



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 2 | Week 4 | Monday 16 May 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 16 May

CHS Football (all week) Girls
NAPLAN (all week)
Test & Try Construction (all week for some Yr10 & 11)

Tuesday 17 May

NESA CEO visiting Mullum

Wednesday 18 May

Cross Country Carnival

Thursday 19 May

PRIMEX (postponed)
Bell Shakespeare—Yr11 & 12

Friday 20 May

TAFE YES Plus Program (Yr10)

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 2

Tue 26 April to Fri 1 July

TERM 3

Mon 18 July to Fri 23 Sept
(1st day is Staff Development Day—no students)

TERM 4

Mon 10 Oct to Tue 20 Dec
(Students start on 1st day)

HSC EXAMINATION DATES

12 October to 7 November

COVID-19 Department of Education

[https://
education.nsw.gov.au/
covid-19/advice-for-
families](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have settled into our new buildings and everyday seems like we are emerging from our state of immense disruption after the floods. Routine and a sense of hope and accomplishment for a bright future are the keys for our students at present, and I commend them on their resilience and determination to be at school and learn.

NESA Visit — We are doing everything possible to support all of our students and Year 12 are no exception. On Tuesday, we will welcome NESA's CEO, Paul Martin, to our school to meet our students and staff. He will hear more about the reality of how the recent floods have affected their lives and continuity of learning as well as preparing for the HSC. The more opportunities leaders in education such as Paul can hear of our stories first hand, the better they will be equipped to support our students through the HSC and the HSC marking process.

Transition — We welcomed 140 students from Year 6 last Wednesday for our Transition afternoon which was highly successful, where students from 9 feeder schools enjoyed a variety of high school style lessons, namely, Indonesian, Art, Science, Food Tech and Music. It was an excellent afternoon and feedback was positive.

Visit to Primary Schools — I also had the opportunity to visit Brunswick Head PS on Thursday to attend their week 3 assembly and was greeted very warmly by students and staff. It was a wonderful assembly. I look forward to visiting all of our feeder schools throughout the year to get to know our primary school communities much better.

P&C — I wish to welcome the new P&C Executive and I look forward to working closely with them through the next 12 months. I congratulate President Damian Farrell, Secretary Tom Alletson, Treasurer Lhasa Morgan, Vice Presidents Cindy Alice and Caterina Barry and Soenke Bierman. I also thank our wonderful uniform shop team, Wendy and Michael, Caterina and Cindy. We have a highly functional and effective P&C and recently they have raised over \$40,000 to support our students through post flood support with their education. This was a phenomenal effort and I thank all who worked so hard to raise this money through the JustGiving page.

Other schools we would like to thank for their generous donations are Ryde Secondary College (\$6093.60), Malwaree HS (\$2000 in vouchers) and Bingara Central school for their wonderful notes of encouragement and support.

School Expectations — We continue to run a hard line for students who truant, who do not follow the school mobile phone/Yondr pouch policy or vape at school. All of these are separate issues, but students not doing the right thing will be reprimanded accordingly with parent contact and intervention to work towards a suitable resolution. Student's education around these matters and provision of all support required for students to be engaged in learning at school and for their wellbeing are also our priorities.

Cross Country — We look forward to a great Cross Country day at Brunswick Heads Surf Club on Wednesday and urge all students to attend what is one of our great carnivals. It looks like it should be fine and will be an excellent day of outdoor activity as well as a fun day, with great food and socialisation after our recent events.

Primex

Primex Field Days has announced the event in Casino planned for **19 to 21 May 2022** will be postponed, due to the ongoing impacts of recent floods, combined with continued adverse weather conditions. School will be on as usual on Thursday 19 May.

Flood support for students

Support is available for students and families who have been directly affected by the floods in any way. The P&C raised funds to support this and we have received other generous donations. If your child requires any of the following or additional support, please let one of our staff know. I am happy to discuss in person or by phone anytime – please contact me. Items available are school uniforms, school back packs and stationary items, canteen vouchers, school expenses or if there is anything else, please let the school or myself know.

— Greg Armstrong, PRINCIPAL

CAREERS NEWS

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is visiting Mullumbimby for an information evening on Wednesday 18 May from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. Please register if you are interested to attend: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/fdlt395>

JOB VACANCY: Truck Washer - Tyagarah. Saturday work. All on the job training and equipment will be provided. You will need to be fit, hard-working and willing to work. See Ms Perrin in Careers asap for more info. Thank you

P&C Notes

Thank You John Robinson Accounting

The P&C Association wish to sincerely thank former MHS student and local accountant John Robinson for once again reviewing our P&C accounts for the calendar year 2021. We are very appreciative of this support from John Robinson Accounting and encourage you in turn to support John if you have any accountancy needs.



High School Flood Appeal

The JustGiving MHS Flood Appeal has been a great success and we have now raised over \$40,000 to support the school and the wellbeing of the students. Donations came from all areas of the state and country and we have been touched by the generosity and kindness of the donations from individuals, families, schools and community groups.

AGM last week

At our AGM last Monday, we elected a new executive team and thank the following members for their commitment to the P&C and the school over the next 12 months.

- President: Damian Farrell
- Vice President: Cindy Alice
- Vice President: Caterina Barry
- Treasurer: Lhasa Morgan
- Secretary: Tom Alletson
- Executive member: Soenke Biermann

The next P&C meeting will be in week 7 on Monday 6th June (venue details to follow). New members are always welcome and you can download a membership form from the school website.

Questions? Comments?

Email us at mullumbimbyhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Or call Damian Farrell on 0409 994 308

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 avoid stress and distraction.

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.



If you have moved house or changed phone numbers or email address, please don't forget to let the school know.

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 before the end of school.

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.



The Far North Coast Sport Association has its own website where you can check for dates and venues for all coming events. It is still a work in progress and your patience is appreciated. Please visit the website at: <https://farnorthcoast.secondarysport.com.au/>