



# PARKES HIGH SCHOOL

Inspiration - Innovation - Inclusion

ISSUE 15 - WEEK 10 TERM 3 2019

Phone : 6862 1844 Fax : 6862 5046 Email : parkes-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au

## AirVenture Australia Work Experience

Four Parkes High School students were successful in participating in a work experience program offered by AirVenture Australia to build a Bushcat aircraft from kit form which was flown at the AirVenture Air show held at Parkes airport on Sunday 22 September.

The students had to submit an application discussing their interest in aviation, engineering and metal fabrication. The successful Parkes High students were Douglas Butt-Anderson, Ethan Pay, Shaun Stewart and Ryan Pusterla (pictured right). They were part of a 25 student team from around Australia who spent a week with industry professionals' successfully completing this once in a lifetime project.



## Careers In Aviation

Students from Years 8 to 10 were provided with the opportunity to attend a Careers in Aviation day as part of the AirVenture Australia Air show held in Parkes recently. They spent the day undertaking a range of activities and listening to a number of employees within the aviation industry. Some of the speakers included pilots, engineers, work, health and safety officers, doctors, cartographers, ground staff and communications personnel. This was a very informative programme which provided our students with a range of useful career opportunities.

Some of the students involved are pictured below and on page seven.



**Parkes High School, Proud to be a member of the Henry Parkes Learning Community, "Leading In Education"**



## Out And About With Mr Burge

Mr Burge has captured many exciting activities across the school recently, with Project Based Learning (timber earphone holders, Lego robotics and Lachlan Newton's BMX bike), Food Technology cooking, Construction of a retaining wall, Purple Day and a D5 Excursion to Sydney.



Retaining Wall Construction



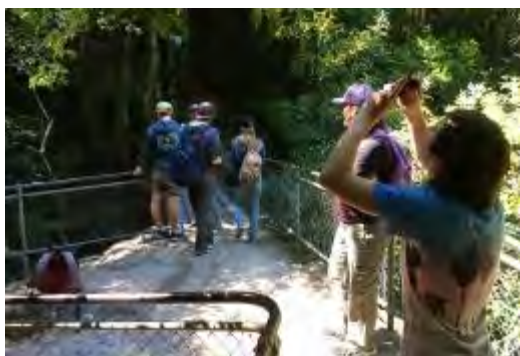
Wear It Purple Day



Food Technology



D5 Sydney Excursion



## Australian National Chemistry Quiz

Six students participated in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz in July this year. This is an international competition testing students on their knowledge of chemistry.

Congratulations to all those who entered but particular congratulations to Jye Langley and Madison Bland of Year 12 who received a Certificate of Distinction and Certificate of Credit respectively.

Jye and Madison are pictured right.



## Special Report



## Important Attendance Information

Every school day students should be at school engaged in their learning so they are able to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding and strive to reach their potential. If a student is sick, their parent or care provider needs to give a written explanation and or a medical certificate to the school the first day they return or contact the school the day of the absence. The reason for an absence from school cannot be changed after 7 days from the absence. If a written explanation is not received or the reason is not valid, eg getting a haircut, then the absence is recorded as unjustified.

I understand that there are circumstances where a parent or care provider needs to ask for permission for leave, for example, attending a funeral. Please do this in writing, addressed to the Principal, prior to the student being absent.

If a student needs to attend an appointment, eg with a doctor or specialist, please attach the appointment card to the note as supporting evidence. Family holidays will no longer qualify for an exemption from school. These will be granted under the leave provision and will count as absences from school. Please note that students cannot be paid to work during school hours.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 14 October**  
Term 4 Begins

**Thursday 17 October**  
HSC Exams Begin

**Tuesday 22 October**  
AECG AGM  
Parkes High School 9.30 am  
P&C Meeting  
Conference Room 7.30pm

**What's Uni Like?**

**helps you to answer 3 questions:**

- Uni – is it for me?
- Uni – what should I expect?
- Uni – what academic skills will I need?

The course is fun and free and you can do it at your own pace

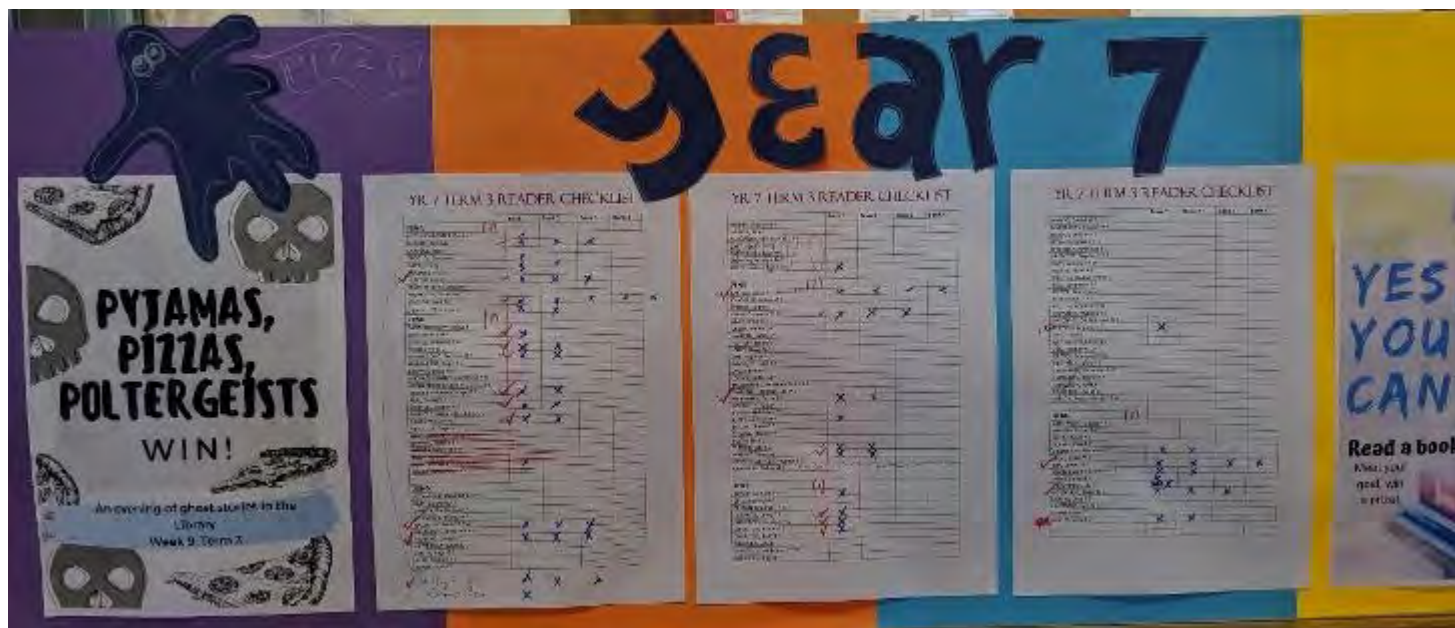
**Register here: [www.whats-uni-like.edu.au](http://www.whats-uni-like.edu.au)**

## DARE To Eat Pizza In Your Pyjamas With Poltergeists!

This term the English faculty and the Library have worked on developing a new reading program, DARE, to lift our reading skills. NAPLAN data and Minimum Skills testing has shown that we all need to read more, and research tells us that success in life after school is more likely if we read.

DARE is about daring to read, daring to read more, daring to read something different. Students have a reading lesson in the Library one period per cycle. The aim is to read for pleasure, to change to a culture where reading is valued for itself, and its real benefits understood. Reading goals for each student are determined by current reading levels, which we are all aiming to lift together. We have begun with Year 7, and we will work toward refining these goals for individual students next term, extending the program to all students in Years 7-9 over the next year.

Year 7 students who met their reading goals during weeks 5-9 this term were rewarded with a Pyjamas, Pizzas and Poltergeists night in the Library last Thursday.



With only candles for lighting, students played a ghostly trivia quiz while eating pizza and sat in a storytelling circle to share tales of ghosts. Some students created a creepy tale on the spot, others recounted real-life spooky experiences, and one student had researched and read out historical accounts of ghosts in Parkes. Our English teachers also told fascinating stories about ghosts they knew! We finished with a classic episode of *Around the Twist*, *The Skeleton on the Dunny*. Congratulations to those students who met their reading goals this term – a supernatural effort!!

Look out for the website DARE with resources and research, coming soon!

### Stage 4 Gifted Education Class

All parents of students in this class have been emailed a survey to evaluate our progress this year as we plan for 2020. If you did not receive this email, please contact [tracy.dawson@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tracy.dawson@det.nsw.edu.au).

#### Health and Safety Risk Aerosol Spray Deodorants

Aerosol Spray Deodorants are **BANNED** from school as they pose a health risk to students and staff through the potential for asthma attacks and allergic reactions. These will be confiscated if brought to school.

If students need deodorant at school they are encouraged to use roll on deodorants.

#### REMINDER - Energy Drinks are not consumed at Parkes High School

Long term effects of Energy Drinks include cardiovascular problems, heartburn, ulcers, difficulty sleeping (insomnia) and anxiety.

Please make good choices for your health. Staff will confiscate and discard Energy Drinks to support your health and wellbeing.

#### Payments To The Office

Due to changes in school banking procedures all receipting for school fees, excursions etc are unable to be processed after 3.00pm.

Payments for uniform remain unchanged.

#### Uniform Pool Needs Clothes

Have your children grown out of their uniforms? Consider making a donation to the Parkes High clothing pool! We have helped over 50 students with donations of jumpers, skirts, shirts and pants.

Please launder, fold and drop into the office in a plastic bag. We welcome any donations. Thank you!

## Disco On The Dance Floor

The Parkes High School Student Representative Council (SRC) recently organised a hugely successful Neon themed disco. The disco was held in the school hall where all the students had an awesome time.

Parkes High captain Becky Wright was extremely pleased with the turn out for the social. "It was so good to see kids from all different years at the disco, all dancing together having a good time. The students had been asking for a disco for a long time, and now, due to the SRC, it is an annual event again. We don't have much to do in Parkes, so it is important for the student body to make things like the disco happen" said Becky.

The students were entertained by DJ Kempson (who is in fact PDHPE teacher Miss Meaghan Kempson) for 3 hrs of non-stop music and the SRC would like to thank her and all the supervising staff for helping make the Disco a huge success.



## Principal's Report

**Good Luck Year 12:** This is an emotional week for our Year 12 students who are in the final weeks of their secondary schooling. All our year 12 students are busily preparing and planning for life after Parkes High School. Most of year 12 have been students at Parkes High School since the beginning of year 7 with some who have joined us along the way. All of our students have been involved in the rich diversity of learning experiences and extra-curricular opportunities that our dynamic school offers. I feel very privileged to be part of the Parkes High School community when I look at the successful young people our year 12 students have become. Their parents, teachers past and present, and the whole community, have worked together in teaching, mentoring and nurturing them on their journey towards adulthood. The HSC exams begin on Thursday 17 October.

Year 12 have been wonderful ambassadors for our school and have great community spirit representing the school on numerous occasions as well as volunteering with vital community organisations such as the Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Services. Year 12 students have brought colour, team spirit and active participation to our extra-curricular activities including the athletics, swimming and cross country carnivals as well as a variety of sporting teams.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Sue Riley who has been the Year Adviser for Year 12 since midway through year 8. I know she has used many words of wisdom and given many inspirational speeches to help them concentrate and complete their studies. Mrs Riley and their teachers have also done a lot of preparation to make their last weeks of schooling memorable and to fully prepare them for their Higher School Certificate examinations. I would like to publically acknowledge and thank them for this. I know that many of their class teachers have put aside time during the upcoming holidays to give extra study and revision lessons in preparation for the Higher School Certificate examinations.

**Recognition Assembly:** Our Term 3 Recognition and incoming School Captains and senior SRC leadership team assembly was on Thursday. Several students were awarded a Gold Pin in recognition of their positive contribution to our school and their commitment to their learning. It is very rewarding to see so many of our students working towards and achieving the higher levels of our Recognition system. Congratulations to new School Captains, Faith Hanstock and Nicayden Greenwood, Vice-Captains, Josephine Bayliss and Jackson Guy and Senior SRC, Meika Lovett, Kyah Turnbull, Archie Lickess and Harrison MacGregor.

**School Bus:** The Parkes High School bus is here!! It had a trial outing last Tuesday. All went well so should start to be used regularly.

**Sports Achievements:** Our Girls Open Squash Team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the CHS championships. Our Boys Squash Team came 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mrs Melinda Richter and our wonderful parents for travelling with the students.

Our Open Girls Hockey team, who travelled to Sydney and saw this strange liquid coming out of the sky, came 8<sup>th</sup> in the state in the CHS Open Hockey competition. This is a very good result considering almost all our team are from year 8 and they were competing against teams with all Year 11 and 12 students including girls who play for NSW and one who plays for Australia! Thank you to Mrs Justine Morrissey, Mrs Janelle Thompson and Mrs Sharon Deen-Moody for taking the students to Sydney.

Year 11 student Sally Richter has been selected to umpire the All Schools Open Touch Football competition in Canberra next term. Sally umpired in the NSW championships recently.

Danielle Goodrick, of Year 8, has been dancing with the State Dance Ensemble. This is an outstanding achievement for a student from the country! Danielle will also dance in the Schools Spectacular.

Year 10 student Libby Hoyle will be completing her work experience at the Bell Shakespeare Company and the Sydney Theatre Company! This is an excellent example of a student seeing opportunities and making them happen. Well done Libby.

**Towards 2020:** Our Timetabling for 2020 has commenced and we will be running with a Gifted and Talented class in Years 7, 8 and 9. We will work with staff for differentiated learning for those Gifted and Talented students in Year 10. We will continue to work with our Henry Parkes Learning Community schools, Parkes East, Parkes Public and Middleton Primary Schools, for enrichment activities for our Gifted and Talented students.

**Staff changes:** Mr David Warburton will be on Long Service Leave Term 4 and Mr Warren Murray will be relieving Head Teacher. Mrs Helen Corke will be Head Teacher Welfare when Mrs Hawker goes on maternity leave week 7 Term 4.

**International Guests:** The French Rugby League team will be visiting us on Tuesday 29 October. They will be working with Year 7 Language students and helping in a cooking class!

**Exciting Opportunity:** We have been invited to participate in UNSW and Gonski Institute First LEGO League a research project looking at structured and unstructured play.

**Term 4:** Please note that all students and staff return to school for Term 4 on Monday 14 October 2019.

**School Uniform:** Thank you to our parents who are continually supporting our school and fostering pride in our school through their children wearing our school uniform. Most items of our school uniform are available from our school office. Please be mindful that our school uniform has been ratified by our P&C and as such it is a core rule and requirement of all government schools that students wear school uniform.

**P&C Meeting:** Our next P&C Meeting for 2019 will be held in the Conference Room (just along the corridor from the front office) on Tuesday 22 October at 7.30 pm. I look forward to seeing all our new and continuing parents.

Please contact the school (6862 1844) or make an appointment if you need to discuss any aspect of your child's education or if you need clarification on any issues or events your child may be involved in.

**Please be aware that all visitors to the school, including parents, must report to the office in Albert Street.**

At Parkes High School we are safe, respectful and responsible.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Mrs Sandra Carter

Principal

## Careers - Let Your Journey Begin Here

By Mr Kieran Duncan



More photos from the Careers in Aviation experience held last week as part of the AirVenture Australia Air Show held at Parkes Airport last weekend.

**Charles Sturt University Foundation Scholarship:** Value: \$1,000 - \$10,000: Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2019 – February 5, 2020. The Charles Sturt University Foundation Trust distributes more than 300 student scholarships every year. **Who can apply:** Any Australian/New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident who has applied for admission to CSU or who is enrolled in a CSU course. Both on campus and online students are eligible unless otherwise stated in individual scholarship criteria. **Conditions:** Applicant to provide evidence of – sound academic achievement / community/ regional involvement / career goals and aspirations. **Find out more:** <https://study.csu.edu.au/get-support/scholarships/find-scholarship/foundation/any-year/charles-sturt-university-foundation-scholarship>

**Work Experience at the Sydney Opera House:** The Sydney Opera House is currently taking applications for year 10 students who are wanting to undertake a week of work experience. The program will run from Monday 4 to Friday 8 November, and involve a wide variety of activities, including meeting and working alongside a diverse range of Opera House employees, from Ticketing Sales Representatives to Stage Managers to Building Operations Supervisors. Applications are open until Sunday 6 October, so get yours in now. Find out more: <https://www.sydneypoperahouse.com/general/Careers.html>

**Win a Uni Starter Pack:** Are you thinking about studying at the University of Canberra in 2020? If you haven't made up your mind yet, this might help. UC are giving away a Uni Starter Pack to a new student valued at \$4,000! The pack includes: MacBook Pro 13 inch 128GB + Microsoft Office personal, Club Lime 12 Month Multi Club Membership, Vintage style cruiser push bike, Unisex laptop backpack (Hershal), \$250 Textbook Voucher, \$50 Office works voucher, UC Hoodie, \$50 MyWay public transport pass (ACTION buses and Light Rail), Brumbies rUckus crew season pass. Entries are open until Sunday 28 January 2020. Get yours in here: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/competitions-and-awards/uc-starter-pack>

**Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme:** Value: Up to \$15,000. Open/Closing Dates: October 1, 2019 – November 3, 2019. The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme is designed to encourage and assist undergraduate students in health-related disciplines to complete their studies and join the health workforce. The scheme provides scholarships for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people studying an entry level health course. Applications will be considered from applicants who are: of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, enrolled or intending to enrol in an entry level or graduate entry level health related course intending to study in the academic year that the scholarship is offered. <https://www.acn.edu.au/scholarships/indigenous-health-scholarships>



Please 'like' the PHS Careers noticeboard Facebook page for access to Further Careers information.



## KOORI NEWS



**Indigenous Access Program**

Make tracks and get started on your career pathway today...

Are you curious about university, but not sure if you'd get in? You're not alone.

Which is why Charles Sturt University has developed its Indigenous Access Program.

It's a five-day alternative entry program for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, of all ages, wanting to study at Charles Sturt University.

**How does it work?**

So you can work out what you want to do and see if your chosen course is a good fit, first you'll be given a range of assessments. Then together we'll create a personalised plan for your academic future. You'll also get to try out uni life and discover all the different services available at Charles Sturt University.

If you're successful, you'll be guaranteed a place in a number of Charles Sturt University undergraduate courses.

**Where and when?**

Wagga Wagga campus  
18-22 November 2019

Port Macquarie campus  
2-6 December 2019

Bathurst campus  
3-7 February 2020

For eligible participants, we will provide your travel, accommodation and meals for the week.

**Hurry – places are limited.**  
*approximate dates only*

Charles Sturt University

For more information, contact:  
Email: [info@csu.edu.au](mailto:info@csu.edu.au)  
Website: [csu.edu.au/iap](http://csu.edu.au/iap)  
Phone: (02) 6933 4020



**Building Strong Minds**

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID Australia

nesa

FREE TRAINING

**You can make a significant change in another person's life. You could be the difference!**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid Training**


- Developed in conjunction with Aboriginal Mental Health workers
- Focused on the importance of improving the mental health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

**CONTACT TERESA ELLIOTT**  
0477 547 304  
[TERESA@NESA.COM.AU](mailto:TERESA@NESA.COM.AU) | [WWW.NESA.COM.AU](http://WWW.NESA.COM.AU)

### Health and Safety Changes

**ALL** visitors to the school **MUST** report to the office and sign in.

**ALL** visitors attending assemblies or events will be required to **SIGN IN** either at the office or at the LP Johnston Hall.



**Maths and English**  
Caring, qualified tutors  
Year 1 to Year 10

### AECG Meetings 2019

**AGM**

**Parkes High School: Tuesday 22 October 2019 9:30am**

**Term 4: Middleton Public School:**  
Junior - Tuesday 12 November  
Senior – Wednesday 13 November

### The Townsend Memorial Scholarship

The Townsend Memorial Scholarship is available to students attending Parkes High School to assist students to complete a degree course of study at the University of NSW or University of Sydney in the faculty of Medicine, Law, Dentistry, Architecture, Agriculture, Veterinary Science or Engineering.

Please see Mrs Carter to discuss your application.

### ALLERGY AWARENESS IMPORTANT REMINDER

Due to the increasing number of students with severe allergies and anaphylaxis we ask students, parents and all staff to **not bring the following items to school:**

- All nuts, including; peanuts, cashews, pistachios, nut mixes, peanut butter, products including peanut / nut or extract or oil. These include nutella, muesli bars, satay, various sweets, chocolate and biscuits.
- Raw egg

**Also, students should not share or exchange food**

## Term 4 Assessment Schedules For Students, Parents and Carers

Please use this as a guide to help your child plan their study schedules and assessment tasks.

On occasion, changes may need to be made to this guide due to unforeseen circumstances.

Students can confirm dates with the Head Teacher of the faculty if they have any concerns.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11/12
<b>Week 1</b>	PDHPE	PDHPE	PDHPE PASS	PDHPE PASS	<b>Students</b>  Please check your assessment schedule with your individual class teachers or Head Teacher of the subject.  Further information will be available next term.
<b>Week 2</b>			Science Music Timber Photography Metal	Timber Music Photography Metal	
<b>Week 3</b>	HSIE GATS	HSIE GATS	HSIE Mystery History Project Based Learning Child Studies Outdoor Education Crime and Punishment	Mathematics HSIE Mystery History Project Based Learning Child Studies Outdoor Education Crime and Punishment	
<b>Week 4</b>	Science Music B & C	Music English	PDHPE Mathematics	Science PDHPE	
<b>Week 5</b>	English Mathematics GATS Mathematics	PDHPE Mathematics GATS Mathematics	English PASS	English PASS Food Technology	
<b>Week 6</b>	PDHPE Music B & C	Science Music	Agriculture Timber Music Food Technology Metal Photography Information Software Technology	Agriculture Timber Metal	
<b>Week 7</b>	Technology Mandatory	Technology Mandatory			
<b>Week 8</b>					
<b>Week 9</b>	GATS English	GATS English			
<b>Week 10</b>					

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

**Now Available At Parkes High School**

Cash or Cheque to the School Office

<b>Polar Fleece Jacket</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>Trackpants</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Blue Shirt</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>	<b>School Jumper</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>White Shirt</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>	<b>School Jackets</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Long Sleeved Shirts</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>	<b>Beanies</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Girls Skirt</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>Scarves</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Girls Dress Pants</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>School Hats</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Sport Shorts</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>School Tie</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Sport Shirts</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>School Sport Socks</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>

**Please note that uniform CANNOT be paid through POP online**

### Maths Help

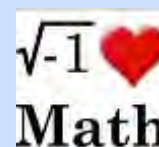
Does your child have maths questions they need help with?

Would they benefit from a quiet place to do their homework?

Looking for assessment preparation?

Maths help is available for all students in any year, from 3:25pm on Thursday afternoons in the Learning hub (B9). No bookings needed, no cost.

Helen Vere - Mathematics Teacher  
Distance Education Support  
Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader  
Parkes High School



**IMPROVE YOUR DRIVING AND LEARN TECHNIQUES FOR SAFER DRIVING**

**SAFER DRIVERS COURSE FOR LEARNER DRIVERS**

THE SAFER DRIVERS COURSE INVOLVES TWO MODULES

**MODULE ONE:**  
A three-hour facilitated group discussion and role-play module on the road.

**MODULE TWO:**  
A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop on-road driving skills.

LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK.

**\$140**

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:  
Hold a valid NSW Learner License, be 17 years of age and have completed a minimum of 50 hours of practical on-road driving (hours in their Learner Logbook, not including lesson hours).

**Book online at [www.saferdrivers.org.au](http://www.saferdrivers.org.au)**

Find us on  

**PLAY THE GAME**

**ACTIVE KIDS**

**PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB AND DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS IN FAST, ACTION-PACKED GAMES!**

**JUNIOR CRICKET**  
AGES 9-17 | 24 HOURS

- Play standard rules cricket on a local club
- Follow on-line and better skills development
- Have game prizes
- Only entry fee required

**PLAY CRICKET IN PARKS THIS SUMMER**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR CRICKET THIS SUMMER, PLEASE VISIT [PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU) AND SEARCH FOR 'PARKS' IN THE CLUB FINDER.

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS CAN BE REDEMED WHEN REGISTERING AT [PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU)

NEW LIFE FOR ALL YOUR LOCAL CLUB  
REGISTER AT [PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU)

**BOGAN GATE Village Fair**

**Sunday 29 September**  
**9.30am-3pm**  
**Bogan Gate Memorial Hall**

Be out there at Bogan Gate for their inaugural Village Fair!

You'll find vintage machinery and vehicles + markets + food + famous Devonshire Tea + kids activities + fashion parade

Money raised will go to Bogan Gate community groups.

Proudly supported by Parkes Shire Council.

 Bogan Gate Village Fair

## Parkes High School 'Bring Your Own Device' Specifications

Please refer to our Parkes High School website for specifications before purchasing any new "Bring Your Own Device" computers or tablets.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

### Canteen Volunteers Needed

If you have a spare hour a day at either **11.00 am or 1.30pm** to help serve recess or lunch it would be greatly appreciated.

**Please call Canteen on 68 622 805**

## Behaviour code for students NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

### In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and classroom rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

### Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

### Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Obey appropriately by complying with the school uniform and dress code
- Take care with diversity

### Safety

- Model and follow appropriate school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

### Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The Department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, written to specific advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

## School Community Charter

**Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**



We work in partnership to promote student learning.



We treat each other with respect and fairness.



We communicate in a positive and constructive manner.



### Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel safe and respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

### Unacceptable behaviour:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical assault
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, threats, sexual or discriminatory comments or using a code name

Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or ethnic identity is inappropriate and time-wasting discrimination.

**We all play a part**



**School Community Charter**



## HSC Minimum Standards – Year 10 Students

If you are sitting your HSC exams in or after 2020 you will need to meet a [minimum standard of literacy and numeracy](#) to receive your Higher School Certificate.

Literacy and numeracy skills are key for success in everyday life. Achieving the HSC minimum standard means you will have a [level of skills](#) necessary for success after school.

Students show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing [online tests](#) of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills needed for everyday tasks. The minimum standard online tests are not based on NAPLAN.

Students master basic skills at different stages so there are multiple opportunities available for students to [understand what to expect](#) and pass the minimum standard online tests, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.

Some students will be eligible for [disability provisions for the minimum standard tests, or an exemption](#) from the HSC minimum standard requirement.

### Important changes to the HSC minimum standard

From last year, [Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be available as an early way for students to demonstrate the standard](#). This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on its diagnostic purpose and to reduce unnecessary stress on young people.

### PLEASE REFER TO THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard>

**HSC MINIMUM STANDARD**  
FACT SHEET

You need reading, writing and maths skills to be successful in everyday life after school. That's why you're required to show a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the Higher School Certificate (HSC) from 2020.

To check you have the basics right, you need to sit short **online tests of reading, writing and maths for everyday life**.

You get two chances a year to pass each of the tests from Year 10 until a few years after the HSC. Your school will help you decide when you are ready to take each test.

If you pass the online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills you will show you've met the HSC minimum standard.

### HOW IS THE STANDARD SET?

The standard is set at level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), which means students will have the basic reading, writing and maths skills needed for everyday tasks and future learning after school. It includes skills for tasks such as:

- ✓ Following safety instructions in equipment manuals
- ✓ Understanding a mobile phone plan
- ✓ Writing a job application
- ✓ Creating a personal weekly budget.

The HSC minimum standard is part of a plan to ensure students have essential literacy and numeracy skills.

**TIMETABLE**

**I WILL COMPLETE THE HSC IN 2019**  
You do not need to meet the HSC minimum standard or pass the online tests to receive the HSC.

**I WILL COMPLETE THE HSC IN 2020**  
You need to meet the HSC minimum standard to receive the HSC. To show you meet the standard you need to:

- pass the online reading test or have achieved Band 8 or above in reading in Year 9 NAPLAN in 2017 **AND**
- pass the online writing test or have achieved Band 8 or above in writing in Year 9 NAPLAN in 2017 **AND**
- pass the online numeracy test or have achieved Band 8 or above in numeracy in Year 9 NAPLAN in 2017.

**I WILL COMPLETE THE HSC IN 2021 OR LATER**  
You need to meet the HSC minimum standard to receive the HSC. To show you meet the standard you need to:

- pass the online reading test **AND**
- pass the online writing test **AND**
- pass the online numeracy test.

### STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Some students with disabilities will be eligible for extra provisions for the minimum standard online tests, or be exempt from meeting the HSC minimum standard in order to receive their HSC.

**STAY UP TO DATE**

NSW Education Standards Authority  
educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/  
HSCminimumstandard@NewsAINEWA



# ARE YOU STRUGGLING?

Stressed, Anxious, Not Sleeping, Feeling Down?  
Issues with friends or family?

**Get Help NOW:**

## Call

eHeadspace -1800 650 890  
Suicide Callback Service -1300 659 467  
Kids Helpline -1800 55 1800  
Beyond Blue -1300 224 636  
Lifeline -13 11 14  
Drug and Alcohol Helpline -1300 887 000  
MensLine -1300 78 99 78  
Alcohol and Drug Info Service (ADIS) - 1800 422 599  
SANE Australia - 1800 18 7263  
Mental Health Line - 1800 011 511 (24 hrs)

## Connect

<https://www.eheadspace.org.au/>  
<https://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au/>  
<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>  
<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>  
<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>  
<http://adf.org.au/help-support/>  
<https://www.mensline.org.au/>  
<https://www.sane.org/>  
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealth/Pages/contact-service.aspx>  
<http://www.mindhealthconnect.org.au/>  
<https://au.reachout.com/>  
<https://svhs.org.au/home/our-services/list-of-services/alcohol-and-drug-service/alcohol-and-drug-information-service>

## Call 000

if YOU, or someone you are with, is in immediate danger

*Contact your GP, that's a great place to start! Stay connected to family and friends. Eat well, get plenty of sleep and exercise. Be careful of excess alcohol intake and avoid other drugs. Manage your stress. Make sure you take a break and make time for fun. Your local hospital is open 24 hours and can be used in cases of an emergency.*

