



Return to School

Preparing students for a COVID-safe return to school from Monday 13th September

The current restrictions in Coffs Harbour LGA will be eased as planned from 12:01am on Saturday 11 September 2021, meaning Toormina High School will move to operating under Level 3 conditions as part of our COVID-safe return to school roadmap.

This means all our students will be expected back for face-to-face learning on site. The best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we are looking forward to welcoming back our staff and students for the remainder of this term.

This time will be invaluable in re-establishing relationships and reconnecting as a class and school community. Here's what our families and student can expect when returning to school sites under COVID-safe Level 3 conditions:

- Staff will be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors while on school grounds.
- Students Year 7 and above will also be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors on school grounds
- We will reduce overall mingling of our different student years which means no school assemblies or sport (outside of existing PDHPE classes), excursions or field trips.
- Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check-in and wear masks at all times.
- Canteens are open with appropriate hygiene measures in place.
- Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds and follow physical distancing and avoid gathering for drop-offs and pick-ups.
- There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure classrooms will be well-ventilated with open windows.
- Before and After School Care will be available on site following COVID-safe plans.

We have worked closely with NSW Health in developing our return to school roadmap and COVID-safe school plan. NSW Health will continue to monitor vaccination rates and transmission levels in our LGA and will advise us if settings need re-evaluation.

We are continuing to work closely with NSW Health and other relevant authorities to support our school staff to receive 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccination by 8 November. This will help protect our staff and students.

All students are expected - and will be supported - to return to school for face-to-face learning. While I know this may be an uncertain time for some students and parents I do encourage you to get in touch with us directly and visit the Wellbeing for students and families page for support materials.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing our students and staff back in the classrooms.





Paul Humphrey
Principal








Student Leadership Executive Team

The voting for our Student Leadership Executive Team for 2022 is now open. An email has been sent to all Year 11 students with details on how to vote using the Google Form. Staff and Year 11 students will be voting for their top three males and top three female nominees. Voting is open until 12pm Wednesday 15th. It is a very strong field this year and I am looking forward to seeing who we get as our Captain, Vice Captain and Prefects.

We will be opening the applications for the junior years next term and voting will commence for Years 7-10, Junior AECG, Distance Education and Support Unit representatives by Week 4 of next term.

B Thornton, Student Leadership Executive Team Coordinator

Name	Photo	What do you believe are the values you must demonstrate as a leader of Toormina High School?
Hayden O'Rourke		Respect, kindness, collaboration, integrity, honesty, communication and the PBL values of Safe, Respectful learners are all crucial to represent Toormina High School as a leader.
Jacob Fuller		No Fighting Follow staff instructions Help others
Jake Simpson		The values I believe in are honesty integrity and courage. Maybe a slight bit of humour. In all seriousness vote for my actions not what I say.
Mitchell Hickey		I believe as a leader you must always demonstrate how to behave, to do this we need to be a role model for all students within Toormina High School. You must demonstrate what a safe, respectful learner is.

Name	Photo	What do you believe are the values you must demonstrate as a leader of Toormina High School?
Casey Cowgill		I believe the values are being a kind and helpful student that will set a good example for the younger years to look up to.
Cora Bishop		I believe that being a leader at Toormina High School will enable me to make a difference at our school and in our society I will be available to help all students from year 7 – year 12. When they need it I am a responsible person and uphold Toormina High School core values safe, respectful, learners.
Ja-lissa Simpson		Following and respecting the school rules of safe respectful learners and setting an example as a representative of Toormina High School.
Katie Homes		I must lead by example and display responsible and respectful behaviours. It's important to care about the school and school community and encourage others in every aspect of school life. Being approachable by others at any time and trying my best in everything I do.
Lainey Shaw		Live life to the fullest and always with a smile. Encourage and celebrate those around me.
Molly Ward		Positive attitude, always learn and grow both academically and in life, question and listen to understand, trustworthy, open to change, be a driver of change when necessary, and lead by example by demonstrating school values and rules.
Phylicia Stock		I believe the values that you must show as a leader at Toormina High School are trust, reliability and responsibility. As leader you must have good communication skills with teachers and fellow peers and be a role model for other students to follow. They must also take pride in their school and encourage other students to do the same and also follow the school's PBL values which are Safe, Resectful, Learners.

Year 7 students wrote a speech on someone they admire,

‘‘A true hero isn't measured by their strength, but by the size of their heart’’.

People think heroes have superpowers and wear capes, but the real heroes are the ones that have time to teach and inspire you.

For this reason, I chose my scout leader Shane. He is a big bloke, but his heart is bigger still and he is my hero.

I have known Shane for the last 7 years and he is just awesome. In these tough times, we teenagers, especially, need powerful mentors and Shane is definitely one of those.

Firstly, Shane gives up his time every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday to teach a large group of us scouts, cubs, and venturers. Shane has a full-time job and a huge family, but he always volunteers his time every week.

Secondly, Shane is a great motivator and always challenges us. For example, if we are doing an activity that we might find hard, Shane is always there to encourage us to do our best and never give up.

Thirdly, I think Shane is an amazing teacher. For instance, he has a lot of patience when teaching us new skills such as tying knots, building, and challenging activities. Shane always has the time to listen to us and always has a positive attitude, I have a lot of respect for him.

Also, he gives up a lot of weekends throughout the year to take us all camping and on exciting adventures. He puts in a lot of time and effort into everything we do. He brings out the best in us.

Without a doubt, this is what a true hero is all about and for these reasons, this is why Shane is a remarkable hero and this is why we need more Shanes in this world.

Tim Chibeba

Swamp wallaby visits



Support Unit students were given access to 2 Motion Sensor cameras provided by Coffs Harbour City Council which were set up in strategic positions around the Patch, (our conservation project across the road from school). Students had identified wallaby and possum scats on our adventures so we knew they were around! After 12 nights of observations we finally caught a glimpse of a swamp wallaby, possibly a female as it appears to have a pouch, and the students were thrilled.

Margaret Hope, Support Teacher

SBAT Information Session – For Students and Parents

Parents and students are invited to attend an online zoom hosted by Training Services for students considering undertaking a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT).

Session Details:

When: Monday 13th September

Time: 11am to 12noon

The one hour session will include information from Training Services about how your SBAT affects your HSC and what you need to know about successfully undertaking a school based apprenticeship or traineeship. We'll have a previous SBAT tell you about her journey, and an employer discuss their perspective and expectations. We'll also discuss the career pathway benefits of undertaking a SBAT and have a Q & A if time allows.

Students & Parents can register on the below link. Once you have registered, the zoom link will be emailed to you prior to the session.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sbat-information-session-students-and-parents-tickets-169550739827>

Please register by COB Thursday 9th September so we can get the registration zoom links out in plenty of time.

Robyn West, Careers Adviser

The Whitecard will have to be postponed to a date to be advised in Term 4.



THANK YOU to everyone who asked someone - R U OK?



Daniel and Jacob have been enjoying cooking during lockdown.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
5 - 11 September 2021

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IN EVERY COMMUNITY
NEEDS A FAIR GO**



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The THS Library also has a Facebook page.