



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

## KEY DATES

### February

- 4-5** University of Wollongong  
Discovery Day – Year 12
- 4-6** Year Seven Camp  
Howmans Gap
- 11** Teen Mental Health Talks  
Year Eight
- 11-12** Best Start
- 13** Breakfast Club  
  
Homework centre at  
Finley High School Library,  
3:30pm to 4:30pm  
  
P&C Meeting 7pm in the  
Staff Common Room.
- 14** Twilight Swimming  
Carnival
- 15** Day of in lieu of Swimming  
Carnival
- 20** Breakfast Club  
  
Year Six Orientation Day  
  
Homework centre at  
Finley High School Library,  
3:30pm to 4:30pm  
  
Year Seven BBQ 5:30pm to  
8pm in the BBQ area near  
the school canteen
- 25** Teen Mental Health Talks  
Year Eight
- 27** Homework centre at  
Finley High School Library,  
3:30pm to 4:30pm

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to all those staff and students returning to Finley High School in 2019 and a special welcome is extended to our new students and their families. It was wonderful to see the excitement and eagerness to learn evident in the Year Seven students as they arrived for their first day of school. We also welcome a number of new staff members at Finley High School.

Alex Hay – PDHPE

Wendy McQuarrie – Science (starting week 3)

Tanea Bower – Mathematics

Alana Gear – TAS (starting week 3)

Lesley Sheldon - English/HSIE

Hilary Knight – SLSO

Grant Smith - SLSO

A warm welcome to each of them, I am sure they will soon learn what a wonderful school and community they have been lucky enough to come to.



Above: (back L-R) Alex Hay, Grant Smith (front L-R) Lesley Sheldon and Tanea Bower. Absent: Wendy McQuarrie, Alana Gear and Hilary Knight.

## **Congratulations Larshya**

Late last year Larshya (Year 7 2018) entered a short story competition through Education Perfect. The competition finalists were judged by guest judge and author David Leys. Larshya's story was picked as the first place winner!! Her prize consisted of a signed copy of his book, a laminated certificate and a Q&A session with David about how she can publish her work and become a future author. Congratulations Larshya on this fantastic achievement.

## **Staff Development Day**

The year started positively for staff at our School Development Day. The professional learning focused on quality teaching with the desired effect being to improve the learning outcomes of all our students.

## **School Upgrades**

During the holidays a number of projects were completed or improved considerably. These improvements have considerably enhanced the school and are reflected in the quote by Earl Nightingale 'Our environment, the world in which we live and work is a mirror of our attitudes and expectations.'

- Upgrades to the boys toilets
- Installation of new blinds to some classrooms
- Air-conditioning units to some staff rooms
- External painting
- Panel repairs in the school hall

## **Uniform**

We encourage students to wear our uniform with pride. The uniform is supported by the P&C and is important in two ways. Firstly, from a Work Health and Safety (WH&S) point of view it makes it easy to see who belongs on site and more importantly our community can easily recognise our students and their success. An important part of uniform are the shoes. Under WH&S Regulations, students cannot wear inappropriate footwear to some practical subjects. For this reason the uniform requires enclosed, black leather shoes. Students not wearing these will not be able to enter workshops, kitchens or science labs when practical lessons are occurring. If you need assistance please contact the school.

## **Attendance**

New rules state that if a student has not supplied a legitimate reason for an absence after seven days, then they will automatically be marked as an unexplained absence. This cannot be adjusted. We encourage students who are away to bring their note in the next day. Your support with this is appreciated.

## **Contacting the school**

If there is an issue about a particular subject you may wish to address, you may call the school and ask for the Head Teacher of the faculty. The following are the Head Teachers at Finley High School:

English	Mrs McNaught
Mathematics	Mr Campbell
HSIE	Mr Whitty
Science	Mr O'Leary
CAPA/TAS	Mrs O'Leary
Special Education	Mrs Noble
PDHPE	Mr Tooke
Welfare	Mr McCarney

The Head Teacher Welfare is a new position in 2019 and Mr McCarney will be assisting year advisors and overseeing wellbeing programs at Finley High School.

Year Advisers may assist with any issues which may be impacting on students' wellbeing, please contact the following staff for advice or assistance.

Year Seven	Ms Archinal
Year Eight	Mr Bird
Year Nine	Mrs Sexton
Year Ten	Miss Infanti
Year Eleven	Mr McCarney
Year Twelve	Miss M Philpot

If you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jackson, Deputy Principal, or Mr Ward the Principal. If you require a meeting please book a time with the office staff. Feel free to bring a support person or to request a support person. Please let us know so we can assist you.

Jeff Ward  
Principal

## Twilight Swimming Carnival

Finley High School holds a twilight swimming carnival to beat the heat.

This years carnival will be held on the evening of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at the Finley Swimming Pool.

Students will come to school and have classes as normal for Periods 1 - 4. They will have a short lunch and walk to the pool at the start of the second half of lunch (approximately 2 pm) where the 50m events will commence. The carnival will then continue into the evening, finishing between 7 – 7:30pm.

Buses will **NOT** be collecting students from the school or the pool at 3:15pm. One bus per town will leave the pool at 7:30pm to drop the students at the centre of Berrigan, Jerilderie and Tocumwal. If this does not suit you will need to make alternative arrangements.

Each student needs to bring \$3 for pool entry or their Berrigan Shire season pass (to be shown on the day). Students are encouraged to wear their house colours for the entire day; however, clothing needs to be appropriate for school and suitable for any practical lessons, this includes fully enclosed footwear. It is advisable that they also bring a hat, sunscreen and water bottles. Parents are welcome to come to the carnival and enjoy the activities. There will be a BBQ and kiosk selling food and drinks.

**On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> the school will not be operating for normal lessons; therefore, students are not required to attend.**

Should you have any questions about the carnival, please do not hesitate to call the school.

## Homework Centre

The Homework Centre is run each Wednesday in the school library from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. It is a quiet space that is staffed by a range of teachers who are there to assist students to complete homework, assessments or additional study. Finley High School supplies afternoon tea each week. We look forward to seeing many new faces at The Homework Centre this year!

## Year Seven Awareness Talks

Today Ms Wheeler and I facilitated the Disability and Differences Talk to all Year Seven students. The aim of the session is to make students aware of the differences we all have in our learning and social behaviours. The discussion included medical conditions such as diabetes, anaphylaxis and epilepsy alongside acknowledging how we all learn differently. It encouraged students to look after each other and speak to staff when things don't seem ok.

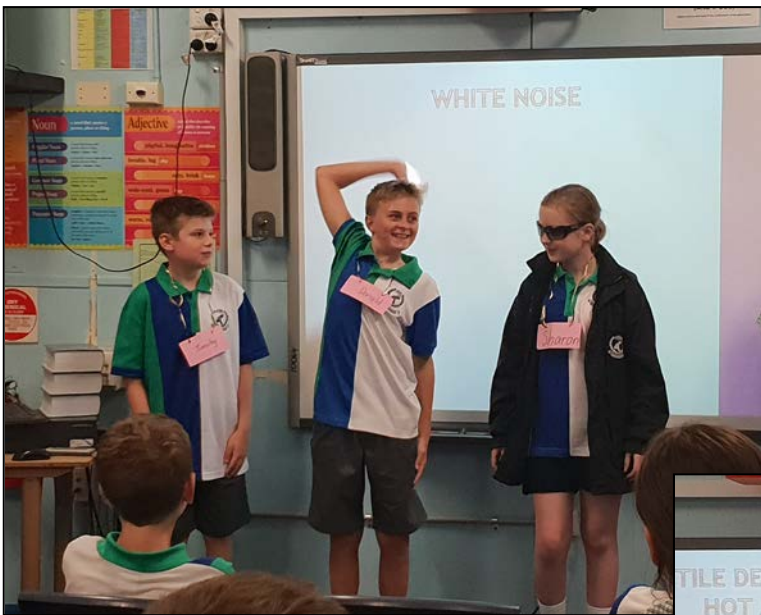
We also spoke about our PBL values of being Respectful, Responsible Learners in the classroom to ensure students all have the same opportunities to learn. The program has been running for a number of years and is well received by new staff and students. It emphasises the values of Finley High School, and where support at school can be found.

A big thank you to Ms Wheeler for all the hard work she has done to ensure this program ran smoothly.

Jodi Brown  
Student Support Officer

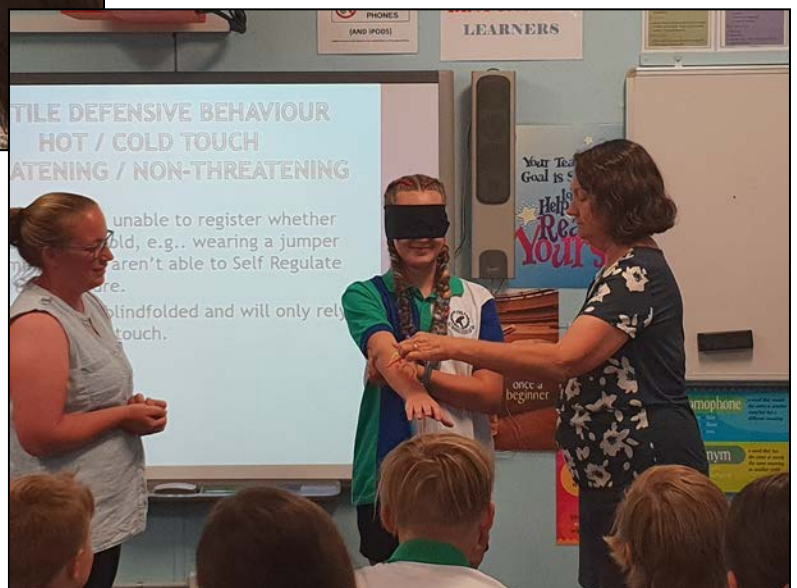


Above: Year Seven students listening to Ms Wheeler and Mrs Brown.



Left: PJ Beaver, Riley Sutton and Ariarna Barker participating in an activity.

Right: Mrs Brown, Allison Macleod and Ms Wheeler displaying how people respond to different touches.





## Best Start

Best Start Assessment will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 during period 2 (10:06 to 11:06). It is an online computer based test for all the incoming Year Seven students.

Please contact the school, if you any questions or queries.

Best Start Assessment Team



Education

# Best Start Year 7 Assessment 2019

## Information for parents and carers

Dear parents and carers

**Best Start Year 7** is a new online assessment for students that helps provide information for teachers on the literacy and numeracy skills of students at the beginning of Year 7.

**The Best Start Year 7** will take place at our school in **Term 1, 2019**.

The assessment, covers key literacy and numeracy skills that are important to a student's success in all subjects in high school. Students come to high school with a range of experiences, skills and abilities in literacy and numeracy. It is important that teachers have current information about their students so that they can plan programs and lessons that best support the learning needs of every student.

**The Best Start Year 7 Assessment** will be completed at school during class time.

No preparation is needed for this assessment. Its purpose is to provide our teachers with additional information to best support the teaching of your child.

Please, contact the school if you have any questions regarding the Best Start Year 7 assessment.

### Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need an interpreter to assist you to contact the school, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **13 14 50** and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will call the school and will stay on the line to assist with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Ward'.

Principal  
Finley High School

## Permission Notes

For those families using our Skoolbag App please be aware that the App contains some general eforms that can be submitted from your phone or device. Simply go to eforms on the main menu. Here you will find forms such as Absentee forms, Media Release forms, a General Local Excursion Permission note and Change of Details forms. Change of detail form only needs to be completed if any of your details, such as address, email address or contact phone number change. You can complete a single form for multiple children and simply sign off the form on your device. The form is emailed directly to our front office staff for filing at school. This is a hassle free and quick way of returning notes. We hope you jump on board and enjoy using our new App. If you are having trouble finding it simply search for Finley High School in either your App Store (iphone) or Play Store (Samsung devices). Thank you to all parents who have already signed and returned these forms to the school office.

If you don't have access to Skoolbag and have not yet signed and returned your forms, please complete the attached forms and return them to the school office as soon as possible.

If we don't have a signed media release form we are not able to include your child's name or photo in the newsletter or on our school webpage and may have to disguise your child's face if there is a group photo.

## Skoolbag App

Just a friendly reminder to parents in Years Eight to Twelve to update your skoolbag App groups. If, for example, your child has moved into Year Eight in 2019 be sure to adjust your groupings so you receive messages relevant to your students year group.

For parents with students entering Year Seven in 2019 we hope you download and use our Finley High School Skoolbag App. Some of you may have used this in Primary school. It is a useful way of keeping up to date with events, getting alerts, submitting change of details, media release and absentee forms. You can also view the Finley High School newsletter through the App.

Finally a reminder to all families, please use the forms on the App to complete the following online forms for 2019. These need updating each year.

- media permission
- general local excursion consent

Furthermore, if any personal details have changed for students - please update change of details - but only if changes have been made from 2018.

## Year Twelve Careers News

During the year a career newsletter is emailed out to Year Twelve students covering issues such as employment opportunities, scholarships, tertiary application, Year Twelve commitments and much more. This is emailed to students DET accounts. Any parents or carers of students in Year Twelve who would like to receive an emailed copy of the Careers Newsletter please email Deb White on [deborah.l.white@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deborah.l.white@det.nsw.edu.au) to be included in the mailout. This is a great way to support your Year Twelve students as they make the school to work transition. Reading and discussing the issues and opportunities listed can be a great way that parents can help with students planning post school.

# Finley High School – 2019 Summer Menu

	<b>Rolls</b>	<b>Sandwiches</b>	<b>Tubs of Salad</b>	
Chicken Salad	\$5.00	\$4.50	Roast Chicken	\$5.00
Ham Salad	\$4.50	\$3.80	Ham	\$4.50
Tuna Salad	\$5.00	\$4.50	Tuna	\$5.00
Salad (no meat)	\$4.20	\$3.50	Salad (no meat)	\$4.50
Tuna	\$4.00	\$4.00		
Roast Chicken	\$4.00	\$4.00		
Ham	\$3.50	\$3.50		
Cheese	\$2.50	\$2.50		
Tomato	\$2.20	\$2.20		
Egg/Curried	\$2.20	\$2.20		
Vegemite	\$1.70	\$1.70		
Peanut Butter	\$1.70	\$1.70		
Ham and Cheese	\$3.50	\$3.50		
Buttered	\$1.40			
<b>Wraps</b>			<b>Recess</b>	
Roast Chicken	\$5.00		Cheese and bacon roll - large	\$2.30
Ham	\$4.50		Cheese and bacon roll - small	\$1.30
			Hedgehog (Mon-Fri) small	\$1.85
			large	\$3.70
			Muffins	\$3.00
			Large flavoured milk	\$3.80
			Long life flavoured milk	\$2.20
			Large orange juice	\$2.50
			Small orange juice	\$2.00
			Flavoured drink large	\$2.50
			Water	\$1.70
			Plain milk	\$1.70
<b>Hot</b>				
Chicken Burger	\$5.00			
Hot Dogs	\$3.70			
+ Cheese	\$4.00			
Chicken Wrap	\$4.50			
<b>Toasted sandwiches</b>				
Ham and cheese	\$3.50			
Cheese	\$3.00			
			<b>JJ's (flavoured)</b>	\$1.10



## Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019  
at 7pm in the Staff Common Room  
(admin building)

The P&C meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

[fhspandcassociation@gmail.com](mailto:fhspandcassociation@gmail.com)

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number

Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105

...LADIES, please note 10am start....

### February

4	M Read
5	C Alexander
6	T Bauer
7	J Turner
8	T Clarke
11	M Kleinschmidt
12	T Doohan
13	K Nicholls
14	S Barlow
15	
18	K Lunn
19	F Aull
20	K Chesworth

## 2019 JNC PRE-SEASON Skills Development Day

With O&M Player & Coach Georgie Bruce

**Saturday 9th February**

Jerilderie Netball Club invite all former and prospective players to take part in this exciting development day to kick off our preseason!

Junior Grades: 9:00 - 10:30

17s & Seniors: 11:00 - 1:00

Followed by a light lunch and drinks.

Please bring a hat, drink bottle and towel. Please contact Meagan on 0457 859 294

**OUR SEASON STARTS NOW! LETS PUT IN AND MAKE THIS THE YEAR OF THE DEES!**

BE AMBITIOUS



## TAFE NSW Finley Campus Courses – 2019

Want to update your skills or learn something new?

Enrol in one of our courses today!

Course	Start date	Course	Start date
Certificate I Access to Vocational Pathways	Any time	Certificate IV in Human Resources	4 February
Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping	4 February	Statement of Attainment Introduction to Health and Community Services <sup>1</sup>	4 March
Diploma Business Administration	6 February	Statement of Attainment in Identify and Respond to children and young people at risk of harm	23 March
Certificate III in Business Administration	6 February	Certificate III Individual Support (Ageing)	6 February
Certificate II in Business	19 February	Diploma Leadership and Management	5 February
Certificate I in Business*	To be advised	TAFE Statement in Mental Health Awareness	10 May
Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery	11 February	Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services	18 February
Diploma of Community Services	5 February	Statement of Attainment Provide First Aid	18 March/10 May
Certificate IV in Community Services	4 February	TAFE Statement in Suicide Intervention	8 May
Statement of Attainment in Drone Essentials	Any time	TAFE Statement in Understanding Domestic and Family Violence and Risk of Harm to children	13 May
Certificate III Education Support	Any time	Diploma of Work Health and Safety	7 February
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	4 February	Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety	8 February
Statement of Attainment in Food Handling	2 May		
Statement of Attainment in Food Safety Supervision	7 March		
TAFE Statement in Health and Safety Representative	4 March, 6 May, 19 August and 21 Nov		
TAFE Statement in Health and Safety Representative Refresher	8 April, 17 June, 23 Sept and 25 Nov		
Certificate IV in Hospitality	11 February		

\* Fully government subsidised

JOIN US!

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST or for more information

Phone: 0358 839700  
Website: [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au)  
Email: [rota.pinnock@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:rota.pinnock@tafensw.edu.au)



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RTO 00003. This document is correct at the time of printing - January 2019.  
\*Terms and conditions may apply.







Respectful  
Responsible  
Learners

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## General Local Excursion Consent

Dear Parent/Caregiver

At Finley High School, we believe that not all learning should take place within the boundaries of the classroom or the school.

Some teachers would like the opportunity to use the sites of the Finley community to assist with your child's learning. We are therefore seeking your consent for your child to participate in these activities. This consent allows your child to leave the school grounds, with his/her teacher, during a scheduled period to walk and learn about local places of interest. These may include, but are not limited to, the pool, Finley lake, Finley shopping centre, TAFE, the library, War Memorial, Museum or sporting facilities.

Classes will be fully supervised by the classroom teacher and would only occur during scheduled class times, or a recess/lunch adjoining the scheduled class.

This consent will cover all such trips until 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Should you wish to discuss consent for your child to leave the school on in-class excursions around Finley, please feel free to contact me.

Mr J Ward  
Principal

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I give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Name/s)  
of year \_\_\_\_\_ to leave school grounds to attend in-class excursions to places of interest around Finley.  
These may include, but are not limited to, the pool, Finley Lake, Finley shopping centre, TAFE, the library, War Memorial, Museum or sporting facilities. This consent is applicable until 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

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Parent/Caregiver

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Date



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## Media Permission Consent

Dear Parent/Caregiver

From time to time the media approaches the school requesting co-operation in photographing or interviewing students. The school also seeks to promote the achievements of students by naming them in material provided to the media or by arranging for them to be included in photographs for newspapers, the Internet or vision for television stories.

If you are willing for your child to be photographed, filmed, named or interviewed on topics that do not involve current issues or may offer a personal insight, would you kindly sign the consent form below and return it to your child's roll teacher.

This consent applies to the SRN, Galleon, Border Media and Telegraph, 1521 QN, Classic Rock and Win TV and applies until 31<sup>st</sup> December **2019**. It also applies to NSW Department of Education and Training and this school's Internet sites and other promotional material distributed by the school or department. This permission slip also allows the school to identify your child by name or photograph in the fortnightly newsletter.

You will be contacted specifically if your child is required to offer an opinion on an issue or may be required to discuss something that could give a personal insight into themselves, your family or friends, or the request is from the media outside the local area.

The school understands that there can be many reasons why families may prefer that their students do not appear on the media or the internet and respects your wishes. If you sign this consent form but later wish to withdraw consent please notify the school so we can adjust our records accordingly.

If you wish to discuss consent for your child to appear in the media or Internet please feel free to contact me.

Mr Ward  
Principal

I give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Name/s) of Year \_\_\_\_\_ to be named, photographed, filmed or interviewed by the media in the circumstances outlined above on this consent form; or in the school newsletter and school and/or DET related promotions on the Internet\*.

\*If you do not consent to part of the above please cross it out.

I understand that this consent remains until 31<sup>st</sup> December **2019** and if I wish to review my consent, I should contact the school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Caregiver

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Cobram Amateur Basketball Association 2019 Autumn Registration

Registrations for the Autumn 2019 season are now open.  
The season is planned to start the week of the Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
February.

Registrations are online at the [Cobram Basketball Association](#)  
website. Payment of fees will be via credit card at time of  
registration.

Registrations will close on Wednesday 20th February 2019 to allow  
time for teams and draws to be arranged.

If you have any difficulties with registration please contact Ben  
Hamilton via email at [cobrambasketball@outlook.com](mailto:cobrambasketball@outlook.com) or phone  
0455 137 199

### Aussie Hoops

The Cobram Basketball Association will run an Aussie Hoops  
program for 6-10 year olds to learn the game, coached by senior  
players starting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Refer to the Aussie Hoops tab on  
the website for details and registration.

AUSSIEHOOPS



A poster for League23 Performing Arts Collective. At the top, the logo "LEAGUE23" is in white and red, with "PERFORMING ARTS COLLECTIVE" in smaller white text below it. Below the logo, it says "• LOCATED IN COBRAM •" and "IN OUR OWN BRAND NEW STUDIO SPACE!". The main text reads "YOUR POTENTIAL IS INFINITE" in white, with "INFINITE" in red. Below that, it says "DANCE SCHOOL OPENING 2019!". The central image is a black and white photograph of a male dancer in a dynamic pose, wearing black shorts. At the bottom, it says "Enrol Today" in large red letters. Below that, it says "FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA" and "Instagram | Facebook". At the very bottom, it provides contact information: "PH: 04 999 100 29 • E: league23pac@gmail.com".