

# Woolgoolga High School



## Newsletter

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### NAIDOC WEEK



Woolgoolga High School celebrated NAIDOC this year with an assembly that focused on the importance of the connection between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their land.

The theme for this year is, 'Always was and always will be'.

Our assembly commenced with an Acknowledgement to Country by Ethan Corcoran, followed by Layla Cox-Simpson, who displayed immense leadership skills by delivering a speech about the importance of this year's NAIDOC theme.

Congratulations were given to our newly elected Junior AECG committee, Lilly Osten (President), Alicia Murray (Vice President), Yasmin Harada (Secretary) and Eva Witten (Woolgoolga High School Delegate). A big thank you to Mr Aaron Newman for organising our T-shirt competition and congratulations to TJ Skinner of Year 9 for her winning entry. We look forward to seeing the t-shirts around the school.

Mrs Julie-Anne Chivers and Ms Kayla McIntosh were recognised for their commitment and dedication to Aboriginal Education.



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## From the Principal's Desk

As we have mentioned previously, our reports are moving to an electronic format for juniors (Years 7 to 10) this semester. Students will be issued a letter on Monday detailing how to access reports.

Congratulations to Year 9 Multimedia students Cooper Ward, George Wells, Jake Few and Trey Essex for their production of "Lost in the Lake" which has been shortlisted as a possible finalist in the Nextwave Film Festival which is a branch of Coffs Coast's Screenwave International Film Festival. Thank you to Mr Bordignon for his support of the students.

Last Friday we held our Year 12 Graduation assembly. It was delayed so that family members could attend, although we had to restrict numbers to comply with COVID guidelines. We were previously advised to limit the ceremony to one hour so we streamlined the awards process which is something we may continue in the future. I appreciate the support from our families and we were all very happy to be able to welcome you back into our school. The Formal was held on Wednesday night and the students looked fabulous. It was a lovely evening but we did miss having parents attend. We are hopeful things will be back to normal for next year. Thank you to Mr Pursch for his tireless support of this wonderful group of students throughout their time at Woolgoolga High School.

We are currently planning our Annual Presentation Assembly (APA) and the format will be different this year. We are now allowed to have whole school assemblies, but any adults attending have to be spaced apart. I think it is important to involve our parents because we have been so limited in what we can do this year so we are dividing our APA into stage-based groups to allow space for parents of award recipients:

Thursday 10 December – Year 11 at 9.30 am

Tuesday 15 December – Years 7 and 8 at 9.20 am,  
– Years 9 and 10 at 11.50 am

More information to come.

Thank you to the parents who have responded to me regarding the introduction of Yondr pouches as a means of restricting mobile phone use in the school. So far the feedback has been positive with a few suggestions. I am taking all input on board. One question that has been asked a few times –

*How do I get a message to my child during the day?*

*Answer – parents can call the front office and their child will receive the message.*

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I have reminded our senior students that they are not to leave school grounds during the day. If they have a flexi-pass, they can be at home during the times indicated. Leaving school to buy food is not permitted. I'm also asking parents not to deliver food or drinks to students during the day. Our canteen has a lot of great options and the P&C is working on setting up a card payment facility.

Lu Nickell  
Relieving Principal



Upcoming Events	
Monday 23 November	White Card Course
Monday 30 November to Friday 11 December	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 1 December	Year 6 Orientation Day
Wednesday 9 December to Friday 11 December	Yuragir Coastal Walk (TBC)
Thursday 10 December	Annual Presentation Assembly Year 11— 9.30am
Tuesday 15 December	Annual Presentation Assembly Years 7 & 8 — 9.20am Years 9 & 10 — 11.50am
Wednesday 16 December	Last day Term 4 for students
Thursday 17 December to Friday 18 December	Staff Development Days

Supporting Your Senior Student  
– what WHS has to offer

Save the Date  
Monday 8 February 2021

## School uniforms donations appreciated

LEAVING YEAR 12 STUDENTS OR YEAR 10 STUDENTS MOVING INTO SENIOR YEARS please consider donating your uniforms to the clothing pool. Sports shorts and junior polo shirts in good condition which are no longer needed will also be gratefully accepted at the front office to replenish our stock.

## YEAR 9 MULTIMEDIA

In June of this year, Mr Bordignon's class of Year 9 Multimedia students embarked on a project of creating short films for the Nextwave film festival. Nextwave is a branch of Coffs Coast's [Screenwave International Film Festival](#). This is a national film festival run from Coffs Harbour for young film makers. Nextwave aims to shine a spotlight on young regional Australians between the ages of 10-25, giving young people an opportunity to learn the craft of film making, to have their stories seen, and to be recognised for their creative contributions.

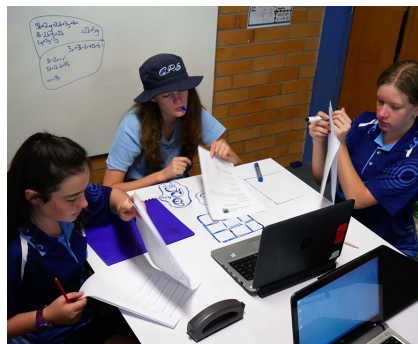
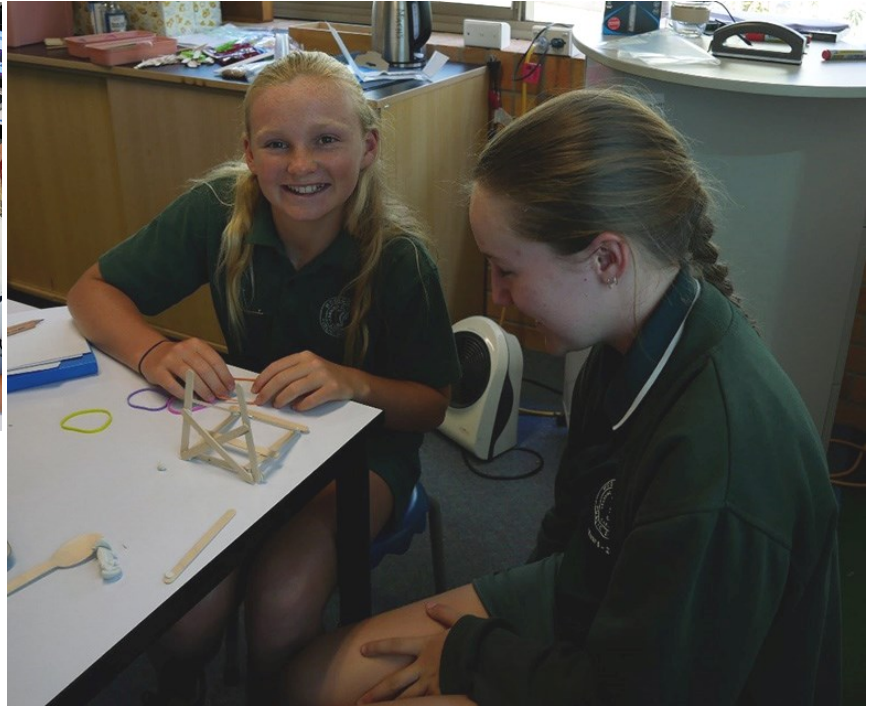
Four films were submitted and ONE has made the short list as a possible finalist. "Lost in the Lake" is a film by Cooper Ward, George Wells, Jake Few and Trey Essex. We wish them well in the next stage of the competition.





# HIGH SCHOOL HEAD START

The Mathematics faculty has started an initiative to provide some Year 6 students from our local primary schools with extension and enrichment opportunities in mathematics and STEM. This program is called High School Head Start. Students attend Woolgoolga High School for two hours fortnightly and participate in a range of activities. Last week they were introduced to algebra and began their major project, creating a catapult. Some of our senior students couldn't help but pause their independent HSC study to help the primary students with their catapults.





## LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS VISIT AG FARM

Over the past two weeks local primary schools, Corindi and Sandy Beach, enjoyed a visit to the Woolgoolga High School Agricultural Farm. The Kindergarten students were escorted around the farm by Mr Jason Lloyd, the WHS farm manager. Mr Lloyd shared his extensive knowledge with the primary school students as they enjoyed a tour of the excellent facilities we have at the farm. Animals they interacted with include the flock of Dorper sheep, ewes and lambs, chickens and chicks, as well as rabbits.

A big thank you to Jason who made this day possible to share this amazing resource with these aspiring Agriculture students.



## YEAR 7 2021 TRANSITION VISITS



Over the past few weeks Mr Cook, Daniel Sweed and Miss Bennett have visited local primary schools to showcase Woolgoolga High School and all the amazing opportunities the students will have at our school.

*Pictured: Miss Bennett with the incoming Year 7's from Corindi Primary School.*



## VISUAL ARTS BODY OF WORKS 2020

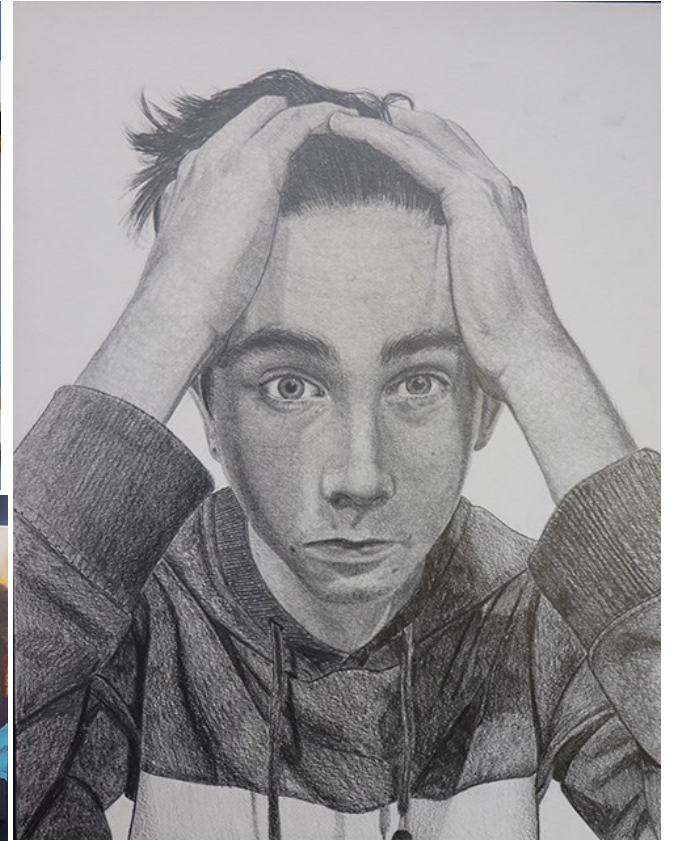


Congratulations to all our Visual Arts senior students this year. Through much adversity they have excelled in the creation of their Body of Work (BOW). The full exhibition of the class of 2020's amazing artworks will be available soon on the school website.

This component of the course is worth 50% of their final Visual Arts HSC result. Its purpose is to allow students to show their amazing ability in the creation of an artwork or series of artworks that reflect a strong concept or theme and display technical resolution. Our students this year have truly shown their resilience and commitment through the creation of a wide variety of artworks. Each is very individual in concept, style and chosen materials. Mrs Hall and myself would like to thank you for your dedication and congratulate you on your wonderful artworks. We wish you all the best in your future adventures.







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# YEAR 12 2020

## Graduation Assembly

Congratulations to our Year 12 students! On Friday 13 November 2020 Woolgoolga High School acknowledged our Year 12 students for graduating from high school. Students were fortunate to be able to have two guests attend the assembly. It was fantastic that parents were in attendance to witness this event.

Year 12's, these are the memories that will be cherished memories for the rest of your lives. With friendships forged over the test of time. You will be missed as you move out into the wide world, but remember you'll always be a part of Woolgoolga High School. Best of wishes as you write the next chapter in your story.

Thank you to parents, carers, families, teachers, support staff and community members who have developed these students into responsible members in society. Photos and videos are available from their Class of 2020 Google Classroom.

*Rob Pursch, Year Adviser*





## What's next?

While a student is enrolled in a NSW Public School, they are **allocated user credentials** that provide them with access to **email, student portal, Google G Suite, Microsoft Office 365 and Adobe Creative Cloud**. They can access these services for free, both while at school and from home - *or anywhere else*. **BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY LEAVE?** Students need to be aware **that from the date they leave a NSW Public School, they have 180 days** before they **lose access** to:

- Their school **email** account (GMail)
- Their **Google Drive** contents
- Any **Google Classrooms** they were joined to
- Their **Microsoft OneDrive** contents
- Any **Microsoft Teams** they were a member of
- Their access to **Adobe Creative Cloud**

So from the time that they leave, they have **180 days to check all their content/files** in these school-provided services and **download anything that they need to keep**. There is no need to delete what they do not wish to keep. Anything left in their cloud repositories after the 180 days will no longer be accessible to them.

### Free Summer Skills Courses for Year 12 2020

NSW 2020 Year 12 school leavers can enrol in free Summers Skills Training courses over the summer period under the Summer Skills program. Whether you are taking a gap year or going on to uni or college, the courses will give you the chance to learn new skills that could lead to a part-time job, rewarding career or full qualification. Boost your resume and explore your interests. Summer Skills is an initiative of JobTrainer NSW, and is available to 2020 Year 12 school leavers to support future employment and education opportunities.

Courses are available in Business, Construction, Industry 4.0 (IT), and Health.

Courses available in Coffs Harbour include Statement of Attainment in Business Presentations; Ready Civil Infrastructure; Building Your Digital Literacy with Coding; Digital Security Basics; First Aid for Early Childhood; Mental Health #2

Statement of Attainment in Site Ready Commercial Construction; Electrotechnology Electrician

Courses available in Grafton include Statement of Attainment in Business Administration; Social Media Tools to Engage Customers.

To find a local training provider and enrol in a training course phone 13 28 11.

### 2020 Year 12 School Leavers Wanted

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020/21 harvest seasons are going to be extremely challenging due to a shortage of labour usually provided by travelling workers. To assist local producers to get their crops into markets and on shelves, the Commonwealth Government has engaged **Harvest Trail** Service Providers such as **Cozwine**, to attract school leavers to the harvest and provide them with accredited training and a COVID safe harvest experience. A fully inclusive meals and accommodation package is available.

The **Harvest Trail Experience** will initially provide school leavers with an amazing opportunity to participate in the annual cherry harvest experience in the picturesque Young Region and Central West commencing immediately after the HSC and going through to Christmas. The cohort will receive a full industry orientation and accredited induction training with support to make this a memorable experience with their peers. Opportunities are then ongoing across the entire state. Students can build their own adventure, travelling NSW while being employed as a harvest worker, and receiving accredited training along the way.

**This is a great opportunity for Year 12 students to grab their friends, have an adventure, and make up for some missed experiences. They will earn money, build life skills, gain experience and travel to parts of the country they may never have seen.**

Students can maximise their experience by continuing on the NSW Harvest Trail and working across a number of seasons, gaining further skills and qualifications for at least 6 months.

To register for harvest employment opportunities, head to <https://www.cozwine.com.au/harvest-trail-jobs/>.



# CAREERS

## WHITE CARD COURSE



A total of 19 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 participated in a White Card Course in the school library on Monday. Students were very engaged in the interactive course and enjoyed learning about hazardous substances, how to identify risks and hazards in the workplace, and how to undertake a risk assessment. They also got to try on some personal protective equipment (PPE) including high visibility vests, hard hats, safety glasses and ear muffs, and worked through a workbook during the day and completed assessment tasks.

A white card (or general construction induction card) is required for workers who want to carry out construction work. The white card training course is aimed at all workers including self-employed persons, labourers, apprentices, tradespersons, supervisors and project managers. Students learnt the basic principles of health and safety in the construction industry as well as information about preventing workplace injury and illness, workplace injury management and workers compensation. The course was run by Housing Industry Association White Card Trainer Maurice Tate.

This is the second White Card Course the school has offered to students this year. Due to a high level of student interest in the school's White Card Courses, another course is being run on Monday, 23 November, followed by a fourth course in Term 4, which will be funded by the school's Educational Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP). Students interested in participating in a White Card Course should write their name on the red clipboard outside the Library Office.

## SCHOOL WORK EXPERIENCE

Due to a recent relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, students have now been able to participate in school Work Experience over recent weeks, with students visiting a variety of workplaces and learning valuable new skills.



Year 11 student Abang Desalegn Bekele thoroughly enjoyed her work experience/placement at Mullaway Early Years Learning Centre last week, working with childcare staff and preschool children. Abang hopes to work in the childcare industry in the future, and this work experience has helped develop her knowledge of the industry and reaffirmed her desire to work within the industry.

Other students have been undertaking work placement at businesses such as a barber shop and a farm machinery business. Two Year 11 students recently successfully acquired apprenticeships in plumbing and plastering as a result of undertaking work experience. Year 10 students will be undertaking work experience at various workplaces during Week 8 and Week 9.

## Change of Details

*Please notify the Front Office ASAP if your living circumstances or any other details that have changed.*

It is vital the school has up to date records should you need to be contacted in case of an emergency.



## Job Vacancies

New **jobs** listed on the **Woolgoolga High School Careers webpage** this week:

- Receptionist Traineeship at Beach Street Family Practice, Woolgoolga (Yr 12 Gap Year/Yr 10 School Leaver)
- Electrical Apprenticeships, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Apprenticeships, and Sheet Metal Fabrication Apprenticeships at Faircloth & Reynolds, Coffs Harbour
- Customer Service staff at the Reject Shop, Park Beach Plaza
- Front of House Trainee and a Casual Waiter/Waitress at Ground Earth Cafe, Woolgoolga
- Delivery drivers at Hogs Breath Café, Coffs Harbour
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Apprenticeships, and Sheetmetal Apprenticeships through Novaskill, Coffs Coast
- Customer Service Staff at KFC, Park Beach Plaza
- Floor and Bar Staff at Woolgoolga Diggers RSL Club
- Customer Service Staff at Fresco Marketplace at Coffs Central
- Salon Assistant/Trainee position at Maggie's Dog Café, Shop and Salon at Moonee Beach

Please visit the Woolgoolga High School Careers website to obtain further information about these new jobs at

<https://woolgoolgahighcareers.com/>.

## Mining Career Information Pack

**Year 12 2020 School Leavers** interested in pursuing a career in the **Mining Industry** have access to a **Mining Career**

**Information Pack** [https://](https://www.resourcesandgeoscience.nsw.gov.au/landholders-and-community/career-information/mining-career-information-pack)

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Mining companies are seeking to employ young people across NSW who have the right skills. There are a wide variety of starter jobs in the industry for school leavers, ranging from boilermaking to geology, human resources to finance, and engineering to communications..

## EPPP Information Video

An additional careers information video for students and parents has been released on the NSW Government Education Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) website.

The new EPPP information video is: **A chat with employers in the North Coast**

In the video you will hear from three different North Coast employers from Byron Bay to Casino who work in the digital media, construction and meat processing industries. The employers discuss important traits they look for in an employee including punctuality, communication, patience, and a good work ethic. The video also discusses traineeships, cadetships and apprenticeships the employers have offered including traineeships in Administration, IT, Leadership & Management, and apprenticeships in Plumbing and Carpentry.

To access the new EPPP information video visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/educational-pathways-pilot-program/student-resources>

## EPPP TV Episode 7

**Episode 7** of **EPPP TV** is now available for viewing by students and parents.

This episode looks at two industries that play an important role in society – **Healthcare** and **Construction**. There is an interview with a Year 12 school-based trainee graduate who is working at Lismore Base Hospital, and is the recipient of an Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Grant. There is also an interview with an ex-Alstonville High School student who is working in an aged care facility and continuing her study next year.

A carpentry apprentice and his employer are interviewed as part of a feature on the Master Builders Association Tertiary Apprenticeship Pathway. And some Woolgoolga High School students put questions to EPPP Grafton Cluster SBAT Mentor Steve Montgomery and EPPP Ballina Cluster SBAT Mentor Toni Bellos.

The episode link is [here](#).



# Parent Online Payment (POP)

## 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.

To make a payment click on the link and go the "Make a Payment" tab:

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

We hope 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.

# Community Notices



## Are you a Food Smart family?

### Sign up to the free online Food Smart program today!

Get your kids involved to create **BIG CHANGE** with **SMALL ACTIONS** in your kitchen!



- Keep up to \$4000 a year in your pocket by cutting food waste
- Prevent up to 1 in 5 shopping bags worth of food ending up in the bin
- Help the environment by reducing landfill and greenhouse gases
- Learn how to shop, serve and store smarter with an easy step-by-step guide
- Download your free seasonal recipes, menu planner, shopping list and action cards

Register now:

[www.midwaste.org.au/food-smart](http://www.midwaste.org.au/food-smart)



[lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au](http://lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au)

This project is a Waste Less Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy.

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