Maclean High School



As the term draws to a close, I would like to thank our staff and students for their outstanding commitment. There have been lots of fantastic events, opportunities and success stories this term and I know you will enjoy reading about a variety of them in this edition of our newsletter.

I would like to congratulate our school captains, Yayden & Millie, who recently represented our school at the NSW Parliament and Government House. Yayden and Millie were able to travel to Sydney with the school captains of Grafton HS, South Grafton HS and Casino HS. I would like to extend my thanks to Mr Daniel Moar of South Grafton HS for leading this excursion. He expressed that our students were outstanding representatives for their school and community.



We have had numerous sporting achievements this month, including Tana's hole-in-one at the NSW Golfing Championships. Tana played an excellent game in a highly competitive field. I know many golfers can only dream of a hole-in-one. Well done on this amazing achievement!

Next term looks to be another busy one. On Thursday 25th July, we look forward to welcoming students and parents/carers of Year 8 and Year 10 to the relevant Subject Selection evenings. These events are a great opportunity for students to engage with our teachers to explore the best study patterns in Year 9 and Year 11, 2025. We also have our School Musical: Into the Woods opening in Week 1. Our students and staff have worked tirelessly on this production and I can't wait to see it.

Term 3 also brings our trial examinations for our Year 12 students. This is the final preparation hurdle for the final exams. I want to encourage our Year 12 students to use this opportunity to refine their study skills and achieve their personal best. Please remember that your teachers are here to help you. Good luck!

I hope everyone has a happy and safe break. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, 23rd July.

James Witchard Principal



Acknowledgment Wall mural

Maclean High School students and staff are extremely proud to have an Acknowledgment Wall mural installed in the A Block foyer at the entrance from the quad last week. This space has been well overdue for a facelift and the result has been fantastic.

The Acknowledgment Wall symbolises Maclean High School's strong ties with the Yaegl Community. As a greeting, it acknowledges the continuing connection of the land and water to the Yaegl Community and extends this message to other communities that visit our school.

The artist behind this creation is Krystal Randall a Yaegl woman who worked at Maclean as a Aboriginal Learning Support Officer for 14 years. The Dingo featured in the mural is the totem of the Yaegl people. The colours and flora design are Yaegl plants combined with the colours of the land and the colours of Maclean High School.

Ms Hamilton

Important Dates

- 22 July
 - Staff DevelopmentDay
- 23 July
 - Students Return
- 24, 25, 28 July 1, 2 Aug
 - School Musical Into the Woods7pm
- 25 July
 - School Musical7pm
 - School Matinee
 - Yr 8 into Yr 9Subject Selection4.30pm
 - Yr 10 into Yr 11Subject SelectionNight 5.30pm



Year 10 Outdoor Education Bushwalk: The Border Ranges







Our Year 10 PASS Outdoor Education students recently embarked on a three-day bushwalk through the Border Ranges (Githabul Country), experiencing one of Australia's finest subtropical rainforests. This journey was not just about covering distances, but also about growth, leadership, and connecting to nature.

The Journey: The adventure began at the Antarctic Beech Picnic Area, with students following the Brindle Creek Track for approximately 8 km to Forest Tops Campground. This path then merged with the Booyong Hiking Trail, adding another 10 km to their journey on day 2, and concluded at the Sheep Station Creek Campground. Along the way, the local ranger highlighted the significance of the sub-tropical rainforest, outlining that it is one of the best in the world.

Teamwork and Leadership: Throughout the three days, the students carried all their equipment and food, emphasising the importance of self-sufficiency and teamwork. Leadership skills were honed as students took turns leading the group, making decisions on break times, navigating obstacles, keeping the group together and ensuring everyone stayed on course.

Evening Campfires and Reflection: Each night, the warmth of a campfire brought the group together, providing a perfect setting for debriefing the day and sharing stories. This nightly ritual became a cornerstone of their experience, fostering camaraderie and reflection under the starlit sky away from technology.



Year 10 Outdoor Education Bushwalk: The Border Ranges

Special Moments: The final morning was particularly memorable as the group decided to chase the sunrise at Pinnacle Lookout. Their efforts were richly rewarded with a stunning pink display across the sky and the first rays of sun on the Australian mainland illuminating the top of Mount Wollumbin (Mt Warning). Another magical moment occurred during a night walk when the students were treated to a light display by glowworms, adding an unexpected and enchanting highlight to their adventure.

The students demonstrated remarkable maturity and responsibility throughout the trip, making it an unforgettable experience that went beyond physical challenges. It was a expedition of personal growth and deepening connections with both nature and their peers.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 10 students for their outstanding effort and attitude during this bushwalk. This adventure not only enriched their understanding of outdoor education but also left them with lasting memories and valuable life skills.

Mr Obst and Mrs Mawn







Last month Maclean High was privileged to receive a visit from Macquarie University as part of their Girls to Graduates program. This program aims to increase the motivation and capacity of secondary schoolgirls to pursue STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Higher Education qualifications and their understanding of career and research pathways. The program also focuses on increased participation, development and leadership in STEM education.

As part of this program girls from Years 10 and 11 were invited to participate in a day of mentoring and training in science communication and workshop delivery. After some rigorous training, the girls were given two practical activities to deliver to a group of Year 8 students.

After a few initial nerves the presentation went off without a hitch, and Year 10 and 11 did a magnificent job of ensuring the Year 8 students knew how to complete the tasks effectively and, most importantly, safely. We definitely have some Science teachers in the making! The girls were then invited to a discussion with current students and staff of Macquarie University about what to expect from university life. The girls asked many insightful and thought-provoking questions, and learned a lot about what university is really like, especially in STEM subjects.

In the near future, Macqaurie University will return with another round of activities for the Girls to Graduates Roadshow, and then early next year participants will be invited on a week-long excursion to Sydney to receive a taste of university life!

Miss Werry







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Girls to Graduates Program



Sprung Dance Theatre





The Learning Hub Classes enjoyed participating in an interactive workshop about healthy drinks presented by Sprung!! Dance Theatre.

Sprung!! Dance Theatre is a not for profit community organisation which delivers a range of contemporary dance and community arts programs specifically for emerging Deaf and disabled artists.

Ms Plowman





Buckley Shield Rugby League

The Maclean High Bats U/14's Rugby League team travelled to Kadina High School on Tuesday the 25th of June to play Ballina High in the semi-finals of the statewide Buckley Shield competition. In a tightly fought contest, Ballina High proved too well disciplined for the Bats, running out eventual 28-8 winners. Best for Maclean was Lincoln with his relentless energy in attack and defence, Noah for his devastating attacking runs and Kota for his punishing defensive reads on the edge defence. Thanks to our supporters Maclean Bowling Club, Optimum Allied Health Yamba and Kane's Sports.

Mr Dobbin



Maclean HS staff have joined with the Rotary Club of Maclean for the 'Say No to Domestic & Family Violence' Campaign. By wearing our purple shirts on Fridays, we are making an important statement about safety within our community. We commenced our first 'Purple Shirt Friday' by holding a free pancake breakfast for students, proudly supported by members of Rotary Club of Maclean - Darrell & Anne.



Say No to Domestic & Family Violence Campain

Lower River Legends Program

We have been extremely privileged to have 26 students attend the Lower River Legends program this term!

The Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) from the Clarence Valley Council is a collaboration of local organisations that work together to reduce harm from alcohol and other drugs, through education, support and access to quality resources. The Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) funded this program for Term 2 and supports LDATs with research, resources and expertise to help the teams respond to local issues.

Through ongoing support and strong partnerships with the Clarence Valley Council's Community Engagement Officers, Maclean High School was offered this fully funded program to increase personal protective factors for our students, such as:

- Connection to community, school and local sport/recreational clubs
- Creating a sense of belonging
- Skills and employment opportunities
- Enabling early engagement into support services when required
- Building resilience in individuals and communities

Some students found CrossFit challenging and that is okay! Many have commented that they can hardly walk, all the while sporting massive smiles on their faces! Other students feel it is 'the best part of the week!' and that they are 'grateful to be a part of the program'.

Supporting the delivery of this program have been:

- Clarence Vally CrossFit, who scale our workouts according to individual fitness and skill level and mentor students to understand the link between a healthy body and mind
- Momentum Collective, who supports clients on their journey, whether that's finding a suitable home, making friends, learning new skills, recovering or maintaining a healthy lifecycle
- The New School of Arts Neighbourhood House Inc., who offers a broad range of programs & services including Clarence Valley Youth Hubs, Changing Lanes and Our Healthy Clarence
- Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer John Skinner
- Shayne and Courtney from Surf Camp Down Under, who are amazing role models and mentors for our young people
- Bulgarr Ngaru, who aims to improve physical, social, mental, emotional and spiritual health

The Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation has generously offered to fund this program for the next twelve months! What an amazing opportunity for our young people! We look forward to continuing to build even stronger partnerships with our community.

Mrs Emma Turner











School Spectacular





Congratulations to Alora and Sumira on their selection as Featured Artists at this year's School Spectacular!

Earlier this term, Cooper from Year 10 was one of only 50 students from across Australia selected to attend the University of New South Wales Engineering Work Experience program. Organised with the Institute of Advanced Engineering (IAC) and UNSW Cooper was in Sydney for five days, exploring diverse fields including coastal infrastructure, structural design, project management, environmental engineering, transport systems, and geospatial technology across Sydney.

Guided by UNSW staff and industry professionals, the program included daily field trips followed by reflective sessions at UNSW's Kensington campus. Sparking Cooper's interest in engineering, fostering skills in teamwork and problem-solving, the program was not only an educational experience but also a glimpse into the diverse applications of engineering in everyday life sparking a deeper interest in the field of engineering.

To explore similar opportunities, make sure you keep an eye on Sentral and your emails



Miss Fisher



CHS Boys Tennis Competition

On the 13th of June Maclean High School competed in the quarterfinals of the CHS Boys Tennis Competition against Alstonville High School. Congratulations to Nathan, Finn, Lachie and Daniel who represented our school with a highly skilled performance and admirable sportsmanship.

Nathan and Finn secured wins in their respective single matches giving the team hope going into the reverse doubles, where Nathan and Daniel's pairing excitedly put the team in the running for a draw. However, Alstonville were successful on the day with a 5 sets to 3 win.

Well done to all the boys. You were a credit to the school and looking forward to next year's comeback.

Mrs Reeves







On Friday 21st June, 20 Maclean High students travelled to Nana Glen for the North Coast Cross Country Championships. Four students finished in the placings with Zahli winning gold in the 15 year girls, Bodhi silver in the 16 year boys, Sonny bronze in the 15 year boys and Zoe bronze in the 17 year girls.

These four plus Mia and Kai qualified to represent North Coast at the NSWCHS Cross Country Championships at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek, Sydney on the 24th July.

Mr Whiteside



North Coast Cross Country

Congratulations to Eve from Yr 10 who has been awarded a partial scholarship, valued at \$5000, to attend the prestigious Space Tour USA 2024, thanks to the One Giant Leap Australia Foundation and Electro Optic Systems (EOS).

EOS is committed to nurturing the next generation of Australian space engineers and scientists. They actively support STEM education through various initiatives, including internships, scholarships, and contributions to scholarship programs. Their dedication to fostering young talent is evident in their support of Space Tour 2024, an initiative designed to ignite students' imaginations and inspire future careers in the space industry.

The Space Tour USA 2024 promises an incredible itinerary, including: Disneyland: A magical start to the tour with a visit to the iconic theme park. California Science Centre: An educational experience exploring scientific exhibits. Northrop Grumman: A chance to see where cuttingedge aerospace technology is developed. Griffith Observatory: An opportunity to gaze at the stars and learn about astronomy.

STEM Activities Day: Engaging in hands-on STEM activities with One Giant Leap's USA STEM expert. Dinner with NASA JPL Scientists and Engineers: An inspiring evening with leading experts in space exploration. Space Camp USA: An immersive experience in a renowned space camp, fostering a deeper understanding of space science.

This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity promises to be a transformative experience for Eve. She has already been working with Maclean High alumna Samantha Willis, who is with the Australian Space Agency, to explore her future pathways after school



Dace Tour US/









Maclean High PBL Values

Respect

- · Be kind and value others
- · Communicate appropriately
- · Work co-operatively
- · Take pride in our school

Effort

Safe

- · Be on time and ready to learn
- · Seek help, accept advice
- Overcome challenges and strive for excellence
- · Value the learning opportunities

- · Be in the right place, at the right time
- · Follow staff instructions
- · Model and follow school and class rules
- Take responsibility for your actions and how they impact others

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2025 **Year 7 Scholarship**

In 2025, Maclean High School will be offering a series of Year 7 Scholarships. These scholarships will provide students with:

- \$300 Uniform Shop Voucher
- \$200 School Excursion Allowance
- Free Year 7 Camp admission
- · School fees paid for Year 7
- 1 x Year 7 book pack

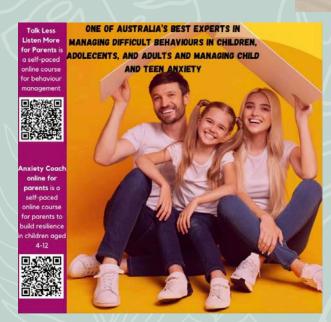
Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of Primary Principal nomination for one or more of the following categories:

- Academic
- Sporting
- Citizenship
- · Cultural Leadership

Up to 6 scholarships will be awarded across our Lower Clarence School network for students in zone for Maclean High School. Primary Principals will nominate by the end of Term 3.

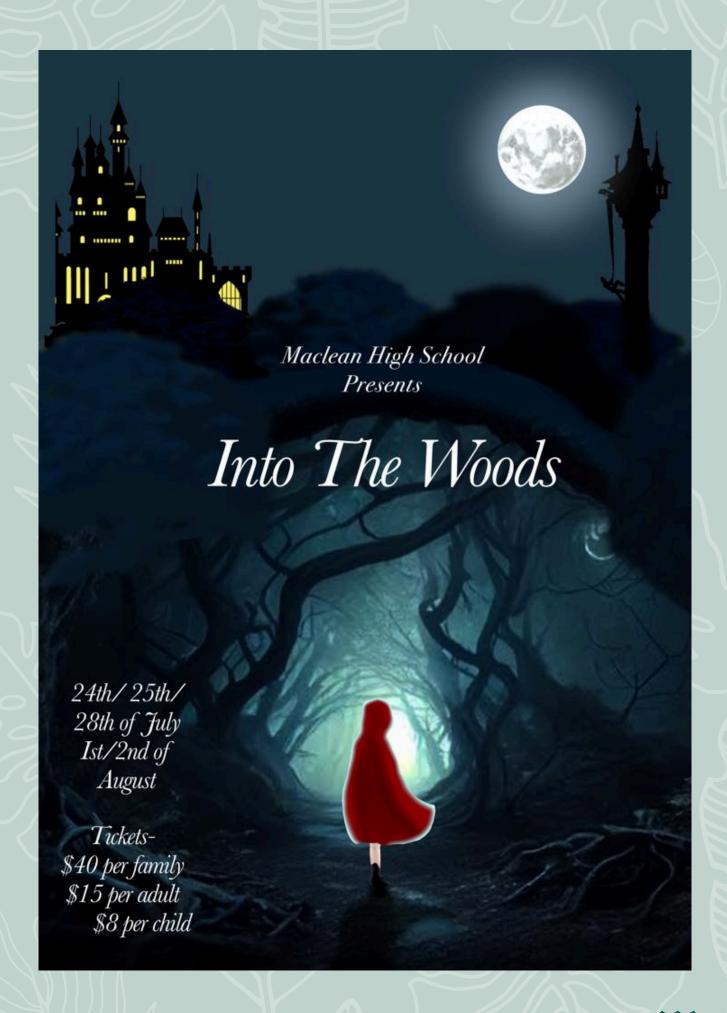
Students will be awarded at their school presentation ceremonies.

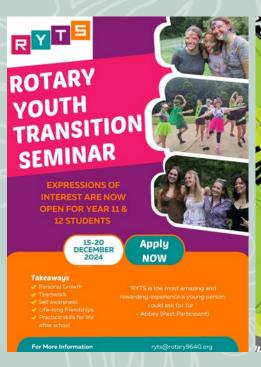
For more information, please contact Maclean High School on 6645 2244



















CLARENCE VALLEY YOUTH OUTOFTHEB

ARTS & GAMES Wednesday 3rd- 3:30pm to 5pm Out of The Box Maclean, Wherrett Park

FITKIDZ TRAINING

Friday 5th – 3:30pm to 5pm Out of The Box Yamba, Yamba Skate Park

SKATEBOARD ART Wednesday 10th - 3:30pm-5pm Out of The Box Maclean, Wherrett Park

SOCCER & SNACKS Friday 12th - 3:30pm to 5pm Out of The Box Yamba, Yamba Skate Park

FITKIDZ TRAINING
Wednesday 17th - 3:30pm-5pm
Out of The Box Maclean, Wherrett Park

ARTS & GAMES

Friday 19th - 3:30pm to 5pm Out of The Box Yamba, Yamba Skate Park

ARTS & GAMES

Wednesday 24th - 3:30pm-5pm Out of The Box Maclean, Wherrett Park

FITKIDZ TRAINING

Friday 25th - 3:30pm to 5pm Out of The Box Yamba, Yamba Skate Park

BASKETBALL & PINGPONG Wednesday 31st – 3:30pm-5pm Out of The Box Maclean, Wherrett Park

These sessions are FREE and targeted at young people 12 to 25, any child under the age of 12 needs to be accompanied by a responsible adult. All our youth events are Drug, Alcohol and Vape free For more information contact 0428 420 908





CLARENCE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

DROP-IN - TOASTIES & TIE DYE

Monday 8th July, 3:30pm to 5pm Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing Just turn up!

LASER SKRIMISH

Monday 8th July, 3pm to 5pm Iluka Skate Park, Iluka Just turn up!

FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP

Tuesday 9th July, 2pm to 4pm Lawrence Hall, Lawrence Bookings essential text - 0478 099 905

LASER SKIRMISH

Tuesday 9th July, 3pm to 5pm Tucabia Rural Fire Station, Tucabia Just turn up!

LOWER CLARENCE NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY

Wednesday 10th July, 10am to 2pm Maclean Showground, Maclean Just turn up!

DROP-IN & TIE DYE WORKSHOP

Wednesday 10th July, 11am to 1pm Changing Lanes Shed, Through Street, South Just turn up!

information and updates, check out our Facebook page Clarence Valley Youth all 0428 420 908 if more details are required. activities will be postponed in the case of wet weather.











OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Skateboard Art Wednesday 10th July, 3:30pm to 5pm Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean

NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY

Thursday 11th July, 10am to 2pm McKittrick Park, South Grafton

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP

Friday 12th July, 10am to 12noon Nymboida Hall, Nymboida

FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP

Friday 12th July, 2pm to 4pm Wooli Hall, Wooli

Soccer & Snacks

Bookings essential text - 0414 284 150

Bookings essential text - 0478 099 905

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Friday 12th July, 3:30pm to 5pm Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba

Just turn up!



CLARENCE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

NAIDOC TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY

Monday 15th July, 9am to 2pm JJ Lawrence Park, South Grafton Register your team here -

https://events.humanitix.com/naidoc-touch-footballgala-day

DROP-IN - TOASTIES & GAMES

Monday 15th July, 3:30pm to 5pm Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing Just turn up!

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP

Tuesday 16th July, 10am to 12noon Copmanhurst Hall, Copmanhurst Bookings essential text – 0414 284 150

LASER SKIRMISH

Tuesday 16th July, 3pm to 5pm Lawrence Memorial Park, Lawrence Just turn up!

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

FITKIDZ Training Wednesday 17th July, 3:30pm to 5pm

Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean Just turn up!

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Wednesday 17th July, 2pm to 4pm Iluka Skate Park, Iluka Bookings essential text - 0423 134 173

SURF LESSONS

Thursday 18th July, 9am to 12noon Turners Beach, Yamba Bookings essential text – 0447 693 863

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Thursday 18th July, 2pm to 4pm Bookings essential text - 0423 134 173

WOODBURING WORKSHOP

Friday 19th July, 10:30am to 12:30pm Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton Bookings essential -

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Arts & Games
Friday 19th July, 3:30pm to 5pm Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba

se call 0428 420 908 if more details are required.













LOWER CLARENCE NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

MONDAY 8TH JULY

NAIDOC opening @ Clarence Valley Council office Maclean starting at 10am Elders Luncheon @ Vines, Grafton start at 1pm till 3pm

TUESDAY 9TH JULY

Bakarindi Bush Tucker Cooking with Aunty Dee and Aunty Nikki @ Nungera Hall from 11am

Mudyala NAIDOC Disco with Onemob Radio@ Nungera Hall from 5pm

WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY

NAIDOC Community Fun Day @ Maclean Show Ground from 10am till 2pm

THURSDAY 11TH JULY

NAIDOC Community Fun Day @ McKittrick Park Grafton from 10am till 2pm

FRIDAY 12TH JULY

TERRY RANDALL NAIDOC GOLF DAY @ Maclean Golf Course start at 9:30am - Cost \$50 - includes shirt, breakfast, lunch, golf fees and prizes 4-Man Ambrose - book carts directly with Maclean Golf Club on (02) 6645 2183

Kids under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Free finger food at all events.

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Aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated Together, we can create a safe and harmonious environment for our students and staff

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Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online.

At the beginning of the school year, your child's school will share the link to complete the online consent form.

Benefits of providing online consent:

- · easily update your child's details
- get SMS notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

To provide online consent, you will need:

- · the link provided by the school
- · your Service NSW log-in details
- medicare details for you and your child

Scan the QR code to give your consent now.





For more information on vaccination visit: health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

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Helpline Numbers/Online Resources

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

Lifeline: 13 1114 or <u>www.lifeline.org.au</u>

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 & Ms Tay Cone

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