



## Premier's Debating Challenge Years 11 & 12

It has been fantastic to watch our senior team progress through the earlier knock out rounds, coming up against selective and city schools. Each round has seen the team grow in confidence and refine their skills. They are a force to be reckoned with! Toormina High is incredibly proud of **Katie Homes, Maya Farmer, Jay Bloomfield and Molly Ward** (as well as the multiple other stand-ins that have helped them get this far!)

Smith's Hill High school is an academically selective school located in Wollongong. They have a strong debating record, winning the 2019 and 2021 competition. What an opponent for Toormina High! It is a testament to our school's skill and success to make it to this level of the competition and compete against schools at this level.

This debate saw our team as the negative, arguing against the topic that people under 18 who commit crimes should always be sentenced to community service instead of confinement. It was amazing to see the legal knowledge our students brought to the debate and watch these students hold their own against such a strong opposition.

We are incredibly excited to announce that our team was once again successful and will be continuing to the next round!!! Well done team! You should be incredibly proud (we certainly are!)

**Anita Milne, Debating Coordinator**



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## Year 11 LAKE KEEPIT Excursion

More photos available on the Toormina High School website  
<https://toormina-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/gallery.html>



## Subject Selection

Year 8, 9 and 10 students have been handed their electives choice booklet at school this week. If your student hasn't received one, please have them come to see Ms Menzies and she will provide them with one. Mr Warner has emailed the link to the students school email for students to complete their selections. These have to be completed, printed off, signed by carers and returned to the school office (year 8 and 9) by the end of the first week back next term.

Year 10 have received their subject selection booklets this week and a link sent to their school email for them to complete, print off, have signed by a carer and returned to Mrs Woodward in the Careers office by the end of the first week back next term. If your student missed getting their booklet, please have them see Ms Menzies for a copy.

2023 Subject Selection Handbooks are available on the Toormina High School website under the 'Learning at our School' tab in the 'School Years' section. <https://toormina-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



## YEAR 7 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

Application forms are available on our school website in the News section. <s://toormina-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/news.html>

## Music Tuition

Toormina High School offers personal tuition by Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium tutors in piano and guitar! We have a couple of vacancies, if your student is interested please have them contact Mr Birrell in the CAPA staffroom.

## Nic Newling

Last week our year 10 and 11 students listened to guest speaker, Nic Newling.

Nic strives to make a positive impact utilising sharing and listening to encourage helpful, unscripted conversations around mental health, suicide prevention, and getting the most out of life. Nic is an ambassador for Movember, Australia Day, R U OK? Day, and the Australian Mental Health Prize.

He has been featured on Australian Story, The TODAY Show in New York, Huffington Post, the documentary 'Suicide: The Ripple Effect', and his mother's Human Rights Award winning memoir 'Missing Christopher'.

Please continue this conversation by asking your student about their thoughts on Nic's talk.

## North Coast Tennis Representatives



Four THS students were selected for North Coast Tennis Teams today: Zac Creenaune, Kai Bennett, Jake Creenaune and Whitby Collins! These teams are made up of 9 players from the Tweed to Camden Haven! CONGRATULATIONS!



### Congratulations

to our newest members of the Student Leadership Team: our Year 10 Representatives - Maddie Hatfield, and Kaitlin Kirby.

## Ancient Egypt

Year 8 Sapphire's Ancient Egyptian model creations are something to behold! We have studied the iconic ancient society as part of our Term 2 course where we looked at how their society was structured, their belief systems, their daily lives and the artefacts that were left behind. 8 Sapphire should be proud of their efforts as they have always been keen and curious historians!

**Karina Menzies, History Teacher**



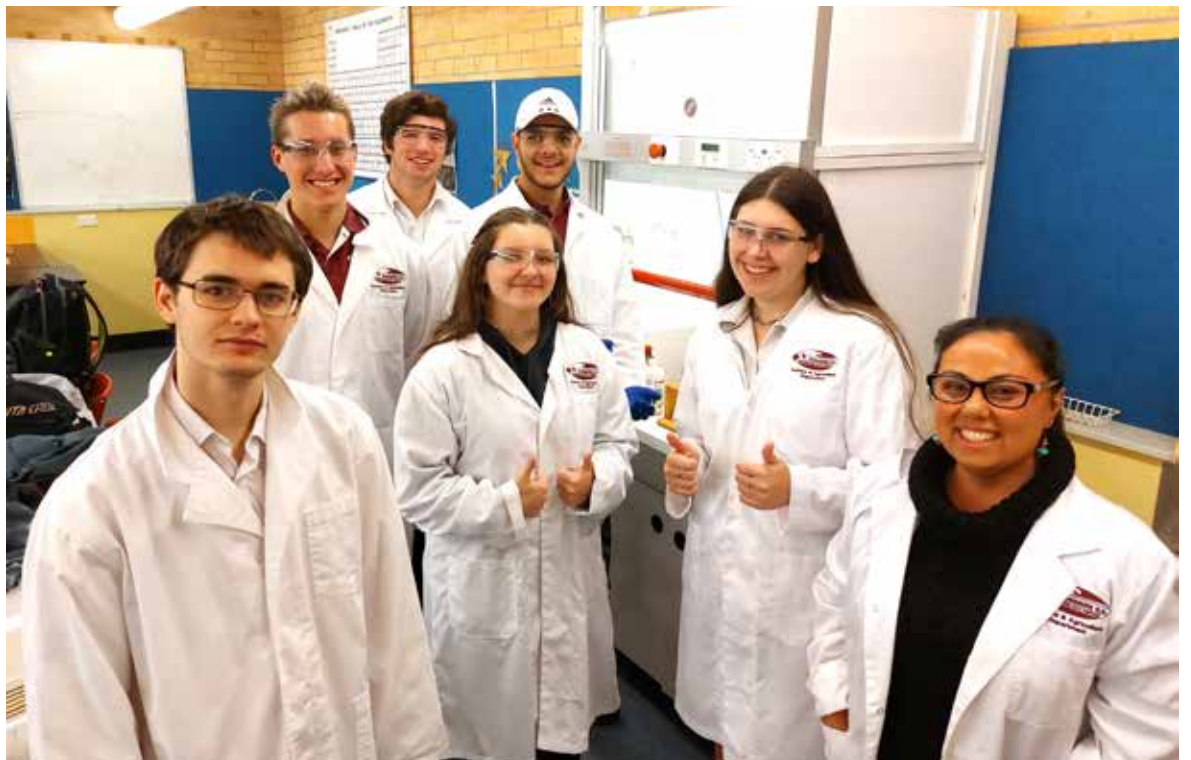


### YES Program

Isabellah Dutton, Year 10, has been engaged with the TAFE YES program this term. Isabellah has been learning barista skills, industrial kitchen skills, hospitality, and service skills each Friday. Isabellah has enjoyed learning how to make different types of coffee, hot chocolates and milkshakes. Isabellah used the industrial kitchen to make pasta, chips, pizza, tempura battered fish and potato scallops. She had a wonderful time, made friends, sang for the group, and impressed teachers and peers with her enthusiasm and friendly service. This course ran for 8 weeks, Isabellah did not miss a day and has enjoyed learning all the skills needed to work in a cafe. Well done!!!

### Young Scientists

Ms Alam's year 12 Chemistry students were excited to observe chemical reactions between hydrocarbons, Potassium Dichromate and Sulphuric Acid. These reactions require our young scientists to use the fume hood and wear complete protective gear.



### SHARKS VISIT



The NRL & Australian Government Vocational Educational & Training (VET) Program utilises current & former NRL & NRLW Players who have completed a VET qualification to highlight their VET pathway and outline the successes they experienced during their Rugby League and Vocational Career during school visits.

This program has been designed to promote the many benefits of a Vocational Education & Training qualification, raise the awareness and status of undertaking a VET qualification, traineeship or trade apprenticeship.

THS year 10, 11 and 12 students enjoyed listening to guest speakers: Brian Norrie, Brydie Parker, Andrew Fifita and Royce Hunt from the Cronulla Sharks.

**Congratulations** to our Support Unit team who came second in the high school division of the Boccia competition at Sportz Central!



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## 7 Ruby

7 Ruby has been studying the novel *Fog a Dox* by Bruce Pascoe. In class they were representing what they had learned about the novel through words and images.

**Lisa Mullan**

**Head Teacher English**





### Debating at THS

The Premier's Debating Challenge is in full swing at Toormina High with term 2 seeing a number of victories across years 7-12. Our Year 7 team (Jack Benfield, Tyla Long, Isla Hewitt and Saskia Iredale) represented the school proudly and demonstrated growing confidence and skill in a narrow loss to Grafton High School in round 2. They are looking forward to their next debate against South Grafton in term 3.

Year 8's Lexie Pennington, Emily Crawford, Miranda Crawford and Amy Dart have continued their winning streak, defeating Grafton High in week 9. These girls are proving to be fierce competitors and are putting all their training to good use! Good luck in your next round against South Grafton.

Year 9 and 10 have also faced off against Grafton and South Grafton this term with Team B (Lauren Krainik, Jack Jones, Keira Welsh and year 8's Lexie Pennington) narrowly being defeated against South Grafton.

Team A (Hunter Broadbent, Reuben Squires, Jay Bloomfield and Kira Long) found their stride this term and worked well as team, despite being new to debating, and won a smashing victory against Grafton High in round 1! Congratulations to all our junior teams and good luck in term 3!

Our junior teams have some amazing role models in our outstanding senior debating team this year. In preparation for their round 5 'Sudden Death' debate against Smith's Hill High, our team took on the 'big guns' AKA Mrs Atkins, Ms Milne and Toormina High alumni Danielle Tate (now a trained debating adjudicator in Sydney) for a friendly match. Despite some nerves (from Mrs Atkins and Ms Milne ☐) everyone agreed it was a great experience and challenge on both sides. It is amazing to see what our students can do under pressure and with such strict time limits. To think on the spot, organise and clearly convey arguments and rebuttals is a great challenge. Both Mrs Atkins and Ms Milne were very happy to sit back and observe the match against Smith's Hill High!!

**Anita Milne, Debating Coordinator**



## Community YARN UP



Our Relieving Aboriginal Education Officer, Chris McDonald, hosted a Yarn Up for community members recently, thank you to parents and carers who attended.



## Winter Solstice

THS Vice Captain, Molly Ward and CAPA teacher, Jake Birrell, performed at the Winter Solstice at Boambee East Community Centre! Also a shout out to our Entertainment students who assisted on the day!

## Connecting to Country

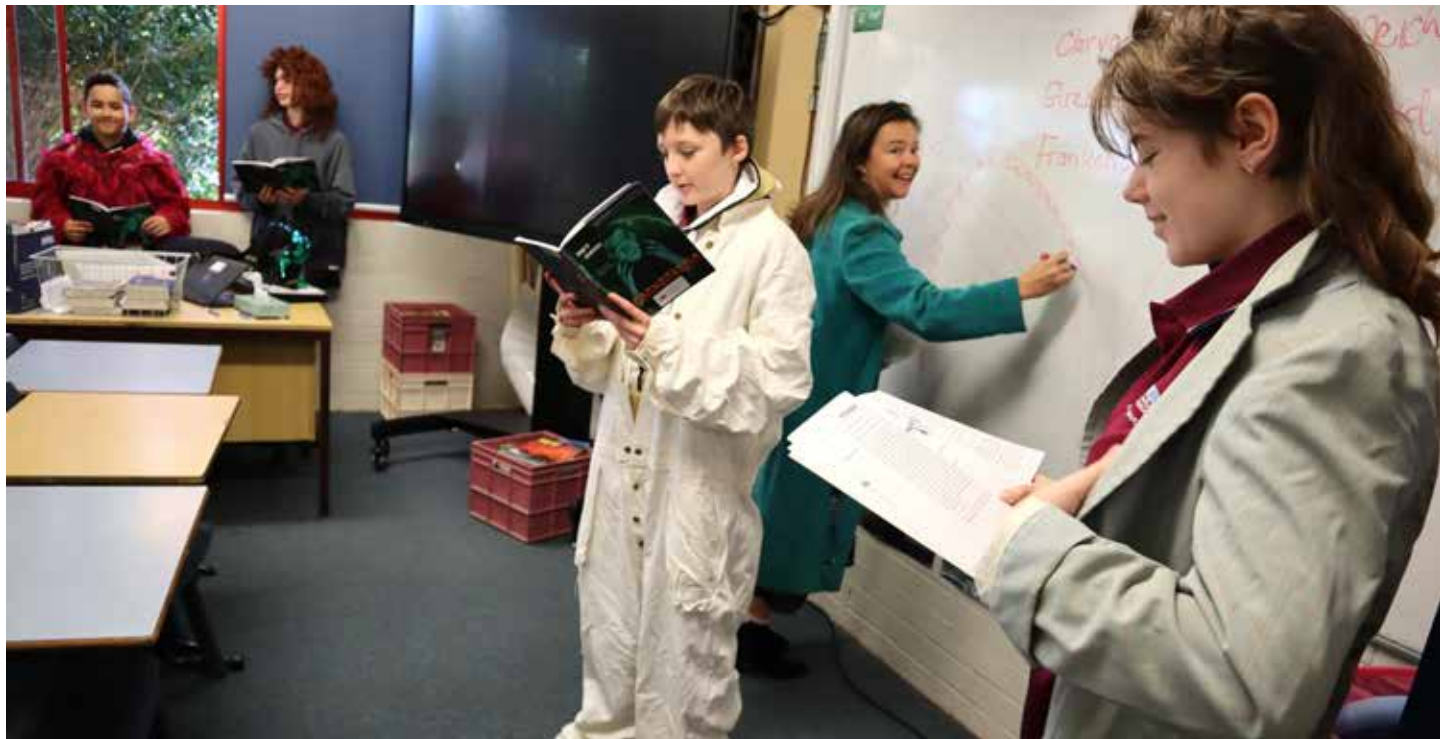


Last week staff members, Penny Grace, Chris McDonald, Nikki Wheeler-Smith and Kristy Watson participated in the Connecting to Country program.

Participants learn about local Aboriginal culture, history and social experience which enables informed awareness of the cultural geography of our local school precinct and more broadly this region.

Staff encounter firsthand the concept and meaning of country from an Aboriginal cultural standpoint.

## Frankenstein



Year 7 acted out Frankenstein and did fabulous performances, shared roles, assigned props and projected their voices! Well done 7 Diamond!



## Karaoke Friday!



## Year 8 Science

8 Sapphire students in the laboratory dissecting a lamb's heart as part of their 'Living Systems' unit with Ms Alam.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 30/6	Industrial Action
Fri 1/7	Rewards Excursion
	HOLIDAYS
Mon 18/7	Staff Development Day PUPIL FREE
Tues 19/7	Students First Day TERM 3
Tues 19/7 - 22/7	Week A
<b>Thurs 21/7</b>	<b>Sem 1 Major Awards Assembly LIVE STREAM (link for parents will be advised next term)</b>
Fri 22/7	Subject Selection Closes
Mon 25/7 - 29/7	Week B
Mon 1/8 - 12/8	Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations
Mon 1/8 - 5/8	Year 11 Assessment Reviews

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