



WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

REFLECTING ON A REMARKABLE YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY!



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Thank you to all students and staff for making our Year 7 Orientation Day a resounding success!

It was a pleasure to witness our future students eager to explore, engage, and embrace their new academic journey from interactive workshops, in TAS, English, PDHPE, Maths, Music, Art, HSIE and Science informative sessions, followed by the information evening.

We hope the future year 7's felt the warmth of our school community and are excited about the adventures that lie ahead.

Mr Murtha - Year 7, 2024 Year advisor

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We have had a lot happening over the last two weeks.

Our Year 6 students joined us for orientation day where they had a real taste of high school and hopefully made some new friends. The evening for families was well-attended with everyone enjoying a BBQ, live music and a school tour. This was followed by an information session including a guest appearance by P&C president, Mrs Julie Marshall.



We have also had additional sessions for our Aboriginal, EALD and Inclusive Education students. Our incoming

students seemed to have enjoyed this process and I look forward to having them join our wonderful school next year.

This week our Year 7, 8 and 9 students had their end of year reward excursions. You will see plenty of photos in this edition. It looks like they had a lot of fun. It is important to note that students need to have satisfactory behaviour, attendance and uniform to be eligible to attend these excursions. I encourage students who missed out this time around to make a special effort next year. Everyone starts a new year with a clean slate, and I would like all students to be able to enjoy these special events.

Most of our Year 10 students are out on work experience this week and next week. We have our careers/transition team members making workplace visits. I hope students find this really helpful in choosing their career of choice. Learning that a career is not for them is also very worthwhile.

In Week 10, we have our Annual Presentation Assembly followed by activities days. There is an amazing variety of activities on offer which I know students will enjoy.

Lu Nickell
Relieving Principal



A SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS:

Our school is committed to building a safe and happy environment for students, staff, parents and the broader community.

We encourage parents and carers to advocate strongly on their child's behalf and, as part of this, expect them to raise concerns about their child. Sometimes these concerns may relate to the way a child may have been treated by another student at this school.

It is natural for parents and carers to feel protective of their children.

However, you must not raise any concerns you have about the behaviour of another child directly with that child (or his or her parents while they are at school), but should instead report your concerns to your child's year advisor or a member of the executive team.

Your concerns will be taken seriously and responded to promptly.

If a parent, carer, or other community member raises their concerns directly with a child (or their parents while they are at school) this may result in the access that person has to the school site being restricted or withdrawn.

We greatly value the contribution parents, carers and other community members make to the school community and do not wish to take any action that impacts on their participation in school activities.



COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 12th Dec	Annual Presentation Assembly
Weeks 8 & 9	Year 10 Work Experience
Wed 13th to Fri 15th Dec	Activities
Friday 15th Dec	Last day for students

Our 2023 Annual Presentation will be held on Tue, 12 Dec 2023.

Invitations to parents/carers who have a child receiving an award at the assembly will receive an invite via email.

If you receive an invite, please RSVP via email.

Thank You



THANK YOU PARENTS AND CARERS for not driving into the staff carpark in the mornings before school and in the afternoons after school to drop off or pick up your child.

It is extremely busy at this time and we appreciate you dropping your child/children off in the designated drop-off and pick-up areas near the bus bay. This allows Students to enter the school via the pathways for safety reasons.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Year 10 students not undertaking Work Experience during Weeks 8 & 9 are reminded that they must attend school.

Students not attending upcoming End of Year excursions must also attend school on those days.

Students attending upcoming End of Year excursions must meet the school's expectations which include a minimum 80% school attendance rate, consistent class attendance, following the school rules, and regularly wearing the school uniform.

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential.

Parents and carers are required to explain student absences from school within 7 days of the first day of a period of absence.

This can be done by phoning the school on 6554 1500, emailing the school or replying to student absentee text messages.

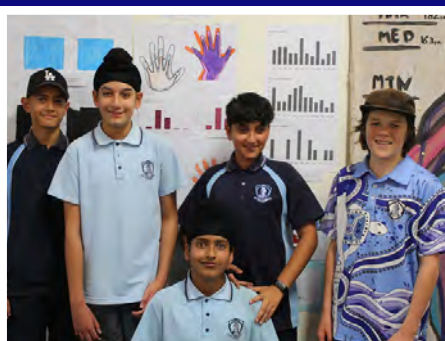
AROUND THE SCHOOL



What does Year 7 look like? As part of their study of data in Year 7 Mathematics, Mr Young's class has prepared a set of infographics to represent our Year 7 cohort. To prepare this display, the students engaged with all aspects of data including:

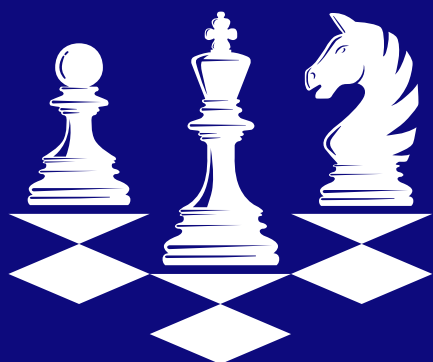
1. Collection – a census of all Year 7 students was conducted.
2. Measurement – students height, foot and hand sizes were measured and recorded.
3. Data collation and cleaning and developing spreadsheet skills in the process.
4. Summarising data including counts, medians, means, ranges and relative sizes of groups.
5. Communicating their findings in ways that are meaningful and interesting to an audience.

Lu Nickell, relieving Principal, visited the students and their display and congratulated the class on their efforts. Well done 7 Mat !!



On Thursday 16 Nov the MC classes went to the Woolgoolga Community Gardens to place our positive stones on the positive python. Students have been discussing positive affirmations during wellbeing learning sessions and painting stones with positive messages. The python made of stones looks stunning. Thank you to the Community Gardens for making us feel very welcome.





CHESS

At assembly we finally managed to crown our 2023 Chess Champions and present them with absolutely stunning perpetual trophies hand crafted by our very own Technical Studies teacher Mr Andrew Hackwell. These trophies will stay on display in the library awaiting next years' competition.



**JUNIOR
CHAMP!**

Congratulations to the Junior Champion Talvin Harre and the Senior Champion Joel Waasdorp. The Overall Champion was Joel and he was also presented with a beautiful wooden chess board that had been hand made by Mr Kris Oates and donated to the competition winner.

**SENIOR
CHAMP!**



It has been fantastic to see the response to chess at WHS and I look forward to more players and more inter school competitions next year. Thank you to Mr Justin Bullock for all of his enthusiasm and expertise and also to both Mr Hackwell and Mr Oates for donating their time and skill.

LIBRARY



Merry Christmas

To celebrate this festive season at Woolgoolga High School, the Prefects will be offering Santa/Christmas photos in the library.

Our Librarians and Prefects have worked hard to design a warm cozy scene to make this year's photos extra special.

From the start of December to the 11th of December, during both breaks, students can get group or individual photos for \$2 per person. We will also be opening times during Homeroom to for class photos.



Year 11 - Life Ready Excursion

A new, exciting opportunity has been made available to the class of 2024!

As part of the Department of Education policy, all Year 11 and 12 students are required to complete the Life Ready Course. This year, our Year 11 students will be able to complete the course as part of an overnight retreat at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Life Ready is designed for senior high school students in which they learn some commonsense lessons that will help prepare them not only for work but for the particular challenges they may face in the first few years after school.

Permission notes have been sent out via email to all families and I have also offered hard copies of the permission notes as an alternative option. Woolgoolga High School has heavily subsidised this experience and the cost has been brought down to \$100 for meals, accommodation, and activities.

The camp will take place on the 14th and 15th of December as part of the Year 11 activity days. We are excited to have all our students on the camp to gather as a year group before their final year begins.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Year 10 student Charlie Berry who has successfully obtained a 4-year Chef Apprenticeship at Ground Earth Woolgoolga. Charlie will commence his apprenticeship next month with Dusty from Ground Earth. Charlie said Dusty had been asking him to be his apprentice for some time, since he started working at Ground Earth 18 months ago.

"In the last school holidays, I decided I wanted to take it (the apprenticeship) up and I had a meeting with Dusty about it," Charlie said.

Charlie commenced his work relationship with Dusty at The Box Factory at Woolgoolga undertaking casual work. Today, Charlie works at Ground Earth after school and on weekends washing dishes, taking customer orders, cooking in the kitchen, and performing table service. Charlie said he enjoys working at Ground Earth and is keen to learn more about the industry through his apprenticeship.

"I've got to the point where I've done everything, and I want to learn more, and I want to get on the grill!" Charlie said.

Charlie is also looking forward to "messing with the menu" and assisting other Ground Earth staff with coming up with delicious new dishes for their seasonal menus.

"It's a great fun joking environment to work in," Charlie said.

Charlie will undertake the training component of his apprenticeship in Commercial Cookery both at work and at home. Charlie has progressed through several of our school's Educational Pathways Program (EPP) initiatives undertaking offered courses and workshops to help determine his preferred career path. "The EPP helped build that work ethic in me and taught me to have a good mentality towards work," Charlie said. Congratulations Charlie!!!



YEAR 12 ART WORKS 2023

Congratulations to Brydi Custance of Year 12 who has had her HSC artwork selected for exhibition in ARTEXPRESS at the Tamworth Regional Gallery and at Yarrila Arts and Museum Coffs Harbour. Well done!

It is also important to acknowledge the other year 12 Art students who also worked hard to create exceptional Bodies of Work. These students put in many, many hours over the past 12 months and deserve to be celebrated. The standard across the entire class was excellent as I'm sure those who attended our Creative Expo would agree.

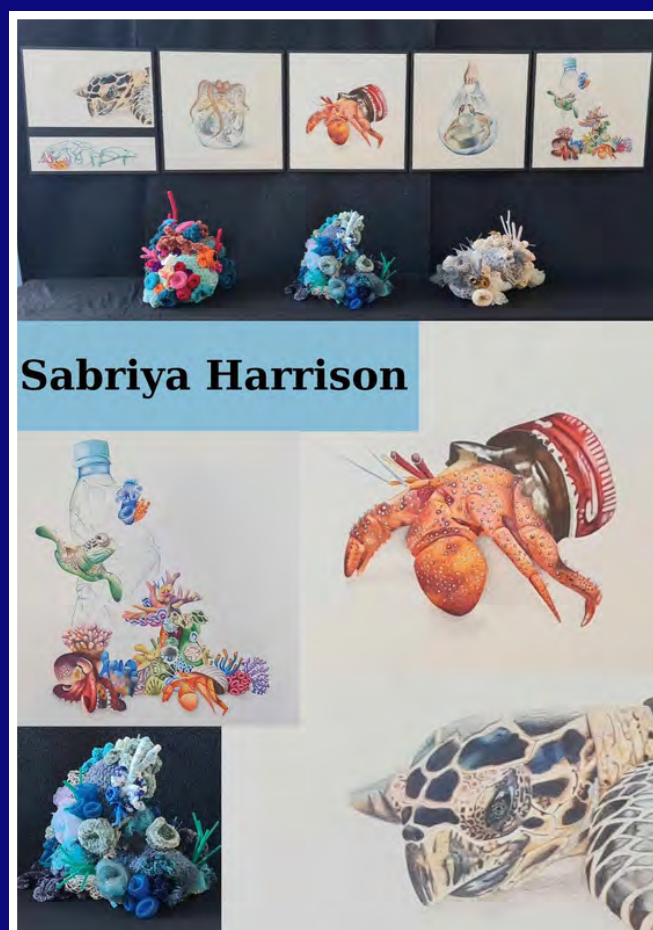


Brydi Custance

Selected
for
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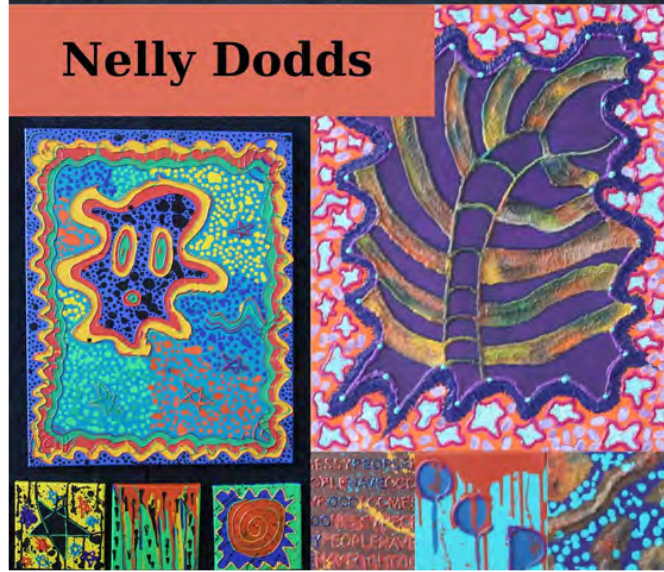
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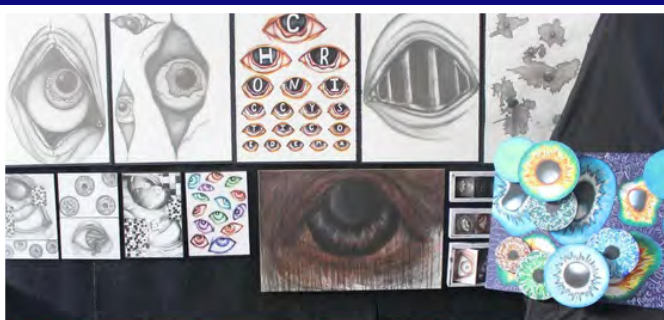
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Nelly Dodds



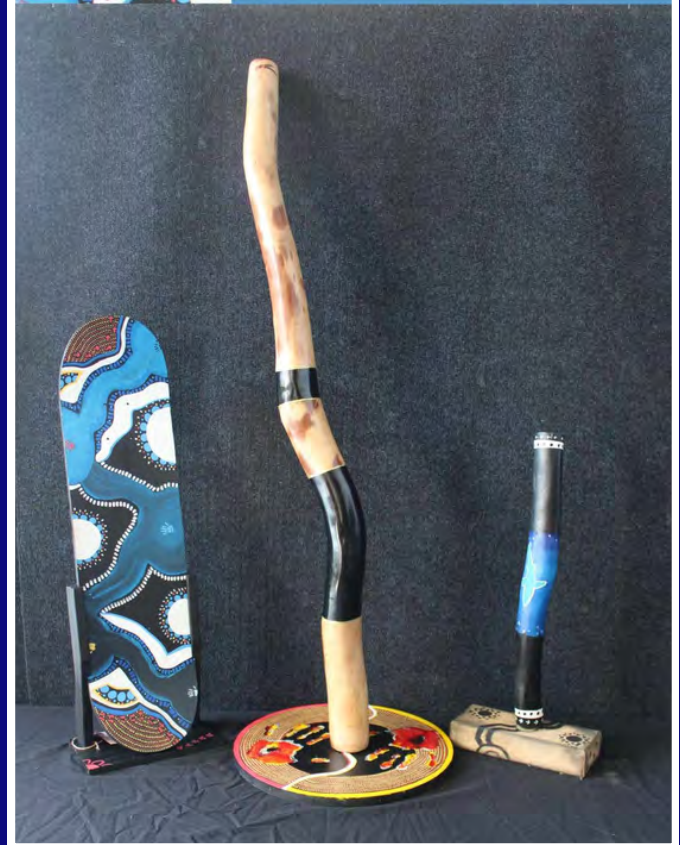
Sara Pickett



Olivia Thompson

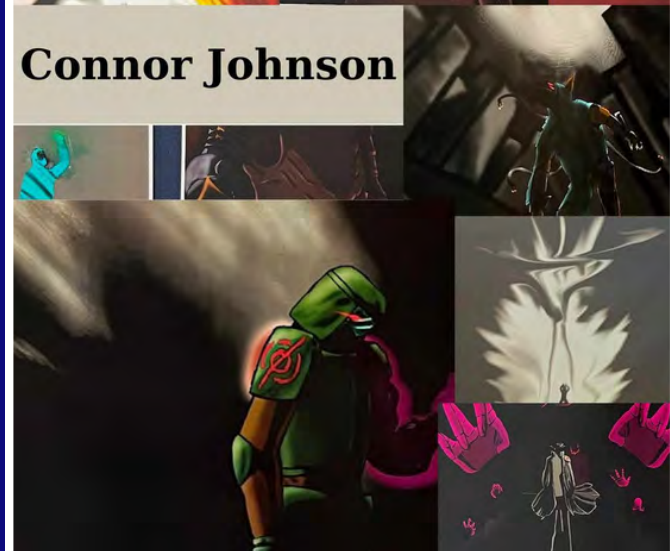


Harry Northam

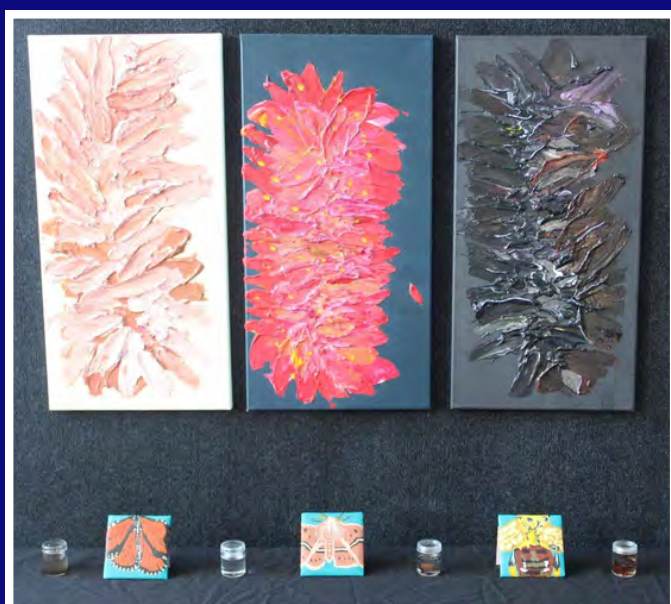




Connor Johnson



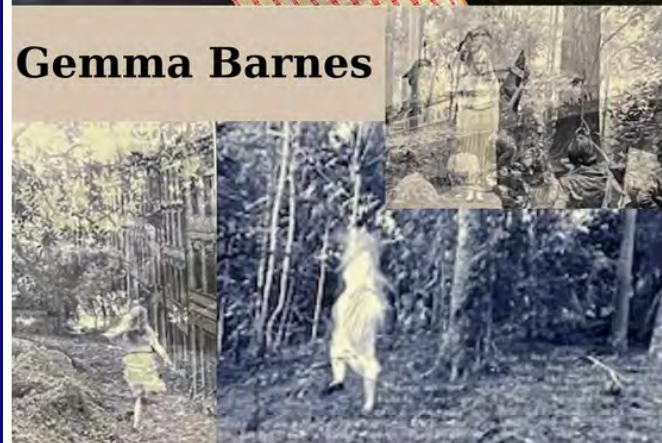
Emma Williams



Freya Smurthwaite



Gemma Barnes



SPORT

CRICKET



The under-14 boys' cricket team played Grafton High School in Grafton. The boys were defeated, but in typical Woopi style they displayed outstanding sportsmanship and resilience. Mr Whitburn was extremely proud of their performance today. Congratulations gentlemen!

WEDNESDAY SPORTS

Notes for students to leave during sport time need to be at the office by 10:30am.

Notes received after this time will not be approved for students to leave during sport time.



Girls league tag gala day with some impressive results from Woolgoolga High.

All students represented school strongly with fairplay and great attitudes



GIRLS LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY



SPECFEST



CONGRATULATIONS!

to: The Jam Jar

Leevon Young, Aidan Freeman and Ronin Lane for reaching the Finals at SpecFest on Saturday.

Such an amazing achievement and an amazing experience! Look out for the band's performance during the upcoming TV broadcast of the 2023 Schools Spectacular on Sat, 9th December at 7pm on Channel 7!!!



SURFBOARD PAINTING



YEAR 7 END OF YEAR EXCURSION



Year 7 had a great time at the Southport Aqua Park.

Students displayed excellent behaviour throughout the excursion making it such an enjoyable, fun filled day for everyone.

Thank you to the wonderful staff Mr Van Shie, Ms Austin, Ms C Hine and Brenno for making the day so enjoyable. We all came home with a few bruises, some sore muscles, big smiles and many great memories.

Looking forward to many more great excursions and experiences!

Mrs Athorn



YEAR 8 END OF YEAR EXCURSION

A big thank you to Year 8 for their excellent behaviour and participation at our Stoney Aqua Park excursion.

We hope everyone had a great day, and from these photos, along with the tired faces at school the following day, it looks like they did!

A big thank you to Mr Cummins, Mrs Kennedy, Ms Fitzgerald and Annie for joining us and making the day even better!

We look forward to more great times with the year group in the years ahead.

Proud Year Advisors,

Mr Mullan and Mrs Rosenberg



CAREERS

JOB VACANCIES

Please visit the Woolgoolga High School Careers website 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) or, [Click Here](#)

- NSW Government Infrastructure Traineeships at Coffs Harbour (Yr 12 School leavers-March 2024 start)
- NSW Government Infrastructure Traineeships (Female) at Coffs Harbour (Yr 12 School Leavers-March 2024 start)
- NSW Government Infrastructure Traineeships (Indigenous) at Coffs Harbour (Yr 12 School Leavers-March 2024 start)
- Trainee Educator at Milestones Early Learning Woolgoolga
- Apprentice Electrician at Mega Watt Power, Coffs Harbour
- Casual Junior Sales Assistant at Opal Centre, Big Banana (17-20yrs)
- Carpentry Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Fulltime Junior Receptionist at Figtree Day Spa, Sawtell
- 1st Year Apprentice at Hairy Rumours, Park Beach Plaza
- Event Staff for Big Bash League (Wed 3 Jan 2024) at Coffs Harbour
- Casual Café Staff for Christmas holidays at The Clog Barn, Coffs Harbour

Attention Year 10 Parents and Guardians
Thank you to all who have supported their child with a work experience placement this week. It has been a pleasure to hear how great many of our students have been at their workplace.

Please note, if your child has not been approved with signed documentation of a work experience placement they are expected to attend school.

If your child has a placement secured for next week (Week 9) and has not received their copy of the signed documentation it is available from the Careers staff room. If you are unavailable to pick these up, please inform the school and this copy can be sent via email. Any Year 10 student who does not have their work experience paperwork approved and processed by the school for Week 8 and 9 will be marked as absent if they are not at school.

Thank you also to all the local businesses hosting our Year 10 students this week and next week!!!

The Careers Team
Woolgoolga High School



UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

- Year 10 Work Experience - Week 9
- Start Your Future Automotive course - Wed 6 December - Grafton TAFE
- Yr 11 Qld Uni Excursion - Thurs 7 & Friday 8 December
- Yr 12 HSC Results released - Thurs 14 December
- Yr 12 ATARs released - Thursday 14 December

Year 10 SBAT students

Year 10 students interested in undertaking a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT) during their senior years are urged to contact staff in the Careers office in the school library to discuss SBAT opportunities and to receive assistance with securing an employer during Term 4, ready to commence their SBAT at the start of Year 11. School-based apprenticeships and traineeships are a great way to set yourself up for the career you want while you're completing your HSC.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT VAPING



North Coast Youth Vaping Taskforce



Parents and carers are invited to a free one-hour webinar to learn how to protect young people from vaping.

Each webinar will provide valuable information to:

- help you increase your knowledge of e-cigarettes (vapes)
- provide some tools for you to start a conversation with your young person
- outline some steps toward supporting your young person to quit e-cigarettes (vaping).

Register for your preferred webinar date and time

To register, select your preferred date and time:

[5pm-6pm, Thurs 23 Nov](#)

[10am-11am, Mon 27 Nov](#)

[12.30pm-1.30pm, Wed 6 Dec](#)

[6.30pm-7.30pm, Thurs 14 Dec](#)

[Click Here](#)

CITY OF COFFS HARBOUR PROUDLY PRESENTS

FREE EVENT!

ALCOHOL FREE

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

an evening of resilience, recovery & reflection

YARRAWARRA ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE CORINDI

SATURDAY 9 DEC

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FREE FILM & MUSIC

COMMUNITY CONNECTION | FAMILY FUN
KIDS ACTIVITIES | EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPLAYS



4:00PM
TO
9:30PM

MEET EMERGENCY SERVICES

UP ARMIDALE ROAD FILM + MUSIC FROM GRACE & HUGH

FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

MYCOFFS CONNECT



CORINDI/RED ROCK EVENT
REGISTRATION
SCAN HERE
COFFSHARBOUR.NSW.GOV.AU/RR



Congratulations to:

Lyla Freudenstein getting through to Round 3 of the National Surfing Titles. She won her Round 2 heat, competing with the best from all around Australia.

Coming in at equal 14th in the Under 14s division.

Well Done Lyla



COMMUNITY NOTICES

NSW Department of Education

Apply to join the DOVES Minister's Student Council

The DOVES Minister's Student Council is the peak forum for interaction between NSW public school students, NSW Education and the NSW Minister for Education

27 students represent 9 directorates in NSW. Council members host student forums to take the issues direct to the Minister.

For your chance to be on the council submit a video of up to 90 seconds outlining who you are; why you are interested in being part of the DOVES; and why you would be a great advocate for students across all walks of life.

Apply via Minister's Student Council
webpage: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/student-voices/minister-s-student-council/apply-to-be-involved>

Applications close Friday 22 December 2023



DECEMBER 2023 TRADING HOURS



OPEN HOURS FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP IN DECEMBER 2023

LAST TRADING DAY WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	NORMAL TRADING HOURS 9:30AM - 12:30PM	CLOSED	NORMAL TRADING HOURS 9:30AM - 12:30PM	CLOSED
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CLOSED	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS					CLOSED
CLOSED	ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE https://daylightsportswear.com/woolgoolga/					CLOSED

Online ordering available through the below link.

<https://daylightsportswear.com/woolgoolga/>

You will be notified by the Uniform Shop when your order is ready for collection.

Return to Normal Trading Hours from Wednesday 7th February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	8:30AM - 11:30AM	CLOSED	8:30AM - 11:30AM	CLOSED



JANUARY 2024 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS



Open hours for the Uniform Shop in January 2024.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



COFFS HARBOUR YOUTH COMMUNITY RADIO
Expression - Impression - Connection

FIVE DAY ON-AIR PRESENTER WORKSHOP
16-20 JANUARY 2024
www.chyfm.org.au

What is Community Radio
What is Community radio and why it's so important.
Media Law and Copyright



Content Creation
How to create engaging content and why it is essential for radio
Radio elements and terminology



Your voice and how to use it
Whether music or speech-based, radio relies on the human voice to connect with its audience – a conversation. The voices we hear – presenters and newsreaders – are who listeners respond to on radio.



Putting it all together
How all the elements go together to make great radio

In-Studio - RCS Zetta
Learn industry standard, digital studio operations



Interviewing Techniques
Good interviews are those that make us lean in and listen – like eavesdropping on an interesting conversation.





Every year the Woolgoolga & Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Lifehouse Church, hosts the 'Carols by the Sea' concert right by beautiful Woolgoolga Beach. This year it will be held on the 15th of December from 5:30 pm.

To support this wonderful tradition, our 2024 Prefects will be running a stall selling snow cones and popcorn.

We hope to see you there for some great food and Christmas spirit!

104.1 CHYFM is holding its popular Five Day On-Air Presenter Workshop – 10am to 3pm, Tuesday 16 to Saturday 20 January 2024. This industry-based course is specially tailored to 13 to 25-year-olds. Places are limited.

For further information, email info@chyfm.org.au



AUZZIE FAMILIES HOMESTAY CARE
AUZZIE INTERNSHIPS & STUDY

Auzzie Families
are recruiting in your area!

We are looking for new host families who can offer the following to international students for either short term or long term stays:

- A fully furnished and private room in your home
- Conveniently located to public transport
- Able to provide balanced and nutritious meals daily
- Interested in interacting with and offering guidance to young people

If you meet these requirements and would be interested in becoming a host then please visit our website to apply: www.auzziefamilies.com or call 8328 8499 during business hours.