



NEWSLETTER

MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

20-26 October -
HSC Exams in the Gym.

23 October -
SRC Loud Shirt Day

27 October-11 November -
HSC Exams at the Seventh
Day Adventist Hall, Maclean.

30 October -
SRC Halloween Dress Up Day.

9 November -
P&C Meeting at 6.30pm in
the Maclean High School
Library.

11 November -
Maclean High School Surf
Contest.

12 November -
Year 12 Formal at Yamba
Bowling Club.

18 November -
Year 6 Transition Day



Year 12 Class of 2020 Graduates

What a year it has been for our Year 12 students! They attended Nymboida Canoe Centre for a final excursion back in late September. The students had a wonderful time canoeing in the river, challenging themselves with a tightrope over the water, bushwalking and learning about the waterways and were also treated to a barbecue lunch. I can say they were an absolute pleasure to take on their final excursion, and were deserving of a day out; I could not have asked for a better Year 12 group!

We said farewell to this group of students during their Graduation Ceremony on the 24th September. Students started the day with a cooked breakfast, which they were able to share and mingle with their teachers. They were presented with various gifts and donations supplied from local businesses: Cafe Angourie, Sunshine Sugar, Spar Maclean, Botero and Ritchies Maclean who congratulated and wished them well on their graduation.

Tuesday, 20th October saw Year 12 students start their final journey at Maclean High School, sitting the HSC exams over the next four weeks. Their final hooray will take place on 12th November with the Maclean High School Formal being held at the Yamba Bowling Club.

I wish all Year 12 students great success in their exams, and all the best with their future endeavours.

Mrs Michelle Ellis.



Correct School Uniform and out of uniform procedures

Junior Boys:

Summer: Green/white polo shirt with school emblem. Black shorts.

Winter: Solid black jacket with **NO** writing/patterns/logos. Plain black trousers.

Senior Boys:

Summer: Green/white senior polo shirt with school emblem. Black shorts.

Winter: Senior school jersey or solid black jacket with **NO** writing/patterns/logos. Plain black trousers.

Junior Girls:

Summer: Green/white polo shirt with school emblem. School tartan skirt. Black shorts (the same length as school sport shorts).

Winter: Solid black jacket with **NO** writing/patterns/logos. School skirt (with black tights underneath). Black trousers.

Senior Girls:

Summer: Green/white senior polo shirt or white blouse. School bottle green skirt. Black shorts.

Winter: Senior school jersey or solid black jacket with **NO** writing/patterns/logos. School bottle green skirt (with black tights underneath). Plain black trousers.

Boys and Girls Sport/PE Uniform:

Maclean High School sport polo shirt, black shorts or plain black tracksuit pants.

Procedures for Out of School Uniform

Students are expected to be in school uniform at all times, if they are not in uniform they need to bring a note from home and hand it to the PC Teacher in the morning.

Students will be marked as 'out of uniform' if a note from home is not supplied, and a letter will be sent home to parents if a student repeatedly does not follow the correct procedure.

Final Countdown for Regional Youth Film Competition

It's the final countdown for entries into Regional Australia's biggest youth film celebration - the Nextwave Short Film Competition! If you're aged between 10-25 years and live in regional Australia, all you have to do is make a short film under 5 minutes that includes the words "What's Next?" and submit it to the festival for your chance to win and get your film up on the big screen. You can make a comedy, drama, thriller, documentary or any other kind of film. The deadline for entries is 26th October. So get your camera and get filming! Head to www.nextwavefilm.com.au to find out more.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Tell Them From Me is a suite of surveys for measuring student engagement and wellbeing. The surveys can be used to capture student, parent and teacher voices, providing reliable evidence for schools to use in identifying strengths and areas for improvement. **The survey usually takes around 10-15 minutes.**

If you missed the email we sent last term and would like to have your say, log onto the following address by the end of this week so we can understand and help improve our school.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/macleanhighschool>

Mrs Tania Fisher.

Master Chef Cooking Competition

Every year the Food Technology Department holds the 'Master Chef Cooking Competition' and other competitions for the Year 10 cohort. This year we are so thankful for the amazing prizes donated to our students by our wonderful P&C Association and supported by Harvey Norman Maclean, thank you!

The students have the opportunity to choose ingredients from a list and then create a meal that depicts the requirements of a food product such as taste, texture, aesthetics, colour and overall appeal. Orders were put in and then the students had a certain time to create their masterpieces. Many thanks to Penny and Danielle for their very professional judging of the meals. They arrived with a score sheet and the students were eager to watch the judging and hear their verdicts. Thank you also to the other judges Sheryl and Tina for assisting on the days.

The winners for this year's Master Chef were Joshua Parlevliet-Dean and Colby Vallette from 10FTZ, Sophia Roan and Skye Harrison from 10FTY and Bailey Cameron and Grace Johnson from 10FTZ.

Mrs Claire Bennett.



Heron Island Excursion 2019-2020

The 2019 University of Queensland's Heron Island Excursion has been postponed due to COVID19 restrictions and continued NSW-Queensland border closures. The Year 10 student cohort will not attend Heron Island this November but are being offered the opportunity to attend next year for 4 nights from **Monday 1st March - Friday 5th March** (Week 6 Term 1) whilst they are in Year 11. This excursion has been historically offered to Year 11 students and so we are reverting back to this formula.

If you have any interest in attending this excursion or questions about your eligibility, you **must** attend the **information meeting** that will be held at the **start of lunch on Tuesday, 2nd February** (Term 1 Week 2).

Attendance at the meeting is **compulsory** if you are hoping to gain a place on this excursion. [If you cannot attend this meeting you must see Mr Ford or Mrs Hollis in the Science staff room with a note from your parents stating the reason]. A list of 36 successful applicants and a reserve list will be placed on the Science notice board on the Monday of the next week. From this time you will be required to pay your \$100 deposit and attend a compulsory preparatory day which will include CPR training and snorkelling proficiency swim (date to be advised). The total of the \$900 cost must be paid prior to the excursion so it is advisable that families begin saving well in advance.

Mrs Danielle Hollis.





School Bus Travel for 2021

2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12th October 2020. Students who require a school travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (eg joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#). *Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years.*

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued. Students applying for a SSTS entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below card with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) - also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>

HSC Industrial Technology Timber

This year five students completed a range of timber furniture products for their HSC Major Project. The students self directed all aspects of their projects and have all handed in completed works. Requirements for external marking includes students submitting an extensive portfolio detailing the development of their design, research of materials and components, finance and time management plans and a diary of construction and detailed evaluation. In an extremely disruptive HSC year these students have done well and I wish them all the best in their final examinations.

Mr Patch.



School Attendance Policy

To access the complete School Attendance Policy from the NSW Department of Education just click on the following link: <https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy>

NSW Department of Education – Attendance


School attendance, every day counts

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but ...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

It's not OK to skip school to: **shop, sleep in, go out, get haircuts, finish an assignment or go on holidays**
 OK reasons to stay home from school are: **being sick or natural disasters**

Give your child every chance to succeed
Every student should be at school every day



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THE UNIT

THE UNIT (formerly known as The Lab) is back in operation after the COVID closedown. The UNIT is a technology club where Asperger's and high functioning kids on the autism spectrum can follow their individual I.T.

interests, at their preferred momentum, in safe and supportive surroundings, guided by a team of professional I.T. mentors. THE UNIT is not a classroom. THE UNIT provides a venue where kids can feel accepted and not be negatively biased. No diagnosis is required. No referral is required. NDIS and Creative Kids Voucher friendly.

The New School of Arts Neighbourhood House Inc.,
 Corner of Skinner Street and Spring Street,
 South Grafton.

Phone 0419 610917. Email: b.carnaby@bigpond.com





Parental Consent Form for Student Evaluation of EPPP Program

Parents and carers of students participating in the school's Educational Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) are being asked to complete a parental consent form for their child to evaluate the EPPP Program. The program is a NSW Department of Education led initiative to improve career pathways and future employment outcomes for young people. Our school is taking part in the program to test new ways of providing careers advice, and support young people in obtaining job-ready life skills.

The NSW Department of Education has developed 10 pilots for the program aimed at improving career development services, vocational education and training pathways, and future employment outcomes for young people. Researchers from Western Sydney University will evaluate these new pilots for the program. This year, the researchers will examine student experiences and their perceived value of the pilots. This will inform future improvement and expansion of the program. In the final two years (2021 and 2022) of the evaluation, the researchers will focus on understanding the impact of the program on students' knowledge, skills and confidence towards career planning and career choices. A total of 24 schools across South Western Sydney and the North Coast are participating in the EPPP Program.

Your child is invited to participate in a three-year evaluation of the Educational Pathways Pilot Programs. In order to capture your child's experience and perceived value of the pilots they will complete a short 7-minute response survey for each of the programs they participate in. Your child's answers to the short response survey questions will be used to improve the quality of the pilots. In addition to the short response surveys, next year your child will be invited to complete a 30-minute online survey in May and a follow-up survey in November. These surveys ask questions about how your child makes career decisions and their experience in training programs. Your child may also be invited to participate in a 40-minute peer focus group discussion towards the end of this year with 3 other students. Your child's evaluation of their experience of the EPPP will help improve the program for future years. For information on the survey and to give permission/consent please scan the QR code below or visit https://surveywesternsydney.au1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_2aUzPUKpI98r4k5.





Literacy Tip for this week:

- When code-breaking, students may ask themselves *What sound does this letter make? What keys do I press when I want to write sh?*
- When meaning-making, students may ask themselves *what is this text about? What might happen next?*
- When using text, students may ask themselves *What is the purpose of this text? What changes would I need to make to put it on a website?*
- When analysing text, students may ask themselves *What is fact and what is opinion in this text? How do I know if this information I have downloaded is accurate or fair?*

Mrs Linda Martin, Relieving Deputy Principal.

Helpline Numbers/Online Resources

Kids Helpline: 1800 551800 or www.kidshelp.com.au

Lifeline: 13 1114 or www.lifeline.org.au

Headspace: 1800 650890 or www.eheadspace.org.au

Beyond Blue: 1300 224636 or www.beyondblue.org.au

Reachout: <http://au.reachout.com>

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659467

WayAhead Directory: <http://directory.wayahead.org.au/>

Mental Health Telephone Access Line: 1800 011511 (operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is staffed by clinicians who can provide advice, make referrals and link callers to the Mental Health Service in their local health district).

School Counsellor: Mr Andrew Allen.