



EXCELLAMUS *'Let Us Excel'* ISSUE 41 - 18th December, 2020

Cohuna Secondary College Child Safe contact is the Principal
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"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."

Awards Night

Thank you to everyone who sent messages of support and congratulations after viewing our Virtual Awards night. 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 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/O5zG24HLse4>

Farewell

As is the case at the end of most school years, we have some staff moving off to retirement, Long Service Leave or to pursue other opportunities. I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Mr Hunter for all his work throughout the years with students. Mr Hunter has been an integral and valuable member of staff who has shown over many years his care and dedication to all students, and in particular those of Mathematics. Mr Hunter is taking LSL for 2021. After finishing Long Service Leave, Mrs Helen Hall retired mid-year. She is a highly regarded and long standing member of staff whose dedication to her students was paramount. Helen's knowledge and skill in Chemistry, Science and Maths is acknowledged by the staff who she mentored and the students she taught.

Ms Annita Porter and Mrs Glenys Mahler have decided to retire at the end of this year. Ms Porter is a very inspiring teacher who was able to get the very best out of her students. This was particularly evident in the results that her VCE students achieved over many, many years. Their Study Scores in excess of 40+ is testament to her ability to get the very best out of her students.

Mrs Mahler has a passion for teaching young people English and worked very hard with them to achieve their goals. Over many years Glenys's VCE students benefited from her enthusiasm, wisdom and skill, with many achieving outstanding English results. Through her work as the Librarian, she was able to encourage the love of reading with students and indeed she is the reason many students found the passion to read.

Thank you Mrs Hall, Mrs Mahler and Ms Porter for your many years of service to Cohuna Secondary College.

I wish Leanne Parkes safe travels, seeing the sights of Australia, as she takes some Long Service Leave in term one. I look forward to hearing about her travels on her return.

Mr Croker and Ms Ling are also leaving us to pursue other opportunities further afield. We wish them all the very best and hope that they look back on their time at Cohuna Secondary College with fondness.

Thank you

As we traversed this 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. The staff go above and beyond to ensure that the opportunities and learning experiences of our young people, here at Cohuna Secondary College, are second to none. I'd also like to particularly thank Sharon Payne for all her support and the enormous amount of work that she does. I am very blessed to have her by my side, together with the School Improvement Team of Alexis, Sallie and Shannon, who all work hard together, for our students, our school and school community.

To Bernadette and Tina I have very much appreciated your work and support throughout this very difficult year. Thank you!

Finally, I'd like to thank the work of School Council, past President Andrew Rigg and current President Matt Hawken. They have worked with me, as we 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 2021.

Together as partners, we can excel!

Mrs. Fiona 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: Cooper Lacy, Rivers Webb, Zoe Tierney and Matilda Geurts

Year 7 Dux: Molly Sherlock

Year 8 Honours Certificates: Marli Easton, Taylor Hird, Ebony Black and Ava Van der Zande

Year 8 Dux: Charlee Sherlock

Year 9 Honours Certificates: Lainie Hawken, Xavier Goulding, Harmony Taylor and Brittney Tierney

Year 9 Dux: Kiara Robins

Year 10 Honours Certificates: Ebony Smith, Jemma Baxter, Alyssa Bourke and Mia Geurts

Year 10 Dux: Alicia McFarlane

Year 11 Academic Awards:

English	Ethan Rooney
Biology	April Wishart
Business Management	Elijah Fernandez
Chemistry	Haydyn Clough
General Mathematics	April Wishart
Mathematical Methods	Alicia McFarlane
Physical Education	Cassandra Crichton
Physics	Riley Mason
Product Design and Technology	Kye Treacy
Psychology	Alyssa Bourke
Studio Arts	Emily Hastie
Systems Engineering	Kye Treacy
Visual Communication and Design	Ethan Rooney

Unfortunately we are unable to acknowledge our Year 12 Dux or indeed the Dux of each subject, as student results are not released until December 30th.

Olympic Change-Maker Award 2020: 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: Zoe Tooley**

The Individual Age Champion Winners for Swimming are:

Maddison Black & Cooper Lacy	12-13 years
Marli Easton & Travis Ford	14 years
Mackenzie Southern & Will Crichton	15 years
Tess Doyle & Abel Prout	16 years
Jorja Moon & Nathan Taylor	17 years
Emily Wight & Xavier Mitchell	18-20 years
Lucy Palmer	fastest girl
Nathan Taylor	fastest boy

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 2021.

Thank you to our donors of our special awards.

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: Alfie Quinlan**

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: Tyler Battye**

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: Tanah Peacock**

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: Ava Van der Zande**

Legendaury Award This is an encouragement award for a student from Years 9 or 10 who has demonstrated through hardwork and persistence a commitment to their studies. The award is sponsored by the Leitchville Cohuna Dairy Discussion Group. **Awarded to: Mackenzie Southern**

Technology Award - Wiltronics Awarded to a student who has performed exceedingly well in Technology studies. The award is a voucher to the value of \$50. **Awarded to: Mitchell Treacy**

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

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 Will Cooke & Xavier Wishart.**

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 Alicia McFarlane

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 Mia Geurts**

FROGS Bus Lines Awarded to 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. **Awarded to: Olivia Griffiths**

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: Brylie Dehne & Abel Prout**

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, Kye Treacy & April Wishart**

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 Via Bio**

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 Ethan Rooney**

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 Jemma Baxter & Emily Wight**

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 Nathan Taylor**

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 Ethan Stone**

Lakes Coaches Prize This prize for Art and Technology enables the College to give public recognition to the students whose practical work and folio demonstrated an outstanding and exceptional level of skill and detail. This award is a cash prize to the value of \$200. **Awarded to Emily Hastie**

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 Taylah Clements, Cassandra Crichton & Elijah Fernandez**

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 Patrick Doyle**

VCE Encouragement Award A book award, awarded to a student who has shown that through hard work, high achievement is possible. **Awarded to Jack Kervin & Zoe Tooley**

Citizenship Awards

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 Chloe Heap**

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

St Marys Parish Good Samaritan Award For a student who does more that 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 Patrick Doyle**



CONGRATULATIONS 

Cohuna Secondary College

2021
School Captains

LUCY PALMER & NATHAN TAYLOR



VICE CAPTAINS

MADI PURVIS & KYE TREACY



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