



CALOUNDRA HIGHLIGHTS

Week 3 - Term 3 - Friday 1st August 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the end of week 3! What an incredible week it has been at Caloundra State High School, with our students achieving success across a wide range of sporting and performance arenas. I'd like to take a moment to celebrate some outstanding accomplishments and thank our families for their ongoing support.

Last Saturday, our talented Dance students took to the stage at *The Australian Pinnacle Dance Competition*, returning home with a remarkable haul of six trophies and multiple commendations. It was a day full of energy, passion and polished performances. Congratulations to all students and staff involved for representing our school with such pride and professionalism.

Last weekend, we had two teams play in the All Schools Senior Oztag Competition. Our Open Boys team went through their entire competition undefeated, bringing home a well-deserved win. The Open Girls team also put in a strong performance, making it through to the semi-finals. Congratulations to all players on a fantastic effort.

Our junior netballers competed at the INFQ Secondary Schools Indoor Netball competition held at Caboolture this week. They remained undefeated throughout the 2 days and were crowned champions. They showed exceptional teamwork, skill and determination. Well done to all players.

Finally, I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and caregivers who attended our recent Parent Teacher Interviews. These events are an important opportunity to build the partnership between home and school and your involvement plays a vital role in supporting your child's learning journey.

As always, never a dull moment at Caloundra SHS - thank you for being part of our vibrant Caloundra SHS community.

For more information and photos please check out our [Facebook](#) page.

Natasha Wicks - Principal

QLD Teachers Union - Protected Industrial Action (6/8/25)

As previously communicated, members of the Queensland Teachers' Union (QTU) at Caloundra State High School have advised the Department of Education of their intention to participate in a 24-hour stop work action on **Wednesday, 6 August 2025**. The School will be operating a supervision model of instruction only and normal classes will not occur. If your student does not attend school, the absence will not be reflected on their overall attendance record for the year. To assist with planning, please complete the following survey by **12pm Monday, 4th August**. Survey Link - <https://forms.office.com/r/AuFpZR6vnG>

Have Your Say to Help Encourage Walking/Riding to School

Consultation with our school community for the Queensland Government's School Active Transport Infrastructure Pilot is now underway!

On **Friday, 8th August** from **7:45am**, there'll be an 'Active Start' displays set up at the main school entries on Queen Street and Bower Street for you to learn more about the pilot. If you can't make it to a display, please share your school transport experiences and ideas via an online survey and an interactive feedback map now available at

www.tmr.qld.gov.au/satip by **Friday, 29th August 2025**.

Your input will help the project team understand how you currently travel to school, and the barriers, challenges and opportunities for encouraging more families and staff to walk and ride bikes to school.

Year 7/8 The Apology

'The Apology' Performance has been rescheduled for Friday, 8th August (week 4) P3. This focuses on the short and long term effects of bullying for Junior Secondary Students.

Formal Parades

Formal Parades scheduled for this term have been cancelled due to a number of rescheduled events. Certificates will be distributed at year level parades.

FACULTY FOCUS - THE ARTS

On Monday we had eighteen, year 6 instrumental music students from Caloundra, Talara, Golden Beach and Currumbundi primary schools attend for a day of workshops with our Instrumental music staff Mrs Glen and Mrs Pritchard. The students spent the day learning repertoire with our high school students and performed for their families at the end of the day. Our music teacher Ms Briggs also took this opportunity to audition students for our year 7 music extension class for 2026. A big thank you to our music and instrumental staff for this awesome opportunity for the students and for our coalition primary schools for supporting the day.

Our EDGE dance students competed last weekend at the Australian Pinnacle Dance Competition in 15 dances. We placed for 13 of these dances which is a testament to the dedication of the staff and students in EDGE.
1st - Senior Student Choreography - Lonely by Kyeisha C and Ruby W
1st - Junior Musical Theatre - Diamonds (Year 9)

2nd - Junior Musical Theatre - Wednesday (year 8 and 9)

2nd - Junior Jazz - French (year 8 and 9)

2nd - Senior Musical Theatre - Friend Like Me
3rd - Senior Student Choreography - Law by Rojan M and Meiling W (2024 EDGE leaders)
Highly Commended - Mercy, Iron, Step Up, Amen, Which Little Which, You Say.

A special mention goes to our Senior EDGE leaders - Ruby W and Kyeisha C whose lyrical dance 'Lonely' received 1st place in the student choreography section. This is the second year in a row we have received a 1st place for this section. We now turn our focus to our next competition, Dance X on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th August. Good luck EDGE!

In week 7, Monday 25th August we will be holding an art exhibition of year 7 to 12 visual art student work at the RSL from 5-6pm in the Aria restaurant. Following this in week 8 on Monday 1st September our annual Music Night will be held in the performing arts building from 4pm. More information on these events will be emailed to parents and advertised on Facebook in the coming weeks.

Mrs Hounslow
ARTS HOD



Signature Programs Survey

Caloundra SHS is committed to delivering high-quality, engaging, and sustainable programs that meet the diverse needs and aspirations of our students. As we begin planning for 2026, we are seeking feedback on our Signature Programs to help us identify what is working well and where improvements can be made. All students, families and staff/volunteers affiliated with one of our Signature programs will receive an email with a link to a survey to complete. You can fill out one survey for each program you are affiliated with. Your input will help guide future resourcing, program design and strategic direction. Thank you for taking the time to support this important process.

Mission Australia - Youth Survey 2025

Your consent is sought for your child/children to participate in the 'Mission Australia' Youth Survey. The Youth Survey is Australia's largest annual survey of young people of its kind and is now in its 24th year. With 17,480 respondents in 2024, the Youth Survey helps schools, community organisations, governments and policymakers gain an understanding of young people's values, concerns, challenges and ambitions.

Please read the attached information documents about the purpose and value of Caloundra State High School student's completing this survey. If you are happy for your child to participate, please complete the [Parent consent form](#). Survey closes 12pm Monday, 4th August.

Trivia Night - Last Chance!

Caloundra SHS P&C are holding a Country and Western themed trivia night on **Saturday, 9th August** in the Student Centre. Tickets are available via QKR! app.

Hurry and book your table today! Guide to registering to [QKR](#)



Transitioning to High School Study - Year 7

Starting high school can be both exciting and challenging for students and their families. To better understand this transition, the UniSC Thompson Institute is conducting a study with Caloundra SHS Year 7 students and parents/carers. The study explores how students feel about starting high school and how parents/carers can best support them. Insights will help improve the experience for future students. To learn more and register - [click here](#). Participants may be eligible for a \$20 gift.

School Opinion Survey (SOS)

Thank you to all of those who have already completed the Parent/Caregiver Survey. If you have not had a chance to complete the survey yet, please note that the online surveys will remain open until Friday, 22 August 2025. This is your opportunity to provide feedback about what our school does well and how we can improve. To have your say, check your email for an invitation from the Department of Education titled School Opinion Survey for parents and caregivers, 2025. Can't find your invitation? If your family has more than one parent/caregiver, check that they haven't received the invitation and/or check your junk email folder.

Sponsor Spotlight

A huge thank you to our Brass Sponsor, McDonalds for their generous support of our Volleyball Program. Their investment in our school is making a big impact.



Week Ahead - Week 4, Term 3

Monday 4th August

- ♦ 11 Chid Care C&K visit, 1:30-2:40pm
- ♦ School Support Staff Recognition Week (4/8-8/8)

Tuesday 5th August

- ♦ 9/11 QCIA Inclusive Education, Ben Bennett Park Walk, 9-10am
- ♦ 7&9 Rugby League vs Bray Park SHS, Yr7/2pm, Yr9/3pm
- ♦ 8 Rugby League: Ipswich SHS 1pm
- ♦ 5/6 Volleyball Development Program 3:30-4:45pm
- ♦ 9 STEM - Big Day In SC 8:40am-2:40pm

Wednesday 6th August

- ♦ 7-12 Bangarra Dance Performance, QPAC, 8:40am-4:30pm

Thursday 7th August

- ♦ Yr 12 Exams (MAG/MAS) 8:30am
- ♦ 10 & Opens Rugby League Quarter Finals. 10/1:45pm, opens/3pm
- ♦ Opens Girls Rugby League vs Mt Creek SHS, 2:30pm kick-off @ Caloundra JRL
- ♦ 12 Child Care C&K visit 10-11:10am
- ♦ ICL Bushcare Program 11:30am-1pm

Friday 8th August

- ♦ 10-12 Snr Qld Volleyball Schools Cup, Gold Coast (8/8-10/8)
- ♦ 7/8 Shock Therapy 'The Apology' P3
- ♦ 11 Marine Rocky Shore, Shelly Beach 8:40am-2:40pm
- ♦ ICL Caloundra Friends 1-2:30pm
- ♦ 7-12 Support Program Girls Group P3
- ♦ 7-12 Bu'ran'dou Leadership Program P3
- ♦ P&C Trivia Night Saturday, 9/8
- ♦ ISP K'Gari Trip 10/8 - 12/8

Year Level Parades

Year 7 - Monday Resource Centre

Year 8 - Tuesday Resource Centre

Year 9 - Tuesday - Student Centre

Year 10 - Wednesday - Student Centre

Year 11 - Friday - Resource Centre

Year 12 - Thursday - Resource Centre

Behaviour Beacon



The Behaviour Beacon for weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3 is Respect- We keep our phones in our Yondr pouch while on school grounds.

We've recently seen a rise in phone-related issues at school, with more students not bringing their Yondr pouches to school. While Middle School students are doing a great job, there's a growing need to reinforce expectations in other year levels.

Since introducing the pouches in early 2023, we've seen a 71.5% improvement in behaviour data. It's clear that when students use their pouches, it helps create a more respectful and focused learning environment. To support this: Years 7 & 8 will have daily pouch checks during roll marking in Terms 3 and 4. Families will be contacted if students consistently fail to bring their pouch. Middle School (Years 9-10): No daily checks for now, keep up the great work and years 11 & 12: No current checks, but we'll review if needed. We'll also conduct a whole school pouch check on Tuesday, August 12 during roll marking. Students without pouches will be recorded, and parents contacted. If a student still doesn't have a pouch at the next check in early Term 4, they will be issued a new one and families will be invoiced. This isn't about catching students out- it's about maintaining a respectful learning space.

QUICK LINKS

Administration Office Open Hours
Monday to Friday 8:00am to 3:30pm

Finance Office Open Hours
Monday to Friday 8:00am to 12:30pm

School Contacts
Main Office: 5436 8444

Absence Line: 5436 8400

Attendance:
attendance@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au

[School Website](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

[Yr11/12 Learning Hub](#)

[Term 3 Senior Exams](#)

[Yr11 Exam Block](#)

Uniform Shop Operating Hours
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Closed on Public Holidays
7:30am to 8:30am
Order online via Qkr!

The P&C Meets each month on the 2nd Monday at 5.30pm.