



TERM 1, WEEK 2

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## WELCOME TO FORBES HIGH

Our motto is 'Multum non Multa', Quality not Quantity. We are a dynamic school with creative teachers, striving to achieve the best outcomes for our students.

Forbes High School strives to create an inclusive environment where students challenge and extend their academic boundaries with the support and reinforcement of strong community connections. At Forbes High School, we build opportunities by providing a positive learning and wellbeing environment for all our students so that they may become the best versions of themselves.

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## OUR RATIONALE

- We want our students to live long, healthy and fulfilling lifestyles.
- We know education breeds a better quality of life.
- Our staff are prepared to do education differently through innovation.
- Our staff want to deliver quality instruction to get better student outcomes.
- We want our students to live their best life doing what they want.



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## Mrs Kathleen Maksymczuk

Dear parents, carers, students, and the Forbes High School community,

Welcome to another year where we work together ensuring that all students receive high quality education at Forbes High School. We are so very excited to be back and be able to offer all students a broad curriculum, a range of extracurricular, sporting, performance art and cultural activities.

I warmly welcome new families to Forbes High School and we look forward to seeing you when we host our 'Meet and Greet' afternoon within the next few weeks. This will be a perfect opportunity to meet your child's teacher and commence this learning journey together.

Ensuring that all students are engaged and challenged in their learning is our key focus and if you ever have any concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact us as it is together that we can ensure that your child reaches their potential.



### Year 7

Year 7 have made a great start to high school, and it is wonderful to see them engaged in the many different learning opportunities across the school. Their participation at the swimming carnival was strong and sets a great foundation for future years.

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### Swimming Carnival

Last Friday we held our annual swimming carnival and what a stunning day it was! The weather was magnificent, and the students were exceptional. We had an action-packed day filled with fun, competition and most importantly great camaraderie. No matter your ability all students were supported and encouraged to do their best and what a display they put on. I am sure that many students went home quite hoarse after a day of chanting and supporting their peers. House spirit was high and what a fantastic day to be a member of Forbes High School.

### Staff Changes

At the end of 2023 we said goodbye to a few staff including Mr David Lickess, Ms Toni Edwards, Ms Deborah Waters and Mr Riley Pike. We wish them well on their future adventures and hope to connect with them in the future.

We have welcomed in 2024, Mr Chris Summerhayes as Deputy Principal in charge of Years 7, 9 and 11. Ms Gloria Haywood who has a wealth of experience has joined us in the TAS faculty, Mr Oliver Patterson has joined our Mathematics faculty and Ms Mikaila Tasker has commenced in the role of School Counsellor.

We welcome our new staff members to Forbes High School.



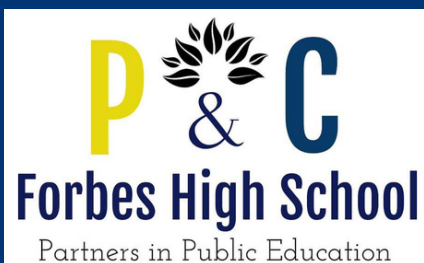


### Year 12 2023 Dux

It is with great pleasure that I can announce the Dux of Year 12 is Claire Little. Claire achieved an outstanding ATAR and is testament to her exceptional study habits, strong determination to succeed and commitment to learning. Claire achieved exceptional results across all subject areas and thoroughly deserves this recognition.

We look forward to celebrating this achievement with Claire at the Semester One Assembly.

Year 12 2023 earned extremely high results in the HSC. With students achieving strong Band 5 and 6 results across a range of subject areas. Congratulations to all our students and we wish them the very best for their future career pathways and studies.



### Parents and Citizens

I encourage our families to be involved in our school and one of the best ways to do this is via the P and C. The P and C meet once a term and are passionate advocates for our school and this is a great forum for you to have your say and be involved.



The P and C in conjunction with Forbes High School are upgrading our canteen facilities. There were several upgrades last year and this has continued with painting and soon to be installed signage and new furniture. This environment is warm and welcoming for our students and staff.

### Dental Van

You may have seen the Dental Van located at the rear of the hall. We are happy to support this initiative and ensure that all students have access to good oral care. Every Thursday for Term One there will be dental technicians on site to check and assess students' teeth. Please watch out for information regarding how your child can access this service.



It has been a great start to the term, and we are looking forward to working collaboratively with you to meet the educational needs of our child. Always reach out if there is anything we can do to further support your child, their wellbeing, and their education.

Warm regards,  
Kathleen Maksymczuk



It is wonderful to welcome everyone back to the 2024 school, year at Forbes High School. Although as Deputy Principal it was sad to say goodbye to my offsider, Mr David Lickess, it is exciting to welcome Mr Chris Summerhayes to fill this role in 2024.

Mr Summerhayes and I are looking forward to working together to support the staff and students at Forbes High School to ensure we can all be the best we can be.

In 2024 Mr Summerhayes will have responsibilities for Year 7, 9 and 11 whilst Mrs Jones will be responsible for Years 8, 10 and 12.

We would like to remind parents and students that if you have a concern to please contact the school and speak to us so that we can work together to resolve issues.

All students have been introduced to the Behaviour code for students which the Department of Education has released. We would like to remind students and parents that all students have a right to:

- Safety at school
- Access and fully participate in their learning
- Be treated with respect by other students, teachers and school staff
- Express their views, set goals and self-advocate

What does this mean in the day-to-day context of our schooling? It is expected that students show respect for people and property, follow school rules and teacher directions, resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly, be safe and not violent and not bully, harass, intimidate, or discriminate against anyone in our school.

Two key reminders for us all are that mobile phones are banned in NSW public schools and vapes are prohibited items.

Mobile phones must be in Yondr pouches throughout the school day. If students are found with their phone not in a pouch they may receive a formal caution of suspension. If a student is found using their phone they may receive a suspension. Students who are repeatedly not following the procedure may receive a suspension.

Students caught with a vape or who are suspected of vaping may receive a formal warning of suspension. Students caught vaping may receive a suspension. Students repeatedly found not following the school expectation may receive a suspension.

A final reminder is of the importance of school attendance. It was wonderful to recognise students with strong attendance throughout 2024. We expect all students to attend school everyday the school is open. We ask that if there are circumstances making it difficult for a child to attend school that parents and carers work with the school to find solutions. We are already making plans to recognise the strong or improving attendance of our students throughout 2024.



SWIMMING

# CARNIVAL



FRIDAY,  
9TH FEB

It was perfect weather for  
our annual school  
swimming carnival at  
Forbes Olympic Pool.

What a great day!



AND THE WINNER IS...



STAY TUNED!

[MORE PHOTOS HERE](#)



# MEET OUR NEW STAFF



Mr Christopher Summerhayes  
Deputy Principal



Mrs Gloria Haywood  
TAS



Mr Oliver Patterson  
Mathematics



Ms Kate Crawford  
Administration



Ms Nadika Mckeown  
Aboriginal Education Officer



Mr Chris Favelle  
Farm Assistant



Mr Max Larkings  
Student Support Officer



# WELCOME YEAR 7



## Welcome

On Thursday, 1st February we welcomed our new Year 7 students as they embarked on their high school journey. As they continue on their path of learning, wonderful memories will be made, and strong friendships built. We hope they enjoy their time at Forbes High School.



Click Here →

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# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Stationery Requirements

Please purchase all necessary school supplies to encourage productivity in the classroom.

All year requirements are listed.

Click Here  [All Years](#)

## Attendance Matters

Students must attend school regularly so they can achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.

As a parent or carer, you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day when they are of compulsory school age. You must explain all absences to the school within 7 days.



*Feeling unwell?  
Can't attend school?*

*There are three ways to  
explain your absence:-*



- Ask a parent/carer to call the school on 6852 2666.
- Parents/carers can respond to the automated SMS sent from the school. Just hit reply!
- Bring in a note to explain your reason for being absent

### YEAR 7 STATIONERY LIST 2024

It is not a requirement for students to have their own devices. All Key Learning Areas have a class set of laptops for student use.

The preferred scientific calculator is the **Casio fx-82AU PLUS II** which can be purchased from the Front Office. Visual Art diaries can also be purchased from the school.

#### Necessary school supplies

• Backpack	• Scissors
• Lunchbox	• Glue
• Drink bottle	• Sharpener
• 6 Exercise books	• Eraser
• Pencil Case	• Ruler
• Pencils	• Calculator
• Pens	• Visual Art diary
• Highlighters	• Display folder

Please purchase all necessary school supplies to encourage productivity in the classroom.

If you need support, contact FHS via the Facebook Messenger service. The school will be open to purchase uniforms and supplies on the 30th and 31st January.

## School travel

As a parent or carer, it's your responsibility to get your child to and from school safely. Student safety is our priority. Find out how to make getting to school safe and easy at the link below, which includes information for Forbes Bus Lines and the School Student Transport Scheme for renewing or apply for a school bus pass.

Click Here  [Read more](#)

## FHS Canteen

All canteens in NSW public schools must meet certain requirements. These include providing more healthy food and drink options – to make the healthy choice an easy choice for students. Visit [Healthy school canteens](#) to learn more.

Forbes High School canteen is coordinated by the P&C with all profits being used to maintain facilities and provide extra resources for the school.

Christine Crawford is our Canteen Manager.

Volunteers are most welcome. Please contact the school on 6852 2666 during school hours for more information.

Click Here  [Full Canteen Menu](#)

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS	
Grain or White Bread	
Cheese or Vegemite	\$2.50
Ham or Chicken & Cheese	\$4.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50
Ham or Chicken, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
No Meat Salad	\$4.00
(Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cheese & beetroot)	
Ham & Salad	\$5.50
Chicken & Salad	\$5.50
Tuna & Salad	\$5.50
Ham or Chicken Salad Wrap	\$5.50
Bread Rolls - Add	\$0.50c
Toasted - Add	\$0.50c
SALADS	
Chilli Tender Salad	\$6.00
Garden Salad	\$5.00
Garden Salad - Add	\$6.00
(Chicken/Ham/Egg or Tuna)	



# FHS READING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



## Mrs Vivienne Bolam

Learning and Support Teacher,  
Reading Program Teacher and  
Minimum Standards Reading,  
Numeracy and Writing Tutor

We have a Reading Improvement Program to ensure that all Forbes High School students become, or already are, 'independent decoders of words', meaning able to work out words suitably for Secondary or High School Education. This ensures success for students and 99% of FHS happily pass their Minimum Standards Reading Test the first time they attempt it.

I conduct the program, I am very practised in teaching reading, and will be testing all of Year 7 and all new students starting on Monday 12 February. I write a report to parents, which includes a graph to show your child's current stage of development as a decoder of words, and I send the report and graph home with each child in an envelope, as I work through each day's testing.

**IF** you need the report on your child posted to you instead of being sent home with your student, please ring the Front Office and tell one of our ladies to inform me of your request. I find the students wonderfully reliable when delivering the reports and also when returning the signed envelope to the School Front office, which tells me you as parent/carer have received the report.

To arrange to talk with me at any time, please ring the School Office

With best wishes for our 2024 School Year

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

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enter code: **DWF 5AQ DMQ**



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from your school office

**advancedlife**  
school photography & print specialists



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

# SCARECROW COMPETITION

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

**OPEN DAY**

AT THE GARDEN, 59-71 REYMOND STREET, FORBES

**SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024**

**9AM—2PM**

FOR FULL DETAILS PLEASE SEE ENTRY  
FORMS, AVAILABLE AT THE COMMUNITY  
GARDEN, AT FORBES SHIRE COUNCIL OFFICES  
AND AT THE BOOK DISPENSARY IN TEMPLAR  
STREET, OR EMAIL

[forbescommunitygarden@outlook.com](mailto:forbescommunitygarden@outlook.com)

Enquiries: Di 0427511831 Nina 0424410594



"Growing together"

# OPEN DAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

SPECIAL GIFT FOR EACH JUNIOR LEPRECHAUN

**SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024**

**9AM—2PM**

AT THE GARDEN, 59-71 REYMOND STREET, FORBES

MARKET STALLS

MORNING TEA

DEMONSTRATIONS

BARBEQUE

SCARECROW COMPETITION

PROCEEDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONGST THE COMMUNITY

Enquiries: Di 0427511831 Nina 0424410594  
[forbescommunitygarden@outlook.com](mailto:forbescommunitygarden@outlook.com)



## FORBES SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Online Registration for the 2024 Season is Now Available at [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au), select Forbes District SC, select age group etc. If any queries please inbox message the club.

Indicative Fees:

Under 4s & 5s \$50

Under 6, 7, 9s \$50

Under 12s \$60 (local no travel)

Under 15s \$70 (local no travel) This is intended for social players in a 7v7 competition on 2/3 size fields on saturday mornings.

Under 12s Young \$70.

Under 14s Young \$70

Under 17s Young \$80

Senior Mens & Ladies \$160 (19 years and over).

Please note the following:

- \* The link for Under 4 & 5s Miniroos Kickoff Programs are not ready for registration as yet (working on it).
  - \* Kids Active Vouchers cannot be submitted through the online system as yet as we (the Club) need to be registered as service provider (in the pipeline). But can be submitted manually to the club for online claiming once we are approved.
  - \* Face to face registrations at Bernardis will commence March.
  - \* School Come and Try Program will be implemented during March, early April.
- Enquiries: Inbox message club or phone Doug Registrar [0412 287 810](tel:0412287810)





## Joss Facility Management is hiring staff **now**

Joss Facility Management provides cleaning services to local Schools and other Clients in this area. We are looking for committed, local people to assist us in maintaining these sites by joining us as a Cleaner.



As a Cleaner, your tasks will include a mixture of general & periodical cleaning tasks, ensuring facilities are ready for use by students, teachers and Client representatives.



Joss Facility Management provide staff with a uniform, all equipment and training and a supportive work environment.



We invite you to register your interest in working with Joss by scanning the QR code or sending an email to [careers@jossgroup.com.au](mailto:careers@jossgroup.com.au)

Joss welcome you to visit our website [www.jossgroup.com.au](http://www.jossgroup.com.au) for further information on our Company.

We look forward to welcoming some new faces to our team.





Binaal Billa FVPLS

# Ochre Ribbon Day 2024

Ending family violence in Aboriginal Communities

***'Don't Silence the Violence'***

Please join Binaal Billa and show your support for the prevention of family and domestic violence in Aboriginal communities.

**Date:**

Friday 16 February

**Time:**

11:30am - 2:00pm

**Location:**

Binaal Billa FVPLS  
3-5 Spring Street

-Acknowledgement to  
Country  
-Sausage sizzle  
-Tea/coffee  
-Activities

To confirm attendance  
please contact Nicola  
on 6850 1234 or  
[admin@binaalbilla.com](mailto:admin@binaalbilla.com)



**Binaal Billa**  
Family Violence Prevention Legal Service



# TIME WARP

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## 2018



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, 12th Feb	Tue, 13th Feb	Wed, 14th Feb	Thurs, 15th Feb
<b>Tertiary Excursion</b> <b>UOW</b>	<b>Tertiary Excursion</b> <b>UOW</b>	<b>OnStage Excursion</b> <b>Goanna Academy</b>	<b>OnStage Excursion</b> <b>Dental Van</b>
Fri, 16th Feb	Sat, 17th Feb	Sun, 18th Feb	Mon, 19th Feb
<b>OnStage Excursion</b> <b>Yoorana Gunya</b> <b>Girls</b> <b>Empowerment</b> <b>Group</b>	<b>OnStage Excursion</b>	<b>OnStage Excursion</b>	
Tue, 20th Feb	Wed, 21st Feb	Thurs, 22nd Feb	Fri, 23rd Feb
	<b>SCHOOL PHOTO</b> <b>DAY</b>  <b>Junior AECG</b> <b>meeting</b>  <b>Goanna Academy</b>	<b>Dental Van</b>  <b>Support Swimming</b>	
Sat, 24th Feb	Sun, 25th Feb		

Visit us on the web at [Forbes High School](http://forbes-high-school.nsw.edu.au)

Follow us on Facebook at [Forbes High School](https://www.facebook.com/forbes-high-school)

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# Education

*We would like to pay our respects and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and also pay respect to the Elders both past and present.*