



Coonabarabran High School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

RE: WELCOME TO 2023

Welcome to a new year at Coonabarabran High School; in particular a special welcome to students and families who are new to our school. We hope that the following information will be of assistance.

STAFFING

We are pleased to welcome a number of new staff to our school:

Mrs Mandy Sulter (Support Unit), Mrs Poi Birtles (Student Learning Support Officer), Mrs Jane Povey (Science), Ms Rechelle Hynds (Admin), Miss Caitlin Little (Admin), Miss Niamh Mulveney (PD/H/PE). We welcome back Mrs Kathy Hutt (Junior Music, Tech, Visual Arts). Mr Stephen Cordwell has joined the Support Unit faculty and Mr Ben Jackson, the Mathematics faculty. Mr Steve Turner, our long-standing Technical Support Officer has moved on to new career opportunities and we wish him well and thank him for his service.

Ms Carly Hanson will continue her support to our students as School Psychologist each Monday and alternate Tuesday. I am very pleased to advise that Mr Ronan Long will be our School Psychologist on the remaining school days. The Rural Youth Mental Health Service will continue to provide counselling support each Thursday and we are delighted that Mrs Bonnie Hain will continue her role providing specialist literacy and numeracy small group tuition and Mr Peter Morrissey will continue as Senior Study supervisor.

COVID

Just a brief update, please keep your child home if they are unwell. The school is still required to advise parents of COVID cases in the school and in some circumstances to report to the department. Kindly let the school know if your child tests positive for COVID. Masks are not mandatory but may of course be worn and we can provide RAT kits if needed; enquire at the office.

RISILIENCE IN OUR TEAM (RIOT)

We are very excited to be rolling out this whole school approach to managing anxiety and building resilience. It was really good to see so many parents at the information evening on 6th February. More information on this wellbeing initiative will be sent home under a separate cover.

BELL TIMES

A copy of the bell times is enclosed for your reference. Bus students will be supervised until departure.

LOCKERS

We have fabulous lockers for hire. A copy of our locker policy is enclosed. If students wish to obtain a locker, they should return the signed note to Mr Graham.

ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance at school is absolutely vital to support your child's learning. Regular and or extended absences from school undermine your child's ability to achieve to their full potential. Of course, I appreciate that there will be occasions due to illness, family commitments and the like that your child will need to be absent. In those circumstances please advise the school either by telephone or via a note as to the reason for your child's absence. **However, there is no doubt that one of the best things you can do to support your child's education is to ensure that they attend school, on time each day.**

BEHAVIOUR

Our school community rests on a core value of respect. Conflict which arises from students not respecting their peers, their teachers, school property and ultimately themselves in terms of not valuing their educational opportunities, regrettably undermines your child's ability to reach their potential. Our rules are aimed at ensuring that we have a harmonious and productive school community and again your support in ensuring that your child is a respectful member of our community is valued.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Correct school uniform plays an important role in nurturing a respectful school culture. In some cases, for example regarding correct footwear, there are also relevant health and safety concerns and helps your child to start the day on a positive footing. Kindly ensure that your son or daughter attends school in the correct school uniform. The school does have some good quality second-hand uniforms and in some circumstances, financial assistance can be provided to assist with the purchase of uniforms. Should that be the case, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the event that your child is out of uniform for the day, kindly send a note which your child should present to the Deputy Principal before school.

All students are encouraged to be sun safe in the school playground. School caps are available from the front office at a cost of \$16.00. School hoodies and jackets can also be purchased for \$60 from the accounts office.

Finally, if you have any school uniforms to donate to our uniform pool they would be gratefully received.

MOBILE PHONES

Students are asked not to bring phones to school. This decision has been made in consultation with the school community. Students who repeatedly (more than 3 times in a year) bring a mobile phone to school will have their phone confiscated until the student's parents/carers can attend a meeting to discuss the breach of school procedure. The school is responsible and liable for the confiscated devices. Some exemptions to this rule may apply. If students need their phone for after school they may hand them into the Deputy Principal before school.

EQUIPMENT

Students are required to bring all equipment necessary to support their learning, each day. Please encourage your child to be responsible in ensuring that they arrive each day equipped to learn. Teachers have provided students with details of what equipment is required. Please be advised that 5 in 1 subject books are not useful as student work becomes jumbled across subjects and it is difficult for the classroom teacher to collect students' books for marking in a specific subject. Each student is required to have a pencil case. The school is happy to assist with the provision of equipment if required, please contact me to facilitate this.

Please note that, permanent markers, liquid paper and aerosol deodorants are not allowed at school. The latter can be a significant health and safety risk to some students and staff. **Each student has been given a student diary to support completion of homework and assessment tasks and growing student organisational skills. Please encourage your child to utilise this resource. It is also another mode of communication between school and home.**

ASSESSMENT TASKS

Students assessment tasks will be posted on our website – <https://coonabarab-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>. Assessment notification alerts will also be sent via the School Stream app - which is free to download if you have a smart phone and is a great way to stay in touch with school events.

STUDY CENTRE

Study Centre operates in our Library each Monday to Thursday until 5.00 pm. Students are able to work under the supervision of staff who assist with homework, assessments and reinforcing classroom learning, as required. Afternoon tea is provided on Tuesdays. Attendance at Study Centre is an effective way for your child to support their learning by building sound study habits whilst also accessing any necessary assistance. There is no cost for attending Study Centre.

PARENTS & CITIZENS

Our school is fortunate to be supported by a dedicated P&C who meet once per term at 5.30pm in the school Library. The date of the first meeting will be 20th February 2023 and it would be wonderful to welcome new members.

COMMUNICATION

Our website, Facebook and the School Stream app are all good ways to stay in touch.

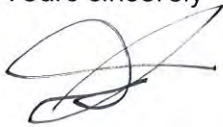
I appreciate that this is a lot of information but trust that it may assist, particularly new families, to settle in well to the new school year.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in relation to the matters which I have outlined above. Should you have any queries, concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

We hope to see many parents and carers at the Parent/Teacher night on the 14th March 2023, which will be a great opportunity to strengthen the home/school ties, which nurture great educational outcomes.

Looking forward to another productive year of learning.

Yours sincerely



Ms Mary Doolan
PRINCIPAL





COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL

LOCKER POLICY 2023

- * Students may rent a locker for the school year.
- * The cost for the year will be \$40.00 (Years 7 – 11) and \$30 (Year 12) No refunds will be given.
- * Students must look after the locker carefully, keep it in a clean and orderly condition, and use it for storing appropriate items only.
- * Mr Graham will allocate lockers so that students in any one year will have them distributed around the quadrangle.
- * Master keys will be held by the Principal and Deputy Principal, who reserve the right to inspect lockers at any time.
- * The cost of replacing lost locks will be the **responsibility** of the student. Students who lose a lock will not be allocated another locker until they replace the lost lock.
- * Students may only go to lockers before school, at recess, during lunch and after school. An exception will be when students need to collect or return PE gear at the beginning or end of PE lessons.
- * Students must ensure that they have all they need for each lesson and that all homework requirements are taken home each day.
- * Failure to abide by these guidelines may lead to the forfeiting of the locker.
- * Please pay Mrs Mathews in accounts office then bring the receipt with the filled out locker agreement to Mr Graham.

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COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL LOCKER AGREEMENT

2023

I, _____ (full name) understand the conditions outlined in the Locker Policy, and agree to abide by them at all times.

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____



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BELL TIMES
53 MIN CLASSES

Day	Monday- Thursday	Friday
Morning assembly	8:55 9:05	8:55 9:05
Period 1	9:05 to 9:58	9:05 to 9:58
Period 2	9:58 to 10:51	9:58 to 10:51
Recess	END 11:12	END 11:12
Period 3	11:12 to 12:05	11:12 to 12:05
Period 4	12:05 to 12:58	12:05 to 12:58
Lunch 1-	END 1:19	END 1:19
Lunch 2	END 1:40	END 1:40
Period 5	1:40 to 2:33	1:40 to 2:33
Period 6	2:33 to 3:26	