

## Term 1 - Teaching & Learning

Year 7 students have made a great start to their high school journey. We congratulate them on their enthusiasm and commitment so far this term, and wish them well for the remainder of NAPLAN and upcoming Term 1 Assessment Tasks. Thank you to our Year Advisor, Mrs Hunt, who has greatly assisted students adapt to the new changes and challenges that occur at the start of a new year.

It has been pleasing to witness the maturity with which students in Year 8 have started their second year of high school, especially with our consolidation to one campus. They have been very supportive of the new Year 7 students and towards their new Year Advisor Ms Kahari. We look forward to their continued growth, particularly as they approach Year 9 and a wider choice of curriculum options.

Year 9 and 10 have made a positive start to 2024, with many students participating in a range of extracurricular programs already this term. Students supplemented their mandatory subjects with a choice of three electives and students are now settled into their classes and enjoying the learning experiences provided. In Week 11 of this term, students in Year 10 will also have an opportunity to partake in the Work Experience program. We wish them well with this and thank our local businesses who support this hands-on experience for our students.

Our Year 11 and 12 students have settled into their study pattern and are working diligently towards the completion of high school. Students are reminded that the standards and expectations around completion of coursework and assessment tasks are rigorous. All students are expected to complete assessment tasks by the due date. Students in Years 11 and 12 have also been provided with the appropriate policies and procedures to follow if they are not able to complete a task on time.

We would like to thank all students for the positive attitude they have displayed in regard to their behaviour, cooperation and their commitment to learning as they commenced the academic year. Many students will complete Term 1 Assessment Tasks in the final weeks of this term. We encourage their efforts and remind students to seek the help of class teachers where needed.





## Term 1 Activities

Our students have taken up the many opportunities available to them in Term 1. Students have joined sports teams and lunch time activities, Girls Academy and Clontarf Academy, and shown off their talents in musical performances.





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Clontarf Academy has had a successful start to the year with activities including:

- Year 11 + 12 Leadership Camp
- Year 7 Induction Camp
- Year 8 Excursion to the Pecan Nut farm
- Work experience program

More activities are planned for Term 2 including health checks and the first excursions for our Year 9 and 10 students.





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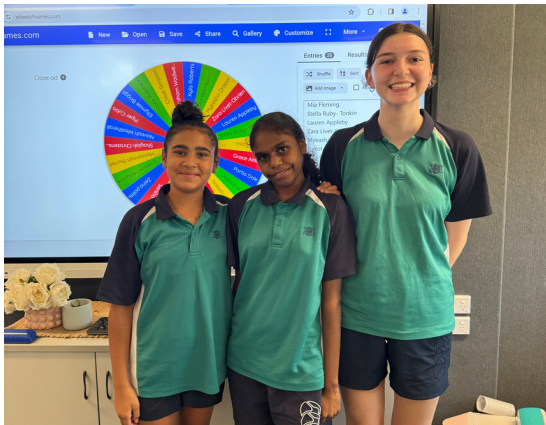
Young Yinarr Girls Academy has also hit the ground running for 2024 with activities before and after school, as well as at lunch time.



Wednesday morning sessions have been focusing on healthy and fitness, followed by a healthy breakfast before school.



Elders Health Session at the Dhiyaan Centre. The girls helped run activities in preparation for an upcoming 'Elders Olympics' in Kempsey



Top Attendees lunch! Girls present for 5 days in the week receive a cooked meal for lunch and go into the draw for a paddle pop on a Friday!



Monday afternoon fishing session with a focus on culture + life skills



Check out the new YYA bus! Doesn't it look great?!



Elders Health Session

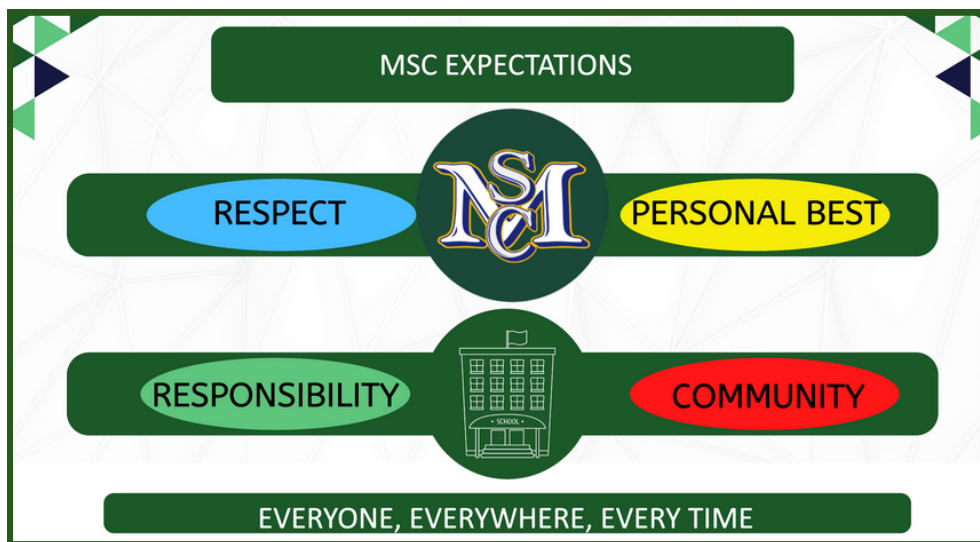


Congratulations to Faith who with support of Bamara has got her Ps!



## Positive Behaviour for Learning

This term we have been reviewing the behaviour expectations at our school. We have focused on use of being in the right place at the right time, behaviour during assembly, managing our personal devices and wearing full school uniform every day. All behaviour expectations are aligned to our school values as outlined below.



FOCUS AREA: **RESPONSIBILITY**

### 3 MINUTES TO CLASS

- RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME
- BE SAFE
- BE ACCOUNTABLE

EVERYONE. EVERYWHERE. EVERY TIME

**PERSONAL BEST** **RESPONSIBILITY**

### PERSONAL BEST: UNIFORM

EVERYONE. EVERYWHERE. EVERY TIME

**RESPONSIBILITY** **RESPECT**

### APPROPRIATE USE OF PERSONAL DEVICES #1

- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE SAFE
- BE ACCOUNTABLE

EVERYONE. EVERYWHERE. EVERY TIME

**RESPECT**

### APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR DURING ASSEMBLY

- LISTEN
- FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS
- SPEAK POLITELY

EVERYONE. EVERYWHERE. EVERY TIME



## Assessment + Reporting

### Term 1 Assessment

Students across Years 7 -12 will complete their Term 1 Assessment Tasks in the coming weeks. Some of these tasks will be completed in class, and other components may need to be worked on at home.



Classroom Teachers and our Student Learning and Support Officers are here to help with these tasks, and students shouldn't hesitate in reaching out for additional support.

### Interim Reports

All students will receive an interim report which comments on their application to course work and gives an indication of their progress so far this year.

Students in Years 7-10 will be assessed on how well they demonstrate respect, demonstrate responsibility towards their learning and how consistently they strive to achieve their personal best.

Additionally, Years 11 and 12 students will receive a comment about homework completion and demonstration of independent study skills.

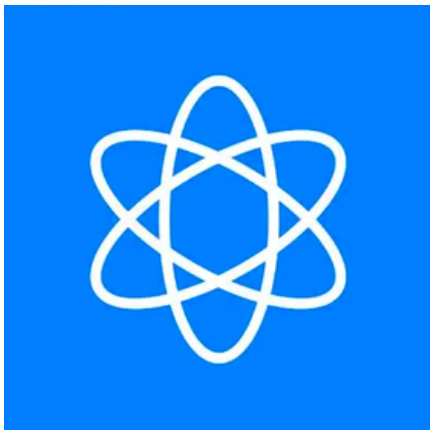
Interim reports will be mailed home this week. If you have any questions regarding these reports, please contact the Faculty Head Teacher or Classroom Teacher and arrange a time for either a phone call or face-to-face meeting at school.

### Atomi - Online Learning Platform

We recently acquired Atomi for many of our 7-12 school subjects. Atomi is a platform with interactive quizzes, videos and practice assessments.

The platform provides students with an opportunity to learn within and beyond the classroom, in a structured digital format. Students can access Atomi using their @education email accounts, and will have been automatically added to classes which are available on the platform.

Students should expect to be using Atomi in some of their classes and are also encouraged to use this platform as an independent, study resource. For any tech support, please speak to classroom teachers.





## Sentral Parent Portal



### Moree Secondary College

 [mscalberts-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mscalberts-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  <https://moree-s.schools.nsw.gov.au/>  
 PO Box 831, Albert Street, Moree 2400  02 6752 1999


Dear Parent/Carer

### SENTRAL

Communicating with parents and families and keeping everyone up to date with what is happening with your child is important at Moree Secondary College.

From Term 2, we will be using the **Sentral for Parents** app to communicate with parents about everything that is happening at our school.

The **Sentral for Parents** app is downloadable in the Apple App Store or Google Play stores.

The **Sentral for Parents** app looks like this  inside these online stores.

Prior to the beginning of Term 2 you will receive an email addressed to yourself which lists a "Family Access Key" or "Student Access Key" this is a uniquely identifiable key which connects you to each individual child in your family unit. Each different family member must have their **own** User Account / Login as well as their own Family or Student Key for the Sentral for Parents app.

We highly recommend that you also keep the real time notifications of the Sentral for Parents app turned **ON** so that you receive information about your child in a timely way. Notifications are organised by your individual mobile device in "Settings" as well as within individual apps under "Notifications".

On the **Sentral for Parents** app you will:

- receive real-time notifications and messages from the school
- explain reasons for your child's past absence
- submit future student absence requests for your child
- view/read/download academic reports
- view the school's community calendar
- book parent/teacher interviews
- view/read/download newsletters
- view school documents, such as policy documents.

Regards,

Karina Hutchings  
Executive Principal





## Upcoming at MSC

As we head into the final 3 weeks, we're looking forward to the activities below and also remind students and our families of key dates.

We also remind students that daily notices are read each morning during Roll Call with lots of opportunities for activities beyond the classroom.

### Year 10 Work Experience

All Year 10 students will participate in Work Experience during Week 11 of term.

Notes need to be handed back for year 10 students for work experience ASAP.

Any students requiring a note, or assistance in seeking work experience please come to the Careers Pathway's Office and speak with Mr McWhirter, Bronwen or Mrs Brown.

### Upcoming Excursions:

**Year 12 Geography visit to Gwydir Wetlands**

**Year 11 Agriculture visit to Keytah Cotton Farm**

**Namoi Winter Trials Rugby League in Narrabri**

### Upcoming In-School Activities:

**White Card Course**

## Term 1 Key Dates

**NAPLAN** - Wednesday 13 March to Monday 25 March

**Public Holiday (no school)** - Friday 29 March

**Public Holiday (no school)** - Monday 1 April

**Year 10 Work Experience** - Week 11  
*Mon 8 April - Fri 12 April*

**Last day of Term 1** - Friday 12 April





## Upcoming in our Community



**MOREE**  
on a plate

FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL  
Saturday, May 11, 2024

A signature rural event celebrating regional producers and the arts

featuring  
**CELEBRITY CHEF**  
**Matt Golinski**

Moree Racecourse  
10am to 4pm  
Gold coin donation entry

[www.moreeonaplate.com.au](http://www.moreeonaplate.com.au)



**SF3** Youth Smartphone Filmmaking Workshops in Moree for ages 6-10 & 10+

Both groups Online April 22nd 5:30pm-7:30pm then  
ages 6-10 Tuesday April 23rd 10am-1pm &  
ages 10+ Wednesday 24th 10am-1pm at The Moree Library

with local filmmaker, Michèle Jedlicka

**FREE Smartphone Filmmaking Workshop**

<https://bit.ly/42SFAOB>

22/4 - ONLINE 5.30-7.30pm (parents invited!)  
23/4 - Moree Library - ages 6-10 : 10am-1pm  
24/4 - Moree Library - ages 10-24 : 10am-1pm

Whether you are an absolute beginner or a young pro, we will cover it all. Come and learn everything you need to know to create amazing and professional films on your phone or tablet. We will teach you all about screenwriting, cinematography, resolution, frame rates, editing, music and more but in a super fun and accessible way. **Bookings essential!**

**ANGELA BLAKE**  
Award-winning actor, filmmaker, director, author, producer, SF3 co-founder. Angela has a passion for using her talents & tools for accessible, inclusive filmmaking.

**MICHELE JEDLIKA**  
NEW based photographer, filmmaker, actor, & teacher. Michèle's smartphone films have screened in festivals all over the world.

Questions? email [sf3@sf3.com.au](mailto:sf3@sf3.com.au)



**STAYING CONNECTED WHEN EMOTIONS RUN HIGH**

**AN INTERVENTION FOR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND CARERS**

WORKSHOP Cost \$10

Date: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Time: Registration 8:45am, 9:30am – 3:30pm  
Venue: Moree Services Club – 3 Albert Street Moree

**EVENT OVERVIEW**  
This workshop provides carers with additional communication skills to support someone (between 12yrs to 100yrs) who experiences any of the following:

- Has relationship difficulties,
- Demonstrates changing emotions and strong overwhelming feelings that can make communication difficult,
- Sometimes behaves in a way that makes them a danger to themselves or others.

These symptoms can be experienced in those with mental health issues, drug and alcohol dependence, developmental and learning disorders.

**FACILITATORS**  
**Dr Anemaree Bickerton** (Child, Adolescent and Family Psychiatrist)  
**Toni Garrety** (Clinical Coordinator Family and Carer Program Illawarra and Shoalhaven Mental Health Service)

**TICKETS & DETAILS**  
RSVP: <https://events.humanitix.com/staying-connected-when-emotions-run-high-a-family-and-carers-event-moree>  
Morning tea and lunch provided.  
For further support or information please contact:  
Lisa: 0428 964 000  
[lisa.dunlop@onedoor.org.au](mailto:lisa.dunlop@onedoor.org.au)

One Door. Many Opportunities. [onedoor.org.au](http://onedoor.org.au)

**One Door** Mental Health Support Services

**Our college will pay the cost of the workshop for 10 parents/carers. Morning tea and lunch are provided free of charge. Contact our school to take up this offer!**