

NEWSLETTER

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ANZAC Assembly

Staff and students came together today for our official ANZAC Day Assembly to honor the courage, sacrifice, and spirit of those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Special thanks to Flight Lieutenant Graham Orams who spoke at our assembly of the great courage of the ANZACs who served our country. Their selflessness, bravery, and unwavering commitment in the face of unimaginable hardships have shaped the very foundation of our nation.

Thanks again to staff, students, and guests for attending and for helping us celebrate and honor the ANZACs and all who have served.



CALENDAR

11 April

Last day of Term 1

19 April

**Bluesfest High School
Showcase - Byron Bay**

25 April

ANZAC Day March

28 April

**School Development Day
(pupil free day)**

29 April

**School Development Day
(pupil free day)**

30 April

**First day of Term 2 for all
students**

2 May

SRC Induction Assembly

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 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

Farren is the lucky winner of our Term 1 laptop giveaway. Farren is a year 11 student with brilliant attendance and is a deserving winner. We hope you enjoy your new laptop, Farren!

Congratulations to all students who have worked hard to improve their attendance this term. Another laptop will be given away in Term 2, 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!**

Principal Report

As Term 1 comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity to celebrate the many successes of our students, teachers, and school community. It has been an exciting and productive term, filled with learning, growth, and achievements in all areas of Kadina High Campus.

I have been incredibly proud to see our students engage in their learning, participate in extracurricular activities and challenge themselves to continually improve. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or in creative pursuits, our students continue to impress with their commitment to excellence.

A few highlights from this term include:

- Our students have worked hard to develop their skills and knowledge across all subject areas, with many excelling in their first assessments for the year.
- Years 7 and 9 completed NAPLAN testing for 2025 and are awaiting their results.
- Harmony Day special Breakfast Club and activities.
- The College Widjabal Wiyabal Dreaming Program started.
- Our sporting teams and students have been thriving, with students participating in various sporting activities. A huge shout-out to our Rivers Volleyball team for their outstanding performance this term and to Cooper Dendle who secured his spot in the NSW team to represent his State in the U15's Shot Put at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Perth. Other students who have performed to a high standard and made North Coast teams include: Isireli Cawa (NC Basketball), Shante Quigg-Roberts & Rayah Townes (Upper North Coast Open Girls Rugby League), Janeeka Smith (Upper North Coast Under 16s Rugby League). Congratulations to all our students who have represented Kadina High Campus in various sports this term.
- I want to recognize our year 12 students and their dedicated teachers Ms Jude, Ms Murphy and Ms Rasborsek who at short notice planned and organised meals to be sold for our students when our canteen was closed unexpectedly. Because of their efforts students still had access to purchase food and drinks. Year 12 were also able to use this as a fundraising opportunity for their final year at Kadina High Campus.
- Kadina Creates Assembly where we celebrated the success and achievements of Kadina High Campus students.

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and restful break. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for another fantastic term ahead!

Regards,

Tracy McGrath - Principal



Kadina High Campus car park works completed May 2025.

End of Term Breakfast Celebration & Year 7 Meet the Teachers Combined Event

A special thanks to the parents, carers and guests who joined us for our end of term breakfast celebration and Year 7 Meet the Teachers event. It was a huge success and wonderful to see so many people enjoying a chat over a hot cuppa and breakfast roll. We look forward to another one next term to discuss all the exciting events that happen in Term 2.



Kadina High Campus Cross Country Event – Lennox Head

Students from Kadina High Campus recently participated in the annual Cross Country event, held at Lennox Head. While the weather appeared uncertain at the outset, it did little to dampen the enthusiasm or enjoyment of the day.

The course led students from the Lennox Headland to the Lennox Surf Club. Students displayed excellent determination and sportsmanship throughout the event, representing the school with pride.

Following the completion of the run, students and staff were treated to a vibrant performance by several Kadina High Campus students, who entertained the crowd from the balcony of the surf club. The day concluded with recreational activities including a swim in Lake Ainsworth and various beach games, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Sincere thanks are extended to Mr Condon for his outstanding organisation of the event. Congratulations are also in order for all Age Champions, whose efforts and achievements were a highlight of the day.



Kadina High Campus Swimming Carnival Event – Kyogle Pool

Kadina made a big splash at this year's Swimming Carnival, held at the Kyogle Pool. It was a fantastic day filled with vibrant house spirit, competitive races, and lots of fun in and out of the water.

Students dived into the action with enthusiasm, participating in a wide range of events, from serious sprints to entertaining house scrambles. One of the highlights of the day was the much-anticipated Year 12 vs Teachers relay race. The crowd was on the edge of their seats as the race came down to the wire, with the teachers just managing to edge out the Year 12s in an exhilarating finish!

House pride was on full display throughout the day. Congratulations to Fraser, who were crowned House Champions for 2025! They were followed closely by Newcombe, Bradman, and Cuthbert.

A special shout-out also goes to our Age Champions, Grant, Daisy, Blayze, Abbie, Kaden, Ella, Orlando, Lara, Miles, Akira and Oscar who gave outstanding performances and showed incredible determination in the pool.

All had a memorable day and we are already looking forward to next year's carnival!



Kadina Creates Term 1 Assemblies

This term, we held our first Kadina Creates Assembly for 2025. At our assembly we acknowledged and celebrated our students who have achieved 90% attendance or above. Students who have achieved 100% attendance received a \$20 voucher and each of the students with above 90% attendance went into a ballot with the winner receiving a new laptop! This terms winner was Farren in Year 11.

We also rewarded students for their positive behaviours. We are committed to demonstrating that we are ready for learning, demonstrating respect and being responsible for our actions. Students are also awarded points through roll call and classes from their teachers.

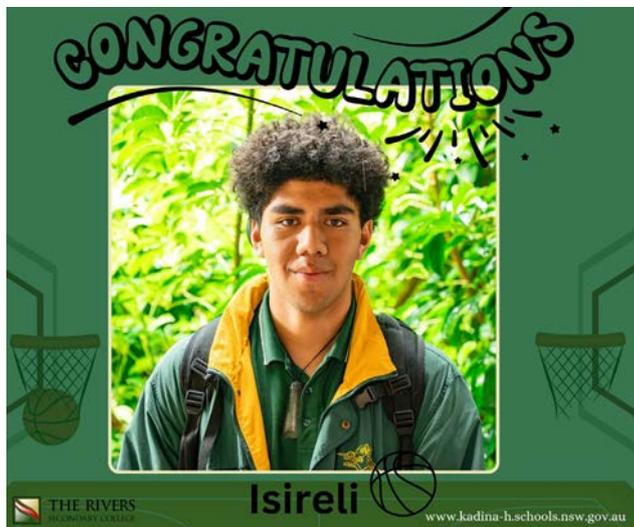
Thank you to everyone who attended our Kadina Creates Assembly for Term 1. We look forward to celebrating again with you in Term 2 at our next Kadina Creates assembly!



Kadina Sporting Success

Isireli Cawa (NC Basketball), Shante Quigg-Roberts & Rayah Townes (Upper North Coast Open Girls Rugby League), Janeeka Smith (Upper North Coast Under 16s Rugby League).

Congratulations to all our students who have represented Kadina High Campus in various sports this term.



Cooper competes at the Australian Junior Championships in Perth

This week, Cooper competed at the Australian Junior Championships in Perth, in the U15 Men's Shot Put and came 5th. He threw consecutive PB's and ended up with a throw of 13.40mtrs.

Cooper now has a National ranking of 5th in U15 Men's Shot Put and we cannot be any prouder and cannot wait to see what awaits him next.

Please see photos below featuring Cooper with his Coach, Don (Grandpa) and one of his training partners, Aaliyah.



Wheelchair Sports NSW

Brendon Talbott from Wheelchair Sports NSW visited Year 11 and Year 12 students to deliver an engaging and insightful presentation on road safety, disability awareness, and the importance of physical activity and sport. As someone living with a disability, Brendon shared his personal experiences, providing students with a deeper understanding of the challenges and resilience required in everyday life. Following the presentation, students had the opportunity to participate in a game of Wheelchair Basketball, allowing them to experience firsthand what it is like to navigate and play sport in a wheelchair. This unique experience not only broadened students' perspectives but also gave them a greater appreciation for adaptive sports and the determination of individuals living with disabilities. Students expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to learn and engage in such an impactful activity.

Thank you, Brendon!



The Rivers Secondary College Open Girls Volleyball Team 2025 Zone Champions

The Rivers Secondary College Open Girls Volleyball team are the 2025 Zone Champions after an outstanding performance at the Zone Volleyball Gala Day, held at Evans Head.

The team kicked off the day with a strong 2-0 victory over the Evans Rivers girls team in a competitive first match. In the finals, they faced a determined Casino girls team, and despite a challenging back-and-forth contest, TRSC girls showcased their experience, exceptional teamwork, and skill to secure another impressive 2-0 win.

We are incredibly proud of how the girls conducted themselves both on and off the court, demonstrating not only excellent volleyball tactics and technical skills but also displaying an inspiring sense of sportsmanship and pride in representing The Rivers Secondary College.

Next, the team will compete against the winners of the Far North Coast Zone competition. A huge congratulations to all teams involved, and a special thanks to Evans River for hosting the event and to Mrs. Larrecsy for her role in convening the competition. Well done once again to The Rivers Secondary College Open Girls Volleyball team!

Rachael Rasborsek
TRSC Opens Girls Volleyball coach



TRSC Triumphs at Northern Rivers Zone Indoor Volleyball Championships

This term, students from The Rivers Secondary College (TRSC) travelled to Evans River High School to represent our college at the Northern Rivers Zone Indoor Volleyball Championships. Our boys' team demonstrated exceptional skill and determination, competing against strong opponents across three challenging matches.

A hard-fought three-set semi-final victory against Casino High School secured our place in the final against Kyogle High School. In an outstanding display of teamwork and leadership, our team claimed the championship title with a dominant 2-0 win in straight sets.

We are incredibly proud of the players' dedication, leadership, and team chemistry. We now look forward to the next stage of competition, where we will face the winning team from the FNC Zone. Congratulations to all involved!

Josh Galbraith
Rivers Boys' Volleyball Coach



Excursions

Year 7 Camp - Lake Ainsworth

Yr 7 students enjoyed an overnight camp at Lake Ainsworth-Lennox Head earlier this term. Students spent an afternoon hanging out at the beach, swimming and Kayaking in Lake Ainsworth, before going back to the camp to participate in a variety of team building and trust activities. The camp is designed to encourage a cohesive year group and provide a smoother transition into high school. Due to the frontal rain that hit the north coast ahead of Cyclone Alfred, we had to adjust the camp itinerary. On Day two of the camp students spent the morning relaxing in their cabins and enjoying the facilities of Camp Drewe before finally spending the afternoon at the GSAC.



Year 8 HSIE - Medieval Europe

Year 8 Students have been studying Medieval Europe in History this term. Their Assessment task involved creating a historically accurate model that represents an aspect of Medieval Europe. Many students chose to make a Medieval castle, weapon or siege engine.



Year 6 into Year 7 2026 Information Evening

Special thanks to the parents and carers who joined us this this term for our Year 6 into Year 7 2026 Information session. It was wonderful to see such a large turnout of families for this important event despite the declining weather. Families were introduced to school staff and given a guided tour by our school leaders of our school and its facilities, followed by some delicious food prepared by Mrs. Murphy in our Hospitality Kitchen.



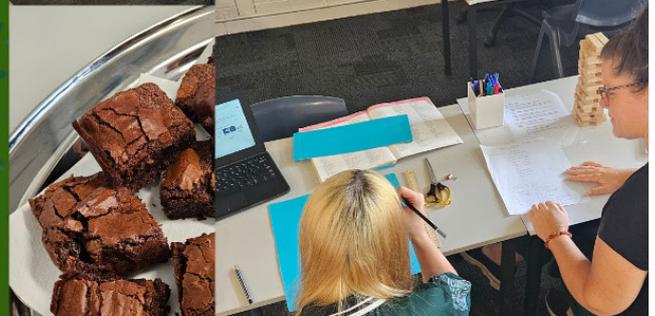
GARIMA CENTRE NEWS

Term 1 has kicked off strongly at Kadina High Campus, with students enthusiastically engaging with the Garima Centre.

The Garima Centre's mission is to assist Kadina students in their learning across all subjects while enhancing their educational outcomes and attendance. The Garima Centre offers small group tuition and one on one supports. To date, the Centre has provided support to 13 students and their teachers in completing classwork, assignments, and exams.

Additionally, the Centre offers extracurricular activities that allow students to explore different subjects in a unique learning environment. As illustrated in the images below, two students took part in cooking activities to deepen their understanding of Maths and Science. They explored concepts such as measurement, fractions, ratios, temperature, chemical reactions, problem-solving skills, and food preparation.

We eagerly anticipate maintaining this positive momentum in term 2 and continuing to support Kadina High students in achieving their goals and unlocking their full potential.



Bugalbee (thankyou), Garima Team

Artist: Gordon Landsen Milyindirri was a Gudanji man from Borroloola in the Gulf of Carpentaria, Northern Territory.

International Women's Day

Last month, the Bronco's Student Support Officers Darcy and Angelique arranged a belated morning tea to celebrate International Women's Day. This was for our Year 10, 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls, who are enrolled in the Broncos program across The Rivers Secondary Colleges.

We were honoured to have Aunty Charlotte Williams who did the Welcome to Country and shared some of her amazing life story. Naomi Moran the NSW Treaty Commissioner then spoke to the girls about being proud and strong in their cultural identity and supporting each other through "TIDDAHOOD". Naomi gave each of the girls and our guests a coffee cup to encourage our girls to sit down and have a yarn with their support networks over a cuppa.

Thank you to our special guests, staff and students for attending our special event.

Thanks, Angelique and Darcy.



School Holiday Events

Bluesfest Local Area High School Showcase

Students from Kadina High Campus will be performing at this years Byron Bay Bluesfest event being held on Saturday 19th April from 11.30am at the Jambalaya tent. Our students are excited to perform for a live audience, so please come along and support our talented students.



The Rivers Secondary College ANZAC Day Services

At 5am the traditional Dawn Service will be held at the Lismore Cenotaph, following the March from the "Old Post Office Corner" on the corner of Magellan and Molesworth Streets. As a longstanding tradition, former students and choir members are welcome to join the choir for the Dawn Service.

The College Principal along with campus captains, will attend the North Lismore Memorial service at 8am, the place where soldiers boarded a train taking them to the battle fields of Europe in 1914.

We invite students to join The Rivers Secondary College in the main March mustering from 8.30am and departing Browns Creek Carpark at 9am, proceeding along Molesworth Street to the Lismore Memorial Baths, followed by the ANZAC Day commemorative service at the Lismore Cenotaph. Students are requested to wear full school uniform and bring a hat and water.



The poster features a background of a large red poppy flower and a cenotaph. The text is arranged as follows:

THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE
Anzac Day
ON APRIL 25

- DAWN SERVICE: LISMORE CENOTAPH AT 5.00AM
- NORTH LISMORE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT 8.00AM
- MAIN MARCH AT 9.00AM

At the bottom, a group of eleven students in school uniforms (green jackets and black shorts/skirts) are standing in a line.



THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE

The heart of secondary education for Lismore

2025 SRC LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

6 & 7 MAY 2025

SRC Leaders are invited to participate in a 2-day workshop at Lismore South Public School, facilitated by The Character Builders Team. Students will engage in a range of activities promoting inclusion, team building, role modelling, peer organisation, student voice and personal excellence.





HIGH SCHOOL GAME CHANGER CHALLENGE 2025

Open to years 7 - 11

Are you ready to be a game changer?

Solve real problems

Workshops and design sprints

GRAND FINAL
TERM 4 IN PARRAMATTA

For more Information or to Register:
KHC: Mrs Fitzpatrick or Mr. Witchard
LHC: Mr Sellar, Mr Hartley or the RASE Office
RRHC: Mrs Seccombe



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.