

Woolgoolga High School

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AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF EDUCATORS WORLD TEACHERS' DAY AWARDS



TEACHERS from across the Mid North Coast were honoured for their dedication and commitment at the 2018 World Teachers' Day awards in Coffs Harbour on 9 November at the Osprey Restaurant located at the Coffs Harbour Education Campus.

The awards for excellence have been celebrated for 60 years with the Coffs Harbour Region Mid North Coast event honouring teachers for the past 3 years. Educators from early childhood through to universities between Macksville in the south and Evans River in the north were acknowledged for their outstanding contribution they play in the lives of students.

Organiser Bron Vickers, President of the Mid North Coast region Australian College of Educators said the annual event is a moment to stop and reflect on the great work our teachers do.

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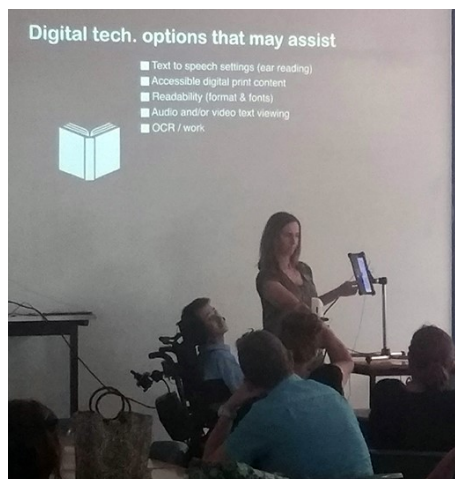
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From the Principal's Desk

We invite parents and caregivers to our Annual Presentation Assembly on Tuesday, 18 December 2018 commencing at 9.30am in the school hall. Light refreshments will be served following the assembly.

Thank you to Riley Sabin and Gai Cross for delivering an inspiring full staff professional development opportunity last Monday at our staff meeting. Staff learned a great deal from Riley about the use of his technology. We are so fortunate to have Riley in our school.



Our society does not often acknowledge and celebrate what happens in our school on a daily basis. Our teachers are the key to overcoming disadvantage and ensuring that our youth have every opportunity in life. The preparation our teachers give to each and every student at Woolgoolga High School is, in my opinion, second to none.

Each year we celebrate the work and achievements of a small number of our teachers at the Australian College of Educators World Teachers' Day Awards. Following are the 2018 citations from our school; Simon Radford and Rachel Winter as well as a citation from Michael Jarrett who has immensely helped our indigenous language program over the past few years.

Our Year 6-7 orientation day was a huge success. We are the school of choice with over 180 students coming into Year 7 next year.

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Ms Nickell recently attended her graduation ceremony at the University of Melbourne. She was awarded the Master of Instructional Leadership. This course covered many areas of educational leadership with an emphasis on leading teaching and learning and improving outcomes for students. The course presenters included internationally renowned educators and researchers so she has learned many valuable skills which will benefit the students at Woolgoolga High School.

Until next time
Guy Wright
Principal



CITATIONS—ACE WORLD TEACHERS' DAY AWARDS



Mr Simon Radford – Woolgoolga High School

Simon Radford is an exceptional Industrial Arts teacher. Regularly his student's major Industrial Technology projects are selected for INTECH which represents the best projects at the HSC from across the state.

Simon has tremendous impact on students and staff, fostering positive relationships through his respectful, professional and optimistic character.

Simon's classrooms are built on fun, engagement and wonderment. His depth of knowledge of engineering concepts is outstanding. Simon is helping develop the next generation of engineers and STEM students.

Australia needs more teachers like Simon.



Mrs Rachel Winter – Woolgoolga High School

Rachel Winter has only been teaching for 4 years. However during this time she has gained the position of Head Teacher Mathematics at two large secondary schools. Currently at Woolgoolga High School, she is inspiring the entire Mathematics faculty and directly encouraging all of our students to enjoy the learning of mathematics.

Rachel's interactions with students, families and staff are impeccable. Her teaching and leadership are driven by a deep commitment to excellence, her considered decision making, professional dedication and organisation make her an outstanding Head Teacher of Mathematics and a valued member of our school executive team.

Rachel has been instrumental in setting up our Academic Achievement Centre which runs outside of school hours. Currently over 85 students and 15 volunteer staff attend regularly.

Rachel is a true professional and leading educator. Congratulations Rachel on this prestigious award.



Mr Michael Jarrett - Gumbaynggirr Nation

Michael Jarrett is a proud and respected Gumbaynggirr elder and he is currently the leader of the Mid North Coast Language Nest.

Michael has been a champion in the revitalisation of the Gumbaynggirr language in our area. He works closely with many primary and high schools. Michael has a vision that all members of our community learn the local Gumbaynggirr language. He has been essential in helping Woolgoolga High School introduce Gumbaynggirr Language so that now every student at Woolgoolga High School has learned the Gumbaynggirr language and culture for 100 hours. And last year one of Woolgoolga High School's students was the first student to successfully complete the HSC in the Aboriginal Language course.

Michael is an outstanding ambassador for his people and encourages the learning of language with a spirit of fun and engagement for all.

IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS

Mon Dec 10— Fri Dec 14	Year 10 work experience
Tue Dec 11	P&C meeting
Wed Dec 12— Fri Dec 14	Yuraygir coastal walk
Thur Dec 13— Fri Dec 14	Camp Koinonia Year 7 excursion
Tue Dec 18	Annual presentation assembly
Tue Dec 18	Reports issued Years 7-10
Wed Dec 19	Last day for students
Tuesday Jan 29	Staff return 2019
Wed Jan 30	Years 7, 11 and 12 2019
Thur Jan 31	Whole school returns 2019

Annual Presentation Assembly

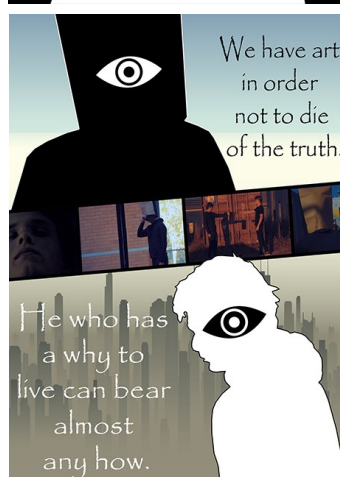
Tuesday 18 December 2018

Seating: 9.15am for 9.30am start

Parents, caregivers and guests are invited to join us for refreshments following the assembly.

Students are required to attend school in **full school uniform** from 8.55am, to participate in the ceremony.

NEXTWAVE YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL FINALIST



Congratulations to Lochlan Beedie of Year 12 who has been selected as one of the 20 finalists for the Nextwave Youth Film Awards 2018. This is an outstanding achievement. There were many hundreds of entries entered all along the North Coast and North West. Alongside 20 finalist films screening on 18 January 2019 at C.ex Coffs at 6pm, over \$40,000 worth of film prizes will be awarded.

Lochlan's film will also screen as a part of the official SWIFF 2019 Program. The film was his Year 12 HSC Visual Arts Body of Work, which took the best part of 12 months to film and edit.

Students studying photography in the junior school also have the opportunity to be involved in this film festival each year. Students attend a film making course run by professional movie makers at the high school and learn a variety of film making techniques during photography classes.

It will be an incredible night of short films, celebration and fun, so if you can make it along to support one of our Woolgoolga High School students, Lochlan Beedie, it would be very much appreciated.

Jacqui Harrison
Head Teacher CAPA



YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELD STUDY DAY

On Tuesday 13 November, Year 11 Geography class participated in their 'Ecosystems at Risk' compulsory field study day at Dorrigo National Park Rainforest Centre. The visit focused on their next major case study, complementing the work done so far in class on the function and vulnerability of ecosystems.

The class had the opportunity to observe a highly diverse rainforest ecosystem, recognising its geographical location, scope and altitude. They learnt about the effects of biophysical interactions on this unique environment, the human impacts and contemporary management practices.

It was great to be able to question a representative of the management authority, a very knowledgeable ecologist and environmental scientist, about the global significance of the site, the possible future impacts and the strategies for managing these into the future.

The students are now required to complete a field study report and prepare an in-class written task discussing the stresses, impacts and management of this fragile ecosystem.

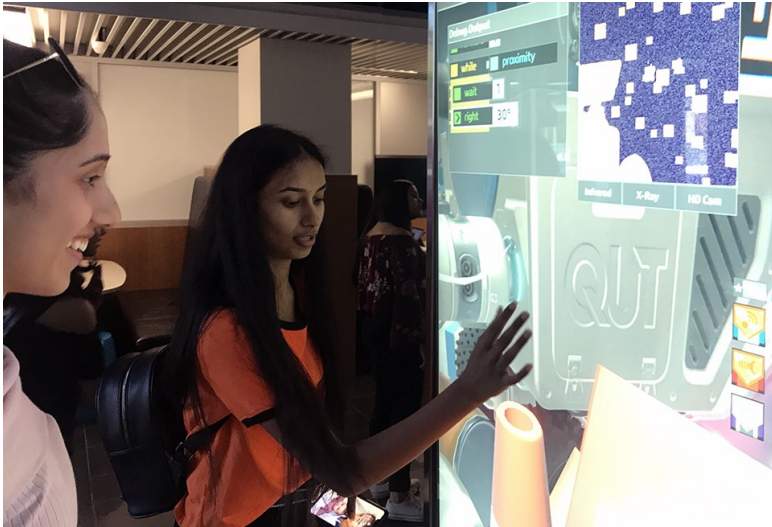
Year 11 Geography



We spent the day on the Dorrigo escarpment and experienced walking through an ancient rainforest. We were immersed in the beauty of this ecosystem while learning about its value to us all. We all enjoyed studying in this outdoor classroom.

Thu Nguyen





QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITIES EXCURSION 2018

The Coffs/ Clarence group of schools got together for a combined excursion to five of the major universities in southern Queensland on 29 and 30 November. HSC students from Woolgoolga High School travelled with those from CH Senior College, Orara, JPC, Toormina, Bellingen, Nambucca, Grafton, South Grafton, McCauley College and others from the Tweed/ Lismore area.

For everyone to explore their tertiary educational opportunities together was fantastic. The possibilities of so many university courses, careers, lifestyle, sporting, social and vocational opportunities was exciting. Everyone came away from this excursion with their own favourite university setting, undergraduate course and the plans to work towards that dream.

This year the fortunate participants were Pavan Singh, Sharn Lalli, Komalpreet Kaur, Rajeena Chahal, Isha Maan and Harlin Sidhu. All of these students were inspired by their experiences and would love to talk to any students about what they discovered. If you want to find them, they are all regulars at our Academic Achievement Centre in the library every Thursday afternoon.



Queensland Universities Excursion in their own words:

Bond university was the first stop. Bond is very unique. It is a private university with many international students applying every year. Bond provides many modern facilities. It was very appealing going through the tour. The benefit of Bond is how small the university is and how personal and close the students and teachers are. However, being a private school means it's expensive. The advantages of Bond being small is that students have more of an individualised experience.

Our second stop, the Queensland University of Technology was our most favourite university we visited. It offered a wide range of degrees whilst also providing a good social balance with the study life. It also implements modern technology which further enhances the students' experience.

Our third stop of the day was the University of Queensland. It was a fun experience as we got to team up with students from other schools to complete "the UQ Race" which mimics the guidelines of the Amazing Race. This was a fun task as we got to explore the university more closely whilst making new friends.

During the trip we stopped in many different locations. We spent the night at Union College in the University of Queensland where we ate delicious food and went shopping later. The next day we woke up early, ate breakfast in Union College Hall and packed our gear to leave for the Gold Coast. Our first stop, Griffith University was Pavan's favourite Uni. They offer trimesters where you do three semesters instead of two in one year. This makes it a lot quicker to graduate. Griffith have their own gym and heaps of sporting facilities. For medical students they have their own hospital where they can do placements.

Our final stop of this excursion was Southern Cross University of Gold Coast; this was an experience to remember. We were privileged enough to explore the newest laboratories at the campus, filled with the latest, updated equipment for the students. This campus is also located next to the beach providing great views from the top floors of the building. The Gold Coast Campus of SCU holds more than 4000 students which gives a great opportunity to get connected with the lecturers. This excursion had been very helpful in allowing us to explore a variety of universities and to plan our futures.



Year 6 Orientation Day



Over 180 Year 6 students attended the Orientation Day for high school on Tuesday 4 December. This was an opportunity for transitioning students to come together and experience a day of high school life. Students attending came from our local Northern Beaches community of schools - Woolgoolga, Sandy Beach, Mullaway and Corindi Primary Schools as well as a small number of students from Kororo, Glenreagh and Nana Glen Primary schools.

Our SMILE mentors welcomed the students and handed out chocolate to allay any nerves. Our school captains welcomed them and our indigenous choir performed for the students and their parents. After Mr Wright's address, an audio-visual presentation gave everyone a virtual tour of the school and the people who work here.

Following an address from Mr Aaron Newman, Year 7 Adviser for 2019, students were grouped into some trial classes and experienced four half hour mini lessons. This gave them a taste of a typical day at Woolgoolga High school with regular movement between classrooms and key learning areas with a variety of teachers.

Following a BBQ lunch the day finished with a variety of staff and student performances in an afternoon concert.

It was a fun day!

Many thanks to the large number of older students who volunteered their services on the day.

TERM 4 GOLD AWARDS

Year 7

Aishah Anderson
Tailah Ashfield
Gemma Barnes
Mackenzie Carr
Aneisha Clarke
Chip Desalegn Bekele
Mia Donnelly
Ashlee Ellaby
Kyra Ensbey
Ryan Griffey
Sara Pickett
Keira Turnbull
Zaidan West

Year 8

Chase Ballangarry
Joshua Batty
Yashar Cansdell
Ashman Chaudhry
Mia Decent
Jack Dudgeon
Leyton Dunn
Emelia Garbers
Macy Gardner
Ella'Blu Goodman
Taiga Harada
Andy Harries
Bonnie Henderson-Smith
Paris Kelsall
Ally Mullan
Tayla Murphy
Joe Murray
Helena Oates Herrera
Aleisha Quay
Jack Ramirez-Sheen
Chase Saban
Josee Schembri
Simer Sodhi
David Wall
Ella Wilson

Year 9

Jackson Berryman
Kelsey Blackhall
William Brown
Isaac Fowler
Thia Gravino
Talisha Harboe
Kye Holmes
Jasmyn Hoppe
Montanna Humphries
Sahib Lalli
Harrison Mower
Jack Nelson
Corey Pickett
Lauren Reinecker
Jeremy Starr
Robert Swain
Brady Thelander
Zahli Wilson
Joel Young

Year 11

Maddison Avery
Rajeena Chahal
William Hyde
Komalpreet Kaur
Beau Pearce
Harlin Sidhu
Macy Stewart
Coeby Taylor-Patterson

Year 10

Daniel Alford
Kobi Amos
Zak Bale
Jack Batty
Jorji Bradbury
Nicholas Casey
Nicholas Damjancuk
Levi Davison
Connor Dillon
Ivy Francis
Amber Hill
Sienna Hill
Emily Hoppe
Amy McRae
Kai Mildren
Tyler Murray
Xander Pilon
Sienna Reeves
Brodie Robertson
Harry Robertson
Beau Robinson
Jessica Simpson
Billy Sutherland
Caitlin Turnbull
Emily Wall
Emmett Weiss
Nirribi Williams

Congratulations



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Young People and Risk Taking

Risk-taking is an essential part of learning and personal development for young people. Teenagers need to explore their own limits and abilities, as well as boundaries set by others. They also need to express themselves as individuals. It's all part of their path to becoming independent young adults, with their own identities¹.

Unfortunately, the risk involved in different activities and settings can often be poorly judged by young people and they are over represented in every category of risk-taking resulting in injury and trauma. For more information about the different types of risks for young people, see <http://www.kidshelp.com.au/growups/news-research/hot-topics/risk-taking.php>.

The RRISK Program aims to reduce risk-taking behaviour associated with alcohol and drug use, driving and partying amongst year 11 students in northern NSW. Attending RRISK extends the school based drug education and road safety curriculum by providing opportunities for senior high school students to further develop knowledge, attitudes and skills to reduce risk taking and develop safer celebrating strategies.

Over 4,300 students from more than 62 high schools from Port Macquarie to Tweed Heads have registered to attend one of 10 RRISK Seminars. If you have a year 11 student in your family, encourage them to attend.

RRISK seminar dates

Tweed Heads	Southern Cross University	19-20 November
Lismore	Southern Cross University	21-23 November
Coffs Harbour	Southern Cross University	8 - 9 November
Port Macquarie	Panthers Auditorium	13-14 November
Kempsey	Slim Dusty Centre	6 November

Research shows that RRISK is effective in reducing young driver crashes by 44%

The largest study ever undertaken into young driver behaviour was conducted by the George Institute of International Health and published in 2009. Researchers consider RRISK a best practice program because it builds resilience by equipping young people with strategies and practical skills to manage risks in their social life and on the roads as drivers and passengers.

Look for information about the RRISK Program on the RRISK website www.rrisk.com.au.

¹.<http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/risktaking-teenagers.html>



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Humraj Singh (Year 12) and Lachlan Rook (Year 9) for both receiving the prestigious North Coast School Sport Recognition Award. Humraj's award acknowledges his achievement in the sport of athletics and Lachlan's award acknowledges his achievement in the sport of tennis. Pictured is Humraj at the North Coast School Sport awards presentation ceremony held at Coffs Harbour Education campus last Monday.

2019 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

	SWIMMING	CROSS COUNTRY	ATHLETICS
WHS	Wednesday 6/2/19 (whole school) Woolgoolga Wednesday 13/2/19 (competitors only) Woolgoolga	Friday 12/4/19 Woolgoolga	Wed 8/5/19 & Fri 10/5/19 Woolgoolga
MNC	Thursday 28/2/19 Coffs Harbour	Friday 24/5/19 Nana Glen	Friday 14/6/19 Coffs Harbour
NC	Tuesday 5/3/19 Murwillumbah	Friday 21/6/19 Nana Glen	Thursday 8/8/19 Coffs Harbour
NSW	Mon 8/4/19 to Wed 10/4/19 Homebush	Friday 26/7/19 Eastern Creek	Wed 4/9/19 to Fri 6/9/19 Homebush

PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND VENUES ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING BUT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK CLOSER TO EVENT.



WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL – CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please advise staff if changing name or changing guardians as further information will be required

Student's Name _____

Year _____

Do you have students at other NSW Government Schools?

If Yes – Name of School/s _____

Please indicate which information has changed with a tick in the appropriate box

☐ Parent/Carer ☐ Address ☐ Contact No. ☐ Emergency Contact ☐ Living Circumstances

Parent/Carer 1 (Living with student)

Name _____

Contact Nos. _____

New Address _____

Email _____

Relationship to student _____

Parent/Carer 2 (Living with student)

Name _____

Contact Nos. _____

New Address _____

Email _____

Relationship to student _____

Parent/Carer 3 **NOT** living with the student: Name _____Relationship to student _____ Shared Responsibility ☐ Yes ☐ No

Address: _____

Contact Nos. _____

Emergency Contact 1 (other than parent/carer)

Name _____

Relationship to student _____

Contact Phone No. _____

Emergency Contact 2 (other than parent/carer)

Name _____

Relationship to student _____

Contact Phone No. _____

Authorising Parent/Carer

Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Living Circumstances Changes/Any additional information eg Name change (which needs to be supported with legal documentation)

Office Use

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Community Notices



Northern Beaches Blues AFL Club

Welcomes players in under 11's, 13's, 15's & Youth girls for 2019.

Currently seeking interest in under 15's if interested please contact

Craig Christie 0413977560 or email
northernbeachesblues@gmail.com

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Woolgoolga Pizza Place

**Beach Street Woolgoolga
Phone 66542744**



ROTARY AUCTION

First Saturday of month (except Jan), at Rotary shed behind CWA
inspection from 10am; auction starts 1pm

WEBSITE: woolgoolgarotaryclub.org.au FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofwoolgoolga

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga holds their **monster auction** on the first Saturday of every month (except January). A significant portion of the funds raised goes to **supporting programs for local school students**.

Head down to the Rotary compound and shed **behind the Woolgoolga CWA building**, beside the Diggers RSL club, and check out the bargains available.

Smaller items will be on sale from 10am, with the **larger items to be auctioned off from 1pm**.

A big thank you to each of the members of our community who have donated goods. If you have items for pickup, call Dick Matthews on 6654 1828.

Wanted Homestay Hosts

We are looking for caring families and individuals to provide a wonderful home away from home for international students attending Woolgoolga High School.

Must be able to provide meals and a Working With Children Check.

Hosts receive \$285 per week for a single room. Short (1 term) to long (4 terms) stays are available.

Apply online at www.staydownunder.com.au

For further information contact Stay DownUnder on **(02) 8901 4499**

Or school co-ordinator Mrs Megan Hart
(02 6654 1500)



Parent Online Payment (POP)

Now Available At Woolgoolga High School

A secure Westpac banking facility has now been added to the Woolgoolga High School website to allow parents/carers to make online Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card payments for things like voluntary school contributions, excursions, sporting activities or sales to students.

Look for the *Make a Payment* button at the top of our homepage.

For those experienced in paying online, the process will be familiar. Detailed instructions are available on the school's website. Click the *Student and parent information tab* then click the heading *Student and parent information*.

We hope that you will find this payment option convenient. Payments can still be made at the Woolgoolga High School Office by cash, cheque or EFTPOS before school and during break 1.

<http://www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Canteen—Eat Fresh

<http://www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/parent-information>

See menu with price list on the school's website

Volunteers needed to serve in only 1 hour increments:

8.30am - 9.30am

11.00am - 12.00 noon

1.00pm - 2.00pm

If you can help please ring the school on 66541500 or follow the link on the school's website to complete the expression of interest.

