



WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

HSC Outstanding Major Works

This week we received an abundance of exciting news about our Class of 2024. When HSC markers come to the school to mark our major works and performances, they nominate the highest performing students for special exhibitions.

Jye Pursch has been nominated for Encore for his outstanding HSC Music performances. Jye has been entertaining our students and the wider community with his drumming prowess for many years and we are so happy his talent has been recognised.



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Simran Kaur and Tanika Harrison have been nominated for SHAPE for their very intricate and beautiful Textiles and Design major works.

HSC Outstanding Major Works

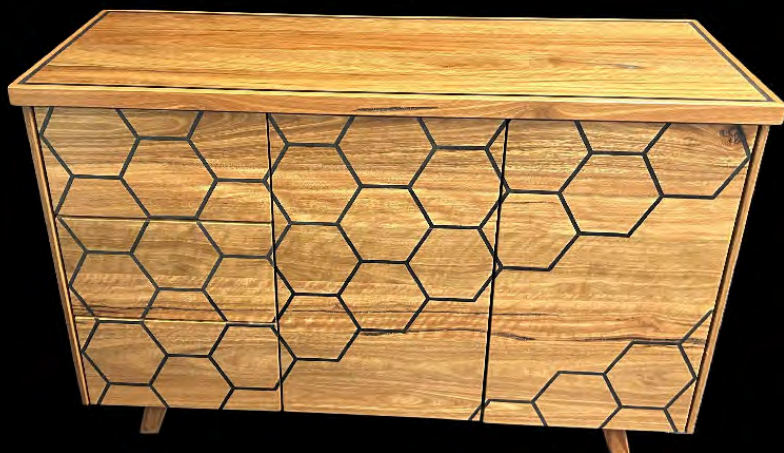
Emily Bell, Sarthak Chaudry, Callum Hodgkinson, Issac Lee and Ebony Singh have all been nominated for SHAPE for their Industrial Technology Timber major works which include furniture and surfboards. They are all pieces I would love to have in my home or as part of my quiver.

Jack Southgate has been nominated for SHAPE for the very professional and creative video production he submitted for Industrial Technology Multimedia.

This is testament to the wonderful talent of our students and the dedication of our teachers - Mr Oates, Mr Kinninmont, Mr McCormack, Mrs Fluechter and Mr Dominey; who have worked tirelessly to support our students.

All nominations will now be assessed by NESAs and we expect to hear later in the year if they have been selected for the final exhibitions or performances.

-Ms Lu Nickell-



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We have reached the end of Term 3 and we have squeezed a lot into the last ten weeks.

Year 12 have finished their formal lessons, but there will be study sessions throughout the holidays. Their teachers are thrilled with the large number of nominations for HSC major works (Page 1 & 2).

Yesterday was their last day at school and as they left the school, there was some traffic mayhem created. I sincerely apologise to anyone who was caught in this and was delayed in leaving the school.

Year 11 completed their final Preliminary exams on Wednesday and have spent the last two days at Getting Out There camp. This will help prepare them for life after school as well as being a good wind-down before they start their HSC courses next term.

Over the last few months, our actors, singers, dancers and artists have been rehearsing and painting sets in preparation for "Shrek" the musical. This will hit the Woopi High stage in Week 6, from the 21st November. I am really looking forward to this one. Keep an eye out next term for when tickets go on sale.

Yesterday we held a bushfire evacuation drill - "shelter in place". As we head into bushfire season, it is important our students know the procedure if the school is threatened by a bushfire. I commend our students on how quickly they evacuated and assembled in the hall. Included in this newsletter is the bushfire fact sheet from the Department of Education.

I wish all of our students and staff a happy and safe holiday. Everyone returns on Monday 14th October. Go Swannies!!

Lu Nickell
Principal



COMING EVENTS

27th Sep	Last day of Term 3
14th Oct	First day of Term 4
15th Oct	HSC exams begin
26th Oct	Year 6 Excel Class Super Saturday

Our Academic Achievement Centre is held every Thursday in the library. Whether you're seeking extra help or looking to enhance your study skills, our dedicated teachers are ready to assist 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.



IMPORTANT

Wednesdays, Sports Day

If you are collecting your child early from school or sport could you please send a note in the morning or email the school before 10.30am.

Once the students have left for sport the office staff can not pass on messages unless it is an emergency.

NSW Ambulance School and Group Cover Scheme

If a student requires an ambulance whilst at school or on an approved school excursion the payment of this account is covered under the above scheme.

When you receive the bill at your home postal address simply bring the account into the office, send it to school with your child or email it to the office and we will take care of it from there.

Whilst your child is at school it is our responsibility to take care of them and if our staff feel an ambulance is required you will not be responsible for the account. If you have any questions please contact the office.



| NSW Department of Education



Every Day Counts

**A day here or there
doesn't seem like
much but absences
add up.**

2 Days = **4 Weeks**
Each month Per school year

This lost learning puts your child **educationally at risk**

Student attendance at school has a dramatic impact on academic achievement, social and emotional wellbeing for individual students.

Quality student attendance results are most likely to be achieved when schools and families work in partnership to support every student.

- ✓ **Above 95%**
Expected Attendance
- **90%-95%**
Minimum Standard
- ✗ **Below 90%**
Educationally at Risk

**Let's support attendance in
our students together.**

education.nsw.gov.au



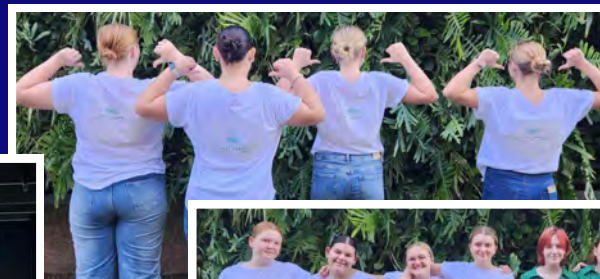
AROUND THE SCHOOL

A huge shoutout to the incredible Year 8 girls who represented our school at the Orbispace initiative in Sydney!

Over the term, these talented students worked hard on their pitches to reduce emissions in the transport industry, forming three impressive teams: Eco Switch, Smart Fuel, and Ultra Electric.

With 60 other teams in the competition, I'm thrilled to announce that Eco Switch made it all the way to the grand finals, just narrowly missing out on the top spot! What an incredible accomplishment in such a competitive field!

All of the girls did a phenomenal job, and they should be so proud of themselves for their creativity, determination, and teamwork. They're truly leading the way towards a greener future, and we couldn't be prouder!



AROUND THE SCHOOL



Congratulations to our winning R U OK Day home group team which achieved the best and fastest answers to our R U OK Day home group Bingo on Thursday 12th September 2024!!!!



Members of the SRC answered a call to help fundraise for Legacy on Friday 6th September.

The team approached businesses around town and in the industrial area and were overwhelmed by the generosity of all businesses

Their efforts helped to contribute close to \$600 dollars to the valuable cause

Thankyou Mrs Stockton for your enthusiasm, guidance and humour looking after SRC this year.



YR 10 FOOD TECH



Y10 food tech making Caesar salad cups

Final week of term training for Woolgoolga High School!

These amazing students have been putting in the work all term and are growing stronger each week Just 8 weeks to go until the big event — #RunTheCoast at GC50 Run Festival!



SCHOOL NOTICES

NSW Department of Education

Bushfire danger period information for parents and carers

Factsheet

This factsheet provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the bushfire danger period.

The NSW Department of Education has engaged external experts to conduct assessments of all NSW government schools, to identify schools at greater risk of impact from bushfires.

To support the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff, the department, in consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), will direct the school to temporarily cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for your school's NSW fire area. Alternative learning arrangements will be put in place for these days.

Schools may be directed by the department to become non-operational at any time based on advice from emergency services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.



What is a Fire Danger Rating?

Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a fire start. The ratings are determined by a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought.

For further information on the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, visit rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon

Fire Danger Rating sign



education.nsw.gov.au



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When will I know if my child's school has been made non-operational?

At approximately 4:00pm each day the Fire Danger Rating is issued for the following day. This means that schools, including onsite preschools, will be notified after school hours that it will be non-operational the following day. Your school will notify you as soon as possible by the preferred method of communication.

Parents and carers are requested to:

- provide up-to-date home and after-hours contact details to your school
- stay up-to-date with news and local media through the bushfire danger period.



NSW School Updates app

Get the free NSW School Updates app to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app



What education arrangements will be in place if the school is non-operational?

When non-operational, your school will advise of alternative learning arrangements, including any relocation or learning from home plans.



Learn more

Be prepared and ensure you have a bushfire survival plan in place. The NSW RFS has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bushfire season.

Consider whether your home is safe from bushfires and grassfires, and be prepared to relocate to a safer place well in advance. Find more information and resources from the NSW RFS rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare

We appreciate your cooperation during the bushfire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bushfire danger period, please refer to [NSW Rural Fire Service rfs.nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au/rural-fire-service)

The department's School Safety website education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety provides up to date information during bushfires and grassfire emergencies.

Please contact your school with any additional questions.

SCHOOL NOTICES



Canteen menu

DRINKS milkshakes and thickshakes need to be ordered at breaks – caramel, strawberry			
Milkshakes	\$5.00	Thickshakes	\$5.00
500ml flavoured milk	\$4.50	300ml flavoured milk	\$3.50
500ml Norco natural	\$4.50	Popper juice cartons	\$2.00
Nutrient water (3 flavours)	\$4.50	Bundy juice (4 flavours)	\$4.00
Light peach ice tea	\$4.00	Juice bomb (3 flavours)	\$3.50
Water	\$2.00		
FROZEN TREATS			
Quelch stick	\$1.00	Smooze mango/pineapple/guava	\$2.00
Frozen juice cup	\$1.50	Icy Twist lemonade	\$2.00
Moosie choc	\$2.00	Seasonal frozen fruit	\$1.00
SANDWICHES			
BLAT - garlic aioli	\$5.50	BLT - garlic aioli	\$5.50
Chicken salad - mayo dressing	\$5.50	CLAM - mayo dressing	\$5.50
CLM – mayo dressing	\$5.50	Cheese salad – basil pesto	\$5.50
Ham salad – seeded mustard	\$5.50	Extras – cheese, avocado, tomato, beetroot, cucumber etc.	50c
WRAPS & ROLLS			
Chicken Caesar salad – chicken, lettuce, bacon, parmesan cheese, egg, croutons and Caesar dressing	\$7.00	If you wish to order a different combination or would like any of the wraps and rolls toasted, please see our canteen team.	
Chicken, ham, tuna or cheese salad	\$6.00		
Garden salad	\$6.00		
HOT FOOD			
Beef Nachos *	\$6.00	Sweet potato or potato chips / add aioli, gravy, or sauce	\$4.00 / \$4.50
Chicken burrito *	\$6.00	Beef sausage roll	\$4.00
Chicken, beef or vege burger	\$6.00	Gourmet pies: potato top, cheese and bacon, chicken mornay, vege mornay	\$5.00
Gourmet sausage rolls: spinach and feta, pumpkin and spinach	\$4.50	Plain pie	\$5.00
Tomato and BBQ sauces	50c		
* We cater for Vegetarian and Gluten Free options – please see our Canteen Team			



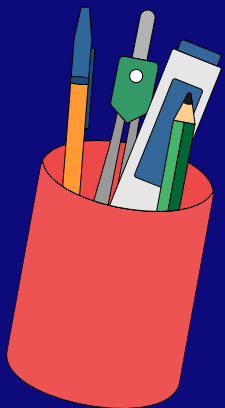
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School Canteen menu

SALAD BOWLS			
Chicken Caesar salad	\$7.00	Chicken, ham, tuna or egg	\$7.00
Garden salad	\$6.00		
Dressings available – garlic aioli, basil pesto, Caesar, grain mustard, Italian and mayo			
COUNTER SPECIALS			
Toasted cheese sandwich	\$2.00	Toasted ham & cheese	\$2.50
Toasted ham, cheese and tomato	\$3.00	Garlic slice made on Turkish	\$1.50
Mini bacon and egg roll	\$4.00	Mini nachos	\$4.00
Mini chicken & gravy roll	\$4.00	Ham & cheese scrolls	\$3.50
Hot dogs	\$4.50		
All of the above are subject to time permitting on the day and availability of stock			
SNACKS			
Vege chips – plain or BBQ	\$2.50	Red Rock Sea Salt crisps	\$2.50
Jelly cups	50c		

HOLIDAY

Restock!

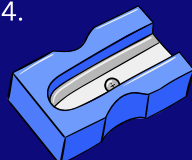


Refresh the mind, refresh the body and refresh the school supplies.

As parents, we know the joy of cleaning out the school bag at the end of term; who knows what we might find: one or two lunches from a month ago, an apple well past its rot-by date and at least one note that you should have gotten in Week 3.

While you're doing that, please take time to refresh your child's uniform and supplies. By this point in the year, many pens and pencils have run out, books have been mauled and various bits and pieces lost.

Please help our often forgetful teenagers by replenishing their supplies, putting their name on everything and making sure that their bags are ready to go for Term 4.



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)

- Part time Trainee Early Childhood Educator at Smartland Boutique Early Learning, Coffs Harbour
- Apprentice Fitter at City of Coffs Harbour council
- Apprentice Electrician at City of Coffs Harbour council
- Entry level service delivery roles at Services Australia, Coffs Harbour
- Casual Crew Member at Hungry Jacks, Coffs Harbour
- Full time Bread Baking Apprenticeship at Bananacoast Hot Bake, Coffs Harbour
- Full time Care Ready Trainee (Individual Support) at Coffs Harbour
- Printing and Signage Apprenticeship at One Printing & Signage, Coffs Harbour
- Full time and Part time Front of House staff at Bluebottles, Woolgoolga
- Full time Chef de Partie position at Darlington Beach Resort, Arrawarra (entry level)
- Job opportunities at Aloha Poke Bar, Woolgoolga

Upcoming Careers events

- **UAC University Early Bird Processing Charge Deadline - Mon 30 September**
- **Yr 12 HSC exams start - Tues 15 Oct-8 Nov**
- **EPP Start Your Future Automotive Mon 21 Oct - Grafton TAFE**
- **EPP Start Your Future Early Childhood Thurs 24 Oct - Grafton TAFE**



Woolgoolga HS Ag students undertook the Get a GRIP horticulture hands-on experience day recently.

The day had the group visit the TAFE NSW Trenayr campus and develop skills and knowledge focusing on growing, regenerating and producing with local industry representatives and TAFE NSW teachers. Students spent time undertaking activities in the career areas of conservation and ecosystem management, production horticulture and general horticulture.

The industry representatives were Grant from Yaegl Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (Wadyarr Gargle Land & Sea Contractors), San from Provenance Propagation and Henriett from Clarence Valley Council who also had two apprentices Zoe and Casey. The representatives discussed their career journeys and the role they currently undertake. Students were guided on the training, skills and qualifications required for entry into a variety of careers, with the two CVC apprentices discussing their perspective of transitioning from school to work.

This program was developed and funded by the Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP) in collaboration with TAFE NSW and the Educational Pathways Program (EPP) operating at our school, to ensure students leave school well prepared for higher education, training or work.



Year 10 Work Experience

As part of the Year 10 program for Careers education, Woolgoolga High School students have the opportunity to engage in work experience from Monday 2 December 2024 to Friday 6 December 2024. This is a one week block during Week 8 of Term 4 2024.

Work experience is a valuable opportunity for students to gain an insight into the world of work, where young people can learn more about their future options. It can help students align their school studies with possible careers and future pathways. Students can explore an industry in depth, and learn a lot more than what can be taught from a careers advisor/guide or website article. Often, students will learn about careers they didn't know existed and develop their understanding of related pathways.

Work experience also enables students to develop and demonstrate their communication skills in an adult environment which will be essential for their success in the workforce in the future.

Students will be required to have the necessary paperwork signed and returned to the Careers Team by Wed 20th November 2024 to enable the Careers Team to check and process all documentation. Documentation can be returned by hard copy or emailed to woolgoolga-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Student Placement Records for Year 10 Work Experience placements can be found on our school website at

https://woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/w/woolgoolga-h/localcontent/student-and-parent-information/Student_Placement_Record_form.pdf



COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROAD RULES NEAR SCHOOLS ... SAVES LIVES!

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles in school zones.

Drive safely and always obey the road rules ... the safety of every child depends on it!

- ✓ Park and stop in designated zones
- ✓ Don't double park
- ✓ Get off the mobile phone
- ✓ Check your speed
- ✓ Look out for kids in bus zones
- ✓ Hold your child's hand

SHOW YOU CARE – BE AWARE!



How you can help

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

- ✓ Encourage others to do the same.
- ✓ Report dangerous driving in school zones to:
Police Assistance Line 13 14 44 or contact your local police.

For further enquiries email: coffs.council@chcc.nsw.gov.au



A Quick Guide to Road Rules in School Zones

HELPING OUR KIDS STAY SAFE IN SCHOOL ZONES

Driving in school zones is a serious responsibility and here's how to stay aware to make sure you're following the road rules.



NO STOPPING

No Stopping at all on any length of road to which a No Stopping sign applies.

FINE \$410*
DEMERIT POINTS 2



NO PARKING

You are not allowed to park here at all. You can only stop dropping off or picking up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle for no longer than 2 minutes.

FINE \$227*
DEMERIT POINTS 2



BUS ZONE

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone at all. Only public buses can stop here.

FINE \$410*
DEMERIT POINTS 2



NO DOUBLE PARKING

Double Parking is not allowed. You must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another parked car.

FINE \$410*
DEMERIT POINTS 2

NO MOBILE PHONE USE

Do NOT use a hand held mobile at any time while driving.

FINE \$544*
DEMERIT POINTS 4



SCHOOL ZONE



DO NOT SPEED

Between the hours of 8–9.30am and 2.30–4pm on school days the speed limit is 40km per hour.

Fines and demerit points in school zones have been increased.

Make sure you always stay within 40km speed limit in school zones.

MAX* FINE \$4643*
MAX* DEMERIT POINTS 7*

* Maximum penalty fine and demerit points for a class A motor vehicle Exceeding speed over 45 km/h in a (school zone).

www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/demerits-penalties-and-offences

* as of 01/07/2024

DANGEROUS DRIVING BEHAVIOUR AROUND SCHOOLS PUTS CHILDREN AT RISK

COMMUNITY NOTICES



grow your headspace

free gardening workshop

for 12-25 year olds

at the South Coffs Community Gardens

learn to nurture your own mini food garden!

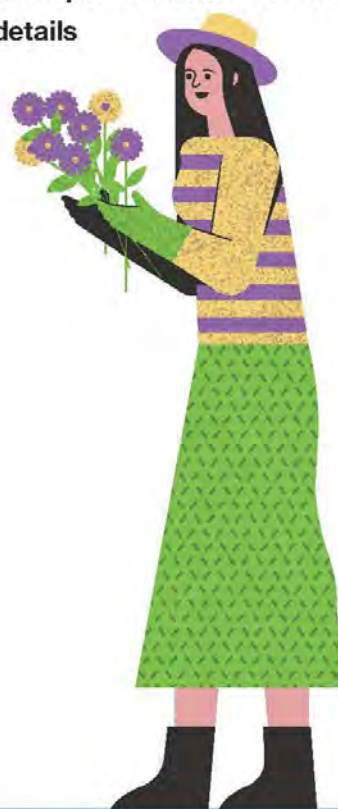
In the workshop you get to plant your own seedlings and then take them home and watch them grow. You get a free feed too!

register here
(it's free):



overview

- Wednesday the 2nd of October 2024
- 10am - 1pm
- Lunch provided
- At 30 Bruce King Drive, Boambee East NSW 2452
- Registration essential
- Transport available - see rego link for details



Got any questions? Reach out to Geordy at getinvolvedhch@healthvoyage.org.au

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NORTH COAST

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OF AUSTRALIA

headspace Coffs Harbour is funded by Healthy North Coast through the North Coast PHN program and is a program of Health Voyage Ltd.

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This event is supported by the NSW Office for Regional Youth Holiday Break Program

COMMUNITY NOTICES



CHECK OUT THE COFFS COAST BMX PAGE OR INSTAGRAM FOR DETAILS

JOIN COFFS COAST BMX CLUB TODAY!

Tuesday: gate practice and training night from 6pm

Friday: Racing! Sign on from 5:30pm - Racing starts at 6:30pm.



Scan QR code for a 4 week free trial.

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS EVENTS

30 SEP-8 OCT

This Spring school holidays, OzGREEN is offering a series of free events for young people to get the adrenaline pumping and connect you with the world around you.

Free events.
Food included.
Some travel included.
Very limited places!

Sign up for one event or all five!

OzGREEN

KAYAK & WATERBUGS TOUR

MON 30 SEP
9AM-3.45PM



FREE BUS FROM BELLO

TREETOPS PARK ADVENTURE DAY

TUE 1 OCT
9.30AM-2PM



GUMBAYNGGIRR PADDLEBOARDING & CULTURAL TOUR

TUE 8 OCT
11AM-3.15PM



BIRD DAY AND ECO-ART DAY

WED 9 OCT
9.30AM-2.45PM



WED 2 OCT
TIME TBC

WATERSLIDES, HIGH ROPES & MOUNTAIN BIKING DAY

FREE BUS



More info and register at www.ozgreen.org/events



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Arboregreen

KAYAK TOUR - MON 30 SEP FREE

9.00am Drive to start location
9.45am Session 1: Unload, Safety & Introduction to Kayaking
10.15am Session 2: Paddle the Bellinger River
11.00am Morning Tea (20 min)
11.20am Session 3: Paddle the Bellinger River - Silent, Mindful Paddle - Ten ways to help the river
12.15pm Lunch
1.00pm Session 4: Paddle the Bellinger River (1 hr 45 min)
- Kayak Tag
- Rapids
2.45pm Afternoon Tea + Swim (30 mins)
- Load canoes
3.15pm Drive back to Bellingen
3.45pm Young people get picked up

BIRD LANGUAGE & ECO-ART - WED 9TH OCT FREE

9.30am Welcome
9.45am Morning Tea
10.00am Bird Session OR Eco Art Activities & Games
12.00pm Lunch
12.30pm Bird Session OR Eco Art Activities & Games
2.30pm Story sharing + Feedback Forms
2.45pm Young people are picked up

*The Bird Session Involves:
• sensory awareness game (predator / prey)
• intro to bird language
• intro to tracking predators through the landscape using bird alarm
• sit spot activity + debrief
• hunting game + debrief

TREETOPSFREE DAY - TUE 1 OCT FREE

9.15am Young people arrive
9.30am Welcome, Games & Morning Snack
10.15am Safety talk and get fitted into harness
10.30am High Ropes Course
1.00pm Picnic Lunch & Games
2.00pm Young people are picked up

GUMBAYNGGIRR PADDLEBOARDING TOUR - TUE 8TH OCT FREE

11.00am Welcome
11.10am Games with Sam & Lily
11.40am Morning Tea
12.00pm Gumbaynggirr Culture & Bush Tucker Walk OR Paddleboarding
1.00pm Gumbaynggirr Culture & Bush Tucker Walk OR Paddleboarding
2.00pm Picnic
2.45pm Story sharing + Feedback Forms
3.15pm Young people are picked up

MOUNTAIN BIKING, HIGH ROPES & WATERSLIDES DAY - WED 2 OCT FREE

The itinerary and times are still being finalised, but the day will include:
Travel via bus OR Meet at the venue
Welcome
High Ropes Course and/or Mountain Biking
Morning Tea
Waterslides
Lunch
Story sharing + Feedback Forms
Travel back via bus or young people are picked up

I'M IN!



Get in quick. Places are limited.

REGISTER AT WWW.OZGREEN.ORG/EVENTS