

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS 2011

The following is a summary of the highlights by our students and school this year. This has been another outstanding year and students have enjoyed success across a broad field of endeavours.

2011 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE ANALYSIS

Year 12 students achieved outstanding results in their Higher School Certificate examinations.

Across 26 subjects, reflecting the broad curriculum offered by the school, 20 Band 6 (results of 90 and above) outcomes were achieved. 17 subjects achieved results which were at or above state average including an excellent result in German whose candidature achieved 17.27% above state average, Legal Studies 12.14%, Metals & Engineering 11.46%, Hospitality 8.52% and PD/H/PE 7.46% above state average.

Other subjects achieving very pleasing results were; General Mathematics, Primary Industries, Earth & Environmental Science, Engineering Studies, Metal & Engineering, Biology, English Advanced & Standard, Modern History, Music and Community & Family Studies.

It is certainly gratifying to see hard work justly rewarded and in this regard the achievement of the following students, who achieved Band 6's, is evidence of that:

Ashley Reynolds 94% - General Mathematics, 93% - Legal Studies, 90% Advanced English

David Flood 91% - General Mathematics, 91% - Earth & Environmental Science, 90% - PD/H/PE

Imogen Morrissey 92% - Legal Studies, 91% - German Beginners, 90% - PD/H/PE

Gabrielle Teale-McEvoy 94% - Legal Studies, 91% - General Mathematics

Patrick Tighe 95% - Legal Studies, 91% - Economics

Katie Lee 92% - Hospitality, 91% - PD/H/PE

Jessica Murphy 93% - Earth & Environmental Science

Anna Ramage 92% - Community & Family Studies

Philipa Elton 91% - PD/H/PE

Rowan McKinnon 90% - Legal Studies

Alyssa Verrender 90% - Legal Studies

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Ashley Reynolds – 93.7

Gabrielle Teale-McEvoy – 92.95

Imogen Morrissey – 92.55

Patrick Tighe – 92.3

Jessica Murphy – 90.1

Such pleasing results are a credit, not just to the commitment of the students, but also of the teachers who, in the tradition of Coonabarabran High School, have supported these young men and women to ensure that they have every possible opportunity open to them as they navigate the next stage in life's journey.

PRINCIPAL'S RECOMMENDATION UNIVERSITY – EARLY ENTRY

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Anna Ramage	Bachelor of Nursing
Nikki McWhirter	Bachelor of Education (Health and Physical Education)
Lucy McWhirter	Bachelor of Education (Primary)
Tazia Nagy	Bachelor of Nursing
Rhiannon Taylor	Bachelor of Justice Studies (Policing)
Shaye Cain	Bachelor Justice Studies (Policing)
Joshua Douglas	Bachelor Justice Studies (Policing)

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY

Joshua Cluff	Bachelor of Sport & Exercise Science/B Ed (Sec) Bachelor of Sport & Exercise Science
Gemma Crowley	Bachelor of Media Bachelor of Arts
Rowan McKinnon	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (Secondary)
Natalee Trow	Bachelor of Business in International Tourism Management Bachelor of Business in Tourism Management

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Ruby Bouwsema
Rowan McKinnon
Nikki McWhirter
Anna Ramage
Lachlan Smith
Gabrielle Teale-McEvoy
(accepted into all courses for which they applied)

2011 SCHOOL CERTIFICATE ANALYSIS

Sixty five Year 10 students were successful in obtaining their School Certificate in 2011. This will be the final year that students participate in this examination. All subjects demonstrated outcomes below the State mean. The two highest achievement bands (bands 5 and 6) were in English and Science with more than 22% of students demonstrating outcomes in these bands. Australian History and Geography achieved School Certificate results closest to the State mean, followed by English, Science, Maths and Computing skills . All of our students demonstrated 'competency' in the Computing Skills examination with 30% achieving Highly Competent results, however we were significantly under the State mean of 52%.

Band 6 grades were obtained from the following students:

<i>English:</i>	Conner Graham
<i>Mathematics:</i>	Marcus Young
<i>Science:</i>	Edward Wilkin
<i>History:</i>	Edward Wilkin, Emily Green, Mikaela Hadfield
<i>Geography:</i>	Conner Graham, Mikaela Hadfield

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, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

The Year 7 cohort exceeded the average state growth from year 5 (2009) to Year 7 (2011) in all dimensions except Reading which was marginally below.

Year 7 Indigenous students' outcomes were below the State mean, however significantly above the Western Region mean in all dimensions.

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.

The Year 9 cohort exceeded the average state growth from Year 7 (2009) in all dimensions except Numeracy; Reading and Spelling demonstrated the most significant growth.

Year 9 Indigenous students achieved outcomes were below the state mean, however they were significantly above the Western Region mean.

ENGLISH

In the 2010 HSC English examinations, students achieved excellent results in both Advanced and Standard courses. The Standard group achieved the best results in Western Region from a total of 44 schools.

In 2011, Year 12 student Ashley Reynolds was named the Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer of the Year. After winning the Western Region section, Ashley was required to write two more stories for the state final; the strength of her portfolio clearly impressed the judges.

In May, our school hall was the venue for the launch of 'Pig Boy' the latest novel by acclaimed young adult author J C Burke. The hall was transformed with the use of a 'pigging' ute, numerous year 10 boys dressed in their 'piggin' attire and a large pig dog named Bronson. Jane was accompanied by her husband Michael and father-in-law, Sir Nicholas Shehadie, at the launch.

The English Faculty conducted a Writers Festival which we called 'A Feast of Words' in November. Visiting presenters included authors J C Burke and Kirsty Eagar, screenwriter Patrick May, journalist and lawyer Michael Morrissey and UNE lecturer Dr Elizabeth Hale. The focus for three days was on writing and the beauty of words.

Related to the Feast of Words, Year 7 competed in a story writing competition based on a photo stimulus.

Winner: Hayley Walton

Highly Commended: Lara Thomas

Finalists: Jayd Robinson, Tori Dundas, Emma Tudgey, Melanie Dow, Lily Abbott, Marshandra Naden and Brett Jerry.

In addition, the Faculty conducted a writing competition for students in Year 6 attending St Lawrence's and Coonabarabran Public School. Some excellent entries were received.

English lecturers from the University of Sydney visited our school to discuss HSC texts with Extension, Advanced and Standard English students. Professor Will Christie, Mr Atilla Orel and Dr Olivia Murphy had their lectures video conferenced to 16 schools in the Western Region.

91 students from Years 7 to 12 participated in the 2010 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

Connor Hincks
Alexander Tighe

Victoria Lee

Credit

Aimee Sanders
Olivia Colantonio
Richard Knight
Sara Hincks
Caitlyn McHugh

David Tighe
Kevin Lee
Seth Baker
Rachel Storer
Jayden Wood- Nicholson

10 students from Years 7 to 12 participated in the 2011 Writing International Competition and Assessment for Schools. Coonabarabran High performed very well. Our results were as follows:

Distinction

Aimee Sanders

Patrick Tighe

Coonabarabran High School entered Year 7 students into the International Competition & Assessments for School in Spelling, reflecting the continuing emphasis on literacy skills across the faculty areas.

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:

Highly Commended Monologue

Latoya Kuras

Encouragement Award Duologue Year 9/10

Tamika Collier and Wil Devenish

Highly Commended Duologue Year 9/10

Lilian Betts and Amy Coe

Encouragement Award for Year 9 Scene

Samantha Smith, Annie Woo and Emily Young

Encouragement Award for Year 10 Scene

Monique Tanner, Connor Graham and Jai Suckley

Highly Commended for Year 9/10 Scene

Wade Sutherland, David Seabrook, Jack Reynolds, Logan Whale and Steven Baker

Best Scene Year 9

Jim Nash, Kevin Lee, Connor Hincks, Clayton McKinnon, Nathan Cox and Charles Redden

Best Scene Year 10

Jemmae Dow, Marcus Young and Alice Fosdick

Encouragement Award Year 11

Lucy Dowling, Jasmine Chalker and Madelyn Dumble

Highly Commended Award Year 11

Rachel Storer, Shane Bourke, Jayden Wood-Nicholson and Rebecca Glover

Best Scene Award Year 11

Jenna-Lee Broeksema, Hughie Ryan and Alex Tighe

Reserve Champion Scene

Jim Nash, Kevin Lee, Connor Hincks, Clayton McKinnon, Nathan Cox and Charles Redden

Champion Scene

Jenna-Lee Broeksema, Hughie Ryan and Alex Tighe

Best Actor Year 9

Clayton McKinnon

Best Actor Year 10

Jemmae Dow

Best Actor Year 11

Alex Tighe

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 8 student David Tighe was the regional winner of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition. Alexander Tighe has won through to the Regional Finals of the Rotary District 9650 Public Speaking Competition to be held in March 2012.

Debating:

Coonabarabran High School took on the Premier's Debating Challenge with style and gusto in 2011. This year saw our school enter six teams (one from each year group) 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.

Year 12 English students attended HSC revision lectures in Dubbo in June.

HSC Extension 1 English students attended a study day at Newington College, Sydney.

HSC Advanced students attended The Sydney Theatre Company's performance of 'Hamlet' at the Wharf Theatre and undertook a backstage tour. HSC Standard students travelled to Tamworth to view a performance of 'Shoe-Horn Sonata'.

All Year 11 students availed themselves of a free performance of 'Summer of the Seventeenth Doll' at the Belvoir Theatre in Sydney. Education Officers from the Theatre visited our school before and after the performance.

Two bus loads of students attended a hilarious production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Dubbo Regional Theatre.

Faculty members ran professional development days for other schools and have additionally attended various conferences in Dubbo and Sydney.

MATHEMATICS

Highlights of 2011 for the Mathematics Faculty include:

The implementation of Quicksmart. In the inaugural year of this program, over 30 students participated in small groups or pairs in regular sessions of practice in Numeracy skills in order to improve proficiency and confidence in Mathematics. Initial evaluation of this thirty week program has shown some very pleasing improvements in student's skills and motivation toward mastering concepts in Mathematics. These regular sessions should have a positive effect upon students NAPLAN results in 2012. Profound thanks must be extended to the staff responsible for this program as they took extra 'classes' in order to provide these valuable opportunities for our students. Thank you to Miss Dwyer, Mrs Redden and Mrs Hayward. Thanks also to our tutoring assistants Mr Macintosh, Mrs Norton, Mr Crawley, Mrs Doel and Mrs Rankmore, without whom the program would have been significantly smaller and less effective.

The provision of free access to all students to the MATHSONLINE website. This excellent resource provides self-paced tutorial and testing features and is a great benefit to students for practising questions and re-enforcing understanding and skills across the entire 7 – 12 curriculum.

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 Competition

This year we had 29 students sit the Australian Mathematics Competition. The competition was very challenging and the students are to be congratulated on their effort. The following students received awards:

Proficiency

Lily Dumble
Richard Knight
James Pearson
Olivia Eastburn
Marcus Young

Emily Armstrong
Edwin Samuel
David Tighe
Amy Coe

Credit

Rabecca Cole
Makayla Munns
Sharleen Jones
Joseph Bowen
Jodie Steel

Stephen Sanders
Kevin Lee
Clayton McKinnon
Connor Graham
Patrick Tighe

ICAS Mathematics Competition

This year we had 31 students squeeze into a very warm classroom to compete in the ICAS Mathematics Competition. The following students received awards:

Credit

David Tighe
Joseph Bowen
Makayla Munns

Clayton McKinnon
Kevin Lee
Alexander Tighe

Distinction

Stephen Sanders

SCIENCE

Students represented themselves and the school in The Rio Tinto Science Competition this year.

High Distinction

Steven Sanders
Kevin Lee

Connor Graham

Distinction

Alex Tighe
Sara Hincks
Jessica Murphy

David Tighe
Richard Knight

Chemistry Competition**High Distinction**

Steven Sanders (Excellence)

To achieve this result Steven achieved a perfect score in the competition. Of the 19,581 students entering the competition from around the world, only 106 achieved to this outstanding level.

Students represented themselves and the school in the Chemistry Competition this year.

Our senior students in both Earth & Environmental Science and Biology attended a major excursion to the Warrumbungle National Park to learn about scientific measurements of Australian ecosystems, geology and biota.

Our junior students participated again in the Science & Engineering Challenge held in Narrabri. This year their efforts gained a 2nd place and the right to represent the area at the next level in Newcastle. At this, they performed very well but could not progress to the final level. Well done to the Year 9 and 10 students in that team.

Sydney Excursion - Cochlear and Museum of Human Disease

Year 12 Biology visited the Museum for Human Disease at the UNSW where they were able to observe a variety of body organs that were suspended in formaldehyde to preserve them. Each of the specimens held a story from the person of whom they came. In part of our search for better health and maintaining a balance of units, it was great to have the opportunity to visualise disease. Additionally, we were able to meet for 2 hours with Dr Shaun Flanagan, an Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney, who specialises in Cochlear Implants. Dr Flanagan spoke to Year 12 about the anatomy and physiology of the ear and how life can be improved with technology.

HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT

Year 11 Geography students undertook local catchment fieldwork studies in the upper Castlereagh River Catchment and visited the Warrumbungle National Park as part of their Year 11 course work.

Year 12 Business Studies students undertook fieldwork studies on Blueberry Farming at Coffs Harbour in September as part of their course work studies.

Year 12 Business Studies attended HSC Revision Lectures in Tamworth in July.

Year 9/10 Commerce students participated in the Australian Share market game and competed in the Office of Fair Trading competition on Consumer Issues.

Year 12 Legal Studies, Geography, Ancient History and Business Studies attended the annual HSC Lecture day in Dubbo in June.

Year 8 Geography students camped overnight at Western Plains Zoo as part of the 'Zoo Snooze' program. At the Zoo they participated in an evening walk, early morning feeding of animals and undertook studies of endangered animals.

Year 8 visited Dandry Gorge for an historical investigation into local Aboriginal culture and to view the "Sculptures in the Scrub".

Year 11 Legal Studies students participated in the state-wide Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Law Society of NSW. The team performed very well throughout the competition, but unfortunately failed to make the finals.

Year 12 Ancient and Modern History students attended HSC lectures in Sydney.

Year 12 Legal Studies participated in HSC lectures run by the Legal Studies Association of NSW at Westmead in July, as part of their preparation for the HSC.

Year 8 HSIE students met with Jane and Milton Judd to discuss Coonabarabran's local heritage.

Year 12 Geography, as part of their coursework case studies, visited the Macquarie Marshes in February, Pymont/Ultimo in May, and Farmer's Daughter Wines Peter Van Ghent Winery in Mudgee in August.

Year 11 Aboriginal Studies visited Burra Bee Dee with local Aboriginal Elders and also attend Lectures in Sydney.

Year 8 students as a part of their "Contact History" work interviewed local Elders to collect information about local Indigenous history.

Years 7 to 12 participated in various competitions. Our results were as follows:

Australian Geography Competition

High Distinction

David Tighe
Edward Wilkin

Mikaela Hadfield
Connor Graham

Distinction

Stephen Sanders
Luke Mack

Steven Baker

Credit

Simon Bouwsema
Jemmae Dow
Kevin Lee
Lucy Dowling
Fred Jerry

Jesse Doolan
Emily Green
Madeleine Baker
Chelsea Edwards
Meghan Silk

Australian Business Studies Competition

Distinction

Ashley Reynolds

Credit

Matt Frith
Jarrod Michael

Jacinta Hayes

Australian Economics Competition

High Distinction

Alexander Tighe

Credit

Matt Frith

Patrick Tighe

LOTE (LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH)

This year saw the first 2 HSC Beginners Students complete the HSC and the first SC group finish the Stage 5 course.

Imogen Morrissey gained her first placement for Rotary Exchange to go to Germany!
The German Club was established in town, meeting once a month - HSC students benefited from their attendance at meetings..
The German Cultural Exchange excursion to Pilliga Pottery saw Stage 5 students extend their knowledge of the German language and culture.

VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

The Dance of Life sculpture by Ken Hutchinson was unveiled with a smoking ceremony attended by leading members of the community.

Students from Year 8 attended 'ArtWorks' at the Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo and had the opportunity to explore the vocations from the art world in a fun, role-playing activity. They assumed the roles of artists, critics, gallery owners and auctioneers, finding out just how tricky it is to "make it" in the art world.

Senior classes had the opportunity to experience the a selection of the very best of HSC Visual Arts major works state-wide from 2010 in ArtExpress on display in Dubbo. The touring exhibition showcases student's works in a variety of expressive forms and is an inspiration for our students.

Professional photographer, Rowan Bestmann, gave a talk to our senior students. His work is inspiring and we were fortunate enough to have Rowan answer our questions and provide a real insight into how photography effects are created.

The iVisualise Exhibition is held annually at the Coo-ee Heritage Centre, Gilgandra to showcase outstanding artworks by students in the region. Coonabarabran High School was the most represented High School with paintings and drawings exhibited by Anita Taylor, Dylan Britton, Lilly Betts and ex-student Melanie Mills.

Students from Years 8-12 exhibited in the WACI exhibition held at the Shire Hall in October. Johanna Vogt received First Place in the Novice Section for her Year 10 Major Work and Jaimie-Lee Bennett received a Merit for her Year 9 drawing.

Student work was submitted to the Coonabarabran PAI&H Show and four year 10 students assisted with the hanging of the exhibition.

Year 8 went on an excursion to Pilliga to see the Sculptures in the Scrub.

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. Students also competed in the North West Equestrian Expo with the following results:

Champion Boy Rider:	Dylan Britton
Reserve Champion Boy Rider:	Justin Antaw
Reserve Champion Girl Rider:	Bethany Barron

An excursion to Dubbo Zoo was organised for students using CAP funding. Several students from the Support Unit were given the opportunity to go to the Year 8 Ag Skills Day where they participated in several workshops with agricultural experts. Caleb Sovic was able to video parts of the sessions of the day which were edited into a movie.

Students participated in the North West Swimming and Athletics Carnivals for Students with Disability (IO/IS Category). These carnivals were held in Tamworth and all students came home with a number of ribbons. At the Athletics Carnival Justin Antaw won all his events and was the 16yrs Boys Champion.

Dylan Britton's "Me Scaled Up" was selected for the regional DEC 'iVisualise' exhibition at Gilgandra's Cooe Heritage Centre. Jayden Watt was invited as a special guest to the 100 year celebrations for Burnside, where he performed a rap that he had written about the organisation; he also met the NSW Governor Marie Bashir.

Once again the backbone of the Support Unit were the School Learning Support Officers, Mrs Yvonne Rice, Mr Dennis Coe, Mrs Kim Canham and Mrs Michelle McEvoy. Their work with the students and the support they give to the teachers is invaluable. Mrs Rice's contribution was recognised by the community on Australia Day when she received the Academic Award from the Warrumbungle Shire.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

National Sorry Day

Many of our students participated in the National Sorry day on 26 May 2011. Captains and IYLP Scholarship recipients attended the ceremony. Many of the students participated in the NAIDOC

NAIDOC

NAIDOC Week celebrations commenced with a flag raising ceremony with special guest Aboriginal Elders. 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 out local Elders, parents and community members and featured 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.

Students were actively involved in the Inaugural NAIDOC Week Formal Assembly 2011, where they were presented with their official IYLP Blazers. NAIDOC Senior and Junior Awards were presented to Taneya Watton, Year 12 and Wade Sutherland, Year 10.

Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

In March 2011, all Coona High IYLP Scholarship holders attended a Mini Gathering Camp at Wambangalang Field Studies Centre near Dubbo. Students were involved in a range of activities including orienteering, low ropes and flying fox. "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 saw 7 of our school's Indigenous Youth Leadership Program scholarship holders, successfully complete Year 12. The graduating scholarship holders were; Taneya Watton, Shaye Cain, Melody Luxford, Dyllon Tighe, David Sulter, Kimberley Stanton and Aleesha Connell.

Scholarships were also awarded to the following students this year; Landon Brady, Taeya Habbits, Dylan Neville, Danielle Andrews, Teagan Cain, Travis Smith. Chloe Sutherland, Madison Watton and Jayd Robinson. Additionally, Les Cain and Latoya Kuras continue as scholarship holders.

A number of scholarship holders travelled to Sydney to participate in a trip to 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 and Jillian Norton, former Community Engagement Officer. The students were exposed to University life and students came away with a clear career path and study plan for their future.

The Annual 2011 Indigenous Youth Leadership Program Student Gathering was held at Uluru (Ayres Rock), Northern Territory, on 4-7 August 2011. The event brought together all Year 10 students from around Australia who are in receipt of an IYLP scholarship. Wade Sutherland, Year 10, attended the event.

IYLP students participated in community meetings and fundraising events 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.

Wednesday, 9 March saw the school welcome our popular sculptor in residence, Ken Hutchinson, for the formal unveiling of the great sandstone piece of art entitled "The Dance of Life". The "Dance of Life" sculpture represents the people of Coonabarabran and symbolises the diversity of culture within it, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous. Using the simple tools of hammer and chisel, Mr Hutchinson has brought to life the values shared by Coonabarabran High School and our broader community.

The values are: The exchange of knowledge, strength, pride and respect for the environment. The sculpture stands as a welcome to all who visit our school and as a reminder that we will continue learning together and walking together, through friendship and as "one community".

The school community is justly proud of these young people and the positive contribution that they make to their school and community.

The school acknowledges the support of the following individuals and organisers regarding our ability to host a sculptor in residence: Coonabarabran High School P&C, Department of Environment Climate Change & Water, Regional Arts NSW, the Acacia Motel, the Hincks family, Steven McEvoy and Warrumbungle Shire Council.

TAS (TECHNICAL & APPLIED STUDIES)

Year 12 student Taneya Watton was awarded the Central West Group Apprentices School Based Apprentice of the year and was short listed in the NSW Training Awards (Hairdressing)

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:

Jake McDonald	Restoration and modification of a motorbike
Melissa Coughlan	Landscape garden area
Finlay McArtney	Renovated lounge/dining area in a home
Hadyn Baker	A desk
David Sulter	A coffee table
Braeden De Costa	Recycled metal cabinet
Rhiannon Taylor	Interior design of a caravan
Taneya Watton	Story Poles
Whitney Roberts	Hockey goals

Industrial Tech Wood

Jake McDonald	Routed hard-wood property sign
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Construction of the Trade Training Centre will be completed by December 2011. The refurbishment and extension of the existing metal workshop and a completely new building for hairdressing will be ready for the delivery of the frameworks in Metal and Engineering and Hairdressing at the commencement of the 2012 school year.

MUSIC

Year 7 have been learning to play acoustic guitars and sing. They have also researched music and created their own musical instruments for performance work in class.

Year 8 have extended their playing on acoustic guitars and are now performing in their class band. They have also explored African music and created some groovy rhythms in playing and dancing in that style.

Band lessons occur in Year 8 when 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. It is a tradition of this school to farewell the Junior School with the end of year 'Sunset Concert'.

Years 11 and 12 have given many performances in assemblies. Year 12 prepares for their practical HSC Examination with two evening soirees as well as students performing their individual program in lunchtime concerts.

The schools and community band the Orbital Swing Band' is made up of a high proportion of students from this school. The band members rehearse each week for 2 ½ hours, and more time is spent preparing for special events. Some of the events include:

- * *Australia Day Celebrations* in Binnaway and Coonabarabran
- * *Coonabarabran Show*
- * *Senior Citizens' Picnic Sunday*
- * *Anzac Day*
(including the march, ceremony featuring high school singers and readers, RSL luncheon) Our Anzac Day soloists were Nerida Hannah, Victoria Lee, Rowan McKinnon and Yue Liang.
- * *CHS. Awards' Night*
- * *Late Night Shopping*

Band members now tutor in the Beginner Band. This band would not be possible without their contribution.

Victoria Lee and Adam McNeice sang at the Opening of the National Motocross Championships.

HSC Music Day was held in Tamworth. Years 11 and 12 spent the day covering key areas of the HSC Music Syllabus: aural, musicology, composition and performance requirements were explored and developed.

Choir students travelled to Armidale for a day and a half of intensive learning of music repertoire.

Our choir travelled to Sydney for a two day rehearsal with other secondary school choirs. This was followed by performances in the 19th Annual Celebration Concert accompanied by an orchestra and the Sydney Town Hall organ. Repertoire included excerpts from Mozart's "Requiem", the 'Triumphal March' from "Aida" by Verdi, a medley of songs from "Les Miserables" and a traditional Christmas carol. Two of our students, Yue Liang and Dylan Lugli, were chosen to sing solo parts in 'Les Miserables'.

Our Choir not only contributed to an amazing concert, but also helped raise money for the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Hughie Ryan once again performed as a percussionist in the State Wind Band which played at the Festival of Instruments at the Sydney Opera House. He also toured with the State Wind Band to Hawaii.

After a rigorous audition process, Coonabarabran High School was fortunate to have a large number of students nominated to attend "Maxed Out" (the Secondary School contribution to the Moorambilla Festival held in Coonamble. This year's students included Jack Ayoub, Simon Bouwsema, Braden Farrell, Caragh Fretwell, Yue Liang, Domanic Lugli and Dylan Lugli, and Joshua Masman.

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 Rowan McKinnon and Ruby Bouwsema.

A small ensemble of violinists set the mood for the Year 12 Farewell Dinner. Our musicians were Jenna-Lee Broeksema, Nathan Cox, Katherine Harris and Nancy Doolan.

A.M.E.B. (Australian Music Examinations Board) were held as both Practical and Written Examinations. Our students completed the following grades:

Written Examinations:

Musicianship 1	Caitlyn McHugh;
Musicianship 2	Rowan McKinnon, David Tighe;
Musicianship 3	Rowan McKinnon

Practical Examinations:

Trumpet Grade 6	David Tighe
Violins	Lauren Bennell, Nathan Cox, Elizabeth Graham, Katherine Harris.
Piano	Nathan Cox, Gus Elton, Caitlyn McHugh

Rock the School gave workshops on sound engineering for our students as well as showing performance standards in the music industry.

Young Australia Workshop enabled Year 7 to see, hear and appreciate how to create then perform on new music instruments. Year 7 had the opportunity to create a variety of instruments and create their own music using graphic notation. Examples of their work have been on display in the school library.

AGRICULTURE

Coonabarabran High School Agriculture Students scooped the pool with three winning entries in the Namoi CMA North West Property Planning Competition for 2011. Matt Frith was awarded the runner-up trophy at a ceremony at Ag Quip on the 17th of August. Marcus Young was the winner of the Junior Section of the competition and Alice Fosdick was the runner-up in the same section. This is a mammoth effort considering there are about 400 entries from across the North West.

The start of the year saw the three local shows, Binnaway, Coonabarabran and Baradine, heavily patronised with keen cattle leaders honing their handling skills on freshly broken-in Brangus cattle, kindly lent to the school by Tony Elton and Jason Furnley. Students enjoyed busy and fruitful days with plenty of ribbons won by all.

The Annual Ag Skills day was a roaring success with 30 presenters providing their unique skills to enhance our students learning in the Agricultural Field.

The Pig Showing Team attended Dubbo Show this year with our three stud sows and one boar. The sows were all competing against each other, meaning Vicki was up against her own daughters. For the first time in her showing career, Vicki was beaten in the ring by Jacki; at least we kept the Champion ribbon in the family!

Coonamble Show Results:

* **Steer Classes**

In the Middle Weight class our Limousin Angus cross steers, Yasi and Harry were placed first and second.

In the Heavy Weight class our steers place first, second and third. Rory our Limousin steer was victorious in being awarded the Supreme School Exhibit.

- * In the **Parading Competition** our student's results were excellent against the 50 other competitors.
- * The **Under 15 Years** section Shannon Richards was placed first, Emily Young third and James Napier 4th.
- * The **Over 15 Year's** section was won by Nathan Chapman, followed by Sam Bowen second and Eathan Reeks fourth.
- * Shannon Richards also conquered the **Grand Champion Parader**.
- * In the **Junior Judging** section Emily Young was placed 3rd against some tough competition.

Brisbane Royal Show:

11 students attended the Brisbane Royal Show and achieved the following results:

- * At the EKKA, Sam Bowen led Yasi our 450kg Limousin Cross Angus steer bred by Col and Lorna Mc Gilchrist In the School Steer Section. Yasi was placed 6th in the hoof section and also placed 6th on the hook with a carcass score of 86.
- * In the Open Steer Section, Emily Young led our Limousin steer Rory to 7th place in a huge class of 45 steers. Harry another of our Limousin Cross steers was placed equal 4th on the hook out of 35 steers with a carcass score of 90.
- * Students excelled in the Junior Judging Section with Shannon Richards placing 7th in her age group. Sam Cormie also displayed excellent judging skills placing 8th in her age division.
- * Caitlyn Green, Sam Smith and Jess Richards impressed the judges and qualified for the finals in the Parader's Competition.

Our students were victorious in the Steers Dress up Section.

8 Students competed in The Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza to achieve the following outstanding results:

- * Our Shorthorn Limousin cross steer Rocket took out both the Hoof and Hook Champion out of 230 competing steers.

- * Rocket won Middle Weight Champion, Grand Champion Steer, and Supreme Live Exhibit in the Led Live Section. In the Carcass section he won Champion Middleweight, Grand Champion and the Best Limousin Cross Carcass.
- * Ernie our Charolais steer was placed 5th in a fierce Heavy Weight Section.
- * Five of our students competed in the Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition which they had been training hard prior to entering at Kristy's Meat and Woolworths. In the competition they had to judge a beef carcass class, a primal class and identify lamb and beef retail cuts. Eathan Reeks, Nathan Chapman, Sam Bowen, Lachlan Tudgey and Jacob McEvoy were victorious against 150 other competitors to win 3rd place in the Team Section.
- * 420 students entered in the Paraders Competition where the students were judged on their ability to handle and present themselves and their animal. Lachlan Tudgey, Sam Bowen and Shannon Richards were finalists in their age division. Caitlyn Green and Jacob McEvoy led Albert our Charolais cross Angus steer, bred by Jenny and Michael Smith from Mendooran to win highly commended ribbons for their efforts.

SPORT

The 14's Girls Netball team were the North West champions for the second successive year.

The Open and 16 Years Boys Rugby teams won the North West 10-a-side Knockout. This is the second year in a row that the 16's side has won this tournament.

Gabi Olsen was selected to represent NSW at the Australian Championships in the sport of Squash.

Harley Wood finished second in the 12 Years Boys Long Jump and 4th in High Jump at the CHS Athletics Carnival. He finished 4th in both events while at the NSW All Schools Carnival.

The 15's Boys Basketball team and Open Girls Netball team reached North West Semi-Finals.

Coona High won the Single Cup for the 4th successive year.

Dyllon Tighe won the Open Boys event at the North West Cross Country carnival and represented North West in both Cross Country and Athletics.

Wade Sutherland represented North West in both Squash and Rugby league.

Jai Suckley represented North West in both Swimming and Rugby League.

Jack Masman represented North West in both Cross Country and Squash.

Overall 32 individual students represented North West.

Individual Swimming

Makalya Munns
Jai Suckley

Jayden Andrews
Zan Liang

Joshua Masman
Samantha Smith

15's Touch

Edward Kuras

Rugby League (15s)

Jai Suckley

Anthony Harris

Wade Sutherland

Rugby League (Open)

Jarrod Michael
Dylan Brand

David Sulter

Joshua Douglas

Squash

Gabi Olsen (NSW)
Josh Masman

Wade Sutherland

Jack Masman

Touch

Teagan Cain

Tennis

Lillian Betts

Georgie Knight

Clayton McKinnon

Athletics

Harley Wood (NSW)
Ty Brady

David Flood
Yue Liang

Steven Watton
Dyllon Tighe

Cross Country

Alex Eastburn
Ellie Capewell
Connor Graham

Leisl Fretwell
Vanessa Kenyon
Dyllon Tighe

Jack Masman
David Seabrook
Philipa Elton

EQUESTRIAN EXPO

This years Expo was again a fantastically successful event. Coonabarabran High school was represented by a team of 24 riders competing in all events over the five days of competition. The ongoing high standard of the event and the spirit in which the CHS riders competed was a highlight of the event along with some fantastic results for all riders.

While the competition at this event is extremely high, Coonabarabran High Schools' competitors were able to achieve outstanding results. Some of the highlights included Lachlan Tudgey's winning of the Open Dressage event, an outstanding effort considering the standard of the competitors. Lachlan not only won the Dressage section of the event but was also named as the 17 Years Champion Boy over the entire event.

The A Grade Polocrosse team of Sarah and Sophie Stuart and Wil Devenish played some spectacular Polocrosse and made it to the final of this event coming up against a red hot Wee Waa team who have won the event for several years. Despite being the first team to score against Wee Waa in this time period they were just pipped at the post by an exceptional team which included some national representative players. Another great

performance in the Polocrosse was the first placing of the B Grade team of Jess Cormie, Holly Purdy and Tom Lather.

In the One-Day-Event section of the competition, CHS achieved excellent results; this competition like all other elements of EXPO is of an exceptionally high standard and just to complete all three elements of the event is a great outstanding effort. Some of the highlights included Richard Knight competing for the first time and finishing 2nd in a large field, Samantha Cormie 2nd, Lachlan Tudgey 1st, Laura Enks 3rd and Melissa Coughlan 3rd. As well as these great results almost all of the other CHS riders in this event finished in the top 10 in their grade.

On behalf of the members of the CHS team I thank the parents and helpers at the event who put in so much effort to make this such an enjoyable and successful event. I also congratulate all members of the team on their success and the exceptional sportsmanship they displayed throughout the entire event. Finally, thank you to Mr Sharp and Coonabarabran High School for their support throughout the preparation and running of Expo.

CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE

In late 2009, Coonabarabran High School was announced as a Centre for Excellence (English focus). The school had been identified as one which demonstrates, develops and shares high quality teaching leading to improved student outcomes.

The English faculty has put in place a range of initiatives aimed at raising the standard of HSC English results across Western Region. This includes:

- * Ms Mary Doolan in-servicing major schools (by candidature) in successful teaching strategies in HSC Standard English.
- * Inviting Western Region schools to participate in the Sydney University English Lecture Day conducted at Coonabarabran High School, utilising Video Conferencing and recording of session. 17 schools participated in this program; enabling schools to access lecture information critical to their HSC studies.

The English focus was also highlighted by the 'Feast of Words' Festival, co-ordinated by Mrs Kellie Nash and the English faculty. The three-day festival focused on engaging students in writing and involved students from CHS, Coonabarabran Primary, St Lawrences and teachers from Coonabarabran and surrounding schools.

Links have been developed with our surrounding schools - Baradine, Binnaway, Coolah, Gilgandra, Mendooran and Dunedoo - in the subject areas of English (Years 7-10), HSIE (Years 7-10) and Visual Arts (Years 7-8), focusing on staff professional development to build teacher knowledge, skills, resources and the capacity to effectively teach their subject areas.

Effective induction programs have been developed for beginning teachers to ensure an effective induction to Coonabarabran High School, ongoing professional development and support in achieving their Accreditation at Professional Competence.

Links are being built with Universities to ensure an effective induction of pre-teacher students occurs at the school, while steps are in place to enable connected classroom facilities to be used between Coonabarabran High School and University of New England to assist in developing the quality of pre-service teachers through recording and reviewing both visiting student teachers and experienced teachers in action.

We have also increased the number of pre-service teachers undertaking training at Coonabarabran High School.