

COLLEGE NEWS

November 14, 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Dear Parents

What a wonderful year this year has been with a range of events and opportunities our students have had during 2024. I have seen them grow and develop confidence throughout the year and have been proud of their achievements. From our Kindy children to our Year 12s there have been many times to display and celebrate their successes.

This week has been special celebrating Year 12 and their achievements. I look forward to seeing what they do in their future endeavours and wish them all the best as they leave our college.

I would like to encourage all our families to attend our Awards Night at the Noosa Church on 4th December for Primary and 5th December for Secondary. It is a celebration of all that has happened in the year for your child/ren and acknowledges their journey in learning. It also gives you an opportunity to thank the teachers for the wonderful work that they do in investing into your child's future and for them to wish you well for the following year. We ask that our Year 12s and their families attend this final event to be handed their graduation certificates.

Our school continues to grow, and we are working towards further facilities to enhance both the Primary and Secondary. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community and thank all parents for partnering with us in their child's education.

I look forward to seeing you there and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a lovely festive season with family and friends. May God keep you and your family safe over the holidays for an exciting new year in 2025. Luke 4:10 Scripture says, 'He will put his angels in charge of you to watch over you carefully.' **God Bless, Mrs Jeanette Martin, Principal.**

IMPORTANT DATES

November 15
Last day - Year 12

November 21 - 28
Year 12 Vanuatu Service Trip

November 28
Year 6 Graduation Dinner

December 4
Kindergarten to Year 7
Orientation Day

December 4
Primary Awards Night

December 5
Kindergarten
Graduation

December 5
Secondary
Awards Night



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"Building Pathways to Success"

Sonshine Sanctuary

Christmas Food Hampers

This Christmas, Noosa Christian College is organising food hampers to donate to Sonshine Sanctuary from our school community. Sonshine Sanctuary is a non-profit organisation which shelters and supports people in crisis, particularly women and children affected by domestic violence. Sonshine Sanctuary is located on the Sunshine Coast and is affiliated with ADRA, an internationally recognised non-governmental organisation working in more than 120 countries.

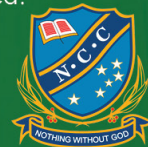
We are asking for the following donations for our food hampers:

- * Christmas food
- * Pantry food for day-to-day (tinned goods etc.), party foods
- * Cleaning goods e.g., dishwashing liquid, household disinfectant, laundry liquid
- * Toys – new or quality second hand e.g., Lego, Duplo

The Christmas hampers will be delivered in early December. Donations can be left at the College office. Thank you for your contribution towards this community project. This project is something the College participates in every year and it is much appreciated.

Kind regards, Mrs Angela Gray, Christmas Hamper Co-ordinator.

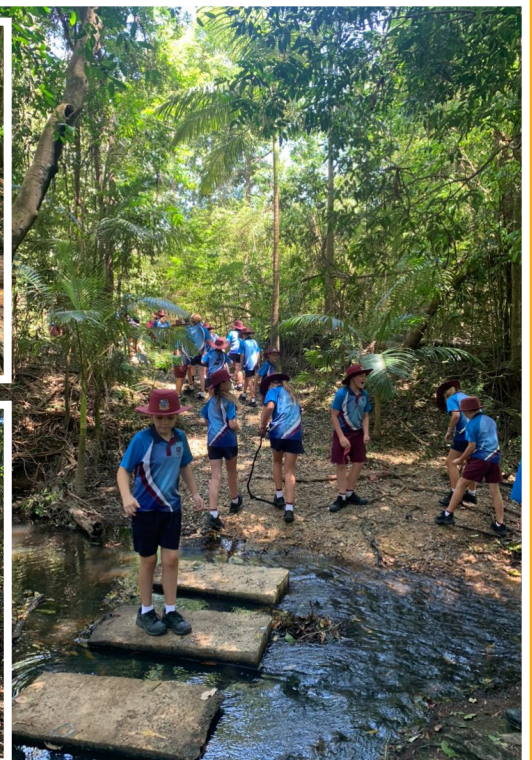
If you would like further information about Sonshine Sanctuary, visit:
www.sonshinesanctuary.com



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PRIMARY NEWS

Year 5 Enjoying a Sunny Brain Break
Mrs Margaret Graham



Gift Ideas

Christmas is not far away and at Noosa Christian College we have Noosa Monopoly and Noosa Top Trumps card games available for purchase at our College reception. You can purchase over the counter or via our online store. Pick up is from NCC Cooroy up until 19th December at 3:00pm. Links to order online:

Noosa Monopoly & Noosa Top Trumps (both) - \$75.00

<https://www.noosacc.qld.edu.au/product/monopoly-top-trumps-cards-noosa-edition/>

Noosa Monopoly - \$69.95

<https://www.noosacc.qld.edu.au/product/monopoly-noosa-edition/>

Noosa Top Trumps - \$12.95 per pack

<https://www.noosacc.qld.edu.au/product/top-trumps-cards-noosa-edition/>



2025 Important Dates

College Office Opens

Monday 13 January 2025

Pre-Term Registration Day (and Uniform Shop) - Friday 24 January 2025

Term 1

Tuesday 28 January 2025

- Friday 4 April 2025



FOOD FOREST PROGRAM

This week has been a hot and busy week in the garden! Thankfully, many hands make light work. Sadly, the recent hail storm heavily damaged most of our plants. It has meant lots of clearing and fertilising as we replenish our soil for summer planting. We've enjoyed rich lessons on the importance of seed saving and how to create long term food security by doing so. Our students have successfully saved thousands of lettuce, bok choy and tomato seeds ready for share.

On a final note, it has come time for us to find our beloved roosters their forever home. Our Wyandotte boys have found their voices and are looking very grand. We'd love for them to go to breeders. If this is you, please email Mrs B at allison.b@noosacc.qld.edu.au for further details.

Until next time, happy gardening!

God bless,

Mrs B, Food Forest Coordinator.



YEAR 5 EXCURSION

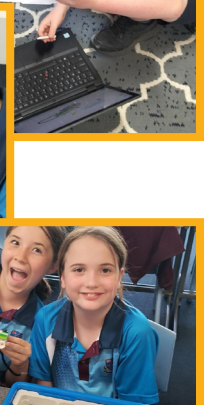
Encountering Pademelons in the Wild BY EMERSON DAVIS

The year 5 class set off on a nature walk through Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve, the path bordered by towering trees and thick undergrowth. In the bush I saw a mystery plant that looked like a strawberry and a raspberry put together, I called it a wild berry. A sign revealed the name of another wild fruit I saw called a black apple. As the class ventured further, we could hear birds chirping high above of all kinds, rustling leaves revealed a baby bush turkey and the biggest bush turkey nest I have ever seen about two metres high and three meters wide. The large tree roots looked like the great wall of China for the ants crawling all over them. I learnt an interesting fact during the nature walk, that crayfish live in burrows. All though I didn't see any butterflies as I was expecting to, the high light of the day was the encounter with the pademelons. We got to see two pademelons, a baby with its mother. Pademelons are super cute they look like mini wallabies. After the nature walk, the class went to a lookout above the clouds revealing a view of the glass house mountains.

THE END



Year 4 have spent a wonderful afternoon engaged in a STEM activity involving constructing a Lego model then programming it to move! **Mrs Erinna Maricich**



IMPORTANT UNIFORM SHOP DATES

The final days for Uniform Shop to process online orders or for direct sales will be Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th November.

Year 7 fittings are on 19th and 20th November. Appointments for any year level are available on Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd January.

For all booking enquiries, please call the College office and a booking link will be emailed to you.

On Registration Day, Friday 24th January, the shop will be open for all parents to purchase and pick up items, but full uniform fittings won't be available on that day due to it always being so busy.

Normal trading will resume on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th January.

Thank you,
Mrs Neda Scale and Mrs Kristie Virgo,
Uniform Shop Coordinators.

Noosa Christian College Christmas & New Year Holiday Program

For bookings or further information, please contact Andrea,
OSHC Coordinator: 0499 942 418 or oshc@noosacc.qld.edu.au

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER	TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER	THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER	FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
Incurtion: No extra cost DANCE DAY - Get your groove on and dance. Competition and prizes for the best dancers on the day.	Incurtion: \$15 BRICKS4KIDS LEGO DAY - Session begins @ 9:30am. Build, create, and make mosaics with Lego.	Incurtion: No extra cost CHRISTMAS COLOURING-IN COMPETITION - The winner scores a prize for best effort.	Incurtion: No extra cost CHRISTMAS DRESS UP DAY - Wear your favourite outfit and enjoy listening to Christmas music.	Incurtion: No extra cost CRAZY HAIR DAY - Explore with colours and styles.
MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER	TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER	THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER	FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER
Incurtion: No extra cost CHRISTMAS BAKING DAY - Get the cook spoon ready to make some delicious treats together.	Incurtion: \$25 REPTILE ADVENTURES - 10:00am Discover and learn all about the different reptiles on display.	Incurtion: No extra cost CHRISTMAS CRAFTS - Create all sorts of Christmas arts and crafts to take home.	Excursion: \$25 MOVIE DAY - G Rated Movie Enjoy a Christmas movie with popcorn and water combo included.	Incurtion: No extra cost OSHC CHRISTMAS PARTY - Enjoy lots of games, party, food, music and balloons. End of year party!
MONDAY 6TH JANUARY	TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY	WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY	THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY	FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY
Incurtion: No extra cost FACE PAINTING DAY Let's get creative with colours.	Incurtion: \$25 JUMPING CASTLE - Be a Marvel superhero and jump in our jumping castle all day!	Incurtion: No extra cost OUTDOOR GAMES DAY - Enjoy lots of games and activities outside for everyone.	Excursion: \$20 GYMPIE TEN-PIN BOWLING See if you can get a strike!	Incurtion: No extra cost COLOURFUL SLIME DAY Sticky, slimy fun. Please pack a change of clothes for afterwards.
MONDAY 13TH JANUARY	TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY	WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY	THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY	FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY
Incurtion: No extra cost CONSTRUCTION DAY Build and create with various boxes and natural resources.	Excursion: \$25 NINJA JUNGLE INDOOR PLAYGROUND Jump, balance, climb and soar like a ninja while having fun.	Incurtion: \$5 MINI PIZZA DAY Make your own mini pizza with delicious toppings.	Excursion: \$25 MOVIE DAY - G Rated Movie Let's munch on some popcorn and enjoy with friends.	Incurtion: No extra cost WATER PLAY DAY Slip, slide and splash! Bring swimmers, towel and a change of clothes.
MONDAY 20TH JANUARY	TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY	WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY	THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY	FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY
Incurtion: No extra cost PAINTING DAY Make a masterpiece to take home!	Incurtion: \$15 CHESS CRUSADERS - 10:00am Learn to play chess and other fun board games.	Incurtion: No extra cost WHEELS DAY - Roll around with bikes/roller skates/scooters or roller blades. Helmets and closed-in shoes are compulsory.	Incurtion: No extra cost LIVELIFE PHARMACY VISIT Watch some science experiments!	Incurtion: No extra cost PYJAMA DAY Chill out and watch Disney movies before school starts.

20 Cooroy Belli Creek
Road, Cooroy

Children do not need to attend
noosa christian college to join
vacation care!

THANK YOU

to everyone who supported the Secondary Bake Sales raising money for the homeless, initiated by Year 8's Keira Pearce.

**\$464.15
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Scholastic Book Fairs

BUY ONE FREE GET ONE BOOK FAIR

NOOSA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

18-21 NOVEMBER 2024

8.30-9am
11.30-12pm
3-3.30pm

* All free items must be of equal or lesser value than the ones you buy.

* Titles vary by Book Fair. All items at your Book Fair are available while stocks last.

SECONDARY NEWS

Liam Sweet, Grayson Chambers and Harley Parkinson pictured (right) with their model of the Eiffel Tower made from Icy Pole sticks!

They then had to learn 20 related French words in preparation for their oral test. And below them another superb French model from Chantell and Sofia.



YEAR 9-11 BUSINESS

Years 9-11 Business Studies students were addressed by Mr Keith Moore a one-time owner of two McDonalds restaurants.

He spoke to the students about his post-school journey from banking to McDonalds. He explained how franchises operate and the reasons why McDonalds continues to be one of the world's most successful franchises. The lesson concluded with a Q and A session.



YEAR 9 SCIENCE

Year 9 has been studying electricity in Science. As their final project, they are constructing a security system. The project includes designing blueprints, constructing the model building, and making the circuits. Mrs Kelly Paul



YEAR 7 FRENCH



YEAR 9 GRIT

GRIT is the wellbeing subject that Year 9 students study. Topics include resilience, teamwork, perseverance, healthy relationships, and character development. This past week, the girls got together for a tire relay race. It was a nice way to connect, work together, and enjoy the outdoors. Their final project, they are constructing a security system. The project includes designing blueprints, constructing the model building, and making the circuits. **Mrs Kelly Paul**



TEENS & TECH

This is an article that was published in the Sunday Mail Queensland on 10 November 2024 by Rebecca Sparrow, an author and teen educator specialising in friendships. It is a powerful reminder of the role that parents play in protecting their children online and it is shared in full below.

I was thinking yesterday about America's gun laws. Thinking how every time there is a mass shooting in the US, as Australians we sit here and shake our heads in disbelief. As Americans say things like, "No one saw this coming: and "It's a tragedy", we sit here thinking, "Are you serious?"

They change nothing. Amend nothing. And keep expecting a different outcome.

Meanwhile, in Australia for years, nearly every day there's been a new story about the harm caused by smartphones and social media in the hands of kids.

We read gut-churning stories about teen boys being blackmailed on Snapchat and Roblox by overseas scammers, conned into sending nude photos of themselves. So humiliated are the boys, some of them take their own lives.

Stories of 10-year-old girls on sleepovers badgering and bullying a not-invited classmate while the host parents are downstairs watching TV.

Sickeningly violent porn being watched and shared by teen boys on the bus to school.

NOOSA COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CONVOY



Get ready to deck the halls and jingle the bells, as Santa and his helpers gear up for their annual journey around the shire in the Connecting Noosa Christmas Convoy.

The convoy takes in areas from Kin Kin and Cooran in the north, south to Peregrine Beach, the Eastern Beaches, as well as Noosaville, Tewantin, Pomona and Cooroy.

We've slightly changed the schedule, starting Monday December 9 at Peregrine Beach, travelling along the Eastern Beaches, including a visit to Oz Care and Hastings Street at Noosa Heads.

The convoy moves to Boreen Point and Cooroibah on Tuesday December 10, followed by Kin Kin, Cooran, Pomona and Cooroy on Wednesday December 11 and Tewantin-Noosaville on Thursday December 12.

Check the routes on Noosa Council's website: <https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/homepage/210/connecting-noosa-christmas-convoy>

There are several stops along the way at designated locations.

Sinister algorithms feeding vulnerable teens content promoting suicide and self-harm and eating disorders. Content which takes our kids down dark rabbit holes with catastrophic consequences.

And just this week the utterly tragic story of how earlier this year a group of tween girls decided to catfish Brisbane schoolgirl Ella Catley-Crawford — creating a fake profile of a cute teen boy to con Ella into thinking a boy liked her for the ultimate gotcha.

They shared Ella's personal photos and reportedly relentlessly bullied Ella for months even after she'd moved schools. Ella took her life in October.

And we shake our heads and whisper, "Oh gosh that's terrible" and "I'm glad phones weren't around when I was 14."

Then we continue handing over devices to our kids. Saying yes to Snapchat and Instagram and TikTok. Saying yes to social media because our greatest fear is that our kids will be left out.

TEENS & TECH CONTINUED

I get it. I do. Nobody wants their child to be socially isolated. We are giving into them out of love.

There is such irony that we are giving kids phones “because they’re catching public transport now”. We give phones to our kids to keep them safe and instead we hand them something that opens them up to more dangers and more harm than a missed bus statistically ever would.

Yes, I think schools have rushed too hard and fast to adopt tech into their teaching.

Yes, the major tech players are wholly responsible for creating devices and apps that are so highly addictive and destructive.

Yes, the government should be stepping into raise the age limit.

But we cannot control any of that. We – the parents – can only control our own behavior. We are ignoring the advice of experts who are pleading with us to delay. We block our ears and continue giving smartphones and social media to our tweens and young teens. Saying yes to apps. Feeling like it’s a bit too mean or an “invasion of privacy” to enforce boundaries or restrict. “But I know my child is being responsible,” some parents say.

Please. How do you know? Are you doing random checks of their phone? And if your child is on Snapchat with its disappearing messages – you frankly have no idea what your child is saying to others and what’s being said to them.

Our kids do not have the life experience to understand the consequences of what they’re doing online. We are handing them devices that require good judgment.

We are giving them apps that can blow up their lives and the lives of other people, and then we vilify our kids when they screw up.

It is our kids, not us, who are paying an extraordinarily high price for our inability to say no. They are paying with their mental health. In some cases, with their lives. This is on us to demonstrate good judgement. Not our kids.

Our kids need us to step up.

Our kids need us to say, “No, not yet.”

Our kids need us to be strong enough to weather their protests.

For now, the buck stops with us. And the more of us who stand together and decide to wait until our kids are 16 before we give them social media the easier it will be.

The Albanese government has pledged to bring in a minimum age of 16 for social media. But the truth is this will only work if we finally choose to listen.

“Give your kids social media [screens] when you want their childhood to end” has been circulating for at least a decade

now with a growing number of parents and educators agreeing with the sentiment. There is very little debate about the seriously negative impact that screen use is having on our minds and relationships. Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt and author of the *Anxious Generation* says, “that smartphones and social media are harming the mental wellbeing of young people.” Interestingly, a thorough study conducted by Global Mind Project in 2023 found direct correlation between the delayed introduction of smartphones with better mental health outcomes as shown in Figure 1.

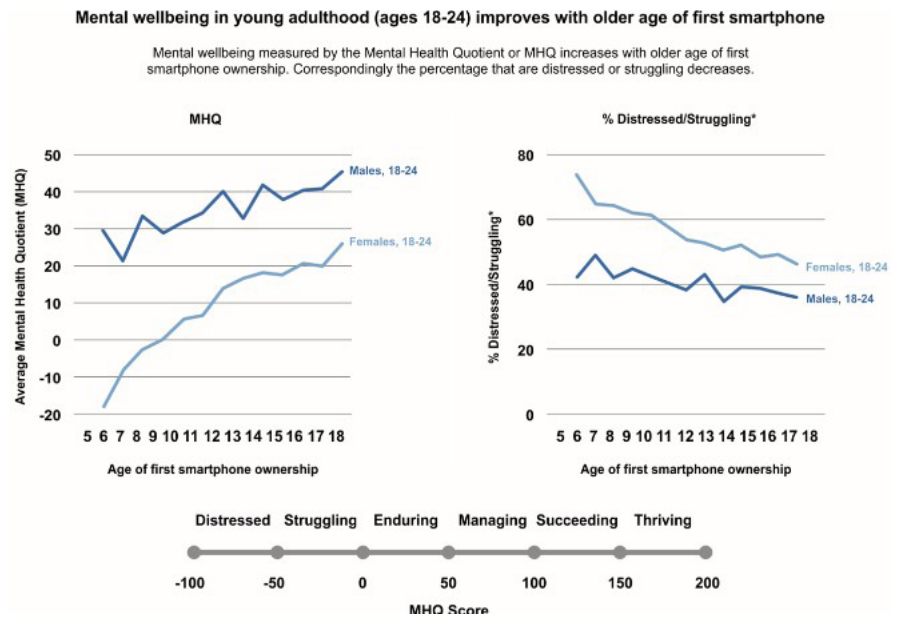


Figure 1: First smartphone ownership (Sapian Labs, 2023)

It is important for parents to band together and delay giving our kids smartphones. Wait Mate is an Australian organisation that empowers families to delay their teens having smartphones. This is a powerful way that we can support each other in this new and challenging terrain. Several Noosa Christian College classes are represented on Wait Mate. You can sign the pledge to delay access to smartphones and you will be added to the parent group for your child’s class. You can even sign the pledge if you opt to provide your child with a dumb phone in order to maintain contact and allow them to text their friends. Together we can start to change the culture for our kids and reclaim their childhood.

Resources: · [Wait Mate](#) – sign the pledge for your school · [How does technology rewire the circuitry of the teenage brain?](#) · [How to move toward a smartphone free childhood?](#) · ABC News: [Parents unite to ban teens from smartphones amid social media minimum age review](#) · Sydney Morning Herald: [Smartphones are like pokies in their pockets: keeping kids phone-free](#) · [Bedroom ban on phones: school pledge helps kids sleep](#)