



VET Student of the Year!

Bowral High School was well represented at the Southern Highlands Schools Excellence in Vocational Education and Training Awards at the Mittagong RSL on Wednesday 17 November. We are pleased to announce that of the six industry categories, we had students entered in three and we won all three categories. The results as follows: Hospitality winner: **Joshua Nickl** with **Amber Bowmer**, receiving a Certificate of Excellence; Business Services winner: **Ayesha Nicholson** with **Tyson Ngaia** receiving a Certificate of Excellence; Student with special needs (Hospitality) winner: **Thomas Jones**. And, to complete of a very successful night, **Joshua Nickl** was awarded the overall VET Student of the Year. Well done Josh!



Congratulations to all our year VET students on representing both themselves and Bowral High School within the community during work placements and forging themselves some very impressive career paths.

Nicole Reay
VET Co-ordinator

Celebrating our Year 12 Formal Night.....





Congratulations and farewell Rebecca

We have recently featured Year 12 student, Rebecca Westley, recognising her talent in dance. We now congratulate her and wish her all the best on her decision to undertake her final year of an Advanced Diploma of Dance - Elite Performance. This will involve a trip to Italy and France to dance with a New York based troupe. Rebecca has been an outstanding student and member of the Bowral High School community and she will be missed.



A night at the opera! - Opera Australia opportunity

Opera Australia is offering student ticket prices at \$57 per opera on the following dates:

Barber of Seville (Rossini) 14/3, 16/3 and 22/3

Carmen (Bizet) 29/6, 3/8, 8/9

Così fan tutti (Mozart) 25/7, 27/7

We need a group of 10 students to make it viable. Please ask Ms Ware for a form to say which opera you would prefer or tick "any" if you have no particular preference. Once I have 10 interested parties I will contact Opera Australia and see what dates are available for our group.

There will be many other great opportunities in 2016. Meet the Music is the first one to get organised and pay for. Details about In Concert are still to arrive in the school and the opera experience depends on whether we get a group of 10 interested students before we can go ahead.

Michelle Ware - CAPA Faculty

Year 7 and 8 Education Week Showcase Finale – The Empire Cinema Bowral

On Wednesday 11 November, parents, students and the community were treated to a spectacular display of Year 7 and 8 Project-based Learning at The Year 7 and 8 Showcase Finale at the New Empire Cinemas in Bowral.

400 people attended the two 'sell-out' sessions and enjoyed the program of 15 student films, presentations and awards.

In 2015 the showcase has been expanded to include Year 8 Project class films as well as Year 7 films. Our generous sponsor, The Empire Cinema Bowral, provided choc tops, popcorn and drinks to give us the 'full' big screen cinema experience.



26
'Oscars'
were
awarded

on the night, along with Year 7 class trophies. It was a fabulous celebration of the wonderful achievements of Year 7 and 8.

Special thanks go to our Year 7 performers, **Akiko Hayashi, Olivia Chang and Lachlan Nickl**, and to Mr Donaldson and Mrs Hawker-Karakasch (who helped them prepare); to Mr Manojlovic and Ms Mitchell who prepared our comperes (**Emily Cox,**

Leyton Sloggett, Tyler Hickey and Shianne Taylor); to Ms Ottens, Mr Miller, and Mr Manojlovic who did back to back sessions; to Mr McManus (film editor) who worked with teachers and students on their film productions; and to Adam and Veronica Langley (parents) who printed flyers and tickets for the night.

A final acknowledgement goes to all our Year 7 and 8 students and their project teachers for their magnificent work.

We welcome feedback about our Showcase Finale from students, guests, teachers and parents. This can be done electronically through the following link on survey monkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S3V69LL>

(the link is also available from the school webpage:

<http://www.bowral-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/year-7-8-showcase-2015>).



We look forward to the continuation of the project work with our Stage 4 students in 2016.

John Staats
Deputy Principal



BHS Christmas Giving Tree

Are mysterious red and green lights appearing on your streets?
Have people started dragging home pine trees?
If so, then it's that time of year again!



The Christmas Giving Tree is up and running and we're ready to receive presents for those in need! Please send in things like toys and non-perishables such as canned food, to be put into your Roll Call's Christmas box, which will be decorated during roll call.
Bring joy to someone's Christmas this year!

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience

This is a free, travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in World War One and our subsequent century of service.

This once-in-a-lifetime event will be staged at the University of Wollongong Sports Hub from 11-20 January 2016. It's an ideal summer holiday activity for families in the Illawarra region.



Over 40,000 Australians have already been through the Experience and the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

Visitors can walk through recreated First World War environments, featuring innovative displays and interactive elements which showcase over 200 artefacts from the Australian War Memorial, mostly never seen before by the public.

Entry is free but booking is essential as places are limited. Find out the dates, locations and booking details at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au

Some Calendar Dates for Term 4, 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	23 November Year 10 Work Exp week Physics Fun @ Luna Park	24 November Year 6 Support visit pds 1-2. Year 6 Taster lessons pds 3 & 4	25 November	26 November Belvoir Street Theatre Excursion	27 November National Young Leaders Day. Idea of North Excursion
Week 9	30 November Year 10 Work Exp all week	1 December	2 December	3 December Year 6 Orientation Day ASPIRE CSU visit	4 December UTS Collabor8 Day ASPIRE CSU visit Support Unit V8 Supercars Exc. Zoo Exc.
Week 10	7 December Formal Assemblies, Pd 2 Snr P4 Jnr in Hall	8 December Performing Arts Night 6pm in the Hall	9 December Presentation Night, 7pm Hall	10 December Year 10 Assembly Pds 1 & 2 Year 10 Picnic Day 11am - 3.20pm	11 December Year 9 Convocation Assembly Pd 4 in the Hall
Week 11	14 December Activity Week	15 December Activity Week	16 December Activity Week Student's last day	17 December	18 December

School resumes in 2016 on Thursday 28 January for years 7, 11 and 12 and Friday 29 for the rest of the school.

Don't forget the **Performing Arts Night on TUESDAY 8 December 6pm** at the Hall and also Presentation Night on **Wednesday 9 December** at 7pm, again in the Hall.