

NEWSLETTER



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Years 7-11 Academic Award Assembly

Congratulations to each and every award winner at this year's Academic Award Assembly. Students were recognised for their outstanding achievements, and awarded for talent, dedication and commitment to learning.

We wish to thank everyone who made this event possible. Thank you to the Principal, Mr James Witchard our Deputies Mrs McGrath, Mrs Penny Graham, Mrs Stacey Clark, Executive Principal Mr Chris Randle, Principal Goonellabah Public School Mr Warren Rhijaan, and Sisillia and Mafile'o Tonga

I would like to thank Lismore Lions Club, President Mrs Elaine Bullman and fellow lion Mrs Maureen Hamilton for the continued support of Kadina High Campus. Many thanks also to the sponsors who have supported our school with awards and prizes. Thanks also go to the office and support staff for the many tasks they perform that make the smooth running of today's event possible.

Thank you to the members of the Communication and Presentation Team who organised today's proceedings.

A special thanks to Mr Joe O'Keefe, and the music and entertainment students for their contribution to today's proceedings.

A really huge thank you goes to the families and friends who have been able to attend our special assembly. We really appreciate your ongoing support.



Principal Message

Congratulations to our entire school community of another successful year at the Kadina High Campus!

This is our final newsletter for the year and demonstrates the culmination of everyone's hard work in academics, sporting, cultural and citizenship events. I know that you will enjoy reading about the individual and collective successes of our students. On Thursday evening, I took great pleasure in recognising many of these achievements at our annual Presentation event. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who were able to attend in support of this important moment on our annual school calendar.

Throughout this year, we have seen our school ethos of 'Kadina creates...' in full swing. Whether it be through students working together to build their sporting capacity to represent us on the local, regional state and national stage or through their individual academic achievements – we know that Kadina creates success for our students. In particular, I wish to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our 2023 Year 12 graduating class who received their HSC results this week. Well done to all of our students!

We were immensely proud as Mya Stanley was recognised at an event in Sydney with the Minister of Education for coming first in the state in Standard Mathematics and Business Services. Moreover, Mya was the only student in a regional public school to achieve this honour. Mya's significant achievement is testament to her outstanding dedication to her studies. It is also evidence of the true power of the strong relationships our students have with their teachers, powering their success in learning. I have no doubt that 2024 will continue to bring success for our students and our school.

As you are aware, this is my final Principal report as I prepare to take on my new role as Principal at Maclean High School in 2024. I know that the school remains in the safe hands of Ms Tracy McGrath as relieving principal while recruitment occurs in Term 1. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every student, staff and community member for your ongoing support during my time here. I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing support from my colleague principals and staff across the wider Rivers Secondary College. This has been my first principalship and has truly been a highlight of my career and life so far. From my first day here, I have been made to feel welcomed and supported to drive change for our school. My focus has always been about proving to our students that they are the best, they deserve the best and can be the best versions of themselves if they seize every opportunity. I have tried my best to enhance the wellbeing of our students by holding high expectations of them while focusing on our core business; learning. My plan was to use our 'Kadina creates' idea as a vehicle for change and as a way to prove to students that they are capable of anything. In turn, it has also shown me the outstanding field of excellence that exists within our school. If anything, I think the events of this week alone are an example that Kadina is ready to share this with the wider world!

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this school community.

I hope you all have a restful break and a prosperous 2024 demonstrating what Kadina creates.

Regards,



James Witchard
Principal

WELCOME TO
KADINA HIGH CAMPUS
THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE

CALENDAR

15 December

Last day of Term 4

1 February

First day of Term 1

29 February

School Photo Day

4 - 5 March

**Year 7 Camp - Camp Drew,
Lake Ainsworth, Lennox
Head**

12 March

Absentee Photo Day

Please remember to check our Sentral parent portal calendar for up-to-date information and important events.



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We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabul Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.

Attendance Matters Prize Winner

Elias Downton is the lucky winner of our term 4 laptop giveaway. Elias is a year 10 student with brilliant attendance and is a deserving winner. We hope you enjoy your new laptop Elias!

Congratulations to all students who have worked hard to improve their attendance this term. Another laptop will be given away in Term 1 next year, so keep aiming for 90%+



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**Students with greater than
90% attendance will be
placed into a draw each
term to win a laptop!**



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Year 12 Final Assembly

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Well done to all of our students!



Mya Stanley

Mya was among 59 students from 37 public schools who came first or equal first in a HSC subject. Overall, 128 students from 89 government and non-government schools received a First in Course award.

Students from 17 comprehensive high schools took line honours in subjects including Maths Standard 2, English Extension 2, Drama, Construction, Automotive and Dance.

The students were presented with awards at a ceremony in Parramatta on Wednesday 13th December.

Mya topped the Business Service Examination and was equal first with 13 others in Mathematics Standard 2.

Mya's rare double in twice making the prestigious list reflects the talent, hard work and skillset on display across regional New South Wales, State Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin said.

Mya recognised the support of her family, friends and community in the Northern Rivers still rebuilding after last year's devastating floods.

She attributes her success to her hardworking mother who inspired her, and gave a special shoutout to her maths teacher, Rikki Wiblen.

"He's the best. He always explained things so well and was super helpful," she said.

Kadina campus principal James Witchard said Mya's achievement reflected the value of public education, "particularly in a regional setting where we focus on creating opportunities through strong relationships between students and teachers".

Mya is headed to university next year to study Law and Arts.



Year 12 Morning Tea

Year 12 attended a morning tea on Thursday with staff to celebrate their HSC results. Congratulations to all students for your hard work and commitment throughout your secondary education, it has truly paid off. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours!



Check us out on Socials!



[Instagram.com/kadinahighcampus](https://www.instagram.com/kadinahighcampus)



[Facebook.com/OfficialKadinaHighSchool](https://www.facebook.com/OfficialKadinaHighSchool)

Kadina Creates Term 4 Stage 4 and 5 Assemblies

Congratulations to our student award winners in our Kadina Creates Stage 4 & 5 Assemblies this term. It was terrific to hand out so many prizes and certificates recognising outstanding attendance and behaviour.

We wish to thank all our parents/carers and guests who have joined us for our Kadina Creates Stage Assemblies in 2023. We look forward to celebrating what #kadinacreates with you in 2024.



Year 12 Formal

Year 12 formal was held at Summerland Farm at Alstonville on Thursday 16th November. It was a great night of celebration and lots of dancing. A big thankyou to:

- "Thread Together" who supported some of our students by providing them with formal wear. All students looked amazing and had a great night.
- Yoorana from Barrabun cakes for creating a delicious and impressive cake for the event.
- John Paden for performing a beautiful Smoking Ceremony.
- All staff at Summerland Farm Restaurant - they went above and beyond for us.
- Security from Herne's Security. Always great to have a past student looking after us.
- DJ Sines who got the party started and kept the night alive.
- All Kadina staff who helped in the organisation, set up and pack up.

Best wishes class of 2023.

Kye Lane
Year 12 Advisor



Success Stories

Choo Choo Designs

Congratulations to Kira Turner who is a finalist in the Teens in Business awards for the 2nd year in a row. This year her business, Choo-Choo Design has been nominated for the Indigenous Entrepreneur of the year and Regional or Rural Entrepreneur of the year.



Sienna Rooney

Sienna is an outstanding sportswoman who has worked hard over a number of years to achieve success in cross country.

In 2023 she made NSWCHS cross country championship placing 7th, 1st in the G-18 category. She went on to represent NSW at the Australian Cross Country Championships running an impressive 29th position, 22nd out of the Australian representatives.

These impressive achievements led to Sienna being awarded a North Coast Sporting Blue Award and a NSW Sporting Blue Award, both for outstanding achievement in Cross Country. A NSW blue is one of the highest sporting awards in NSW schools, with only around 40 students receiving it across NSW schools in 2023

Sienna is a confident, talented individual who challenges herself to overcome obstacles in pursuit of her goals. She works cooperatively with others and always has a positive outlook. We are extremely proud of Sienna and her achievement at Kadina, it has been inspiring to see Sienna grow as a person and as an athlete.



TRSC Sport

Volleyball Trials at Kadina High Campus

An excellent day of volleyball trials hosted by Kadina in their MPC this week. 25 boys and girls played some very competitive sets with students successfully chosen to represent the Rivers at the zone gala day. Congratulations to the following students who were selected in their respective boys and girls teams:

Richmond River: Sione, Aaron, Oscar, Natalia, Lailah, Abby, Krystal (reserves: Abby, Myley, Angus, Xavier)

Kadina: Elias, Sean, Shante, Jayda, Abbie (reserves: Harley, Chloe)

Lismore: Tully, Aaron, Harrison, Aishlen



The Rivers Secondary College Open Girls Netball team

Congratulations to the girls who trialled for The Rivers Secondary College Open Girls Netball team yesterday at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre. The following girls were selected to represent the college in 2024:

Abbie-KHC, Chloe-KHC, Natalia-RRHC, Fallon-RRHC, Lailah-RRHC, Abigail-RRHC, Hadleigh-RRHC, Elke-LHC, Retrouvailles-LHC, Ruby-LHC

Coach: Mrs Tracy Kelso



Kadina Sport

Northern Rivers Beach Volleyball gala day

Kadina students displayed a fantastic effort at yesterdays Northern Rivers Beach Volleyball gala day at Evans Head with our 4 teams showing impressive skill throughout the knockout rounds. Senior Boys lost their first round game in a close match against Alstonville HS. Senior Girls won the first round and semi final matches. In the grand final match they went down to Richmond River HC in 2 close sets. Our Junior Boys won the first round and semi final match. They played a competitive game against Kyogle HS in the grand final and narrowly lost the match by 2 points in the 3rd set. Our Junior Girls won the first round and semi final matches. They played Casino HS in the grand final and in a nail biting finale, unfortunately lost by just 4 points in the 3rd set. Such a great effort for 3 of our 4 teams to make it all the way to the grand finals in their divisions.

Well done Kadina!



Kadina Junior Girls Beach Volleyball

Our Kadina Junior Girls Beach Volleyball team travelled to Port Macquarie today to represent the Northern Rivers zone and our school at the North Coast Beach Volleyball championships. It was a fantastic day on the sand where they played highly competitive teams from Tweed Heads, Wauchope and Grafton. All matches were very close particularly the last game against Grafton High School where our team went down by just 2 points in the 3rd set.

Our girls displayed excellent skills, sportsmanship and lots of potential for the future of Beach Volleyball representation at our school. We are all very proud of your efforts girls. Well done!

Mrs Raz



Year 7 Gala Day

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our college Gala Day this term hosted at the Kadina High Campus. Students from across the college played games in Oztag, Basketball, Futsal, Volleyball and many more. Gala Days are a great opportunity for students with a variety of skills and abilities to compete in a fun atmosphere.



Year 6-7 Transition Days

Kadina welcomed our prospective Year 7 students this term, to sample classes in Music, English, Science, TAS, Drama & Languages over two fun packed days. Students were introduced to their 2024 Year Adviser, Mr Lewis and also met with the Principal and Deputy Principal.

Speacial thanks to the parents and carers who could joined us for the morning session on the first day. We look forward to seeing you all again rested and ready to start Term 1 2024.



CAPA Fest

CAPA students from years 7-11 performed for a packed out audience in the Kadina MPC with over 20 music acts and drama plays for this years CAPA Fest! Students showed extraordinary talent throughout the night singing all the great songs such as Nothing Else Matters, Zombie, Gossip and Eraser to name a few followed by an explosive end with year 9/10 playing 46+2.

Special thanks to Mr O'Keefe for his tireless efforts in the planning and preparation that goes into these events, the sound and lighting crew students for their amazing display all night, and a massive shout out to the awesome audience in attendance who sat in awe right until the last performance.

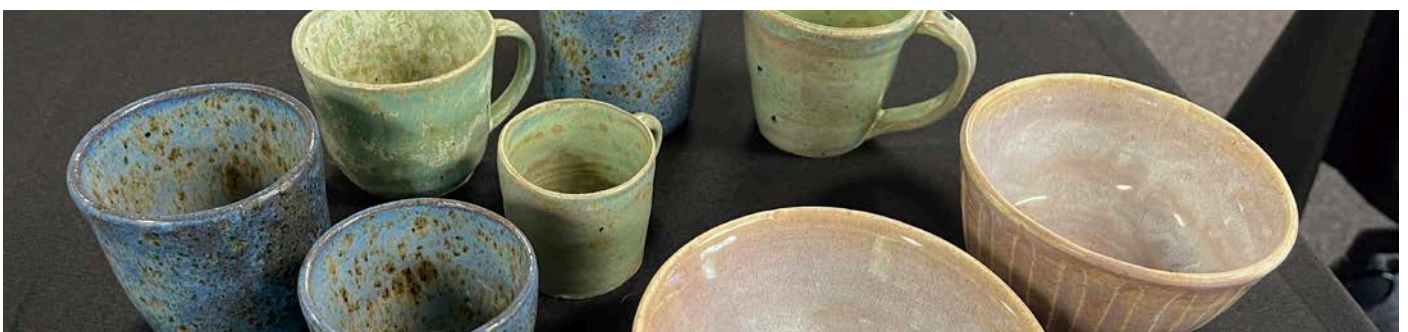
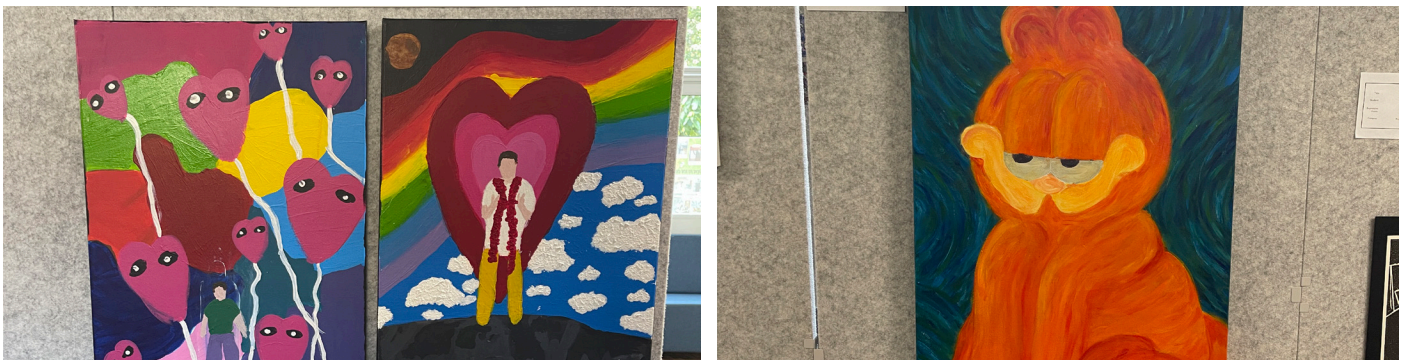
Rock On!!



TRSC Art Exhibition

TRSC Stage 6 Exhibition was held at KHC on the 22nd of November. The exhibition showcased Visual Arts, Photography, and Ceramics artworks from students in Year 11 and 12 from all three campuses. The artworks were outstanding and showcased what The Rivers College students can create. The creativity, diversity and expertise were of an outstanding calibre. The exhibition was highly successful; seeing the room packed with students, parents, families, and staff from across the college celebrating the students' success was a testament to this. Music students also presented their talents through their music performances. A HUGE thankyou goes out to Mr Joe O'Keeffe for organising the music, the almighty team of Visual Arts teachers - Alice Hook, Rebecca Simpson and Simon Clarke for making the exhibition happen and the unwavering support from the executive staff across the college.

Kye Lane KHC



Excursions

Wet n' Wild and Dreamworld

Stage 4 enjoyed a hot day at Wet n Wild this week. It was a great day out and a fantastic way to finish the year. Next up in the same week, Stage 5 and 6 went to Dreamworld. Despite the day also being a hot, students had a wonderful time.



Remembrance Day

Special thanks to the Captains and Vice Captains for representing the Kadina High Campus this year at the Lismore Remembrance Day services. Students attended both services at North Lismore Memorial and the Lismore Memorial Baths to pay their respects to those who were killed in both World Wars. Lest we forget.



Captains 2024

Congratulations to our Captains Elect for 2024. We know you will do a wonderful job at representing the Kadina High Campus.

Captain: Riley
Captain: Chloe
Vice Captain: Gwen
Vice Captain: Sarah



Halloween

Kadina had a SPOOK-tacular time this Halloween. Students enjoyed a range of spooky activities and entered our best dressed competition. Congratulations to Amber, who took out our best dressed prize for her amazing costume as a Monster High doll.



Lismore Show

The Kadina High show team and Ag department have wrapped another show season. 2023 saw some changes in how Kadina participated at shows this year. The Ag department purchased some pure bred Black Angus cows and calves and established an Angus Stud at the start of 2023. This establishment has been designed with a future focus that Kadina will be able to breed animals onsite for Agriculture moving forward, with the genetic records being utilised in Agriculture and Biology to provide a tangible link to genetic studies and understanding of genetic expression.

Students in both the show team and Agriculture classes have worked extremely hard throughout this year preparing for the shows. For most of the students this year the show season presented new and different opportunities and all students have enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The two black Angus heifers that we have exhibited this year saw their greatest success at the Alstonville show. Our animals placed 1st and 3rd in the female 12 and under 16 months class. We were also awarded Reserve Junior champion. Champions are judged from the winners of the 3 junior animal classes, all animals in the champion class are under 20 months of age.



Support Hub

Congratulations to our Support Hub students for their tremendous work throughout 2023. Please see below photos to highlight some of the events students attended this year,



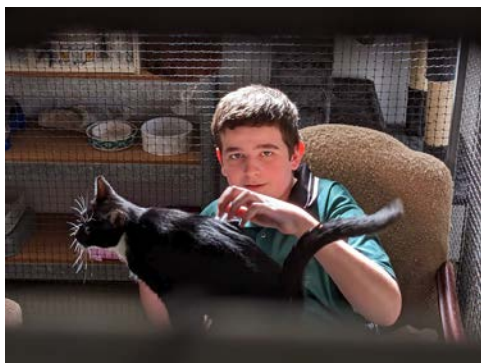
February: Rocky Creek Dam learning about water in our world and Bunsen burner licenses



April: Lennox Head Cross Country



May: Picasso Cow Program (with Mr. Witchard)



June: Animal Rights And Rescue Group and celebrating World Environment Day



July: For The Grand Opening, we catered from our garden



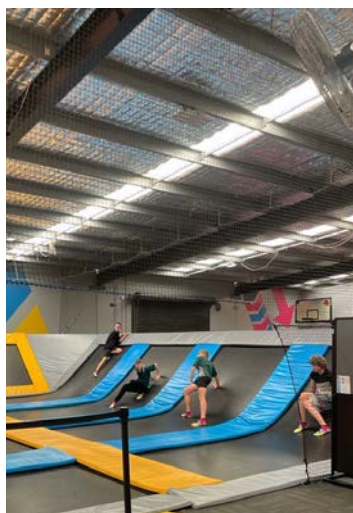
August: Textiles and a tour of Heritage Park



September: Byron Bay Lighthouse



October: The Chickens Have Settled and we went to Dorroughby Environmental Education Center



November: A well earned break to BOUNCE and exploring the Bush Tucker Garden at Federal



December: Inclusive Sport Day Ballina was too much fun!



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Kadina Creates - Inclusive HSC – Disability Provisions

What are NESA HSC disability provisions?

Disability provisions assist students to read examination questions and write their answers. Provisions include rest breaks and extra time. The use of any provision is not written on the student's results. Students may need provisions for:

- a permanent condition, such as diabetes or reading difficulty
- a temporary condition, such as a broken arm, or
- an intermittent condition, such as back pain when sitting for long periods.

It is not embarrassing to apply for or use provisions. More than 7000 HSC students apply for provisions each year. Provisions help students to show the markers what they know and can do.

In providing disability provisions for the HSC exams, NESA complies with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth) (DDA) and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, issued under the DDA.

Provisions are determined on the basis of functional evidence:

The impact of a condition or disability on how a student functions in an exam situation is the key consideration when determining provisions. Functional evidence can include results of the student's performance on approved reading and spelling tests, work samples that include extended responses and teacher comments on adjustments that have been trialed at school.

Applying for HSC disability provisions:

At Kadina High Campus, the Learning and Support teachers are responsible for submitting disability provision applications to NESA. However, students and their families are welcome and encouraged to be involved throughout the application process. You can do this by:

- discussing the impact of the student's disability with the school throughout schooling, including possible adjustments and support required for the student to access the curriculum as well as exams
- keeping the school up to date with any changes in impact of the disability, medications etc.
- advising the school when the student's scheduled specialist appointments are taking place. In this way, the school can provide medical forms requiring completion at the appropriate time so that a special appointment just for this purpose is not required.

Deadline for applications is the end of Term 1, 2024:

When you are making specialist appointments during the next 6 months, it's important to let the Learning and Support teachers know. We will provide you with the 2024 NESA Medical Form, to be completed by the specialist. This way you will not have to pay for another specialist appointment just for this purpose.

For more information, please visit the NESA website. If you think that you or your child may require support in completing the Higher School Certificate examinations, please contact the Learning and Support teacher – Stage 6; Rebecca McPherson

Regards,
Tracy McGrath, Principal (Rel)
The Rivers Secondary College, Kadina High Campus.



The Great Western Excursion

One of the focuses of the Rivers Academy of STEM Excellence is “STEMming the Divide” between the opportunities our students have in comparison to students in metropolitan areas. Part of this is our annual excursion across the Great Dividing Range. This brings students from across the three campuses The Rivers Secondary College together for a week of making new friends and participating in a range of new experiences that wouldn’t normally be available to them.

National Marine Science Centre



Our first stop was at the National Marine Science Centre in Coffs Harbour. Here the students conducted a Sandy Shores ecology field trip in which they investigated the relationship between the non-living and living features of the beach environment. They sampled areas on the water’s edge and near the dunes to determine the types and numbers of living things in each location.

Wollomombi Falls

Next up, students had the opportunity to stretch their legs while they had a guided tour of the Wollomombi Falls area. Peter Berney from National Parks spoke to the students about the geological formation of the amazing network of gorges in the area, how they were used by Aboriginal Australians, and how valuable they are for native wildlife, in particular Rock Wallabies.





UNE - Armidale

On day two, we had a full day of activities with staff from UNE. Students donned lab coats and safety glasses so they could take on the role of a creative chemist.

In The Natural History Museum, students completed an “escape room” activity in which they needed to use a variety of cryptic clues to open a series of locked boxes.

Next, they went on a university tour to see what is on offer at UNE and some of the processes involved in enrolling and studying there. At the SMART Farm Innovation Centre, they learned about the role of technology in agriculture and completed pasture quality analysis.

To round out the day, they went on a guided bird watching tour of Imbota Nature Reserve.



White Rock Wind Farm

Wow! What a great experience! Not many people are lucky enough to get up close to these massive, awe-inspiring turbines, let alone walk inside the base of one. Students had a great time learning about the technical aspects of wind farms and electricity generation.



The Living Classroom - Bingara

The Night Crawl



Joined by local zoologist, Alex, we went on an adventure in the dark to spot local critters. This diverse environment is home to a large range of lizards, frogs, bugs, snakes and more. We were then treated to some of Alex's bush poetry.

Science, Culture and Fun



For the remainder of the time at Bingara, students took on the role of "crackpots" to develop their very own weird and wonderful crackpot theory, which they then presented on stage at the Roxy theatre, where they also enjoyed pizza, popcorn, and a movie.

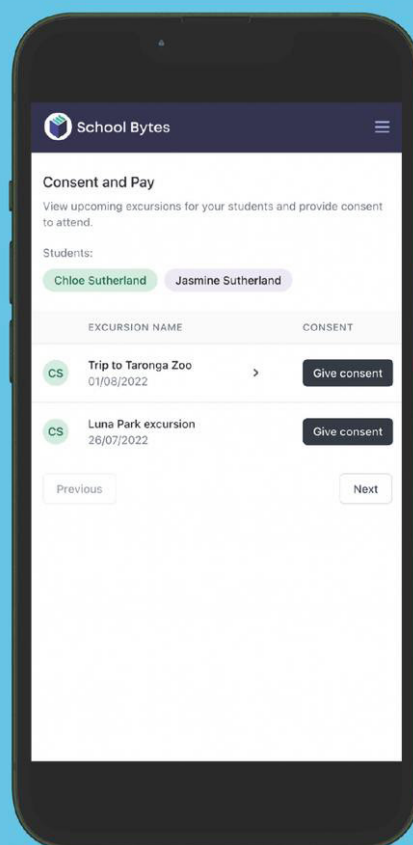
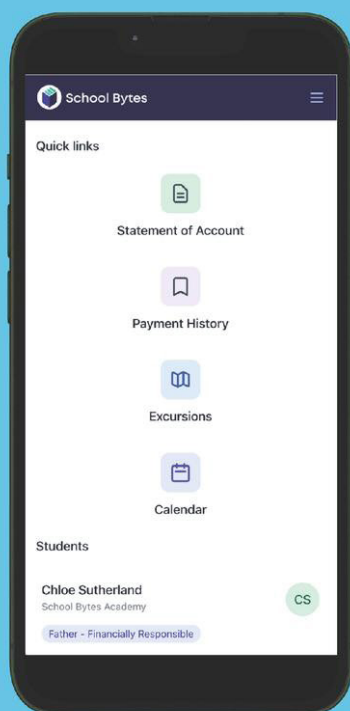
They had a session with local high school Science teacher, Scott Crispin, to perform some water analysis of a local waterway and view some of the organisms under a microscope. We also visited the Myall Creek Memorial Site, where we heard about the local massacre and the annual memorial activities that have been taking place at the site since the year 2000.





AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund



School Bytes

AVAILABLE DURING

TERM 3

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>





Compulsory school attendance

| Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

