Year 7 began the next stage of their education on Thursday 28th January. It was great to see the students arriving, looking very smart, in the new school uniform. This year’s Year 7 is the largest group commencing Year 7 that we have had for some time. Year 7 students will be attending a camp from February 24th to the 26th at Scotts Head. They will leave from school at 1.30pm and arrive back at school on the Friday in time for the school buses. As part of the camp the students will be attending a surfing workshop run by Trent Munro. Permission notes have been issued to the students. This is always a great way for Year 7 to start their High School education and, as they have come from a number of different primary schools, get to know each other. Year Advisors, Ms Tracey Patu and Mr Colin Hocking, are looking forward to working with the students as they navigate their way through High School to finally achieve their Higher School Certificate.
Dear Parents and Community

Welcome back to all in the Nambucca Heads High School community and a special welcome to all of our new Year 7 students and parents who have joined our school community this year and to those students and parents in other years who have also joined us.

We have three new staff members in 2016; Ms Tina Seckold is our new Head Teacher English from Dapto, Ms Amy Halloran has taken over our multicategorical class from Port Macquarie and Mr Clay Urquhart is our new mathematics teacher who taught last year at Macksville High School.

Our students look wonderful in the school uniform. Please remember that we will phase out the old school uniform over the next three years. Students in years 8,9,10 and 12 can continue to wear the old school uniform but they are also welcome to buy the new uniform as well. Parents can now buy the new school uniform directly from the school. It will be open each afternoon from 3.15 to 4.30pm. Having the uniform shop in the school will enable all students to be able to purchase our uniform with the minimum of fuss.

Strategic Direction 1 of our 2015-2017 School Plan is *Whatever it Takes for student success*. In 2016 all Year Advisors have been provided with an allocation in their timetable so that they can provide even more thorough pastoral care for your child. Part of this allocation will see each student in the school being provided with a Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) in order to set individual goals and plans in 2016. We have already started this process as each student has been provided with a PLP planning sheet dated Thursday 28th January for parents and carers to complete after discussions with their child. Please return this form completed ASAP.

The program is a great example of what our *GONSKI funding* through our RAM allocation is being used for.

Students who would like a locker for the year need to pay their $50 for the year, $10 a term hire and $10 refundable deposit for the lock, to the front office. The lockers are filled on a first in, first served basis.

All parents are invited to attend our first P&C meeting of the year in the school library at 5pm on Wednesday 24th February.

As always please contact me at the school if you have any questions in regards to our child’s education at NHHS.

*My highlight of the fortnight:*

The arrival of our 2016 Year 7 cohort, or in other words our HSC Class of 2021! Our new Year 7 students have settled well and are working productively in the classroom and having fun when in the playground. Thank you to the rest of the student body who have made them feel welcome in their new school.

Simon McKinney
Principal

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**Calendar**

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School and Community Notices

**SRC Nominations**

Ms Sarah MaGill will be organising the SRC Committee this year. Nominations are currently being called for. If you are interested in joining the SRC please see you Ms MaGill in the PDHPE staffroom or see your Year Advisor. There will be four representatives from each year, two girls and two boys, a representative from the Support Unit and two Aboriginal representatives. Nominations close on Tuesday February 9th at 3.15pm. Voting will take place on Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th February. Being part of the SRC is a great way to be involved in what happens at school.

**After School Fitness**

Edith Parsons physi classes are starting in the Nambucca Valley on Wednesday 10th February at the Nambucca Community and Arts Centre. Our club, known as Nambucca Valley Physi, is affiliated with the Edith Parsons School of Physical Culture. Edith Parsons physi is the largest school of physi on the North Coast. Based on basic ballet and modern dance, physi is a great for physical fitness, flexibility, co-ordination and posture. Physi is also about learning to work in a team, building self-esteem and sportsmanship. I have been an accredited teacher with Edith Parsons physi for 29 years and hold a current working with children registration. We will have an information table at the Nambucca Plaza on Saturday 6th February from 9am—1pm. Alternatively you can contact me via email—NambuccaValleyPhysi@hotmail.com or Facebook—Nambucca Valley Physi or phone 0422 647 21 or 66581071

**School of Origin 2015**

At the end of 2015 the annual School of Origin challenge was held. Organised by the SRC the students competed for the school they attended during their primary school years. There are three teams - The Green Team Frank Partridge VC, The Red Team Nambucca Heads Public and The Blue Team. The Blue team comprises students who attended any other primary school. They competed in events such as skipping, handball and an obstacle course, the water pistols at the end were appreciated as it was a very warm day. The day finished with the annual "Teachers verse Students" challenge. This year it was handball. Although the teachers put up a mighty effort I think the students came out in front.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this event. It was so much fun and the interaction between the staff and students was lovely to watch, the atmosphere around the school was fantastic.

**Attendance Camp 2015**

To finish off 2015 students with an attendance of 95% and were actively involved at school were invited to travel to North Beach Caravan Park to enjoy the last three days of school at the Attendance Camp. The camp is organised and heavily subsidised for all students. It is a time for students to chill out. There are no expectations, no worksheets and no assignments to do. They are given the opportunity to swim, kayak, beach walk, play games or do nothing. Thankfully the weather was beautiful and all staff and students had a fantastic time. This is something all students should start thinking about now. Make sure you attend school, if you are absent from school make sure you bring in a note or have mum, dad or your carer contact the school and explain your absence and be involved activities at school.
Students from Years 7 to 12 were invited to apply for scholarships awarded from many sponsors through the Department of Education. Last year we had a number of students receiving scholarships from a number of different sources, with one student, Sophia Blair, travelling to Italy studying for six weeks over the summer holidays. We have recently received notification that two students, Kawana Crowe and Elly Gooch, have been awarded $5000 from the Harding Miller Foundation and Natalya Byrt received a scholarship from the Country Womens Association. Ellie Argent received a scholarship last year and has been successful again this year with a continuation of her scholarship. This will be an amazing help for the students. The money is distributed by the school and can be used for such things as computers, uniforms and excursions - anything that enhances their education. Congratulations to these girls. All students are eligible to apply for scholarships. Mr Alan Merritt works at the school on Fridays and is here to help students with their applications. There have been a number of girls apply for scholarships, it would be great to see some boys applying.