



NEWSLETTER

MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

8 Sep

YES Welding Grafton TAFE

11 Sep

P&C Association meeting at
6pm in the library

12 Sep - 22 Sep

Year 11 Final Exams

12 Sep - 14 Sep

HSC Music exam school hall

13 Sep

YES Auto Grafton TAFE

14 Sep

YES Animal Studies Grafton
TAFE

15 Sep

YES Welding Grafton TAFE

19 Sep

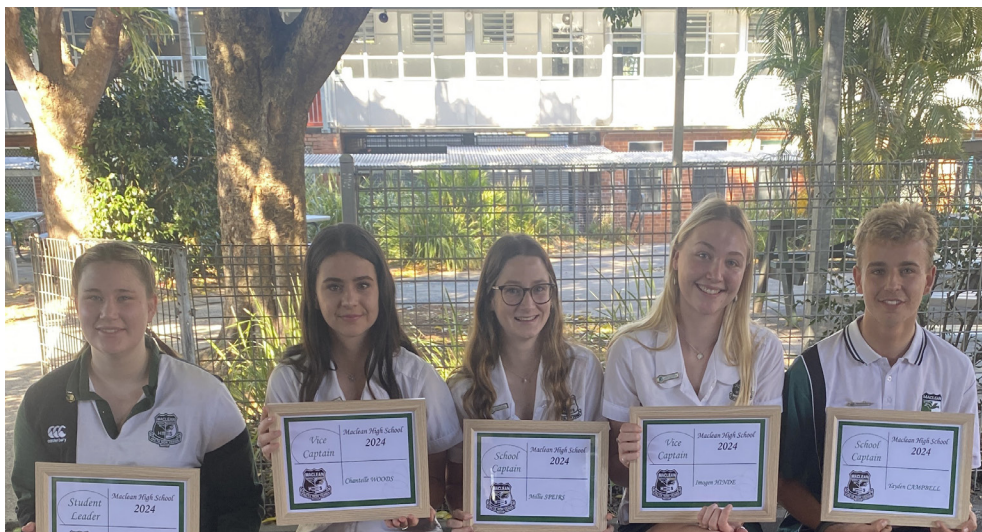
Year 12 Mystery Tour

20 Sep

YES Auto Grafton TAFE

21 Sep

Year 12 Breakfast 7am
Graduation 9.30am
Formal - meet at Yamba
Lighthouse at 4pm



School & House Captains for 2024

Congratulations to the following students who attained 2024 leadership positions.

2024 School Captains:

Millie Speirs and Yayden Campbell

Vice Captains:

Imogen Hinde and Chantelle Woods

School Leaders:

Jocelyn Menzies and Sumira Mahoney

House Captains:

Yugaamgan: Elora Ardrey, Jasmine Britten, Yayden Campbell and Benjamin Britten.

House Point Winner: Zahli Carmichael.

Wuy-wuy: Amelia Fishburn, Lily Kemp, Orlando Hickling and Ky Kratzmann.

House Point Winner: Emma Kerr.

Waandiyi: Sumira Mahoney, Neve Pengelly, Marlo Mayo and Logan Miltiadou.

House Point Winner: Tana Lowe.

Garidi: Chantelle Woods, Millie Speirs, Zephyr Trotman and Kurt Roberts.

House Point Winner: Harper Smith.

Winning House & Cup Winners: Waandiyi!!

We are confident that this talented group of leaders will bring positive change and inspiration to our school community.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in organising this week's school leader assembly! It's an exciting time for our school and our students, and we can't wait to see the amazing things these leaders will achieve in the year ahead.

From the Principal's Desk

2024 Senior Leadership

Congratulations to the outstanding senior leadership team for the year 2024! We are thrilled to introduce our new team members who will undoubtedly lead our school to greater heights: Millie and Yayden as school captains, Imogen and Chantelle as vice captains, and Jocelyn and Sumira as school leaders. Their exceptional qualities and dedication promise a year filled with remarkable achievements.

I would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our departing leadership team, who have served as exemplary figures during this time. Captains Kate and Hendrix, along with vice captains Jazmyn, Yasmin, and Keiren, have represented MHS with unwavering pride and have set inspiring examples for our student body. Your contributions have been invaluable, and we thank you for your exceptional leadership.

2023 House Cup & 2024 House Captains

Waandyi is the first winner of our inaugural House Cup! Congratulations to all students with surnames L-Q for this significant achievement. As a team, you have demonstrated dedication, enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved.

As we celebrate this momentous win, we also eagerly anticipate the leadership and spirit our incoming house captains will bring to their respective houses. Congratulations to the following students who will be leading their houses throughout the next twelve months.

Yugaamgan- Elora, Jasmine, Yayden & Ben
Wuy-Wuy- Amelia, Lily, Orlando & Ky
Waandyi- Sumira, Neve, Marlo & Logan
Garidi- Chantelle, Millie, Zephyr & Kurt

I look forward to witnessing your house spirit, leadership, and your ability to inspire and support your fellow students throughout the upcoming year.

Parent and Family Evening

We were delighted to have such a fantastic turnout of parents, carers, and family members at our event last night. We extend our heartfelt thanks to those who attended and actively engaged with our teachers to explore how we can collectively support the learning and well-being of our students.

Regrettably, we did have some staff members who were unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher and wish to schedule a follow-up conversation, please don't hesitate to contact our front office. We are committed to ensuring that every parent and guardian has the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and address any concerns or questions you may have. Your involvement is invaluable in creating a supportive and nurturing learning environment for our students.

HSC Music Night

Congratulations to our extremely talented music students for the showcase of HSC music performances last night. They were breathtaking, exciting and moving. As a school community we are so proud of the high level of talent coming out of Maclean High School. Year 12 should be very proud as their hard work and dedication was clearly on display. Moreover, our younger music enthusiasts demonstrated their potential and honed their skills while wholeheartedly supporting their Year 12 counterparts. Stay tuned as these emerging talents transition into their senior years, showcasing their remarkable abilities. A huge thank you must also go to Mr Mitchell and Mrs Bowie for supporting and accompanying our students.

- Mrs Carla Taylor
Relieving Principal

Inaugural Yarraana Dugulaarra Cup Winners - Waandyi

At this week's assembly, we announced the new school and house leaders for 2024 and unveiled the inaugural "Yarraana Dugulaarra" House Cup, generously sponsored by our Parents and Citizens (P&C). This Cup embodies the values of unity and community, symbolized by its 'Yaygiir' Aboriginal name, meaning 'Come Together.' The Cup will be presented annually to the House that has excelled in accumulating the highest number of FRESH points over the year. These points are earned by individual students by displaying FRESH values in the classroom and the playground, as well as representing our school in sporting, cultural or academic pursuits.

Congratulations to the 2023 winners of the prestigious Yarraana Dugulaarra Cup - Waandyi House! They celebrated with an early mark for lunch and a feast of pizza, hot chips and watermelon.

We'd also like to extend congratulations to the individual highest FRESH point winners from each house. Your consistent demonstration of FRESH values over the year has significantly enriched our school.

With sincere thanks, we acknowledge our P&C for their generous support in making this celebration possible. Together, we are fostering a strong sense of belonging within our school community and shaping a brighter future for all our students.



HSC Examinations Presiding Officer

Maclean High School are looking for a presiding officer to oversee and coordinate this year's HSC exams from the 11th of October to the 3rd of November.

The presiding officer must have high ethical standards to uphold the integrity of the HSC exams. The nominee must be well-organised, have good attention to detail and be able to effectively manage students and a team of supervisors. They must hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) number.

A person CANNOT be nominated for the position of presiding officer if:

- they have a near relative (including children, siblings, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or first cousins) sitting the HSC exams this year at any school.
- they are/were recently employed by the school (paid or volunteer). This may include, but not limited to, clerical staff, casual, relief, part-time or permanent teachers, canteen volunteers, board members or P&C members, or anyone with a significant relationship with a school staff member.
- they tutor students sitting the HSC exams this year, at any school

Please contact the school if you are interested in this position.

Exploring Healthcare Horizons: Bari Excursion Unveils Pathways for Indigenous Students

Embarking on an insightful journey, the recent excursion organised by 'Bari,' the youth program initiated by the University Centre for Rural Health (UCRH), proved to be an enlightening day for young minds with aspirations. Named 'Baribunmani Wanyi Ngay,' translating to 'I dreamed about you' in Bundjalung language, this program aims to spark curiosity within Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander high school students about healthcare careers. The UCRH in Lismore, situated near the hospital, hosted the event, offering participants from years 7 to 10 an opportunity to explore potential paths.

Throughout the day, the venue buzzed with activity as students engaged with local community health champions, medical professionals, and university students undergoing rural placements. These interactions went beyond discussions, involving hands-on simulations and virtual reality activities. Under the guidance of experienced medical and allied health professionals, students learned practical skills like CPR, suturing, pharmacy practices, and first responder techniques – skills pertinent to the healthcare sector.

Fourteen students attended this event, which aimed to introduce them to various roles within the health sector. Mentors from diverse healthcare backgrounds, including Aboriginal health professionals and community health specialists, shared their insights. Their presence resonated as students gained valuable experiences that provided a glimpse into potential career paths. The excursion successfully achieved its goal – inspiring and empowering Aboriginal youth to consider pursuing healthcare careers with a practical outlook.



Senior Earth & Environmental Science Excursion



Year 11 and 12 Earth and Environmental Scientists went to the dump in search of the answers to some very important questions about waste management. No longer just a dump, Grafton Regional Landfill is now a state-of-the-art resource recovery centre. Students enjoyed many interesting sights and smells on their guided tour of the facility, where they learned about waste processing methods and the importance of using the household bin system correctly.

To finish the day on a fresher note, it was then off to Shannon Creek Dam to investigate the structure and operation of the Dam and the strategies employed to reduce its environmental impact. Students enjoyed a walk along the Dam wall and bridge and then a tour of the pump house.

What a great day!



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Adults \$20, Concession \$15, Children \$10
Thursday 19th October 2023 7:00pm
Friday 20th October 2023 7:00pm
Saturday 21st October 2023 7:00pm
Sunday 22nd October 2023 3:00pm

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Year 10 Child Studies

In Year 10 Child Studies we have been incredibly privileged to be invited into classroom spaces at Maclean Public School. The teachers and students have welcomed us into their space, allowing us to work with Kindergarten, Year 1, and Year 2 students in Mathematics, art, and technology lessons. In the technology session. It was the Year 2 students who were helping the Year 10 students navigate Minecraft Education, not the other way around! We have our last session next Friday and are excited to see what learning opportunities we will be joining in with.

Thank you, Maclean Public School, for supporting our students as they explore potential career options.





PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

TELL US ABOUT VAPING



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North Coast Youth Vaping Taskforce



Are you a parent of a young person in the Northern NSW area? We want to hear your thoughts on youth vaping! The North Coast Youth Vaping Taskforce is a collaboration of health professionals and community organisations working together to tackle the issue of vaping in our young people. We need to hear from parents, to ensure your voice is considered as we develop strategies to prevent young people from taking up vaping and support those who already do vape.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V836JGM>



Parent Information Sessions

Gold Coast: Tuesday 5th September, 5:00pm - 7pm
Online Webinar: Wednesday 6th September, 6:00pm - 7pm
Northern Rivers: Monday 11th September, 5:00pm - 7pm
Coffs Harbour: Tuesday 12th September, 5:00pm - 7pm

The evening will include canapés and refreshments and will cover important topics like how to apply, the importance of ATAR, scholarships, costs of University, accommodation, support services and more. A fantastic opportunity for parents to engage with our university community, ask questions, and better understand how we can support students' educational journeys.



Register now to learn about university study
RSVP by 3rd Sept for Gold Coast
RSVP by 6th Sept for WEBINAR
RSVP by 7th Sept for Northern Rivers & Coffs Harbour

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I need to collect my child early

What you need to do:

If you need to collect your child early from school, to reduce disruption during class time, it would be appreciated if you could send a note to school with your child to present at the attendance office before school.

If I'm sick at school

What you need to do:

- Let your teacher know that you feel sick
- Your teacher will write you a note to present to the attendance office
- The office will call your parents/carers to take you home

Happy Paws Haven visit by the Senior Hub class

On Monday 28th August, six enthusiastic Maclean High School Senior Hub students had a super-fun, hands-on experience when they visited Happy Paws Haven at Eatonsville, near South Grafton. New friendships were forged with numerous puppies, dogs, kittens and cats who are waiting for their forever families to adopt them. Two of the students helped the volunteers with some of their daily cattery-cleaning procedures, and all of the school visitors spent many memorable moments cuddling friendly felines and patting enthusiastic pups.

It was hard to say goodbye, but the class are looking forward to some future volunteering opportunities and regular visits to Happy Paws in the months to come. Thanks to Sally Rogers and her dedicated team of volunteers for providing the class with such a positive and heart-warming learning experience.



Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

Spriggy Schools

The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools for online lunch orders!

Creating your account

- Download the app
- Register your details
- Create a profile for each child

Placing your first order

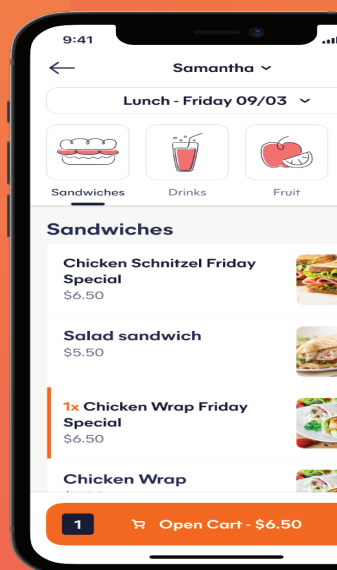
- View the canteen menu on the home screen
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- Go to cart and tap 'Place Order' to confirm
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Headspace: 1800 650890 or www.eheadspace.org.au

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

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

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659467

Parent Line NSW: 1300 1300 52 or www.parentline.org.au

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 Counsellors: Mr Andrew Allen

Wellbeing Health In-Reach Nurse: Mrs Sally Loy (Work No: 0484 648 062)