

Co-Curricular Program

2023





Pursue Tomorrow

Shellharbour Anglican College is a young school situated in the beautiful Illawarra on NSW South Coast. Close to the sea and Illawarra escarpment in an area rich in cultural heritage, stretching back thousands of years with the Wadi Wadi people living in the region. Our families come from a diverse range of backgrounds, and as the Illawarra region grows, we are excited to grow and change with our community.

As we seek to encourage students to use and develop their God-given gifts, we are pleased to offer a range of activities that cater for different interests and passions as well as develop a student's character through participation.

Co-curricular activities are an important part of a holistic education at Shellharbour Anglican College. They provide students with the opportunity to increase their sense of connectedness with the school, build self-confidence and develop personal character. This is important for adolescents at this stage of their life as we prepare them for their future beyond school.



The College Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program continues to grow and foster in all students an appreciation of music and performing arts. Opportunities exist for students to realise their full potential through participation in both curricular and co-curricular music programs.

Art Club

Numbers continue to grow in Art Club, and it has been encouraging to see how the school community consistently appreciate visual arts.

Art Club provides a relaxing, safe space for students to express themselves, and to demonstrate their passions and talents through artmaking. Students are able to create art in a supervised learning space with any materials they wish. Students enjoy creating a variety of painted, drawn and digital artworks, watercolours, beautiful portraits, amazing clay sculptures and even delicate model making, amongst a variety of other art forms.

Teacher-in-Charge: Ms O'Brien



Drama Club

Drama Club is an exciting, new opportunity at Shellharbour Anglican College, providing all students the chance to grow performatively and push beyond their comfort zones.

Students in Drama Club meet weekly to participate in a range of activities. From skill-building improvisational and scripted activities, students work towards creative projects collectively and make connections across various year groups. In Drama Club we cover and explore a range of fun performance styles that aren't generally covered in the timetabled Drama courses. This allows students who are studying Drama as a subject the opportunity to learn something new within the club.

We focus on puppetry, mime and skit comedy, with more exciting opportunities being added as this co-curricular expands.

Teacher-in-Charge: Mr Rienits

Ensembles

The College has an active music program that endeavours to foster in all students an appreciation of music. Opportunities exist for students to realise their full potential through participation in both curricular and co-curricular music programs. Students can be involved in a range of ensembles, including String Ensemble, Stage Band, Pop Band, Concert Band, Senior Vocal Ensemble and Musical Productions.

Specialist instrumental tutors also operate in the College through the peripatetic program and offer tuition in a variety of instruments. Students can expand their audio-visual skills, knowledge and experience through service in the Sound and Lighting Crew.

Teacher-in-Charge: Mr Coulthart

Musical Production

Shellharbour Anglican College has a fine tradition of performing arts. Our biennial Senior School Musical Production is a highlight of the school calendar and offers students the opportunity to explore and expand their skills as performers and musicians. Over the season, student musicians team with professionals to hone their sight reading and ensemble practice. On stage, performers rehearse with the directors, the vocal coach and choreographer to refine their performance craft and create a work they are exceptionally proud of. Behind the scenes, scores of students volunteer to help with sets, costumes, ushering, lighting, sound and stage management.

The Musical Production is a vehicle for all students involved, both on stage and off, to learn a host of social-emotional skills such as risk taking, collaboration, time management, perseverance, persistence and effective management of performance anxiety. This learning benefits students across multiple areas of life, far beyond the end of the production run.

Teacher-in-Charge: Mrs Coulthart

Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Award at the Shellharbour Anglican College is open to students in Year 9 and above. Running at the College since 2009, the Award gives students the opportunity to build new friendships, develop lifelong skills, demonstrate independence, serve the local community, remain active and explore some amazing destinations both near and afar. Starting with Bronze, students devise a personal program of service, skill and physical recreation for a 3-month commitment, followed by 6 months in Silver and 12 months in Gold.

The Gold Award has an extra component known as a Residential Project, where students spend a week away from home participating in a meaningful project. At the College, this component is fulfilled by the annual Service Learning Trip to the NSW town of Gilgandra. Adventurous Journeys take place twice a year for each level, with Gold students travelling to a wide range of destinations. Over the last three years, Gold groups have travelled to the Springbrook NP on the Gold Coast, Maria Island in Tasmania, the Kangaroo Valley and Blue Mountains. Since 2011, over 65 students have received Gold Awards from the NSW Governor, with many more achieving the accolades of Bronze and Silver.

Interested students should speak to the friendly Duke of Ed staff members. Registrations generally take place in Term One.

Coordinator: Mr Alterator Bronze: Mr Peters and Ms Fitch Silver: Mr Hobbs and Mr Cooper Gold: Mr Alterator and Mr Odell



Astronomy Nights

Astronomy Nights are generally scheduled once a term and all members of the Shellharbour Anglican College community are welcome. The College owns a large telescope, which will be taken to a dark location in the Southern Highlands (just over half an hour's drive from the College). Under the guidance of Mr Barter, students spend about 90 minutes observing planets, stars, nebulae, star clusters, galaxies and other astronomical objects and events. Astronomy nights are restricted to approx. 20 participants to ensure everyone has a fair share of viewing time. Astronomy nights are also sensitive to cloud cover. Dates are announced via the Newsletter.

Teacher-in-Charge: Mr Barter

Chess

The Chess Club meets on Fridays during lunchtime to hone their skills and try out new strategies. The four strongest chess players represent the College in the Country Secondary Schools Competition and there are opportunities for all players to square off against other schools in the Interschools Zone events. In Term Four a school-wide challenge is sent out for the Shellharbour Anglican College Chess Championship, where all students are invited to claim the number one rank in the school. All students are invited to come along and grow their logical and strategic thinking by participating in the chess club.

Teacher-in-Charge: Ms Jolliffe

Club de Français 2023

Are you already a francophile? Would you like to become one?

Would you like to improve your linguistic skills?

Would you like to deepen your connection to another culture and expand your world views?

If you have replied OUI OUI to at least one of the above questions, you are invited to join the CLUB de FRANCAIS.

Come along and learn more about France, the country, its' people and their culture. The aim of the club is to build your confidence in the language and to increase your general knowledge of France and the French speaking world.

We will focus on both language and culture. French will not be spoken all of the time, however we will aim to improve your speaking skills.

Some of the proposed activities are:

- Conversation sessions
- Cheese tastings
- Eiffel Tower model building
- Art Competitions
- Card making
- Language game competitions

We will meet on *lundi après midi –* **Monday afternoons in l2**

ALL are welcome – You do not need to be a student of French to participate, so why not come along!

Teacher-in-Charge: Mrs Heininger

Crusaders

CRU is a great opportunity to come together to play games, have a laugh, care for one another and learn from the Bible together. Reflecting on his time at CRU, a Year 11 student says, "CRU is such a great place to come and be with a loving Christian community, to play some games, talk about Jesus and make great friendships. It has been great seeing people come to know Jesus and find faith in what has recently been trying times."

Teacher-in-Charge: Mr Young

da Vinci Decathlon

The term Renaissance man or woman is used to describe someone talented at many different things. A notable example is Leonardo da Vinci, who was known to have been a brilliant scientist, inventor, painter and musician.

Do you consider yourself an aspiring Renaissance man or woman?

The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition designed to challenge and stimulate the minds of school students. Students compete across 10 disciplines: Engineering, Mathematics and Chess, Code Breaking, Art and Poetry, Science, English, Philosophy, Creative Producers, Cartography and Legacy.

The da Vinci Decathlon will be held early Term 2.

Teams will be capped at 8 students per grade and will be by invitation only.

Teacher-in-Charge: Miss Hick

Debating

There is always an enthusiastic turnout for the College debating season. The training rooms come alive with ideas, teamwork, research and great debates. Teams compete against other HICES schools. In 2022, debating topics reflected the concerns of the time, such as the need for compulsory firefighting, 5G networks in regional/urban areas and the validity of the Olympic Games. The 2023 season awaits with great anticipation!

Teacher-in-Charge: Ms Kernaghan

Entrepreneurship

Are you a creative student and full of ideas?

The Entrepreneurship Co-Curricular Program allows for students to plan and design initiatives to develop a possible product or service.

Within the program students go through the testing process of bringing their ideas to life whilst learning the basic concepts of a start-up business.

The program will provide a variety of activities that incorporate the foundations of problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity and public speaking, which are all valuable skills.

All students have the option of entering a competition held in October by The Zig Zag Hub to pitch their idea to a panel of local business professionals with prizes to be given for best ideas and pitches. The benefits of the competition are that the students gain a sense of self by taking ownership of their own idea. Students do not need to come into the program with an existing idea as they will learn how ideas can be generated through problem solving.

The program will commence Week Two of Term Two, Monday 1 May. It will run weekly every Monday 3:30pm to 4:30pm throughout Term Two, with an entrepreneurship coach from The Zig Zag Hub. The program is also supported by mentors in programming and business expertise. There is a parent payment to participate in this co-curricular activity of \$150. Student numbers will be limited, so get in early!

Teacher-in-Charge: Mrs Hand

Generation Earthshot

This program gives students in Years 7 to 9 the opportunity to participate in a globally-recognised initiative where they develop BIG ideas to help repair our planet. Students will work with each other to create and implement projects to solve our biggest environmental problems.

This program is designed to develop young leaders and ambassadors who will use their creativity, problem solving and design thinking skills to develop innovative solutions. This program will culminate in a three-day camp in late 2023 where students will share their projects with other HICES participants and complete an Emerging Leaders program.

Become part of the Generation Earthshot: a generation of inventors, innovators and leaders who will help repair and protect our planet!

Teacher-in-Charge: Mrs Morley



Gilgandra Service Trip

In 2011, the College held its first Service Learning Trip that saw students, staff and families travel to Gilgandra to work alongside a youth worker connected to a local Indigenous church. That connection remains today, with students of the College (Years 10, 11 and 12) travelling to Gilgandra in the April school holidays for a week of activities that can range from running a Kids Club to painting the local Anglican church. Gold Duke of Ed students generally attend the Gilgandra Trip as part of their Award. Students return from these trips having learned much about themselves, the community they represent and the community they serve while in Gilgandra.

Teacher-in-Charge: Mr Barter

Mock Trial

The College participates in the Law Society of NSW's Mock Trial Competition. The competition involves teams from various schools competing with each other in a simulated criminal or court trial. The Mock Trial Competition is a great way to learn about the operation of the legal system in an enjoyable team-based way.

Teacher-in-Charge: Mrs Ten-Kate

*Co-Curricular meeting times and dates will be released by early Term 1 and published on the Co-curricular Brochure online.



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