

# NEWSLETTER



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## End of Year Presentation Assembly

Congratulations to all the students who received awards at our end of year presentation assembly this term. It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers and guest in attendance. A special thanks to our student leaders for 2025 who led the assembly, our Music students for their performances throughout the evening and our official party in attendance.

We wish you all a merry christmas and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in 2025!















# Principal Report

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the incredible year we have had. 2024 has been filled with remarkable achievements, significant growth in many areas across the school, and unforgettable experiences.

Throughout the year our teachers have worked tirelessly to create dynamic learning environments that foster curiosity, critical thinking and push our students to achieve their best. This is evident in the positive results from external assessments in NAPLAN, Check in and HSC where Kadina High Campus demonstrates continual growth in our students and reflects our commitment to academic excellence.

This year, we have celebrated numerous CAPA events that have brought our school community together. From our amazing CAPAFest showcasing the diverse talents of our creative and performing arts students, to the college stage 6 art exhibition at the Lismore Art Gallery where our senior students displayed their artworks, it has been a joy to see students express their creativity and passion.

Our sporting teams and individuals have also excelled, representing Kadina High Campus with pride in various competitions. There have been many wins and a few near misses. Each year our sporting achievements become stronger. Some highlights include:-

- Hadley Downton and Cooper Dendle representation at State Athletics
- Oscar Walsh selected in North Coast Waterpolo team and competing with the team at NSWCHS championships
- Isareli Cawa selected in North Coast basketball team and competing with the team at NSWCHS championships
- Rayah Townes, Shante Quigg Roberts, Jayda Evans, Akira Outerbridge, Lara Magner and Elias Downton selected in the Northern Rivers Volleyball team which competed at North Coast championships in Port Macquarie. Shante was chosen in the North Coast possibles vs probables match to potentially compete at State Championships.
- Abbie Painter has been selected in the Open Girls Rivers Netball team for 2025
- Large increase in Kadina students selected in and participating in representative sport in 2024

This year, our debating teams were reestablished showcasing their exceptional skills and commitment to excellence in public speaking and critical thinking. Under the guidance of our dedicated staff, our team participated in several competitions, where they demonstrated their ability to construct compelling arguments and engage in lively discussions. Their hard work and preparation highlighted their teamwork and resilience.

One of the many highlights of the year was our NAIDOC week activities and College NAIDOC day at Lismore High Campus. The events during that week featured Dance performances by our Ngaliingaa balun daa ngu dance group, traditional Indigenous games, and delicious First Nations food, and many more activities. It was a week where we celebrated and recognised the rich history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Throughout the year our students have engaged in various activities from academic pursuits to enriching extracurricular activities and embraced every opportunity to grow and excel. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our teachers, staff, parents, carers and students for your unwavering support and dedication throughout the year. Together, we have created a vibrant and nurturing environment that enables our students to thrive.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful holiday. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting new year at Kadina High Campus in 2025.

Regards,

Ph. 6624 3133 Kadina St, Goonellabah NSW 2480

Tracy McGrath - Principal



## CALENDAR

18 December

**Last day of Term 4**

31 January

**School Development Day**

3 February

**School Development Day**

4 February

**School Development Day**

5 February

**School Development Day**

6 February

**All students return for Term 1**

21 February

**Year 7 Vaccinations**

26 February

**School Photo Day**

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



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We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabal 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

Nicholas is the lucky winner of our Term 4 attendance laptop giveaway. Nicholas is a year 9 student with brilliant attendance and is a deserving winner. We hope you enjoy your new laptop, Nicholas!

Congratulations to all students who have worked hard to improve their attendance this term. Another laptop will be given away in Term 1, 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!**

# End of Term Breakfast Celebration

A special thanks to the parents, carers and guests who joined us this morning for our end of term breakfast. It was a huge success and wonderful to see so many people enjoying a chat over a hot cuppa! Have a great Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2025!



# CAPAFest 2024

On behalf of the entire CAPA crew, and staff, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for attending CAPAFest this term. Your support and enthusiasm helped make the performance truly special and memorable. It was wonderful to see such a full and excited audience, and we hope you enjoyed the show as much as we enjoyed bringing it to life. The dedication and hard work of our talented students were made even more rewarding by your attendance.

Thank you again for being part of this incredible experience. We are so grateful for your continued support of our students and our school community.



# Kadina High Students Bringing Indigenous Games to Local Primary Schools

## *Empowering the Next Generation Through Cultural and Physical Education*

In a heartwarming new initiative, Kadina High Campus students are stepping up to coach traditional Indigenous games in local primary schools, fostering a deeper understanding of cultural heritage and promoting physical activity among younger students.

The program, which is being rolled out in several primary schools in the region, sees Kadina High students acting as mentors and coaches, teaching younger students the traditional games that have been passed down through generations of Indigenous communities. This collaboration offers a unique opportunity for both groups, as high school students gain valuable peer leadership experience while primary school students learn firsthand about Indigenous cultures in an engaging and fun way.

The traditional games, many of which are designed to build agility, coordination, and teamwork, are being shared in the school setting. By participating in these games, students are not only getting active but also gaining a deeper appreciation for the diverse cultural traditions of Australia.

“The Kadina High students are playing an important role as cultural ambassadors, teaching their younger peers about the importance of these games, while also getting them to be active and work as a team,” said one of the program’s coordinators.

The initiative is not only about physical activity but also about creating an understanding of cultural diversity. By learning these games, primary school students are introduced to stories, traditions, and teachings from Indigenous communities that they may not have been exposed to otherwise. The Kadina High students, many of whom are from diverse backgrounds themselves, are learning about their shared history and identity through these cultural exchanges.

The partnership between Kadina High and local primary schools has also provided valuable peer leadership opportunities, as high school students learn how to communicate and teach younger children. For many, it’s a chance to develop confidence, leadership, and a deeper connection to the community.

One of the games being taught is "Gori," an exciting Indigenous game that encourages strategy and teamwork. Through these games, students not only get active but also learn the values of respect, collaboration, and cultural heritage.

With the success of the program, Kadina High Campus hopes to expand the initiative to more primary schools, ensuring that even more students have the opportunity to engage with and learn about Indigenous culture in a meaningful way.

As Kadina High students continue to coach these traditional games, they are helping to create a generation of students who are not only fit and active but also respectful, culturally aware, and more connected to the rich history of Indigenous Australia.

The program serves as a beautiful reminder of the power of sport and education to bring people together, bridge cultural divides, and foster a greater sense of community and understanding.



# Kadina Sport

## Cooper represents Kadina at the NSW All Schools Track and Field Championships

During the last school holidays, Cooper represented the school at the NSW All Schools Track and Field Championships.

He had an awesome meet with some tough and close competition and placed as follows;

-13 yrs Shot Put- 7th, 13.13mtrs

-13 yrs Discus- 10th, 34.89mtrs.

Cooper also represented FNC Baseball at the NSW Country Championships and the U14's came away as Champions. A few of Coopers team mates are from LHC. Well done, Cooper!



## Northern Rivers Zone Beach Volleyball Gala Day

This term, four Kadina teams competed in the Northern Rivers Zone Beach Volleyball Gala Day at Evans Head, and it was a fantastic experience for all. Our senior girls played a competitive match against Alstonville High School, ultimately losing in a three-set battle. The Junior boys team played well to make it to the semi-finals but were ultimately defeated by LHC.

We had two teams reach the grand finals: the Senior Boys faced a tough challenge from RRHC, going point for point throughout the game, narrowly losing by just two in a nail-biting 18-16 third set. Our Junior girls also advanced to the grand final, where they encountered a strong Casino High School team. Despite their exceptional performance, the strong winds proved to be an additional challenge, and they too lost by just two points 13-15 in the final set.

The dedication and effort of our Kadina students, who have been training diligently since Term 2 with Mrs Raz and Mr Hills, were evident throughout the day. These results represent a significant improvement over last year's event, and we look forward to continued growth and Kadina Beach Volleyball success in the future!



# Kadina High Campus V Kyogle High School, 14s boys Cricket Knockout

On an extremely hot day at Hepburn Park Kadina captains Aiden and Kaden won the toss and elected to bat. Opening pair Kydan and Jackson did their job and took the shine off the new ball. Kydan braved the heat for 20 overs, displaying focus, endurance and patience in trying conditions. Kyogle's bowlers had a good spell taking two quick wickets before captain Aiden steadied the innings making a match high total of 39 runs, including six 4s. Tyreece batted well in his first game of cricket. Cooper made a quick 18 runs including three 4s in a row to boost Kadina's run rate at the perfect time before Clifford (8 runs not out) and Kobi (13 runs not out) built a solid partnership to round out the innings total of 6-121 after 30 overs. Jacinta helped by scoring, setting up and supporting the team, while SLSO Barry umpired for both sides, a massive effort in the heat.

Aiden was tidy with the new ball and finished the day 2-16 (bowled / caught) from 6 overs. The boys fielded tirelessly and stopped many boundaries with strong chases. Jali and Felix were invaluable coming on as sub fielders when two players were exhausted. Cooper dropped a catch but then took one shortly after, role modelling perseverance to the team. Kaden took two vital wickets (caught and bowled / LBW) and Kobi in his first game of cricket bowled a Kyogle batsman. Samrat fielded well in his first game and Ratu and Griffin shared the wicket keeping responsibilities performing brilliantly in their first games of cricket. Kyogle finished the day 5-95 from 20 overs due to time constraints and Kadina was given the win. Well done everyone, next game is Kingscliff V Kadina in the semi-final.

Mr Lewis



# Mathematics and Zone/Regional Sports Awards Assembly

Congratulations to the students who were awarded at this terms Mathematics and Zone/Regional Sports awards assembly.

## Stage 4

- Olivia - Certificate of Credit
- Aiden - Certificate of Credit
- Hannah - Certificate of Proficiency
- Jackson - Certificate of Proficiency
- Jali - Certificate of Proficiency
- Enos - Certificate of Participation
- Michaela - Certificate of Credit
- Chloe - Certificate of Credit

## Stage 5

- Oden - Certificate of Proficiency
- Sage - Certificate of Proficiency
- Levi - Certificate of Proficiency
- Isireli - Certificate of Participation
- Levi - Certificate of Participation
- Lara - Certificate of Credit
- Thomas - Certificate of Proficiency
- Christian - Certificate of Proficiency
- Jayda - Certificate of Participation
- Luke - Certificate of Participation
- Chymis - Certificate of Participation

## Stage 6

- Max - Certificate of Proficiency
- Oscar - Certificate of Participation
- Zane - Certificate of Credit

Congratulations to the students that have represented Kadina High Campus or The Rivers Secondary College during 2024.







# North Coast Volleyball Championships

Congratulations to Jayda, Akira, Lara, Rayah, Shante, and Elias for representing the Northern Rivers Zone teams at the North Coast Volleyball Championships in Port Macquarie this term. Despite facing tough competition from experienced representative players, our students showed great determination and gave their best throughout the tournament. A special mention goes to Shante, who was selected to participate in the Possibles vs Probable's match to determine the players who will represent the North Coast region at the State Championships.

Well done to all of our Kadina students involved!



**At Kadina, we are creating a  
culture of student success**

This is evidenced by:

- ✓ Daily High Expectations
- ✓ High Attendance Rates
- ✓ Strong Partnerships with Parents/Carers
- ✓ Increased Student Wellbeing

# Kingscliff V Kadina T20 Knockout Semi-Final

After an early morning start and a trip up the highway, Kadina 14s Cricket Team arrived at Walter Peate Reserve to face Kingscliff High School in the T20 knockout semi-final. The captains from each side met and Kingscliff won the toss and elected to bat. The pitch was slippery under foot for our opening bowlers and Kingscliff's openers got on top early. Kobi got the breakthrough wicket with a catch from Cooper before Kydan got Kingscliff's top batsman out with a catch to Kaden on the final ball before drinks. With Kingscliff's captain coming out to bat, Aiden lead the side with maturity by calling the team to clap for Kingscliff's captain. CJ took two wickets after drinks with another catch to Kaden and an excellent catch from wicketkeeper Griffin before Aiden bowled another batsman, with Kingscliff finishing 5/169 as a light rain came over.

The rain cleared up and Kadina's opening pair went out to bat. Kingscliff's opening bowlers had a good spell taking multiple wickets early. Griffin batted bravely making his first runs in cricket. Kadina were 4/8 after the fifth over before Aiden went out to bat, steadying the innings and showing leadership under adversity. With only one wicket in hand, Aiden took control of the game, hitting multiple boundaries, including two 6s in a row, while also taking singles towards the end of the over to maintain strike. Jali was integral in building a solid partnership with Aiden, he ran tirelessly between the wickets and was steadfast in defence, finishing the innings not out, a huge achievement for his first time batting. Kadina finished all out for 65, going down by 104 runs, an effort to be very proud of as we build for next year's comp.

To cap off a good day, the team met Melbourne Storm captain Harry Grant on the way home.

Mr. Lewis



**T20 KNOCKOUT  
SEMI-FINAL**

**KINGSCLIFF VS KADINA**

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The graphic features a dark green background with a faint silhouette of a cricketer. At the top, the text 'T20 KNOCKOUT SEMI-FINAL' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, a photograph shows a group of seven young men, likely the Kadina team, standing in front of a large map. They are dressed in green and white cricket attire. To the left of the photo are three white chevrons pointing right. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text 'KINGSCLIFF VS KADINA' in bold black letters. Below the banner, there are three white chevrons pointing right and the website address 'www.kadina-h.schools.nsw.gov.au'.

# NSWCHS Water Polo Championships

During Week 7, Oscar from Kadina High Campus attended the NSWCHS Water Polo Championships in Woy Woy as part of the North Coast representative team. Oscar represented Kadina High Campus and the North Coast region with integrity, great sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the 4 days of competition. Each day, every match, all players improved and developed as a team, receiving multiple compliments from other regions for their teamwork and ability to show continued growth. As a coach, this is all you can ever ask for from your players. It was extremely pleasing to see the hard work and dedication that all players had put in over the last few months come together, producing an improved result from previous years for our region, 7th overall in New South Wales.

Mr J Galbraith  
North Coach Water Polo Convener



# Congratulations!

The following students have demonstrated the Kadina Values **Respect Responsible Ready** the most over 2024.

L-R: Christianna, Ruby, Chloe and Olivia.  
Oscar and Gwen were the lucky Year 11 and 12 winners (not pictured)



**ATTENTION  
PLEASE!**

**END OF YEAR IS FAST  
APPROACHING!**

## **IMPORTANT DATES!**

- Last day of Term 4 - **Wednesday 18th December 2024**
- Christmas Holidays - **Thursday 19th December 2024 - Wednesday 5th February 2025**
- All students return - **Thursday 6th February 2025**

## Year 7 Gala Day

Well done to the KHC students who participated at the Year 7 Gala Day this term which was held on home ground!



# Excursions

## Movie World



## Brospeak Camp 2024

Last Wednesday morning, seven of the Brospeak boys packed the bus and trailer and were off camping at Mibanbah – Black Rocks campground in Bundjalung National Park. We got to camp, the skies cleared and we were treated to the perfect camping weather. The boys set up camp in pairs and we were off down to the beach foraging for pipis, playing beach cricket, beach footy and metal detecting. After the afternoon activities the boys had an awesome feed and sat around the fire to eat.

Thursday morning, we woke up and had an awesome breakfast that consisted of bacon, eggs, baked beans and spaghetti. The creek was nice, cool and refreshing - a perfect way to cooldown from the sun and humidity - the Brospeak boys not wanting to leave and swimming for hours. We were treated to some awesome mud crabs, cooked up the pipis and had a seafood feast that the boys loved, nothing went to waste.

Friday morning was pack-up time. The boys did not want to leave asking if we could spend the weekend there. We enjoyed our last swim and lunch before heading back to camp while we waited to be picked up by the bus. The boys were exceptionally well behaved, responsible and mindful of other campers. We will definitely be doing more camping trips in the future.



## Year 6 into 7 Orientation Days

Kadina High Campus gave a very warm welcome to our year 7 cohort of 2025 at our high school orientation days this term. Students participated in team building activities and mini lessons in English, Music, TAS, PE, Science, Japanese, Art, Ag as well as going on a full school tour. They also enjoyed a sausage sandwich or two! We are looking forward to having the new year 7 students onboard in 2025!





## TRSC Captains Breakfast

The Rivers Secondary College School Captains, Principals, and Executive Principal enjoyed a celebration breakfast at La Baracca in Lismore recently. This special gathering provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to connect, get to know each other, and share their exciting ideas and plans for their captaincy year.



## Bake Sale Fundraiser

Fundraising for the 2025 Formal has already begun this term with a Christmas Bake Sale. Thank you to everyone who made a purchase, It was a huge success!



## Senior Jersey On Sale Now

Attention Year 10 parents and carers

Senior Jerseys \$90

Preferred payment method is via Schoolbytes (this can be in instalments)

Full payment is due by 17 Feb 2025. Orders will then be processed.

Please call the office on 6624 3133 for assistance/information on payment and refer to the invoice received when ordering for further information.

**Senior Jersey \$90**



## Cafe K

Year 11 Hospitality students finished the year by opening Cafe K. Students worked on creating a menu with a range of items for staff to purchase and offered dine-in and take-away options.

This event provided real world experience on how to work as a team in a simulated workplace environment.

Student comments:-

Bree – It was fun and a great learning experience.

Sean – this experience was an exciting and new experience for the Hospitality class

Max – it was a good experience for our hospitality class

Reuben – good new experience of cooking on a deadline and trying to line drinks up together

Kiera – This was a lovely opportunity for our hospitality class to show our efforts throughout the year.

Beatrice – This was a great way to show our skills that we have learnt throughout the year



# Remembrance Day

Kadina High Campus captains gathered to pay their respects for Remembrance Day on November 11 by attending services at North Lismore Memorial and the Lismore Memorial Baths, followed by a formal assembly at the Kadina campus. It's important for our young leaders to participate in such ceremonies as it helps preserve the history and significance of remembrance.



## Year 7 Debate Team

Congratulations to our year 7 Debate Team who won their final round against Maclean High today! Hannah led the charge, arguing against the case that all kids caught cyberbullying should be banned for one year from all computers and devices. Olivia presented a blistering rebuttal, Sasha wrapped the debate up with a powerful closing summary and Phoenix supported the team in her advisory role.

Well done Kadina Debate Team!



## Future Peer Leaders

A group of our Year 10 students were trained as Peer Leaders this week in preparation to lead small groups of our incoming Year 7 students in weekly structured sessions in 2025 and to support our orientation groups in the coming weeks. The Peer Support program is supported by research and offers a best practice approach to equip students with the skills and tools to build strong relationships and positively navigate life. The program has contributed to building positive school culture at Kadina in 2024 and we look forward to seeing the success of the program continue with our amazing student leaders and younger students in 2025.

Mrs Rasborek and Ms Florey Peer Support Coordinators



## North Cost National Lismore Show Ag Team

Another show season has come to an end. Students from Kadina High Campus have dedicated the last 12 months of their time during recess and lunch to working with and preparing the school's Angus cattle for exhibition at the local shows. Over 3 weeks of shows the students have worked together to exhibit our cattle and have faced challenges and stiff competition the whole way.

Junior paraders competitions are always fierce, with the whole focus being placed on the students with judging taking place around the presentation of the students and how they handle and work with their animal. This year's competitions saw a resurgence in the number of competitors at all shows, there were over 200 entrants at Lismore alone. It is always difficult to step into the public eye and put yourself on display, all the students on the show team have done so on multiple occasions this season. The students have gained invaluable experience along with tips and tricks from the judges and stewards to continue to grow as junior paraders.

Our cattle performed well across the shows this year. There was formidable competition from local producers and the other schools in the region. The students have gained further and valuable insights into what it takes to produce and maintain quality animals year-round. Smaller shows like Casino and Alstonville will have their cattle exhibited in three sections; British, European and Bos Indicus, while Lismore will break these sections into individual breed classes. Kadina opened its show season with a tough outing at Casino. The competition in the British breeds was of a very high quality across all age groups and we came with a 3rd placing in the Female 12 and under 16-month age group.

Lismore show saw competition against other Black Angus producers, where we again came away with a 3rd in the Female 12 and under 16-month age group. Kadina placed 2nd and 3rd in the Female 24 and under 30-month age group at Lismore show.

Alstonville was the last show of the season, where competition again moved back into all British breeds together. Our heifer 'Tia' placed 1st in the 24 and under 30-months age group and was then further judged to be the British Senior Female Champion. This is a great achievement for the show team as Tia was reserve senior champion at Alstonville in 2023.

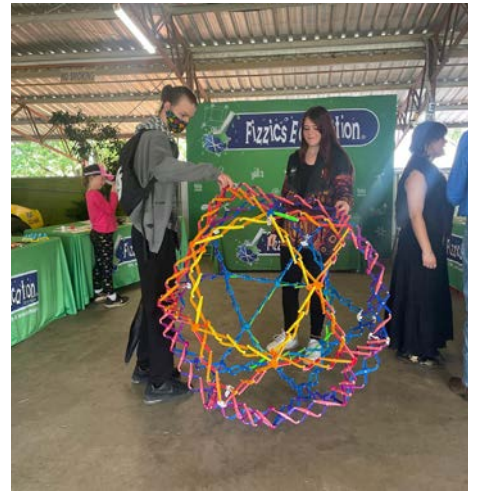
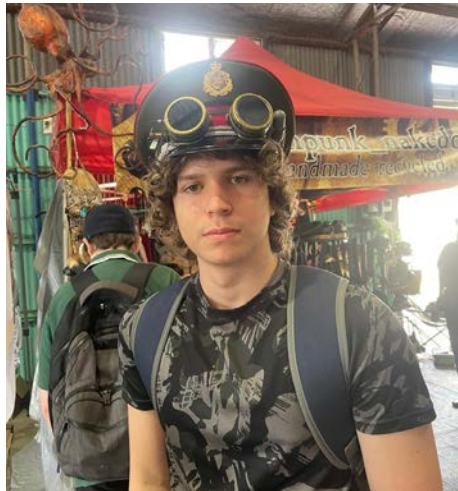
The students of the show team are to be congratulated on their effort and dedication throughout the year for all their hard work in preparing and exhibiting the cattle. A massive thankyou is also extended to Casino Show Society Inc, North Coast National, and Alstonville Agricultural Show for running these events and providing the opportunities for the students and young people of the region to be involved and develop the skills to become the future of the agriculture industry in Australia.

Mr Witchard





# Support Hub Students had a great time at the Lismore Show!





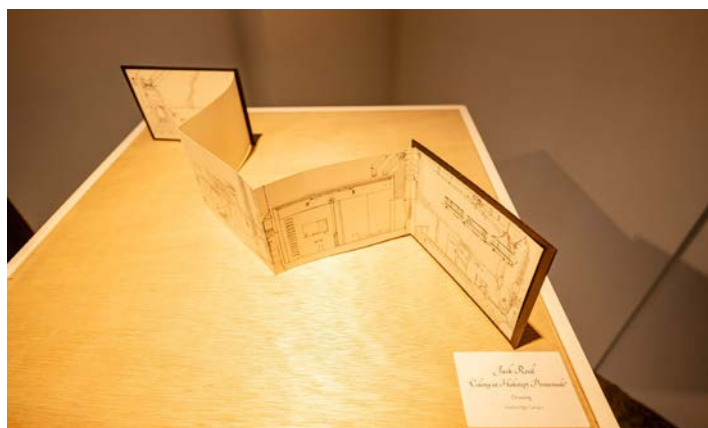
# The Rivers Secondary College HSC Showcase

The Rivers Secondary College HSC Showcase: A Celebration of Talent and Creativity  
Earlier this term, Year 12 Creative Arts students from The Rivers Secondary College had the incredible opportunity to exhibit their outstanding bodies of work at the prestigious Lismore Regional Gallery. This event was a celebration of artistic talent, dedication, and achievement, bringing together students, families, friends, and the wider community to honor their creative journeys.

The evening was a resounding success, with attendees admiring the diverse range of artworks on display. The highlight of the event was the presentation of awards. Congratulations to Elanor Gibson from Kadina High Campus, who received the People's Choice Award for her captivating work, *Current of Tranquillity*, and to Hilde Andreasen from Richmond River High Campus, who was honored with the Executive Principal's Award for her exquisite piece, *Tea for One, Fill Your Cup*.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the P&C associations for their generous support and to Lismore Regional Gallery for providing such an inspiring platform for our students to shine.

The HSC Showcase is a testament to the exceptional talent and hard work of our students, and we are immensely proud of their achievements.



# PDHPE 2024

The PDHPE faculty has had a fun and productive year, filled with engaging activities, collaboration, and positive outcomes for both staff and students. This year has not only been about achieving academic goals but also about building a strong sense of community.

Our elective classes, including Physical Activity and Sports Studies, Child Studies, Exploring Early Childhood, Sports, Lifestyle and Recreation and Preliminary and HSC PDHPE, have been truly awesome this year. These courses have offered students hands-on, engaging experiences that go beyond the classroom, providing valuable skills and knowledge in areas like sports science, child development, and health education. We're proud of the enthusiasm and dedication they've shown throughout the year.

Students from Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood and Year 10 Child studies getting some valuable hands-on experience.



Students enjoying OzTag for Wednesday sport.

Year 11 SLR students assisting with Goonellabah Public Schools Athletics carnival.





Year 8 students enjoying volleyball during a practical PDHPE lesson.

# SPORT 2024

## School Carnivals, Zone, North Coast, CHS and National Representation

We were thrilled to successfully host all of our scheduled sport carnivals this year, which were filled with fun, competition, and gave our students the chance to showcase the incredible sporting talent we have at Kadina.

Our swimming carnival took place at the newly reopened Lismore Memorial Baths, a fantastic venue for such an event. The athletics carnival was held right here on campus, making full use of our excellent school grounds and sporting facilities. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't in our favor for the cross country event, leading to its cancellation, but we're hopeful for better conditions next year!

In swimming we had Miles, Daisy, Obi and Oscar compete at the Zone Carnival. In Athletics Olivia, Cooper, Miles, Akira, Hadley, Charlie and Chloe sailed through to Regionals with Cooper even qualifying for NSW CHS State. All of our Athletes are commended for their incredible commitment to sport and proud representation of Kadina High Campus at all of these events.



Cooper at regional athletics in Kingscliff



School athletics carnival



Zone cross country held at Evans Head

## Kadina/Rivers sporting teams

This year, Kadina High Campus and The Rivers Secondary College proudly participated in a wide range of Combined High School sports. Competitions in sports such as touch football, basketball, soccer, rugby union, rugby league, volleyball, and many others provided our students with the chance to represent both their school and the combined campus. These events not only highlighted the exceptional talent within our student body but also served as a stepping stone for individuals and teams to progress to higher levels of competition.



Rivers Open Girls soccer



Rivers Opens Girls Netball



Rivers opens girls/boys volleyball teams



River's under 16's rugby union team



Kadina under 14's futsal team



Kadina under 15's basketball team



Kadina under 15's netball team

## Kadina weekly sport program

This year, we offered a diverse range of sports in our weekly sport program, including futsal, basketball, volleyball, dance, walking, archery, theatre sports, table tennis, lawn bowls, Oztag, and Year 7 swimming. We've even introduced mountain biking to our busy schedule of sports, thanks to some of our wonderful staff becoming accredited to run the program, which has been a hit with students. Our Wednesday sport program has provided students with valuable opportunities to embrace a healthy, active lifestyle while participating in a variety of sports that they may not have had access to otherwise. Sport plays a crucial role in developing skills and creating pathways for our students to become involved in both Kadina and TRSC representative sporting teams.



Wednesday sport



Wednesday mountain biking

## Programs

In 2024, Kadina sport has proudly offered several specialized programs to support our students' development. One of these was the Year 7 Survival Swim Program, where students practiced a range of survival and swimming techniques aimed at improving their water safety skills. They also participated in aquatic-based games, which helped boost their confidence in the water. Additionally, we attended the North Coast Academy of Sport Indigenous Athlete Talent Identification Workshop, where some of our ATSI students were successfully selected to participate in the ongoing program—a fantastic achievement for them and our school community.



Hazron, Orlando, Janeeka and Shante at the NCAS indigenous talent identification day held at SCU



Teachers vs Students Oztag





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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department of Education will begin works on our new car park which will be located where the current visitor and temporary car park is. These works are scheduled to begin in mid-January and will continue throughout Term 1.

Due to these works, we will have limited parking available during Term 1 due to the loss of the visitor and temporary car parks. There will also be limited access around these spaces due to construction fencing enclosing the work area. As a result of this if you drop your child off or pick them up each day, we ask that you drop off and pick up at the front of the school and the students walk up the driveway to avoid traffic congestion.

I understand that this may cause some disruption while the works are underway, but I assure you that once completed, we will have a more functional driveway and a car park with an additional 45 car spaces.

I will continue to keep you updated with any new information as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

Regards

Tracy McGrath

Principal



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Dear students

The NSW Department of Education is making an important change to help keep our students safe online, reduce the risk of cyber threats and make sure your student email accounts are used for their intended educational purposes only.

#### **What's happening**

Starting Day 1 Term 4, you won't be able to use your student email address to sign up for, or recover access to any social media, gaming, instant messaging or similar accounts.

#### **What you need to do**

If you have signed up for a social media, gaming, instant messaging or similar account using your student email address, please change to a personal email address on each platform by Sunday 13 October to make sure you don't lose access to the account. Here's how:

1. Log in to each account.
2. Go to the account settings and update your email address to a personal one. Add a mobile number too, if you haven't already.

#### **Why this is happening**

The department is making this change to ensure all student accounts are being used for their educational purposes, and to help protect you from risks online. Using your personal email address for these platforms instead of your student email address reduces the chances of someone gaining access to information in your school account.

Regards

Tracy McGrath

Principal

# Bushfire danger period information for parents and carers



## Factsheet

This factsheet provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the bushfire danger period.

The NSW Department of Education has engaged external experts to conduct assessments of all NSW government schools, to identify schools at greater risk of impact from bushfires.

To support the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff, the department, in consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), will direct the school to temporarily cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for your school's NSW fire area. Alternative learning arrangements will be put in place for these days.

Schools may be directed by the department to become non-operational at any time based on advice from emergency services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.



### What is a Fire Danger Rating?

Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a fire start. The ratings are determined by a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought.

For further information on the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, visit [rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon](https://rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon)

### Fire Danger Rating sign





## When will I know if my child's school has been made non-operational?

At approximately 4:00pm each day the Fire Danger Rating is issued for the following day. This means that schools, including onsite preschools, will be notified after school hours that it will be non-operational the following day. Your school will notify you as soon as possible by the preferred method of communication.

### Parents and carers are requested to:

- provide up-to-date home and after-hours contact details to your school
- stay up-to-date with news and local media through the bushfire danger period.



## NSW School Updates app

Get the free NSW School Updates app to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools [education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app](https://www.education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app)



## What education arrangements will be in place if the school is non-operational?

When non-operational, your school will advise of alternative learning arrangements, including any relocation or learning from home plans.



## Learn more

Be prepared and ensure you have a bushfire survival plan in place. The NSW RFS has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bushfire season.

Consider whether your home is safe from bushfires and grassfires, and be prepared to relocate to a safer place well in advance. Find more information and resources from the NSW RFS [rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare](https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare)

We appreciate your cooperation during the bushfire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bushfire danger period, please refer to [NSW Rural Fire Service rfs.nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au/rural-fire-service)

The department's School Safety website [education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety](https://www.education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety) provides up to date information during bushfires and grassfire emergencies.

Please contact your school with any additional questions.



# 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.