

MHS Newsletter

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Monday
26 February
Week 5 Term 1
2024

Principal's message

Giving it a red hot go

It has been a good week.

It has been a good week for several reasons.

It was good to see more Year 7 students nominate for Student Representative Council than there are positions. The world is run by those who turn up, consequently it was refreshing to see so many prepared to volunteer their time, at a time when volunteers daily grow scarcer, to help run our little patch of that world.

It has been great to see so many students engaged in representative sport these past few weeks.

Victory for the Open Girls Cricket in their first round. Three wins for four in the Western Schools Sports Association Basketball for our Open Boys side. Year 8's Ania Cole earning a gold medal, first-place position in the NSW All Schools Triathlon CHS section, Junior Girls race. No fewer than six girls and five boys from Mudgee High were selected for the U15s Girls and Boys respectively Touch teams, meaning that basically the western teams are very much Mudgee teams. Finally, Year 10's Rachel Channon's selection for the Western Open Girls Basketball Team that will compete in the NSW CHS Basketball Carnival in Orange in April. And it's only Week 5 of the school year!

In debating, the school is fielding several teams based on demand. Public speaking and more particularly the skills developed in the delivery of a sustained and cogent argument that are the essentials of good debating, are worthy skills indeed. Well done the students of this school who have volunteered in this space.

In a nutshell, there has been more than a lot of good happening around the place this first half of Term 1.

Showcase

Do you want to see just some of the things that happen in the classrooms of your child's school? A reminder that the school will be open for several hours to the public next Wednesday, 6 March. Come see what happens in science, manifests in mathematics, ensues in English, transpires in TAS and develops in photography (I'll stop now).

Perhaps one of the more satisfying things last year was seeing those school-proud students who brought their parents up just to experience for themselves how their kids spend their days.

*Mudgee High School
is a member of the
Cudgegong Learning
Community*



Next P&C meeting
Monday 25 March
**7 pm in the Learning
Centre**
Entry via Douro Street
All welcome.

This issue

- Principal's message
- Events calendar
- Sentral Finance (Parent Portal update)
- Weekly P&C awards
- Showcase afternoon
- Premier's Reading Challenge
- U15s Western Touch trials
- Open girls cricket
- Link news
- Year 10 shirt update
- SRC Easter raffle
- NAPLAN 2024
- NSW Education Parent App
- Attendance matters
- Advertisements
- Sponsorship



Education

Showcase begins after school on Wednesday and runs until 6 pm.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade
Principal



Swimming carnival participant - Friday 1 March



Events calendar

- **Wednesday 6 March** - Mudgee High Showcase
- **Wednesday 13 March** - NAPLAN begins
- **Monday 25 March** - P&C meeting
- **Thursday 4 April** - Parent/teacher night for Years 7 to 12
- **Thursday 4 April** - SRC Leadership Development Day
- **Thursday 11 April** - Japan Trip departs
- **Friday 12 April** - last day of Term 1

New addition to the Sentral Parent Portal - Sentral Finance

The way business is done at school is about to change for the better.

The school's financial systems will soon migrate to Sentral Finance. As a result, Sentral's systems will be offline from **Monday 4 March** until **Tuesday 12 March**. During this transition period, the 'make a payment' option on the school website will be unavailable. You will still be able to make payments through the school office. Only online payments will be affected.

After the migration, the *Sentral for Parents* app will allow parents and carers to monitor their children more simply and efficiently at school. The app will also provide numerous smart features, allowing parents to; receive messages and notifications from teachers; report absences; make payments for school activities and more.

The *Sentral for Parents* app will help parents and carers stay connected and informed.

Sentral has introduced a new module which offers parents and carers an easy and convenient way to make payments and manage permissions.

Parents and carers will now be able to sign permission notes and make payments at the same time to provide an even more efficient way of handling their child's school finances.

For more information regarding the move to Sentral Finance, please review the FAQs:

<https://www.sentral.com.au/sentralfinanceparentfaqs>

Sentral for Parents Portal and App FAQs:

<https://www.sentral.com.au/portal-app-help#faq>






Download the App on:

[Google Play](#)

[Apple App Store](#)



P&C awards

	<p>Hunter Crane</p> <p>Year 7</p> <p>For going above and beyond the call of duty while on office duty.</p>
	<p>Lily Sugden</p> <p>Year 8</p> <p>For her racing prowess in go-carting!</p>
	<p>Sophie Nicholls</p> <p>Year 9</p> <p>For kicking goals, showing great improvement across a range of classes.</p>
	<p>Ryan Levett</p> <p>Year 10</p> <p>For his cooperation, manners and adaptability in new situations.</p>
	<p>Ashley Maher</p> <p>Year 11</p> <p>For her successful transition into Year 11 and engagement with senior courses.</p>
	<p>Charlotte Boal</p> <p>Year 12</p> <p>For her fantastic organisational skills and dedication to her studies.</p>



A growth mindset is beneficial for students as it promotes motivation, open-mindedness and perseverance despite setbacks. It views failure as an opportunity for growth and encourages students to develop their abilities through effort and dedication.

"When we adopt a growth mindset, we're able to embrace challenges instead of avoiding them."
- David Taylor-Klaus.

- * Embraces challenges.
- * Persists in the face of setbacks.
- * Sees effort as the path to mastery.
- * Learns from criticism.
- * Finds lessons and inspiration in the success of others.



- * Avoids challenges.
- * Gives up easily.
- * Sees effort as fruitless.
- * Ignores useful negative feedback.
- * Feels threatened by the success of others.



MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO THE

Showcase Afternoon

- ✦ **Interactive Displays**
- ✦ **Musical Performances**
- ✦ **Sausage Sizzle**
- ✦ **Take a tour!**

ALL WELCOME

Speak to teachers and our students

**Wednesday
6 March**

✦ **4-6 pm**

✦ **School
Grounds**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
LINK TO WEBSITE





The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Mudgee High School is excited to be participating!

Monday 26 February 2024: Challenge opens

Friday 23 August 2024: Challenge closes for student entries

What is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The PRC is a statewide Challenge that encourages students to develop a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and enables them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to encourage each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

All students who complete the challenge, and have their reading record validated by the school's PRC coordinator, will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

How many books do students need to read?

Students in Years 3 to 10 are challenged to read 20 books independently. At least 10 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books.

If a book is from an approved PRC series, students can enter up to 5 books as Challenge books, and can read up to 10 other books from the same series as Personal Choice books. More information on the rules of the Challenge can be found on the [PRC website](#).

Books must be added to a student's online reading record by **Friday 23 August 2024** in order for their reading record to be validated and receive a certificate.

How do students log their reading?

Students can access the PRC's [Student Experience site](#) using their DoE username and password, or can log into the site via the Student Portal. A video guide explaining how to use the Student Experience site can be found [here](#).

Students may also record their reading on the Personal Reading Log and submit it to the PRC Coordinator, Ms Tetley, by 23 August 2024. Ms Tetley will complete the reading log on the students' behalf.

How can students find books on the NSW PRC challenge lists?

Ms Tetley can provide students with a printout of the list so that they can do a search in the School's Library to locate any copies. All of the relevant book lists for this year's competition have been set up on Google classroom.

Midwestern Regional Council – Mudgee Library also has a system organised for easy identification of books on the list. They have a PRC sticker on them and are identified in their online catalogue.

Ms Tetley is the PRC Coordinator for Mudgee High School's entrants this year.

A quick guide for logging books:

- Log into the [Student experience site](#) using your DoE student username and password.
- Use the blue search bar to search for books you have read.



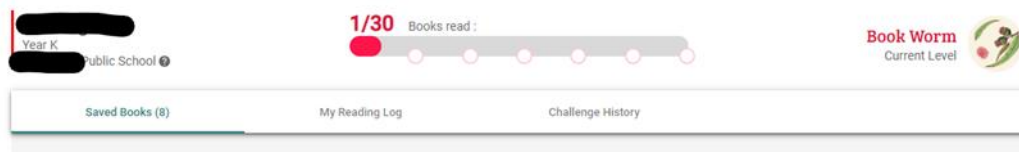
- If the title appears, click “Add to Reading Log” to add it as a PRC book.



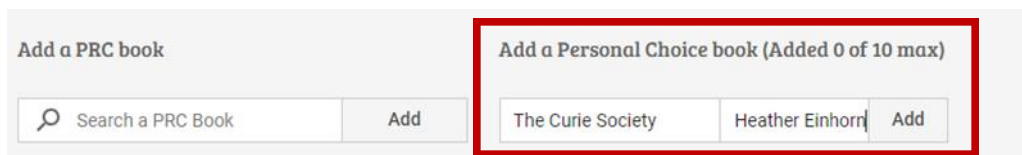
- If the title does not appear, you will need to enter it as a personal choice book.

To enter a personal choice book:

- Click on the icon in the top right-hand corner.
- Click on “My reading log”.



- Fill in the book details under the “Add a Personal Choice book” field and click “add”.



If you have any issues with logging books, please speak to Ms Tetley.

Ms Tetley has set up a google classroom for the participants. There are lots of helpful areas on it.

The classroom code is: **76xurfw**.

NSW Department of Education

2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens
Monday 26 February

Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday 23 August

Under 15s Western Touch trials

Mudgee High has had a huge success in the U15s Western Touch Trials.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for their respective Western touch teams to play at the Combined High School (CHS) trials right here in Mudgee on 3 and 4 April.

U15 Girls team

Hope Gilmour, Rachel Gilmour, Madison Griffith, Montana Griffith, Charlotte Perini and Sophie Perini.

U15 Boys

James Channon, Tyler O'Brien, Felix Smith,
Ashton Taylor and Nate Taylor

Mr Trainor
Sports Coordinator



Open Girls Cricket - Marie Cornish Knockout Competition

On Monday 26 February, the Open Girls Cricket team travelled to Dunedoo for the first Round of the KO competition. The day was hot and the team were unsure of the opposition's strengths. Mudgee won the toss and decided to field first.

A solid start saw Chelsea Mottershead taking two wickets in her opening over, leaving Dunedoo 2-3 after the second over. Dunedoo settled in and Mudgee's many new and beginner bowlers had a turn, which saw some valuable runs added to the board for Dunedoo. Mudgee broke the partnership with a run out thrown by Chelsea and taken at the keeper's end by Cathy Mottershead.

Mudgee chipped away at the other wickets with April Robeson taking a catch at wicket keeper from Emily Stone's good length bowling. This was followed by another run out, this time a direct hit by Chelsea Mottershead. Charlie Wallace took a wicket off her bowling (caught by Chelsea), another run out by Evie Vitnell's fielding to April and final wickets were taken by Cathy who finished with 2-6 from her two overs. Dunedoo 10/76 from 18 overs.

Mudgee set about getting the runs in a steady and positive fashion with the first wicket falling at 10 overs after a solid partnership between Emily and Chelsea (9 runs). Emily continued to bat with support from Abi Campbell and added 28 runs before being caught out. Mudgee were 2/60 needing 17 runs for victory but Dunedoo continued to bowl consistently well, taking 5 wickets to put the last few batters under pressure. Charlie Wallace stayed in and eventually Mudgee passed the total to take their first victory in many years.

Mudgee will now progress to play the winner of Kandos and Forbes before the end of the term.

Team:

Abi Campbell, Ania Cole, Savenneah Forbes- Milson, Catherine Mottershead, Chelsea Mottershead, April Robeson, Alysha Sheehan, Emily Stone, Evie Vitnell, Charlie Wallace, Mollie Wallace. (Bronte Smith and Kaylee Oldfield - did not play this match)

Ms McCann
Cricket
Coach



Link news

TAFE 2024: Construction.

Week 2 of construction at TAFE and the Link students are taking a great interest in the subjects. Well done to all the boys. They have started the year off superbly and we look forward to seeing some great outcomes.

Back row: Peyton Lonergan, Ollie Horton, Hugh Rohr, Angus Hawkins, Gus Cussen, Kodie Farrow, Roger Buchanan, Jake Herbert, Rickie Condren and Jayden Gatland.

Front row: Samuel Rich, William Hayward and Eathen Reid (Absent Ryan Alderton)





Notes can be collected from Miss Eslick in the English staffroom.

You MUST return the note with your name, size and number of shirts required to the Office before making a payment.

**Payments and note
due Thursday
7 March, 2024.**



Yr 10 Shirt

**If you have any questions or concerns, please see
Miss Eslick**



ENTER IN OUR

YEAR 12 CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

DRAWN
WEDNESDAY,
27 MARCH



**TICKETS= \$2
OR 3 FOR \$5**

Enter to get your chance at
winning a 4.5kg Toblerone
chocolate valued at \$195

Tickets are available to buy at the
front office during breaks. All proceeds
will go towards Year 12 fundraising in
support of local organisation Can Assist.



NAPLAN

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



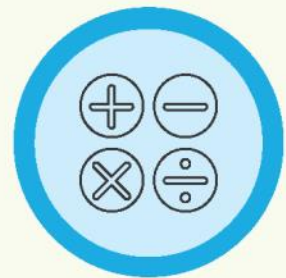
Writing



Reading



Conventions of language
(spelling, grammar and punctuation)



Numeracy

- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.
For more information on NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

NAPLAN 2024

Parent/carer consent for exemption or withdrawal

Every year the **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Australia.

All students in **Years 3, 5, 7 and 9** who are enrolled at a NSW school are expected to participate in NAPLAN unless they are withdrawn or exempt.

Criteria for withdrawal

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN tests at the request of their parent/carers. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.

Criteria for exemption

- Students with a language background other than English, who arrived from overseas and have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the test, should be given the opportunity to participate but may be exempt.
- Students with significant intellectual disability and/or significant comorbidity that severely limit their capacity to participate in the test, even with adjustments, may be exempt.

Exemption and withdrawal both require parent/carers consent. This consent form should be completed and filed at the school for auditing purposes by 23 February 2024.

Name of student

Year

	Writing	Reading	Conventions of language	Numeracy
Parent withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exempt (Language)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exempt (Disability)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If Exempt (Disability) please record the NCCD level of adjustment:

☐ support provided within quality differentiated teaching

☐ practice supplementary adjustments

☐ substantial adjustments

☐ extensive adjustments.

I have discussed my child's participation in the **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2024** with the school principal or their delegate and I have requested for my child to be exempt/withdrawn (underline as appropriate) from the test(s) indicated above.

Name of parent/carers

Signature of parent/carers

Name of principal/principal's delegate

Signature of principal/principal's delegate

Date

NSW Education Parent App

The NSW Education Parent App has several new features making it even easier for parents and carers to stay in touch with the latest news, access learning resources, and get emergency updates from their child's school.

The new-look app is designed to streamline communication between schools and parents and carers with features such as push notifications to your phone so you never miss any important news or an upcoming event. Users will also now be able to receive emergency updates such as school closures, and access learning and enrolment resources.

The app was developed and is endorsed by the department, free for schools and parents and carers to use, and is synced with the School Website Service (SWS).

Key features of the app for parents and carers include:

- newsletters
- news
- feature carousel
- upcoming events and calendar notifications
- emergency notifications including school closures
- enrolment resources such as School Finder and Start a new enrolment application
- learning resources such as Everyday Maths and Parents and Carers Toolkit
- quick access to call or email the school
- ability to translate default language
- tailored news feed based on year group
- information from multiple schools in one place.

Download the app in the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

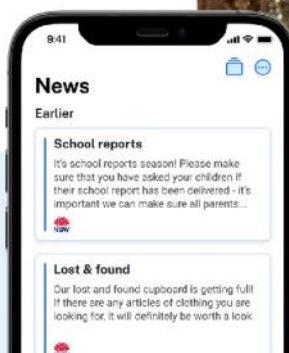
NSW Department of Education

Never miss an important school update or event.

The **NSW Education Parent App** makes it easier than ever to stay up-to-date with the latest information from your child's school. Featuring latest news, newsletters, personalised feeds by year group, events calendar, push notifications, instant updates and alerts, advanced security and more.



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Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

Learning



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Emotional development



When it comes to attending school, every day matters.

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Canteen Price List as of AUGUST 2023

HOT FOOD

Chicken and Corn Roll	3.00
Pizza Rounders	4.00
Sausage Roll	4.00
Beef Traveller Pie	5.00
Potato Pie	6.00
Beef and Gravy Roll	7.50
Hot Dog	4.50
Hot Dog with Cheese	5.00
Beef Pie Gluten Free (ORDER ONLY)	7.00
Sauce/Mayonnaise portions	0.50

ROLLS, WRAPS and SANDWICHES

Can be made on gluten free rolls by request – order only.

Ham and salad	7.00/6.50
Chicken and salad	7.00/6.50
Egg and Lettuce	7.00/6.50
Cheese and salad	7.00/6.50
Chicken, mayo and shallots	7.00/6.50
Chicken Caesar	7.00/6.50
Sweet chilli chicken and avocado	7.00/6.50

SNACK FOOD

Red Rock Deli chips	1.50
Grain Waves	1.50
Chip Roll	2.70
Blueberry Muffin	1.50
Watermelon tubs	4.00
Trail mix pots	3.00
Fruit salad	5.50
Jelly Cups	3.00
Seasonal fruit	1.00

MILK

300ml Flavoured milk	3.00
500ml Flavoured milk	5.00
1litre Plain milk	3.50
600ml Flavoured milk	5.50
375ml Nippy's flavoured milk	4.00

COLD DRINKS

750ml Cool Ridge Spring Water	4.00
600ml Spring water	2.50
Juice Bombs	3.00
Berri Pop Tops	3.00
Lipton's Peach Iced Tea	5.00
375ml Coke No Sugar	3.00
375ml Sprite No Sugar	3.00

SALAD OF THE DAY

Availability varies day to day.

Garden Salad	6.50
Chicken Caesar Salad	6.50
Greek Salad	6.50
Pasta Salad	6.50
Buddha Bowl	8.00
Sushi	6.00
Curried Chicken Potato Salad	8.00
Mexican Chicken and Guacamole Salad	8.00

ICE CREAMS

Paddle Pop	3.00
(Chocolate, Rainbow, Banana)	
Twisted Frozen Yoghurt	3.00
(Choc/Van, Straw/Van, Mango/W melon)	
Quech Icy Tubes	1.00

EVERY DAY SPECIALS

MONDAY

Garlic Bread	3.00
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WEDNESDAY

Oven Baked Potato Wedges	5.00
Sour Cream, Sweet Chilli Sauce	.50

THURSDAY

Chicken Burgers	6.00
(Gluten Free available, Order Only)	

FRIDAY

Garlic Bread	3.00
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TERMS 2 AND 3

Hot Milo	3.00
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Nuts may be used in some specials. If you have an allergy, check with canteen staff before ordering.

Check our daily menu board or student notices for other specials which may include:

Soup – Pasta – Focaccia – Curries – Sliders

ALSO, PLEASE REFER TO OUR "WEEKLY SPECIALS"

Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre

FAMILY WEEKEND GETAWAY



Come and create wonderful memories for your family with a weekend of fun-filled activities and adventure at Lake Burrendong Sport & Recreation Centre.

Wrangle the kids, pick up the grandparents and enjoy an active weekend outing with the whole family! Enjoy the facilities at our Centre such as the tennis courts, 25m swimming pool, sports hall, bushwalking tracks or try your luck with land-based fishing.

If you like a challenge and want get out of your comfort zone, some of our facilitated camp activities will also be on offer at various times across the weekend.

Children must be over 5 years of age with adult supervision to attend the weekend.

Inclusions

- One night accommodation
- Full use of Centre facilities*
- Optional facilitated program activities
- Full catering for entire weekend#

* No boat launching

Dietary requirements can be accommodated

When: Saturday 16 March 2024 from 9am -
Sunday 17 March 2024 3.30pm

Accommodation

- Basic dormitory style rooms with ensuite and air conditioning.
- Sleeps 10 people, single bunk style beds. One room per family!
- BYO linen/pillows/towels



Book now:



Registration Details

\$112 per family member

Register all family members using the registration link to secure your booking.

Closing date: 11 March 2024, places are limited!



JOIN THE WOLFPACK IN 2024

MUDGE GULGONG WOLVES FC
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2024 SEASON

Registrations close Friday 5 April

MINI ROOS (turning 3 to 4 in 2024)

JUNIORS (turning 5 to 14 in 2024)

SENIORS (turning 15+ in 2024)

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- Email Nikki - assistchairyepd9660@gmail.com
- Call Nikki - 0439 249 574
- or contact your local Rotary Club





Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



NSW/Act - Saver Plus Team



SaverPlusNSWACT@thesmithfamily.com.au



1300 610 355

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Find out more
at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



CLEANERS REQUIRED

Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact Joss Facility Management via email on careers@jossgroup.com.au



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