawken & Kyde Schutt

DS Kerr Scholarship: Meiha Burns & Harmony Taylor

Outstanding Sportspersons & House Achievement Awards

Outstanding Sportsperson for 2023: Jett Ferris & Joelie Mathers

Stanton Shield for Swimming: Sturt

Gilmarley Trophy for Athletics: Mitchell

McGlone Trophy Cross Country: Mitchell

Owens Cup for Sports Aggregate: Mitchell

McWhae Honour Roll for Studies: Sturt

School Council Trophy for Grand Aggregate: Mitchell



★ ~2023 Awards~ ★





IMPORTANT DATES :

TERM 4 - 2023

Wednesday 20th December End of Term 4—dismissal 12:15pm

TERM 1 - 2024

Tuesday	23rd	January	2024 Booklist collection at CSC (8am-4pm)
Monday	29th	January	ALL STAFF commence Term 1
Tuesday	30th	January	ALL STUDENTS commence Term 1
Wed-Fri	7-9th	February	Year 7 Orientation Camp
Tuesday	13th	February	CSC Swimming Sports
Thursday	15th	February	School Photos

