



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 3, 14 February 2020

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T1 Week 4 (A)	Week 4 Starting 17 February 2020
Monday 17/02/20	Year 12 – Visual Arts – Body of Works Workshops: 3pm – 4:30pm Year 10 – Youth Frontiers Introduction – selected students Year 9 – Youth Frontiers Introduction – selected students Year 7 - Vaccinations Links2Learning Presentation – P2/3 Junior Band Rehearsals 3pm – 4:15pm
Tuesday 18/02/20	Year 11 – Year Meeting – P5 Year 7 – Best Start – P1-3 South Coast Touch Football trials
Wednesday 19/02/20	Year 12 – Visual Arts Assessment Task – P1 Year 7 – Best Start – P1-3 P&C Meeting – 6:30pm - Bistro
Thursday 20/02/20	Year 12 – Music Assessment Task – P3/4 Year 7 – Best Start – P1 - 3 Young Women’s Forum – P5 Peer Support – P4 SRC Fire Fundraiser- mufti day and bake sale
Friday 21/02/19	Year 12 – School Photos Year 8 – School Photos Year 7 – School Photos School Photos - Family
T1 Week 5(B)	Week 5 Starting 24 February 2020
Monday 24/02/20	Year 12 - Visual Arts – Body of Works Workshops: 3pm – 4:30pm Year 7 – Best Start – P1-3 Boys Knock-out Basketball @ Beaton Park Junior Band Rehearsals 3pm – 4:15pm
Tuesday 25/02/20	Year 9-Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM)
Wednesday 26/02/20	
Thursday 27/02/20	Year 12 – Investigating Science Assessment task – P6 SRC Induction – Thursday Assembly Young Women’s Forum – P5
Friday 28/02/20	Year 11 – School Photos Year 10 – School Photos Year 10 - Science Assessment Task – Pre-Report Science Research Project due Year 9 – School Photos
T1 Week 6(A)	Week 6 Starting 2 March 2020
Monday 02/03/20	Year 12 - Visual Arts – Body of Works Workshops: 3pm – 4:30pm Year 9 – Marine Studies Water Safety Skills – Western Suburbs Pool - P4/5 Junior Band Rehearsals 3pm – 4:15pm Peer Support - P6
Tuesday 03/03/20	Year 12 – Geography Excursion to Pyrmont Year 11 – Biology Field Trip to Minnamurra River Year 9-Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM) Zone Swimming Carnival – Corrimal Pool U/15+ Open Rugby League Gala Day at Sid Parrish Park

Tuesday 03/03/20	Year 10 – Marine Studies Water Safety Skills to Western Suburbs Pool – P4/5
Wednesday 04/03/20	Year 6 into Year 7 2021 Expo Evening – 5:30pm
Thursday 05/03/20	Young Women’s Forum – Years 9 and 10 – P5
Friday 06/03/20	Year 12 – Studies of Religion Assessment task – P5
Year 12 Purple Year 11 Olive Year 10 Blue Year 9 Red Year 8 Green Year 7 Pink	

Thoughts from the Principal

Welcome to the 2020 school year. A particularly warm welcome to our new Year 7 students and their families. We just know that you will look back on your time at Figtree High School and say 'I had the best time of my life.'

HSC Results

I am so proud of our 2019 HSC results. There were 9 mentions for students, across 26 different HSC courses, on the Distinguished Achievers list printed in the major newspapers – a phenomenal result given that all these students were part of the top 10% in the state. I have to acknowledge the excellence of our teaching staff in helping our students achieve so well.

100% of Figtree High School students who wanted an HSC achieved this milestone. An amazing 282 student results were in Bands 4, 5 and 6 across every key learning area and in Vocational courses (VET), with 30 individual students achieving a Band 4 and above in every subject they studied. This reflects excellent teaching and the ability to succeed with whatever pattern of study a student chooses be it vocational or academic or a blend.

A summary of our results includes:

- English Standard had 17 students attain Band 4, 5 or 6 with a stunning 36 out of 39 Advanced students receiving Bands 4 or 5.
- Mathematics had 11 students out of 17 gain Band 4 or 5 results.
- In our Science courses, we had 29 students with Band 4 or 5 results. Particularly pleasing were results in Biology, Investigating Science and Earth and Environmental Science.
- In Human Society and its Environment (HSIE) courses, where 10 HSC courses were offered, we had an impressive five Band 6 results including Aboriginal Studies (3), Legal Studies (1) and Ancient History (1). There were 14 Band 5 results across eight HSC courses, in addition to 40 Band 4 results across the entire 10 subjects. The HSIE faculty had an exceptional five distinguished achievers.
- In five TAS courses, 20 students gained Band 4 or 5 results including a Band 6 in Community and Family Studies, with four out of the five of these courses performing at or above state average.
- In three CAPA courses (Visual Arts, Music 1 and Entertainment VET), 19 students gained Band 4 or 5 results, including an impressive six Band 5 results and two Band 6 results in Visual Arts. In Music all students achieved a Band 4 or 5 result.
- In PDHPE, we gained an impressive six Band 4 and nine Band 5 results with a number of students just missing out on a Band 6.
- While we are still learning about the post school destinations, many Year 12 students' ATARs provided university access and multiple tertiary options.
- Our school's top ATAR result of 89.60 was achieved by **Leah Smith** - a fantastic result from a fine young woman!

Congratulations to Leah and her teachers!!!



Pictured here with Leah are her proud Yr 12 classroom teachers – Mr Joseph, Mrs Mintzas, Mrs Steel, Ms Dzida and Ms Karykides (away for the photo)

I am also absolutely delighted with the effort of the students who attended Learning Central. They all achieved outcomes that reveal strength of character and optimism under difficult circumstances.

GREAT TEACHERS + GREAT STUDENTS + SUPPORTIVE FAMILIES = GREAT RESULTS

SIX YEARS OF QUALITY HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION = BETTER POST SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Bushfires – Figtree HS community reaching out to help others

For many of our families and staff the holidays were not a holiday – while all of us have been affected and anxious due to the bushfire catastrophe, some of our students and staff have been more personally affected by this terrible situation. I worry that our students have been bombarded by frightening images and have felt alarmed at stories of increasing anxiety in young people. We want to do everything we can to support them and to turn their minds towards active hope.

However, we are aware that many schools in the South Coast are in locations where bushfires have devastated the town and surrounding area and students and teachers have lost their homes completely. Much wildlife has perished and their communities are struggling to cope with the impact.

One such school is Ulladulla High School. Ulladulla High School has set up the [Djama-nj Project](#) to raise funds to help their school and community to rise from the ash.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) at Figtree High School will be holding a special bushfire fundraiser – a mufti day on Thursday 20 February. The funds raised will be donated to the Ulladulla High School Djama-nj Project. If financially possible, I trust all staff, students and parents will make a donation – every bit helps. A student delegation from Figtree High School will travel to Ulladulla to express our support and present our gift later in the term.

Appointment of a third Deputy Principal

The addition of Jemma Lawson as the third Deputy Principal at Figtree High School in 2020 is exciting and gives us the opportunity to strengthen the leadership of teaching and learning, as well as day to day student management while acknowledging, and endeavouring to allow for, the unpredictability of every school day.

It is not by chance that the NSW Department of Education has no Deputy Principal role statement – it is such a complex role and each school has to create its own to meet its unique needs!

A key reason for appointing a third Deputy was to better meet our promise of knowing, valuing and caring for every student at both Figtree and Flametree Campuses and to provide deeper support to the Head Teachers and all staff at these wonderful educational settings.



FHS Senior Executive 2020: Trish Morgan, Jemma Lawson, the Principal Dan Ovens, Ellie Donovan

- Ms Lawson will be overseeing Years 7 & 10
- Ms Morgan will be supervising Years 8 & 12
- Ms Donovan will be responsible for Years 9 & 11

Welcome to new staff

- Mr Hewitt has returned as our substantive Head Teacher CAPA and Languages
- Ms Kelly has joined us in TAS
- Ms Fox is with us in Mathematics, she is on teacher exchange for 2020 (replacing Mr Smith who has headed to Canada)
- Ms Dawson is our new school counsellor

To note:

- Ms Markham is now Head Teacher Wellbeing
- Ms Markham and Ms Harlor will both share the Sports Coordinator role
- Ms Harlor continues in the role of Community Liaison

Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C)

Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19 February at 6.30pm in the school's Bistro, where I will present the school's directions for 2020.

I invite new Year 7 parents to come along. The P&C is a professional and active Association, working closely with school staff to build a strong community. Joining the P&C does not mean you have to attend all meetings or that you will be allocated tasks to complete. Parents are encouraged to attend meetings as a way of staying informed about the school community. Meetings include discussions and updates from key staff and the executive on issues such as facility projects and development plans, curriculum changes, staffing, student opportunities, uniforms and other issues. Strong attendance by parents at these meetings ensures that discussions represent the broader school community. Parents and carers attending P&C represent the voice of all school families and their views are important in guiding me as the principal of your esteemed school.

My warmest hope to all Figtree HS families for a beautiful 2020.

Daniel Ovens
Principal

Expectation of the Week

WEEK 3: BE RESPECTFUL – *Canteen*
Use manners

WEEK 4: BE RESPECTFUL. - *Assembly*
Hats off for anthem

WEEK 5: BE SAFE – *Toilets*
Turn off taps

Deputy Principal Report Years 7 and 10

I am very excited to commence as Deputy Principal for Year 7 and 10. It was fantastic to see our 187 Year 7 students in the new school uniform, walk through the gates nearly 2 weeks ago. I would like to thank the 48 Year 10 peer support leaders who also came into school on this day to assist Year 7 with their first day.

Year 7

By now I imagine our Year 7 students have become a little more confident with finding their way around the school and being familiar with the daily routines. Much has been achieved in adjusting to high school already but there remains much to become comfortable with. In some ways, it can also be a challenge as energy begins to dip as the term progresses.

As I write this, Year 7 are on camp at Teen Ranch. This opportunity provides an invaluable experience in developing foundations of long-lasting friendships. I went to visit on Wednesday night and the students all were wet but having a magnificent time.

Year 10

What a fantastic start our Year 10 students have had. I have been extremely impressed with their maturity and attitude to learning and hope this continues over the remainder of the year. Year 10 will be receiving their assessment booklets during Week 4. This is a great planning tool to understand the requirements to

achieve their RoSA and the assessment tasks scheduled for 2020. I would encourage parents to read through this booklet with your child and use the assessment planner to assist your child to plan up-coming assessment tasks.

Learning

It is great to see students returning to school, arriving on time ready for the new school year. Thank you for the efforts that you have put into making this happen. Regular attendance at school enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and build important coping and friendship skills. These children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. All children have a right to an education and through regular attendance at school, they can make the most of educational opportunities, leading to a happy and successful future. At Figtree High School, we value high-level attendance from all students, because regular attendance is important to enhance learning. The law in NSW states that all children between six and seventeen years of age are required to attend school regularly and it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to make sure that their children attend each day the school is open.

While some student absences are unavoidable and understandable many are not. These could be unexplained or unauthorised absences. If your child is absent from school, please contact the school as soon as possible to explain the reason for their absence. A Deputy Principal and Home School Liaison Officer may interview students with identified concerns in their attendance at various times throughout the year.

Concerns with attendance may include:

- An attendance rate lower than 85%
- Unexplained or unjustified absences
- Regular lateness / part day absences
- Extended periods of illness

Please contact the school if there are problems getting your child/children to school or if there are concerns you have about them at school. A positive partnership between home and school in this area is of great value to the school but most importantly to the success and quality of your child's education.

Jemma Lawson
Deputy Principal

Deputy Principal Report

Years 9 and 11

It has been great to see the effort and commitment of students as they have commenced their Year 9 and Year 11 courses of study. Year 9 students have started studying their elective courses, as well as the mandatory courses of English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and PDHPE.

Year 11 students, looking fabulous in their new senior uniforms, have started the Preliminary HSC Stage 6 courses, with a number of students choosing to also begin courses external to the school at TAFE, as well as completing their HSC school based courses. This week, students received an electronic copy of the Year 11 Assessment Procedures and Schedules for 2020 and they will be receiving a hard copy of this booklet next week. This contains information about assessment procedures, assessment schedules for each course, the NESA Record of School Achievement (ROSA) and awarding grades for the Year 11 ROSA.

Attendance

The wet weather has had an impact on student attendance this term, especially with the rain for the swimming carnival. Our goal is to maintain student attendance at a rate above 90%. So far this year, we have only 66% of our Year 9 and Year 11 students with an attendance rate of 90% or higher – so there is plenty of room for improvement. The Year Advisors and I regularly monitor student attendance. Students are expected to be at school by 8:30am each day, to ensure that they are engaged in learning from the start of the school day, and receive messages about school activities during morning roll call. If a student is late to school, they need to report to their Deputy Principal with a note from a parent/carer to explain the lateness. Alternatively, a parent/carer can contact the school by phone or email to explain their child's partial absence from school. The school sends SMS messages to a parent/carer when a student is marked absent from school or has an unexplained lateness. We encourage parents/carers to respond to this SMS so that student

absences are explained, and if required, the school can provide support for students.

Road Safety

At this time of the year we like to remind parents/carers and our students about road safety around our school.

One of the biggest concerns at the start and finish of the school day is student safety. We ask our students to use the assigned road crossings areas, especially on Gibsons road, the Princes Highway and O'Briens road. Using these crossings significantly reduces the risk of an accident involving our students and vehicles.

Parents/carers are reminded that Gibsons Road has bus zones and no parking zones during school drop off and pick up times, and these areas are actively patrolled by both the Police and council rangers.



You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle.



This sign means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Modelling safe road behaviours by parents/carers helps to teach and reinforce these behaviours with our young people.

There are minimal parking restrictions at the back of the school on O'Briens road and there is far less traffic. We encourage parents to collect their child from this location in the afternoon to avoid the challenges of the restricted parking areas on Gibsons road.

Ellie Donovan
Deputy Principal

Deputy Principal Report Years 8 and 12

It is pleasing to see students return with enthusiasm and an eagerness for learning in 2020. We have had a small amount of damage to the school with the wet weather and students are to be congratulated on their flexibility in the circumstances. Remember when the weather is wet the traffic out the front of the school is particularly busy – so please allow additional time to arrive at school by 8:30am.

Year 8

There has been a number of new Year 8 students from our local area enrol this year. This has necessitated a number of class changes for some students. In addition, all students have commenced French this year and I know the Language teachers are working hard to ensure that students develop a love of learning a language. Technology is a new syllabus and Year 8 students across the state are studying exciting new topics in 2020. It is great to see how Year 8 students are leading the way in being in the correct uniform including fully black leather shoes. The leather shoes are a Department of Education requirement for Health and Safety.

Year 12

Year 12 have returned to school after a welcome break over the summer holidays with a renewed focus on their learning. Students have been actively engaged in working on developing their knowledge and skills to ensure assessment tasks reflect their best efforts. It is important that students seek and act upon teacher feedback as this will assist them in the HSC. Whilst the Figtree High School Higher School certificate Assessment Procedures and Schedules 2020 booklet was handed out to all students at the start of term 4 2019 (where they also signed for the booklet), it can also be downloaded from the schools website for parents to be able to work with their child. In Week 10/11 of this term, students will undertake formative mid-course examinations in the auditorium. This is to ensure they are prepared for their Trial examinations in

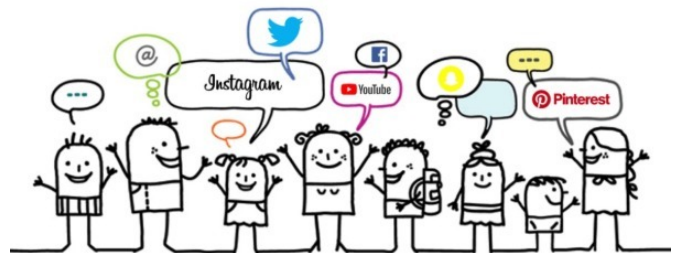
Term 3 and HSC in Term 4. Students need to start to prepare for these examinations by completing summaries and HSC style questions.

Trish Morgan
Deputy Principal

SAFER INTERNET DAY – TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Although this is one day where the awareness of internet safety is raised, it is our collective responsibility to aim to create a safe environment for our children when they are using the internet.

An excellent resource for parents is readily available from the [eSafety Commissioner](#).



The [eSafety guide](#) is one section where parents can learn about games apps and social media, including how to protect information and report inappropriate contact.

Cyberbullying : What are the signs and what can I do ?

Online bullying can have a devastating impact on young people, whose online life is a key part of their identity and how they interact socially.

Cyberbullying behaviour takes many forms, such as sending abusive messages, hurtful images or videos, nasty online gossip, excluding or humiliating others, or creating fake accounts in someone's name to trick or humiliate them.

Click [here](#) for some targeted advice.

STUDENT WELLBEING TEAM 2020

Welcome back students, parents and community members to the 2020 school year. As Head Teacher Wellbeing my role is assisting students within the school to maintain healthy levels of wellbeing as well as supporting them to fulfil the school's values of RESPECT, SAFETY and LEARNING.

The Wellbeing team are extremely hard-working people who should be your first point of contact if you are worried about the wellbeing of your child. The Year Adviser can be contacted on 42712787 or through the school email figtree-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. For matters that need urgent attention, the Deputy Principal or Head Teacher Wellbeing can be contacted.

If you are concerned with how your child is managing in a specific subject area, please contact their classroom teacher or relevant Head Teacher of that faculty.

Year Advisers

Year 7: Ms Henderson and Ms Harris

Year 8: Ms Harvey and Mr Thomas

Year 9: Ms Hunt and Ms Richards

Year 10: Mr Herbert and Mrs Young

Year 10: Ms Cook and Ms Faraday

Year 12: Ms Parr and Ms McCarthy

Head Teacher Wellbeing

Ms Tanya Markham

We also have other staff to support student wellbeing, this includes;

Counsellors

Ms S Haselton and Ms M Dawson

Senior Psychologist Education

Mr J. Wilson

Supervisor of Girls

Ms Kirsten Borst

Boys Supervisor

Mr Adam Sargent-Wilson

Tanya Markham

Head Teacher Wellbeing

SCHOOL UNIFORM 2020

All students are expected to wear full school uniform. Our only supplier of school uniform is Lowes, Figtree Grove. Details of our school uniform are provided at the end of this newsletter, including images of the school uniform options.

We have been informed that Lowes is currently out of stock in the smaller sizes of senior girl's blouses, and we anticipate that they should be in stock later this month.

Students need to wear **all black, fully enclosed leather/suede footwear**. This is a work, health and safety requirement for school. Canvas shoes do not meet the health and safety requirements. While students and parents will have brand preferences, based on specific footwear requirements, the following examples of shoes all meet our school uniform policy.



If you need assistance with school uniform, please contact your child's Year Adviser who can provide advice about the processes for accessing support.

School uniform monitoring occurs during roll call each day. If a student is out of uniform, they need to bring a note from a parent/carer. Students who are repeatedly out of uniform without a note, are issued detentions.

The sport uniform is available from the school. This can be worn to school by students in Years 7-10 on Wednesdays only.

CAPA Co COMMITTEE 2020

Congratulations to the following successful applicants who nominated for the 2020 Creative and Performing Arts Committee (CAPA Co). CAPA Co meetings have commenced and we are excited to see the CAPA Co's leadership in 2020.

Alex Dawson (Year 8)

Declan Bunyan (Year 8)

Rose-anna Dunkerley (Year 8)

Tahlia Moore (Year 8)

Tiana Brown (Year 8)

Samarah Gibson (Year 8)

Tobias Moore (Year 10)

Paige Gibson (Year 11)

Thomas Brinton (Year 12)

Ellie Skarvelis (Year 12)

Nikola Rodic (Year 12)

Sarah Neufeld (Year 12)

Tiana Parkes (Year 12)



JUNIOR GIRLS BATHROOM DOORS

During 2019, the CAPA faculty and the Wellbeing team combined forces to paint positive quotes identified by students on the junior girl's bathroom doors. Enlisting the help of the 2019 CAPA Co, Active Art sporting group and Visual Arts classes, the junior girl's bathroom doors have been transformed into bright and colourful murals with reaffirming messages. Watch this space for our next combined project!



SCHOOL CAPTAINS ADDRESS OF WILD FIRES

Across New South Wales and Victoria, the devastating bushfires ravaged through townships and communities, leaving an inundation of loss and grief. Over late 2019 and early 2020, the fires, with their almost indestructible plight across nature, affected many people and communities, both directly and indirectly. In this, livestock, land, buildings and infrastructure and communities, holistically have been affected and a large flow-on effect has formed.

Townships such as Cobargo on the Far South Coast and Balmoral in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales experienced quite the tragedy, where their entire community was wiped out. The detrimental impact this has on the community caused distress and duress, but resilience and positivity as everyone tried to raise the morale of the tragic circumstances.

This resilience was not only evident in the affected communities, but also in our regions across not just New South Wales and Victoria, but also across the other states of Australia, and eventually the world. Various appeals and relief programs were involved, as well as banks, insurance companies, councils, all showing support and introducing and extending their programs to financially and mentally help those affected, directly or indirectly. Events, such as concerts and sporting events help further extend the support to all those affected.

As your 2020 SRC School Captains at Figtree High School and as bystanders to the horrific events, we share our greatest respect to every single person, whether they were volunteers or a part of the Rural Fire Service, or a member of the community helping their community get through the anguish of the fires.

As a part of our support here at Figtree High School, we will be running a mufti day on Thursday 20th February with a gold coin donation, which will be donated to Ulladulla High School, which has been greatly affected from the fires.

Ellie Rada and Connor Ryan
School Captains

LOOKING FOR A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY?

AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young people all about aviation, while helping them to develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self-confidence and teamwork. Young people make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air!

The Air League meets each week at the local Squadron where young people will learn skills and take part in fun and interesting activities. There are also weekend camps, ceremonial drill, training courses as well as the opportunity to go flying. Through classes and practical demonstration members learn the theory of aviation and a wide range of associated topics such as meteorology, navigation, and aero engines, as well as general interest subjects such as photography, field craft and community service.

The air league welcomes boys and girls from the age of 8 from many different backgrounds and cultures. The Air League is family friendly too. Parents and families are welcome to help support their local Squadron, or even join as a volunteer themselves! All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children checked.

The Australian Air League is also approved as an Active Kids and Creative Kids Provider registered with Service NSW.

The local Illawarra Australian Air league is based at Albion Park Rail. A flyer is located at the end of this newsletter. For more details, you can contact:

Phone: 1 800 502 175 **Email:** info@airleague.com.au

School Uniform



Junior Girls



Junior Boys



Senior Girls



Senior Boys



Winter



School Tracksuit



Sports Uniform

The School Uniform

In 2020, Years 7, 8, 11 and 12 will be wearing the new school uniform. Students in Years 9 and 10 may continue to wear their previous school uniform or transition to the new uniform.

The school has one supplier of our school uniform:

- Lowes at Figtree Grove

The sports uniform is purchased from the school.

The school colours are **NAVY and WHITE** and the current uniform comprises of:

JUNIOR UNIFORM GIRLS

- FHS tartan box pleat tunic
- Navy FHS embroidered shorts
- Navy FHS embroidered pants
- White junior blouse with crest
- White polo with FHS crest
- Black leather school shoes and black or white socks

JUNIOR BOYS UNIFORM

- Navy FHS embroidered shorts
- Navy FHS embroidered trousers
- White shirt with FHS crest
- White polo with FHS crest
- Black leather school shoes and black or white socks

JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS

- Navy sloppy joe with FHS crest
- Navy soft shell jacket with FHS crest
- Black leather school shoes and black or white socks
- School Blazer
- Navy Tie

BOYS AND GIRLS SPORTS UNIFORM

- FHS tracksuit with crest
- FHS polo with crest
- Navy FHS embroidered sports shorts

SENIOR GIRLS UNIFORM

- FHS tartan box pleat skirt
- Navy FHS embroidered shorts
- Navy FHS embroidered pants
- White senior blouse with crest
- White polo with FHS crest
- Black leather school shoes and black or white socks

SENIOR BOYS UNIFORM

- Grey FHS embroidered shorts
- Grey FHS embroidered trousers
- White shirt with FHS crest
- White polo with FHS crest
- Black leather school shoes and black or white socks

SENIOR BOYS AND GIRLS

- Navy sloppy joe with FHS crest
- Navy soft shell jacket with FHS crest
- Black leather school shoes and black or white socks
- School Blazer
- Navy Tie
- FHS Senior jacket

Optional School Uniform items

- Blazer
- Tie
- Headscarfs – Plain white or navy

Jewellery: A watch, a plain ring and sleeper or stud earrings, plain sleeper or studs are permissible. All earrings, studs, sleepers must be removed when playing sport/Physical Education if they endanger the student's or other student's wellbeing according to Health and Safety regulations.

Make-up: Excessive make-up should not be worn.

All students are expected to wear the full school uniform. If, for a special reason, a student is unable to wear part of their uniform, then a parental note must be presented to the Roll Call teacher at Roll Call. Parents of students who do not comply with the School Uniform Policy will be notified. Students who are repeatedly (3 times per term) out of uniform without a note are issued with an after-school detention.



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Respect, Safety, Learning

Best Start Year 7 Assessment

Dear parents and carers,

Year 7 students will participate in the Best Start Year 7 Assessment in Term 1, 2020.

Best Start Year 7 is an online literacy and numeracy assessment available to secondary schools that assesses key literacy and numeracy skills of Year 7 students. It is designed to assist teachers to identify students who may require additional support in developing their literacy and numeracy skills. The assessment is undertaken within the first five weeks of the school year.

The purpose of the Best Start Year 7 assessment is to provide feedback to teachers to help identify student needs. Feedback will be provided to teachers who may choose to share this with students, parents and carers during teacher interview processes.

Best Start Year 7 is just one of a range of assessments the school uses to assess students.

Please inform the school if your child has special needs requiring support to complete an online assessment.

Optional advice:

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

If you have any questions regarding this assessment, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mrs Vanessa Glasgow
Head Teacher Teaching & Learning

Mrs Jemma Lawson
Deputy Principal (Year 7)

Mr Dan Ovens
Principal



Figtree High School Expo Night 2020

5:30pm Wednesday 4 March 2020

Figtree High School Auditorium

Parents and Year 6 students who are interested in finding out what Figtree High has to offer in Year 7 2021 are invited to the annual Expo Night.

School Open Evening
Faculty Displays
Games
Student guides
Technology

For further information,
please call or email us:
02 4271 2787

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

HOMWORK CENTRE!

NEED HELP?

**with assignments, assessment tasks,
homework, getting organised or
simply catching up on work**



**MONDAYS
(3PM TO 4PM)**

in the School Library

FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL 2020

Canteen Price List

<u>HOT FOOD</u>		PRICE	<u>ROLLS, SANDWICHES & TOASTIES</u>		PRICE
Meatball Sub		\$ 5.00	Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo Roll		\$ 4.00
Pizza Subs		\$ 1.50	Salad Roll		\$ 4.00
Garlic Bread		\$ 1.50	<i>Add: Ham, Egg, Chicken, Tuna, Salmon, Avocado, Cheese</i>		50c each
Sausage Roll		\$ 3.00			
Spinach and Ricotta Rolls		\$ 3.00	Jam Sandwich		\$ 2.50
Meat Pie		\$ 4.00	Vegemite Sandwich		\$ 2.50
Potato Pie		\$ 4.00	Cheese Sandwich		\$ 3.00
Chicken Pie		\$ 4.00	Cheese & Tomato		\$ 3.50
Chicken Goujons (5)		\$ 3.50	Ham, Cheese & Tomato		\$ 4.00
Mexican Wrap		\$ 4.00	Ham & Cheese		\$ 3.50
Cheeseburger		\$ 4.00	Egg plain, curry mayo		\$ 3.50
			Baked Beans		\$ 3.50
Butter Chicken (Friday)		\$ 4.00	Chicken, Cheese & Avo Focaccia		\$ 4.50
Pizza (Thursday)		\$ 5.00	Ham, Cheese & Tomato Focaccia		\$ 4.50
			Plain Roll		\$ 1.00
Pesto Pasta		\$ 3.00	Slice Bread		50c
Chicken Pesto Pasta		\$ 3.00			
ORDERS ONLY			WRAPS		
Falafel Wrap		\$ 5.00	Salad Wrap		\$ 4.00
Veggie Burger		\$ 5.00	Chicken Salad Wrap		\$ 4.50
Chicken Burger		\$ 5.00	Ham Salad Wrap		\$ 4.50
Lamb Kebab		\$ 5.00	Egg Salad Wrap		\$ 4.50
Chicken Kebab		\$ 5.00	Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap		\$ 5.00
Hamburger		\$ 4.50	Caesar Wrap		\$ 5.00
Lasagne		\$ 3.00	<i>Extras</i>		50c each
Mac Cheese		\$ 3.00			
Ham & Cheese Roll		\$ 2.00	SALAD CONTAINERS		
Cheese Roll		\$ 2.00	Plain Salad		Small: \$ 3 Large: \$ 5
Cup of Soup (Packet)		\$ 2.00	Chicken Salad		\$ 6.00
<i>Chicken Noodle, Minestrone, Tomato</i>			Caesar Salad		Small: \$ 3 Large: \$ 6
			Ham Salad		Small: \$ 3 Large: \$ 6
			<i>Extras</i>		50c each
SNACKS			FROZEN ITEMS		PRICE
Choc Muffin		\$ 1.50	Snap-Stix		\$ 1.00
Grain Waves		\$ 1.50	<i>Blueberry, Raspberry</i>		
Sea Salt Chips		\$ 1.50			
Cheese & Crackers		\$ 1.00	Everest Ice Cream Tub 200ml		\$ 2.00
Custard (500ml)		\$ 3.00			
FRESH FRUIT			Twisted Frozen Yogurt		\$ 2.00
Fruit Salad		Small: \$ 3 Large: \$ 5	<i>Strawberry/Vanilla OR Watermelon/Mango</i>		
Fresh Seasonal Fruit (\$1.00-\$2.00)		Seasonal Price			
<i>Watermelon, Rockmelon, Pineapple, Strawberries, Grapes, Apples</i>					

LUNCH ORDERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND
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FOR LUNCHES 1 & 2

FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL 2020

Canteen Price List

DRINKS	PRICE	DRINKS	PRICE
Water 600ml	\$ 2.50	Nippys 500ml	\$ 3.50
Pump Water 750ml	\$ 3.50	<i>Chocolate, Strawberry, Honeycomb, Coffee</i>	
Coke (no sugar)	\$ 3.00		
Chocolate Milk 300ml	\$ 2.50	Up N Go 250ml	\$ 3.00
Strawberry Milk 300ml	\$ 2.50	<i>Chocolate, Vanilla</i>	
Coffee Milk 300ml	\$ 2.50		
Choc Mini Shake	\$ 2.50	Glee 250ml	\$ 2.50
Strawberry Mini Shake	\$ 2.50	<i>Raspberry, Blackcurrant, Tropical, Grape</i>	
Icebreak Reg 500ml	\$ 4.50		
Plain Milk 600ml	\$ 2.00	Orchy 250ml	\$ 2.50
Oak Thick Choc 425ml	\$ 4.00	<i>Orange, Apple, Blackcurrant-apple</i>	
Oak Thick Vanilla 425ml	\$ 4.00		
LUNCH ORDERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND TAKEN EVERY MORNING FROM 8.20AM TO ROLL CALL FOR LUNCHES 1 & 2		Nippys Poppers 250ml	\$ 2.00
		<i>Orange, Blackcurrant, Apple</i>	
		Chill Ice Tea 500ml	\$ 3.50
		<i>Blackcurrant or Peach</i>	

CANTEEN HELPERS WANTED

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

HOURS NEGOTIABLE

TRAINING PROVIDED

If you can spare one day a month or even an hour or two every week, this could be the job for you!

A great opportunity to get involved in your school community, meet new friends, gain new skills, share ideas and most importantly, help your child's school.

Figtree High School's Canteen is the P & C's main fundraiser. We believe our school canteen offers students and staff nutritious food at reasonable prices.

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EDMUND RICE COLLEGE PRESENTS:



Date: Monday 17 February 2020

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Edmund Rice College Centre

Entry via Mt Keira Rd

Free admission

Book tickets here: <https://www.trybooking.com/BHNJA>

Identifying and Building Learning Strengths

This session with well known Clinical Psychologist & Family Therapist, Andrew Fuller is applicable to every family and will help you to enhance your child's success.



Andrew is the author of the best selling books, Neuro-Developmental Differentiation (2020), Feelings - Staying Sane in a Crazy World (2020), The Revolutionary Art of Changing Your Heart (2019), Your Best Life at Any Age (2019), Unlocking Your Child's Genius, Tricky People. **TRICKY KIDS, RAISING REAL PEOPLE, TRICKY TEENS, FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING** and **BEATING BULLIES**.

Andrew had researched resilience & learning in over 3,000 schools with 500,000 students. He is an Hon. Fellow at the University of Melbourne.

Identifying and Building on Your Child's Learning Strengths

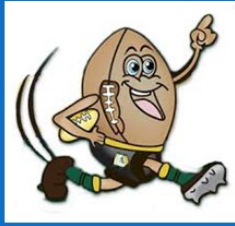
Topics covered will include:

- motivation and pleasure in learning
- spatial reasoning
- number smarts
- thinking and logic
- perceptual and motor co-ordination
- concentration and memory
- people skills
- planning and sequencing
- confidence and the mindset for success

To maximise your learning from the session, please complete the learning strengths analysis at www.mylearningstrengths.com for yourself or for your child before coming. Bring the letter or full report with you to the session.

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Register at www.figtreeafc.com/register-now



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Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

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Free Call: 1800 502 175**



WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT 2020 SUMMER SUNDAY (Under 18 Year Olds)

7 ROUND SWISS

WHEN: ***Sunday 23-Feb-2020*** (10:00am to 4:00pm)

WHERE: FAIRY MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE - KEIRA ROOM
Guest Park - Crn Cambridge Ave and
Princess Hwy Fairy Meadow
(Opposite Woolworth)

Trophy Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd + Age Groups

Games will be rated by NSWJCL

Results will influence qualification to
NSWJCL Country Championship

Entry Fee: \$10

Lunch: Players should bring their own lunch and refreshments.

Arbiter and Information: JOHN MAZZIERI
Phone: (02) 4283 3080
Mobile: 0488 713 882
e-mail: mazzieri@exemail.com.au

WOLLONGONG JNR CHESS CLUB
meets Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm (not school hols)
Fairy Meadow Community Centre

Future SUNDAY TOURNAMENTS
31-May-2020 AUTUMN SUNDAY
30-Aug-2020 WINTER SUNDAY
08-Nov-2020 SPRING SUNDAY
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Calendar 2020



January							February							March						
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Key dates

- **Term start and end dates***
 - Term 1 – 28 Jan to 9 Apr 2020
 - **Western division – Term 1** – 4 Feb to 9 Apr 2020
 - Term 2 – 27 Apr to 3 Jul 2020
 - Term 3 – 20 Jul to 25 Sept 2020
 - Term 4 – 12 Oct to 18 Dec 2020

- **School development days***
 - Eastern division – 28 Jan 2020
 - Western division – 4 Feb 2020
 - All schools – 27 Apr, 20 Jul, 17 Dec, 18 Dec 2020

- **School vacation dates 2020**
 - Summer – 23 Dec 2019 to 27 Jan 2020
 - **Western division – Summer** – 23 Dec 2019 to 3 Feb 2020
 - Autumn – 13 Apr to 24 Apr 2020
 - Winter – 6 Jul to 17 Jul 2020
 - Spring – 28 Sept to 9 Oct 2020
 - Summer – 21 Dec 2020 to 26 Jan 2021
 - Western division – Summer – 21 Dec 2020 to 2 Feb 2021

- **Education Week**
 - 3 Aug to 7 Aug 2020

- Exam dates**
 - **Selective high school placement test** – 12 Mar 2020
 - **NAPLAN paper test** – 12 to 14 May 2020
 - **NAPLAN online test window** – 12 to 22 May 2020
 - **Opportunity class placement test** – 29 Jul 2020
 - **HSC written examinations** – 15 Oct to 6 Nov 2020

- **Public holidays**

School zone speed limits apply on all school days, including school development days.

*Check with your local school as some dates may change.

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