



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 5
Friday 28th February 2025



COMING EVENTS

TERM 1 - WEEK 6 WK A

Monday 3rd March

Years 7 to 9 Elevate Study Skills
Boys Open and U15's Football Training
School Oval 3:30-4:30 pm

Tuesday 4th March

Year 7 and 11 Welcome BBQ - 5:00pm
Years 10 to 12 Elevate Study Skills
North West Basketball Trials - Armidale

Tuesday 4th March- Friday 7th March

Clontarf Year 11 and 12 Leadership Camp

Wednesday 5th March

Swimming Carnival- Inverell Aquatic Centre

Friday 7th March

Science and Engineering Challenge-Inverell RSM
Year 12 Agriculture and Food Tech Excursion-
Bindaree Beef
North West Hockey Trials- Tamworth

TERM 1 - WEEK 7 WK B

Monday 10th March

Year 7 and 10 Vaccinations
North West Rugby Union Trials Boys and
Girls- Farrer Memorial Agricultural High
School- Tamworth

Tuesday 11th March

North West Swimming - Armidale
Health Careers Expo - Tamworth

Tuesday 11th March - Wednesday 12th March

Dance Mini School Distance Ed Students - Craze
Dance Studio

Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th March

NAPLAN

Friday 14th March

Zone Touch Trials- Inverell Sports Complex

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

Welcome to another exciting fortnight. It's always wonderful to see our students engaged in their learning and involved in the many opportunities our school provides.

Swimming Carnival

We are looking forward to our upcoming Swimming Carnival on 5th March at the new Inverell Aquatic Centre. Inverell High School will be the first school to try and test these new facilities and everyone is excited to be part of this opportunity. This carnival is always a highlight of the school calendar, filled with great competition, teamwork, and school spirit. We encourage all students to participate and support their house teams—it's sure to be a fantastic day! Just a reminder students will not be permitted to leave the pool without parent consent.

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Clontarf Touch Carnival

Recently, our school proudly hosted the Clontarf Touch Football Carnival, welcoming ten academies from Newcastle North for an exciting day of touch football. The event was a great success, with all students displaying the true Clontarf spirit. It was wonderful to see them representing their school and families with pride. Congratulations to Inverell High for taking out the overall win!

Welcome Year 7 and 11 BBQ

We invite families to join us for the Years 7 and 11 Welcome BBQ on Tuesday, 4th March, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. This event is a great opportunity to build connections between students, parents, and teachers. Strong partnerships between home and school contribute greatly to student success, and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Empowering Students for Success

Next Monday and Tuesday, students will have the opportunity to participate in the Elevate Study Skills workshop, a dedicated program designed to enhance learning strategies and academic performance. This initiative aims to support your child's educational journey by equipping them with essential study techniques and organisational skills.

During these sessions, students will engage in interactive activities and practical exercises tailored to improve time management, note-taking abilities, and effective study habits. By attending this workshop, students will gain valuable insights into optimising their learning potential and achieving academic success.

We encourage all students to participate in the Elevate Study Skills workshop to foster a proactive approach towards their education. Together, we can empower students to excel academically and develop lifelong skills that will benefit them throughout their educational careers.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Let's make this term a great one!

Warm regards,
Mr Wayne Fowke
Principal

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION CENTRE (IEC) NEWS

2025 BRINGS A NEW BEGINNING FOR OUR FACULTY

What a brilliant start to the year so far!

A new name, new students, a new classroom and new staff have been features of our support classes in 2025. Aligning with the allocation of our new Deputy Principal Inclusion and Support, the Support Unit has been renamed the Inclusive Education Centre (IEC) and now consists of seven classrooms, the latest being a new Multi-categorical class. Inclusion plays an important role with all our students and staff at Inverell High School and Mrs Karina Hutchings is a welcome addition to leading our IEC. Her vast experience across all areas of education will certainly be valuable in ensuring our IEC students gain confidence and experiences across the whole school setting.



We have two classroom-based staff joining us permanently this term. Miss Jessica Desborough and Miss Megan Riley are a welcome addition to both the IM room and new MC classroom. They have settled in comfortably and have already delivered an exceptional outlook on learning and teaching in our faculty.



Our students have been busy organising their time merging with mainstream classes for the beginning of the term. All of our students are accessing a vast curriculum across most practical subjects. It is brilliant to see them excelling and gaining confidence across all school areas.

Ms Mills has kindly donated her time organising and delivering exhibits for the Inverell Show this year. The vegetable garden has been a planned activity for seasonal growth and peak harvest in time for our classrooms to enter the agricultural sections for herbs and vegetables in 2025. It has taken a dedicated team to ensure these plantings were cared for over the break in time for this exhibition. The IS room has arranged an amazing collage bouquet and herb exhibit. The IO room is exhibiting creative arts and the MC room is undoubtedly going to be a winner for their awesome preservatives again this year. We wish all exhibitors the best and can't wait to see their winning entries in our next newsletter.

The IEC Faculty look forward to a fantastic year for our students, their families and carers and staff across IHS for 2025. Our new Year 7 group has been welcomed by their teachers and SLSOs in the MC and IS classroom. Lots of exciting adventures in learning and activities for the year will bring many more rewarding stories to share as we go.

Ms Pauline Jackwitz
Head Teacher Support – Relieving

NEWS FROM SU2

This week our class has been continuing with our science experiments with Miss Miller. We had lots of fun blowing bubbles plus we made an art work using the coloured bubbles.



Lane and Austin are doing metal work with Mr Partridge in Tech, their first project was making 2 vice guards. They are enjoying learning new skills.



We have also entered an art work in the Inverell Show, it will be judged today.



MC1 NEWS

MC1, the senior class is off to a busy start. With the focus being on students sorting their visual timetables, setting up their term planners and organising their catch-up periods to get support with assessments. All students have benefited from improving their organisation and time management skills.

Year 12 Work Studies are focusing on managing their finances as they prepare to leave school. The class vegetable garden is having a makeover with permanent watering systems being put along the fence. Students have been involved in

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION CENTRE (IEC) NEWS CONT....

MC1 NEWS CONT....

designing, buying and fitting the system. Well done team.
We have entered Relish and Pickles in the Inverell Show.



IEC YEAR 12 WORK SKILLS PROGRAM

AFTER SCHOOL OPTIONS

As part of their Work Skills Program IEC Yr 12 students will be visiting a number of services and alternative work placements throughout Term 1. Students will be developing a resource file for use when they leave IHS at the end of this year. Students have already visited both Individual Ability Supports (IAS -Howard Street Inverell) and Best Community Shed Clothing Store. Both these services offer our students options for life after school whether it be voluntary work or support with social activities and life skills development in many areas.

IAS provided the students with a generous 'show

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION CENTRE (IEC) NEWS CONT....

IEC YEAR 12 WORK SKILLS PROGRAM CONT....

bag' of gifts. IAS are developing in a number of areas to have their clients provide a number of products for the general community. Of particular interest to our students were a variety of 'fidget toys' made by IAS and being sold at a very reasonable cost through their organisation. Previously IEC Yr 12 students have attended 'The Farm' at Gilgai also coordinated by IAS. 'The Farm' is also producing a good stock of fruit/vegies being made into relishes and pickles - soon to be available through community markets. We would like to encourage support for those agencies that support our students so keep your eyes open.

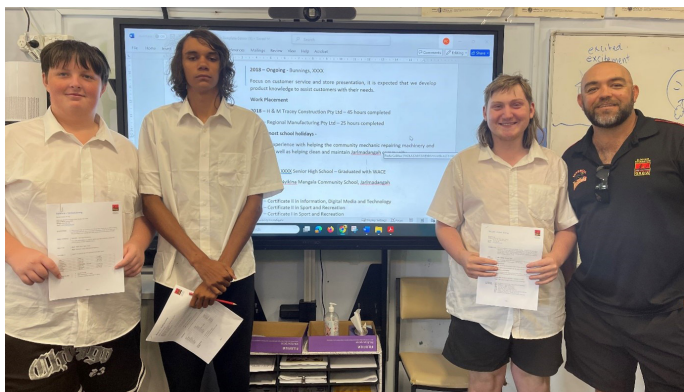
Best Community Shed took us on a grand tour of their shop showing us how clothes and bric-a-brac are sorted and distributed throughout the store and community. Best Community Shed are always looking for volunteers and will take people from 16yrs old. We also looked at the Furniture Shed and found some great second-hand furniture ideal for any Yr 12 student looking to set up their own living spaces.

IEC Yr 12 students wish everyone a great year.....



YEAR 11 ENGLISH STUDIES

Thank you to Clontarf Foundation Employment Officer for the North West, Luke Taylor, who spent a lesson with our Yr 11 English Studies students to assist them in preparing a resume and cover letter in the lead up to their first assessment task for the course. The students gained valuable insights on how to build their resume and were grateful to receive practical advice to highlight relevant skills and experiences for future employment opportunities.



the test in a balloon-popping survival challenge—an exciting way to bring evolutionary concepts to life!

Year 10 students have kicked off the year with an explosive start, diving into the fascinating world of chemical reactions. They have been learning about atomic structure, compounds, and the different types of chemical changes. Through hands-on experiments, they have explored corrosion, combustion, and acid-base reactions, bringing theoretical concepts to life in a dynamic way.



SCIENCE NEWS

As we move through the school term, our Science students have been engaging in exciting hands-on learning across all year levels. Here's a snapshot of what they've been up to so far:

Our Year 7 students have been introduced to the world of Science, exploring its different disciplines and learning how to work safely in a laboratory setting. They've conducted experiments to build their skills in scientific methods and equipment use. A highlight has been students earning their Bunsen burner licenses, a key milestone in their Science journey!



Year 8 students have been diving into the fascinating world of plants, examining their structure at a cellular level. They've had the opportunity to construct cell models and use microscopes to observe plant structures up close. Currently, they are undertaking a Depth Study investigating how light affects plant growth, applying their knowledge through hands-on experiments.



Year 9 have been focusing on Evolution, exploring key mechanisms such as natural selection and adaptation. One of the most engaging activities has been a practical demonstration of natural selection, where students put their 'adaptations' to

INVERELL STARS EXPECTATIONS



School attendance

Every Day Counts - You need to be at 80% for Camps

The more your child attends school, the more they will learn. We are here to assist with transportation to and from school. Please see staff for pick up times.

In class attendance

Truancing Class

Being at school is great, being in class and ready to learn is more important. We can assist with books and pens and staff can take you to class and settle you in.

School Uniform

Be in Uniform all the time.

Being in uniform creates a sense of belonging. School uniforms maybe available at the school. Girls will not be asked to attend functions if they are not in full school uniform.

Stars Values

Pride
Honesty
Commitment
Respect

The girls that demonstrate our values are very likely to succeed at school and in life.

Activities

We have planned activities to benefit the girls

Each Stars member will have the opportunity to attend our planned activities.



STARS STAFF

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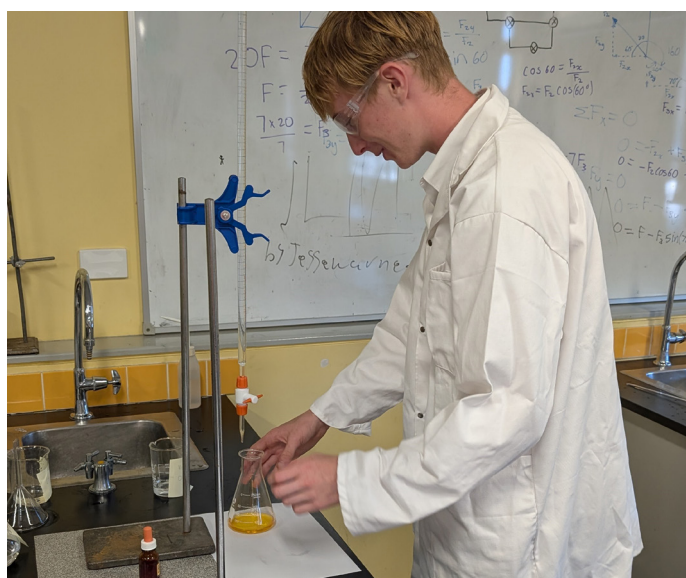
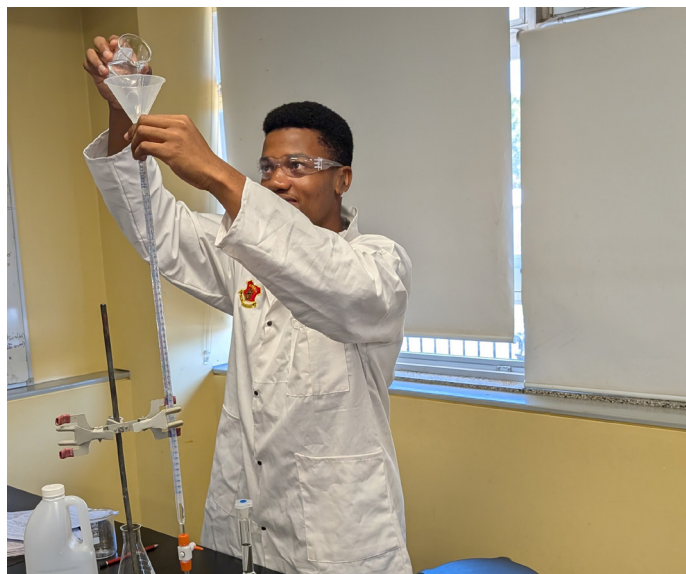
MENTORS - LENIKKI CRAIGIE - 0447 430 829 - KYLIE SAUNDERS - 0492 270 175



YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY

Our Year 12 Chemistry students have been hard at work on their Titration Assessment.

With precision and focus, they've been carefully measuring and analysing—serious business indeed! Well done to all our budding chemists.



YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY

Our Year 11 Hospitality students are off to a fantastic start. They have been honing their culinary skills under the guidance of Mrs Deb McCabe, learning techniques that will set them up for success in the kitchen.

Deputy Principal, Mr Perkins, enjoys the delicious results of their hard work.

Great job, everyone—exciting things ahead!



YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

The Competition is Heating Up

Our Year 10 Food Technology students have been busy perfecting their tomato relish-making skills, cooking up a storm in preparation for the Inverell Show on 28th February. They'll be competing for the title of Best Bottle of Tomato Relish among local schools, what an exciting challenge! Good luck to all our talented young chefs, we can't wait to see (and taste) the results.



CLONTARF vs STARS vs TEACHERS HANDBALL COMPETITION

This week, the teachers showed their handball prowess, with Ms Stapleton, Ms Sommerfield, Mrs Jane, and Mr Tann all securing victories against the students.

All teachers remain in the competition, and the action continues with Round 2 kicking off on Thursday, 13th March.

Stay tuned for more exciting matchups. Who will come out on top?



CLONTARF TOUCH FOOTBALL CARNIVAL

What a fantastic Carnival of Touch Football held on Wednesday 19th March at the Inverell Sporting Complex. Inverell Clontarf hosted 10 visiting academies from across the region, including Moree, Narrabri, Gunnedah, Oxley, Tamworth, Singleton, Kurri Kurri, Hunter River, Irrawang, and Newcastle. Inverell proudly fielded two home teams—Team A and Team B—and showcased some incredible talent on the field. A huge congratulations to Inverell A, who claimed victory in the Grand Final against Singleton with a 6-1 win.

The carnival kicked off the night before with a dinner at the Inverell Sporties, bringing all teams together for a great evening. A big thank you to their staff for hosting such a large and enthusiastic group of boys! The visiting academies bunked at Inverell High School for a night of comradery.

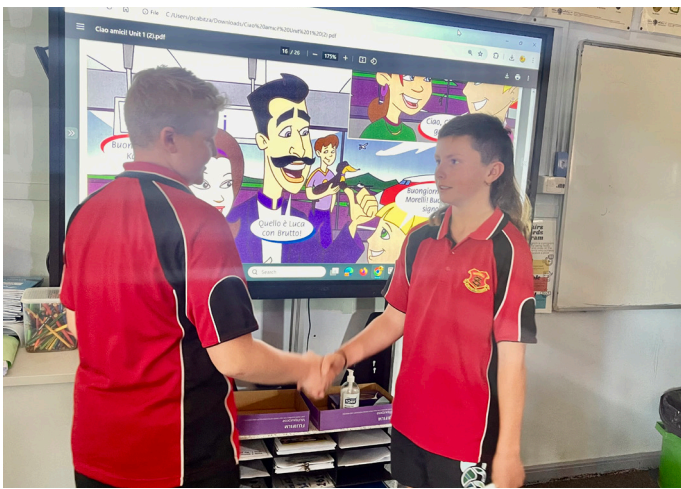
Well done to all players, coaches, and organisers for an unforgettable day of sportsmanship and teamwork. Another big thank you goes out to Dick Hudson our Event Photographer for taking so many amazing photos at the carnival.



YEAR 7 SETTLING INTO HIGH SCHOOL

Our new Year 7 cohort have made a fantastic start to high school life! They've embraced new routines, formed friendships, and tackled exciting learning experiences.

Here's a showcase of what they've been up to so far; from learning about Rhythm in Music, Coding in Technology Mandatory, Elements of Art in Visual Arts and greetings, customs and gestures in Italian, they're already making their mark. We're looking forward to seeing what comes next as they continue to grow, learn, and take on new challenges!



HONEYWELL SUMMER SCHOOL

Madison Carse and James Sullivan attended Engineers Australia Honeywell Summer School in week 8 of Term 4 last year of last year. They were privileged enough to be able to visit 4 Sydney universities as well as Garden Island Military Base, ANSTO, BlueScope Steel and the M7 - M12 motorway project. While visiting all of these places they were able to see first hand the different areas and perspectives of engineering.

The students were partly sponsored by Inverell East Rotary Club to attend this event.

The summer school is very beneficial if you're thinking about studying an area of engineering, if you have any questions please talk to Madison, James or Miss Rawson.



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Australia's first festival of listening: celebrating our capacity to understand and connect with each other through everyday stories.

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It's free and for everyone!

FREE EVENTS


SUN 2 MARCH Inverell Markets
9am & again at 11am

WED 12 MARCH Welders Dog
after work 5.15pm

snacks provided at both venues



Scan for tickets & info
Walk ins welcome.
Just show up & play!



What's possible when we really listen to each other?

ALSO AT...

- Inverell Interagency (community service organisations)
- New England & North West Landcare Adventure
- local schools

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