



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 9 | Monday 5 December 2022

KEY DATES

Monday 5 December

SRC speeches

Tuesday 6 December

PDHPE Yr9-10 Swimming lessons the next 2 weeks

Thursday 8 December

4pm End of Year BBQ

Friday 9 December

Mathematics Olympiad

Monday 12 December

Yr7&8 Pool Excursion
Yr10 Formal at Mullum RSL

Wednesday 14 December

Dreamworld Excursion

Thursday 15 December

10am Yr7-10 Presentation at Ocean Shores School Hall
HSC results 2022 released

Friday 16 December

Last day of school for students

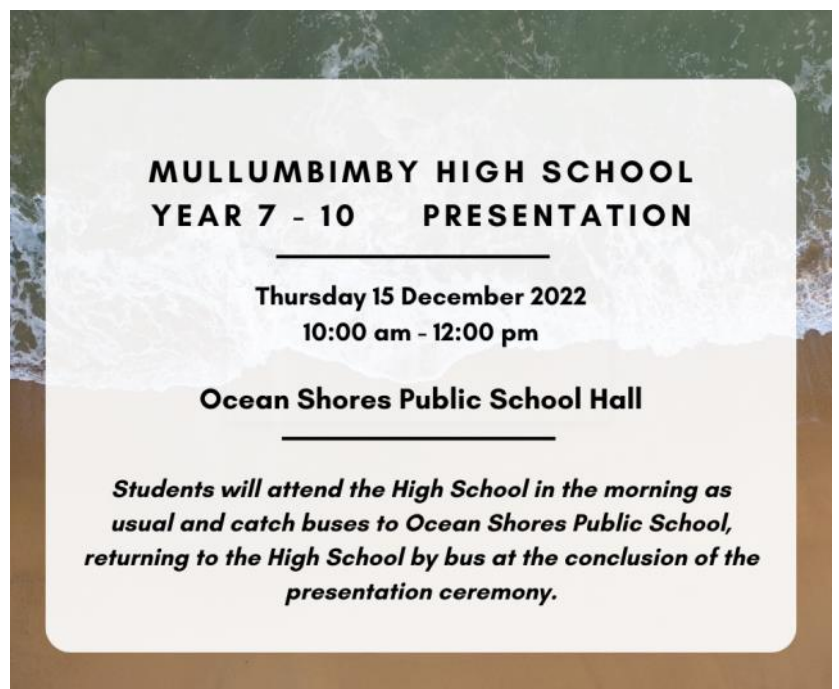
Dear Parents/Carers,

In fantastic news received last week, Mullumbimby High School has been selected to receive a 2022 HSC Commendation Award from the Minister for Education. The award is about recognising all that the staff, students and families did this year to ensure our HSC students could be awarded the marks they worked hard for, in the face of immense challenges due to flooding. Our 2022 School Captains and Staff will travel to Sydney later this month to attend this special ceremony and accept the award.

Our school presentation for Year 7 to 10 will be held on Thursday 15 December from 10am at the Ocean Shores Public School Hall. We look forward to welcoming families attending this last event of our school year. Students will attend school as usual in the morning and travel by bus to Ocean Shores Public School. Students will then return by bus to the high school at the conclusion of the presentation ceremony.

A reminder that our Mullumbimby High School end of year community BBQ is on this Thursday 8 December from 4pm. We look forward to celebrating the end of the school year with our students and their families at this free event.

- Greg Armstrong, PRINCIPAL

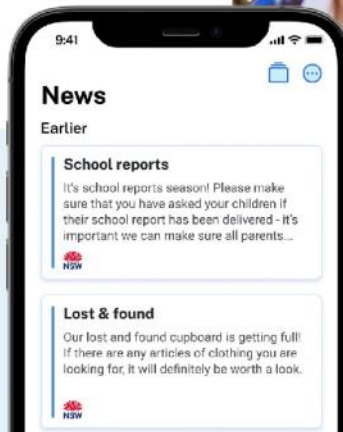


Never miss an important school update or event.

The **NSW Education Parent App** makes it easier than ever to stay up-to-date with the latest information from your child's school. Featuring latest news, newsletters, personalised feeds by year group, events calendar, push notifications, instant updates and alerts, advanced security and more.



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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:(02)66842600)

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



As we venture towards the end of the school year we look forward to refreshing ourselves and then planning for the next year. With this in mind we hope to entice new members to join us next year. The executive roles on the P&C will be vacated at the AGM in March 2023 and we will elect a new committee from those that pay their \$2.00 and join the association. Our first meeting next year will be on Monday 13th February and the AGM will be on Monday 13th March. We will remind all early next year and send out invites then.

If you would like to know more about what the respective executive roles entail please feel free to contact us on the details below. Here is an overview of what we do and the role of the P&C.

The P&C is a vibrant and committed group of parents and other community members who play an important role in supporting the school principal, teachers and non-teaching staff to enhance the learning outcomes and overall school experience for our children.

The key focus of our P&C is to provide a forum in which parents can articulate their needs and aspirations for their children and contribute to a developing partnership with the school. At P&C meetings parents can raise issues, initiate ideas and keep up to date with what's going on in the school. The P&C also provides feedback to the school on matters relating to curriculum and student welfare, as well as establishing links between the school and wider community.

It is well known that a school's educational and social outcomes are greatly enhanced when parents and staff work together. As parents we can make meaningful contributions to the way our children are educated.

The role of the P&C is:

- to facilitate cooperation between the students, teachers and community;
- to support the provision of resources, facilities and equipment for the school;
- to provide a platform for consultation on curriculum and other education issues;
- to share information to benefit the school community;
- to support the development of learning opportunities.

While fundraising is an important part of P&C activities and contributes to student welfare and much needed facilities and equipment, there are many other roles that the P&C takes on: participation in school policy, the curriculum and other educational issues; representation on panels to choose new staff; social activities; and liaising with the broader community. There are many different ways to get involved and to offer assistance.

Questions? Comments?

Email us at mullumbimbyhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Or call Damian Farrell on 0409 994 308

The Australian Federal Police through the [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#) is seeing a concerning global trend of teenage males being targeted to send explicit images of themselves and then blackmailed. This is called sexual extortion, or sextortion.

The AFP is urging families to have important safety conversations ahead of the school holidays to prevent young people from becoming victim. This crime can have serious wellbeing and psychological impacts.

How does sextortion start?

- Unsolicited friend and follow requests on social media
- Direct messages on one app and then being asked to keep chatting on a secondary app
- Conversations suddenly and quickly becoming sexualised
- Requests for sexualised images or content.

What can families do?

- Have open and regular conversations about your child's online activities and interactions
- Know what platforms, apps and games they are using and who they are interacting with
- Remain open and approachable, victims will be reluctant to come forward if they feel they will be punished or blamed
- Ensure your child knows that it is okay to leave conversations if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- Support your child and know how to respond. The [Online blackmail and sexual extortion response kit](#) has been created to recognise sextortion and get help.

The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to keep young people safe from online sexual exploitation and abuse.

You can make a report via accce.gov.au/report

For further information, resources and advice visit thinkuknow.org.au

ABSENT, LATE OR EARLY? If your child is not at school, let us know they are safe. If we don't know, we will let you know they are not at school with a SMS message

COMING IN LATE? School starts everyday at 8.50am for all students. If students arrive after that time and miss CARE (roll call), please call the school to explain why they are late or provide them with a note. Students need to come to Students Services Office as soon as they arrive at school.

LEAVING EARLY? Only valid reasons approved by the Principal will be authorised. A note or a phone call should be made to Student Services before 9:30am and leave pass will be processed.

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS Please call before 2pm. Only URGENT messages will be passed on during class time. We ask that all arrangements regarding after school activities be discussed with your student before school to



This is sextortion.

It's a scam.
And it's trending.

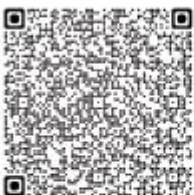
You can make it stop.

- ✓ **Do** stop the chat
- ✓ **Do** take screenshots of the text and profile
- ✓ **Do** block the account and report it to the platform
- ✓ **Do** report to the ACCCE
- ✓ **Do** get support

- × **Don't** send more images
- × **Don't** pay
- × **Don't** respond to demands
- × **Don't** enter into further communication
- × **Don't** think you're alone

If you're under 18, we can help.

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To report or get help:
accce.gov.au



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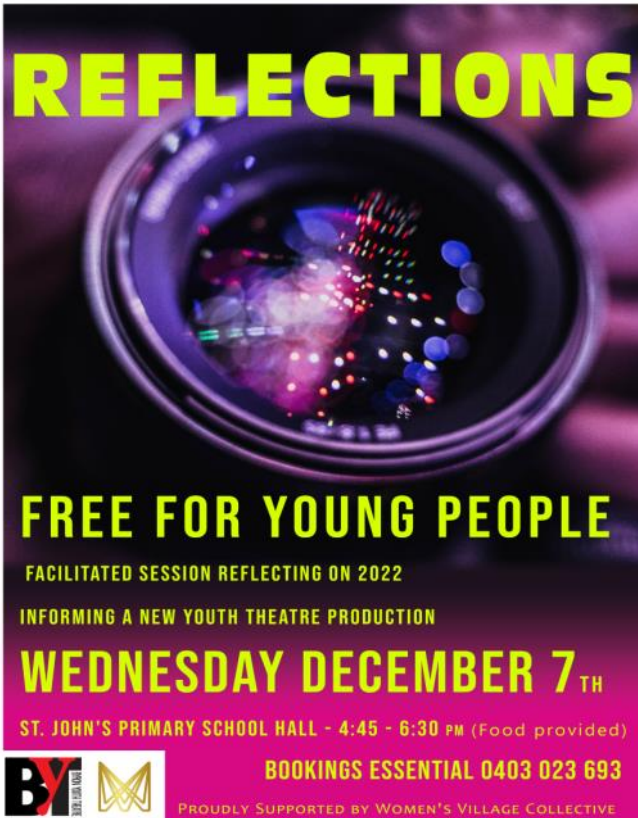


If you're in a life-threatening situation, call Triple Zero (000).

The eSafety Commissioner can help to remove naked or sexual images shared online without your consent: [eSafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



REFLECTIONS

FREE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

FACILITATED SESSION REFLECTING ON 2022

INFORMING A NEW YOUTH THEATRE PRODUCTION

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7TH

ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL - 4:45 - 6:30 PM (Food provided)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 0403 023 693

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY WOMEN'S VILLAGE COLLECTIVE

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.

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.



Screenworks, Netflix, the NSW Government and Screen Queensland Open Applications for 2023 Regional Crew Traineeships.

Screenworks has opened applications for the second year of their Regional Crew Traineeship program, delivered in partnership with Netflix with the support of the NSW Government and Screen Queensland.

Applications will close at 08:00am (AEDT) Monday 28th November 2022. The traineeships are due to start in February 2023. To find out more and apply, please visit www.screenworks.com.au/traineeships.

Screenworks is also looking for Production Companies and Heads of Departments from across Australia interested in taking on trainees for work placements in 2023.

Placements can be based in Northern NSW, South East Queensland, North Queensland or beyond. All trainees will be paid by Screenworks during their placement terms. Please contact Screenworks at trainees@screenworks.com.au to register your interest. Screenworks are delivering the Regional Crew Development Program in partnership with Netflix with the support of the NSW Government and Screen Queensland, through their North Queensland Regional Program.



'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](http://www.norpa.org.au) or contact the NORPA team:

Email info@norpa.org.au or call 6622 0300

Applications are open now [here!](#)



supporting young people in school holidays: practical tips for parents and carers

headspace National are hosting education sessions for parents and carers across NSW who are supporting young people during school holidays.

These sessions aim to:

- Identify challenges and opportunities of the school holiday period
- Offer practical ideas for parents and carers
- Provide information about additional support services
- Highlight the importance of self-care

Where:

Online webinars.

When:

We will be offering this session multiple times around the school holiday period. Sessions will be held at 12 - 1pm AEDT or 6 - 7pm AEDT.

Session dates will be listed on Eventbrite.

How do I register?

Click the link to register for a session via Eventbrite: bit.ly/3UVkYQM, or copy the URL into your web browser. Alternatively you can scan the QR code:



After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email which will include the Zoom webinar link.

You will receive a digital information pack after the session that includes key messages and links to resources and support services.

Need more information?

Email us: programsupport@headspace.org.au.