

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS 2012

2012 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE ANALYSIS

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PRINCIPAL'S RECOMMENDATION UNIVERSITY – EARLY ENTRY

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Rebecca Glover	Bachelor of Social Justice (Criminal Justice)
James Bowden	Bachelor of Physiotherapy
	Bachelor of Education (Health & Physical Education)
Luke Mack	Bachelor of Education (Primary)
Teigan Higgins	Bachelor of Nursing
Gabrielle Olsen	Bachelor of Exercise Science
Sarah Waldron	Bachelor of Nursing
Chris Frith	Bachelor of Physiotherapy
Rachel Storer	Bachelor of Exercise Science
Craig McGlashan	Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management
Leda Greenwood	Bachelor of Forensic Biotechnology
Jasmine Chalker	Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor Teaching (Secondary)
Taeya Habbits	Bachelor of Animal Science - conditional on ATAR
Amber Phillips	Bachelor of Nursing - conditional on ATAR

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY

James Bowden	Bachelor of Sport & Exercise Science/Bachelor of Education (Secondary)
Meghan Silk	Bachelor of Sport & Exercise Science/Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

Shane Bourke	Law
James Bowden	Exercise Science
Jasmine Chalker	Bachelor of Arts (Teaching)
Jessica Cormie	Bachelor of Arts (Teaching)
Madelyn Dumble	Criminology
Gemma Evans	Law
Mathew Frith	Business Law
Rebecca Glover	Bachelor of Arts (Teaching)
Leda Greenwood	Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science)
Taeya Habbits	Bachelor of Science
Jacinta Hayes	Bachelor of Science
Craig McGlashan	Agriculture Science
Amber Phillips	Nursing
Jodie Steel	Bachelor of Arts (Primary Teaching)
Sarah Waldron	Bachelor of Arts (Primary Teaching)
Taylor Wood	Bachelor of Arts (Primary Teaching)

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Rebecca Thew	Bachelor of Arts - conditional on ATAR
Madelyn Dumble	Bachelor of Arts - conditional on ATAR

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY

Landon Brady	Bachelor of Arts – Forensic Science
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2011 SCHOOL CERTIFICATE ANALYSIS

Seventy one Year 10 students were successful in obtaining their School Certificate in 2011. This was the last opportunity for students to sit for this examination. The School Certificate has been replaced by the ROSA(Record of School Achievement) internal assessment

The top 2 achievement bands are 6 & 5. Below is a summary of our schools results.

English

Band 6 Connor Graham

Band 5 18 Students

Mathematics

Band 6 Marcus Young

Band 5 9 Students

Science

Band 6 Edward Wilkin

Band 5 15 Students

History

Band 6 Edward Wilkin, Emily Green, Mikaela Hadfield

Band 5 9 Students

Geography

Band 6 Mikaela Hadfield, Connor Graham

Band 5 9 Students

2012 NAPLAN

Year 7

- * The Year 7 cohort were below the state mean in all dimensions, however they were above the Western Region average in reading, writing, grammar and numeracy and below in spelling.
- * The Year 7 cohort exceeded the average state growth from year 5 (2010) to Year 7 (2012) in all dimensions. Reading +12, Spelling +3.5, Grammar +8.7, Numeracy +13.8
- * Year 7 Indigenous students' outcomes were above the average State Indigenous growth in all areas of NAPLAN except Spelling. They also exceeded above average State growth compared to all NSW students in both Reading and Numeracy.

Year 9

- * The Year 9 cohort were below the state mean in all dimensions, however they were above the Western Region in all aspects of NAPLAN except spelling.
- * The Year 9 cohort exceeded the average State growth from Year 7 (2010) in all dimensions except Numeracy which was on par with the mean state growth. Reading +2.4, Spelling +1) and Grammar +4.9.
- * Year 9 Indigenous students' outcomes were above the average State Indigenous growth in all areas of NAPLAN except Reading (slightly below -2.3).

ENGLISH

2012 has been a successful and productive year for the English Faculty and our students.

- * In the 2011 HSC English examinations, students achieved excellent results in both the Advanced and Standard courses; in each case cohorts achieved results which were above state average. The Advanced and Standard groups ranked, respectively, second and third, from a total of 44 schools in Western Region.
- * A number of students from Years 7 to 12 participated in the 2012 English International Competition and Assessment for Schools. Coonabarabran High performed exceptionally well, especially as students participated right across Australasia. Our results were as follows:

Distinction

Stephen Sanders

Credit

Connor Graham
Connor Hincks

David Tighe
Elizabeth Graham

- * Students also participated in the 2012 Writing International Competition and Assessment for Schools. Coonabarabran High performed exceptionally well. Our results were as follows:

Credit

Connor Graham
David Tighe

Aimee Sanders

- * Coonabarabran High School entered Year 7 students into the International Competition and Assessments for School in Spelling, reflecting the continuing emphasis on literacy skills across the faculty areas.
- * Our students continued to showcase their writing ability in a number of competitions where their prowess with words was acknowledged as follows:
- * Connor Graham
Highly Commended in the Whitlam Institute What Matters Competition
Highly Commended in the Sydney Morning Herald Young Writers Competition
- * Rachel Storer
Highly Commended in the adult section of the Gulgong Henry Lawson Writing Competition. Rachel also won the High School section of the Grenfell Henry Lawson Writing Competition.
- * Chris Frith
Highly Commended in the adult section of the Gulgong Henry Lawson Writing Competition.
- * Monique Tanner
Highly Commended in the Sydney Morning Herald Young Writers Competition

- * Ellie Capewell
Commended in the Year 10 section of the Gulgong Henry Lawson Writing Competition.
- * Aimée Sanders
Highly Commended in the Year 8 section of the Gulgong Henry Lawson Writing Competition.
- * Annie Nash
Highly Commended in the Year 8 section of the Gulgong Henry Lawson Writing Competition. Third in the Children's section of the Banjo Patterson Writing Competition.
- * Gabrielle Webster
Highly Commended in the Year 7 section of the Sydney Morning Herald Younger Writers Competition.
- * In the Shakespeare Festival the standard of performance once again impressed the judges. Awards were given out for scenes, monologues, duologues and individual acting as follows:

Encouragement Award Duologue Years 9/10

James Wilkes, Jenna Cormie

Encouragement Award Duologue Year 11

Chloe Sutherland, Latoya Kuras

Highly Commended Duologue Year 9/10

Ellie Capewell, Rebecca Silk

Highly Commended Duologue Year 11

Holly Norton, Mikaela Hadfield

Best Duologue Year 9/10

Makayla Munns, Sam Bowden

Best Duologue Year 11

Jemmae Dow, Alice Fosdick

Encouragement Award Scene Year 9

Ashley Michael, Samantha Storer, Luke Edwards, Josh Masman

Encouragement Award Scene Year 10

Phoebe Hensby, Sharleen Jones, Annie Woo

Encouragement Award Scene Year 11

Jack Reynolds, Connor Graham, Monique Tanner, Danielle Andrews

Highly Commended Scene Year 9

Joseph Elton, Katherine Harris, Lukas Connell, Carla Shoobert

Highly Commended Scene Year 10

Clayton McKinnon, Jim Nash, Sam Redfern

Highly Commended Scene Year 11

Peter Pearson, Nathan Verrender, Johanna Vogt

Best Scene Year 9

Caitlyn McHugh, Charlie Smith, Sara Hincks

Best Scene Year 10

Samantha Smith, Jaimi-Lee Bennett, Olivia Eastburn

Best Scene Year 11

Simon Bouwsema, Grace Leask, Jeanette Schaeche

Reserve Champion Scene or Duologue

Samantha Smith, Jaimi-Lee Bennett, Olivia Eastburn

Champion Scene or Duologue

Jemmae Dow, Alice Fosdick

Runner up Best Actor Year 9

Caitlyn McHugh

Best Actor Year 9

Jesse Doolan

Runner up Best Actor Year 10

Clayton McKinnon

Best Actor Year 10

Jaimi-Lee Bennett

Runner up Best Actor Year 11

Jeanette Schaeche

Best Actor Year 11

Jemmae Dow

Young Shakespearean Actor of the Year

Jemmae Dow

- * Coonabarabran High students really do have the gift of the gab and student achievements throughout the year in the areas of public speaking and debating have certainly served to prove the veracity of this statement.

Public Speaking

- * Year 10 student Clayton McKinnon has won his way through to the zone finals of the Rotary District 9650 Public Speaking Competition. Year 9 student David Tighe once again took on the challenge of representing Coonabarabran High School in the Legacy Public Speaking competition.

Debating

- * Coonabarabran High School took on the Premier's Debating Challenge with style and gusto in 2012. This year saw our school enter three teams in this state-wide competition. The competition was structured into three levels; Years 7 and 8, Years 9 and 10 and the Senior Division, Years 11 and 12 with results as follows:

Year's 7 & 8

- * This team, coached by Mrs Partridge and Ms Doolan, proved that being relative newcomers to debating did not translate to being a barrier to success. Annie Nash, Aimée Sanders, Sally Deshon and Alison Green won 2 of their 3 debates and certainly improved their skills with each encounter. They missed out on claiming the title of Zone Champions by the narrowest of margins and will undoubtedly be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Year's 9 & 10

- * David Tighe, Elizabeth Graham, Stephen Sanders and Clayton McKinnon took up the challenge of debating in Years 9 and 10. Aably coached by Mrs Birrell and Ms Bell, the team debated with confidence and verve, winning all 3 of their debates to claim the title of Zone Champions.
- * Whilst unsuccessful at regional finals, the team was honoured by the selection of David Tighe in the Western Region team which will compete at the State Championships in Sydney in November. This was a just reward for a talented young speaker.

Senior Debating

- * Mrs Macintosh and Mr Gardiner embraced the challenge of Senior Debating. Due to the demands of the HSC, our Year 12 debaters Alexander Tighe, Matt Frith, Chris Frith and Seth Baker were ably reinforced by Year 11 students Connor Graham and Jack Reynolds.
These gentlemen proved that the love of a good argument will always sustain an entertaining debate. Whilst victory eluded the team in 2 of their 3 debates, this was certainly not for a want of passion and personality on the team's part.
- * Year 12 English students attended HSC revision lectures in Dubbo in June.
- * In July the school, once again hosted a successful Writers' Festival; what has now become the annual 'Feast of Words'. Visiting presenters included authors J C Burke, Peter FitzSimons and Kirsty Eagar, screenwriter Patrick May, ex-student and playwright Julian Larnach and UNE lecturer Mutuota Kigotho. The focus for three days was on writing and the beauty of words.
- * In August, English lecturers from the University of Sydney visited our school to discuss HSC texts with Extension, Advanced and Standard English students. Professor Will Christie and Mr Atilla Orel also had their lectures video conferenced to a number of schools across the Western Region.
- * HSC Extension 1 English students attended a study day at Newington College, Sydney in May and in October; our new HSC candidates attended a workshop day at Sydney University hosted by The Romantic Studies Association of Australasia.

- * HSC Advanced students attended a performance of 'Hamlet' and took part in a study symposium, at the Seymour Centre Sydney. HSC Standard students also travelled to Sydney to view a performance of their prescribed text, 'Shoe-Horn Sonata'. CAP funding supported both of these worthwhile excursions.
- * In October, the Advanced English class were the inaugural guests of the Sydney University English Faculty as part of their Outreach Program. Students attended lectures and workshops on Shakespeare, were given a guided tour of the campus and information to encourage them to consider Sydney University for their tertiary studies.
- * Senior students in the Standard course experienced the world of war poet Wilfred Owen brought to life by the players in Poetry in Action.
- * Mr Gardiner continued in his valuable role as Support Person to the students participating in the Xsel Program. As well as providing ongoing support and tuition, Mr Gardiner accompanied students to a residential workshop in Dubbo in November.
- * Faculty members ran professional development days for other schools as part of our Centre for Excellence Community of Practice. This included a midyear workshop in Dubbo where Professor Wayne Sawyer from the University of Western Sydney and retired English Head Teacher Jane Sherlock lectured to teachers from across the region on raising standards in Senior English. In November, the faculty hosted a workshop at Coonabarabran High which was attended by 54 teachers with another 10 schools joining in via video conference. On this occasion, Jane Sherlock presented on the new 7-10 English Syllabus. Our school was the first school in the state to host a workshop on this important (and exciting) step in implementing the National Curriculum.
- * The Multi-Lit and Fluency Reading Programs have continued to successfully support student learning.
- * Faculty staff maintained their commitment to ongoing professional learning and have attended numerous Saturday workshops in Dubbo conducted by the Western Plains English Teachers Association. Additionally, staff also attended various other lectures and workshops throughout the year, thereby ensuring that their students have access to great ideas and teaching strategies to support their success the English classroom.
- * The faculty was very grateful to receive generous funding from the P&C which enabled fresh texts to be purchased.
- * Sadly, the school farewelled Mrs Rebecca Partridge at the end of Term 3. Her professionalism and friendly rapport will definitely be Armidale High School's gain. In 2013 it will be wonderful to welcome Mrs Bell back to a full teaching load in our faculty.

MATHEMATICS

Highlights of 2012 for the Mathematics Faculty include:

- * In the second year of the QuickSmart program, over 30 Year 7 and Year 8 students participated in pairs in regular sessions of practice in Numeracy skills in order to

improve proficiency and confidence in Mathematics. Evaluation of last year's program has shown very pleasing results and had a positive effect upon students' NAPLAN results. Thanks are extended to the QuickSmart team for their effort throughout the year.

- * The inaugural Feast of Pi festival was held in July. The day consisted of students participating in workshops ran by Dr Kerrie Mengersen from QUT, Dr Pep Serrow from UNE, Mr Harry Langes and Mrs Margo Dent from Gilgandra High School and Mr Jamie Sampson from Dubbo Senior Campus. The workshops gave the students an insight into the type of careers associated with Mathematics and gave them the opportunity to participate in practical activities.
- * In August eight Year 8 students participated in the Year 8 Problem Solving Day in Armidale. The day consisted of the students working in teams on a variety of mathematical problems. The students represented the school well and are congratulated on their efforts.
- * The MATHS300 program was purchased and is being used in Year 7 and Year 8 classrooms. The program focuses on hands-on learning activities and provides engaging and practical lessons for our students.
- * In October, Year 7 students from Coonabarabran High School along with Year 6 students from Coonabarabran Public School and St Lawrence's Primary School participated in the inaugural Problem Solving Day. The day involved the students working in teams of four in a variety of activities focusing on team work and using their mathematical skills. The day was a success and thank you to all involved.
- * Year 12 Mathematics students attended HSC revision lectures in Dubbo and Armidale. They also participated in a HSC revision day at Coonabarabran High School which was led by the Mathematics staff along with Mr Kevin Sharp and Mrs Margaret Humphrey.
- * Mathematics Competitions – including the Australian Mathematics Trust Competition and the ICAS competitions. Our students once again showed their potential in a range of Mathematical Competitions and were well deserving of credit for their efforts.

Australian Mathematics Trust Competition

Credit

Stephen Sanders
Kevin Lee

David Tighe

SCIENCE

- * Several activities were attended by senior science students this year. In February Year 12 Chemistry students travelled to Dubbo Senior College to attend a lecture by a polymer chemist, Associate Professor Gary Dennis, who reviewed the HSC Chemistry section on plastics and discussed his career, which involved developing polymers for cars and also as a consultant to a movie.
- * This year a new excursion to Sydney was organised for senior Biology, Earth and Environmental Science, Physic and Chemistry students, in an effort to enhance their learning outcomes in these subjects. Activities covered were: a visit to ANSTO, the

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, to learn about how radioactive elements are examined; The Australian Museum to visit the mega fauna and explore environments through time with a focus on evolutionary processes; the Powerhouse Museum to enable students to gain a greater knowledge and understanding of ecological issues; Museum of Human Disease where students were able to observe hundreds of specimens from all parts of the human body that had suffered diseases; Taronga Zoo to study adaptations in a variety of species and finally a trip to Luna Park to give the Physics students the opportunity to practically study the concepts they examine in their studies such as the use of electricity and magnetism with dodgem cars. Both students and teachers found this excursion very informative, and it is planned to make this a regular biannual excursion.

- * To cover studies on an ecosystem, Year 11 Biology and Earth and Environmental Science students went to the Macquarie Marshes. In June, Year 12 attended the University of New England Booster HSC activities. This gave students a taste of university life and enabled them to participate in lectures and activities to enhance their understanding of their senior science subjects.
- * With this year being the rare occasion to observe the Transit of Venus, Mr Nott gave everyone at Coonabarabran High the opportunity to view Venus crossing the sun on the 6th of June. As this event will not be observed again until 2117, it gave everyone a once in a lifetime experience.
- * Still on the astronomy theme, in March, Year 8 went on a trip to Siding Springs Observatory to meet a fair dinkum astronomer, Donna Burton, who discussed with us why poor old Pluto was no longer a planet and students also discovered the number of different occupations and careers that are necessary to keep the Observatory up and running.
- * As part of the school's focus on literacy Ms Higgins' Year 8 class entered the International Science Poetry Competition. This year's theme was Chemistry and Aimee Sander's poem titled "A Chemistry Tale" received first prize in her age group. Again, congratulations Aimee!
- * In Term 2, Year 9 and 10 students represented our school in the Science & Engineering Challenge at Narrabri. They were required to build bridges, earthquake proof buildings, eco-friendly houses, catapults and aeroplanes. These were tested against those from other schools and they were successful in gaining first place overall. This enabled them to represent the North West region in Newcastle in late August, where they continued to improve on past year's results by coming fourth. An excellent achievement by all!
- * Students represented themselves and the School in several science competitions this year achieving the following results:

Big Science Competition

High Distinction

Richard Knight

Stephen Sanders

Distinction

David Tighe

Clayton McKinnon

Credit

Augustus Elton

Prue Gordon

Georgina Elton
Luke Edwards

Tjark Vogt
Kevin Lee

Internal Competitions & Assessment for Schools - Science

Distinction

David Tighe
Kevin Lee

Luke Edwards

Credit

Stephen Sanders

Marcus Young

- * Unfortunately, Ms Higgins left us in Term 4 moving closer to her family. We wish her all the best in her new life and thank Miss Lynch for her help in Term 4. Next year, we will welcome back Mr Morrissey after a long absence as a regional IT consultant.

HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT

2012 has been another hectic year for the HSIE faculty. As a faculty we have had a number of opportunities to enhance our knowledge and that of our students both in the classroom and beyond including:

- * Participation in a network Geography skills enhancement day held at Warrumbungle Environmental Education Centre.
- * CHS hosted a day for History teachers where we were able to begin the process of understanding and planning for the National Curriculum which we will begin to implement in the classroom in 2014. This day also gave us the opportunity to learn from experts in both Modern and Ancient History with a focus on the skills of writing under examination conditions and simulated marking of examination scripts. Lectures in Ancient and Modern HSC topics for both history teachers and students were also conducted.
- * The HTA ran a planning day with a view to the implementation of the new curriculum in April, which was well attended by HSIE staff.
- * Year 12 Geography students travelled to the Macquarie Marshes to study the ecosystem of the area and to look at various management strategies in place across the marshes. These students also travelled to Sydney with the Year 11 and 12 Science students in May to study urban dynamics in the suburb of Pyrmont and the changing nature of cities.
- * Year 11 Geography students enhanced their understanding of water catchments and the impact of human activity within an environment when they completed two days of field work in the Warrumbungles and along the Castlereagh River, concluding with a tour of the water treatment plant.
- * Year 10 students studied a number of geographical issues impacting their local community including waste management, the business of recycling, land and water management and projects to manage erosion in and around town. This study was enhanced with the participation of a number of local experts in their field from the Warrumbungle Shire Council.

- * Year 8 students spent a day studying the local water supply and the difficulties involved in maintaining a clean water supply. They visited Timor Dam and studied the impact of human activities on a water catchment at Timor Rock. Students also visited the Warrumbungle Environmental Education Centre to hone some important field work skills.
- * Year 8 students were lucky enough to participate in the Zoo Snooze at Taronga Western Plains Zoo. This gave students an opportunity to study the role of zoos in management of endangered species and look at some special breeding programs.
- * Year 7 students as part of their study of mountain environments climbed the Grand High Tops in the Warrumbungles studying some of the key geological features along the way.
- * Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal Studies students with the help of Mr Piper conducted several site studies with a focus on local Indigenous history at Burra Bee Dee, making some important historical finds in the process. These students were also actively involved in the 'Sorry Day' march and ceremonies.
- * Year 12 Legal Studies students, accompanied by Ms Doolan, travelled to Sydney to attend the annual HSC enhancement lectures conducted by the Legal Studies Association of NSW.
- * Year 12 Business Studies and Economics students attended HSC enrichment lectures at Armidale University.
- * Year 11 Legal Studies students successfully competed in the state wide Mock Trial competition. This competition pits students' minds and knowledge of the law against each other in a series of "court room battles"; the CHS team of students were regional runners up.
- * Year 12 Legal Studies, Ancient History, Economics, Modern History and Business Studies students attended the annual HSC Lecture Days in Dubbo in June.
- * The 9/10 Archaeology & World Issues class and Year 11 Ancient History class undertook an archaeology excursion to Sydney in March, engaging in a range of activities including visiting The Big Dig at The Rocks, Nicholson Museum, Maritime Museum and Jewish Museum.
- * Thanks are extended to the P&C for their generous funding of resources for the faculty.
- * Years 7 to 12 participated in various competitions. Our results were as follows:

Australian Geography Competition

High Distinction

Joe Bowen

Stephen Sanders

David Tighe

Luke Mack

Jack Reynolds

Emily Young

Distinction

Aimee Sanders
Jesse Doolan
Alex Jerry
Kevin Lee
Meghan Silk

Steven Baker
Connor Hincks
Chelsea Edwards
Makayla Munns

Credit

Clayton McKinnon
Jessica Cormie
Leda Greenwood
William Watson

James Nash
Alice Fosdick
Jeanette Schaeche

Australian Business Studies Competition**High Distinction**

Matt Frith

Seth Baker

Credit

Chris Frith

Australian Economics Competition**High Distinction**

Matt Frith

Distinction

Alexander Tighe

Credit

Gemma Evans

New South Wales Geography Competition**High Distinction**

Lilian Betts
Kevin Lee
Makayla Munns

Joseph Bowen
Clayton McKinnon

Distinction

Jaimi-Lee Bennett
Ellie Capewell
Amber Martin
Sam Redfern
Samantha Smith

Sam Bowden
Connor Hincks
James Nash
Rebecca Silk
Emily Young

Credit:

Nicholas Baker
Nathan Cox
Brodie Edmondstone
Belinda Glover
Pheobe Hensby
Jasmin Pitt
Kelly Wrench

Amy Coe
Charlie Dumble
Olivia Eastburn
Samantha Harris
Brittany Kelly
Natalie Schaeche
Hayley Yarnold

LOTE (LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH/ German)

- * 2012 witnessed further success in foreign language acquisition at Coonabarabran High School. The first RoSA group completed their Stage 5 German studies. Johanna Vogt, who excelled in the junior school, completed the HSC Continuers German course in Year 11 with great success.
- * Imogen Morrissey will finish her Rotary exchange to Germany in January and will come home as a near-native speaker. Imogen will be studying languages as part of her degree at Macquarie University in 2013.
- * There have been four Stage 4 German classes this year, who have been exposed to the German language and the cultures of German speaking countries for the first time. Some of these students have chosen to continue with their study in 2013.

VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

- * This year the Visual Arts students in Years 7-12 have created wonderful works that show creativity and talent. The new gallery in the Administration corridor has been a frequent host to our students artworks, showcasing the best in Visual Arts and Photography classes. The Visual Arts department was fortunate to receive funding from the P&C for the purchase of a printing press that will be put to good use in the coming months.
- * The Year 7 classes worked on great projects, including sculptures, paintings and their very own logos. Year 8 have also produced a good range of images using the traditional materials of painting and drawing as well as digital works. The Year 9/10 elective students have yet again made stunning major works, showing their creativity and talent. The students works explore printmaking, 3D sculpture, mixed media, painting and drawing.
- * In the senior years, the Year 11 Visual Arts students created amazing artworks, especially in the Surrealism Sculpture unit, where the quirky, the irreverent and the truly bizarre were the norm. Our Year 12 Visual Arts students completed their major works in September, exploring a range of mediums in photography, painting, drawing and printmaking.
- * The Photography students in Year 11 and 12 focused on digital imaging this year as their core medium. Year 11 students created works based on design and manipulation, whilst the Year 12 students created a portfolio of works as part of their Independent Project. Magazines, posters and flyers representing their interests were all produced digitally, with the finished works looking stunning.
- * Year 10 Visual Arts elective student Hayley Yarnold was fortunate to participate in a watercolour workshop with artist Georgia Mancer and members of WACCI. Hayley learnt the tips and tricks of watercolour painting and experimented with a variety of techniques. We thank WACCI for giving our students the opportunity to participate in this workshop.
- * The excursion to ArtExpress, on display in Dubbo, gave the 9/10 elective class and senior Visual Arts and Photography classes an opportunity to experience the best of HSC Visual Arts major works from 2011. The touring exhibition showcases students works in a variety of expressive forms and showed just how talented and creative young people can be today.

- * Students displayed their artworks in St. Lawrence's School's art fair and the WACCI art exhibition in October.
- * Thank you to Ms Drysdale and Miss Rankmore for their efforts this year.

SUPPORT UNIT

- * Students in the Support Unit have again participated in a wide variety of activities during the year. The Riding for the Disabled program continued to offer our students experiences in horse riding and horse care. A Horse Riding Program was also initiated for 2012 that incorporated aspects of horsemanship and advanced riding techniques. Students participated in the Breakthru Athletics Carnival with significant success for all students. The students were also treated to a visit by a top junior Australian and International Motorcross rider, his team and his bike.
- * An excursion to Camp Cypress and other notable local areas was organised for students using CAP funding. Several students from the Support Unit were given the opportunity to go to the Ag Skills Day where they participated in several workshops with agricultural experts.
- * During the year the students engaged in practical and applied mathematics activities as part of the Feast of Pi. The students were required to build towers using masking tape and newspaper; and using paddlepop sticks and blue tack. These activities proved very challenging in windy conditions, where higher wasn't necessarily as important as stability.
- * Once again the backbone of the Support Unit were the School Learning Support Officers, Mrs Yvonne Rice, Mr Dennis Coe, Mrs Kim Canham, Mrs Michelle McEvoy, Miss Megan Rice and Mrs Anne-Maree Harris. Their work with the students and the support they give to the teachers is invaluable, both within the unit and in mainstream classes.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

National Sorry Day

- * Many of our students including Captains and Indigenous Youth Leadership Scholarship students, participated in the National Sorry Day on 26 May 2012.

NAIDOC

- * NAIDOC Week celebrations commenced with a flag raising ceremony with special guests, Aboriginal Elders adding to the significance of the day. In addition, throughout the week a number of Aboriginal students spoke on the assembly about the importance of NAIDOC Week and reconciliation. The week ended with a BBQ lunch in the quadrangle, with students, parents and community members together enjoying bush foods such as kangaroo, emu and crocodile. A number of students attended NAIDOC celebrations organised by the local Aboriginal Land Council and supported by all local schools. Landon Brady and Krystle Sutherland spoke on the importance and history of NAIDOC celebrations.

Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

- * In March 2012, all Coona High IYLP Scholarship holders attended a Mini Gathering Camp at Western Plains Zoo at Dubbo. Students were involved in a range of activities including leadership and a zoo tour at night. Teamwork was critical to the student's success on all levels. Presentations were delivered by local community elders and role models. The gathering worked to reinforce the students' roles as leaders as well as focusing on academic achievement and commitment to education.
- * This year 4 of our school's Indigenous Youth Leadership Program Scholarship holders, successfully complete Year 12. The graduating scholarship holders were: Leslie Cain, Landon Brady, Taeya Habbits and Dylan Neville.
- * A number of Aboriginal students travelled to Sydney to participate in a visit to the University of Western Sydney. The excursion was aimed at Year 11 and 12 Indigenous students with a focus on access to University. The excursion was co-ordinated by University of Western Sydney along with Jenny Sullivan and Krystle Sutherland. The students were exposed to University life and students came away with a clearer career path and study plan for their future.
- * IYLP students participated in community meetings and fundraising activities and gained valuable experience in carrying out roles including chairing and facilitating events, writing and delivery of speeches, volunteer work and a range of external training programs. This volunteer work included working with students from Yuluwirri Preschool and Coonabarabran Primary School.
- * The school community is justly proud of these young people and the positive contribution that they make to their school and community.

Cultural Events

- * Aboriginal boys from Years 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 attended an Aboriginal boy's cultural day at Burra Bee Dee Mission which was organised by Sheryl Nixon, Patty Chatfield, Mel Johnston, Andrew Piper, Patty Cain, Ian Nixon and Will Robinson. The day commenced with a smoking ceremony run by Patty Chatfield - a traditional practice still used today. The 'smoking ceremony' set the scene and mood for the day and all boys were respectful and well mannered. The smoking ceremony was attended by Mr Johnston and a colleague from the Department of Education & Communities. Students were involved in talks about respect and culture such as workshops to help with their identity and to build self-esteem. The boys were allocated groups to work together and learn as a team. During the day we had a visit from the local Police Sergeant Scott Tanner and Detective Scott which was accepted very well by all and the boys asked a lot of interesting questions and were very respectful. The boys had a good yarn and gained an understanding on how the law works and this will go a long way in developing a good relationship with the local police. Overall, the day was a success and the boys are keen to participate in more cultural activities supported by the school. The positive comments that have been made since the day are very pleasing and it is something we will do more often. Thanks to Mr Johnston and Mr Enks for their support with the organisation and the running of the day. The school would like to thank our local Aboriginal Elders and the Aboriginal Local Land Council for their support of the day.

- * Since that day, the boys along with Mike Myers our local youth worker, have been successful in organising a game of basketball against the local police. The game was played on 27 November at the Coonabarabran Youth Club.
- * On 26 October, teachers from Coonabarabran High - Dr Stevenson, Mr Johnston and support staff Mr Coe and Mr Robinson along with special guest Troy Newbury who was a visiting practicum teacher from Sydney - participated in an Aboriginal Cultural day experience at Tara Cave in the Warrumbungle National Park and the Sandstone Caves which are situated in the Pilliga Reserve National Park. Will Robinson guided the walks and shared local knowledge and yarns along the way to make it a rich cultural experience especially for our visiting teacher. Throughout the day there was a lot of sightseeing and conversation about the sites and the local boys who attended were very respectful and well behaved and participated actively during all activities. Our visiting teacher Mr Newbury was fascinated by the vegetation and terrain around Coonabarabran area especially the Warrumbungles. He constantly praised our school and our students especially the boys who were on the excursion. Overall it was a successful day and I can confidently say that every one of us gained something from the experience. Since the excursion, the boys are hungry for more opportunities to get out and learn about our local area and appreciate where we live.

TAS (TECHNOLOGICAL & APPLIED STUDIES)

- * The Trade Training Centre was completed and delivery of the frameworks in Metal and Engineering and Hairdressing commenced at the beginning of the 2012 school year. The Hairdressing facility provides state-of-the-art equipment for the use of Coonabarabran High School students as well as students from Gunnedah and the Northern Border Access Schools.

Design & Technology

- * In Year 12 Design & Technology, all the projects were completed to a very pleasing standard with a well-presented and documented folio. The students worked very hard to produce their authentic projects - these covered a range of skills and interests:

Laura Enks	Designed riding equipment for the disabled
Rebecca Glover	T-shirts and accessories raising awareness of bullying and depression affecting youth.
Matthew McHugh	A stable walker-styled laundry trolley
Jayden Wood-Nicholson	Cycle transport rack and work station

Industrial Technology Timber

- * The Industrial Technology Timber students completed the following projects:

Frederick Abrams	Guitar
Sam Bowen	Variation of a Stickley Morris chair
Dylan Brand	A rocking chair
Jake Chambers	Garden Bench Seat
Nathan Chapman	Variation of a Stickley Morris chair
Matthew McHugh	Day bed
Blake Scott	TV Cabinet
Steven Seabrook	Hall Table
Lachlan Tudgey	Pepper Shaker
Joseph Young	Burl Top TV Unit

VET

- * Metal and Engineering, Primary Industries and Hospitality VET courses are very popular and allow students to develop valuable skills toward future employment. Each student is required to complete 70 hours work placement within the relevant industry and are supported by the local community to achieve this requirement.
- * To supplement the students' Hospitality qualification and add to their employability within the industry, a Barista course was included into the 2012 program. This course was very successful and along with the First Aid certificate gained by the Hospitality and Primary Industry students, gives the students additional qualifications for when they enter the workforce.

Music

- * Term 1 in 2012 was busy preparing for the School Musical performances early in Term 2. A wonderful cast learnt large numbers of speaking lines and parts, songs, dances and character acting, cramming the rehearsals into all the opportunities available to them. The Musical Band was also busy, rehearsing weekly, to create a wonderful accompaniment to the action on the stage. The crew participated by making and painting props and scenery, helping with clothes and make-up and contributing to the success of the matinee and three performance nights. The result of the work of this large team of students and staff was humorous, enjoyable, amazing performances of 'Sheerluck Holmes'.
- * Year 7 have been learning to write, listen and perform music. They have also researched music, using some of their information to make their own Power Point presentations.
- * Year 8 play acoustic guitars and also perform in their class band. They have played songs in both rock and popular styles. Year 8 explore African music by listening, writing and playing rhythms and melodies using polyrhythm and cross rhythms.
- * In Year 8 every student chooses an instrument to learn to play. The drum kits and electric guitars are popular. Other instruments played in Year 8 include violin, acoustic guitar, keyboard, piano, bass guitar, recorder, djembe (African drums) and flute.
- * Year 9/10 perform as part of their Junior Elective Syllabus. Additional performance opportunities are found in School Assemblies and special events such as the SRC week. Students use their own creative ideas in composition writing, and listen, research and present music from their areas of interest in musicology. Topics include Australian Music and Music of Radio, Film, Television and Multi-Media.
- * Years 11 and 12 have given many performances in assemblies. Year 12 prepares for their practical HSC Examination performing their individual program in lunchtime concerts as well as two evening concerts. Both years have a busy program of aural, musicology, composition and performance work.
- * The Schools and Community Band continues to flourish. The Orbital Swing Band is made up of a good proportion of students from this school. The band members rehearse each week for 2½ hours, and more time is spent preparing for special

events. These events are often part of the community calendar with opportunities to support Australia Day celebrations and Anzac Day Remembrance to name only two of the huge number of events in which the Band has participated.

- * High School Band members also tutor students in the Beginner Band. Their contribution provides opportunities for younger students to learn a musical instrument.
- * The School Choir travelled to Sydney for a two day rehearsal with other secondary school choirs. This was followed by performances in the 20th Annual Celebration Concert accompanied by an orchestra and the Sydney Town Hall organ. Our Choir not only contributed to the final Celebration Concert, but also helped raise money for the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Our Choir representatives were: Jack Ayoub, Jaimi-Lee Bennett, Caitlyn Bowden, Samantha Harris, Tabitha Harris, Antonia Knight and Hayley Yarnold.
- * Coonabarabran High School, after a thorough audition process, had a number of students invited to attend "Maxed Out" (the Secondary School contribution to the Moorambilla Festival held in Coonamble). This year's students included Jack Ayoub, Simon Bouwsema, Byron Coe, Caragh Fretwell, Domanic Lugli, Dylan Lugli, and Emma Tudgey.
- * Formal assemblies are always an opportunity to hear our students present a wide range of music. This year we have enjoyed performances from singers, instrumentalists and ensembles. Performers included Jaimi-Lee Bennett, Danielle Andrews, Victoria Lee, Shane Bourke, Alex Tighe, Hugh Ryan and Nerida Hannah.
- * A small ensemble of violinists set the mood for the Year 12 Farewell Dinner. Our musicians were Jenna Cormie, Nathan Cox, Katherine Harris and Nancy Doolan.
- * AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) were held as both Practical and Written Examinations. Our students completed the following grades: Written Examinations:

Musicianship 2

Caitlyn McHugh

Practical Examinations

Violin Grade 6

Nathan Cox

Piano Grade 4

Caitlyn McHugh

- * CHS students helped with the organisation and performed in the "Mimosa" Concert at the Festival of Instruments held in the Sydney Opera House. Our students were Baggy Karagiannis, Matilda Clifton, Lydia Harris and Nathan Cox.
- * Young Australia Workshops enabled music and art students to experience a performance by an urban Aboriginal artist/musician. Students were also able to learn about Ghana in West Africa, listening to music and hearing traditional stories from that country.

AGRICULTURE

- * Coonabarabran High School Agriculture and Primary industries classes have had a successful and busy year. Students have been involved in all facets of the plant and livestock production systems in the Ag Plot. For example, Primary Industries students over the last two years have been increasing their fencing skills by building a security fence to expand the area available for livestock during weekends and holiday periods. Students have attended extra curriculum excursions such as the Coonabarabran Show, Coonamble Show, Tamworth Show, The Royal Brisbane Show and the Merino Lamb Competition in Dubbo.

Livestock Showing Achievements:

Coonabarabran Show

- * Students from Coonabarabran High exhibited six heifers and one steer at the Coonabarabran Show on the 9th and 10th of March. Students competed in the Paraders Competition where they were judged on their ability to handle and present their animals. There was some fierce competition from Coolah Central School and other exhibitors. Our students displayed excellent animal handling skills especially Lachlan McEvoy and Emily Young who won their age divisions. Both students competed for Grand Champion Parader where all the students who won their age divisions competed against each other. Lachlan McEvoy, the youngest competitor in the event won Reserve Champion Parader of the Coonabarabran Show, this was an outstanding result! Caitlyn Green, Emily Young and Sam Smith impressed the judges to qualify for the Parader's Competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.
- * We also exhibited five Charolais heifers owned by Terry and Maylene Griffin from Temana Charolais Baradine. These heifers were also very successful. Temana Georgia was placed 3rd in European Heifer under 14months old. Heifers Temana F86 and F107 were placed first and second in European heifer under 18 months. In the steer section our Angus Limousin steer named 'Buddy' was placed second.

Sydney Royal

- * Coonabarabran High School Berkshire gilt was awarded Supreme Champion Pig at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. This 12 month old gilt is the progeny of the school's champion sow, Vicki, and was shown by Richard and Heather Cole of Forbes, who originally donated Vicki as a young gilt to the high school. Richard has been breeding Berkshire pigs for 50 years. This was his best win so far at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Tamworth Show

- * Cody Hoy, Alex Kirk & Jacquelyn Hoy enjoyed great success in Pig Parading at the Tamworth Show recently. Three gilts took 1st (Camilla), 2nd (Sarah) & 3rd (Georgia) place in the 4-6 month category. Camilla went on to win Reserve Champion Junior Sow (under 12 months category) Our Senior Sow, Jacki, was awarded Reserve Champion (over 12 months category)

Brisbane Royal Show

- * On 4 August, 11 Coonabarabran High School Students with their 5 steers travelled to the Royal Queensland Show, otherwise known as the Ekka. This is the largest and

most prestigious agricultural show in Australia. Our students competed against 300 students from throughout Queensland and New South Wales.

- * The students' results were outstanding, receiving placing's in all areas they competed in. In the Paraders Competition Sam Smith, Lachlan McEvoy and Joe Bowen were finalists with Joe placing 8th in his age group. In the Junior Judging Competition Caitlyn Green, Sam Cormie and Joe Bowen were placed 5th in the Team Section. Joe's commentary on the steer class was excellent and included some State of Origin sledging that got him over the line.
- * In the steer classes our Limousin Charolais cross steer Panel Beater was placed 2nd in his class and Buddy a Limousin Angus cross steer to place 5th in the same class. Panel Beater went on to place 4th out of 55 steers on the Hook. He obtained perfect points for his meat quality and yield and had a huge eye muscle area of 99 square centimetres. His overall point score was 91 out of 100. Our other steers Black Magic and Smokey were also placed in the top 8 places out of huge classes of 37.

Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza

- * Coonabarabran High students excelled at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza. All of the steers exhibited won a ribbon, including two second places, third, fourth and fifth in various classes. This was an excellent achievement as there were 290 steers entered and 700 students competing. Caitlyn Green achieved a highly commended in her parading age division. On the hook one of our steers was placed second. Students also successfully competed in Meat Judging and Junior Judging competitions

EXCURSIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Eco Youth Summit

- * The Year 11 Agriculture students had the honour of attending the Youth Eco Summit on 16, 17 and 18 October to share their expertise about Sustainable Agriculture and Whole Farm Planning. The Youth Eco Summit is in its second year and aims to raise awareness about the environment and sustainable practices by inviting schools and their students who are involved in such activities. Some schools set up displays showing their school's initiatives, while others like ours ran workshops where schools from the Sydney area could book into over the two days of the Summit. Around 6000 students attended.
- * Coonabarabran High students did an incredible job at running their workshops, which entailed giving eight different city schools a lesson in some of the land degradation issues facing agriculture today, and what farmers can do to recognise and deal with these problems.
- * The teachers and organisers of the Summit were extremely impressed with the standard of delivery and engagement our students achieved. They were in demand on the second day as TV Sydney filmed their workshop and interviewed them about what they were trying to achieve, along with a video conference held before we jumped on the bus to travel home on Thursday afternoon.

Trangie Climate Research Centre Excursion

- * Year 12 Agriculture students attended a Field Day 'Farmers Managing Climate Change'. Students gained first-hand knowledge from Agricultural Research Scientists

in regards to climate change and research that had been undertaken in this field. This excursion enhanced student's knowledge and understanding in their HSC Elective Climate Challenge. Landon Brady and Craig McGlashan were interviewed by an ABC journalist who was very impressed with their responses.

Ag Skills Day

- * Coonabarabran, Baradine, Binnaway and Gilgandra schools celebrated the winter solstice in splendour with our Ag Skills Day. Small groups and a hands-on experience underpin the relevance of this day to both the Agriculture and Primary Industries syllabi, ensuring the day remains fresh and exciting for all involved.
- * The huge diversity of skills offered each year is always an inspiration. Equally amazing is that most presenters are from our local area, or have a connection with it.

SPORT

- * Coonabarabran High won the Single Cup for the 5th consecutive year!
- * The under 16 Boy's Rugby Union team won the North West Knockout and attended the state carnival eventually finishing 5th.
- * The Open Girl's Softball and Netball teams and the 15's Girl's Basketball teams reached the semi finals of the North West Knockouts.
- * Harley Wood won a silver medal at the Combined High School's athletics carnival in the 13 years High Jump and finished equal 4th at the NSW All Schools carnival.
- * At the Combined High School's Athletics Carnival, Ty Brady finished 9th in the 14 Years Long Jump, Cody Brady finished 11th in the 14 Years Shot Put, Kadesha Ayoub finished 10th in the 13 Years Shot Put and 11th in Discus and Ellie Capewell finished 16th in the 16 Years 800m.
- * Maddie McNeilly represented North West in both Cross Country and Athletics.
- * Kadesha Ayoub represented North West in both Swimming and Athletics.
- * Ellie Capewell represented North West in both Cross Country and Athletics.
- * Overall 23 individual students represented North West in the following sports:

North West Representative's 2012

Basketball

Eddie Kuras

Rugby League

Dylan Brand

Codie Toomalatai

Swimming

Phoebe Hensby

Sam Smith

Bradley Watts

Josh Masman

Kadesha Ayoub

Nattalie Schaeche

James Schaeche

15s Touch

Blake Cain

Tennis

Lilian Betts

Athletics

Kadesha Ayoub
Harley Wood

Cody Brady
Maddie McNeilly

Ty Brady
Ellie Capewell

X Country

David Tighe
Quade Milgate
Nick Willoughby

Vanessa Kenyon
Maddie McNeilly
Molly Atkinson

Ellie Capewell
Bree McNeilly

Cricket

Ellie Capewell

2012 CHS EQUESTRIAN REPORT

- * This year CHS has sent riders to a number of fantastic events around the region. At each of these events our riders have both represented the school with style, participated with the usual CHS spirit and achieved some outstanding results.
- * The highlight of 2012 was again the Equestrian Expo, which was again a triumphant success, despite the best effort of the weather gods to ruin the event. Those who run the event and all those who pitch in and help organise, or just lend a hand on the day must be congratulated for the hard work and dedication under some particularly trying circumstances.
- * Coonabarabran High School was again one of the largest teams in the event with 27 riders participating in all events across the four days. The highlight was again the spirit of participation that the CHS team displayed and the collegiality that the team members showed, particularly during the One Day Event on Saturday where riders competed in conditions that would scare ducks let alone horse and rider.
- * While many of the riders achieved success in a number of events a reward for their hours of training through the year prior to the event. There was one performance that was of particular note, that being Jess Cormie who was named the most successful rider of the entire event congratulations!!
- * Although the Expo is an equestrian event it is important to note that the event is a significant contributor to the broad school community. This year the Expo committee has again made a significant contribution to the school, thanks to the Expo committees support, will be able to invest in important technology upgrades that will benefit the learning of all students.
- * Finally thank you to Michelle McEvoy who has helped me this year manage the schools equipment, Kylie Deshon who has managed the school team at a number of events and all other parents who have contributed to the riders enjoyment and success.

CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE

The Centre for Excellence program has continued to provide support in a number of areas throughout 2012.

English

- * Local school network support - Coolah, Dunedoo, Baradine, Binnaway, Mendooran. Involvement and professional learning support via HSC Standard English Day, Writers' Festival, Sydney University Visit.
- * Focus on improving HSC Standard English results in selected Western Region Schools - Dubbo Senior College, Narromine High, Wellington High - local Spoke Schools (Coolah, Dunedoo, Coonabarabran also participated) plus Peak Hill.
- * Support given to build links with Sydney University English Faculty - visit to Coonabarabran High School to provide HSC English/Staff Professional Learning, Lectures video conferenced to 7 western region schools in 2012, (17 in 2011).
- * Targeted assistance given to Mendooran, visit by Dunedoo and Warren Central School via Transfer of Duty - professional support given.
- * Support for the Coonabarabran High School Writers' Festival, "Feast of Words". Professional Development Workshop for teachers held in the areas of Journalism, Film and Creative Writing. Presenters were: JC Burke (Author), Kirsty Eager (Author), Patrick May (Screen Writer), Julian Larnach (past student and Playwright), Peter FitzSimons (Author), Mutuota Kigotho (UNE English Lecturer).
 - Professional Learning Workshops were attended by staff from Dunedoo, Coolah, Baradine, Coonabarabran, Coonamble, Dubbo School of Distance Education and Warren.
 - Creative Writing workshops held with focus on Year 6 (Wednesday) involving Coonabarabran Public School, St Lawrences Catholic School, Mullaley Public School and Year 7 Coonabarabran High School. Creative Writing, Screen Writing and lessons on the Craft of Writing and Unseen Texts/Oral Narrative for Years 7-12 (including Year 12 students from Dunedoo) on Thursday/Friday.
- * Support for English teacher In-service organised by Ms M Doolan/ETA held at Coonabarabran High School on understanding the new NSW Board of Studies 7-10 English Syllabus which implements the demands of the National Curriculum. Attended by 50 staff, 18 Western Region Schools, plus 10 schools Video Conferencing in.

HSIE

- * Professional support provided through HSIE Network established in 2011.
- * Warrumbungle Environmental Education Centre (2012) - Geography skills/Network Day run by HAT - focus on identifying skills/fieldwork for inclusion into programs to increase student engagement.
- * History Days (2 days) - Day 1: Staff Professional Learning Day - Australian Curriculum 7-10 History with focus programming for the new syllabus, embedding Literacy into 7-10 History, and strategies and resources for teachers new to teaching

History, as well as marking workshops for Senior Ancient and Modern History. Day 2: Student HSC lectures/Staff Professional Development Modern/Ancient History - Baradine, Binnaway, Coolah, Mendooran, Coonabarabran, Narromine, Gunnedah, Gulargambone, Dunedoo and Gulgong. Schools attend (24 staff attend Day 1, 14 staff Day 2).

Visual Arts

- * Visual Arts Network Meeting held at CHS 20 June 2012. Workshop run by Brian Shand for teachers from Coonabarabran, Baradine, Binnaway and Mendooran, as well as Beyond the Line student teachers based at Coonabarabran and Baradine. The focus of the day was on the Unit of Work: Printmaking; looking at programs, timelines, syllabus, delivery and assessment, followed by a hands-on workshop in printmaking - very positive feedback.

Support New Scheme Teachers with Accreditation at Professional Competence

- * C4E staff have supported new scheme (Beginning Teachers) with the development/checking of their accreditation documents at Coonabarabran High School, provision of new teacher induction.
- * Accreditation Workshop for Beginning Teachers
Run by HAT in September, 2012. Focus for the day was to:
 - Review procedures/Western Region requirements for the successful completion of the Accreditation at Professional Competence.
 - Review evidence collected, identification of standards met.
 - Annotation of collected evidence
 - Involve 10 teachers from local Schools (2012) - Coolah, Binnaway, Coonabarabran Primary, Coonabarabran High, Dunedoo and Baradine.
- * Beginning Teacher Professional Development Workshops run by HAT throughout 2012 to develop professional knowledge and practice.

Induction Program (Pre-Service Teachers)

- * Induction of Pre-Service Teachers - Increase in the number of pre-service teachers participating in professional experience programs. Induction program run by HAT. Students participating this year have come from UNE, University of Wollongong, Newcastle University, UNSW and Sydney University.

University Links

- * **ASPIRE PROGRAM 2012** - C4E HAT Co-ordinated links developed with UNSW for students in low SES areas aimed at motivating students and raising awareness of the opportunities available through University study. This involved two visits by University staff in 2012 to talk to Years 10/11/12 (March) and Years 7/8/9 (October). Students in Year 11 and Year 8 were chosen to visit and participate in programs run by UNSW in Sydney (Year 11 - June, Year 8 - September).
- * **SYDNEY UNIVERSITY** - Links developed with Sydney University by Coonabarabran High English Faculty - visit to Sydney University by Extension English, 11 Advanced English, also members of the Sydney University English faculty visited CHS.