

Learning at MSC

Our students have continued to thrive both within and beyond the classroom this term. We acknowledge the dedication and enthusiasm of our student leaders, representative sports teams, and engaged learners.

Our student leaders have set a great example in supporting and inspiring their peers, while our sports teams have showcased exceptional skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout their competitions. We are also proud of the commitment our students have shown to their learning, especially with the successful completion of NAPLAN assessments, demonstrating their hard work and resilience.

A big thank you to all the families who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. We look forward to building even stronger connections with our families throughout the year, as we work together to ensure the success and wellbeing of every student.



Key Dates for Term 1

- Year 12 Assessment Block - Week 10
- Term 1 Celebration Assembly - Thursday 3 April
- Easter Raffle - Weeks 10 and 11
- Year 11 Assessment Block - Week 11
- Computational Thinking Challenge - Friday 4 April
- Last day of Term 1 - Friday 11 April
- First day of Term 2 for Students - Wednesday 30 April



Laptop Reminders

Last edition we shared our excitement for all Year 7 -12 students having accessing both coursework and assessment tasks electronically. A copy of the student laptop checklist is included again below.

Laptop Checklist

- ✓ Bring my laptop to school every day
- ✓ Carry my laptop in a school bag
- ✓ Have my laptop fully charged ready for learning
- ✓ Be ready for laptop checks twice per term

What do I do if...

- My laptop is flat
 - Laptops **cannot** be charged in classrooms.
 - Charging is available in the library.
 - Drop off laptops either before school or at recess, for collection at recess or lunch.
- My laptop is not working
 - Classroom teachers can help you, or visit the library for help at recess or lunch.
- I have lost or broken my laptop or charger
 - Visit the front office. Any costs for damage or loss will be passed on to families.

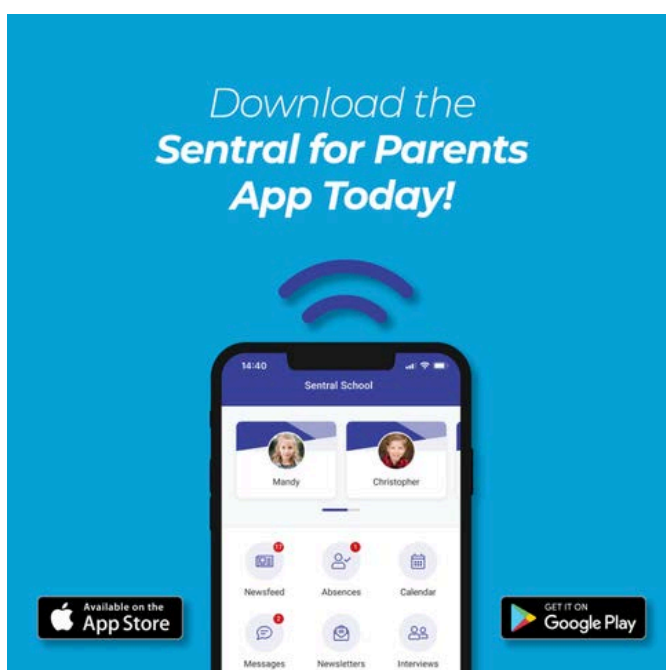
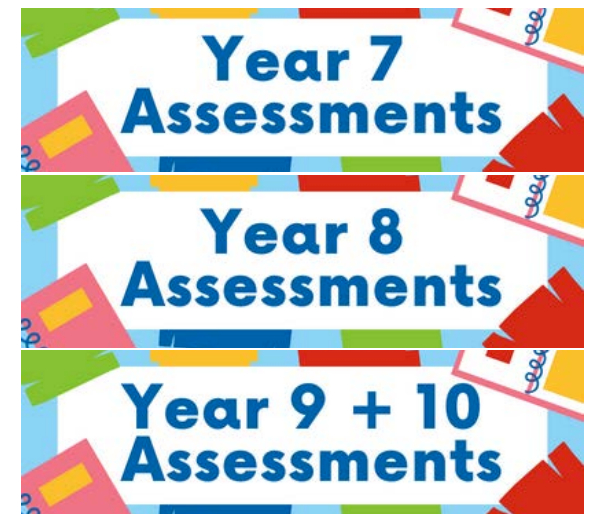
If you have questions or need help - see the library staff.

Y7 - Y10 Assessment Google Classrooms

We are continuing our focus on Google Classroom and having a central location for students to access their assessment tasks. All students should have now joined the classroom and should be working to complete upcoming tasks due in Weeks 9, 10 and 11 of term.

Parents and carers will continue to receive invitation emails to join these Google Classrooms and provide support in reminding students of upcoming tasks and supporting completion, and to reach out with any questions regarding assessment tasks. These can be directed to the classroom teacher in the first instance or the Faculty Head Teacher as needed.

If you did not receive our email, please contact our college office via phone or email.



Sentral for Parents

A reminder that we are communicating with families via the Sentral for Parents App. You will receive a personal access key at the start of the school year to allow you to access details such as:

- attendance
- newsletters
- student reports

If you need assistance setting up your app, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Representative Sport

It has been a big term so far with a number of teams and individuals representing MSC in sport.

Congratulations to both the Open Girls' Basketball and Open Girls' Soccer teams on their first round success. We wish the soccer players well in their second round match this Friday!

We look forward to more Rugby League plus touch footy, rugby union, tennis, netball and volleyball in the next two months! Students should work to keep their attendance above 80% plus attend Roll Call and listen for announcements to try out for these teams and represent our college.

We also acknowledge Mrs Baldwin who is finishing up this week at MSC, having been with us as Head Teacher Mentor since the start of 2023. We wish her and her husband all the best as they shift to Northern Queensland, and thank her for both her sports coaching and contribution to MSC.



Namoi Winter Trials

The Namoi Zone Winter Trials took place on Wednesday, March 19, in Narrabri, starting at 9:30 AM sharp. The 15s and 18s Rugby League games were held at Dangar Park, while netball trials took place at the Betty Berriman Memorial Courts. With around six schools participating, some sending full teams while others only a few players, the competition was fierce.

The Narrabri Rugby Club's well maintained grounds set the stage for an intense day, as players pushed themselves not just to represent their schools but to earn a place on the Zone teams. The warm weather did not deter their determination, and despite some opponents having a size advantage, our boys relied on speed, skill, and teamwork to compete at their best.

We sent 15 rugby league players, with Coaches Anyango, Richard, and Brian managing the squad and ensuring the players gave their all. As the day progressed, the final match—Possibles vs. Probable, became the ultimate test for selection.

Every player fought hard, but when the final whistle blew, Lokia Noble, Jeal Williams, and Chase Picker had earned their spots on the Zone team. Meanwhile, in the netball trials, Stacy Otero played well but was up against slightly older and more experienced players. Though she wasn't selected, she enjoyed the competition and gained valuable experience for the future.



NSW Department of Education

Communicating with our school

Moree Secondary College



All contact with our school is to be consistent with the School Community Charter respecting that our staff are primarily engaged with the teaching and caring of our students.

By phone



Urgent matters

Urgent matters require an action or response from staff on the same day, like:

- your student's attendance
- changes to arrangements that need to be communicated to your student
- your student's health and wellbeing.

Non-urgent matters

Including:

- requesting a meeting with our school staff
- requesting information about an upcoming school event
- providing brief information to the school
- raising a concern.

What you can expect

If necessary, you will need to leave a message with our office staff who will identify the best person to respond to your call, if needed. The response will happen by the end of the next school day.

Our school phone number is:

02 6752 1999

You are welcome to phone our school during school hours 8am - 4pm

By email



Our school email address is:

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

You can email us about non-urgent matters that do not require a same day response, like:

- requesting a meeting with our school staff
- requesting information about an upcoming school event
- providing information to the school such as specialist reports
- raising a concern.

For matters that require an action or response from staff on the same day, please phone the school.

What you can expect

Emails will be:

- read within 3 school days of receipt.
- acknowledged, if required
- assessed to decide what action is needed, including if a response is required
- monitored between Monday to Friday
- during school terms only
- responded to by relevant staff only.

In person



Parents and carers are welcome to meet with our school staff.

- We prefer you phone or email a request, briefly explaining the issues you wish to discuss,
- or if the staff member is available at the end of the school day, have a very brief meeting. Please understand they may have other duties to attend to.

You are welcome to bring a support person or advocate, with prior notice, to be present at any meeting.

What you can expect

Our staff will:

- respond to your request within 3 school days
- discuss with you a mutually agreeable time to meet and agree on what will be discussed
- decide who is best to meet with you.

By message



To respond to an absence

message sent by our school system or advise of a student absence by sending a text message to

0427 840 697

with the following information:

- student name
- grade/class
- date and reason for absence.

What you can expect

Our staff:

- will record your response in the attendance system
- will not reply to text messages.



Moree AES Homework Centre

Hey you mob parents of young people aged 15 years and older who attend Moree Secondary College, would you like for your child to have extra help with increasing their literacy & numeracy skills or help with completing their class assessments?

The AES Homework Centre will run every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.30 - 5.00pm, young people will be supervised by AES staff and volunteers from key learning areas, transport home and afternoon tea will be provided. No cost involved.

The Homework Centre started on Tuesday 18th March 2025. Students can join anytime.

If you would like your young person to attend please call into the AES Office at 207 Balo Street or phone 6752 3422 - 0408 633 408



Albert Street, Moree 2400



02 6752 1999



<https://moree-s.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Term 2 - Creative + Performing Arts Events



We are looking forward to both our Pulse Alive Moree and MADD Night in Term 2. Students who are interested should speak to one of our CAPA teachers

Pulse Moree

Are you interested in Dance, Music (play an instrument or can sing), or Film and Photography? Join one of 3 workshops for Pulse Moree where you will learn a choreography, a song, or learn to film over 2 days. You will learn skills to perform in the group performance night on the Thursday of Week 2.

MADD Night

Calling all students talented in creative and performing arts! We are seeking solo and group performances plus talented Masked Singers. We will have rehearsals and practice available during lunch times - all interested students should put their name down on the signup sheet which is located in the CAPA staffroom and keep an ear out for daily notices in Roll Call.

Any questions - see the CAPA staff.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Behaving positively contributes to a supportive and productive environment for everyone, and is encouraged through our positive behaviour for learning system as a school. Young learners who consistently represent our school values of respect, responsibility, personal best and community help strengthen our school culture and promote a positive learning environment. Every MSC student is encouraged to embody these values in their behaviours and actions, with staff recognising students through our MSC rewards system.

Participating actively in school activities and maintaining positive behaviour increases students' chances of being recognised and entered into the draw for awards at assemblies. Each positive action also helps to strengthen our school culture and encourages others to follow suit. Together, families and staff can encourage students to make positive behaviour choices and display our core values in the classroom, in the playground and throughout school excursions. Every student has the opportunity to be recognised for demonstrating positive behaviour and we look forward to celebrating student behaviour at our Week 10 assembly.

Student Recognition

Our 3 recognition categories are:



Blueys - for positive behaviours in class and in the playground



Attendance Awards - for exceptional attendance



Commendations - for significant achievements or contributions

Commendations

4 types of awards			
Academic	Creative	Leadership	Sporting

Credit Level

Awarded after achievement of 10 Commendations

Distinction Level

Awarded after achievement of 20 Commendations

Excellence Level

Awarded after achievement of 30 Commendations

Principal's Award

Students should self-nominate for this award. Successful applicants will be awarded at the MSC Presentation Evening.

Nominations should be 1 page and address how students demonstrated responsible behaviour, initiative and cooperation within two or more areas of recognition [academic, creative arts, leadership and sporting].

Secondary Youth Leadership Conference



School Camps 2025

The first of our 2025 School Camps will take place this week. We look forward to sharing the experience on our social media pages and in the next edition of our newsletter!



Meet the Teacher Evening 2025

It was fantastic to have so many parents join us to discuss student progress so far in 2025.

Thank you to the students and staff involved in catering the event.



Barayamal Cafe

We're excited to be offering students more options for lunch each Wednesday at Barayamal Cafe.

All food and drinks are organised, prepared and sold by students in our RoSA program.



MSC ESSENTIALS

Processes for common circumstances are outlined below.

Students can seek further advice from their Year Advisor.

Parents and carers can seek further advice by contacting our office.

SICK OR INJURED?

Unfortunately sickness or injury may happen at school. Thankfully our office staff can help!

In the school yard → Tell a teacher or go to the student office directly.

In the classroom → Tell your teacher. They will send you to sick bay.



Office staff will contact parent or carer to advise of illness / injury.



Our office staff are trained to administer basic first aid to support students experiencing illness or injury.

If student is too sick to remain at school, parent or carer may be requested to collect student.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are required to explain the absence of their child from school within 7 days of the absence.

How can we tell the school?

- A reply to daily absence notification
- Via a phone call to the school
- An email to our school

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



What should a written note or email include?

Student full name + roll call class
Date(s) absence from school
Reason for absence
Date the note was written
Parent / Carer signature

For any absences which are more than three consecutive days, a medical certificate must be provided to the school.

LOST PROPERTY

We understand students may lose property at school. Our office staff are happy to help!



All items of lost property are to be handed into the student office.

Students can collect lost items from the student office during breaks.

LATE TO SCHOOL

Students may arrive late to school from time to time. Please follow the process below.



All students who are late to school must sign in at the student office.

Once signed in, students will receive a late slip and be sent to class as normal.

The late slip will show the date and time of the late arrival.

Students should give their slip to the classroom teacher.



Students who are late to school multiple times will be referred to the Welfare Team who will call home and then may contact the Home School Liaison Officer.

LEAVING EARLY

Students may need to leave school early from time to time. Please follow the process below.



All students who are leaving school early must sign out at the student office.

Students will require parent or carer permission to sign out.

How do I give permission?

- A written note
- An email to our college

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

Must include date + time for signing out

