

# talkabout

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## THANKYOU

Well done to our students who have been making learning a priority, acting safely and being respectful. You do your parents/carers, yourself and the school proud.

## OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who participated in Open House afternoon. The visitors to our school appreciated the tours and opportunity to speak with students, staff and P&C representatives. Parents were provided with a leaflet of information, an overview of the enrolment process and outline of our Transition to High School program for 2020.



## CONGRATUALIONS

Ryan Stanley competed in the Murwillumbah division of the Lions Youth of the Year competition proudly representing our school. Ryan attended an interview, responded to two impromptu speech questions and gave a prepared speech.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs Val Humphry, Mr Chris Boyle and Ms Louise Stanley all received 20 Year Service Certificates for their outstanding contribution to NSW Public Education.



## A NIGHT NOT TO MISS!

The P&C will host an information session for parents/carers titled "How to Support Your Child Through High School" on the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 6.30 – 8.30pm in the Library. The session will be presented by Mark O'Connor from Human Connections. The session will look at such aspects as:

1. The challenges faced by students and parents
2. How to know when to get extra help.
3. Focus on character strengths.
4. How to respond and help with negative thinking
5. Mindset (fixed and growth mindsets).
6. Wellbeing – The Healthy Mind Platter.
7. How to create positive habits.

The evening is free as the P&C have funded this event for parents. A link has been sent to all parents via email, is on our Facebook site and Instagram. Please book a seat through

<https://www.trybooking.com/BIUGA>

## SPORT

It has been a very busy start to the year for our many talented sportsmen and sportswomen. It all kicked off with our Annual Swimming Carnival with a great number of attendees and competitors.

Age Champions for the swimming carnival are:

	Girls	Boys
12	Cree Johnson	Ballin O'Heart
13	Zoe Hastings	Noah Secomb
14	Hayley Taylor	Xane Bowen
15	Melia Carroll	Jet Tunsted
16	Lianna Sorenson	Cooper Wolf
17+	Tahlia-Belle Janetzki	Lachlan Partridge



## FAR NORTH COAST SWIMMING

Congratulations to our team of swimmers who competed at the recent Far North Coast carnival. Xane Bowen has qualified for the Regional Championships in the 200m Freestyle (1st), 100m Freestyle (2nd), 100m Breaststroke (2nd) and the 200m Individual Medley (1st). Unfortunately Xane had to withdraw due to illness.

## NSW ALL SHCOOLS TRIATHLON

WHS was represented by Jet Tunsted and Xane Bowen. Both boys did the school proud on the day. Xane finished 3rd overall in the 15 years age division. He will now compete at the National Championships later in the month. Best of luck Xane.



## UPCOMING FAR NORTH COAST TRIALS

We wish our teams involved in the Rugby League, Hockey, Soccer, Netball and Touch Football. Good luck in those competitions.

## VACCINATIONS

Year 7 vaccination and Year 8 catch-ups are being held on Thursday 14th March. Consent forms are to be returned to Administration prior to, or on the morning of, the vaccinations. Please ensure that your student has had breakfast in the morning. If your student is absent on the day, there will be a catch up day later in the year. For any enquiries, please contact the NSW Health department on (02) 6620 7503.



## CONGRATULATIONS DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 7 Ballin O'Heart

Year 8 Zali Grennan, Levi Corrigan, Madison Bellew



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## SRC

A big thankyou to the SRC for supplying 6 new soap dispensers in the student toilets. A thoughtful initiative for students by students. These were installed ready for 2020 and are far more modern and functional than the older ones.



## HSIE REPORT

Firstly, the HSIE staff would like to welcome Mr Steven Harris to our faculty. Mr Harris is employed on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays during 2020.

Currently, all Year 7 students are studying Geography. During the semester, they will examine the topics, "Landscapes and Landforms" and "Place and Liveability". The students will undertake the study of History in Semester 2. We will be going to Byron Bay for an excursion in early Term 2.

Year 8F and 8L students are currently studying History and the course focuses on the transformation from the ancient to the modern world, as well as focus studies on Medieval Europe and the Shoguns. Students in 8E and 8I are exploring Geography. The two topics we look at are "Water in the World" and "Interconnections".

9I and 9E are undertaking the Geography component of the course and are studying "Sustainable Biomes" and "Changing Places". 9L and 9F are studying History and are looking at the Movement of People and the Impact of the Industrial Revolution. The second focus is on both of the Word Wars.

10I are completing the History and Geography components of the course simultaneously. 10E are undertaking the History component and are looking at the Changing Rights and Freedoms and The Holocaust. 10L are experiencing Geography. The two topics are "Environmental Management and Change" and "Wellbeing". Compulsory fieldwork study will be undertaken on Friday 13th March, for both History and Geography. The localities are Kingscliff for Coastal Fieldwork and Mudgeeraba War Museum for a site study.

Senior students have settled in to the demands of both the Preliminary and HSC courses across Ancient History, Business Studies, Geography and Legal Studies. Year 11 Ancient History students will be travelling to Brisbane Museum to see "Antiquities Revealed" which showcases over 200 artefacts from ancient Greek, Roman and Egyptian civilisations.

## VISIT TO OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Thank you to Mrs Quantrill, our 2021 Year 7 Adviser, our Captains and Year 7 students who visited our partner primary schools to explain about high school and answer student questions. Year 6 students were provided a fridge magnet outlining our Transition to High School program for 2020. We look forward to their ongoing visits during the year.

## HOMework HELP

3.05pm to 4pm every Thursday  
in computer room 2.

## EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS PROGRAMS

In November last year, the NSW Government announced an Educational Pathways Pilot Program to transform the way students and parents think about their post-school options and future careers. It is with great pride that Wollumbin High School was selected to participate in this important program.

Over the next two years, Wollumbin along with the support of the Department of Education, will focus on improved career advice and in-school opportunities for our students.

We believe the education students receive here should be of the highest quality and the broadest range. Under the Pilot, we will be opening up new opportunities for our students.

To give you an idea of what's to come, please read on for some of the Pilot highlights:

- Specialist Careers Immersion Teams have been launched. Under the leadership of a dedicated Head Teacher - Careers Education, the Teams will be collaborating with local industry and employers to create training opportunities for students. Our goal is to make sure all students are work-ready for the industries far north coast is crying out for.
- Dedicated School Based Apprentice and Trainee Mentors will soon come on board to support and guide students and also work with industry and employers to develop partnerships with the school and broker employment opportunities.
- Career guidance and support for students who may be struggling to decide which subject choices and post-school education is right for them.
- Firsthand accounts from NSW's best apprentices and trainees discussing the valuable and long-term career opportunities that a vocational qualification offers.
- Opportunities to study apprenticeship or traineeship units at school that could lead to higher level VET qualifications and a one-year credit into a university degree.
- Workshops to help inform students about employer expectations for work, including how to dress, how to behave and important employability skills.
- The extension of funding to school students who do not want to pursue an HSC to undertake VET pathways while still at school.
- Important wrap-around services for early school leavers looking to access TAFE NSW.

Wollumbin High School looks forward to learning more about the programs it evolves and staff have been involved in training.



## say cheese

School Photo Day is  
**24 March 2020**

### ***Have your child's school memories captured forever***

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography order envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Ensure your order is placed by photo day to avoid any late fees,
- Ordering online using your child's Unique Shoot Key is the easiest, safest and most secure way to order. If you do not know their Unique Shoot Key, please call our office on the number below.
- If enclosing payment inside an envelope, please ensure the correct money is provided as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders are accepted.
- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope, however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day. Please indicate on the child's envelope that contains all sibling payments the names of the children you are paying for.

For any enquiries, please feel free to email us on:

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## WHAT'S ON

### Term 1 - March 2020

11th March	How to Support our Child Through High School — parent workshop 6.30—8pm Library
12th March	Year 7 Vaccinations
16th -18th March	Year 7 Camp
24th March	School Photos
24th March	P&C AGM 7pm Library
1st April	School Photo catch up Day
7th & 8th April	CAPA Cabaret
9th April	Last day of term 1