



# Mullumbimby High School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Years 7 & 8,

We are pleased to announce to you that Mullumbimby High school has purchased an online literacy platform for every Year 7 & 8 student, called Wordflyers. Students have received their own unique login and will be conducting weekly lessons in order to bolster their Literacy skills. The program is interactive and easy to use, students have been engaged with the lessons offered and enjoy the "Race around the world" format. The program boosts literacy skills through the following:

- Differentiated activities allow students to work at their ability, with a **review level** designed to **bring struggling students up to standard**.
- Students engage with and analyse short, high interest, real-world texts, with activities and **rewards** that **reinforce learning**.
- Tasks can be assigned for home or class work, with online tutorials students can progress in their literacy skills at their own pace.
- Lessons correlate to the **Literacy and Language strands of the Australian Curriculum**.
- The Lessons in WordFlyers build a strong platform for student success in NAPLAN\* tests.

The most important feature of the software is that it is totally available to students at home, so if you are concerned about your student's literacy development or you would like to see them perform better this is one way that you can support their development at home.

It is also important to encourage your child to read as widely as possible and Mullumbimby High has been working really hard to support and extend our students in this area. The Library is going through a physical and structural make-over and we are committed to maintaining the strong presence of books in the Library as well. Through support from the P&C, the English Faculty and additional resourcing from the Principal we have completely reinvigorated the fiction section in our Library over the past three years. All students were surveyed and asked for recommendations for the Library and we purchased nearly over 400 new titles based on this.

Borrowing has really gone through the roof, seeing a 200% increase overall throughout this period. So, we would like you to be asking your child what they are reading, have they checked out the Library and really try to assist us in continuing and extending this Reading for Pleasure movement at Mullumbimby High.

Yours Sincerely

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