



# CLARENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Issue 6 — 22 August 2025

## 2025 TERM DATES

### Term 3

Mon 21 Jul to Fri 26 Sep

### Term 4

Mon 13 Oct to Thu 18 Dec

## CALENDAR:

**26 Aug:** 7E excursion to Marine Discovery Centre

**27 Aug:** 7B excursion to Marine Discovery Centre

**27 Aug:** School Association meeting

**28 Aug:** 7F excursion to Marine Discovery Centre

**1 Sep:** School Swimming Carnival (competitors only)

**2 Sep:** Wear it Purple Day (free dress)

**2 Sep:** Beacon Music Careers Day

**2 Sep:** Outdoor Ed (A & B) to RockIt Indoor Climbing Centre (12.00-3.00pm)

**3 Sep:** Navigators Group Retail and Tourism Work Experience Excursion (9.00am-12.30pm)

**3 & 4 Sep:** Rock Challenge (Heats)

**8 Sep:** Year 10 RYDA Excursion

**8 Sep:** Curriculum Evening (for 2026 subject choices)

**9 Sep:** Year 7/8 Touch Football (Wentworth Park)

**10 Sep:** Year 9/10 Touch Football (Wentworth Park)

**11 Sep:** Outdoor Ed (C) to RockIt Indoor Climbing Centre (12.00-3.00pm)

**12 Sep:** Quiz Night

**12 Sep:** Rock Challenge Final (Launceston)

**13 Sep:** Tournament of the Minds Competition

**16 Sep:** 7/8 Girls Netball Championships

**17 Sep:** 7/8 Boys Netball Championships

**18-30 Sep:** Vietnam Tour

**18 Sep:** 9/10 Girls Netball Championships

**19 Sep:** Inter High Swimming Carnival

**19 Sep:** 9/10 Boys Netball Championships

**26 Sep:** Last day of Term 3

## STUDENT ADMIN OFFICE:

For notification of student absences please either:

**Phone: 6169 9888**

**Text message: 0427 016 218**

**Email:**

[clarence.high@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:clarence.high@decyp.tas.gov.au)

Please note, when advising an absence you must state the **student's full name, date of absence and reason**.



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

Here we are, thick in the middle of Term 3 already! This time of the year is such a busy period as our teaching teams are delivering engaging and interesting learning experiences whilst also gathering work samples to formatively assess and help each student progress to their next level of understanding. Now is the perfect time to have a conversation with your child about how they are tracking in each subject as we can all work together to help our students develop and achieve to their potential with plenty of time left in the year. Please reach out to subject teachers, Heads of Year or Heads of Learning Areas should you wish to discuss any areas of support for your child.

During those discussions with your child it is also worth chatting about their subject choices for 2026. On Monday, 8 September, we are hosting our Curriculum Expo from 3.45-5.30pm. This session is the perfect time to ask teachers about elective choices, pathways for learning in core subjects, Year 11/12 course offerings and any other questions you may have about the future of your child at Clarence High School and beyond. Students in Year 10 have recently completed their preliminary enrolments with staff from Rosny College here on site. Our Year 10 teaching team will also be available on the Curriculum Expo evening to further any conversations around college subject choices.

It is hard to keep up with our list of extra-curricular activities as we are currently offering a wide suite of experiences to suit everyone. Tournament of Minds teams are working hard in preparing their presentations for competition day in September, Dungeons and Dragon campaigns are underway, the interschool chess team has just returned from their recent victory at the interschool chess tournament and our swimming carnival is fast approaching. Please check out our school Facebook page to sign up for the swimming events. Our ski trip team of teachers and students have recently returned and they had an amazing time, not to be outdone, the School Vietnam team is feverishly planning the fast approaching trip. Other exciting dates on the calendar include the School Quiz Night on Friday, 12 September. Get in touch with the office should you wish to book at table. Book Week is underway and we have seen a wonderful group of students and teachers embrace the theme of 'Book an Adventure'.

We look forward to connecting with our broader school community over the course of the next few months during the aforementioned events. Please get in touch if you have any questions regarding your child's learning and wellbeing at Clarence High School.

All the best for the rest of Term 3!

Alasdair Shurman  
**Assistant Principal**



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## NEW MESSAGING PROGRAM—EDSMART

The Department for Education, Children and Young People is using a new program called EdSmart for messaging, which was rolled out at Clarence High School on **Monday 18 August 2025**.

EdSmart will be used for messaging parents/carers asking for an explanation of unexplained absences via a return form.

At this stage Clarence HS will use EdSmart for unexplained absences and we will continue to use MGM Wireless (Spacetalk) so parents can still message the school each morning on Ph. 0427 016 218.

EdSmart is an Australian communication and workflow platform trusted by hundreds of schools to improve communication in the school community. EdSmart is a cloud-based software that enables schools to handle all communication with parents/guardians electronically. EdSmart will mainly be used to manage absences, bulk messaging to families.

In the coming weeks we will be introducing online forms, which will allow parents/carers to sign permission slips in EdSmart, eliminating paper copies being sent home with students.

We will update families once Admin have had training and go live with online forms 😊

### **Here's how it will work for absentee notifications and responses:**

You will be sent an email or SMS notification with a link to click which opens a secure web page version of an absentee response form. Complete the form and submit. These links can be accessed on your phone, tablet or computer at your convenience.

### **Privacy & Data Security**

EdSmart is ISO/IEC 27001:2013 accredited, which refers specifically to the requirements for establishing, maintaining and continually improving an information security management system within the context of an organisation.

All of the data you submit in the Forms is held in a secure database only accessible to authorised DECYP, school staff and EdSmart personnel. For further information – visit the Department's website - [Communicating with your child's school - Department for Education, Children and Young People \(decyp.tas.gov.au\)](#)



## SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

We would like to apologise to our school community for having to postpone the recent meeting due to staff illness. This meeting has now been rescheduled for Wednesday, **27 August 2025**. All welcome!

## SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual school swimming carnival will take place at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre on **Monday, 1 September**. This event is for **participants only**, with all non-competing students staying at school for the day and attending their regular classes. Successful students on the day will be chosen to compete at the Southern Inter High Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday, 19 September.



## STUDENT WELLBEING SURVEY

At Clarence High School, the wellbeing of our students is a top priority. We want to hear directly from our students about how they're feeling and what's happening in their lives. Students will soon be participating in the *Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey*. This important survey helps us build a clear picture of our students' current wellbeing and identify ways we can better support them to thrive and engage in learning. The more students who take part, the more meaningful the insights will be.

This survey is part of the Department's [Child and Student Wellbeing Strategy](#).

**What do I need to do:** You and your child don't need to do anything. The survey will be done in class time and will not require your child to prepare in any way. A letter with more information has been sent home. This includes a list of Frequently Asked Questions and a form to return if you do not want your child to participate. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact the school office. Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure every student feels safe, supported, and ready to learn.



# Clarence High School



## Curriculum Expo

**When:** Monday, 8 September 2025

**Where:** Green Gallery Café Space and B21

**Time:** 3.45-5.30pm

All families are invited to join us for our curriculum expo to talk to staff about programs on offer for 2026 and plan your future pathway.

Curriculum guides will be available on the night. It will also be available digitally on our School webpage.

More information around how to complete course selections online will be available on the night and during Home Groups.



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## QUIZ NIGHT

The much anticipated, Clarence High School Quiz Night, hosted by our school Prefect Board will be held on **Friday, 12 September** in the E.T. Smith Hall (Gym). This fun-filled night is one not to be missed.

Glam up for **A Night in Hollywood!** Tickets are on sale now for **\$10 each or \$100 for a table of 10**, so get in quick so you don't miss out. Tickets and/or tables can be booked by phoning our school office on ☎ 6244 2544. EFTPOS payments can be taken over the phone, or made in person, together with cash payments. Pre-payment prior to the night is preferred. Food may also be pre-purchased, with details to come, so "like" our Facebook page for further details on this closer to the event.

There will be plenty of fun and games on the night with a range of prizes to be won. A silent auction will also be running with some great prizes up for bidding. We would like to thank our generous sponsors who have already supplied prizes/items for this event. If you have a business and/or prize that you would like to donate, please feel free to drop these into our main office and these can be passed onto our organising committee.





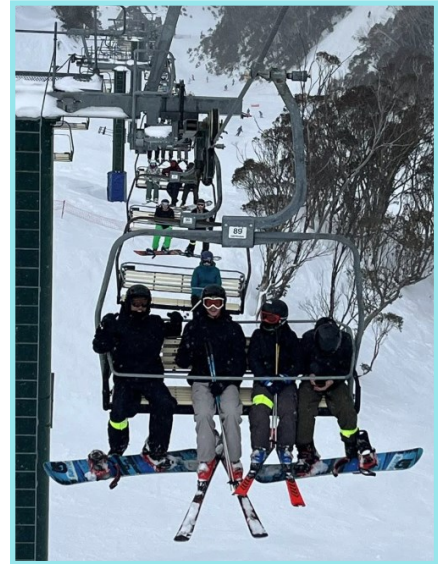
## SKI TOUR—MOUNT HOTHAM

On Sunday, 27 July, staff and students departed on the much anticipated ski tour of Mount Hotham. A great time was had by all, with plentiful snow on the fields making for great ski conditions. The group returned on Friday 1 August, weary, but very glad to have had this wonderful opportunity to learn new skills on the slopes.

We received the following positive feedback from one of our parents recently—*"I want to say a big thanks to Angela and all the staff that went on the ski trip. My daughter Gabi had the time of her life. Thanks for including this awesome opportunity. Gabi has really loved every minute. Thanks to Mr Dodd for letting it happen and what great memories you have helped to create.*

*Thanks for putting in the time and effort. Very happy parents and kids.*

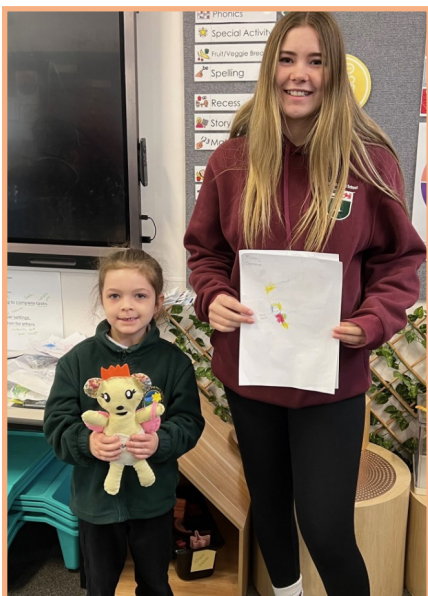
*Thankyou to all really appreciate it.*  
*Caroline"*





## FASHION CLASS

Last semester, Year 9 and 10 Fashion students created handmade toys for their buddies in Prep and Year 1 at Howrah Primary School. The younger students designed and drew their imagined toy and the CHS Fashion students took the drawings away and turned their visions into toys. The smiles say it all, the finished products were a huge success!





## YEAR 7 EXCURSIONS TO WOODBRIDGE

This week, the first 3 of our Year 7 classes have travelled to The Marine Discovery Centre at Woodbridge, as part of their Science studies, to complement their unit on Biology. Kind weather and clear blue skies made for a great time on the centre's vessel Penghana to investigate the marine life in the Derwent River first hand. The remaining 3 classes will head to Woodbridge next week.





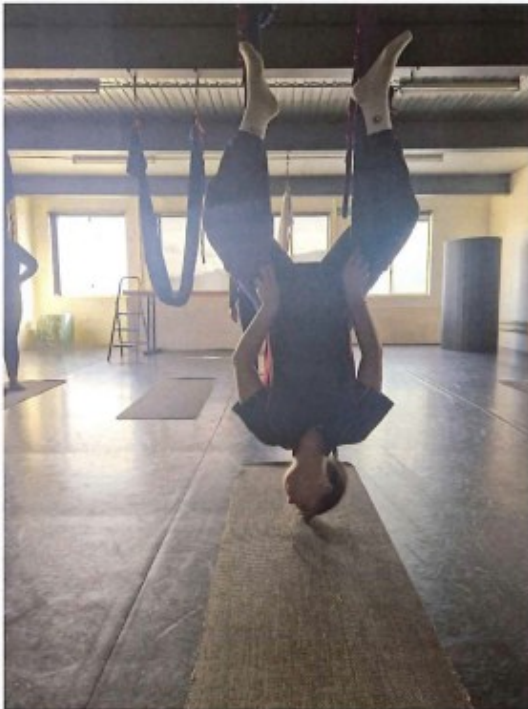
# Aerial Yoga



This term some of the Clarence Connect Program students went to an aerial yoga class instructed by Emma. At first, no one wanted to participate, but by the end, no one wanted to leave! When we first started the class Emma gave us some safety instructions about using our hammock. We started off with some basic yoga poses and then they got progressively harder. My favourite pose was going upside down, which is called an inversion. Aerial yoga was the best fun we've ever had!







## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Thank you to those families who continue to support us with the Entertainment group fundraiser. Please note that Memberships run for 12 months from the date of purchase so they can be purchased at any time throughout the year and you receive full benefits for a year!

Order your digital membership securely online today at:

<https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/24059e2>

Memberships are packed with thousands of **up to 50% off** and **2-for-1 offers**. Single City and Multiple City memberships are available.

The **school receives \$14 from the sale of each membership sold** and we thank all parents and friends of our school community for your continued support. There are great savings to be had with not only dining and take away food but also a great many activities to keep children amused! Get your membership today and start saving!



## FACEBOOK

We like to keep our school community up to date with important reminders, celebrate achievement and share other interesting information.

A reminder to please like our Facebook page to make sure you keep up to date with everything that is happening!

We love to hear about our students' success outside of school and invite members of our school community to forward information to our Admin staff at the email address shown in our Contact Details box so that we can share this news. Please note that items may be edited to meet decyp guidelines.



## MOBILE PHONE POLICY



## LOST PROPERTY

Throughout the year we accumulate an enormous amount of lost property.

We encourage all parents to please ensure that all uniform items are clearly named so that if an item is misplaced it can easily be returned to it's owner. We have lost property located at both the Gymnasium and the Student Administration office.

Please note that during each school holiday period **all non school items will be donated to charity** and unnamed items of school uniform added to our uniform pool for students who may need to borrow items.



## SCHOOL GROUNDS ACCESS

To ensure the safety of our students, a reminder to members of our local community that there is no public access to our grounds during school hours as shown below.



## CONTACT DETAILS

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Web [www.decyp.tas.gov.au](http://www.decyp.tas.gov.au)

# New headspace for young people on Hobart's Eastern Shore

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headspace Eastern Shore, located at 120 Cambridge Road in Bellerive will support the growing number of young people seeking mental health support in Tasmania.

For young people who prefer online support, eheadspace is available at: [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au) or by phoning 1800 650 890.



Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of headspace, we would like to share with you a new free service coming soon to the Eastern Shore.

headspace is a national service providing wellbeing support to young people aged 12-25 and their Families/Carers, and Friends.

During August & September, there will be opportunities to join us at 6-8 Grange Road, Rokeby, in the Old School Hall. Families/Carers and their young people are welcome to attend to familiarise themselves with this new space and share any thoughts to help support their role of Parent/Carer of a young person.

***For the whole of August and September  
FREE COFFEE and MUFFINS  
TUESDAYS - 8:30am - 10am  
THURSDAYS - 2:30pm - 5:30pm  
Old School Hall – Grange Road, Rokeby***

We look forward to meeting you soon.

**The headspace Team at Grange Road, Rokeby**





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## eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety's free live webinars for parents and carers.

### Term 3 topics:

- **Recognising online coercive control in young people's lives (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **Understanding AI Companions: What parents and carers need to know (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **AI-assisted image-based abuse: Navigating the deepfake threat (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **The changing face of cyberbullying: Protecting your child in 2025 (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.



For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



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- **Sexual extortion: What parents and carers need to know (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.



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## About Ticket to Play

Ticket to Play is a Tasmanian Government initiative designed to reduce the cost of sport and active recreation membership and/or registration for eligible children.

Ticket to Play provides two vouchers worth up to \$100 each towards club membership fees for children aged 5-18 years who are listed on a Services Australia Health Care or Pensioner Concession card or have received Family Tax Benefit A in the previous or current financial year. Children in approved out of home care are eligible as well. Temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students can also apply. Vouchers can be used at two different activity providers, or both can be used at one activity provider.

The key objective of Ticket to Play is to increase the number of young Tasmanians participating in sport and active recreation.

## Who is eligible for a voucher?

Applicants must be:

- aged between 5 and 18 years old at the time of application; and
  - be listed on a valid Services Australia Health Care or Pensioner Concession card or
  - have received Family Tax Benefit A in the previous or current financial year or
  - be in approved out of home care or
  - a temporary or provisional visa holder, undocumented migrant or international student.
- Please click on '[Apply for a voucher](#)', if you meet the above criteria.

## What can I use a voucher for?

Vouchers can be used toward the cost of club membership or registration fees at Tasmanian sport or active recreation organisations who are listed as an approved activity provider. [Click here to search for Approved Activity Providers](#).

The Ticket to Play vouchers can only be used at or redeemed by Approved Activity Providers.

