



Bowral High School

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Busy Bowral HS in the lead up to the term 2 school holidays!

Bowral High School's "Great Australian Rock Musical"!

Bowral HS showcased its extraordinary Performing Art talents yet again, with a star-studded performance for our feeder primary schools, Bowral HS students, staff and the local community.

The school hall was abuzz with many in the crowd on their feet, rocking and grooving to a bunch of 80's favourites and the wonderful cast of our student and staff performers and actors.

A huge vote of thanks to Ms Ware, Mrs Karakasch-Hawker, Mr Jones and all the cast, band, crew and staff for a wonderful performance!



Year 9 and 10 State Wood Show Challenge at Macquarie Fields HS

Recently, Bowral HS entered two Industrial Arts student teams from Year 9 and Year 10 in the state-wide Wood Show Challenge.

I often hear parents comment that sporty kids get a chance to represent the school and academic students represent through debating, public speaking but what is done for our mainstream students?

The Wood Show Challenge offered a chance for students in Years 9 and 10 to compete against other schools from across the NSW. The event has preliminary regional rounds with the winners progressing to a final held over two days at a central venue. The focus is on hand skills that align to class work appropriate to the respective year. The challenge is for a team of four to complete four projects to workshop drawn specifications within a timed two-hour period. Both Bowral teams progressed through after finishing first in the Macarthur / Southern Highlands Division.

Practice sessions were held to develop not just hand skills but also the associated skills of time management practices, team work and theory exercises of cutting lists which is part of the marking criteria. Both teams went in with a strategy of assigning processes that capitalised on their individual strengths. By replicating processes and collegially working together, the teams were able to efficiently mass produce specific parts and exchange components to assemble and finish the assigned projects. Crucial to the success, was ongoing communication and flexibility to monitor surrounding team mates' activities to collectively work to achieve common goals. *Continued ...*



Year 9 and 10 State Wood Show Challenge at Macquarie Fields HS cont.

The Bowral teams arrived to compete in the afternoon session of the first day. They could see the results of the morning's session from the Illawarra and Far North Coast regions. Willyama and Gundagai High Schools representing their regions were in the same time slot as Bowral. All the students from their respective schools did themselves proud with sustained concentration levels producing high quality results. After the final adjudication of the 16 schools attending the State Finals, Bowral Year 9 team (Jake Hickey, Kody Davis, Liam Raybould and Mitchell Friedrich) placed first in their division and Bowral Year 10 team (Brad Grose, Ethan Goodfellow, Chris Waddell and Millen Keeley) placed second by the narrowest of margins in their category. This is an outstanding effort by the students of Bowral High School and we congratulate your efforts in representing the school with distinction at such high a level. This would not have been possible without the experience and expertise of both Mr McMurdo and Mr MacMurray from the TAS faculty.

A job well done everyone!



Year 9 and Year 10 Special Education Excursion to the DUX factory

As a part of their teaching and learning curriculum, our Special Education students in Year 9 and Year 10 had the wonderful opportunity of visiting the DUX factory recently. Before attending the excursion, each student was part of an induction program, enabling them to understand the workplace, along with many Workplace, Health and Safety requirements to help ensure their own safety when attending the excursion.

Anecdotally speaking, our support staff had reported that the students were highly engaged, asking many great questions of the DUX staff. Our students were acknowledged as the best and most well behaved group of school students that had ever visited the DUX plant!

I would like to thank Mrs Mauger, Ms Sutton and other support staff for offering such an enriching opportunity for our support students.



NAIDOC Celebrations – “Because of her, we can”!

Last Friday, Bowral HS celebrated NAIDOC Day.

As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played – and continue to play - active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels.

As leaders, trailblazers, politicians, activists and social change advocates, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women fought and continue to fight, for justice, equal rights, our rights to country, for law and justice, access to education, employment and to maintain and celebrate our culture, language, music and art.



They continue to influence as doctors, lawyers, teachers, electricians, chefs, nurses, architects, rangers, emergency and defence personnel, writers, volunteers, chief executive officers, actors, singer songwriters, journalists, entrepreneurs, media personalities, board members, accountants, academics, sporting icons and Olympians, the list goes on. They are our mothers, our elders, our grandmothers, our aunts, our sisters and our daughters.

Sadly, Indigenous womens’ role in our cultural, social and political survival has often been invisible, unsung or diminished. In light of this, Bowral HS celebrated in

style, with a whole school assembly in the hall, followed by a luncheon and then workshops for our ATSI students in the afternoon.

I would like to thank Mrs Kaufline and the many students and staff for their significant contributions in organising and overseeing the day. It was a moving assembly that was highly engaging for all students, staff and our invited guests.



Congratulations Dashanti Carr!!

One of our own, Year 9 student Dashanti Carr entered and won a competition to design an indigenous Jumper for Mittagong Lions JRLFC. Mittagong JRLFC's committee has said via their website "that it is pleased to display our Indigenous jersey for 2018". The jersey has been designed by Classic Sports Wear and one of our own players, being from Bowral High School. There are numerous sponsors ready to go on as well, so the jersey will stand out even more!

Dashanti's fantastic team strip will be announced soon. The club has said that the jersey will be worn with pride by two of their selected teams on Saturday 21st July, which is the last home game and also the Pink socks day in 2018. The club will have a special presentation at the ground on the 21st July and the President and numerous Club officials will be presenting the jersey to Dashanti at a full school assembly on the 25th July at Bowral HS. Dashanti's successful jersey design is shown above, well done Dashanti!



Hill Top Primary School Community Arts Show

I had the pleasure of attending the Hill Top Community Art Show last Friday evening.

It was a wonderful event where I had the opportunity to meet with many parents who currently have students at Bowral HS. The night showcased student artwork and many budding artists that reside in the Southern Highlands.

The highlight of the night was Bowral High Schools Jazz Band, that was invited to perform at the gala event. They were a huge hit! I would like to thank Ms Ware and all of our musicians who performed as part of the Jazz Band. You all performed with a high level of distinction.

Mr Gardiner (Hill Top - Principal) said "they are a top shelf act"!



I would like to wish all students, staff and the community, a safe and relaxing holiday break with your family and friends.

Jason Conroy
Principal



STEM Competition

On Friday 8th June, I had the pleasure of escorting a group of students from Year 8 and 9 to the national STEM competition held at Wollongong University. The students involved were from year 8 STEM (Kyle Murphy, Samuel Skenfield, Nicholas Moore and Brian Adeniyi) and the Year 9 ISTEM class (Connor Gill, Tristan Sa, Braelyn Horvath and Jacob Simpson).

The students in Year 8 participated in the Aeronautical Velocity Challenge which consisted of producing and firing bottle rockets at high velocity. The Year 8 students demonstrated strong PBS values during the day, and from a slow start were able to work their way into 5th position. This category had over 20 entries on the day from the winners of regional finals held over NSW and ACT.

The Year 9 ISTEM students had a great opportunity to go to Wollongong and enter in Power Anchor competition, with the aim of building a plane that took flight and battled other planes produced by other schools. We had four categories to enter our planes in, these were Speed, Height, Aesthetics and Combat. The students really enjoyed the day and the experience of competing against other schools.

Jacob Simpson Year 9 and Mr R Van Bentum STEM Teacher

SEMESTER ONE STUDENT REPORTS

Year 7 and 8 reports will be posted home on Friday 6 July.

Year 9 and 10 reports will be posted home on Friday 27 July.

Reminder to parents, carers and students ...

If a student is absent—The student is to bring a note of explanation from parent/carer and give it to their roll call teacher on the day they return to school or the parent/carer may reply to the SMS sent from the school.

If a student is late to school—if roll call is still on, go to roll call. If you arrive after roll call, report to the Student Window and sign in. Please bring a note of explanation to the roll call teacher or the parent/carer may reply to the SMS sent from the school.

If a student needs to leave the school grounds early—The student is to present a note requesting leave to the Student Window before school begins, stating time leaving and reason for leave. A pass out slip will be issued stating the time the student will be allowed to leave class and meet the parent/carer at the Front Office.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY Goulburn 18 May 2018

Bowral 2nd Overall out of 8 schools!

CONGRATULATIONS to BHS students

Zone Age Champions
Indeah Morris 16 Years
Adelaide Murton 17 Years

Other notable results:

2nd	Koda Finch	13 Boys
2nd	Olivia Cole	16 Girls
2nd	Brydee Martin	13 Girls
3rd	Lily Everingham	15 Girls
3rd	Tom Strachan	16 Boys
3rd	Tim O'Keefe	14 Boys



Zone Age Champions - Indeah Morris and Adelaide Murton

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY Cambewarra June 2018

Adelaide Murton placed 2nd in 17 years age group.

**Adelaide together with Indeah Morris and Angus Lang qualified to compete at the
STATE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL - Congratulations and Good Luck!**

Have your say on Supported School Transport

The Australian Government has released a discussion paper about 'Supported School Transport and the National Disability Insurance Scheme' on their website <https://engage.dss.gov.au>.

As the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out across Australia, this paper asks for your feedback on how supported school transport could work under the NDIS.

This is your opportunity to have your say via a submission on how you would like to see supported school transport operate in our State. The consultation period will end on 20 July at 5:00pm.

There will be some face-to-face consultations held throughout the state, full details will be updated on their website when they are available.

For any further information about the discussion paper or submission you can email transport@dss.gov.au.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience week is in Term 3, Week 3 (6-10 August) for all Year 10 students.

There are still LOTS of Year 10 students who haven't returned their paperwork and risk missing out on an amazing opportunity to experience a job that they may want as part time work now or as a career in the future.

If you need further information or have any questions about the work experience program, please contact the Careers Advisor, Christine Beasley (phone 4861 7540 or email christine.beasley@det.nsw.edu.au)

UOW Early Admissions

The University of Wollongong will be communicating with Year 12 students about the University's Early Admission program, Open Day and other key dates, as well as some advice on study and university admission throughout the year. All those who registered for Discovery Days will have automatically received emails. If any students or parents would like to sign up to receive important information, visit uow.edu.au/future/school and look for the YEAR 12 NEWSLETTER - SUBSCRIBE button at the bottom of the page.

Information regarding their Early Admissions program can be found on <http://www.uow.edu.au/future/early-admission>. A University representative will be visiting the school on 1 August to give a presentation during recess (for What's Up Wednesday) and answer any questions.

Christine Beasley

Careers Advisor

CHANGES OF FAMILY & STUDENT INFORMATION -

A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school office of any changes to information in regard to students:

Change of address, contact phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical conditions and medications.

Changes should be made by writing, by note or email to bowral-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you.

Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.



FREE PARENT/SUPERVISOR WORKSHOP

Tuesday 17 July 2018 / 6 - 8pm

Helping you and your learner with practical advice about:

- L & P Plate licence laws
- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the learner driver log book
- Benefits of on-road driving experience
- Low risk driving

* Learners are invited to attend, but not compulsory



FREE LEARNER LOG BOOK RUN

Sunday 5 August 2018 / 10am - 1pm

Gain 'real' driving log book time.

- Local drive for learners accompanied by their supervisors
- Clock up, driving experience time
- Graduated Licensing Scheme's learner log book topics covered
- Experience a NSW Police RBT set up

* Minimum 25 hours in log book to participate

After drive: **FREE** lunch + learner Q & A with Police

This event is conducted by Wingecarribee Shire Council's Road Safety Officer, supported by the RMS.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL PHONE: (02) 4868 0888



THE SAFER DRIVERS COURSE INVOLVES TWO MODULES:

MODULE ONE:

A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of 12 participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

MODULE TWO:

A two-hour, in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach.

Course cost: \$140

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3-for-1 scheme cannot be included.

LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK.



Book online at www.saferdrivers.org.au

NEXT COURSE:

DATE: 21/07/2018 **TIME:** 09:00 am

LOCATION: 6 Hawkins Drive, Mittagong, NSW, 2575

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Hold a valid NSW Learner Licence
- Be under 25 years of age
- Have completed 50 logbook hours (of actual on road experience and not credits gained under the 3 for 1 professional instruction scheme)



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Some Calendar Dates for Term 2-3 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10	2 July Yr 11 English Incursion	3 July Yr 11 English Incursion	4 July MTM2 Concert 2 Principal's Musical Lunch	5 July	6 July Girls Choir Excursion Last day of Term 2.
SCHOOL	HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL	HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL	HOLIDAYS
Term 3 Week 1	23 July STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	24 July Term 3 Students return	25 July	26 July HSC Trial Exams ...	27 July ... Trials ...
Week 2	30 July ... Trials ...	31 July ... Trials ...	1 August ... Trials ... Performing Arts Night 6-8pm PAS	2 August ... Trials ...	3 August ... HSC Trial Exams Regional Athletics Carnival
Week 3	6 August Yr10 Work Experience.. Yr11 Biology Field Trip..	7 August Yr10 Work Exp.. ...Yr11 Biology Field Trip	8 August Yr10 Work Exp...	9 August Yr10 Work Exp...	10 August ..Yr10 Work Experience