



# 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 1 | Week 7 | Monday 6 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I look forward to seeing parents of Year 7 and 11 students and any new parents at our Welcome BBQ on Thursday at school from 4pm. Many teachers of Year 7 and 11 students will be available to talk to in an informal setting.

Our School Representative Council (SRC) induction ceremony is on this week at the Mullumbimby RSL Auditorium and we look forward to celebrating this with our students and any parents who can make it at 9.30am.

I congratulate Safiya, Munay and John for their excellent speeches about International Women's Day presented to all staff and students today via an on-line whole school assembly.

I wish to congratulate our students on their excellent sporting results in the past week—we have many teams travelling to play different sports and their achievements are well deserved.

Our new Aboriginal Education building will be handed over to the school on Monday—this room is to replace 'Scotty's Hut' which was damaged in the floods. This will be a space for the school and community to access to enjoy learning and meetings.

*Greg Armstrong, Principal*



### KEY DATES

**Monday 6 March**

NC Secondary Football @ Coffs Harbour

**Tuesday 7 March**

FNC Netball @ BISC

**Thursday 9 March**

Int'l Women's Day Mufti Day  
10am Leadership Induction @RSL  
4pm Welcome BBQ  
Yr12 Marine Studies Excursion

**Friday 10 March**

NC Secondary 15s AFL @Byron

**Wednesday 15 March**

NAPLAN starts

**Tuesday 21 March**

5:15pm School Tour  
Yr6 to Yr7 Information Night 6pm

**Saturday 25 March**

10:30am School Tour

**Wednesday 29 March**

1pm Transition Day for Year 6

**Every Thursday**

Homework Club 3pm—4pm

**Every Friday**

Breakfast Club 8am—8:45am

### TERM DATE IN 2023

**Term 1:** Friday 27 January – Thursday 6 April (Students start on 31 January and 1st February)

**Term 2:** Monday 24 April – Friday 30 June (ANZAC day on Tuesday 25 April is a public holiday) - Students start on Wednesday 26 April

**Term 3:** Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September— Students start on Tuesday 18 July

**Term 4:** Monday 9 October – Tuesday 19 December (Students start on Monday 9 October)



Mullumbimby High School will celebrate

International Women's Day

**Thursday 9 March 2023**

Wear Purple, Green or White and bring a gold coin!

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023

International Women's Day is March 8th and the theme this year is #EmbraceEquality. The aim is to get the world talking about Why equal opportunities aren't enough. People have different starting places so require equitable action for true inclusion, belonging and success.

This year at Mullumbimby High School we are celebrating with our SRC students breaking down the International Women's Day theme at the assembly and explain why IWD is important to them. Then in CARE classes students will have the opportunity to discuss facts and statistics about the inequity women still face today including the gender pay gap and disparities' in superannuation and to view clips on Women who are leading the way in STEM employment.

Our main day of celebrations will be on THURSDAY the 9th, where we will be having a casual dress day with a gold coin donation, the colour theme being the colours that represent International Women's Day: Purple signifies justice, dignity and loyalty to the cause, Green symbolises HOPE and White represents purity. All funds raised will be donated to a local agency that provides many of our students with support.

Our students will also be making pledges to show support and encourage others to help forge women's equality.

It is going to be a fantastic week recognising the challenges faced by many women, providing opportunities for discussion and solutions, and taking the time to think of all the inspiring women in our lives.

## NAPLAN

Every year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Australia. Students in **Years 7 and 9** who are enrolled at a NSW high school are expected to participate in NAPLAN unless they are withdrawn or exempt. NAPLAN provides an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. This year, NAPLAN will take place from 15 March to 27 March 2023.

We have sent an email to all families in these two cohorts along with the information pack and the withdrawal form should you want your child NOT to sit the NAPLAN. Any questions, please call the school.



Northern Rivers  
CONSERVATORIUM

Mullumbimby High School is partnering with the Northern Rivers Conservatorium of Music to offer weekly instrumental lessons. External tutors will be coming to our school to offer these lessons during school hours. If your student is interested in joining the program and getting

lesson on either guitar or piano, they can come and see Mr Sharp at school for an information pack. If students would like lessons on any other instrument, please also come to discuss details or email: [joshua.sharpe14@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:joshua.sharpe14@det.nsw.edu.au)

**A REMINDER** — 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 in or 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.**

## CAREERS UPDATE

There is a huge amount of information available relating to career pathways and opportunities, including webinars and face-to-face experiences. Our Careers website has links to information and events occurring in the next 14 days that you or your child may be interested in - [mullumbimbycareers.com](http://mullumbimbycareers.com)

Please contact me either via email - [leanne.clarkson5@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leanne.clarkson5@det.nsw.edu.au) or by phone, if you have any questions re Career pathways/information. A few opportunities are -

### Year 12

#### University of Sydney Regional Residential Program 17 - 21 April

Regional NSW Year 12 students are invited to join us on campus in the April school holidays. This is your opportunity to explore the campus and prepare for future study at the University of Sydney. Supported by current students and faculty staff, this will be an immersive experience where you will: • participate in workshops and information sessions to plan and prepare for HSC studies • navigate your pathway and study options • gain an experience of life as a University of Sydney student • meet and chat with current University of Sydney students • sightsee around Sydney! The University will organise and cover the cost of travel, accommodation, food and experiences related to the residential event.

Places are limited, so get in quick! [https://sydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8uY1TKJtwiQGWcS](https://sydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8uY1TKJtwiQGWcS)

#### Business Cadetships Program - Applications Open 6 March and closes 24 May

As a Business Cadet, typically you combine university study in Sydney with paid work at UBS or Barrenjoey Capital Partners in Sydney.

The Business Cadetships Program allows you to choose the university where you will study and allows you latitude in your choice of degree program. Over the last fifteen years, Professional Cadetships Australia has provided Year 12 students with the opportunity to apply for a cadetship with leading companies in the financial services industry, including UBS, Barrenjoey Partners, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, BNP Paribas, Westpac, QBE and Zurich.

In 2022, the Business Cadetships Program offers exciting cadetship opportunities in a range of business areas at UBS, Barrenjoey Capital Partners and Macquarie Group.

<https://www.professionalcadets.com.au/index.asp> Engineering: the best, good news story ever! Panel session

### Year 10

#### Work Experience Opportunity at the Australian Museum 2023 Program Applications Open 13 March

Our high school work experience program offers students in Year 10 the chance to explore a variety of careers including science and cultural research, education, public programming, curatorial and exhibition design, marketing, communications and corporate services. All work experience opportunities provide practical learning to consolidate classroom teaching. This will support students' personal development and professional skills as they prepare to enter the workforce and make choices about their careers.

Each placement is limited to 5 days (Monday to Friday) working 10am to 4pm each day. <https://australian.museum/get-involved/work/experience/>

Parents/carers would need to arrange own travel, accommodation and supervision for your child to attend this opportunity.

#### Defence Force Work Experience

The Defence Work Experience Program provides young Australians interested in Defence as a future career, the opportunity to sample life in Defence and learn more about the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the Australian Public Service (APS). For more information - Parents/carers would need to arrange own travel, accommodation and supervision for your child to participate in the Defence Force work experience. <https://www.defence.gov.au/jobs-careers/student-pathways/work-experience>

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".



## AGM 13th February 2023, 5.30pm drinks for a 6pm start at the Mullumbimby Bowling Club

The club's Indian restaurant (Heritage Dining) will provide some of their delicious finger foods and nibbles for us. Drinks are available at the bar at club prices.

Or join us by zoom link at 6pm on: <https://au01web.zoom.us/j/68508978983>

### Annual General Meeting Agenda

Item	Description	Responsible Person
1	Welcome and acknowledgement	Chair
2	Call for new members	Chair
3	Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM	Chair
4	Business arising from the minutes of the previous AGM	Chair
5	Receipt and adoption of the audited financial report	Treasurer
6	Receipt and adoption of the president's annual report	President
8	Elections  <i>President</i>  <i>Vice Presidents</i>  <i>Secretary</i>  <i>Treasurer</i>  <i>Additional Executive members (up to 6)</i>	Returning Officer
9	Election of sub-committee members	Returning Officer
10	Election of representatives (school committees and merit selection)	Returning Officer
11	Approval of Signatories (Removal and Addition)	New Chair
12	Appointment of the P&C Associations auditor	New Chair
13	Adoption or review of by-laws, rules, policies, and procedures	
14	Setting the annual subscription fee	New Chair
15	Close	New Chair

### Our Uniform Shop needs your support.....

Another way that you can support the P&C and the school would be to help out at our Uniform Shop. Wendy Fisher and Caterina Barry who coordinate and manage the shop, keeping it open each Monday morning and ordering stock are looking for some more helping hands. It would be great to have someone that can commit an hour a week to do so, and learn the ropes of how it all works. If you can help out please give Wendy (0423 093 726) or Caterina (0457 222 837) a call. Or pop in and see them one Monday morning from 8.30am to 9am, they would really appreciate your help.

### Questions? Comments?

Email us at [mullumbimbyhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:mullumbimbyhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

Or call Damian Farrell on 0409 994 308



# MULLUMBIMBY HIGH SCHOOL 2024



## YEAR 6 TRANSITION CHECKLIST

### *The Journey to High School*

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

- 6th of March - Primary Schools to distribute Expression of Interest Forms
- 24th of March - Expression of Interest forms due (Use QR Code)

#### STEP UP INFORMATION NIGHT

- Tuesday 21st March - School Tour between 5.15pm and 6.00pm
- Tuesday 21st March - 6pm to 7.00pm (information and welcome)

#### TOURS OF THE SCHOOL

- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am to 10.30am

#### TRANSITION DAYS

- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 1.20 pm to 3.00pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – 1.20 pm to 3.00pm

#### HIGH ACHIEVER CLASS APPLICATIONS DUE

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- High Achiever interviews Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3
- 24<sup>th</sup> July - 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023 - Placement Offers Confirmed

#### ORIENTATION DAY

- Tuesday 28th November 2023 – 8.50am to 3.00pm



Scan this to access the  
Yr7 2024 Enrolment Form  
or head to the school website  
and click "[Enrolments](#)"

[www.mullumbimb-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mullumbimb-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)

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## **Mitigating Risks of Allowing Children to Use Personal Mobile Devices - Tips For Parents**

Safe on Social, our cyber safety partner, is providing tips to help Australian parents become more aware of the risks associated with mobile device use. It's essential to be cautious when giving your child your mobile device to watch videos or play games in public places, as there are potential risks you need to be aware of. With the constant media attention on cyber security, Safe on Social is here to provide guidance and help keep your child safe online.

Many organisations allow employees to use personal devices to access work email and networks. However, when children use these same devices for social media and free games, it can lead to significant risks.

It's essential to be aware of some of the top risks to ensure the safety of both your personal and work-related data:

1. **Malware and Virus Infection:** social media and free games may contain malware and viruses that can spread to your corporate network through your device, causing damage to the entire corporate infrastructure.
2. **Data Theft:** Children using a parent's device which can access a parent's work email or network may unknowingly download and install malicious apps that steal data and record keystrokes that may lead to a data breach that can result in severe financial and legal consequences for the organisation and the parent!
3. **Phishing Attacks:** Children may fall victim to phishing emails, texts, or ads that appear legitimate. They may lead to a compromise of sensitive business information stored on your phone.

To protect yourself and your organisation, consider these tips:

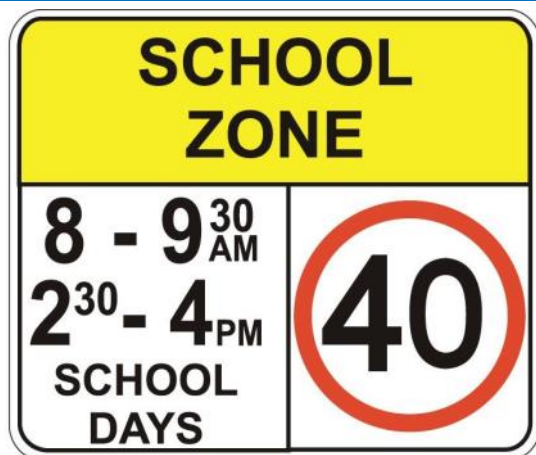
- Use company-owned devices for all work-related matters when possible, and only your devices for games and social media if you do not access anything work-related from that device.
- Regularly update your devices' antivirus and firewall software to protect against malware and virus infections.
- Be cautious of emails or texts that ask for personal information or download links.
- Talk to your children about cyber security risks and safe use of social media and educate them about safe online practices.
- Make sure your children know never to use a school email address to sign up for social media accounts. This will help protect us from potential Ransomware attacks.

By being aware of these risks and taking necessary precautions, you can help protect Australia against potential cyber-attacks.

Conversations around online safety are not always easy, but they are essential. This year we'll be providing you ongoing support and tips on social media apps, trends, and more to ensure open communication is happening in the classroom - and at home.



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**A REMINDER** that heavy fines and demerit points apply if you stop or park in front of the school between the times of 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm.



ISS are currently seeking cleaning staff in Byron Shire

Monday to Friday no weekends

If interested, please call

0437477197

A promotional poster for the 'BECOME A SAFER DRIVER' course. It features a large white circle on the left with the 'BYS' logo and text: 'BECOME A SAFER DRIVER AND EARN 20 LOG BOOK HOURS BY ENROLLING IN A SAFER DRIVERS COURSE. Cost \$140 Concessions available'. Below this, it lists dates: 'Monday 13th March - 4pm to 7pm' and 'Saturday 25th March 9.30am to 12.30pm', and a booking link: 'Bookings: bys.org.au'. On the right, there is a photo of two young women standing in front of a blue building, holding certificates. A sign on the building reads 'SAFER DRIVERS COURSE'.

We're coming  
to your community



**Our Mobile Service Centre is coming to Mullumbimby**  
**Wednesday the 8th of March 2023**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**

**Bringing NSW Government services to you.**

Call **13 77 88** or visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au) to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.

Find us at:  
Council Chambers Library  
70-90 Station Street



**Service NSW is returning to Mullumbimby on Wednesday 8 March 2023 in the Mobile Service Centre.**

A friendly reminder that the dedicated Service NSW team on board can provide support across a broad range of services:

- Roads & Maritime Services (including licence and registration renewals and applications).
- Processing of NSW Fitness to Drive Medical Assessments and Mobility Parking Applications.
- Processing of RSA and RCG cards.
- Undertaking Driver Knowledge Tests.
- Births, Deaths and Marriages (including birth, marriage, death and change of name certificates).

Application and Renewal of Working with Children Checks on behalf of Office of Children's Guardian

Our Mobile Service Centre is a cashless facility and will accept payment by credit/debit cards or cheques.

If you require any further information on our service locations or opening hours, visit [service.nsw.gov.au/msc](http://service.nsw.gov.au/msc), contact us on 13 77 88 or reply all to this email.