YEAR 7 BULLETIN Term 2 Week 10

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

18 th July	Tuesday	First day of Term Three
26 th July	Wednesday	The Tut Roadshow - Incursion
25 th August	Friday	Adjusted Curriculum Day
1 st September	Friday	Book Week Celebration

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR YEAR ADVISOR

Yaama, All,

It is with great pleasure that we can sign off on the first semester of high school for Year 7. It truly is a fantastic achievement for students to move into high school and find a sense of belonging as they build strong connections with teachers, peers, culture, and learning and identify their own strengths and areas for improvement as they move into the second half of the year.

On Tuesday we were able to recognise and award students' outstanding achievements in the areas of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best during our Semester One Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) formal presentation assembly. Congratulations to all award recipients on your outstanding achievements.

On Wednesday, a large group of Year 7 students who were eligible for the PBL Semesterly Rewards Excursion attended Lazer Tag and Clip and Climb for a day filled with fun and excitement. Well done to all students who attended as a reward for their consistent and persistent demonstration of the school's Core Values.

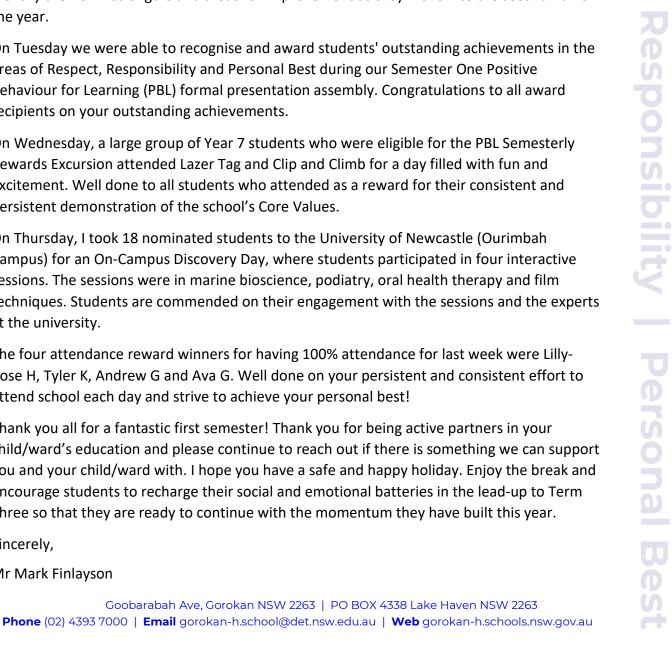
On Thursday, I took 18 nominated students to the University of Newcastle (Ourimbah Campus) for an On-Campus Discovery Day, where students participated in four interactive sessions. The sessions were in marine bioscience, podiatry, oral health therapy and film techniques. Students are commended on their engagement with the sessions and the experts at the university.

The four attendance reward winners for having 100% attendance for last week were Lilly-Rose H, Tyler K, Andrew G and Ava G. Well done on your persistent and consistent effort to attend school each day and strive to achieve your personal best!

Thank you all for a fantastic first semester! Thank you for being active partners in your child/ward's education and please continue to reach out if there is something we can support you and your child/ward with. I hope you have a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy the break and encourage students to recharge their social and emotional batteries in the lead-up to Term Three so that they are ready to continue with the momentum they have built this year.

Sincerely,

Mr Mark Finlayson





Selective Stream Entry Years 8-10

Students can gain entry into the selective stream later on in their junior years.

Application for entry into Gorokan High School's selective stream in Years 8 - 10 in 2024 opens 20 June 2023 and closes Friday 21 July 2023 at 2.30 pm.

Please complete the online Expression of Interest Form and return the Application Form to Gorokan High School before the closing date. These can be found on the school's website: <u>https://gorokan-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/gats.html#Selective2</u>

Gorokan High School procedures for entry in the selective stream in Years 8 to 10 are as follows:

- submit the online application form by the due date
- students sit an ability test on Friday 18th August, Term 3, 2023
- on the day of the test, please bring previous school reports, NAPLAN results and any relevant awards

The results of the application will be posted to parents in Term 4 of the current school year. Contact the HPGE coordinator for any assistance at benjamyn.glachan@det.nsw.edu.au or ben.drelincourt1@det.nsw.edu.au.

What happens if the application is successful:

If the student is currently enrolled at Gorokan High School, no further paperwork is necessary. Just respond to the acceptance note for the placement in the selective classroom.

Students who are currently in the Selective Class for Year 7 do not need to apply again for their place in Year 8.

Tut Roadshow – Wednesday 26th of July

On Wednesday the 26th of July students will be treated to a unique experience in the Tutankhamun Roadshow. A purpose-built semi-trailer that brings the wonders of Ancient Egypt into Australian schools. Students will experience a state-of-the-art multimedia display of authentic artefacts from Ancient Egypt and will be able to handle objects that were made thousands of years ago, examine accurate replicas and learn their significance today. Permission notes have been e-mailed home and the cost of the incursion is \$5.

UNIFORM

Please see the following link for the school's uniform policy and online ordering. With the colder months upon us, it is important for students to wear the correct winter uniform. If there are any clothing issues, please write a note and have your child/ward bring this to me in my staffroom, G1.11, in the morning.

https://gorokan-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/uniform.html

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Please call the school on 4393 7000 or email me at <u>mark.finlayson9@det.nsw.edu.au</u> with any questions, concerns, or feedback you have.

Additionally, please look at our school's website to find more information regarding assessment, wellbeing, news and more: <u>https://gorokan-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/</u>