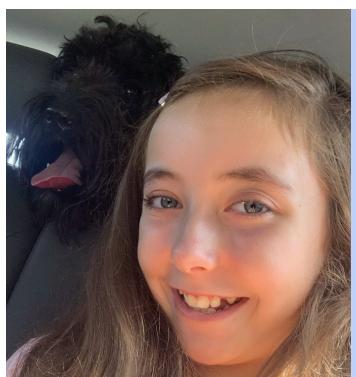


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Newsletter 4: House System, Merits and Extra- Curricular Activities

GHS is a great school and many factors contribute to its spirit. These include our house teams, award system, and extra clubs and programs for everyone! This may seem a little confronting, but your transition team is here to help! We are here to answer any questions you may have about the unique culture at GHS!



Written by Blaire

At GHS there are many opportunities in all genres of learning. As well as being an academic school, Gosford provides resources like sporting teams, bands, a dance troupe, lunchtime clubs, and even a debating team! A really big hobby for a lot of people at GHS is some sort of sport. For me, this is dancing but I know people who love to play sports like soccer, basketball, touch footy, netball, and even table tennis! There are teams for all of these sports and more! Most sports (although there are exceptions) have two teams, a junior team, and a senior team. The junior team is open for all people from years 7-10 and the senior team is for all the other grades. Even though it can be confronting playing against kids who are potentially four years older than you, don't be afraid to give it a shot! One of my best friends made it into the junior soccer team and loves it! Gosford high also participates in all the regular sporting carnivals like Cross Country, Swimming, and Athletics. Gossie also attends all the 'higher' levels for these sports such as Zone, Sydney North, etc. I hope that you love GHS and all the activities it has to offer!

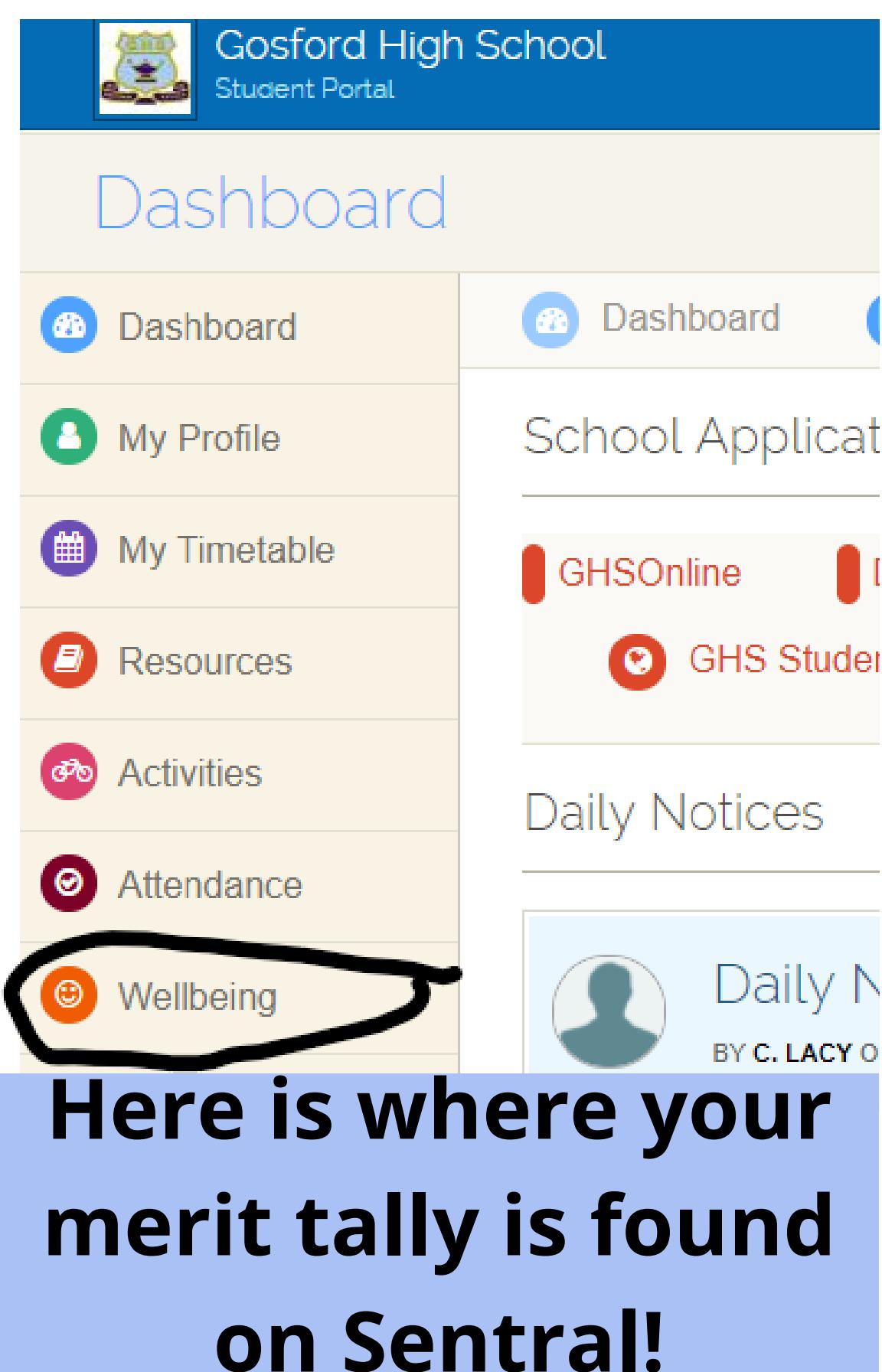


Written by Hannah

Although it's not as good as the talking, sorting hat from the Harry Potter series, your house is one of the most fun and important aspects of high school. There are four houses; Rowe(black and white), Kingsbury(red and white), Wheeler(green and gold), and O.S.U(brown and gold.) Rowe, Kingsbury, and Wheeler are the names of some of our past local dignitaries whilst O.S.U stands for the Old Students Union who used to sponsor many of the school's events. Like Professor McGonagall said, 'while you are here, your house will be something like your family.' We may not be living together but the house you get placed in will allow you to make new friends that may not be from your grade! As well as this, you will have to work together with your house in Gosford High Schools traditional events like the house games, swimming carnival, cross country, and athletics carnival. The house games are a friendly competition between each house. Houses compete against each other in simple but exciting games to earn points and become the winning house. By the end of term 3, all the points gained by each house are counted up and the winner of the HOUSE CUP is crowned and named the HOUSE CHAMPIONS for that year. Like in primary school the winners for each carnival are announced and don't be afraid to go big when supporting your house. Wearing your house's colours, bringing in coloured props, and making big signs to support your house are very much encouraged on all sports carnival days and just so you know, Rowe is the incredible house that won the swimming carnival this year! Have a great time and try your best in whichever house you get put in because the house cup is very important!!!

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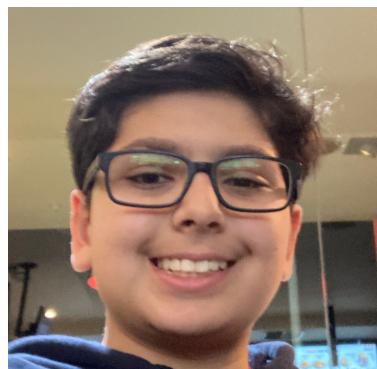
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Here is where your merit tally is found on Sentral!



With each major merit award, you get a \$5 canteen voucher! So be good!!



Written by Akshat

Schools always have at least some way of appreciating and rewarding students and it varies from school to school, for example, my primary school had Merit Awards but these worked differently from the system here at Gosford High! So as you have probably guessed, the following sentences are going to be all about merit awards at Gossie, starting with the fact that the smallest measure in this merit system, so to speak, is simply a merit, something that a teacher gives you for good work or something good you do in class. The GHS system has 4 levels of awards which require you to get a certain amount of merit points over the 6 years you are at Gosford - the four 'levels' are a Blue merit award which requires you to get 20 merits, a Year Advisor Award for which you are required to get 40 merits, a Deputy Principal award, which is 80 merits and finally the highest, a Principal award which requires 160 merits. All of these awards are shown in the image below as well. :) So that's the system of merits, but how exactly are you supposed to know how many merits you have? Well, like most of the things in high school, this information can also be seen in Sentral, under the 'Wellbeing' tab, which will give you a total count of your merits as well tell you which class you got the merits for! Hope this helps you understand the merit system at GHS and remember to earn those merits!

MERIT AWARD
• Merit Award = 20 Merits
YEAR ADVISOR AWARD
• Year Advisor Award = 40 Merits
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL AWARD
• Deputy Principal Award = 80 Merits
PRINCIPAL AWARD
• Principal Award = 160 Merits

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Written by Vrishti

Gosford is a great school and has many activities outside of school time and during lunches. Some of the activities outside of school hours include some different bands that get to perform at school, another activity is dance, many people enjoy dance and join the school dance troupe, they get to do dance competitions and perform as well. There are also clubs during school time such as the chess and drama clubs. The chess club is where many people gather up and play chess against each other. In the drama club, we do many different drama games to improve our skills and perform plays for each other.



Written by Kit

At Gosford High, we have many opportunities for you to get involved with your friends. Such as sports, teams, and clubs. Today I will be talking to you about clubs at GHS. Clubs are like small groups you meet with at lunchtime where everyone shares interests with you. For example, there is a drama club, a book club, a debating club, a chess club, and even a digital design club. If none of that is really interesting to you, there is peer tutoring from the year 12s in the A-block (If none of that is your thing, you can ask a teacher or pitch your club idea to the year 12 leadership team). Whether you are a theatre nerd, interested in computers, or need some extra help, Gosford High has all you need!



Sports teams and bands are available at GHS

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FROM YOUR TRANSITION TEAM