

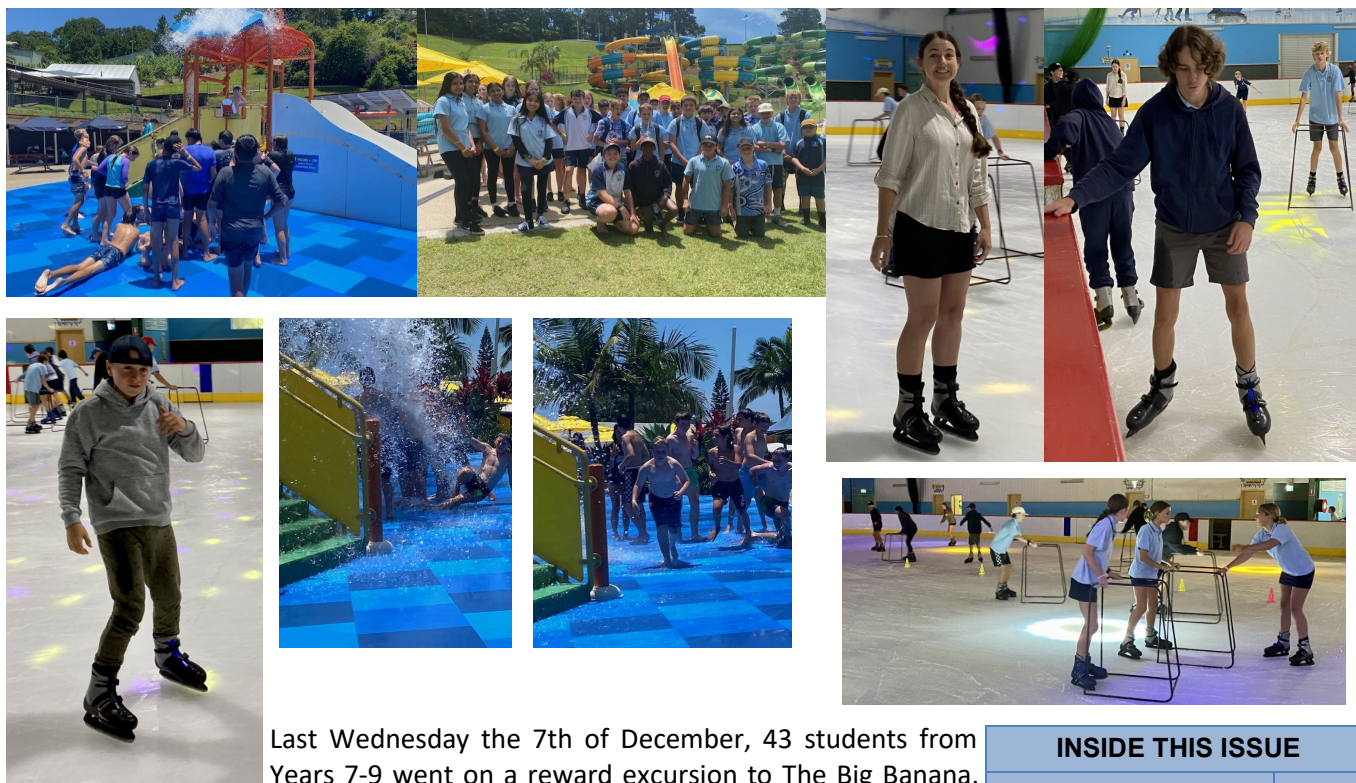
# Woolgoolga High School

## Newsletter

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### ATTENDANCE REWARDS EXCURSION.



Last Wednesday the 7th of December, 43 students from Years 7-9 went on a reward excursion to The Big Banana. This excursion was organised and offered to students with attendance over 90% for the year. Whilst many diligent senior students chose to stay at school, it was fantastic to reward the consistent effort of so many junior students.

The day started with some ice skating, which began very wobbly, but students quickly worked it out with lots of laughs along the way. We then went to the water park. The two person tube slide and 'black hole' were very popular with many students even braving the 'kamikaze' slide. Afterwards, we went to the candy shop and cafe before catching the bus back to school.

Students were very well behaved and this was an excellent day with fun had by all. Congratulations to the students maintaining high attendance. Well done and keep up the good work.

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## From the Principal's Desk

*"Our 2022 graduates woke to receive their HSC results this morning. I am filled with pride at the successes that have been achieved."*

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Joshua Batty, Ally Cork, Jake Maric, Joseph Murray, Kade Nicol, Alana Ward, Nathalie Warden, Mikaila Watson and Quinn Watson. This means they achieved a Band 6 (90%+) in one or more subjects.



*Quinn Watson is acknowledged as an All Rounder and for outstanding results in five courses and an ATAR of 98.8. This makes him the Dux of 2022.*

In addition to HSC success, we have had an increase in the number of students successfully transitioning to apprenticeships and traineeships thanks to the work of our careers team.

At our Annual Presentation Assembly on Tuesday, I spoke about the many wonderful experiences and quality teaching available at Woolgoolga High School. The video of the year that was, showcased so much more than I could fit into a speech. What has been highlighted here is that our students are given every opportunity to succeed regardless of their interests and abilities and I am proud to be a part of this excellent school.

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The NSW Premier has announced back to school vouchers which will be available to all parents of school-aged children. You can use these at our uniform shop which will be open in late January. Please note that our uniform shop is the only authorised seller of WHS uniforms and our school logo.

I would like to thank Val Watson and Karen Black for their service to our school and P&C. As their children have graduated, they are moving on and we will miss them. We need new members so please join us at 6.30pm on the second Tuesday of every month during school terms.

We have had a great end to the year with the acknowledgement of achievement, effort and citizenship at our APA, High School Musical Jr and activities days. Thank you to all staff, students, families and community organisations for your contribution and enrichment of our school. I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Lu Nickell  
Relieving Principal



## COMING EVENTS

Wed 14 Dec to Fri 16 Dec	Activity Days
Fri 16 Dec	Last day for students
Sat 17 Dec	School Musical 6.45pm
Mon 19 Dec	Staff Development Day
Tue 20 Dec	Staff Development Day
Fri 27 Jan 2023	Staff Development Day
Mon 30 Jan 2023	Staff Development Day
Tues 31 Jan 2023	Year 7, 11 & 12 Return to School
Wed 1st Feb 2023	Year 8, 9 & 10 Return to School



## Year 8 Woodwork—Model Planes

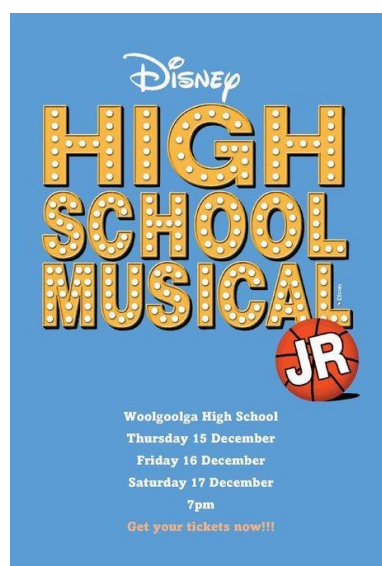


## P&amp;C

Outcomes from the Woolgoolga High School P&C Meeting held on Wednesday 9 November:

- ◇ Canteen prices have increased on bought products (e.g. milk, confectionary) due to product price increases.
- ◇ Thank you to all the school staff ordering fresh lunches daily from the school canteen
- ◇ The P&C has agreed to fund shirts for the school's Agricultural Show Team student members
- ◇ Yondr phone pouch inspections have been occurring at school during Week 5 and Week 6
- ◇ The use of smart watches by students to pay for canteen purchases is not permitted. Canteen purchases must be paid via cash or EFTPOS card.
- ◇ Three of the school's science labs will soon be upgraded (Lab 3, 4 & 5). This upgrade is expected to commence in the Christmas school holidays and will take around 14 weeks to complete.
- ◇ A new demountable classroom will be available for learning support for the start of Term 1, 2023

Thank you to all our P&C members who have attended meetings this year, particularly our members who have children completing their schooling journey at Woolgoolga High School in 2022 which include Mrs Hart, Ms Black and Ms Watson (P&C Secretary). We look forward to welcoming new P&C members in 2023.



# YEAR 9 DEBATING



To conclude the year, 9 English 1 wanted to do something epic, something different. So, in my usual fashion, I twisted this, tailoring it to what I thought would be "fun", and settled on the idea of conducting debates. The topic – Macbeth. Who is to blame for the death of Duncan, for the downfall of nobility and for the destruction of Scotland? Was it the rancid witches? Was it the less than virtuous Macbeth, or was it his manipulative wife? We were going to find out.



The class was split into six teams of four and assigned their question and position. Over two lessons, teams prepared their argument, collected evidence, and tried to foresee their opponent's plan. It was excellent to see teams working so well together, united in their quest to destroy their opposition and win the grand prize—a family box of Cadbury Favourites.

The day of battle came, and teams went head-to-head in three separate debates. All teams performed admirably, establishing logical arguments, speaking with confidence, and opposing each other with malic conviction befitting of the Australian Parliament.

The experience was overwhelming positive, with the whole class supporting each other and growing increasingly invested in the task. Well done, 9 English 1, and thank you to Ms. Phoonie for assisting with adjudication



- Mr Jason Bromell

## 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 and get emergency updates from school. Payments can now be easily made using the app and school newsletters can be viewed, as well as upcoming school events and the latest school news. The 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. You will also be able to receive emergency updates such as school closures. Please download the app via the Apple Store or Google Play on your phone. For further information on the app visit [NSW Education Parent App](https://www.nsw.gov.au/parent-app).



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## NEXTWAVE FILM COMPETITION

### Year 10 Multimedia students make the finals in the Nextwave Film Competition



Congratulations to Jack Southgate, James Lin-Green and Ronin Lane of year 10 Multimedia who worked on a short film titled "He Hulk". These talented amateur film makers have made the finals in the "Nextwave Film Competition" in the 15 -17 years category. The students spent most of terms 2 and 3 this year writing, planning, filming and working on postproduction as part of the Year 10 Multimedia class. They are part of 8 finalists in their category, 28 finalists in total and 150 entries over-all. The Nextwave Film Competition is the youth section of the Screenwave International Film Festival (SWIFF) <https://swiff.com.au/>

We wish them luck at the Nextwave Film Festival Awards night. The winners will be announced next year. Stay tuned for dates and venue.

Mr Bordignon  
Multimedia Teacher

## Mountain Biking

There has never been a better time to be involved in mountain biking at Woolgoolga High School than right now! Over the past five years, there have been millions of dollars invested in the local trails, which now offer a variety of riding experiences for all levels.

Woolgoolga students have been using the local mountain biking park for years, and we have watched as better trails with more features have been built. This park is now considered one of the premier trails in the region, and our kids have been shredding.

This year, riders have developed new skills and improved their confidence, hitting more features every week. Students have looked forward to Wednesday afternoons all year as it is a chance to get away from the books and do something that we love.

To add to the epicness of this sport, the opening of the Wiigulga Sporting Complex has also meant the addition of a pump track right across the road from the school. Our crew got to test it out during sports time last week and loved every second of it.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2023 and hope to have a few new riders with us next year!

Merry Christmas,  
Mr Bromell



*Liam Ryan hitting Lobster Pot*



*Trinity Ramsey testing the pump track*



*Bailey Ehsman testing the pump track*



# Year 9 SMILE Training



Woolgoolga High School, Wellbeing department was pleased to see over 40 Year 9 students volunteer for the SMILE (Support, Mentor, Inspire, Listen, Encourage) Program. The students completed their first day of training in preparation for mentoring younger students in 2023. This will be the first cohort trained to be mentors in Year 10, a change for SMILE where usually students would start mentoring in Year 11.



During the training, the students reflected on their own journey through high school and looked into the challenges for young people today. There was some team building activities as well thinking of ways to support young people through, what can be for some, a complex stage of life and personal development.



These generous students demonstrate empathy, strength and understanding and will make fantastic mentors next year.



## IC/MC Valery Trails Excursion

On Thursday December 8th, both IC and MC classes attended a full day excursion to Valery Trails Horse Riding Centre. We spent time learning how to properly catch, lead and groom horses along with each student having the chance to ride around the arena. All students were incredibly brave and demonstrated their courage and compassion when interacting with the horses. After saying farewell and thank you to the fantastic staff at Valery Trails, we got hot chips and then sat at the Boambee Creek Reserve before returning to school. All attending students and staff had a wonderful time and it was such a great activity to end the year.





## PCYC—Fit for Change Program.



This term a group of young men from our school had the opportunity to attend weekly sessions at the Coffs Harbour PCYC with Senior Constable Snow and Heinz as part of the Fit For Change program Youth Command offers.

It allowed us to reflect on past choices and future direction. We met with a range of people from our community who chatted about personal experiences while participating in incredible opportunities such as the NSW Regional Developmental Officer Basketball, Cristi Jefferson's, putting us through our paces.

We also met with amazing people at the Marina Rehabilitation Centre, where they care for sick marine life and help them return to the sea. Our last session was a morning releasing one of the turtles, Crash, back to his home.



The goal setting and reflection activities we experienced back in the classroom has allowed many of us to move forward and start actively choosing the futures we all are striving for. Above all, the program showed us the services that are available and the many people in our community who are here to help, including the police. It takes a village.

## Year 9 Woodwork

Year 9 Woodwork class completing their clock projects. With custom hardwood tops, dovetail draws and customised laser cut clock face.





# YEAR 8 EXCURSION TO THE GOLD COAST



At 7 am on Tuesday, 29 November 2022, a busload of Year 8 Students left the school and headed to the Gold Coast for their first high school overnight camp. The first stop was Wet'n'Wild for the day, and the weather whilst overcast was perfect for a day of rides and swimming.

After a full day, we headed to the Gold Coast Performance Centre for the night with the students playing Volleyball and Basketball before dinner and a movie.



On Wednesday morning, after a hot breakfast, we participated in activities at the Performance Centre including a Boxing Class and an Amazing Race around the facility. Everyone was then treated to a packed lunch before boarding the bus and heading to Byron Bay.



Upon arrival at Circus Arts at Byron Bay, the students were given a safety briefing before being split into groups and coached through the activities. These included aerial silks, a ninja warrior obstacle course, hula hoops, juggling, trampolines, tumbling, and the large trapeze swing. Shoutout to Seeana Harre and Leo Worthing who both dismounted from the trapeze with a backflip. Amazing work, but you're not allowed to run off and join the circus. We would miss you both too much!

Special thanks to Mr Van Schie and Ms Hyder for coming along and making the excursion possible. A great time was had by all.

- Mrs Rachel Wallis





# ANNUAL PRESENTATION AWARDS

## Congratulations to all Award recipients





**JOB VACANCIES**

Please visit the [Woolgoolga High School Careers website](https://www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/careers) to obtain further information about these new jobs.

Click on **Workplace Learning** then **Vacancies & Opportunities**.

(Please scroll down on the left to see all vacancies)

**Apprenticeships/Traineeships**

- ⇒ Indigenous Bank Teller Traineeship at Westpac, Coffs Harbour
- ⇒ Business Administration Traineeship at Coffs Harbour Base Hospital
- ⇒ Administration Traineeship at Coffs Kids in Motion Paediatric Physiotherapy
- ⇒ Business Administration Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- ⇒ 2 Metal Fabrication Apprenticeships at Coffs Harbour
- ⇒ Trainee Dental Assistant at Roger Sharpe Dental Practice, Coffs Harbour (2023)
- ⇒ Trainee Service Technician at TCA, Coffs Harbour

**Full-time/Part-time work**

- ⇒ Junior and Senior Casual staff at FSW Shoes, Park Beach Plaza
- ⇒ Casual Hospitality Staff at 24 Seven Café, Halfway Creek
- ⇒ Bistro Staff at The Amble Inn, Corindi (all ages)
- ⇒ Kitchen Hands and Dishies at King Tide Brewing, Coffs Harbour
- ⇒ Wait Staff and Servers at Sunset Room, Woolgoolga
- ⇒ Junior Kitchen Staff at Woopi Brewing Co. (13-16yrs)

**Upcoming Careers events/webinars**

→Uni Change of Preference Deadline for Dec Round 2  
Fri 16 Dec

→UTS Info Day  
Sat 17 Dec-9am to 3pm  
<https://www.uts.edu.au/study/info-day>

→Dec Round 2-1<sup>st</sup> Uni Offer Round for Yr 12 students  
Thurs 22 Dec

→Uni Change of Preference Deadline for January Round 1 - 5 Jan 2023

→January Round 1 uni offers released -Thurs 12 Jan 2023

→ADF Parent and Teachers Information Session,  
Online—Tues 17 January-6pm to 8pm  
<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/7v8j472>

→SAE Creative Media Institute Info Night, Byron Bay  
Thurs 19 Jan 2023-6pm to 8pm  
<https://sae.edu.au/event/info-night-sae-byron-bay/>

→Uni applications close for Semester 1 2023  
3 Feb 2023

# The Butterfly Garden

As part of processing our devastating loss of a beloved student, Year 9 decided to create a butterfly garden. On Tuesday afternoons different groups of friends picked up paint brushes and went to work, with Harry Styles singing in the background, we chatted about how much we miss Beth, and as we continue to heal, we were able to create a beautiful space at the back of the Art rooms. Many teachers dropped by including Mr Mullan, Ms Stockton, Ms Goodwin, Ms Windsor, Mr Kinninmont, Mr Henderson, Ms Hall and Mr Sweed. Clem, our GA, went, as always, above and beyond giving a lot of personal time to the project. Mr and Mrs Elliot donated beautiful plants and Ms Stockton a gorgeous garden light. Mr Kinninmont built some beautiful flower boxes with the construction crew. A mosaic is being made with Ms Hall and will be put in next year. So, it is definitely still a work in progress, as is our grief, and we know it is a place that will evolve over the years for other groups to use and change. But for now, it is a beautiful place





# Community Notices



**I AM A GIRL  
I CAN DO ANYTHING  
COME TRY**

**COFFS HARBOUR BASKETBALL**

**GIRLS BASKETBALL  
IT'S FUN & FREE**

**WED 25 JANUARY 2023**  
4.5 - 7yrs: 1:00pm-2:00pm  
8 - 18yrs: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

**Wiigulga Sports Complex**  
Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga

**SIGN UP NOW**

[www.bnsw.com.au/i-am-a-girl](http://www.bnsw.com.au/i-am-a-girl)






**BASKETBALL CAMP**

**COFFS HARBOUR BASKETBALL**

**EVERYONE'S GAME  
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Dominic Perrottet MP  
Premier of New South Wales



Dear Parents,

As the 2022 school year draws to a close, I wanted to thank you and all parents, students and teachers for your extraordinary efforts this year.

I also want to let you know about a new program that will ease pressure on household budgets by helping to pay for your children's school supplies at the start of the next school year.

**From 12 December 2022, NSW parents can access a \$150 Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher for each child in primary school, secondary school or home-schooling in 2023.**

Vouchers can go towards the cost of school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, or stationery purchased from registered businesses. You can apply for the vouchers via the Service NSW app, and for more information, visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au), call 13 77 88 or attend a Service NSW Centre.

This new program is part of our plan to give families a more secure financial start to the year.

It has been fantastic to see so many students back in the classroom and thriving in 2022 after so many disruptions, and 2023 is shaping up to be an even bigger year for education in NSW.

We're rolling out a new, back-to-basics curriculum; making changes so students are even better prepared for employment and further education; doing more to recognise and reward our best teachers; and making it easier for parents to connect with your children's education.

It's all about taking those important steps to make NSW education the best it can be, so we can set up our children for future success.

Thank you again for all your efforts this year. I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer - and don't forget to download your Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher from 12 December.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Perrottet MP  
Premier

## Join the Coffs Harbour Libraries Summer Reading Club



- Collect your Summer reading bookmark.
- Get your bookmark stamped for every book you read.
- Read 10 books.
- Return your card with ten stamps to enter the draw. Draw on 24 Jan at 3pm after activities.
- Register for the Summer Reading party celebrations.

**Read for your chance to win**

- Read 10 books
- Collect ten stamps
- Go into the draw to win a Penelope Pratlley's book

**Celebrate your Summer Reading**

Join Penelope at Harry Bailey Memorial Library for some guided creative activities.  
2-3pm  
Tuesday 24 January  
Register online





# 2023 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

SPORT	DATE	CARNIVAL	VENUE	TERM
<b>SWIMMING</b>	Mon 20 Feb	WHS Swimming Carnival	Coffs Harbour Pool	1
	Tue 28 Feb	MNC Zone Swimming Carnival	Coffs Harbour Pool	1
	Mon 13 Mar	NC Regional Swimming Carnival	Alstonville Pool	1
	Wed 3 May to Fri 5 May	NSW CHS State Swimming	Olympic Aquatic Centre Homebush	2
<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>	Thurs 6 April	WHS Cross Country	Woolgoolga HS	1
	Mon 15 May	MNC Zone Cross Country	Nana Glen	2
	Fri 16 June	NC Regional Cross Country	Bryon Bay	2
	Fri 21 July	NSW All Schools State Cross Country	Eastern Creek	3
<b>ATHLETICS</b>	Fri 28 April	WHS Athletics Carnival	Woolgoolga	2
	Tue 20 June	MNC Zone Athletics	Coffs Harbour International Stadium	2
	Thu 17 Aug	NC Regional Athletics	Coffs Harbour International Stadium	3
	Wed 6 Sept to Fri 8 Sept	NSW CHS State Athletics Carnival	Sydney Olympic Park Homebush	3

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