



OUR VISION — Mullumbimby High School supports all students to fulfil their potential and become successful, confident, creative members of our diverse community and the wider world.

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Term 4 | Week 2 | Tuesday 11 October 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 12 October
Immunisation Yr7 & Yr10

Wednesday 13 October
RSA Training for Yr12

Thursday 14 October
Yr10 Transition meetings

Friday 15 October
Yr10 Transition meetings

Monday 18 October
Yr10 ROSA exams
P&C Meeting 6pm—Zoom

Wednesday 20 October
Yr12 Charity Collection

Thursday 21 October
Yr12 Brekky & Presentation

Tuesday 9 November
HSC Examinations start

Monday 15 November
RRISK Seminar

Tuesday 23 November
Orientation Year 6 to 7
Wednesday 24 November
Yr11 Presentation

Thursday 2 December
Yr12 Formal

Tuesday 7 December
Yr10 Formal

Wednesday 15 December
Yr7-10 Presentation

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of Term 3 was a busy one for our school and others throughout the state. We're happy to say that together we made it through what was a constantly-changing and sometimes difficult term. We could not have done it without the commitment from all of our families and students who supported learning from home, and from our fantastic teaching and school staff. I want to thank you all for your efforts to continue to keep our school community safe. I know everyone has faced different challenges at different times through the term. If you haven't already done so, please read our [newsletter](#), the [LYREBIRD](#) for Term 3. Nothing stops our school community, even in lock down, to learn and grow. Once again, thank you to parents and carers for supporting their children during that period and beyond. We are so proud of everyone. Please enjoy the work our students have done, including our HSC students with their major works.

I hope everyone has enjoyed a break over the holidays and is looking forward to the COVID-safe return to school in Term 4. Please read through the following updates.

Return to face-to-face learning

We have returned to school under our [COVID-safe level 3 plan](#). Please take time to read the information in this link. Staff, students and parents/carers have been very excited to see a full return to on site learning and teaching.

Important reminders for the safety of our whole Mullumbimby High School community:

- **Students must not attend school if unwell**, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:
 - * they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
 - * they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.
- In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.
- **Mask requirements** for all indoor and outdoor settings for all staff
 - * Indoor settings (only) for students in Year 7 and above.
 - * On outdoor settings for students in Year 7 and above

It is also mandatory for all staff and students to carry a mask with them at all times - in playgrounds and on school grounds. Some exemptions apply and we request written permission/medical evidence for this to occur, which most parent/carers have already provided. We have masks available for students at school, at the school entrance and in classrooms if required.

HSC

Congratulations to our HSC and Year 12 students! You've nearly made it to the end of a unique and very tough year. Your resilience and work ethic through this time are to be admired. The official last day for Year 12 was Friday 17 September 2021, however students will be supported with their normal timetable and end of year activities up until their exams.

From the beginning of Term 4, Year 12/HSC students will continue to attend school for revision and learn-

ing and well-being support and to have access to their teachers. HSC exams will proceed for all students from 9 November 2021 in a COVID-safe way, in line with NSW Health advice.

Vaccinations for students aged 12 years and over

Young people aged 12 years and over are now also eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. You can [book in your children for Pfizer now](#), or Moderna since Monday 20 September. Vaccination appointments are available at more than 3,000 locations across NSW, including GPs and pharmacies. More appointments will become available as supply increases, so keep checking for new appointments. All staff must be fully vaccinated by Monday 8 November.

A new **vaccination** page is now available for our school community. The new page contains information on the vaccination requirements for schools that are currently operating under Level 3 or Level 3 plus settings. We wish to refer parents, carers and external providers to [Vaccination requirements for schools](#) for more information.

Mullumbimby High School Staffing update for Term 4

- Welcome Mr Dusty McOnie our new Student Support Officer (SSO) commenced day one term 4.
- Welcome Mr Simon Byrne relieving for Ms Sylvia Zajkowska on Monday - Wednesday when she is on leave.
- Welcome back Mr Andy Browne and a huge thanks to Ms Karen Barnard for relieving as HT Special Education.
- Congratulations to Mrs Gaye Lansley who was the successful applicant in the state-wide merit process and appointed permanently as a SASS member from day one term 4.
- Congratulations to Ms Rosie Wild appointed by local appointment 1.0 permanent in Special Education (Mr Barry Rickett's position) to commence day one term 4.
- Aboriginal Education Officer Mr Scott Sentance to remain on leave in term 4 and will be relieved by Mrs Terese Sentance.
- Mr Levi Tsanov will relieve as Year 7 Adviser whilst Mr Carlos Fratti is on leave in term 4.
- The School Counselling/Psychologist Position will be filled by Mr Martin Fraser (School Psychologist) to commence week 7 (15/11).

Homework Club is back again this term. Students are encouraged to come along to the library every Thursday from 3-4pm to study with friends and get some help from teachers for their assessments, class work, developing study skills and more.

We are hopefully looking forward to a much smoother term ahead at Mullumbimby High School.

- Greg Armstrong, PRINCIPAL



Hi to all, My name is Dusty McOnie. I'm so very excited to be starting at Mullumbimby High School in the new role as Student Support Officer!

I have worked in the social services sector with vulnerable and marginalised youth for over 16 years, and I am passionate and dedicated to uplifting young people and supporting them to thrive. I celebrate diversity, inclusion, the resilience of young people, and hold hope for them to reach their goals and attain wellbeing.

I graduated from the University of Auckland with a Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary) in 2003. Since then, I have been engaged in a wide variety of challenging roles. Arriving in Australia in 2010, I worked in many high schools on the Far North Coast as a Youth Connections Caseworker, and since then have coordinated Links to Learning programs with Social Futures and helped to establish their creative hub The Clubhouse.

More recently I've been supporting young people as a Therapeutic Mentor with Human Nature Adventure

Therapy, and before that I was a Youth Advisor with ETC's Transition to Work program and again prior to that, as a Bail Support worker for young people engaged with Youth Justice in Southwest Brisbane.

I bring a strong professional skill set with me, and will contribute to the team with integrity, high energy, open-mindedness, and solid experience, to support empowering life outcomes for students. I have developed strong communication skills that enable me to build trust and rapport quickly with young people from diverse backgrounds. I use authenticity, non-judgement, flexibility, respect, transparency, resilience, creativity, fun, and humour whilst always maintaining clear professional boundaries. I work from a culturally appropriate, strengths-based, person-centred, and trauma-informed practice framework to actively listen to young people, help them to identify their concerns and goals, support them to create an effective plan, and assist them throughout the process of achieving their goals. I also have skills in a range of youth engagement activities such as outdoor adventure therapy, skating, surfing, technology, visual art, graphic design, street art, hip-hop and fitness.

I look forward to meeting each of you and working with you all through the remainder of the year and beyond.

P&C NOTES

Welcome back to students, staff and families for hopefully some smooth seas and sailings throughout this final term of 2021.

The P&C will next meet on Monday week via this zoom link. The Zoom link for the next P&C meeting on Monday 18th October at 6pm is: <https://au01web.zoom.us/j/63310794591?pwd=QTMxNFpmcHpPTjB4TUxldXJJQnRpdz09>

At the meeting we will discuss any issues affecting our school or region and pass them onto our P&C regional representative, We will talk about succession planning and how to strengthen and build our membership so that you can feel an active part of P&C and the broader school community.

We will discuss and plan towards a parent forum in February next year where a social media expert will facilitate an informative and somewhat shocking information session on Safe on Social. I say shocking because as a parent with limited understanding (and even motivation) to understand and navigate all the aspects of social media, it is quite disconcerting the exposure that our children can have to inappropriate images and content in the social media apps they use. There is also the risk of being groomed by predators through what can start off as seemingly innocent correspondence with strangers. However, I will let Kirra Pendergast the expert facilitator take you down that frightening path and ideally reassure you that there are strategies that your children and you can employ to minimise the risk when using social media. We would love it if new parents or families want to get involved in helping coordinate this event with us, earmarked for 16th February next year.

Hopefully you can join us by the zoom link above for our next meeting. We want to help make our high school an inclusive and enriching experience not just for the students and staff but for families, parents and citizens of the school too.

Are you interested in knowing what's happening but can't make meetings?

Join our mailing list as a non-member: contact mullumbimbyhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Questions? Comments?

Email us at mullumbimbyhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Or call Damian Farrell on 0409 994 308

UNIFORM SHOP is run by volunteers from the P & C—COVID changes doesn't allow for parents on school premises

Place your order online at <https://mullumhigh.wixsite.com/mullumhighuniforms/online-store>. For any further info please email us at mullumuniforms@gmail.com or SMS Wendy 0423 093 726.

Students will be notified at school to pick up their orders from the office once they're ready. We're happy to exchange for different sizes if uniform is in original unworn condition.

Hemp shirts are now available online in our full range of sizes.

Some advice with the hemp shirts to prevent shrinkage... Cool wash and line dry. After each wash, grab the polo by the shoulders and give it a good flick which helps extend the yarn. You can also do it when it's dry before wearing, and it does extend quite a bit. We look forward to seeing you in person Monday's 8.30-9am once circumstances allow.

All students arriving **late** (after 8.50am) should always sign themselves in at Student Services with a note or a phone call from parents explaining the reason for their lateness.

Requests for an **early leavers** note (before 3pm) from parents with a valid reason should be dropped/called in before 9:30am to Student Services. Leave passes will be handed to students at recess so they can leave the class for their appointment.

Kindly support your student to organise all after school plans before school begins to allow them to be fully engaged in their school work without any interruptions.

GOING AWAY 5 DAYS OR MORE?

A reminder to our school community that the NSW DET requires that parents arrange holidays **DURING** school vacations. If your family holiday is during school time, you will need to inform the School Principal in advance and submit a permission to leave from the school.


An application for leave should be provided at least two weeks prior to departure.

Ask our office for an **"Application for Leave"** BEFORE the holiday.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS




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M O O V E S



**DJ'S
FOOD
SPORT**

**WEEKLY
WEDNESDAY
YOUTH
ACTIVITIES
3.30PM-5.30PM
MULLUM COTTAGE**

**12-17YO
0490 801 418**


ONLINE

UNDERSTANDING TEENAGERS

21 OCTOBER – 11 NOVEMBER 2021, 10AM–12PM

This four week course focusses on strategies to support our teenagers to manage their emotions and behaviour, and to learn skills to deal with challenging behaviour.
For parents and carers of pre-teens and teens. 4 x 2 hr sessions.

NO COST



BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

For further information on any of our courses or workshops please call 9am–12.30pm Monday–Friday (02) 6686 4109 or go to www.thefamilycentre.org.au



Creative Futures.

Are you in year 11 or 12 and want a career where your imagination is your only limitation?

Book Now
sae.edu.au/events



CRICOS 00312P | RTO 0273

Come along to SAE Byron Bay Creative Futures event, to explore your interest and passion for a career in Creative Media.

We're opening the campus doors and giving you the chance to chat with our industry experts, who are ready to answer all your questions about studying and working in creative fields.


This **FREE** event is exclusively for high school students in year 11 & 12. Chat to your careers teacher today for more info on how to register.

WHERE Byron Bay Campus
373-391 Ewingsdale Road, Byron Bay


WHEN Wednesday 27 October | 5.30pm-7pm

*Please note that this event has a limited capacity. Each student will need to be registered individually.

Book Now. sae.edu.au/events



Book Now.



TAGs: All guests will be asked to sign in upon arrival, adhering to SAE's COVID safe plan. Transport to and from SAE Byron Bay will need to be organised by attendees. CRICOS: 00312P | RTO: 0273

UDATING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

- Have you changed your email, your address or your phone number?
- Has your family situation changed?

Please contact our front office staff to let us know of these changes.

It is important that you keep the school updated about any changes happening in your family so we can best communicate and support your student: 02 6684 2600.

