



SMITH CUP VICTORY!

Bowral High School has managed to clinch a win in our ongoing yearly sports meet with Goulburn High School. Congratulations to all the competitors. The cup will be proudly displayed in our school front foyer.



Principal's Report

Our HSC students are already well into their exams and it won't be long before they are finished and enjoying the hiatus between school and the next stage of their lives. We wish them all the best.

The school, in partnership with the P&C, is beginning a two stage project to improve the school hall as a learning and community space. This term we have committed \$40,000 for stage 1: an upgrade of the audio visual, lighting and sound in the hall. A large motorised screen projector system will be installed on the stage that will be easily seen from all parts of the hall. A new projector will be installed for the screen. The sound system will also be enhanced with new speakers and a digital console to operate sound in the hall. We are anticipating that stage 1 will be complete before Presentation Night in December.

In 2017 we will plan for stage 2 of the project. This will involve installing motorised screens on the left and right of the stage with projectors. Presentations on the stage will be filmed and projected onto the side screens allowing for greater visibility and versatility. It will also be possible to have different presentations on the screens that will greatly enhance the visual presentations in the hall.

We will be actively promoting the use of our hall as a resource in the community that will increase community involvement in the school. We are very excited about this project and the benefits it will bring to not only the school but the community as a whole.

We are deeply grateful to our wonderful P&C for its support of the school. The P&C is contributing \$25,000 to this project this year and more in 2017.

In 2017, the Language curriculum will be delivered by a new teacher of Japanese. From 2017, students in Year 7 will study Japanese for the first time in the school. When the appeal period for the new teacher has expired I will provide additional information about this program. This is an exciting change and we are all looking forward to embracing Japanese language and culture in our school.

Finally, we are aware that the ongoing issue of soap and paper being wasted in the school toilets concerns students and parents. The cleaners stock the toilets regularly with sanitary items but occasionally a minority of students vandalise the facilities. It is disappointing when so much of our valuable learning time and resources are wasted on repairing these facilities because of the anti-social behaviour of a handful of students. We are determined to do whatever we can to improve this situation. To address this issue the school will do the following:

The student leadership team will develop a roster and monitor the toilets each day checking that soap, paper etc. is in supply. The school has purchased liquid soap bottles that will be placed in the toilets when the prefects report that none is available.

Staff will continue to monitor students out of class using the EDVAL roll marking system.

Students will be encouraged to report any issues to the front office so they can be addressed immediately

Any feedback from our community is welcome.

Kim Paviour
Principal

SOCCER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR BOWRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Year 12 student Reece Cole won the Southern Highlands Youth Grade Soccer Player of the year in addition to the Golden Boot for most goals scored. This award was presented at the Highlands Soccer Association presentation night at the Mittagong RSL and is the second year in a row he has won the player award!

This is a huge achievement considering new teams from Goulburn and St Pauls International College at Moss Vale and Chevalier College from Bowral were also in the running this year.

**DANCE COMPOSITION NOMINATED FOR CALLBACK 2016**

A dance composition created by Eliza Vinczeffi has been nominated to be included in a selection of outstanding performances in Film and Technology projects from Higher School Certificate students. Eliza's composition is to be included in **Callback 2016**, along with other nominated works from around the State. The event will be held at University of Sydney in February next year. While this nomination by the NSW Department of Education does not indicate a particular mark in the HSC, this is a wonderful recognition of Eliza's creative talents and future in the performing arts. Congratulations Eliza!



Year 7 and 8 End of Year Showcase Finale!

Seize the date!

Year 7 and 8 Project Classes are working feverishly towards the end of year Showcase Finale. We celebrate this not-to-be-missed for the third year running at the Bowral Empire Cinema.

Our End of Year Showcase traditionally takes the form of a 'Film Festival'; here students show off, not only their ICT film making skills, but also short films that 'show and tell' about their learning in their Project Classes.

There will be more than 15 short films! Every class has a unique story that reflects their style of learning.

The Showcase will also celebrate and acknowledge the efforts of our Stage 4 students with Oscars and awards.

Tickets will go on sale this week at the Finance Office.



(Photo, Southern Highlands News)

Details:

What: Year 7 and 8 Showcase Finale

Where: Bowral Empire Cinemas

When: Wednesday November 16: session 1 (5pm -7.15pm); session 2 (7.15pm-9.15pm).

Please note that both sessions are identical. Tickets are limited to 200 per session.

The ticket includes two of the following: choc top, small soft drink, small popcorn.

Come and join us for a choc-top, popcorn, red carpet, Oscar, paparazzi fuelled celebration of achievements of our youngest students.

Mr Staats

Deputy Principal

YEAR 7&8 SHOWCASE FINALE

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16,
NEW EMPIRE CINEMA, BOWRAL

There are two sessions:

The first, 5pm - 7pm; the second, 7.15 - 9.15pm

What is the Cost?

\$8 per person; this covers a 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**



Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards for 2016

The Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards is an annual event where students are nominated for awards that recognise Aboriginal student achievements across a broad range of areas, including literacy, numeracy, sporting achievements, culture, courage and commitment, creative arts, and leadership, citizenship and community service. This year, Felicity Walsh (Year 10) and Talia De La Mare (Year 8) were selected and will be awarded a certificate and medallion of achievement for Literacy for 2016.

Jasmine Craker
Norta Norta Coordinator

WMBB Summer Program

Wingara Mura- Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program (WMBB) is a program that attracts hundreds of applicants around the country. The summer program has a mix of books, study, practical elements and extra-curricular activities around Sydney. The students stay on Campus at the University of Sydney and explore different interests in world class facilities. The program equips the students with knowledge and skills and the focus is on the future and how the students can get there.

Successful Applicants for this year were: Tahlia De La Mare (Year 8), Erin Logan (Year 8), Zoe Cole-Gee (Year 9), Nathan Reid (Year 9) and Ashleigh Blinman (Year 10)

Wingara Mura - Bunga Barrabugu translates to "a thinking path - to make tomorrow" in the Cadigal language and is the name of the University of Sydney's strategy which commits us to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation, engagement, education and research.

Through Compass, they offer a multi-layered approach to support the academic and personal preparation of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for higher education. This includes opportunities for students to experience university life, engage in fun, educational activities in a supportive and inclusive environment at our on-campus events and week-long residential summer and winter programs.

Jasmine Craker
Norta Norta Coordinator

Youth Worker

We are pleased to announce that the school has employed a new Youth Worker using the Chaplaincy funding. **Matt Jenson** will be in the school for three days a week and will be working with junior boys as well as being involved in programs such as the XSels socio-emotional leadership program.

Matt has worked at Triple Care Farm and is currently completing his graduate diploma in counselling. He will be a great addition to our staff and this will be another way in which we support the well-being of our students. Please note that parents will be provided with an opportunity to "opt-out" if they do not wish their child to be invited into the programs run by Matt.

Nic Morris
Deputy Principal

BYOD Chromebooks for 2017

In 2016 Bowral High School made Chromebooks its BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) priority as the preferred school-wide device. Chromebooks are the preferred device for students in 2017. For ease of purchase, the school will have an online purchase portal from JB Hi Fi Education. The Portal has options to buy outright or with finance, as well as accessories. The portal can be accessed at <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/> with the School Code "**bowral2017**". Information on the portal will also be available on the Bowral High School Website.

The cost of a Chromebook is approximately \$285 or around \$7 per week for finance arrangements. Parents will also need to purchase a suitable protective case 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.

Families experiencing financial hardship and requiring assistance in order for their child to participate in the BYOD program should make an appointment with the school for a confidential interview. The school will not purchase a device to assign to your child/ward, but the school will have a limited number of refurbished laptops through our Student Assistance (Laptop) Program.

The school P&C have purchased and installed Chromebook lockers for the safe storage of devices when they are not needed in the classroom. These lockers are available for hire (\$40 per year) from the Finance Office. Students hiring lockers need to provide a suitable padlock and provide the school with a duplicate key for safekeeping.

We appreciate your ongoing support with BYOD.

Yours sincerely,

John Staats
Deputy Principal



Taster Day

On Tuesday 18 October, six Year 6 students enjoyed an additional Taster Day at Bowral High School as they prepare to start Year 7 in 2017.



Mr Facer provided a hands-on science experience in the lab and Mrs Sands showed them the rounds of the kitchen. It was an enjoyable day and served to increase the excitement and expectations of life in high school. Many thanks to the 2017 Year Advisor, Mrs Harmey for her great organisation for this event.

Linda Langton
Deputy Principal

Some Calendar Dates for Term 4 2016

Weeks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4	31 Oct HSC Exams Yr12 Hospitality Work placement week	1 Nov Girls Gala Cricket Day Yr7 Vaccinations HSC exams	2 Nov HSC exams Additional Taster Day Program	3 Nov HSC exams	4 Nov ASPIRE Yr7 excursion HSC exams finish
Week 5	7 Nov	8 Nov	9 Nov	10 Nov T20 Blast All abilities Sports Pro- gram	11 Nov Ext 2 Study Day Surf Survival Certificate Remembrance Day Ceremony
Week 6	14 Nov Yr12 Hospitality Work placement week White Card Training	15 Nov	16 Nov Belvoir St workshop Meet the Music 2 #4 P&C meeting 6:30pm SCR Yr7 Showcase Finale 5pm and 7.15pm	17 Nov ASPIRE Yr9 Excursion to ANU	18 Nov Youth Forum Follow up Excursion
Week 7	21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov Belvoir St at Bowral High	24 Nov ASPIRE Yr8 excursion	25 Nov Japanese Excursion (Open HS)