

Byron Bay High School

Newsletter

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Newsletter Edition 3

Term 4

Dear Byron Bay High School Community,

I would like to thank all of our students for a brilliant year. It is due to their dedication to learning and positive attitude that this school is an absolute joy to come to each day. We have celebrated so many academic, sporting and social achievements in 2017 that demonstrate the talent and hard work of many.

Our Year 12 2017 HSC students receive their HSC results on Thursday 14 December. I wish all these students the best of luck and hope they achieve results that reflect their efforts. We would like to invite all of these students to come into the school and share their results with us on Friday 15 December between 8.30 - 9.30am. A light breakfast will be provided in the Canteen Café area.

Thank you to Peter Silberberg, President of our P&C, and to all P&C Executive and members for the continued support for of students. This year our P&C have been instrumental in providing feedback about school processes through the P&C Survey and monthly meetings. The financial support to individual students and school programs has enabled students to reach their potential. The Inspiration Projects, funded by the P&C, have witnessed visiting artists for CAPA students, Diane Smith - A visit to Mars, for HSIE and Science, 7L Living Legends Expo and more projects to come to fruition in 2018. If you haven't yet come to a P&C meeting I urge you to do so in 2018. It is a great space for valuable conversations.

To all of our staff I would like to extend a thank you for all your energy, professionalism and quality education that you provide for our students. The students of Byron Bay High School are very fortunate to be supported by such a dedicated and collaborative team. I look forward to our continued journey in 2018 working in our Strategic Directions of Teaching, Learning and Leading.

We are well placed as we draw closer to the end of the 2017 school year. We close with our School Vision in place for 2018 and beyond. This Vision has been created with contributions from students, staff, parents and community members. It is the essence of how we work.

"Byron Bay High School delivers a collaborative learning environment where students achieve excellence through our connection with community and land, creating holistic leaders of the future."

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Ms Janine Marcus,
Principal

What's Coming Up!

TERM 4 - WEEK 10

Activities Week

11 December (Day 3)

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12 December (Day 4)

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13 December (Day 5)

Lighthouse Reward Excursion

14 December (Day 6)

Presentation Day Assembly

15 December (Day 7)

Chrysalis Graduation

Last day of term for all students

TERM 1 2018 - WEEK 1

29 January 2018

Staff Development Day (No Students)

30 January (Day 1)

Year 7, 11 and 12 - first day back

31 January (Day 2)

Year 8, 9 and 10 - first day back

1 February (Day 3)

2 February (Day 4)

Swimming Carnival - All Years

TERM 1 2018 - WEEK 2

5 February (Day 5)

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6 February (Day 6)

FNC Volleyball

7 February (Day 7)

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8 February (Day 1)

-

9 February (Day 2)

School Photo Day

Payments Now Due:

All School fees

Activities week fees (only if indicated)

Lighthouse Reward excursion



Member of the Lighthouse Valley

The Future is Ours

Byron Bay High School stand proudly on the traditional land of the Arakwal people of the Bundjalung Nation

Year 7 2018 Orientation

On Tuesday 5 December Byron Bay High School welcomed the Year 7 Class of 2018 to an Orientation Day. The day began with introductions from some key staff members, the School Captains and the Year 11 student peer mentors. Jake Harper and Sienna Stubbs entertained the audience with their outstanding solo performances before students said a farewell to their parents.

In the PAC year 7 of 2018 were privileged to a viewing of the Bangarra Girls Dance performance and had some time to ask questions of the Senior Student Executive. Once students had received a timetable for the day they began recess and then took part in a selection of classes that they will get to study from 2018. In CAPA students learned drama and took plaster casts of their fingers, maths students were challenged in small teams to solve increasingly difficult problems. In TAS, snowballs were on the recipe cards and soon in the students mouths! Science students enjoyed using bunsen burners to conduct an experiment in a specialised laboratory.

At the end of the day, exhausted and excited students left Byron Bay High School on the school buses ready to begin their year in 2018, as the graduating class of 2023! Thank you to all staff and parents for supporting the day and the students for making such a positive first impression at high school.

*Mr Stuart Galletly,
Head Teacher HSIE and Transition Coordinator*



High Hopes for Young Byron Basketballer

There are high hopes for Byron Bay basketballer Harry Blair. At 14 years old he's already reached 6 ft 4 and there's time to grow. In the meantime he's just finished up at the state titles and in January heads to represent Country at the National Cup. Then it's off the United States in six months time. One to watch!



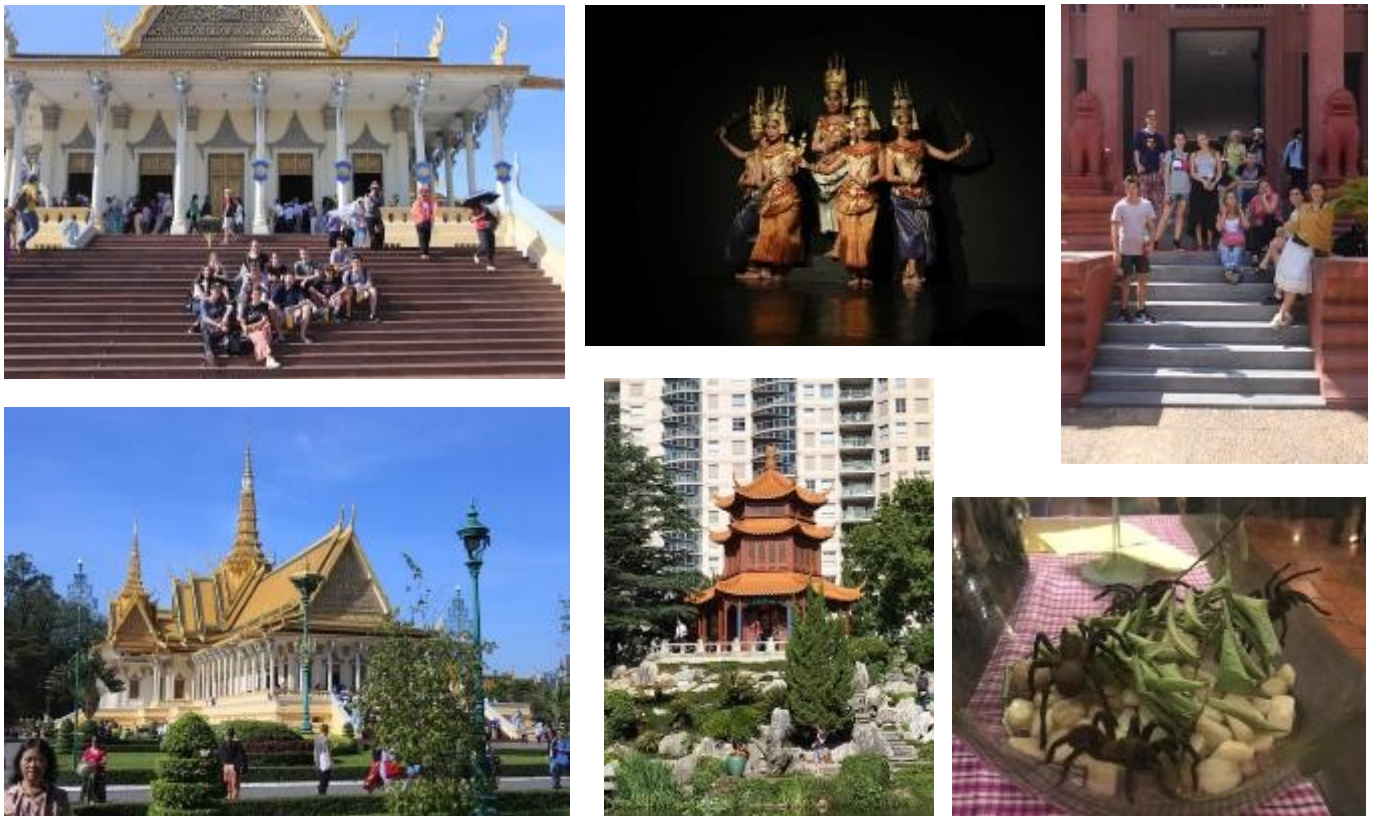
Byron Bay High School Students have the most incredible opportunities available to them!

We currently have our two fabulous excursions happening. See below for some of the photos we are receiving. To follow these experiences please click on our [Byron Bay High School Official facebook](#) page.

One is for the Year 9 Lighthouse Students who have been rewarded with the sights and fun of Sydney. They have travelled with Mr Richard Duncan, Head Teacher of Welfare and Ms Jacqui Lyon, Head Teacher of Maths.



We also have some Year 9 and 10 students who have travelled with Mr Mark Smith our Deputy Principal and Ms Sarah McGregor our Year 10 Year Advisor to experience the extraordinary sights of Cambodia. Some of our students and Mark Smith ate deep fried tarantula's for a great cause yesterday. They are raising money for a charity called Voice who are dedicated to directly helping people in crisis in Cambodia - to receive food, shelter, healthcare, education and all the other things that they need to survive. To donate to this fantastic charity please click on the link: [Eat a Spider](#).



LIBERATION Larder

Christmas is fast approaching and it is time to start thinking about giving back to the community. Liberation Larder is a non profit organisation that provides meals for the less fortunate within the Byron Shire. Providing almost over 20,000 meals since opening three years ago, all the food has all been generously donated from local businesses and members within the community.

How can you help?

As a school, we aim to engage with our community and assist those who are struggling within our local area. The school SRC is asking parents to consider buying an extra can of food the next time you go shopping, and for students to look in their cupboards for spare reusable plastic containers, and to bring them in to school. All donations will help Liberation Larder to continue their amazing work.

If you are interested to know more about what they do and get involved, visit their website:
www.liberationlarder.org/

Peace and Love this Christmas,

The SRC



Thank you Siena Stubbs

Last week, a number of English classes enjoyed a visit from Siena Stubbs. Siena is a Year 10 student who resides in a remote coastal community in East Arnhem land, in the Northern Territory. Siena normally attends Nhulunbuy High School and has been studying at Byron High School for the past six months.

Siena is a confident and generous individual who shared with us her rich culture and heritage, explaining to us her relationship to her family and community, her language and lifestyle.

Siena also visited the Year 9 Photography class, showing them her photographic book, that is soon to be published. The book documents aspects of her cultural environment and is written in her language Yolngu.

Siena's visit was an enriching and informative experience for all involved. We would like to thank her for sharing her stories and we wish her the best as she returns to her home in the Northern Territory.



CAPA and LANGUAGES HEADQUARTERS

2017 has been an outstanding year for our Creative and Performing Arts and Languages students. Looking back it is incredible how many exciting activities, productions, competitions and musical events have been offered to our students by our dedicated and talented staff.

The year finished off with a bang with many Byron Bay students winning a prize in the Art section at the Bangalow show. The Performance Assembly was of an extremely high standard once again and 'Day 4' was truly amazing with a couple of tears flowing by me due to the touching performances. The Bairnsdale School Orchestra was also a terrific addition to the school year. Great to see our students get up and 'boogie' to the sweet tunes from Orchestra. I almost took to the dance floor myself, but thought better of it.

Our Languages teachers went above and beyond when they organised the Cultural Fusion Day. Thank you P&C so much for your generous 'inspirational' donation to make the day such a success.

The Orientation Day for our Year 7 to be in 2018, was outstanding! CAPA and Languages staff delivered highly engaging workshops for the students and I am sure each and every student is looking forward to high school next year.

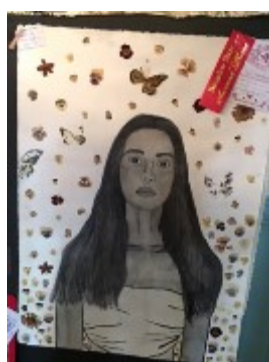
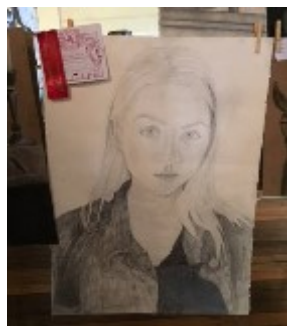
As this is our last newsletter of the year, I must thank all my staff and Ms Eke who has put together a wonderful GATS art program, for their dedication over the year. It takes many hours of hard work to make opportunities happen for our students and the students have achieved many amazing things over the year as a result.

Mr Todd will once again lead the CAPA and Languages Department next year and I will be moving on from this role. I know I will miss the CAPA and Languages Department a great deal and wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to students, teachers and executive colleagues who have made this experience an extremely positive and rewarding one. Please read on to find out more about what has been happening since our last newsletter.

Ms Linda Robson, Head Teacher CAPAL

Visual Arts

What a Gifted and Talented group of students we have! Congratulations to all the prize winners at the Bangalow Show Art section. Below are photographs of some of the deserving winners and some of their art.



Music News

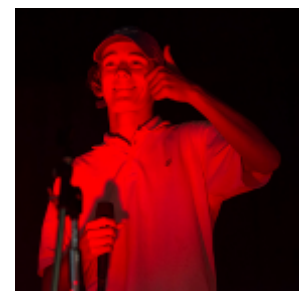
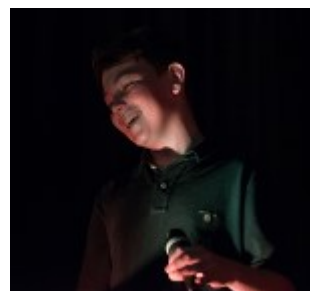
Day 4 Sessions

The year is coming to an end and it feels like we are having some grand finales this term with student performances happening thick and fast. Performers have been signing up for performing at the popular Day 4 Music Sessions; lunchtime concerts outside the CAPA block. Senior VET Entertainment Industry students work together to produce the events, gaining valuable real-life production experiences. The emphasis is very much 'Music BY students, FOR students', and performances are enjoyed by many staff and students that come to watch and listen. Music performed has ranged from classical to rap, reggae to punk and beyond. We would like to thank all the performers who have stepped up to perform at our events this year.



Term 4 Performance Assembly

Each term we present a musical highlight of our calendar; The Performance Assembly, where the whole school is treated to a musical feast of diverse music performances. This term saw a diverse range of acts from wild piano duetting to classical arrangements for flute and keyboard, a rap duo, a school band version of 'Three Little Birds', soloist singer songwriters and a wild and crazy year 12 thrash/punk outfit. In addition to that we welcomed organisers and performers from the recent Japanese Festival to promote their event with some fantastic Taiko drumming and singing, involving some junior school students. There was a send off for the year 12 legend Jake Fitzpatrick who has stuck around for a few extra weeks at Byron Bay high School. Holley Somerville also used the occasion to deliver a confident and professional quality presentation on her work outside school to help save rainforests and influence consumer choices to assist this movement. Her inspirational appearance also was designed to promote Rainforest Action Day that week which was a great success.



Bairnsdale School Orchestra



School Band

The school band enjoyed a healthy turnout of interested students all year, culminating in a well-polished performance at the recent performance assembly. School band will resume again in 2018 and we hope that all existing members continue to attend so that we can grow it even larger with some new Year 7 talent. It is a relaxed, supportive and friendly meet-up on Thursday lunchtimes. Sometimes there is even cake! Thanks for all students who have helped make it happen.

Musicians should regularly check the music block noticeboards as there are new opportunities to get involved with appearing all the time.

That's all for now, Let the music play and keep playing the music! Have a great rest and a great holiday from the Music Staff and see you bright and early in 2018.

Mr Dan Reade, Mr Tim Baker and Ms Ami Pelucetti



Languages

Cultural Fusion Showcase

Our CAPA Languages, cultural showcase was brilliant! Thank you to the teachers and guests who made it so much fun and put in a lot of hard work to make it happen. Thank you P&C for your input by supporting us with inspiration funds. The images are evidence of the impact it had on our grateful students.

Ms Belinda Fleming, Ms Tracie Lee and Ms Kristina Ballard, LOTE Teachers



Byron Bay Library

Students at Byron Bay High School currently have an exhibition of their artworks at Byron Bay Public Library. The exhibition has an environmental theme and artworks have been contributed by Year 9 and Year 7 Visual Art classes.

The Library is showcasing four large collaborative artworks created by Year 9. These artworks were exhibited at the Ocean Shores Art Prize, winning Highly Commended and the Framers Prize. Year 7 have on display a number of their fish sculptures hanging in the windows. These artworks made from natural materials are a response to the pollution that ends up in our waterways. When viewed up close the fish have pieces of rubbish imbedded in their bellies reminding us of where our rubbish ends up if we do not dispose of it thoughtfully.

They are outstanding artworks and the students are proud to have their work hanging in the Public Library. The artworks will remain on display in the Public Library for the duration of summer. Please take time and go along to visit the wonderful artworks the students of Byron Bay High School have created.

Karen Preston, Art Teacher



Steven Walter Children's Cancer Foundation

Earlier this term, one of our teachers, Nick Hart from the Mathematics faculty, participated in a motorcycle fundraising ride to assist in raising money for the Steven Walter Children's Cancer Foundation.

This foundation raises money that goes towards scientific research in finding a cure for children's cancer and directly assisting families with children with cancer.



Nick's motorcycle ride totalled approximately 5000 km through NSW and Victoria, initially with another friend and then combined with the annual Snowy Ride in Thredbo with over 2000 motorcyclists.

We would like to thank the many generous students and staff from BBHS who made either gold coin donations or bought raffle tickets to support this fundraiser. Approximately \$380 of the \$1000 raised came from BBHS and is greatly appreciated by the foundation.

This year over \$250 000 was raised for the foundation which has now raised over 8 million dollars over a number of years. The Steven Walter Children's Cancer Foundation is proud to announce that since its inception both the quality of life and life expectancy of children with cancer has steadily increased and has a final goal of 100% survival of all children with cancer.



Waiting for Godot

Watching the same production twice in one performance certainly makes for an insightful experience. A small group of students from Byron Bay High School's HSC English (Extension 1) class travelled to Melbourne in late November to view William Henderson's staging of *Waiting for Godot*. Comprised of John Jacobs, Richard Bligh, Tom Considine & William Henderson, this 2017 production evoked the same notions of bewilderment, passion and satiristic humour that pervaded Samuel Beckett's 1953 original production of *Waiting for Godot*. Situated in Fitzroy's Eleventh-Hour Theatre (a comically bohemian former church), the tragi-comedic performance was, simply, brilliant in plot but lacking in acting. While superior ability in some acting techniques was demonstrated - the timing was impeccable - the performance was ambitious in its attempt to master what is a highly sophisticated text and thus displayed elements of amateurism. However, it must be acknowledged that the production was constructed within a small theatre company and with an evidently limited budget. Ultimately, it was observed that the Wits End company was successful in their attempt to construct a professional production within limited circumstances.

It is while the two initial performers - Vladimir and Estragon - are waiting for the unknown Godot that the greatest entertainment and enlightenment ensues. With the gradual introduction of additional characters, the absurdity and agent omniscience begins to unfold as the composer, actors and audience initiate questioning of the rationality of the human mind and indeed of the nature of human experience.

The Extension English students consider it a great privilege to view such a text on live staging in preparation for their HSC exams next year. They express their sincere gratitude to the school and particularly Melinda Smotlak for organising the excursion.

Composed by Finley Stubbs with input from Lachlan Sproul



In the Theatre



Our Accommodation and Dining

SURFING News Just in!!

Last week Nyxie Ryan became the Under 16 girls All Star Schools Australian Surfing Champion. Congratulations!

Also herself and Kobi Curtis teamed together to represent Byron Bay High School in the MR Shield, in which the girls came second to a Western Australian high school. Well done girls!

Mrs Kelley Caoyonan, Sport Coordinator and PDHPE Teacher



BYRON YOUTH THEATRE

GONE TOMORROW

performances with guest speakers

Drill Hall Theatre

Sat Dec 9th

2pm with Rose Hogan

6pm with Michelle Walter

Sun 10th

6pm with Peter Chown

\$15/\$10 concession

Under 18 FREE

artwork by Pablo Gonzalez-Trejo



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SUMMER THEATRE WORKSHOPS

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT NORPA



NORPA are offering three exciting acting workshops for young people aged 8–18 years. Each workshop explores the crazy ways in which NORPA makes theatre — from the physical and dynamic to the bold and downright silly. Join us for a deep dive into the world of performance, imagination, physical expression and collaborative theatre-making strategies (which is just the grown ups way of saying we'll play lots of games).

22–25 JANUARY 2018 | 10AM – 4PM

STEPPING INTO IMAGES
WITH BARRY LAING
15–18 years

Bridge the space between imagination and physicality by exploring the intersection of image, movement, music and text. Explore collaborative strategies for theatre-making, creating images that emerge from young people's concerns and interests.

NOT A WORD
WITH KATE WALDER
12–15 years

Spend a week exploring how much you can say without actually saying anything. Discover how physical theatre can help us express a range of emotions and explore clowning and mask work.

EMPOWERED PLAY-MAKING
WITH AJITA CANNINGS
8–12 years

This workshop holds children's natural joy and inherent inquisitiveness as performers and creators at its heart. An exciting and safe environment to explore performance.

LOCATION Lismore City Hall | 1 Bounty St, Lismore

PRICING \$260 per student
\$240 early bird price if paid by December 22, 2017
\$210 for second and subsequent children from the same family

* A limited amount of financial hardships scholarships are available to low socio-economic families – please contact education@norpa.org.au

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