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Term 1 - Week 3

Thursday 13 February 2025

2024 HSC Success

It was with a great deal of pride and pleasure that we received our HSC results at the end of 2024. With two students on the distinguished achievers list, a range of personal best achievements across the entire cohort and 100% of students studying a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course achieved their certificates, Dorrigo High School has demonstrated our quality education and range of opportunities are among the best in the state. Noteworthy is also the three students of the cohort who were offered fulltime apprenticeships and traineeships prior to the HSC year. We congratulate all our students for their achievements and look forward to following their journeys to successful and post-school careers.



**Angus – Distinguished Achievers' List
- Agriculture**



**Jasper – Distinguished Achievers' List -
Spanish Beginners**

Important Dates

19 February P&C meeting 5:15pm

6 March Swimming Carnival

Student Leadership Team 2025

We congratulate our incoming student leadership team for 2025, captains Tessa and Taylor; vicecaptains, Mikayla and Evan.



The leadership team are key representatives of the student body as a whole and are responsible for working collaboratively with the school staff to ensure smooth communication between students and the school and representing the school externally at events in the community. The positions of captain and vice-captain at Dorrigo High School are an honour and privilege that is widely sought after and highly regarded within both the school and wider community. We look forward to working with Taylor, Tessa, Evan and Mikayla as they provide student voice and great ideas on how Dorrigo High School can continue to be a positive place of learning and opportunity for all our students.

Welcome to New Staff

We welcome the following staff to our school in 2025:

Ms Adams – English/HSIE

Ms Barcala – TAS/HSIE

Mrs Lean - SLSO

Principal's Message

Welcome to 2025 at Dorrigo High School

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I welcome our school community to the 2025 school year. We are all very keen and looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning at Dorrigo High School. We will continue to focus on academic excellence, wellbeing and a holistic education. We have been working on some exciting new programmes targeting these things that we hope to launch this semester. Our dedicated teaching staff have been preparing tirelessly to ensure that our students continue to receive the highest quality education to help them reach their potential.

We are very excited to continue the work started in developing our schools 2025-2028 School Excellence Plan (SEP), which will be finalised by the end of this term. The development of this plan involves collecting and analysing data, reflecting and evaluating to develop a vision for our future direction as we continually strive to improve learning outcomes and growth for all students. We will share this plan with our school community and look forward to feedback and conversations to help us realise our school vision.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new students in Year 7, their families and to those who have joined us in Years 8-12, and also to all our new staff. We are thrilled to have you join our team and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. I encourage our new parents to become an active part of our school community through involvement in the P&C, as a volunteer in the canteen or by simply letting us know how you think things are going for your child. I enjoyed talking with our students in the playground on Day 1 and had the pleasure of spending time with Year 7 in year meetings on their very first day at high school. It was very refreshing to see their smiling faces and joy at being a Dorrigo High School student and I am very impressed with their enthusiasm and commitment. To our returning students and families, it's great to have you back!

As we begin the new school year, I want to express my gratitude for the collective efforts of our entire school community. Your ongoing support and commitment are much appreciated. We believe that a strong partnership between our school, our parents and carers is crucial to the success of our students. I look forward to working together with all

our school community as we continue with the strong partnerships we have proudly fostered.

We regularly review our practices, curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities, to provide the best educational experiences for our students. This ongoing effort highlights our commitment to providing a holistic education, something we are very proud of and will continue to support where possible. This year, we are looking at our day structure and how we can more effectively use our time in the day to meet the wellbeing needs of students from Year 7-12 and engage students in activities that interest and motivate them. We are launching the high school version of the 'You Can Do It' program that targets student self-regulation, resilience and positive relationship building. We are also seeking ideas from students and staff on interest-based/project-based learning ideas that could form part of a fortnightly whole-school elective activity.

We have published our Student Behaviour Support and Management Plan to our website. <https://dorrigo-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/rules-and-policies.html>

This plan contains the overview of how we support our students through positive behaviour and strategies to maximise engagement in class and build and restore positive relationships. The document is regularly reviewed, and we collect, analyse and reflect on data and feedback to maintain the currency of our plan. As part of this, we proposed a revision of our school core values to become 'Respectful, Responsible, Resilient'. These values reflect our school's vision and encompass our work towards school excellence. A revitalisation of our positive rewards system is also taking place from 2025 with a return of our Gold assemblies and rewards BBQ as well as a new system of class merit awards for achievement and effort/improvement and a house spirit competition that recognises positive behaviour based around our new core values.





Family contact details and health care

It is very important that if you have changed your address, phone number, email, emergency contact details etc. to inform the office as soon as possible. This is especially important if this detail relates to Health Care Plans or conditions. Please come in and see us or if you would like to email us with this information, our address is:

dorrigo-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Epipens need to be in-date. Our administration staff will call and ask for items if they are outstanding or about to expire and I ask that all parents respond quickly to these requests. There is nothing more important than keeping our students safe.

Mrs Cameron
Principal

Student Use of Mobile Phones Policy

The NSW Department of Education has a Student use of mobile phone policy in schools, students are not allowed to use mobile phones at NSW public schools, including during recess and lunch.

Updates were introduced to the Digital Devices and Online Services for Students Policy which focuses on safe, responsible and respectful use of devices and services.

At Dorrigo High School, we refer to this as the "Off and Away" Mobile Phone Policy, this means: All mobile phones must be switched OFF and kept AWAY (out of sight) as soon as you enter school grounds. This means no mobile phones or associated devices to be used during classroom lessons, transition times between classes, and breaks.

Dorrigo High School is a mobile-free environment designed to foster improved learning and engagement. In the case of an emergency, we will always ensure you can contact your child.



Sentral for Parents - Coming Soon!

Sentral's Parent Portal and App delivers everything you need to stay connected to your child's education.

In 2025, Dorrigo High School will begin using the Sentral Parent Portal as a platform for communication. Parents and Carers of enrolled students are strongly encouraged to download the free Sentral for Parents app to your mobile phone or device.

This will allow you to:

- * View messages from the school on the Newsfeed.
- * View Newsletters, past and present, at your leisure.
- * Access your child's timetable and attendance information
- * Receive your child's Academic Report. Please note: The school only supplies a paper copy upon request.
- * Book Parent/Teacher Interviews

Towards the end of next week, you will receive a letter with your unique access key that ensures you are the only one to see your child's discreet information.

More information will be sent with your access key on how to register your Sentral for Parents account in the app and how to access Sentral for Parents on a computer.

Sentral for Students

We are also activating Sentral's Student Portal to allow students to access their timetable, attendance history and academic reports.

Students will use their DET portal email or username and password to log in. Information on how to access the student portal will be provided in year meetings in the coming weeks.

P&C

The long break is over and back to school is happening!!

There are some things to do before canteen can get underway for our new school year including rallying volunteers, putting a canteen co-ordinator in place and making sure that as a whole we (the DHS P&C canteen volunteers) meet the new food handler basics.

Food Handler Basics Training

The NSW Food Authority has made changes to the food standards code for food businesses. In NSW the new requirements apply to school canteens, children's services, supermarkets, greengrocers, delis, coffee vendors that sell food, correctional centres and boarding schools. The changes were introduced on 8 December 2023 with a grace period up to 8 December 2024 to comply.

The DHS Canteen will need to meet the new requirements from opening in Term 1, 2025. A qualified food safety supervisor will be required and trained food handlers (canteen volunteers).

The "training" for food handlers (canteen volunteers) can be completed online, is free, covers 8 modules including a test at the end and takes about one hour to complete. Once completed correctly a certificate of acknowledgement is received.

For those of you who already meet the Food Handler Basics and have your certificate of acknowledgement - Congratulations!! Can you please email through a copy for our records.

For those who still need to find an hour-ish to complete, here is the link:

For more information and to access food handlers basics training visit <https://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/training/food-handler-basics-training>.

Volunteers

Welcome to Amanda and Sammi who have put up their hand to come on board.

For those already in our volunteer group would you please advise which days of the week you can do for 2025 canteen (Mon, Thurs, Fri) and how many times per term will work for you?

We can then try and get a roster together, buddy up volunteers and get underway.

Canteen Co-ordinator

We do need to fill the Canteen Co-ordinator role (will also be known as the Food Safety Supervisor). Many thanks to Melissa Finlayson for her time in the role. Melissa retired at the end of the 2024 school year knowing that her work pattern would change.

The co-ordinator drops volunteer names into the roster template, has input into the menu, can put forward menu changes and works with the Treasurer around ordering and price changes when they are due.

This has been a role for one but could easily be shared between two. Most importantly, we can't start without a Canteen Co-ordinator in place even if we have volunteers, a menu and stock.

If you think this could be you, or you know someone that would be perfect then please reach out.



Our first P&C Meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 19 February (the 3rd Wed) from 5.15pm - consider yourself officially invited.

First meeting of the year, we are all returning after the break, time to make time, show up, bring a friend and start the year off on the front foot.

First child, last child or one in between. Junior, Senior, boy or girl. Been involved before or not. Time to step up. It's not called Parents & Citizens for nothing - families, friends, neighbours, students, staff - we all have ideas and opinions and if you have someone at DHS then that's your reason to get involved. They say it takes a village....

If you would like to know more before our meeting or speak to someone on the P&C Committee then please leave a message at the school or email dorrighigh.pandc@gmail.com.

Michele Kellett

President

Dorrigo High School P&C Association

Part-Time School Cleaner Needed @ Cascade Enviro Centre

Our team is growing and we are seeking permanent cleaning staff who are motivated and will to make a difference for our NSW School communities. Our aim is to provide a safe and clean environment to improve the experience to our children, teachers and the wider community.

We are seeking a cleaner for Cascade Enviro Centre to start ASAP for the below shift times:

- * Mondays 07:30 - 12:20
- * Wednesdays 07:30-12:20
- * Fridays 12:00 to 4:50pm

Role responsibilities:

- * Cleaning all facilities including classrooms/offices, bathrooms, kitchens and grounds (vacuuming, sweeping, mopping, dusting and wiping).
- * Maintaining stock supplies and placing orders
- * Working autonomously with minimal supervision while committing to safe work practices
- * Ability to obtain a Working with Children number and ability to pass a NSW Police Check.

Requirements

- * A vehicle and valid driver's licence
- * Being physically fit and able to meet the demands of the job
- * Working with Children check and Police check

In return ISS can offer

- * Part time rate of \$33.54 ph
- * Access to staff discounts with partner companies
- * Free Certificate III in cleaning services for eligible employees
- * Career development via our internal Learning Management System
- * Internal opportunities with our global organization
- * Uniform and PPE provided

If you are interest please apply to Victor van der Meer 0407212934 or send resume to victor.vandermeer@au.issworld.com

Dorrigo Highlanders Football Club registration for 2025 is now open!

We are looking for players for all age groups;

- Mini Roos 4 - 7 years
- Junior 8-11 years
- Youth 12-18 years
- Senior Men's and Women's

All registrations must be completed via the Play Football website: <https://www.playfootball.com.au> (Please note that due to issues with the Play Football system it is recommended that you use a computer or tablet to register).

Fees are dependent on age group and are calculated at checkout.

Don't forgot to apply for your Active Kids voucher for a discount:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-and-creative-kids-voucher>

Registrations will close Monday 24 February 2025.

If you have any question or require assistance, contact us via email at dorrigohighlanders@hotmail.com or the Dorrigo Highlanders Facebook page.

DORRIGO HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

A NEW TERM NEEDS NEW HANDS.

More Volunteers are needed.

WE CAN'T STAY OPEN WITHOUT YOU.

Email - dorrigohigh.pande@gmail.com
Or call the Office - 6657 2001

Vaccinations

In 2025 the following vaccines will be offered:

In Year 7, students are offered free vaccines for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough), (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV).

In Year 10, students are offered the meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received.

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 10, you can give consent online for their routine school vaccinations.

How to Provide Consent:

1. To complete online consent for your child's school vaccinations, visit the School Vaccination Program online consent portal (<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>)
2. For detailed steps on how to provide consent, please refer to the NSW Health webpage How to Provide Consent (<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/onlineconsent-school-vaccination.aspx>).
3. Follow the steps to log in to your existing ServiceNSW account. This is the same account you may already use to renew your driver's licence. If you don't have a ServiceNSW account, refer to <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/myservicewsw-account/how-to-creatan-account> to create an account.
4. Update or confirm your personal details in ServiceNSW as required.
5. Complete the School Vaccination Consent Form for your child/ren. You will need to:
 - a. enter your child's personal details
 - b. Provide the Medicare card details for you and your child
 - c. Read the linked Parent Information Sheet and privacy statement. Translations are available in 28 languages please refer to the NSW Health webpage

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx

- d. Provide consent.
If you or your child do not have a Medicare card, internet access or you are unable to complete the online consent, ask your child's school for a paper consent form.

The benefits of providing consent online:

- SMS notification three days before the clinic to remind you of the vaccination day
- easily update your child's details
- receive SMS and/or email notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit

www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination.

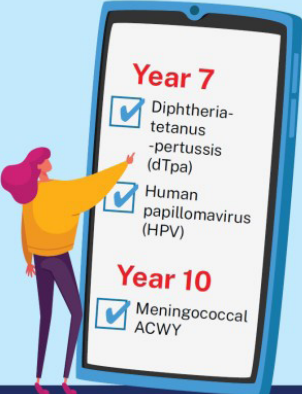
If you require information in your language, please visit

www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx



Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online




Year 7

- ☒ Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)
- ☒ Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Year 10

- ☒ Meningococcal ACWY

Scan the QR code to give your consent now



To provide online consent visit:
<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>

For more information visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

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**Sunday
16 February
2-4pm
The Graveyard**

**Come & Try
Rugby
League**



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To celebrate the opening of 2025 Registrations we are having a family fun day!

- Meet team mates, coaches, committee & sponsors
- NRL tackle castle
- NRL training games
- Bubble blowing
- Snow cones
- Fun for players & the whole family

Rego's will be open for all ages including girls tackle



Dorrigo High School P&C

**WE'RE
LOOKING
FOR...**

Canteen Co-ordinator/s

- To manage rostering & assist with stock

- Commencing Term 1 (with training)
- Essential to keep our canteen open
- A position for 1 or to share with a friend
- Current Co-ordinator retiring



Are you interested?
Dorrigo High School: 6657 2001
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Dorrigo Youth Centre Movie Night

Friday 14/02/2025 4pm-7pm For 12yrs-18yrs
The Old Gazette Theatre Dorrigo (10 Hickory St.)
4pm for snacks, refreshments and dinner.
5pm movie starts.

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The 1st of 4
Events
February &
March 2025

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