



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Simon Bridgeman

Welcome

This term, Gundagai HS welcomed two new teachers.

Mrs Rachel Pearce has started her role as the Head Teacher Technology and Applied Studies (TAS). Mrs Pearce is an experienced Textiles, Food Technology and Hospitality teacher. Mrs Pearce has so far enjoyed her time at GHS and is getting to know the students in her classes and across the school. She is looking forward to the planned renovations of her classroom.

Mr Chris Fish is the new Music teacher, he has taught in regional and metropolitan areas and is really impressed with the facilities at GHS. Mr Fish is keen to increase the musical enjoyment and opportunities for our students.

Mobile Phones and other mobile devices

In NSW Public High Schools, the mobile device policy in the school setting can be determined by the local Principal. At Gundagai HS we adopted a Mobile Device policy in 2019 that allowed students to bring devices to school, utilising them before school and in break times. It also allowed teachers to have the discretion of allowing students to use personal devices as teaching and learning tools.

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AUGUST	Thursday 11	• P&C Street Stall out of uniform day
	Monday 15 to Friday 19	• HSC Trial Exams
	Thursday 18	• P&C Street Stall
	Friday 19	• P&C Street Stall
	Tuesday 23	• Year 12 Paintball excursion
	Wednesday 31	• Variety Evening Show 5.30pm
SEPTEMBER	Tuesday 13	• Year 10 Subject selection night 5.30pm – 6.30pm
	Friday 16 to Thursday 22	• Year 11 Exams
	Tuesday 20	• Year 8 Subject selection night 5.30pm – 6.30pm
	Friday 23	• Year 12 Farewell Assembly

Over time we have tweaked this policy to move with the evolution of devices and their uses in the school setting. In 2022 we are witnessing an increased level of negative behaviours in our classrooms that is prompting another review of this policy. The student body has been informed at assemblies about our concerns and encouraged to keep devices away, off or silent during classes, otherwise changes will be made to our current policy.

Many other schools across the Riverina, and indeed NSW, have moved to banning phones from the school setting. Gundagai High School has initiated investigations into these measures and other policies being successfully implemented across our Public Education Secondary Schools.

GHS concerns include:-

Disruptive behaviours that distract students from learning in the classroom

Lack of physical activity during breaks,

Decline in positive social interaction during breaks,

Negative social media interaction during school hour,.

Filming other students and staff without permission.

I urge parents to discuss this issue with their children and help us address these concerns. Our aim is to have a policy that supports teachers to concentrate on teaching that also supports students in experiencing a safe and supportive environment for their learning at school.

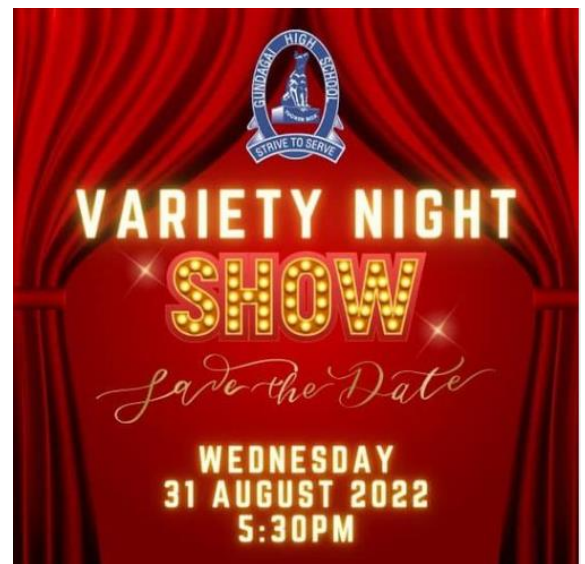
Subject selection evenings

Tuesday 13 September (week 9) - Year 10 Student information night regarding Yr 11 subject selections for HSC and Preliminary certificate requirements.

Tuesday 20 September (Week 10) - Year 8 student information night regarding Stage 5 elective choices.

Return of Variety Night

A Mini Variety Night is being planned for Wednesday 31 August 5.30pm-7.30pm in the school MPC. This night will include Visual Art displays, Drama performances and musical items. There will also be a raffle and a free BBQ.



New Shade Shelter

Construction of a new shade area adjoining our Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) has begun. Unfortunately, the school had to remove 6 trees that had either been damaged by storms or had become unstable. In their place we are erecting a 36m long shade structure that will provide extra shade in the warmer months for our students. There will also be extra seating placed in the area in the near future.



Immunisation – message from NSW Health

During Term 3 a team of NSW Health Nurse immunisers will be visiting your school to continue with the following vaccines which are being offered to students in 2022:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6mths apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Years 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

Catch-up vaccination will also be made available for any missed doses to students that had a consent signed in 2021, include:

- Year 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination)
- Year 11 (for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination)

If your child did not receive a consent card or has received the vaccine elsewhere or you wish to withdraw consent for any reason, please also contact Albury Public Health on 02 6053 4800 and press Option3 to discuss.

For more information about the NSW School vaccination Program, please visit <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

Street Stall Information

Students will have an out of uniform day this week on Friday 12 August. The theme is 'Favourite Sporting Team'. Students are asked to bring items for the P&C street stall hampers and place them in the containers at roll call. Please see over for your child's recommended items. The P&C street stall will be held in Sheridan Street on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 August. Home cooking and volunteers are greatly appreciated.



P&C Street Stall

Thursday 18 August and Friday 19 August 2022



Donations of cakes and slices would be greatly appreciated for sale on the street stall. If you can, please send in your home-baked goodies to school on Thursday or Friday morning, or preferably, deliver direct to the stall in the main street.



We need helpers to sit on the stall. If you can spare an hour during either of the 2 days please contact the school on 6944 1233 or reply by email (gundagai-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) with timeslot available.
Ask your family and friends to help!



To gather items for the hamper raffle, a **"Favourite Sporting Team colours" out of uniform day will be held Friday 12 August 2022**, however instead of a gold coin donation students are asked to bring donations for the hamper.

Years 7 – Cleaning items (laundry, bathroom, kitchen) eg sponges, gloves, cleaners, detergent, buckets, tissues, paper towels etc



Year 8 – Snacks – biscuits, chips, lollies, nuts etc

Years 9 and 10 – Kitchen pantry items – food items such as soups, cans, flour, spices, rice, pasta, breakfast cereals etc



Years 11 and 12– Garden /Outdoor items/Pet Food – seeds, bulbs, gardening gloves, pegs, etc

Please check hamper items are "in date".

Items may also be dropped off earlier in the week if this is more convenient.



Thank you