



# The Lyrebird

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## Coming up

### Wed 18 December

Last day of school for students

### Thu 20 December

Staff Development Day

### Sat 19 January 2019

Uniform Shop 9.30am to 12.30pm

### Tue 29 January 2019

Staff Development Day

Uniform Shop 9am to 12.30pm

### Wed 30 January 2019

Yr7 and Yr11 return to school

Uniform Shop 8.30am to 10.30am

### Thu 31 January 2019

Yr8, Yr9, Yr10 and Yr12 return to school (Week B)

Uniform Shop 8.30am to 9am (as per usual)

### Wed 6 February 2019

Swimming Carnival

### Fri 12 April 2019

Last day of Term 1

## PAYMENTS SCHEDULES

### SNOW TRIP PAYMENT PLAN

2018 Term 4 Week 8—\$250

2019 Term 1 Week 2—\$250

2019 Term 1 Week 8—\$250

2019 Term 2 Week 2—\$250

2019 Term 2 Week 8 - \$335 or balance

### ITALY TRIP PAYMENT PLAN

Feb 2019—\$600

March 2019 Balance due

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL DELIVERED AT OUR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TODAY



Some of our 2018 high achievers in HSC pictured here with Mrs Pearson, School Principal

Firstly, I would also like to acknowledge the Arakwal, Minjungbal and Durrumbul peoples of the Bundjalung Nation who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay my respects to Elders both past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal people present today. Special guests, families, friends, students and staff today awards will be presented to students who have achieved academic, cultural and sporting excellence, given outstanding commitment and actively participated within the school and the broader community.

This has been another good year and I would like to take this opportunity to share just a few of our school's achievements with you.

Last year, we introduced a Year 7 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) course and what a success it has been. On the Year 6 Orientation Day, the students from across Year 7 showcased their incredible model village. The Year 6 parents were very impressed. This year, we expanded the program into Year 8 and also introduced a Year 8 Integrated Curriculum course. We are very pleased with the way students have engaged with these programs and the skills they have gained will benefit them as they move through their schooling years and into the wider world.

The high level of student skills was clearly demonstrated last week when

Year 7 STEM students competed in an International STEM competition –the ‘CSI Blood Pool’ challenge. Students worked in teams of 4 or 5 to solve the challenge with great success. We had 4 teams in the top 5% of the world. The challenge is delivered in the UK, NZ, Singapore and Hong Kong. One of our teams is currently ranked second in all of Australia. Very impressive results.

This was one clear example of how students are achieving academic success through the outstanding programs this school is implementing. Two other clear examples are our NAPLAN and HSC results. I would like to point out though before I talk about our NAPLAN results that it is just one small snapshot of how and what we do in the school but it is valuable to look at.

For the past four years, we have been focussing on enhancing students’ literacy and numeracy skills and the NAPLAN results are just one indication that our programs are working. I would also like to point out that we are not teaching to the test but ensuring effective literacy and numeracy skills teaching are embedded in every subject.

The Centre for Educational Statistics and Evaluation analyses each school’s NAPLAN results. For the past two years, the growth in student performance between when students start Year 7 at Mullum High and when they complete NAPLAN in Year 9 is above expected growth. We are acknowledged as excelling and this is across NAPLAN overall. It is also across all student ability levels. Indeed, our students who have additional learning needs are demonstrating excellent growth in literacy and numeracy skills, which is indicative of how well our support model is working and the expertise of our Special Education staff.

In comparison to schools of a similar size and complexity to us, we had more students achieve at or above the minimum standard and more students achieve results in the top 2 bands. This year, our students also performed above state average in numeracy and reading. Indeed, we have performed above state average in reading for many years. A focus of our new Librarian, Ms Kerrie Eaton and our English staff under the guidance of Head Teacher, James Clark has been further enhancing students’

enjoyment of reading. The Drop Everything and Read program and the Reading Challenge Bingo are two initiatives students have embraced this year. Purchasing additional fiction and graphic novels was a focus in the Library and saw lending go from 790 books borrowed by students in Years 7-10 in 2017 to 1,834 books borrowed this year.

We were very pleased with our 2018 HSC results



Cover design of the CD produced by students and Mr Bede

and proud of our students’ achievements. Students in a broad range of subjects, including English Advanced, English Extension 1, Legal Studies, Indonesian Continuers, Modern Hebrew, Visual Arts and Physics, achieved a band 6, a HSC mark above 90. Our school is very proud of the broad curriculum choices we provide for our students to meet their different abilities and interests.

40% of our students achieved above 80 per cent in at least one subject. Oliver Arthur-Andrews and Artemis Arthur-Andrews, Ava Brown, Romany Claringbull and Clare Fisher were acknowledged on the Distinguished Achievers list and Roni Ben Harush on the Top Achievers list. Roni came third in the state in Modern Hebrew Continuers.

Oliver Arthur-Andrews achieved the top ATAR rank, achieving an impressive 97.75 and was closely followed by his twin sister Artemis. Both achieved exceptional results gaining Band 6s in the majority of

their subjects. Both also accelerated in Mathematics in 2017 with Oliver achieving the equivalent of band 6 in both Extension 1 and Extension 2, the highest levels of Mathematics students can study. Oliver was one of our 2018 school captains and also excelled in this role.

Ethan Jimenez's Music performance was nominated for ENCORE, the showcase of the best HSC performances and Ella Rossmanith-Jones had her Industri-



al Technology Timber project nominated for Shape 2018, the exhibition of exemplary major projects. These are both outstanding achievements.

Overall, our HSC results were very solid across the cohort group and I look forward to seeing all of our 2018 HSC students achieving success in their chosen endeavours.

Once again, today we will be awarding scholarships thanks to the generous support of the McPaul family and the late Dr Suresh. In addition, this year we will be awarding additional Music and Sport scholarships thanks to the generous support of the Mullumbimby RSL Sub-branch of our music program and the PD/Health/PE Faculties fundraising.

We are very pleased that the McPaul family and representatives from the Mullumbimby RSL sub-branch are with us. I would also like to say that, for all of the scholarships, we had a large number of applications and it was very difficult to make the decisions. I encourage any student who put in an application, but has missed out today, to resubmit next year.

Our strong connections to our diverse, inclusive and creative community are a strength of our school. The sponsorship of the scholarships mentioned above is one example of this. In addition, once again this year we have had a significant number of our students and staff actively involved in a variety of community events. The Hospitality students catered for a number of events including the Ocean Shores Art Expo, The Mullum Show and the Golf Club Christmas party. Art staff worked with community members to ensure the Mullum Sculpture Festival was a great success. The artworks by our Year 7 art students and support students in the Castle of Dreams were exceptional. Our Year 10 Drama students performed a number of outstanding shows for primary students across the Brunswick Valley and our sports students have assisted at a variety of primary school carnivals and events. Our Year 7 Indonesian students produced incredible, creative children's books, which they shared with students at Mullumbimby Public School. Our Indigenous dancers once again thrilled audiences at NAIDOC celebrations across the shire and the performances of our Music students at the Mullum Music Festival were inspiring. If you are interested in being able to enjoy some of our students' music at home we have



our first Mullum High Music CD available for sale at just \$5 to cover the cost of producing it. Our new recording studio is proving to be a big hit.

Another example of a strong community connection

is the way our school and P&C work together. Our P&C are a fantastic group of people who are generous with their time, assistance with writing grant applications, responding to issues impacting on the



school, support of the school in decision making, fundraising for additional resources, promotion of the school and willingness to get involved.

Due to staff and P&C working together to write grant applications, our school is one of the schools selected to gain some additional government funded air-conditioning early next year. The movie fundraiser at the Brunswick Heads Picture House organised by the P&C was a fantastic community event and I look forward to attending the first one next year. Staff and students working together at the Mullum Music Festival, was not only great for raising funds for the school, but also for growing friendships. During the holidays a new electronic sign will be erected at the front of the school to replace our old manual sign. Funded by our P&C.

Over the holidays we will also be having a demountable installed. It will be used for a new tutorial program being implemented in 2019. The Tutorial Program will cater for the small number of students who have difficulty managing their behaviour in a mainstream classroom. A ten-week program will focus on supporting these students to learn new skills in an intensive, highly structured environment and return to their mainstream classes with additional support to ensure they become successful learners. The school will gain additional staffing including a specialist behaviour support teacher.

This program will be an additional program to add to the already outstanding wellbeing programs we offer across the school. Our school's focus on ensur-

ing a supportive learning environment promotes student wellbeing. In May, 251 of our Year 7 to 10 students completed a statewide survey and the majority of our students indicated that they felt valued and cared for at Mullum High. They value schooling, they have positive relationships with other students and staff at our school and they believe that the majority of Mullum High students demonstrate positive behaviour at school.

In this same survey students indicated that they have the opportunity and enjoy participating in extra-curricular activities and sports. Our school does conduct many wonderful excursions including the Year 7 camp on the Gold Coast, the Special Education camp at Evans Head, the Year 10 Snow trip and the Italian Exchange program to mention just a few. In the sport report you will hear of the many outstanding achievements of our students in a wide variety of sports this year.

I have mentioned only a few of our successes this year and you will hear of more as students receive



awards. The wonderful things happening in our school would not happen without the dedicated, hard-working and highly qualified staff we have here. I would like to thank each and every staff member for their outstanding contributions to our students and school community.

This year, three well-respected members of our

staff are retiring – Science teacher Mr John Kilpatrick, Casual teacher Mr Howard Thomas and School Counsellor Ms Camilla Nova. Each of these teachers has made an enormous difference for our students and school. I wish them all a wonderful retirement. Sadly this year, a valued member of staff, Ms Suzie Reilly, passed away and our thoughts will especially be with her family during this holiday season.

This year, we also moved across to a new statewide payroll system, new website platform and new financial budgeting tool. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our School Administration Manager, Paul Evans and his staff for the additional training and work they had to undertake to support the implementation of these. We are looking forward to them making administration easier once they have been fully embedded. Moving across to the new website platform during this year means that at this moment in time our website is not as current as we would like it. Having worked on developing an understanding of the new platform, staff will focus on updating it early in 2019.

A very big thank you to the sponsors of today's award ceremony and to the wonderful special guests who have once again taken time out of their busy lives to support our students. Please take the time to read the list of sponsors on your program. They make an incredible difference for Mullumbimby High School.

Thank you to Ms Hogan, Ms Spilstead, Mr Colli, Mr McKenzie and their staff for the organisation of today's ceremony and finally congratulations to all our students on your achievements this year. You are a fantastic group of young people and I am very proud of you.

I will be taking Long Service Leave for the first semester next year. I will miss being here at Mullum High. I am, though, looking forward to spending extra time with my family as we welcome our first grandchild. Mr Johnson will be relieving in my position and I know he will do an outstanding job. As will Ms Spilstead in the role of relieving Deputy Principal and Mr Culbert as relieving Head Teacher TAS.

On behalf of the school I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Donna Pearson, PRINCIPAL

### **Congratulations to the recipients of the following Scholarships for 2019:**

#### **Dr Suresh Scholarship**

Pia Brittain  
Lily Vanderhope  
Billie Tannock  
Jackson Constable  
Isabella Wood

#### **Lesley McPaul Scholarship**

Shelby Booth

#### **Sporting Scholarship**

Myles Gibson  
Cooper Nelson  
Tiani Hogan  
Oliver Cronin

#### **Memorial Band and Music Scholarship**

Krystof Pavlis  
Sylvan Feeney  
Ayla Brindle

As a group/band one scholarship will be awarded to

Riffkan Cole  
Gus Stoquart  
Aaryin Mills-Crockford



# Presentation Ceremonies 2018

**We would like to thank all of our sponsors that have made today and this year a great success**

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Lions Club  
Byron Shire Council  
School Art Supplies  
Quota International  
Crystal Castle  
Mullumbimby Golf Club  
CWA - Mullumbimby  
Skirmish - Gold Coast  
Brunswick Heads Bowling Club  
Richmond Waste  
Mullumbimby Ex Services Club  
Spaghetti Circus  
Australian Defence Force  
Belmont park Equestrian Centre  
Northern Rivers Bus Line  
The Honourable Ben Franklin MP  
Bunnings Byron Bay  
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## EDUCATIONAL INCURSION PARENT INFORMATION



Dear Parent/Guardian of Year 10—12 students,

### Re: ELEVATE EDUCATION STUDY SEMINARS

Schools participate in incursions to enhance and support curriculum. All students in years 10-12 at Mullumbimby High School will be participating in the Elevate Education Incursion on 31/1/2019.

Since 2001, Elevate Education has been transforming the way study skills programs are run across Australia. Drawing upon over 17 years of research into the habits of the country's top students, Elevate Education's high impact seminars & workshops help students improve their study techniques, increase motivation, build confidence, and lift exam performance.

Mullumbimby High School funds the cost of Elevate Education Study Seminars for our students. There will also be a Parent Seminar, which aims to empower parents to reinforce study skills at home.

The senior presenter shares Elevate Education's key research, skills, and answers questions so parents can help their children navigate their final years of school. This session is funded by the school and will be held in the school library from 5:00pm on the same day.

Donna Pearson  
**PRINCIPAL**

Toni Elliott  
**HEAD TEACHER SENIOR STUDIES**

**The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS)** provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel from home to school.

The scheme includes:

- Free travel to and from home and school on approved train, bus, ferry and light rail services during school term. Discounted travel on buses between home and school with a [School Term Bus Pass](#).
- Free travel on NSW TrainLink Regional services and long distance coach services for boarding school students.

[Subsidised travel](#) to and from school in private vehicles in areas where there is no public transport available.

Students with a disability who are unable to travel to and from school under the School Student Transport Scheme may be eligible for assistance under the Department of Education [Assisted School Travel Program opens in new window](#).

## Technology Mandatory (TEC)

Year 7 and 8 students have been busy over the last few weeks finishing up all of their projects. Aprons, Timber Boxes, Engineering Mechanisms, and Gourmet Fudge should all be making their way home .

## Hospitality

Year 11 / 12 Hospitality students have become catering superstars. During Term 4, students have completed work placement hours at a number of events around the shire. The big event was catering at the 'Mullumbimby Agriculture Show'. Students planned, prepared, served and smiled to the crowds and the show judges. Throughout the day students looked after the crowd with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Students also provided a sit down lunch for 35 people last week. This lunch was more formal and students involved set the dining room with a Christmas theme, created an alternate lunch which included pan fried salmon, and spinach and ricotta filled chicken breast. As well as participating in these activities students have been mastering their coffee skills. At school we have spent lessons learning about coffee - students have learnt to extract coffee, texturise milk and pour lattes, flat whites and cappuccino's.

The students also recently entered the CWA bake off in Mullumbimby. The task was to bake and enter a cinnamon tea cake. Coen Sentance took out first prize with his winning entry and Chelsea Williams received a commendation.

## Year 9 Food Tech

Students have participated in the 'Food Product Development' unit of work this term and have created some real masterpieces. The first challenge was designing a 'trendy milkshake'. The second challenge was to design and enter a range of cupcakes in the 'Show'. The major assessment task was to design a dessert based on a literature source. The dessert had to include a basic cake recipe, a basic mousse recipe and a basic biscuit recipe. Results included a version of the Cookie Monster, a Where's Wally? Inspired cake, Alice in Wonderland, Shrek and Secret Garden. To finish off the year students created little reindeer cupcakes - Merry Christmas from them to you! - *Report from Mrs Spilstead*



'CSI Blood Pool' challenge winners





## STEM

Year 7 STEM students have had a huge Term 4. Throughout the term, they have been finishing off and finalising their 'Sustainable Tiny Homes'. Students have applied their skills and knowledge and created a model to scale.

During week 8 of the term, we visited 'HumpyCo' at Bangalow so students could see real life 'tiny homes' and compare their models.

HumpyCo gave the students a tour of their factory and provided information about sustainability, material used and structure techniques.

The 'CSI Blood Pool' challenge was delivered to students. During the session, students were exposed to a crime scene, which they had to solve. Clues and challenges occurred throughout the day, with DNA testing, forensic screening and blood sampling to find the guilty person.

Students worked in teams of 4 or 5 to solve the challenge with great success. We had 4 teams in the top 5% of the world (the challenge is delivered in the UK, NZ, Singapore and Hong Kong) with 1 of our groups currently ranked second in all of Australia.

Students should be very pleased with their efforts in STEM this year and their overall achievements.





### **MULLUM KIDS GET A TASTE OF ‘TINY LIVING’**

Last week on Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup>, over 100 Year 7 students from Mullumbimby High School took over the “Humpy Display Village” in the Bangalow Industrial Estate, to hear the owners explain the ideas behind Humpy Co.

The students were visiting the village to learn about ‘tiny living’ - a unit they are currently studying at school. The students toured the ‘village’ and checked out the Humpy product range on display. They got to see inside the factory and saw in person the raw materials being used to create these creative, flat-packed, backyard pods and how the ‘Humpy dream’ came to be.

Students got to learn how the pods are made from order to delivery, the wide range of uses they have, and how quick and easy a Humpy is to install – a Humpy can be installed in under a day. The team also touched on the impact and advantages of businesses being environmentally conscious.

“The beauty of a Humpy is that it comes flat-packed, so can be installed without the need to remove fence panels or hire cranes. They are environmentally friendly, do not require footings and when you need to move it, simply dismantle it and take it with you”, said Travis Lowe, Director.

A family-run business, the Humpy Co. team is led by Travis Lowe, a qualified carpenter of 15 years along with his father Brian Lowe, a registered builder for over 40 years, who has run his own award-winning architecture business for the last 35 years. They produce backyard pods that serve a variety of purposes.

A ‘Humpy’ can be used as an extra room for a growing family, housing relatives, private home office or studio, hobbies room, games or pool room, short-term holiday accommodation, quiet study room, nanny or au pair quarters. This includes residential and farm blocks.

The possibilities with a Humpy are endless, check the Humpy Co. Village out for yourself by booking an appointment with the team. Head to [www.humpyco.com](http://www.humpyco.com) or find them on Facebook or Instagram.

***Press Release by HumpyCo published in the Byron Shire Echo***

## CAREERS WORK EXPERIENCES

Kayla Maloney McNamara had the opportunity to apply for the Rural Scholars Project, School of Rural Medicine, at the University of New England. She was successful in her application, and she spent 3 days in Armidale on campus with Medical Graduates who were able to explain the process of applying for medicine at UNE, giving her advice and encouragement along with a cohort of other high school students interested in studying medicine.



She attended a full day practical workshop at The Tableland Clinic under the supervision of Doctors and Medical Graduates. She was able to check out some of the facilities on campus and attended sessions presented by Practicing Doctors.

This opportunity has helped us see her dream as something tangible she can aim towards as she starts

## Work Experience at Byron Central Hospital

A group of girls from Year 10 completed work experience at the hospital and were a delight to have:

- They have learnt new skills (hospital corners, hand washing, taking a blood pressure etc) and know that if you give a nurse cake or a pen you will have our full attention. We love gifts.
- They were allocated with nursing, medical, medical imaging (X-ray), pharmacy, discharge planner, physio therapist, wound clinic nurse, clinical nurse educator and pathology
- Had chats with social worker and occupational therapists, some attended cardiac rehab and education sessions, plaster application and hand clinic
- They have all completed their hand hygiene online and learnt lots about our projects, systems and our new electronic medication charts (eMeds)
- They have even spent time with our first year Southern Cross University students whilst they started their placement with us too
- They know about the importance of Falls prevention and what happens to our elderly if they stay in bed too long
- Sometimes things didn't go to plan and emergencies and change arose, but they always acted respectfully and assisted where they could.

I am looking forward to our continual relationship with Mullumbimby High School. This week is one which I sincerely enjoy every year.

I love sharing how much I love nursing and how proud I am of my place of work. When they left, they went and said bye with hugs to a couple of our patients and our staff – truly precious moment

### ***Report by Tracey Brooke, head of nursing at Byron Central Hospital***

Pictures on the next page show how challenging making a hospital bed is!

## Byron Central Hospital Work Experience



## Year 12 Class of 2018 send off into the world with our best wishes **CONGRATULATIONS!**









## SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations Reese!!

Earlier this term, Reese, a Year 9 student was nominated for a North Coast CHS Sports Award as part of the prestigious Sports Blue Awards for 2018.

Due to Reese's amazing year, which included representation for North Coast in softball, cricket and soccer in the senior teams, her nomination was successful and she received a Sports Recognition Award at the ceremony in Coffs Harbour on 3rd December. She is the first Mullumbimby High student to receive one of these awards in many years.



Reese Donnelly

Reese capped her stunning year by being the first player chosen for the North Coast senior soccer team despite being only 14 at the time and was selected as a shadow player for the NSW senior team while



Oliver Cronin

MHS has a proud tradition of participation and achievement in representative sport. We congratulate all MHS students who have been involved in representative sport in 2018.

A special mention needs to go to our Athletes who achieved North Coast, NSW CHS and National All Schools representation.

Congratulations Oliver Cronin who has represented the North Coast Cricket team at the NSW CHS Open Boys Cricket Championships at Tamworth recently. He was joint Player of the Carnival. His batting average was 60 and on the last day he scored 130 runs and took 4 wickets, including a hat trick (his first!). He was named in the NSW CHS Firsts to compete in Sydney in march next year.



Myles Gibson

Congratulations to Myles Gibson who won a gold medal at the National All Schools Cross Country Championships at Maleny Golf Club on the Sunshine Coast.

COMMUNITY UNITY



# THE MAGICAL CARPET PLAYS



One of the biggest tests for all actors is when they have limited props, a small selection of costumes, a few carpets as a backdrop and a young audience to enthrall. This is also a time when the actors can experience a profound and magical connection with their audience.

At Mullumbimby High School this style of performance is part of the curriculum for their Year 10 students who study the simplistic, bare type of theatre which is inspired Peter Brook, the powerfully innovative 20th century director.

The students bring a collection of children's stories to life using a trunk of musical instruments, a few boxes of costumes and a large carpet. Their audience is approximately 100 primary school children who sit on the floor around the performers.

Known as 'The Carpet Plays' this theatre production travels to the larger state primary schools and invites other smaller schools to Mullumbimby High so they can watch too.

This magical performance has been part of Mullumbimby High School tradition for almost twenty years so many of the students that are now performing will remember watching 'The Carpet Plays' when they were young children at primary school.

We spoke with their teacher, Marisa Mcewan, to learn more about this unique theatre production.

## HOW ARE 'THE CARPET PLAYS' UNIQUE?

The actors know they are relying on the quality of expression in their voices and bodies to captivate a young audience, skilfully and playfully transforming into characters and objects to tell their story. Through research, observation and discussions they are learning about young children and what they like and enjoy most about stories. They are sharing personal experiences and childhood memories, recalling their favourite children's books and why these were so special, including language, characters, settings, images, motifs.

## WHAT IS THE INTENTION OF 'THE CARPET PLAYS'?

We are hoping for close and direct contact between the actors and the children. Our intention is to make joy and laughter, to delight and give delight.

## Why is this initiative so important to your student's development and what do they gain from the experience?

Performance is about openness, honesty, giving and the utmost discipline of focus. Our actors are learning first hand of their profound responsibility and relationship with the audience. They are studying the art of engagement, with practices intended to help them create adaptations that will appeal to children's imagination, humour and sense of wonder. Through engagement, the performances are designed to promote emotional, mental and imaginative growth for our performers and their young audiences.

Can the invisible be made visible through the actor's presence? Through a physical approach to acting and a vocabulary not necessarily tied to language, our young performers are celebrating their love of literature, fairytale and theatre, hopefully inspiring generations of performers and lovers of theatre and story.

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## DRAMA CLASS VISITS PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Year 10 Drama students travelled to three primary schools on Wednesday to perform four children's stories, much to the delight of their young audiences. This Monday they invited Kindergarten, Year One and Two students from five schools to join them in the performance space as they presented several repeat performances of their Carpet Plays. Congratulations to the dedicated and talented Drama students who have once again inspired and enchanted the children in their local communities.



## South East Queensland University Tour Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018

Each year Mullumbimby High and Byron Bay High Schools join forces to take our new Year 12 students to visit five tertiary institutions located in SE Queensland. Students visited Bond University, Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology, University of Queensland and Southern Cross University, Gold Coast Campus. Students were able to experience and familiarise themselves at each of the Universities and even spent a night in Uni accommodation (single room dorms) at Union College, UQ. All Universities have an opportunity to showcase their courses, faculties and campuses and allow students time for Q/A during each presentation.

This year we focused on the top 15 questions asked by High School students and covered the following topics: Accommodation options and Types, Internships, Work, Life, Uni Balance; Enrolment, Course or Program advice, Can I change courses or programs, Can I defer; Scholarships; Double Degrees, International Exchange Programs, Study Types eg FT, PT, Flexible, Online; The Student Experience, Student Help, Support and Services, Extra Curricular eg Sports, Clubs etc and finally, How do I choose the right University for me? Early Entry, Fees including “costs” of changing units or courses and or “failing” a unit.

What a fabulous opportunity this is for our students and a great start in adopting some direction and focus toward their Year 12 studies and future pathways. As always, I was exceptionally proud of our students and their levels of maturity displayed in representing themselves and our school. Special thanks to Jenny Eddy in accompanying me on this year’s trip and to our fantastic driver “DJ” from Mullumbimby Bus Service.

### ***Report from Ms Perrin, Careers Adviser***



Pictured here: our students attending an information meeting catered for our high school students



Bond University — Gold Coast



Queensland University of Technology—Brisbane



Queensland University — Brisbane

# CREATIVE YOUTH

## CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

The Creative and Performing Arts Department at Mullumbimby High School is a thriving group of teachers and students who love getting out into the community and expressing themselves through art.

From the Mullum Music Festival to the Carpet Plays and the Mullum Sculpture Trail, the Mullum High students have been busy performing and exhibiting their flair for creativity at many local events.

It's great to see the voice of youth and its powerful self-expression reaching our society where it can be appreciated by young and old.

### CASTLE OF DREAMS

One of the main exhibits at the recent Mullum Sculpture Festival was a temporary gallery made of pallets which are used to make building blocks shaped into four rooms holding 'shadow boxes' created by the Year 7 students at Mullum High.

The Castle is a place of imagination both real and surreal. The students were asked to create a room from a shoe box using colours, magazine clippings, natural items and anything else they could lay their hands on. The premise was to represent their life, thoughts and atmosphere with a mini-room.

The exhibition was interactive and guests were encouraged to write comments about what they think these sculptures may represent for them and share.

#### WE MET THREE OF THE YEAR 7 STUDENTS WHO EXPLAIN THE INSPIRATION BEHIND THEIR SHADOW BOXES



#### JOSHUA JAZWINSKI

My story is strange because it's a space within a space that has no space. Imagine this being trapped between purgatory and the afterlife just waiting... This is my dream or rather my nightmare! What is your nightmare?



#### CHLOE VERRALL

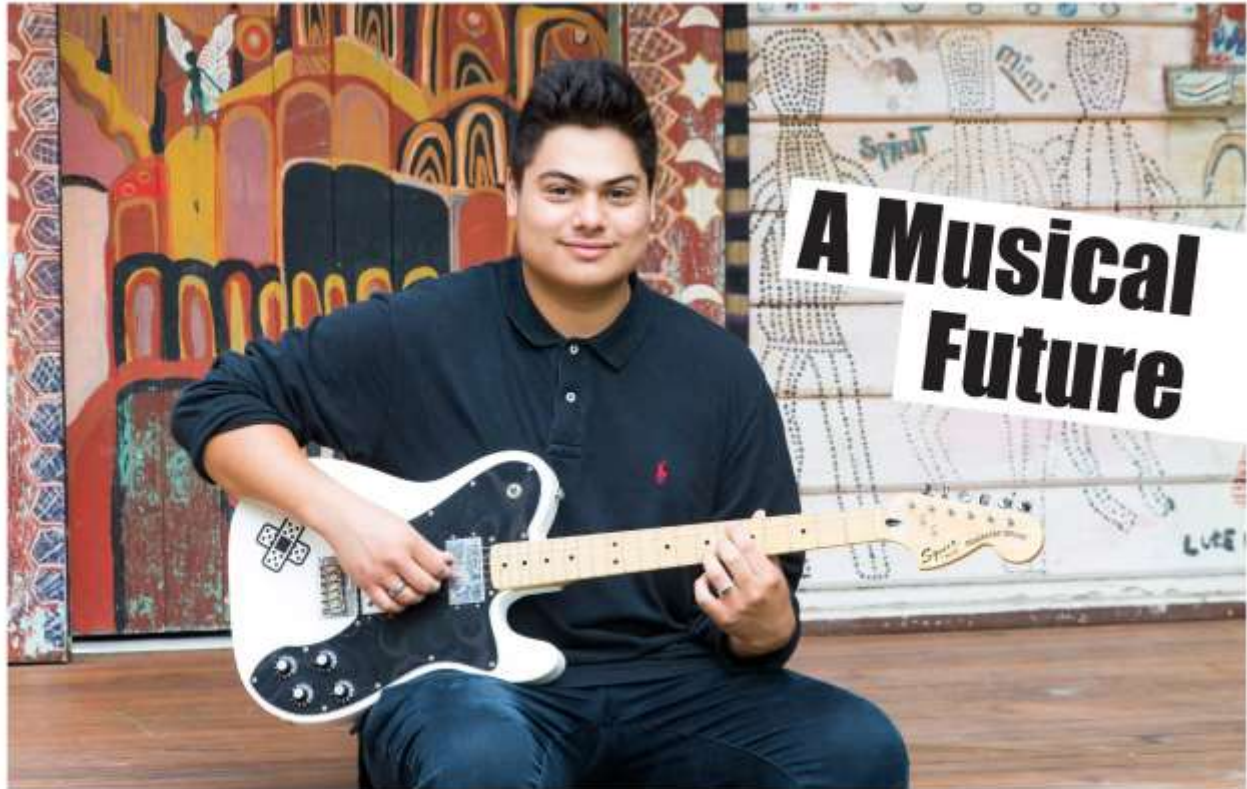
Behind my Shadow box 'Welcome home' is a little girl that does not want to leave her home. She is holding on, trying to get back to her childhood and all her memories. It is what she longs for, what she can't have. I have used the key from my old house making this piece symbolic and recreated my old veranda. The doll depicting both a person and childhood memories based on a memory and a wish. What do you do when you are forced out of a place you belong?



#### ERIN ADIE

The idea for my shadow box was to represent something I loved. Originally I was going to show my love for both music and dance by creating a shadow box with the back wall and curtains made from sheet music. That was until I found a picture of ballerinas in a magazine and it resonated with me so well that I just had to use it. I loved being part of the Mullum Sculpture Festival because others can enjoy my shadow box and hopefully relate to my love of ballet.

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Growing up in a musical household was just the beginning for Ethan Jimenez who has recently graduated from Mullumbimby High School. At five he learnt to play the violin, at ten he started learning guitar and now, at the cusp of adulthood he has been pre-selected to perform at the Sydney Opera House.

His rendition of 'Lenny' by Stevie Ray Vaughan in his practical examination for his HSC exams was so powerful that the judges nominated him for ENCORE, a showcase of best HSC presentations.

*"It's a 5 minute song that is pretty much just one big guitar solo and really features technical aspects of guitar playing through a wide range of techniques," said Ethan.*

*"The roots of my guitar playing come from blues, and I really started obsessing over playing the guitar when I started playing funk and funk/rock. Now I have been trying to expand my playing in areas such as jazz, classical and so on."*

Ethan was brought up in the Northern Beaches of Sydney and moved to the Byronshire in 2016. He is immensely grateful for the opportunity to experience his last few years of schooling at Mullumbimby High, especially due to the guidance and encouragement from the music department.

*"The amazing musicians and teachers that I have been surrounded by have been a catalyst for this, and as a result, my passion for music is always increasing, especially with all the performing and recording opportunities I have been given at school," said Ethan.*

*"Bede has been a great teacher. He is extremely dedicated to us succeeding in the subject and making sure we have everything to do so. He provides constructive criticism so we are constantly striving to do better, and offers solutions to the things that need improving on."*

Like most young men in his age, Ethan is looking at his future with a mixture of excitement and uncertainty. The rest of his life is full of opportunity but is also an unknown entity that is now under his control.

*"Funnily enough the scary part for me is not so much the prospect of me planning out the rest of my life, but the question I have been asked at least once a day since I sat my last exam which is "what are you doing after school?", everyone expects us to already know what we are going to do for the rest of our lives and it's like, hah! As if anyone does!"*

The most important things to Ethan right now are travelling and music. He believes in the magic and connection of music and has already performed at the Mullum Music Festival with several fellow musicians and classmates.

*"I love the vast diversity and possibilities of music, and how communal it is; being able to connect through music with someone who might not even speak the same language as you is one of the amazing things about it, and overall it's just really fun!"*

Humble to the core, Ethan doesn't like to measure himself by the word 'success', however to fellow musicians looking to find their way, he recommends you surround yourself with a diverse mix of other musicians and learn as much as you can, whenever you can.



## P&C NOTES

The school year is coming to a close, but like the students, we are beavering away till the very end. This week we made a submission to the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) regarding their curriculum review, and a submission to Byron Shire Council re the potential impacts on the school with the Lot 22 Mullumbimby Future Housing Proposal.

We also had the pleasure of drawing the raffle for the festival tickets. Winners are: Paul Cheeseman – Falls Festival double pass; Ben Robertson – Blues Festival double pass for 3 days. The winners have been contacted. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for your support. The funds raised will go to support school programs.

You can still buy raffle tickets to win the fabulous ESP Surfboard – we'll be at the year 7–10 presentation morning, Tuesday 18 December. See you there.

And a head's up for our first meeting of 2019, which will be our AGM, Monday 11 February at 6pm.

Feel free to contact us if you have any comments, questions, ideas.

Cheers,  
Laurel Cohn  
President, Mullum High P&C

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**P&C Federation 2019 Conference and Awards Dinner**  
Fri 1st & Sat 2nd March

Healthy Mind, Healthy Future

Has Your P&C Association Nominated someone you believe should be NSW P&C Volunteer of the Year 2018? Do it Now!!

### Update

P&C Federation 2019 Conference theme is "Healthy Mind, Healthy Future". With mental health a growing concern with our young people, the conference has been designed to provide information, resources and tools for parents, carers and community members to use and share to better support our students. Member P&C Associations are invited to register quickly, as conference numbers are limited.

Attendees will have the opportunity to join in a Q&A with the current NSW Minister and Shadow Minister of Education as well hear Lisa Alonso Love - DoE Learning and Wellbeing Exec Director speaking about learning and wellbeing in our public schools.



Andrew Fuller

Our keynote speaker and awards presenter on Friday evening at the Awards Dinner for NSW P&C Volunteer of the Year 2018 is Eddy Woo the Public High School mathematician who made headlines with his innovative idea to teach maths via youtube that went viral.



Eddy Woo

**But wait there's more!**



Speakers From:

- Hicksons Lawyers
- P&C Assoc Members Portal
- Exhibitors
- Australian Apprenticeship and Traineeship Information Service
- TAFE NSW
- Grant writing
- Workshops
- Reachout
- Celebrate our P&C Volunteers at the Awards Dinner
- Healthy Canteen
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P & 2nd March 2019



## UNIFORM SHOP 2019

Online ordering is available

Have a look at the uniform shop new website where you can order uniforms online.

<https://mullumhigh.wixsite.com/mullumhighuniforms/online-store> (or search Mullum High Uniforms)

Online ordering has the benefit of allowing you to order 24/7 at your convenience and you do not have to send cash to school with your student. Payment for online orders is by bank transfer and you nominate at checkout if you will be picking up your order or if it can be given to the student.

Orders will be processed on the same days as the uniform shop is open - Monday and Thursdays 8.30 – 9.00am.

The Uniform Shop will continue to be open Monday and Thursdays and payment can be made in store by cash, cheque, debit or credit card. Any uniform shop enquires can be sent to [mullumuniforms@gmail.com](mailto:mullumuniforms@gmail.com)

### Special Opening Days in 2018 and 2019

Saturday 19 January—9.30am to 12.30pm

Tuesday 29 January—9am to 12.30pm (*pupil free day*)

Wednesday 30 January—8.30am to 10.30am

### Second Hand Uniforms

Stock of second hand items is very low. The Uniform Shop would be grateful for any donations of uniforms particularly blue polos in larger sizes.

Have you moved house?  
Changed your phone number?  
Do you have a new email address?  
Have your emergency contacts moved away?  
Has your family circumstances changed?



Please let the school know and forward a copy of a utilities bill showing your new home address.



Keep up to date with the latest announcements and events happening at Mullumbimby High School. Take a moment to like our Facebook page.

## Year 10 Formal - Congratulations to the whole cohort of Year 10 2018



Thank you to Mrs Grant, Mrs Huish, Mr Christie and everyone who supported the organisation of this year's formal.





## LIBRARY NEWS

2018 has been a great year for borrowing and reading for many of our students. This year our Library and English faculty have undertaken a number of initiatives to promote reading for pleasure.

Initiatives include:

- surveying and talking to students about their reading interests
- Reading Challenge Bingo and DEAR (drop everything and read) – Years 7 & 8

It is very pleasing to see that library borrowing rates have almost doubled in most year groups, especially in Years 7 and 8. Our students have mostly enjoyed fiction and graphic novels including manga. Some of the most popular series and books in 2018 include: Skulduggery Pleasant, The Raven Boys, Six of Crows, Ready Player One, Gone and all of the Percy Jackson books.

Students are encouraged to continue reading over the school holiday break and consider joining the public library if they are not already a member.



Magazine donations always welcome...

Our students enjoy reading magazines. If you have any unwanted magazines that may interest teenagers consider donating them to our Library. Popular magazines include surfing, skating, BMX, motor-bikes, fishing and fashion.

**Kerrie Eaton, School Librarian**

## COMMANDER'S ACTIVE CITIZEN PROGRAM

Congratulations to Jordan Diehm who recently completed the Commander's Active Citizen Program. This program, run by the Tweed Police Area Command, aims at developing local youth to inspire their leadership qualities and their capacity to become role models and advocates for positive change within their communities. Jordan so impressed the program coordinators she has been asked back next year to act as a mentor.

Jordan flew to Sydney and Melbourne to accomplish some of the challenges, including climbing Mount Kosciuszko, Australia's highest mountain.

Pictured here: Jordan Diehm sitting between 2 other participants to the program



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**POINT BREAK  
BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU**

**TIMETABLE**

@ **BrunsGYM**

- MONDAY 6:45PM TO 8PM
- TUESDAY 11:30AM TO 1PM
- TUESDAY 6PM TO 7:30PM
- WEDNESDAY 11:30AM TO 1PM
- THURSDAY 6PM TO 7:30PM

KIDS Tuesday / Thursday 4pm to 4:45pm

**BJJ + GYM**  
45.00 weekly

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**SUMMER SERIES**



**SAE QANTM**  
CREATIVE MEDIA INSTITUTE

**23-25 JAN | 10AM - 4PM**

SAE Byron Bay campus is opening its doors these holidays for the SAE Summer Series, a three day program for anyone who wants to work on inspiring creative projects in Animation, Audio, Design, Film or Games. Don't miss out on your chance to discover what it means to be a creative professional in state-of-the-art facilities with industry experts by your side.

TICKETS

EARLY BIRD: \$120 (EXPIRES 09 DEC)

FULL PRICE: \$150 (FROM 10 DEC)

\*cost is total for 3 days with lunch provided each day  
\*\*this event is open to anyone aged 15yrs or over

ANIMATION AUDIO DESIGN FILM GAMES WEB & MOBILE

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**FEE HELP AVAILABLE**

**2019 REGISTRATION**  
from 1 January 2019

Mullumbimby Junior Rugby League  
For boys and girls  
Under 6s to Under 16<sup>1/2</sup>

**FREE**  
Using an Active Kids Voucher



To find out more head to our website  
[www.mullumjuniorgiants.sportingpulse.net](http://www.mullumjuniorgiants.sportingpulse.net)

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Note: Girls currently to U12

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Do you remember being a **Girl Guide?**

Relive the fun and **adventure** through young eyes!  
**Become a Leader.** Local contact 02 66189169

**GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA** 1300 447 548 [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au)



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**BUNDJALUNG GATHERING – ART EXHIBITION**

**OFFICIAL OPENING**  
 5PM SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DEC

*You're invited to*  
**BUNDJALUNG GATHERING**  
 ART AND CULTURE EXHIBITION

**FEATURING**  
 RENOWNED BUNDJALUNG NATION ARTIST **ORAL ROBERTS** WITH **GILBERT LAURIE**, ARAKWAL SISTERS **NICKOLLA AND CAITLAYN CLARK**, UNCLE **MAGPIE**, **KEN 'BULL' GORDON**, **COLIN APPO**, **BUDDA LAURIE**, **BUD WILSON**. GUEST ARTISTS - **DHINNAWAN AND GORDON PUPANGAMIRRI** (TIWI ISLANDS). EMERGING YOUTH ARTISTS CORNER.

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**OFFICIAL OPENING – 5PM SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

Welcome to Country by **Delta Kay** followed by the **Bunyarra Dancers** and introductions by **State MP Tamara Smith**. Refreshments available. Drinks, wine and beer available (NO BYO). Entry by donation. Didgeridoo performance and music by **Craigus McVegas** and friends throughout evening from 6pm.

**WEAVING WORKSHOPS**

12pm – 4pm. Sat Sun & Mon.  
 Jugun Dandi weavers, Tanya Marlow with Deb Cole  
 \$50 for workshops & materials. To book call 0434 511 403

**ELDERS MORNING TEA**

10.30pm  
 Monday and Tuesday

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**THE GATHERING RUNS FROM:**

12pm Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Marvell Hall**  
 37 Marvell Street, Byron Bay  
 (east - behind tennis courts and fields)  
[Info@awarecommunity.org](mailto:Info@awarecommunity.org)

## SPORT EXCELLENCE — Boot camp in Brunswick Heads





## YEAR ADVISERS 2019

Year 7 — Mrs Emily Langtry  
Year 8 — Mr Adam Culbert  
Year 9 — Mrs Rachelle Dean  
Year 10 — Mr David Steedman  
Year 11 — Mrs Natalie Grant  
Year 12 — Mr Eddie Buckingham

**Girls Supervisor** — Ms Kayleigh Mast  
**HT Well Being** — Ms Helen Bub-Connor  
**Careers Adviser** — Ms Vanessa Perrin  
**Senior Studies HT** — Mrs Toni Elliott

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## NSW SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2019

- Term 1**      Tuesday 29 January — Staff Development Day  
                 Wednesday 30 January — Year 7 and Year 11 start school  
                 Thursday 31 January — Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 start school
- Term 2**      Monday 29 April — Staff Development Day  
                 Tuesday 30 April — Students return to school
- Term 3**      Monday 22 July — Staff Development Day  
                 Tuesday 23 July — Students return to school
- Term 4**      Monday 14 October — Students and Staff return to school



**Wishing everyone a very happy and safe break. See you all in 2019!**