



COWELL
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NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

WEEK 1

14-16/10 - Yr 8 Camp

WEEK 2

PAT C BLOCK WEEK YR 10

19-22/10 - Yr 5/6 Camp

22/10 - Yr 7/8 Basketball @ Pt Lincoln

WEEK 3

PAT C BLOCK WEEK YR 11

26-28/10 - SAPSASA Girls Football

27/10 - Adelaide Lightning Girls
Basketball Clinic

WEEK 4

2/11 - MTA

2/11 - Exam

2-4/11 - Yr 7 Camp

6/11 - Exam

7/11 - Formal

WEEK 5

PAT C BLOCK WEEK YR 11

9-11/11 - SAPSASA Tennis

11/11 - Super 8's Cricket @ Kimba



LEADERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to Term 4. This term proves to be another busy one. With a range of excursions and camps already organised.

With the weather warming up I just would like to remind you all that we require students to wear a broad-brimmed or bucket hat outside, to provide protection from the sun and UV rays. It is also advisable to put sunscreen on before coming to school. Every class has a supply of sunscreen so that students can re-apply when required.

Bushfire Season starts this week, we are ensuring we are prepared in case of a fire. We have detailed plans in place to keep your child safe in the event a bushfire threatens the school.

Each year, we undertake pre-season bushfire preparations, including:

- managing vegetation to reduce bushfire fuel loads on and around the school.
- updating our emergency management plan and bushfire response plan.

It's important parents and caregivers understand how our school will act during fire danger season. The bushfire and your child's school or preschool brochure explains:

- bushfire risk ratings and what they mean for the school
- what the school will do on Total Fire Ban days
- how the school will manage bushfire risk on excursions and camps
- school closures
- how the school will respond if threatened by a bushfire

We ask parents and caregivers to familiarise themselves with the "bushfire and your child's school or preschool brochure"



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

How you can prepare for a bushfire emergency

To help us keep your child as safe as possible, we encourage parents and caregivers to prepare for the fire danger season by:

- making a bushfire survival plan with your family
- providing us with your up-to-date contact details
- advising the school if your family's personal bushfire survival plan will impact school attendance
- talking to your child about what will happen if a bushfire emergency occurs
- liking the SACFS, SASES and SAPOL pages on Facebook
- reading the bushfire and your child's school or preschool brochure.



The Department has a risk rating system in place in which we are rated in a medium to low risk area which means the school does not close on catastrophic days.

Remembrance Day

On Tuesday, 11th November all Cowell Area School students from Year 3 up will walk to the cenotaph for the service (around 10.15am).

Viral Illnesses

With current reports of viral illnesses amongst the community, we want to ensure our environment remains safe and healthy for all children, families, and staff.

If your child is feeling under the weather or showing signs of a viral illness (such as a persistent cough, sore throat, runny nose, or unusual fatigue), please keep them home to rest and recover.

Viruses spread quickly in close contact. By keeping your child home until they are fully recovered, you help protect vulnerable peers and ensure our educators can stay healthy, too.

Thank you so much for your ongoing cooperation and support!



Staffing

This term we welcome a new staff member on Thursdays and Fridays; Callum Agnew - who some of you might know from his work with the Local Delivery team teaching Math Methods and Physics to former Cowell students.

Mr Agnew is an experienced high school maths and science teacher from Cleve who will be working alongside Mrs Michael, Miss Webber and Mr Burton on the two days he's with us. He'll also be supporting our senior students in Local Delivery subjects in preparation for Year 12.

Welcome Mr Agnew.

2027 Student Numbers

We are starting to work through the staffing and classes for 2027. If you know your child won't be continuing at Cowell Area School in 2027, please let us know as soon as possible as this impacts heavily on both staffing and classes. Likewise, if you know of anyone moving to the area who intends on enrolling their children in 2027, please let us know so we can best cater for student and staffing needs.

Contact the front office on 86292150

Student Free Days

The following student free days have been approved for this term, Friday 27th November and Monday 30th November to allow staff to undertake training and development.





PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

SERIOUSLY READY



NATIONAL
TOUR

A POST YEAR 12 EVENT BY
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Port Lincoln, SA.....Dec 2
Adelaide, SA.....Dec 4
Launceston, TAS.....Dec 8
Hobart, TAS.....Dec 9
Cairns, QLD.....Dec 12
Townsville, QLD.....Dec 13
Newcastle, NSW.....Dec 15
Darwin, NT.....Dec 17
Melbourne, VIC.....Jan 15
Sydney, NSW.....Jan 18
Canberra, ACT.....Jan 20
Brisbane, QLD.....Jan 22
Perth, WA.....Feb 1

CLASS OF 2026

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

LUCAS SCHULTZ



Year 11 student Lucas Schultz began school at Cowell Area School in Reception, and intends to graduate in 2027.

Lucas is currently studying Essential English, General Mathematics, AIF, Design & Technology, Physical Education and Workplace Practices, in addition to completing a Certificate II in Automotive Technologies through the MTA.

Lucas has built strong relationships at CAS, and throughout his schooling he has most enjoyed spending time with friends, playing sports, and designing and creating projects in his Design & Technology classes.

Some of his most memorable moments happened with his peers, at the school camps and class sleepovers when they were younger. "Growing up together, I've learned to respect myself and others around me," he said. But he will also look back with pride on his successes in designing and building major tech projects over the years. "I've loved learning how to turn my design projects into a reality, I've loved working in the shed, outside a traditional classroom," he said. "I've enjoyed HPE for the same reason, learning while being outside and active."

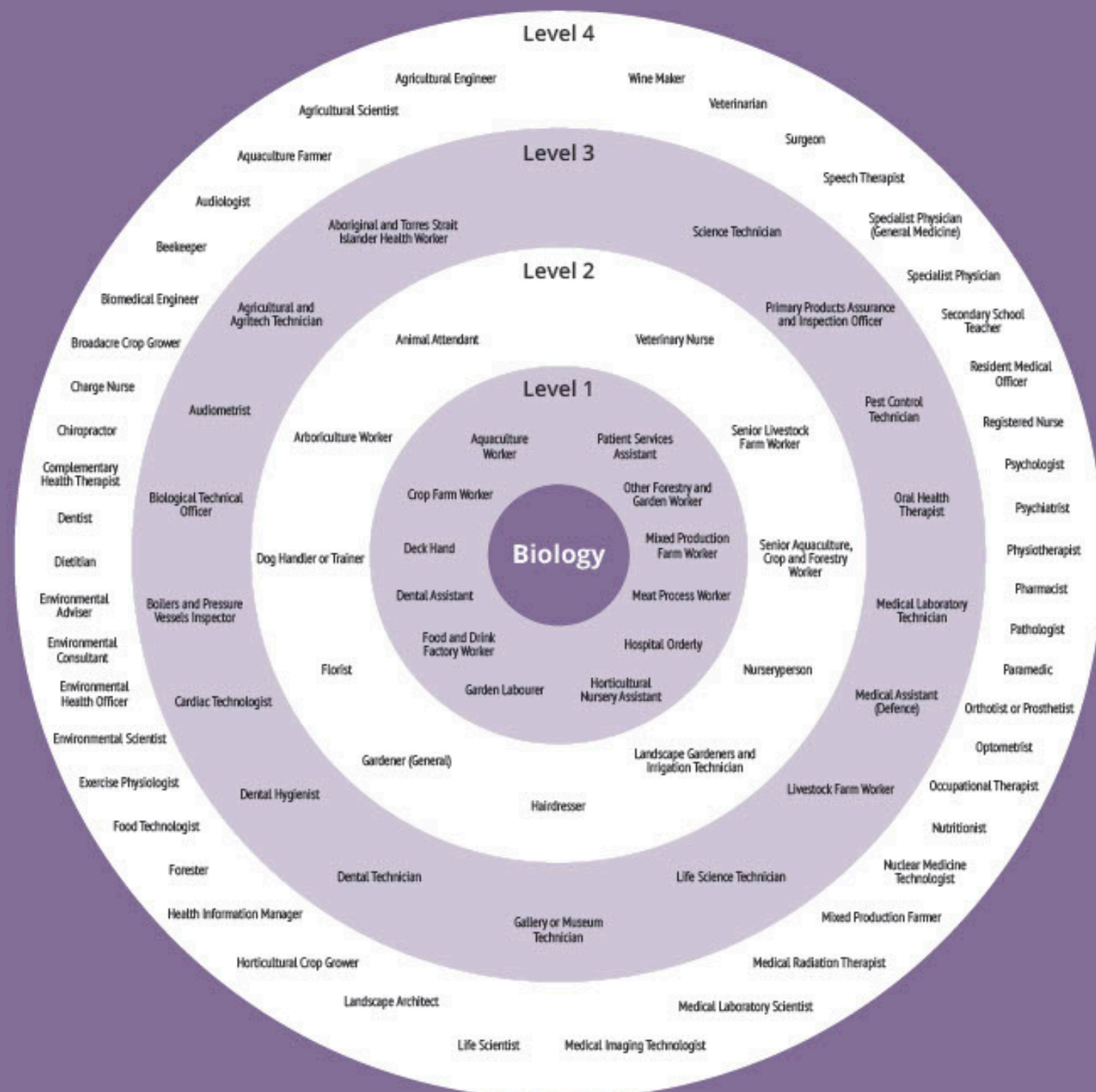
Lucas's interest in a variety of areas means he is still working out what he wants to do after Year 12, although he cites work experience, and career trips and camps, as important guiding factors along the way.

"I'm not sure yet where I'll be in 10 years - maybe working on my family farm, maybe being a mechanic. But after I leave Cowell school I want to be remembered for building cool tech projects and doing well in school."

Lucas has always managed his time well at school, making sure to check instructions and use his learning time effectively in class, but he also reminds future students; "don't be afraid to ask someone for help if you are unsure".

"The most important thing you can do in high school is make sure to be yourself and always try your best."

Do you enjoy or are you good at **Biology**?



Training levels and requirements

Level 1

Usually has a skill level equal to the completion of Year 10, a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education, Certificate I or II. Australian Apprenticeships may be offered at this level.

Level 2

Usually has a skill level equal to a Certificate III or IV, or at least three years relevant experience. Australian Apprenticeships may be offered at this level.

Level 3

Usually requires a level of skill equal to a Diploma or Advanced Diploma. Study is often undertaken through TAFE or Registered Training Organisations. Some universities offer studies at this level.

Level 4

Usually requires a level of skill equal to a Bachelor Degree or higher qualification. Study is often undertaken at a university.

This chart shows a selection of occupations that have some relation to the subject of **Biology**. The four education and training levels are to be used as a guide only. These levels indicate the most common education and/or entry requirements for these jobs.

For further information, visit:
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LIBRARY NEWS

WHAT'S ON

Storytime & Baby Bounce



on the following Tuesdays
from 9.45am
20th Oct, 3rd Nov, 17th Nov



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Catalogues will be given out to each student in reception to year 6, and spare catalogues are available in the library for anyone else that might want one too!

Issue 7 will be handed out to classes today and orders need to be in by Fri 23rd of October.

(Issue 8 will be released later in the term, so look out for this one too)