



# Grafton High School

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### Useful Contacts:

- Kids Helpline (1800 551 800)
- Lifeline (13 11 14)
- HEADSPACE (1800 650 890)
- [eheadspace.org.au](http://eheadspace.org.au)

### Principal's Report

On Friday, 27 October, we recognised World Teacher's Day. I would like to acknowledge the work that is done every day by my staff in their teaching and the experiences that they offer for students from Years 7 to 12.

On Friday, 3 November, I was fortunate to attend the Australian College of Educators Awards that recognised 48 teachers from around the North Coast. These awards recognise outstanding contributions to education and dedication to teaching. Jo Mellefont and Michael Hillery both received awards for their work over many years at Grafton High School. This was a fantastic achievement and both are worthy recipients of this award. Congratulations!

The HSC exams finish this week and Year 10 start completing exams in several subjects. As we near the last assessment tasks it is important for all students to remember to work hard to achieve their best results as we approach the end of the year and final reports.

Shortly all students will be issued information regarding activities week. I would like to thank Ms Benkendorf for her organisation and all staff for the range of activities on offer. I am sure students will enjoy participating in this end of year program.

Our students have been heavily involved in a variety of sporting and academic competitions recently. It was great to see our debating team, girls and boys rugby, and girls' cricket team all representing the school in such a positive light. Our Facebook page has been busy with photos and stories of our involvement and I would like to thank the school community for their positive support of these students on social media.

The Student Representative Council for 2017-18 has made a positive start to their work within the school. I was lucky enough to attend their workshop day recently and it was great to listen to the ideas that they had regarding the school's environment and culture.

I look forward to working with them to improve the school and watching their leadership within the student body.

**Daniel Moar**

# Excursion

## Harwood Sugar Mill Excursion

On Friday, 27 October, Year 10 Agriculture and Year 11 Business Studies went to Harwood Sugar Mill to learn about primary industries and productions processes. Students were impressed with the scale of the operations; including an enormous building the size of two Olympic pools to store stock piles of sugar!

We discovered the progress of factory operations from the 1950s to today, the intensive and unpredictable nature of farming and sustainable energy use.

Students were on their best behaviour, especially around the massive boilers in the factory. We all had a great day!

*Ms Brennan, Ms Green and Ms Singh*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TERM 4

### WEEK 6

November

- 14 Year 7 2018 Orientation Day – All Schools  
SRC Leadership Camp - Brisbane
- 17 Year 12 Formal
- 19 Schools Spectacular

### WEEK 7

- 23 White Ribbon Day
- 24 Rewards Excursions – Years 7,8,9 & 10

## Community Notices



School  
Newsletter  
Info



### Study Abroad with Southern Cross University

Southern Cross students make the world their classroom by undertaking Study Abroad programs. Study Abroad allows students to explore different cultures, make new connections and follow their passion. Study Abroad is available to all students who have successfully completed their first year of study and Scholarships are available to help make this happen. More information at [www.scu.edu.au/studyabroad](http://www.scu.edu.au/studyabroad)

### Southern Cross Scholars 2018

To celebrate the launch of a new range of innovative degrees, Southern Cross University has an additional 40 new \$2,500 scholarships. The \$100,000 scholarship program will not only help attract talented students to new programs, but also help create a cohort of student leaders ready to contribute to the University and the community. Current Year 12 students commencing first year of University study in 2018 can apply for these new scholarships before 30 November at [www.scu.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.scu.edu.au/scholarships)

Over the past 18 months the Clarence Valley community held workshops and consultation with industry professionals, service providers and key stakeholders to discuss the higher than state average rates of self-harm. A Steering Committee was formed and led to the development of a plan for improving mental health and wellbeing in the Clarence Valley. This plan was named "Our Healthy Clarence Plan". The 5 objectives of this plan are as follows:

1. To improve access for people at risk of self-harm to treatment, crisis care and care after an attempt.
2. To improve the ways in which workers and the community respond to people at risk of self-harm.
3. To ensure that suitable mental health and wellbeing programs are available in schools.
4. To improve community awareness of mental health. This includes how to access information and services.
5. To improve our connection with the community. To improve early support for people who are at risk of self-harm and to help prevent self-harm.

The Our Healthy Clarence Steering Committee is seeking Community representatives to be part of this health and wellbeing initiative. How can you get involved? Contact Sue Hughes on 0439 305 803 or [ourhealthyclarence@nsoa.org.au](mailto:ourhealthyclarence@nsoa.org.au) for more information.

Our Healthy Clarence in collaboration with the New School of Arts have opened Pop UP Hubs in Yamba (Treelands Drive Community Centre) and Grafton (116B Prince Street, next to Charcoal Chicken). Everyone is welcome to drop in, have a cuppa and say g'day to the friendly team of staff and volunteers.



**Pop Up Hub, Grafton**

**116B Prince Street (next to Charcoal Chicken)**

**Tuesday to Friday**

**12.00pm to 7.00pm**

**Saturday**

**12.00pm to 4.00pm**

**Everyone welcome... Drop In & Chill Out!**

**Information**

**Supported referrals**

**Meetings & Support Groups**

**Community Activities & Events**

**Youth Activities**

**Volunteering**

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**2018 JUNIOR VIKINGS TRIALS SIGN UP DAY**

COME TRY OUT FOR NEXT YEAR'S DEVELOPMENT & REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS  
ALL JUNIORS BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME - ALL ABILITIES

TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER  
4PM - UNDER 12 BOYS & GIRLS &  
UNDER 14 BOYS & GIRLS  
5PM - UNDER 16 MEN & WOMEN &  
UNDER 18 MEN & WOMEN

@ GRAFTON SPORTS CENTRE 300 POWELL ST  
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**FREE event**

Grafton Showgrounds,  
Prince Street  
Friday 24th November  
2017... From 4pm

For more information contact Jason 0428067581 or Vicki 0438052132

# About the School Student Transport Scheme

## The School Student Transport Scheme

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel from home to school.

The scheme includes:

- Free travel to and from home and school on approved train, bus, ferry and light rail services during school term.
- Discounted travel on buses between home and school with a School Term Bus Pass.
- Free travel on NSW TrainLink Regional services and long distance coach services for boarding school students.
- Subsidised travel to and from school in private vehicles in areas where there is no public transport available.

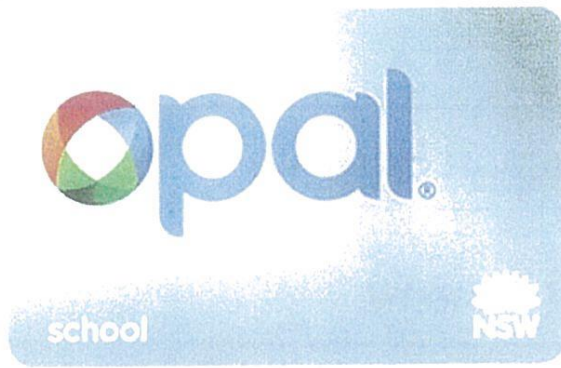
Students with a disability who are unable to travel to and from school under the School Student Transport Scheme may be eligible for assistance under the Department of Education Assisted School Travel Program .

## What will my free school travel pass look like?

Depending on where they are travelling, students may receive a free school travel pass, School Opal card or both.



School bus passes and School Term Bus Passes are issued by operators to students travelling on buses outside the Opal network. Some operators in rural and regional areas may choose not to issue passes to students.



School Opal cards are issued for free school travel and for School Term Bus Passes by Transport for NSW for travel on trains, buses, light rail and ferries in the Opal network.

## Using your school travel pass

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School travel passes can only be used for approved travel on school days between the student's home and school/TAFE college between 6.30am and 7pm (6.30am and 9.30pm for TAFE students).

Free school travel passes do not include travel to and from:

- before and after school care or child-minding premises
- before and after school activities
- school excursions
- sports events
- work experience
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) at a location away from where the student is enrolled
- multi-campus high schools, weekend schools, pre-schools or mini-schools (except for full-time geographically isolated distance education students).
- Student must comply with the Student Codes of Conduct.

## How to apply

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*Complete the online application form at [transportnsw.info/school-students](https://transportnsw.info/school-students), nominating your home address and which bus company or transport operator the student needs to travel between home and school.*

*You will receive an email confirming the outcome of your application.*

***Please Note:  
All Year 7 2018 students  
must apply for a new bus pass***