



# WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

### CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONS

Our school Cross Country was a huge success last term. It was great to see so many students competing and doing so well earning house points. We would like to congratulate our 2023 age Champions.



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	Boys	Girls
12 Years	Taj Farrow	Frankie Freudenstein
13 Years	Henry Hoppe	Kalani Grayson
14 Years	Azi Batcheldor	Lily Morgan
15 Years	Roy Gulliford	Hadley March
16 Years	Sam Custance	Ava Wilson
16 Years	Riley Nugent	Riley March
18 Years	Baxter March	Katie Hodgson

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

*"A special shout out to Riley March who ran her event then ran again with two younger students who were unfamiliar with the course. This is a wonderful example of the care so many of our students have for others".*

We started this week with house meetings where our staff house patrons and student house leaders gave everyone the run-down for the athletics carnival and practised their war cries. This is always good fun and it's great to see students getting into the house spirit. We will have results and photos from the carnival in our next newsletter.



On Wednesday we had our annual Careers Day. This is a combined effort between the Woolgoolga Chamber of Commerce and the Woolgoolga High Careers Team. I am very grateful to the many professionals who gave their time to help our young people to make informed choices about their future. The response from students at the end of the day was overwhelmingly positive.

We had a strong group of runners attend the Zone Cross Country on Monday. There are results and photos later in this edition. A special shout out to Riley March who ran her event then ran again with two younger students who were unfamiliar with the course. This is a wonderful example of the care so many of our students have for others.

On Tuesday June 6th, we will hold our first Future Students' Information Evening. This open to Year 5 and 6 students and their families who are considering coming to Woopi High. The session will cover what to expect in the process of transitioning to high school as well as the curriculum, wellbeing and extra-curricular programs we offer. The general session will be followed by an information session for those interested in the Excel Class. We will also have an evening for Year 6 families in conjunction with orientation day in Term 4.

Don't forget our Academic Achievement Centre every Thursday afternoon in the library. This is a very productive time for students and I want to acknowledge all the staff who come along to help students with their work and mass-produce the toasties that keep rumbling tummies at bay.

**Lu Nickell,  
Relieving Principal**

## COMING EVENTS

Wed 17th May - Fri 19th May	Sydney University Excursion
Fri 19th May	WHS Athletics Carnival
Tue 30th May - Wed 31st May	Songwriters Workshop
Tue 30th May	SMILE Kindness Day
Fri 2nd June	YR 10 Vaccinations & YR 7 Catch up Vaccinations
Fri 9th June	Coffs Harbiour Dance Eisteddford
Fri 16th June	NC Regional Cross Country
Tue 20th June	MNC Zone Athletics Carnival
Wed 28th June	Mid North Coast Dance Festival

## P&C

Outcomes from the Woolgoolga High School P&C Meeting held on Wednesday 10 May

- Outdoor seating for students to use around the canteen area is currently under construction and will soon be assembled.
- The school's official Facebook page and Careers Facebook page will be linked with new Instagram accounts later this month, as well as the establishment of a Woolgoolga High School LinkedIn account.
- School jackets are selling well at the school Uniform Shop at the discounted price of \$15 during Week 3 and Week 4.
- The Year 12 Graduation Assembly and School Formal will be held on Monday 6 November.
- A preferred design for a school 'jumper-style' hoodie to sell in the school Uniform Shop has been chosen by P&C members. School SRC representatives will be consulted with to choose their preferred design.
- Volunteer parents and carers are still being sought to assist in our school canteen from 29 May to 19 June due to a staff absence.
- Money raised from the school's Muscular Dystrophy Day fundraiser in Term 1 will be donated to the Buckley family for the needs of their two children.

The next P&C Meeting will be held in the school library on Wednesday 14 June. All school parents and staff are welcome to attend to learn more about what is happening in our school.

## STUDIOSITY

For years 10, 11 & 12 to ease the stress of the HSC with this free online tutoring service. Studiosity is available through Coffs Harbour Libraries, either in the library or from home (all you need is your Library Card) and it is the place to go to get help from trained professional tutors. You can connect live to a tutor, get writing feedback, or make the most of the hundreds of curriculum based practice tests available once you log in.



Click on the picture for more information regarding the 2023 HSC Timetable

**The 2023 HSC written exam timetable is out!**

Read the full timetable on the NESA website.



# BOCCIA COMPETITION

On Thursday 5th of May, Ms Warskitt and SLSO's Katie and Donna were delighted to accompany 6 students to the Boccia competition hosted by NSW Inclusive School Sport. Tahlia Parker, Ethan Kirkham, Laird McKelvey, Zoe Nelson, Elizabeth Williams and Aston Fisher competed against other high schools from the local region. After 1 draw, 2 wins and some very close games, we came out in 7th place overall. All students played extremely well and are commended for their excellent participation, focus and sportsmanship. Well done to these students for representing Woopi High!



## WWI Living History Exhibition

Year 9 students and Year 11 Modern History students learnt about WW1 history and got to get up close to some WW1 relics when the WW1 Living History Exhibition visited our school today. Thank you to Shane from WW1 Living History for sharing his WW1 knowledge and WW1 artefacts with our students!



# Sticks to Stadium

Two of our Year 10 students were fortunate enough to be a part of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Lachie Faint and Alicia Murray travelled to Penrith for the **Sticks to Stadium program**.

They had a tailored tour of the Penrith Panthers facilities, experienced a Panthers home game against Sydney Roosters and saw the best of Penrith's local activities. They also travelled to the Blue Mountains in Katoomba and enjoyed the Skyrail and Train. Lachie loved meeting his idol Jonathon Thurston and being so close to the action on game day. He also loved meeting and training with the Penrith Panthers. An experience he will never forget. Alicia enjoyed meeting the players and seeing the facilities, however, she thought the connection to cultural activities was her favourite part.

The initiative was proudly supported by Coffs/Coffs-Clarence Police District, Penrith Panthers Rugby League, NSWPF Aboriginal Co-ordination Team, and Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.



## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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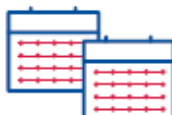
Over 1 year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over 2.5 years missed



# CAREERS

## UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY REGIONAL RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM 2023

Year 12 student Rianna Binning took the opportunity to apply for this program which ran the second week of the April school holidays. Rianna was successful in her application and was offered a position to join this program. The University of Sydney organised and covered the cost of flights, accommodation, food and experiences related to the residential event. This event was supported by current students and faculty staff, and was an immersive experience for Rianna. She participated in workshops and information sessions to plan and prepare for HSC studies, navigated her pathway and study options, gained an experience of life as a University of Sydney student, met and chatted with current University of Sydney students, attended a cruise on Sydney Harbour with dinner and saw the sights of Sydney!

*'It was an amazing opportunity for me to see the campus, to talk with current students and has helped build my confidence as I begin to think of my life after Year 12. It was also fully paid by the University!'*

**Senior students:** Check your emails, follow the WHS Careers facebook page, register and apply for experiences to help prepare you for life beyond school!



### YES+ Animal Care GRAFTON CAMPUS

#### Course description:

YES+ is an initiative of the NSW Government and part of the NSW Department of Education's Educational Pathways Program.

#### This course provides:

Practical demonstrations from highly qualified teaching staff and the opportunity for students to participate in hands on activities to gain insight and knowledge in the animal care industry.

#### Course outcomes include:

- Students make informed career choices to access VET options like SBATs and VET at school or transitioning to study TAFE NSW.
- Students develop individual learning plans identifying courses and study options linked to their preferred careers.

#### Students will need to:

- wear closed in shoes and appropriate clothing
- bring water bottle and lunch

#### For further information:

Please reach out to your school Career's Advisor

#### Participant eligibility

Participants must be:

- 15 years old or older AND
- attending a targeted EPP school AND
- in Year 10

one of the following:

- have chosen a non-ATAR pathway OR
- are undecided about their pathway after school OR
- likely to benefit from exposure to a vocational pathway.

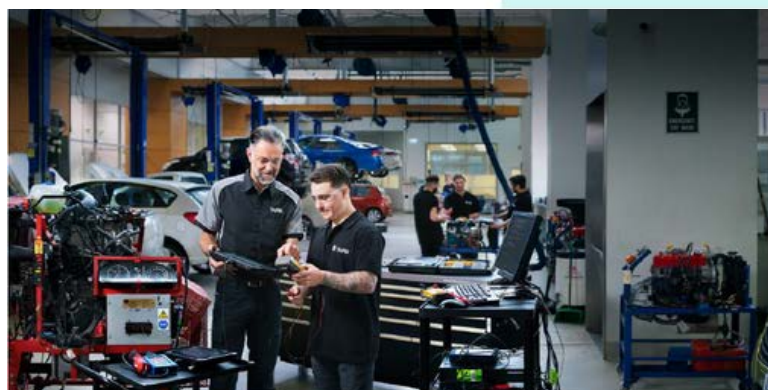
#### LOCATION

Grafton Campus

#### START DATE

July 27, 2023

9:30am - 2:30pm



### YES+ Automotive GRAFTON CAMPUS

#### Course description:

YES+ is an initiative of the NSW Government and part of the NSW Department of Education's Educational Pathways Program.

#### This course provides:

Practical demonstrations from highly qualified teaching staff and the opportunity for students to participate in hands on activities to gain insight and knowledge in the automotive industry.

#### Course outcomes include:

- Students make informed career choices to access VET options like SBATs and VET at school or transitioning to study TAFE NSW.
- Students develop individual learning plans identifying courses and study options linked to their preferred careers.

#### Students will need to:

- wear closed in shoes and appropriate clothing
- bring water bottle and lunch

#### For further information:

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one of the following:

- have chosen a non-ATAR pathway OR
- are undecided about their pathway after school OR
- likely to benefit from exposure to a vocational pathway.

#### LOCATION

Grafton Campus

#### START DATE

26 July 2023

9:30am - 2:30pm

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TAFE NSW YES+ is an initiative of the NSW Government and part of the NSW Department of Education's Educational Pathways Program.

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# 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)

- Trainee Civil Drafter at Northrop Consulting Engineers, Coffs Harbour
- Apprentice Butcher at The Provedores, Coffs Harbour
- Junior Admin Assistant at Beachside Radiology, Coffs Harbour
- Business Administration/Medical Receptionist Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Apprentice Plasterers/Carpenters at Coffs Harbour
- Horticulture Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Carpentry Apprenticeship at BLP Building Worx, Emerald Beach
- Carpentry Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Trainee Dental Assistant at Coffs Coast Dental & Facial, Coffs Harbour
- Indigenous Bank Teller Traineeship at Westpac, Coffs Harbour
- Traineeship position at Gumnut Cottage, Coffs Harbour
- Apprentice Signwriter at Signarama, Coffs Harbour



## National Careers Week 2023

This week is National Careers Week. Here is what's happening at Woolgoolga High School to mark the week for students:

- Year 10 Careers Day
- TAFE Yes and TAFE YES+ Programs
- MNC Careers Expo (Week 5)
- Work Experience: 5 Year 10 students
- Guest presenter: NSW Training Awards Ambassador Theo Scholl visiting some Year 10 classes and presenting at Careers Day.
- Upcoming: Essential Energy and Transport for NSW Industry Day for Year 10 students on Tuesday 30 May.

## UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS

- YES+ Automotive course  
Tuesday 24 & 30 May - Grafton TAFE
- YES+ Engineering course  
Friday 26 & 2 June - Grafton TAFE
- Coffs Coast Careers Expo (Year 10) - Thursday 25 May
- Essential Energy/Transport for NSW Grafton Excursion (Yr 10, 11 & 12) - Tuesday 30 May
- White Card Course - Thursday 1 June
- UAC Let's Chat-Applying for the Educational Access Scheme webinar - Wed 24 May at 6 pm  
<https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-eas2023>
- Entry Schemes and Admission Pathways to the University of Sydney - Wed 31 May at 5 pm  
[https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_g\\_XgH6KIRAUfx36k3pJnHw#/registration](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g_XgH6KIRAUfx36k3pJnHw#/registration)
- Life of a Veterinarian webinar (University of Sydney) - Wed 31 May at 5 pm  
[https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tubEU51GS\\_αOgJiZOOqhgug#/registration](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tubEU51GS_αOgJiZOOqhgug#/registration)

NSW Department of Education

### Essential Energy and Transport for NSW Grafton Industry Day

Find out about upcoming apprenticeships, traineeships & career pathways

Experience 'a day in the life' of a Transport for NSW or Essential Energy apprentice or trainee

Undertake practical hands on activities during a tour of both facilities

Engage with staff to learn about multiple career paths and get tips on applying for the upcoming apprenticeships and traineeship including: Powerline Worker, Electrical Technician, Civil Construction, Bridge Construction & Maintenance, Heavy Vehicle Mechanical

**Where:** Grafton Depots of Essential Energy and Transport for NSW

**When:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May (term 2 week 6)

**Time:** 9.30am to 2.15pm – lunch provided

**RSVP:** Limited places.

**Register before Thursday Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

[jill.mccall@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jill.mccall@det.nsw.edu.au)

Providing:

School name, school contact, number of students, number of staff

Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP)

Jill McCall

[jill.mccall@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jill.mccall@det.nsw.edu.au) or 0436 846 104





## Upcoming webinar for parents – Ask Elevate Anything

Elevate Education's next free webinar will be taking place on **Wednesday 24th May**, titled **'Ask Elevate Anything'**. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions you feel have been unanswered by Elevate in there webinars so far, whether that relates to your child's study space, there motivation levels, the way they study – sign up to there webinar for an opportunity to have your question answered!

Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school:

**Wednesday 24th May @ 6:30pm (AEST)**

## 2023 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

<b>Cross Country</b>	Fri 16 June	NC Regional Cross Country	Bryon Bay	2
	Fri 21 July	NSW All School's State Cross Country	Eastern Creek	3
<b>Athletics</b>	Tue 20 June	MNC Zone Athletics	Coffs Harbour international Stadium	2
	Thu 17 Aug	NC Regional Athletics	Coffs Harbour international Stadium	3
	Wed 6 - Fri 8 Sept	NSW CHS State Athletics	Sydney Olympic Park	3

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



## REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS

**Congratulations** to year 12 student **Emma Williams** who has been selected in the Greater Northern Combined High Schools Under 18's girls rugby league team. Emma will now travel to Wollongong later in May to compete in the NSW CHS State Rugby league three-day trial. Well done Emma and good luck!

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Year 7 student **Lyla Freudenstein** competed in the North Coast Regional for surfing and finished 3rd in the final! An awesome result. This achievement follows Lyla's semi final finish in the Billabong Oz Grom Cup last month. Lyla is currently ranked 2nd in the State for surfing following all her results this year. **Congratulations Lyla!!!**

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Congratulations and good luck to **Roy Gulliford (Yr 9)** and **Jackson Cheney (Yr 10)** as they represent the North Coast Combined High Schools Sports Association at the under 15 boys NSW CHS State AFL Championship over the next 3 days in Albury.





# Open Boys Tennis Competition

Well done to the Open's Boys Tennis Team for their sportsmanship and efforts during the Stan Jones Tennis Cup. The team were successful in the first match against Orara High School, winning all doubles and singles matches. They were beaten in the second match by a very strong Toormina High School team. They placed 2nd in the competition. All players showed strong tennis skills and great sportsmanship.

It's great to see senior students still engaging and representing Woolgoolga High School in extracurricular opportunities. Thanks to Mr Berrada for organising the day.

Team: Isaac Lee, Scott Priest, Lennox Fowler, Jye Pursch.



## LAWN BOWLS

On Thursday, 11 May 2023, Mrs Wallis and 6 Year 11 students Jye, Amos, Scott, Navrin, Mali and Callum travelled to Sawtell Bowling Club for a CHS knockout gala day of the Open Triples Lawn Bowls competition. With some very keen Woopi High Students, we had entered 2 teams, our coach from Woolgoolga Bowling Club, Brenton, came along too. There was some tough competition with both Kempsey HS and Melville HS entering two teams as well.

Both teams won there pools, with Woopi Team B (Jye, Amos and Scott) losing a tough match to Coffs Harbour Senior College but winning on total points scored in there pool, as CHSC had also lost a tough game to Melville HS. Woopi Team A (Navrin, Mali and Callum) won there two games, and had a bye for there third, winning there final game against Melville HS 15 - 1.

Woolgoolga will now move on to verse the winner of the northern region gala day later in the term.



# MNC ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following students list below who represented Woolgoolga High School at the Mid North Coast Zone Cross Country carnival last Monday conducted at Nana Glen Sports and Equestrian Centre.

## 12 Years

**Girls:** Reine Aubort, Jesse Desmond, Lyla Freudenstein, Eva Mackay,  
**Boys:** Hudson Chessher, Taj Cruise, Emil Eckert, Taj Farrow

## 13 Years

**Girls:** Bianca Boettiger, Poppy Ensbey, Kalani Grayson, Maleia Monkton, Skyla Tucker  
**Boys:** Christian Cheney, Harlen Goldsworthy, Henry Hoppe, Tylin Robertson, Issac Smith, Jai Smith, Tom Taylor

## 14 Years

**Girls:** Japdeep Deol, Gracie Kennedy & Lily Morgan  
**Boys:** Diesel Cheney, Hayden Counter, Azi Batcheldor & Jacob Taylor

## 15 Years

**Girls:** Emma Crotty, Hadley March & Sophie Nugent  
**Boys:** Jackson Cheney, Roy Gulliford, Tyke Lee, Tristan Chih, Michael Sutton & Jiang

## 16 Years

**Girls:** Tanika Harrison, Tayla Walsh & Ava Wilson  
**Boys:** Mitch Custance, Sam Custance, Lachie Doyle, Riley Gwynne, Koby Tobin & Izaac Waghorn

## 17 & 18 Years

**Girls:** Molly Cohen, Riley March & Katie Hodgson (18)  
**Boys:** Kaleb Hart, Isaac Lee, Riley Nugent, Leevon Young & Baster March (18)

The 58-student strong team displayed excellent team spirit and running endurance under somewhat cloudy skies and a heavy, hilly course. Luckily the rain held off and there were many great results with all students contributing to **Woolgoolga High being crown champion high school for the Mid North Coast Zone Cross Country carnival.**

A big **thank you** to students **Ajak Makuer (Yr 7), Annelise Donnelly (Yr 7), Lilly Tweedle (Yr 8), Isobel Stockton (Yr 8), Katie Chaseling (Yr 10) and Milly Stockton (Yr 10)** who generously missed a day of school to come and help. And what a fine job these students did along with Woopi teachers Mr Oates, Mr Kinninmont, Mrs March and Mrs Warner.

Lastly, thanks to all the parents who came and supported the Woolgoolga High students.

Woolgoolga High have 27 students qualified to compete at the North Coast Regional Cross Country Championships in Byron Bay later in the term. Good luck and GO WOOP!





1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Katie Hodgson (18G)	Baxter March (18B)	Riley March (17G)
Hadley March (15G)	Kaleb Hart (16B-19B MC)	Ava Wilson (16G)
Azi Batcheldor (14B)	Lyla Freudenstein (12G)	Hayden Counter (14B)
	Taj Farrow (12B)	Henry Hoppe (13B)



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**MULLAWAY 6,743 POINTS**

**EMERALD 6,781 POINT**

**ARRAWARRA 6,343 POINTS**

**DIAMOND 6,322 POINTS**





Woolgoolga High School welcomes current Year 5 and 6 students with their parents and carers to a:

## Future Students' Information Evening.

Tuesday  
June 6



5.30 pm

The information session will discuss what to expect in the transition to high school and what Woolgoolga High School has to offer you.

Following the general session will be the Excel Class information session.





## Extended leave for students (travel or holiday)



We encourage parents to take holidays with their child/ren during school vacation periods.

Where this is not possible; the application form for extended leave can be collected from the front office or on the school website. Applications need to be lodged with the Principal, TWO WEEKS before the start leave date.

The Principal will only accept the application if it is in the best interest of the student. The educational, social and participation reasons should be specified on the application.

Travel is considered to be domestic or international travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons, which should be specified on the application.

Travel documentation, such as travel itinerary or e-ticket, must be attached to the application

<https://woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/parent-information/forms.html>

## As the cold weather approaches a reminder of WHS uniform Cold Weather Alternatives



**Uniform Shop  
Hours:  
Wednesday  
8:30 - 11:30  
Friday  
8:30 - 11:30**



### COLD WEATHER ALTERNATIVE

- Navy zip front hoodie with logo and sky-blue lining inside of hood; all hoods must be worn down in class
- Girls - Navy trousers and white (senior), sky-blue (junior) blouse or top; navy or black non-patterned stockings or tights with skirts or shorts are also allowed
- Boys - Navy (senior) or grey (junior) pants and white (senior), pale blue (junior) shirt
- Girls & Boys – Woolgoolga High School navy tracksuit pants with embroidered school logo and sky-blue piping
- Plain long sleeve undershirts in black, grey, navy, white or sky-blue may be worn under the school polo or buttoned shirt

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL NSW VOUCHERS

Red Triangles Pattern Background  
Redeemable in-store ONLY

*Don't forget to  
use your  
vouchers!!*



find out more on:



**EXP**  
**JUN 30 2023**

[service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers#related-information](https://service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers#related-information)



### Northcoast Schools Mountain Bike Competition

**Rocky Trail Academy**

Woolgoolga MTB Park

**Woolgoolga**

**FRI, 23 JUNE 2023**



More info

**Building resilience and life skills on rocky trails!**

#### STUDENTS LOVE IT.

##### FLEXIBLE FORMAT AND LIVE TIMING.

3 timed race tracks for a balanced skillset challenge and a rewarding experience for all - from "park rats" to inexperienced riders and already racing kids.

#### HAPPY TEACHERS.

##### HIGHLY EXPERIENCED ORGANISERS.

Clear information and info material for parents and principals in the lead up and professional organisation by the Rocky Trail crew on the day.

#### IMPRESSED PARENTS.

##### GREAT VALUE AND SAFE EVENT ENVIRONMENT.

Affordable entry fee of \$55 per racer includes all race photos and AusCycling insurance. Kids will learn to appreciate nature, the environment, self-reliance and independence.

