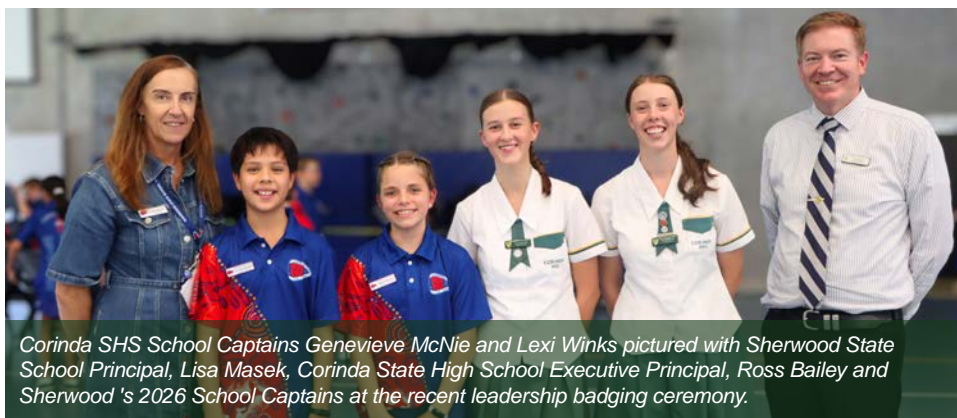


THE RISING PHOENIX

Exceed Your Expectations



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Corinda SHS School Captains Genevieve McNie and Lexi Winks pictured with Sherwood State School Principal, Lisa Masek, Corinda State High School Executive Principal, Ross Bailey and Sherwood's 2026 School Captains at the recent leadership badging ceremony.

School Captains return to their former primary school to inspire young leaders

Corinda SHS was proud to recognise our 2026 School Captains for returning to their former primary school, Sherwood State School, as invited guest speakers at the recent School Leaders' Badge Ceremony.

In a special full-circle moment, School Captains Genevieve McNie and Lexi Winks took to the stage to inspire the next generation of student leaders. Reflecting on their own journey, they shared how they once sat in the audience at this very ceremony and have now returned as senior leaders, standing confidently at the front.

Through their speeches, they offered words of encouragement, spoke about

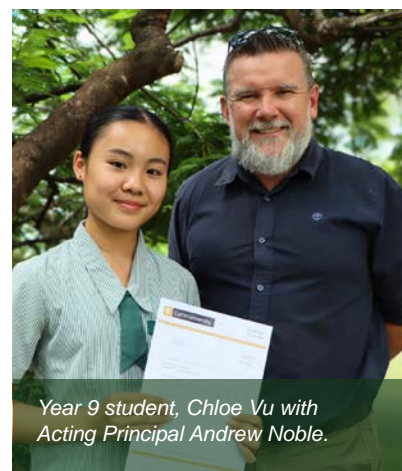


Gen and Lexi delivering their speech to the Year 6 cohort.

their leadership journeys, and shared the valuable lessons they have learned since their time in primary school.

Sherwood State School Principal Ms Masek shared how wonderful it was to welcome Genevieve and Lexi back to their roots.

"Seeing past students reconnect with current learners and share the leadership journeys that began here was incredibly special," she said. "Their stories show how early experiences can shape confident and inspiring leaders."



Year 9 student, Chloe Vu with Acting Principal Andrew Noble.

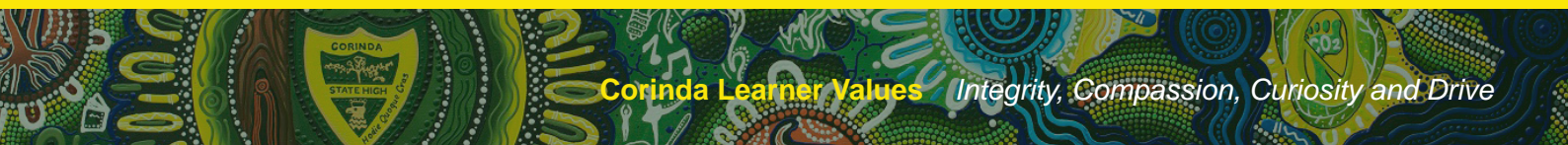
Students embark on university success

Exceeding expectations is what students at Corinda SHS do best and Year 9 student Chloe Vu exemplifies this spirit of achievement.

Chloe completed a university-level subject typically undertaken by first-year medical students. She completed a Human Form and Function unit through Curtin University. With the support of her family and the school community, Chloe achieved an impressive final result of 67% (Credit).

Students like Chloe embody the fearless learning culture at Corinda, demonstrating what is possible when curiosity, determination, and support come together.

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*From the
Acting Principal*

Term 1 2026 has been a busy and exciting start to the year at Corinda SHS. We began the term by celebrating student achievement at our annual awards night, alongside a special Year 13 celebration marking the opening of our newly refurbished Assembly Hall. **We were proud to achieve our highest ATAR to date of 99.65, with a record 10 students receiving an ATAR above 99. One student achieved an outstanding 41 QCE points through a combination of school subjects and VET certificates, and we continued our strong record of 100% QCE/QCIA completion.**

Significant improvements to school facilities have also been completed this term. Along with the Assembly Hall, upgrades to the upper and lower courts have transformed popular outdoor spaces. The lower courts are now home to Corinda Pickleball, with a local club regularly using the facility, strengthening community connections with the school.

Our multi-tiered student support model continues to flourish in 2026, supported by a dedicated team working across all year levels to ensure students receive the right support at the right time. This

year has seen an increased focus on Tier 1 supports, led by House Masters and Youth Workers, with an emphasis on strengthening school culture and fostering connection and belonging for all students.

Student leadership has continued to grow, with a large and highly active Student Council made up of 44 students operating as both a whole group and Junior and Senior Councils. Our student Mentoring program has also expanded, with Year 10 and 11 students supporting new students while developing their own leadership and communication skills.

This year has also seen adjustments to the school day. Following separate Junior and Senior breaks introduced during COVID, the school is now trialling a timetable that includes both combined and separate breaks to encourage interaction while supporting learning outcomes. Student voice has played an important role in evaluating these changes, with students identifying a need for additional shaded seating areas. Planning is underway to enhance these spaces over the next 12 months.

Throughout the term, students have embraced opportunities to celebrate, challenge themselves and exceed expectations. We look forward to building on this strong start as the year continues.

Andrew Noble
Acting Principal

School Captain triumphs at Lions Youth of the Year



School Captain Lexi Winks with Acting Principal Andrew Noble and Lexi with Genevieve McNie, co-School Captain (pictured below).

Year 12 co-School Captain, Lexi Winks, recently represented Corinda SHS at the Lions Youth of the Year Regional Final in Ipswich, following her success at the Oxley-Sherwood Lions Club-level.

As part of the competition, Lexi completed a rigorous selection process, including an interview with a panel of judges, responding to two impromptu speaking questions, and delivering a prepared five-minute speech titled *"Like a girl: different but just as good,"* which explored the topic of women in tennis.

Building on her earlier success, Lexi delivered an outstanding performance, receiving both the Overall Champion award and the Best Speaker award. While Corinda SHS has previously achieved success in the Best Speaker category at this level, Lexi is the first student to be named Regional Champion, an exceptional accomplishment.

Lexi will now progress to the District Final in Pittsworth this April. If successful, she will advance to the State Finals in Bundaberg, with the opportunity to compete at the National Convention in Adelaide later this year.



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Co-Vice Captain, Charleigh Gill pictured with Natalie Voznaks, Head of Department, Senior Schooling.

Year 12 student and Co-Vice Captain, Charleigh Gill, is another outstanding example of a student exceeding expectations. Demonstrating both initiative and dedication, Charleigh recently achieved a Distinction in a university-level Bioscience subject through the University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ).

After attending the UniSQ Open Day in August last year, Charleigh proactively explored opportunities to support her

future pathway into paramedicine, a career she has been passionate about since the age of five.

Balancing the demands of senior schooling with university study, Charleigh travelled to the Springfield campus to complete three full days of intensive practical workshops. These sessions included organ dissections and advanced studies of human body systems, providing her with invaluable hands-on experience.

For Charleigh, Bioscience represents the first step towards achieving her goal of studying paramedicine at UniSQ. *"I took this subject to get ahead, and it's exciting to be so close to the career I've dreamed about since I was a young girl,"* she shared.

Charleigh and Chloe's commitment, curiosity, and drive exemplify the spirit of excellence within our school community.

Partnerships driving Culinary success at Corinda



Year 9 Culinary Excellence students with THE LION Richlands Executive Chef, Tam.

Corinda's Culinary Excellence program continues to be strengthened through meaningful industry partnerships, giving students valuable insight into the real world of hospitality. Year 9 Culinary Excellence saw the return of Executive Chef Tam from THE LION Richlands. Tam delivered an engaging masterclass, that provided students with a hands-on experience.

Another key partnership is with restaurateur Andrew Jeffreys (pictured right sharing insights into current food trends with students). This 12-month program will see students visiting his well established restaurants, such as Spaghetti House, Harajuku Gyoza, Fritzenberger, Ma Pa Me and Época Estoria where they will gain firsthand insight into dining experiences and industry practices. These partnerships strengthen the Culinary program, empowering students with practical skills, industry knowledge, and future pathways.



Three Japanese Study Tours enrich cultural exchange at Corinda



Josai High School performing Yosakoi Soran - a vibrant Japanese festival dance known for its traditional storytelling.

Corinda SHS recently welcomed three Study Tours, totalling 70 students from three Japanese high schools, marking a busy and exciting time for our International program.

Students from Josai High School, Niigata Meikun High School and Seiho Gakuen High School experienced Australian school life through a range of subjects, including Visual Art, HPE, Humanities, cooking and STEM at the Smart Farm. Each visiting student was paired with a "Corinda buddy", giving our students the opportunity to put their Japanese language skills into practice while building new friendships.

Twenty-eight Corinda buddies will have the opportunity to reconnect with their new Japanese friends when they visit Japan in December and spend time at Josai High School. The trip will further strengthen Corinda SHS's growing partnership with the school.



Main image: 2025 Junior Secondary Dux award recipients Anastasia Mansfield and Eli Jessen with Senior Secondary Dux recipient Dylan Tran.

Celebrating academic excellence

Earlier this term, Corinda SHS recognised outstanding achievement at its Academic Awards of Excellence ceremony, celebrating incredible students across Years 7-11.

Reflecting the 2026 theme *Dream. Build. Repeat.*, the evening honoured academic excellence, including Junior Dux winners Anastasia Mansfield and Eli Jessen, who received their awards from Senior Dux Dylan Tran who achieved an ATAR 99.65, the school's highest ever ATAR score. Performances by Drumline and the Senior Dance Troupe added energy to a memorable night recognising student dedication and success in 2025.

View the photo gallery 





Year 11 students departing for camp and Year 7 students taking part in team building activities at their recent camp.

Learning beyond the classroom

Students across Years 7, 9 and 11 are embracing outdoor learning through the return of year-level camps at Corinda SHS.

Year 7 and Year 11 students recently attended PGL Kindilan, taking part in activities including archery, canoeing, raft building, orienteering and high ropes. The experience encouraged students to step outside their comfort zones while building confidence, teamwork and resilience beyond the classroom. Year 9 students will have their turn to challenge themselves and grow at their own camp in Term 3.



Upcoming Dates

- 20 APR - Term 2 starts
- 22 - 24 APR - Music Camp
- 24 APR - Senior Summer Gala Day
- 25 APR - ANZAC Day P/H
- 29 APR - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 4 MAY - Labour Day
- 6 MAY - P&C Meeting
- 7 MAY - Day for Dolly
- 8 MAY - Mother's Day Event
- 16 MAY - Open Day
- 21 MAY - Yr 10 Parent Information Night
- 22 MAY - Pink Day
- 2 JUN - Partnership Luncheon
- 3 JUN - 100 Day Celebration
- 10 JUN - P&C Meeting
- 17 JUN - Year 7 Immunisations
- 23 JUN - Junior Winter Gala Day
- 25 - 26 JUN - Athletics Carnival
- 26 JUN - End of Term 2



Open Day
SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

- ✓ Student-led Tours
- ✓ Meet the Principal
- ✓ Live Music
- ✓ Enrolment Information
- ✓ Food & Drinks
- ✓ Community Stalls
- ✓ Plant Sale
- ✓ Raffles
- ✓ Petting Zoo
- ✓ Faculty Displays



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