



Excellence in Teaching Award

A huge congratulations to Christine Beasley on being presented with a classroom teacher award at the Ultimo Awards Night on 26 October. Christine is an outstanding Careers Advisor who makes a difference every day in the lives of our students.

Kim Paviour
Principal



Some recent student achievements...

Congratulations Tayla and Toby

Tayla Croudson, Year 11, has been awarded a **South Coast SSA Sporting Blue for 2015**. Tayla is an outstanding ambassador for school sport and an extremely talented sportswoman. She represented Australia in the School Sport Australia National Triathlon Championships where she was placed 8th in the senior girls category. Tayla was placed first in the NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships.



Meanwhile, Toby Croudson, Year 10, has been awarded the **Helen Fuller/Mal Move Sporting Award for 2015**. This has been awarded for Outstanding Contribution to South Coast School Sport - the sports being swimming, cross country and triathlon.

Toby represented Australia in the School Sport Australia National Triathlon Championships where he was placed 9th in the Intermediate Boys Category. He was placed first in the NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships. In terms of swimming, Toby was placed 2nd at the CHS Swimming in the 100m fly and 100m backstroke. He was placed 1st at the Regional Cross Country Championships and 9th at the All Schools Cross Country.



Congratulations to both Toby and Tayla on their sporting achievements in 2015.

Outstanding Tennis Representation by Ryan McCann

Recently we received a letter from Paul Creighton, the South Coast HS Tennis Convenor who expressed his admiration and respect for Year 7 student Ryan McCann. Ryan recently competed in the NSWCHS Tennis Championships. He said that Ryan showed a respectful attitude, exemplary behaviour and commitment at all times. He also said Ryan was a credit to the values and beliefs that had been instilled in him by his parents and the school.

So we thank Ryan for being such a wonderful ambassador not only for himself but for the school as well.



Pre-loved Uniforms for Clothing Pool Wanted

If you have any unwanted uniform items, please consider donating them to the school's clothing pool. It would be very much appreciated. Just drop them in to the front office. Many thanks.

Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD)

In 2012, the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD) reform for NSW public schools. This reform places students at the centre of school decision making. It gives principals and school communities a greater say over how they use the available resources to best meet the needs of their students.

To enable the shift of resources to the school level, a Resource Allocation Model (RAM) has been developed. The RAM provides a simpler, fairer and more transparent distribution of government school funding and changes the way resources are managed in our school system.

On 21 October 2015, the NSW Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Education the Hon Adrian Piccoli announced the next phase of the RAM implementation. In 2016, \$113 million in additional funding has been allocated to NSW public schools through the RAM. These additional funds have been allocated in a way consistent with the recommendations of the Gonski Review.

In 2016, NSW public schools will receive a base allocation for professional learning and funding for each student using a new methodology. Schools will continue to receive equity loadings for socio-economic background, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and low level adjustment for disability.

Eligible schools will also continue to receive a location allocation in 2016 to address the additional costs faced by NSW public schools that are geographically remote or isolated.

Our school has been advised that we will receive \$351,165 RAM equity funding to support our students with additional learning needs in 2016 and \$216,038 in the new base allocation.

The school will executive will continue to work with our school community to determine the best ways to use these resources to support student learning.

Kim Paviour - Principal

Some Calendar Dates for Term 4, 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6	9 November White Card Course Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement Week	10 November Year 6 Support visit pds 1-2	11 November Year assemblies Period 1. Year 7 Showcase Empire Cinema 5-9.30pm Meet The Music 2 Concert	12 November Year 12 Formal Youth Forum	13 November
Week 7	16 November Sydney Opera House Ballet Concert	17 November Marine Field Studies Trip	18 November HSYO Concert in Hall 4 - 7pm	19 November	20 November Boys Cricket Trials
Week 8	23 November Year 10 Work Exp week TBC Physics for Fun @ Luna Park	24 November Year 6 Support visit pds 1-2	25 November	26 November Belvoir Excursion	27 November National Young Leaders Day
Week 9	30 November Year 10 Work exp week TBC	1 December	2 December	3 December Year 6 Orientation Day	4 December UTS Collabor8 Day

Dates for P&C Meetings 2015

The P&C meet every third Wednesday of the month at the **new time of 6.30pm** in the Staff Common Room. All parents and interested citizens are warmly invited to come along and be involved in Bowral High School and our students' education. Next meeting: **Wednesday 18 November**

Bowral High School Book Club

This term in Book Club we have already read and discussed two great books. The first one was Morris Glitzman's, 'Once', and our latest one, 'Dating Hamlet', by Lisa Fiedler.

Every Monday at lunch we meet up and discuss our thoughts on the book, our likes and dislikes and our suggestions for our next read. We have also been lucky enough to purchase Amazon Kindles for each of the students. This allows us all to have instant access to the books as well as enjoying the world of digital reading. Our latest selection is a book called, 'Perfected', by Kate Jarvik Birch.

Here is a summary of 'Perfected'. Perfection comes at a price. As soon as the government passed legislation allowing humans to be genetically engineered and sold as pets, the rich and powerful rushed to own beautiful girls like Ella. Trained from birth to be graceful, demure and above all, perfect, these "family companions" enter their masters' homes prepared to live a life of idle luxury.

Ella is happy with her new role as playmate for a congressman's bubbly young daughter, but she doesn't expect Penn, the congressman's handsome and rebellious son. He's the only person who sees beyond the perfect exterior to the girl within. Falling for him goes against every rule she knows... and the freedom she finds with him is intoxicating. But when Ella is kidnapped and thrust into the dark underworld lurking beneath her pampered life, she's faced with an unthinkable choice....because the only thing more dangerous than staying with Pen's family is leaving...and if she's unsuccessful, she'll face a fate far worse than death.

We are looking forward to reading and discussing our latest book! Everybody is welcome to come along and join!

When: Monday at lunchtime

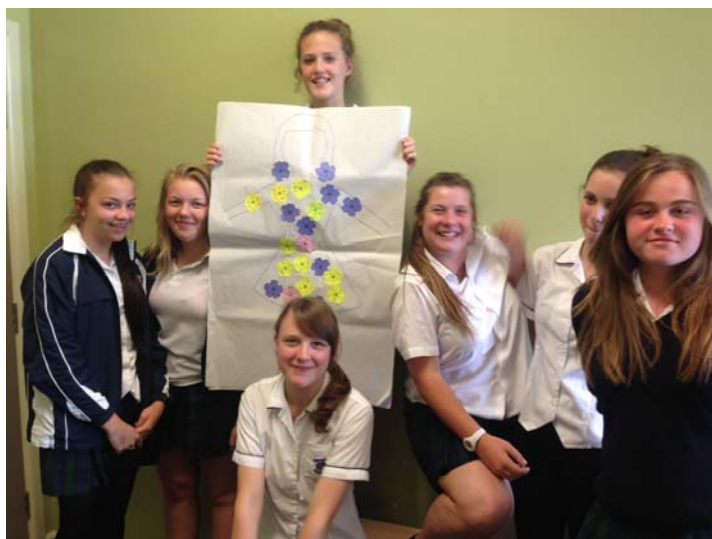
Where: H57 Music Block

Mrs Karakasch-Hawker, Mrs Ottens and Miss Komljenovic



Girls Self Esteem Program

This term a selection of Year 8 girls have been participating in weekly workshops that focus on self-esteem, body image, bullying and self confidence. Last week the girls participated in a session based on the Rock and Water program where the girls learnt various ways of dealing with stressful situations and remaining calm and in control. This was a very physical lesson that each of the girls thoroughly enjoyed. This week the girls focused on exploring how the media and the opinions of others and ourselves shape the way we look at ourselves. Each girl was encouraged to write down five things they love about themselves and paste it onto the 'Miss Perfect' drawing. The girls then wrote down



another five things they love about their friends and pasted it onto the Miss Perfect drawing. The girls also all wrote a beautiful letter to their mothers about why they love them and what makes them unique. We will be continuing on with the program for the remainder of the term.

Polly Karakasch-Hawker, Creative Arts Faculty

Alan Davidson Shield Open Boys Cricket CHS – Round 3 Match Report

On 30 October, the Bowral HS team were hosted by Eden Marine High School for the South Coast Region quarter-final match of the state knock-out cricket competition. Eden won the toss and elected to bat.

From the outset, Eden made their intention clear that they would score aggressively. Despite some early opportunities (including **Matthew Bates** being declined the prized early wicket of their top scorer on a no-ball) Eden accumulated consistently at a steady 7 runs/over. The Eden captain and opening batsman, **Dylan Jordan**, played a magnificent innings, plundering 183 runs (n.o.) of their hefty total of 8/282. His innings was a display of quality power hitting, including twenty 4's and six mighty 6's. Dylan has played first grade for Canberra University in the ACT and represented country NSW in elite youth cricket competitions and can bat. Bowral bowlers tried their hardest in an effort to curb the carnage; **Ryan Dignan** (2/8), **Kyle Jesshope** (2/51) and **Joel McAloon** (1/30) (all spin bowlers) and **Sam McIlhatten** (2/47 – “seamer”), were the BHS wicket takers.

Confronted with a humungous target and the early loss of opener **Mitchell Stanmore** (“Mr Dependable”), Sam McIlhatten “the other opener”, was resolute in his approach. Sam made a chanceless 102 runs. His deft placement of shots and smart running between wickets (56 runs coming in 2's) was punctuated with a crisp shot to the boundary when the occasional loose ball came his way. **Cameron Malcolm** and **Joshua Miller** were valiant, with hard hitting contributions of 29 and 30 respectively, however failing in the bid to give their team hope. The Bowral reply of all out for 203 would be usually enough to win most 40 over schoolboys games – but this was no ordinary match. Both teams were congratulated for playing entertaining cricket in the spirit of the game.

A pre-4am start, 800km return drive, 11pm finish and a six hour cricket game (with nearly 500 runs scored) somewhere in between, made for a big, big day. The players and I are very much appreciative of the commitment and effort of **Mr Molloy's** (parent) and **Mr Cox's** (teacher) assistance in transport, scoring and umpiring – again, thank you very much Gavin and Yarran.

Bowral XI: C Malcom (c), M Stanmore (vc, wk), J Miller, H Miller, P Molloy, C Molloy, S McIlhatten, R Dignan, J McAloon, M Bates, K Jesshope

Michael Murton - Open Boys Cricket Coach/Manager

Meet the Music 2016 Concerts

We are pleased to inform you that we will once again be giving our students the opportunity to attend the Meet the Music concerts at the Sydney Opera House in 2016. Both the Music 1 and Music 2 series are on offer. **Students may attend either or both series.** Here are the details of the programs.

Music 1 series (Thursday nights) 6.30pm

Concert 1: 25/2	Winton Marsalis and the SSO: Swing Symphony
Concert 2: 28/4	Babe - the film with live orchestra
Concert 3: 16/6	Hollywood Rhapsody
Concert 4: 15/9	Pink Martini with the SSO

Music 2 series (Wednesday nights) 6.30pm

Concert 1: 2/3	Scheherazade (Rimsky-Korsakov) and Aust. Premiere work by Adams
Concert 2: 4/5	Shostakovich Leningrad Symphony, Stanhope premiere, Tchaikovsky Rococo variations
Concert 3: 17/8	Petrushka (Stravinsky), Tan Dun Double Bass concerto, Premiere work by Gyger
Concert 4: 16/11	Cello Concerto (Dvorak), Lutoslawski Symphony No 3 and Sacher variations for solo cello

Ticket prices:

Each series is \$100 which represents excellent value for money at \$25 a concert. Prices have remained unchanged from last year. **Transport arrangements** will remain the same in 2016: train travel from Bowral Station and returning to Mittagong or Bowral stations only. **Student workshops:** For Year 11 and 12 students, there is a student/teacher workshop on each of the programs which costs \$25 per student for each workshop. Dates are: Meet the Music 1 series: 19/2 and Meet the Music 2 series: 26/2. See Ms Ware for permission notes.

Recommended BYOD Device – the ‘Chromebook’

All students are strongly encouraged to purchase or lease a ‘Chromebook’. A ‘Chromebook’ is a paired back laptop that uses, as its operating system, ‘Chrome OS’; it is designed to be used primarily with an internet connection and accesses software apps and data storage via the internet ‘cloud’ with some being available when internet is not accessible.

On request, if a student has purchased a Chromebook they are eligible for use of a school locker, depending on availability, for secure storage of their Chromebook. A padlock will need to be provided by the student, however the usual 500 Vivo fee will be waived.

For ease of purchase, the school has negotiated two online purchase portals. Both have options to buy outright or with finance, as well as with accessories.

The first portal is “**Learning with Technologies**”. This purchase portal can be accessed through: <http://bowralhs.orderportal.com.au>

All purchases made through the Learning with Technologies will be eligible for free delivery to the school. First round of purchases close on the 30/11/2015 with delivery mid-December. The second round closes 31/12/2015 with delivery late January for the start of 2016 school year.

The second portal is through **JB Hi-Fi Solutions BYOD**. This purchase portal can be accessed through: <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod> and entering the unique code: **BOW2015**.

The cost of the recommended ‘Chromebook’ starts at approximately \$350 or around \$6 per week for lease arrangements. Parents will also need to purchase a suitable protective casing for the device and a USB Drive. We strongly encourage parents to purchase insurance against loss, damage or theft of the device. These options are available for purchase through the online BYOD purchase portal.

Why a Chromebook?

After considerable investigation, the school has recommended the purchase of the Chromebook as the preferred BYOD device because of advantages over other options in the areas of;

- affordability
- longer battery life
- ease of use
- weight
- equitable access to applications used at the school (web-based ‘apps’).

For further information on Chromebooks and BYOD please see the school website or you can go to <https://sites.google.com/a/education.nsw.gov.au/bowral-high-school---byod/>

Students who participate in the BYOD program will be required to sign a Student Electronic Device User Agreement and abide by the terms of the BYOD Acceptable Usage Policy. The User Agreement must be returned to the school with the device details. Students who have their BYOD application approved will automatically have permission to bring their device for use at school using the school’s wireless network infrastructure.

Additional information and the school’s BYOD Policy and the Student Electronic Device User Agreement are available on the school website at www.bowral-h.schools.nsw.edu.au (under the BYOD menu).

Steven Hurley
Technology Support Officer



YEAR 7&8 SHOWCASE FINALE

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11,
NEW EMPIRE CINEMA, BOWRAL

There are two sessions:

the first, 5pm -7pm; the second 7.15pm to 8pm.

What is the Cost?

\$8 per person; this covers the choc top and popcorn.
The Candy Bar will be available for additional purchases

Dress:

Students- full school uniform

How do I RSVP/ Where do I get a ticket?

Buy your tickets from the school finance office;
all tickets (adults and students) are \$8 and entitles
the ticket holder to one popcorn and one choc top.

HURRY!

**TICKET NUMBERS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED
to 200 per session**

