



MULLUMBIMBY HIGH SCHOOL

WHAT'S ON?

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 6 | Monday 14 November 2022

KEY DATES

Monday 14 November

Wheelchair Sports
Sailing Excursion week

Tuesday 22 November

Yr6 to Yr7 Orientation Day
(all day)

Monday 21 November

P&C Meeting at 6pm
(see Zoom Link)
School Base Apprenticeship &
Traineeship at 5.30pm

Monday 28 November

Yr10 Careers Work Experience

Thursday 1 December

NC Softball Lismore

Monday 12 December

Yr10 Formal

Thursday 15 December

HSC results 2022 released

Friday 16 December

Last day for students

FREE DRESS TUESDAY. A reminder that tomorrow is Free Dress Day to raise money for Year 10 Formal. Students are allowed out of uniform as long as their clothing is appropriate for school and **covers shoulders, stomachs and feet**. All students not in uniform are to bring a gold coin donation.

In addition, every Wednesday afternoon, Year 10 students will be selling snow cones after sport at the Pizza Oven kitchen.

THE DR SURESH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM at Mullumbimby High School is due on 30 November. It is a \$500 scholarship for two indigenous and two non-indigenous students.

Dr Suresh was Mullumbimby Hospital's longest serving Visiting Medical Officer (VMO) and the town's only solo practitioner for many years. Dr Suresh Ranavare died of a heart attack at the age of 71 on Sunday 22 July 2012.

Dr Suresh's instructions in his will were to establish a scholarship to benefit students at Mullumbimby High School. The aim of the scholarships is to recognise and encourage student commitment to learning, active participation in the school community and provide students with financial support to enhance educational outcomes. Our school is very grateful for this scholarship and we encourage families to apply.

The NSW Education Parent App has new features making it even easier for parents and carers to stay in touch with the latest news, and get emergency updates from their child's school.

The app is designed to streamline communication between schools and parents and carers with features such as push notifications to your phone so you never miss any important news or an upcoming event.

Here is the link to the DoE Parent App which parents may find helpful to keep up to date with the latest information:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/schools-digital-strategy/projects-and-initiatives/nsw-education-parent-app>

MULLUMBIMBY SHOW. Well done to our hospitality students who prepared and served food at the Mullumbimby Show Food Pavilion this weekend which was a great local success. Thank you to our teacher Adam Culbert for organising it.

COVID-19 UPDATE AND CONTINUED COVID-SMART MEASURES

[NSW Health recently advised](#) that we are already starting to see a rise in COVID-19 transmissions within the community, with a peak of cases expected in early December. Our COVID-smart measures continue to be in place and are vital in allowing us to keep our schools operational while prioritising student and staff wellbeing. These measures include:

- staying home if unwell and/or showing any symptoms;
- mask-wearing strongly encouraged, particularly when indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and on public transport;
- continued mandatory mask-wearing for anyone working with students at greater risk of serious illness whether they be in an SSP, support unit or mainstream classroom;
- using rapid antigen tests (RATs) when showing symptoms or exposed to COVID-19 (available at school);
- encouraging all students, staff and families to keep up-to-date with their vaccinations, including COVID-19 booster shots if eligible;
- Register a positive rapid test result at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/testing/register-a-positive-rapid-antigen-test-rat-result>

- Greg Armstrong, PRINCIPAL

Byron Shire School Base Apprenticeship & Traineeship Evening - Year 9 & 10 parents and students

Regional Industry & Education Partnerships are working with Byron Shire Council, Byron Bay, Brunswick and Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce and the North Byron Business Chamber to hold a School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeship (SBAT) Evening for all Year 9 & 10 parents and students from Byron Bay HS, Mullumbimby HS and Shearwater, The Mullumbimby Steiner School.

SBATs are a great opportunity to jump start your career while studying toward the Higher School Certificate! You can:

- jump start your career,
- achieve your HSC,
- gain a nationally recognised qualification and a whole toolbox of transferable employability skills

Hear from:

- Employers
- Current School Based Trainees and SBAT Ambassadors
- Training Services
- Careers Advisers

If you would like to learn more and meet employers looking to employ SBAT'S, come and join us at the information evening. Please note all students MUST be accompanied by a parent.

Byron Shire School Base Apprenticeship & Traineeship Evening

When: Monday 21st November 2022

Time: 5:15pm for a 5:30pm start – 7:15pm

Where: Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club – Supper provided!



The school has its own career [Facebook page](#). Students and parents can use this page for a wide range of career information. This is particularly useful for students in the senior years, however, other students can access information on part-time employment, dates for open days or registration to courses while they are still at school. This [Facebook page](#) is dedicated to careers information, guidance and support for students, staff, parents and the community. [Like](#) that page and get daily updated information or Google “Mullumbimby High School Careers”.

Seeking Volunteer Opportunities for Students

Do you know of a not-for-profit, that is local to school that offers volunteering or could do with some extra help?

- We are seeking opportunities outside of school for students 14yrs and older to volunteer 1hr a week for either 3 or 6 months, aiding them in achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Award and gaining valuable experience working in the community.
- Supervising staff require a current working with children clearance check and be willing to play a role as their Assessor to validate their award hours.
- Hosting organisations must be not-for-profit

If so, please refer them onto connect with Dusty McOnie, our Duke of Ed Award Leader via

email dusty.mcOnie@det.nsw.edu.au or phone on [\(02\) 6684 2600](tel:0266842600)

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.

P&C NOTES

Our next P&C meeting is on Monday 21 November at 6pm. We hope to meet in person at the school as well as via zoom for our last meeting of the year.

The zoom link is: <https://au01web.zoom.us/j/66577374692>



This is our last meeting for the year so please feel free to come along if you have never attended before so you can feel comfortable to potentially join when we start the New Year. A number of the executive team will be stepping down from their roles at the next AGM as part of our succession planning. It is a really rewarding experience to support the school and the broader community through your involvement in our P&C Association. We really encourage you to join us so you can feel a deeper connection with your child's school and also have the confidence to possibly take on a role with your fresh energy and ideas. It's a great association to join and you can put in as much time and energy as you have on areas or activities that are of interest to you.

One such experience was last Thursday for Cath Graeme-Cook and I when we were invited to a workshop in Ballina by DCJ for all the successful flood grant applicants. Recently we received funds to roll out monthly Deep Listener workshops this year and the first half of next year. It was invigorating to hear, share, network and plan with twenty two other amazing NGO's all doing great work in their specific communities. We received really positive feedback about our project and many of the individuals in these organisations may take advantage of the free workshops we are offering.



Currently we have a number of vacancies still in the half day Deep Listeners workshop on Tuesday 6th December so if you know you are available to attend this and want to understand and develop some of the skills taught in the Deep Listeners workshops then it sounds like a great gift for you to do this for free.

We will also be doing a two day workshop on the 16th and 17th January specifically for teachers at our high school as well as teachers from across the region if there are places available. The February and March workshops will be available to anyone from our school or broader community so please keep your eyes on the Deep Listener site as the registration will be likely go up on their website in the next week or so.

You will be able to register for a free workshop via the Deep Listeners website on this link <https://deeplisters.org/training-for-everyone>

Please be mindful to commit to the date you enrolled in as each workshop will have limited numbers and someone will miss out if you decide to not show or cancel at the last minute.

We are very thankful to the NSW Department of Communities and Justice for the funds to run this supportive initiative for the school and broader community.

Questions? Comments?

Email us at mullumbimbyhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Or call Damian Farrell on 0409 994 308

Predators & Apple Music Profiles: What Parents Need To Know

Earlier this month, Safe On Social, our online safety consultants, notified us about a new way that predators are targeting children - this time through Apple Music iTunes profiles. They have written a comprehensive blog post we encourage all our parents to [read here](#).

We did however want to highlight a few action steps so that parents can make sure they understand exactly how kids are communicating and what steps to take immediately to prevent issues from happening.

It's important to note that most of the communication is made by posting a message via the playlist description on Apple Music. One user will tag another and write a message in the 'playlist description' area. Once tagged the other user will replace the message with one of their own

and tag the original user. This process goes back and forth allowing a conversation to take place - see screenshot.

Steps To Take To Further Secure Apple Music

Apple Music allows people to find your profile and follow you, so they can keep track of what

you're listening to and access your shared playlists.

Here's how to make your (or your

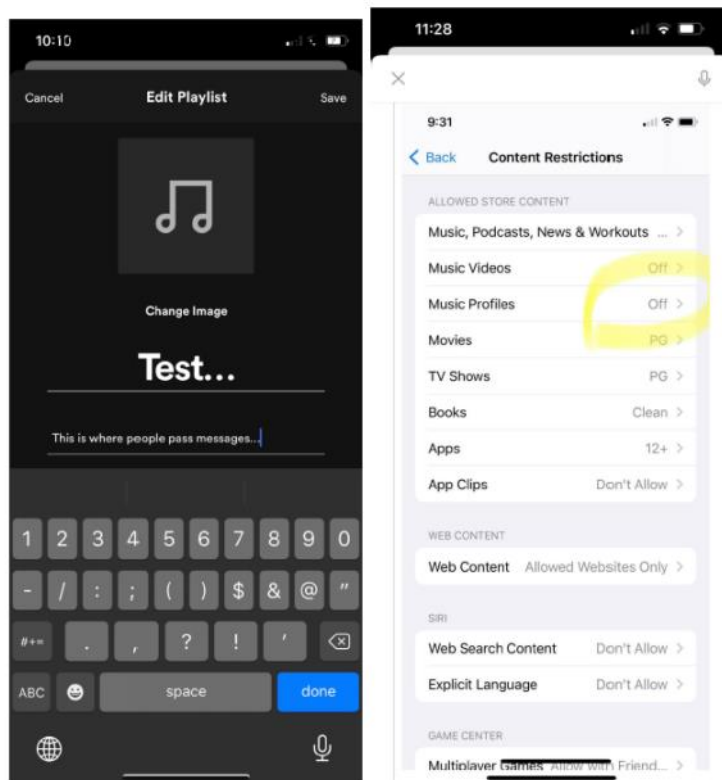
child's) profile private if you pay for a subscription you can choose who's able to access it:

1. Open the Apple Music app.
2. Tap Listen Now in the bottom-left corner of the page.
3. Select your profile in the top-left corner.
4. Tap on your profile name to view your profile.
5. Choose Edit.
6. Under Who Can Follow Your Activity, select People you approve.

Unfollow and block users

- Go to your profile.
- Under Following or Followers, tap a person to go to their profile.
- On the right side of their profile, tap the More button
- Tap Unfollow to stop following them.
- Tap Block to block a user from seeing your profile. People that you block won't see your music or find your profile in Apple Music.

We continue to support these teachings and discussions around online safety in school through the [Safe On Social's](#) ESafetyHQ School Program we have rolled out this year. We look forward to continuing to educate and help support our parents and carers in keeping our children safe online.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFER DRIVERS COURSE FOR LEARNERS

Participants who complete the Safer Drivers Course for Learners will receive a bonus of 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver logbook reducing the total logbook requirement from 120 to 100 hrs. The Course is a combination of theoretical and practical training for under 25-year-old learner drivers who have completed 50 hours of logbook driving hours.

Saturday 19 November - 9.30am to 12.30pm
Monday 28 November - 4pm to 7pm
Monday 12 December - 4pm to 7pm

1 Gilmore Crescent Byron Bay
Cost: \$140
CONCESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE

To book: <https://www.bys.org.au/transport>

Contact Steffie on 66857777 or email info@bys.org.au for more information.



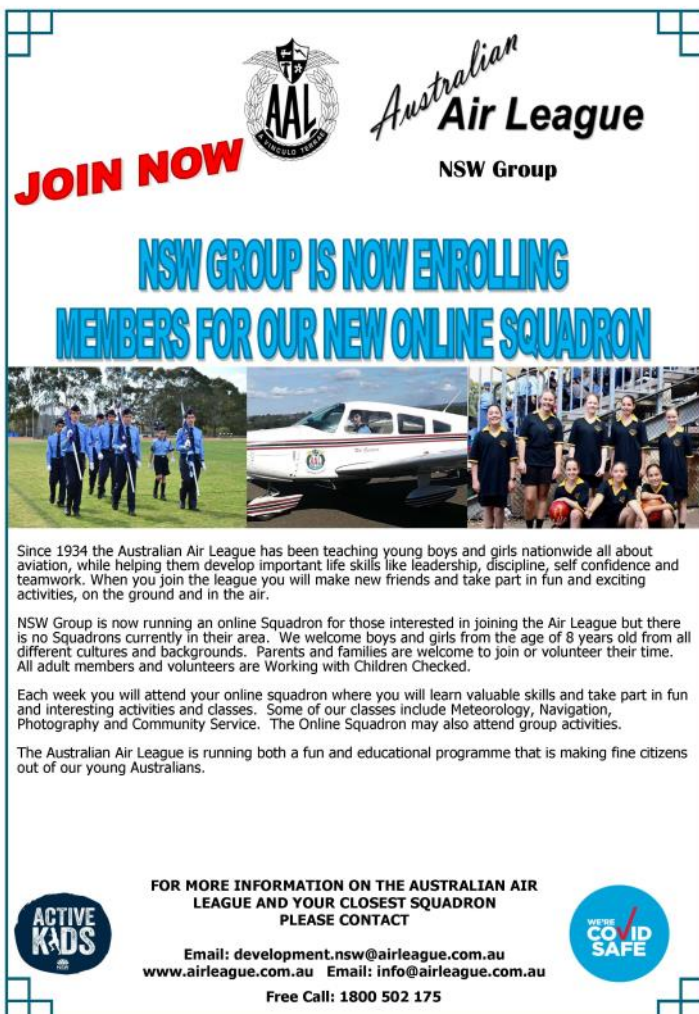
FREE RETAIL SKILLS SHORT COURSE

@ THE YAC

NOVEMBER 21ST - 24TH
4 DAYS OF FUN, LEARNING AND WORK EXPERIENCE
(12-24YO)

ENQUIRIES: LINDYLOU@BYS.ORG.AU

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JOIN NOW

Australian Air League
NSW Group

NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING MEMBERS FOR OUR NEW ONLINE SQUADRON

Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

NSW Group is now running an online Squadron for those interested in joining the Air League but there is no Squadrons currently in their area. We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to join or volunteer their time. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

Each week you will attend your online squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. The Online Squadron may also attend group activities.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT

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www.airleague.com.au Email: info@airleague.com.au
Free Call: 1800 502 175

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'UNLOCKING THE LOCAL' YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS WORKSHOP

MONDAY 9 JANUARY – FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 2023
NORTHERN RIVERS CONSERVATORIUM, LISMORE
COST: FREE!

Join Griffin Theatre Company for our 'Unlocking the Local' Young Playwrights Workshop in January 2023! This introduction to playwriting from Australia's leading new writing theatre is open to 15 young writers in Years 10 – 12 in 2023.

Learn the basics of playwriting craft and storytelling from some of Australia's most exciting young working writers. Workshop attendees will write a five-minute scene drawing from their own experiences as young people living regionally, and will build a dramatic landscape together to create an exciting living world. Places are limited and registration is essential.

For more info head to our [website](https://www.norpa.org.au) or contact the NORPA team: Email info@norpa.org.au or call 6622 0300 Applications are open now [here!](https://www.norpa.org.au)