



CREATING OUR FUTURE

Student Leaders 2020

This week Toormina High School announced the Student Leaders for 2020.

Captains elect: Ryan Gilchrist and Kirra Richards

Vice-Captains elect: Abraham (Vincent) Yap and Karli Rann

Prefects: Jayden McGinty, Aiko Arendain, Deborah Ngongo and Lily Shaw

Year 11: Ellena Cheers Flavel, Sophie Genge and Aimee Newcombe (absent from photo)

Year 10: Phylicia Stocks, Katie Homes, Jarrod Hughes and Rohan McCartney

Year 9: Sora Tomitani, Ayshya Parkhill, Maya Farmer

Year 8: Mia Diggins, Monique Galvin, Levi McGregor



Marine Studies

Toormina High School is currently running a Marine Studies Year 6 into 7 Transition Program in partnership with local primary schools. The program, of weekly outdoor excursions and classroom based research, runs over a ten week period and is in its second year. This innovative program targets a point of need, identified in junior science students, and has been designed specifically to improve scientific literacy and first-hand data skills of stage 3 students, prior to their transition into high school. Students are also encouraged to cultivate a sense of responsibility for their local environment and increase connectedness, cultural identity and global citizenship within our community, while enhancing our collegial ties with the Bongil Bongil Community of Schools. As part of the Marine Studies course, at Toormina High School, senior students work towards a PADI Open Water Diver Certification through pool training and open water dives in the Solitary Islands Marine Park. Students developing skills to gain a boat license is another practical aspect to this subject. The one day program, 'Boat Smart', requires students to; safely launch a vessel from a trailer, row a tender, conduct a dinghy capsize and rescue exercise, drive a boat, return a boat to its trailer, flush an outboard and wash a boat. Students also learn about maritime employment, and boating regulations and run through basic small outboard operation.





Red Carpet in Sydney!

Five students, with a range of high needs, from the Toormina High School Support Unit will be attending the red carpet Awards Night of the Focus on Ability Short Film Festival in Sydney next month. The class entered two videos in the competition section and will now have an excursion to see finalist 'Twinkle Adventures' premiere at Chatswood Concert Hall. The film festival's aim is to challenge beliefs and perceptions about the lives and abilities of people with a disability. The Toormina High School community would also like to thank our staff for their support, dedication and enthusiasm which enables these experiences for our students.

[Twinkle Adventures - https://www.focusonability.com.au/FOA/films/1891.html](https://www.focusonability.com.au/FOA/films/1891.html)



Acknowledgement

We were very proud to have our year 7 students, Isabella Kitchener-Waters and Lilly Birkett and year 12 student Georgia Elliott, invited to deliver the Acknowledgement of Country at the recent Coffs Clarence Police Awards ceremony.

The girls gave the Acknowledgement in the Gumbaynggirr language and received Certificates of Appreciation.

Photo from left shows Police School Liaison Officer Snow, THS Deputy Principal Melanie Murray, Lilly, Isabella, Georgia and our THS Aboriginal Education Officer Gloria Mercy.

The idea of 'The Butterfly Effect®' comes from the science of chaos theory. It suggests that everything is connected, to the extent that the beating of a butterfly's wings in one part of the world may ultimately contribute to a tornado happening in another part of the world. We recognise that when it comes to the impact we as individuals have on our environment, small changes can make a huge difference. Enlighten is about celebrating, challenging and changing ourselves and our world. Enlighten Education's mission is to create and deliver informative, engaging and affirming in-school workshops that inspire girls to really consider what sort of young women they would like to become, and support them in making this transformation.

We believe we can, and do, make a difference and we want to partner every school in delivering exceptional pastoral care and welfare programs that address the particular needs of their female students.

We believe in providing multiple opportunities (within the school framework) to build resilience in every student; from participation in our workshops, through to supporting schools in evaluating their strategies and policies in mental health and other key pastoral areas.



Year 9 Girls 'The Butterfly Effect' Workshop



We are going to run a series of articles in this newsletter exploring different subjects available at Toormina High School. This article explains **FOOD TECHNOLOGY with THS Technical and Applied Studies, Head Teacher, Greg Woods**. If your student is interested in cooking they may choose Hospitality in the senior years and can choose Food Technology in 9 and 10. Food units are incorporated in the year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory course.

All junior students are introduced to the art of cooking in the Technology Mandatory subject during Stage 4 - Years 7 and 8. The students rotate every term as part of Technology Mandatory and are given the opportunity to experience; Agriculture and Food Technologies, Digital Technologies, Engineered Systems and Material Technologies.

In year 7/8 students are supplied with the necessary equipment and resources. This changes in years 9/10/11/12 depending on their specific subject requirements. It is important that students discuss subject selection with their parents/carers to ensure they are fully aware of expectations for their chosen subjects.

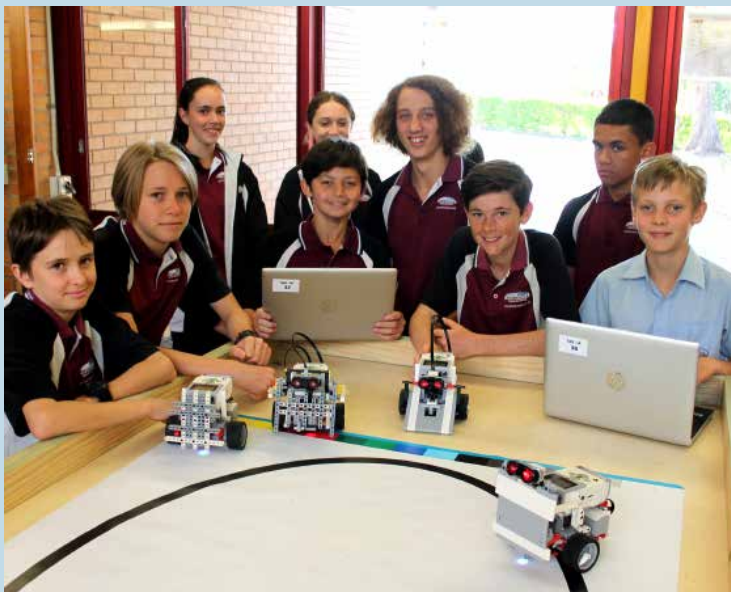
The Food Technology course provides for the development of relevant and meaningful learning experiences, inclusive of life experiences, values, learning styles and individual student characteristics. Through a study of food and its applications in domestic, commercial, industrial and global settings. These are taught through a selection of the following units of work; Food in Australia, Food equity, Food product development, Food for special needs, Food selection and health, Food service and catering, Food for special occasions and Food trends.

In the senior classes industry curriculum frameworks like Hospitality provide students with the opportunity to gain industry-recognised national vocational qualifications under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) as part of their NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC).

Hospitality courses offer students a chance to further their passion for food and drink and learn how to apply their expertise in a professional setting. Courses in this industry are formulated to equip students with the practical skills and background knowledge they need to accomplish customer service, communicative and organisational tasks within any organisation.

At Toormina High School in the Technical and Applied Studies Faculty we have a range of qualified teachers with industry related experience from the timber and metals industry, design and textiles industry, computer, electronics and the hospitality industry with a qualified chef, restaurant manager and business owner.





Just some of the learning experiences you may find at Toormina High School on a **Tuesday, Week A, Period 3.**

Above the 8Tech3 class learning coding to battle Lego Sumobots, above right is a year 9 drama class shooting a short film, below right is Charli Cuthel who has germinated rye grass hydroponically in her year 10 agriculture class. Below left Gumbaynggir language teacher, Penny Grace, shows how to make raffia bracelets.



CAREERS

ADFA Excursion photos below

Last weekend Mrs West accompanied 6 THS students to the ADFA Open Day in Canberra, with a 2 night stay in Newcastle and a visit to Fighter World Williamstown enroute and a talk by Defence Force Training. The excursion was organised by the Clarence Coffs Careers Advisers Network and we took 8 staff and 37 students altogether. Apart from spending 20 hours on a bus, the visit to ADFA was filled with action and extremely informative for those students considering a career pathway with the Defence Force.

University Talks

Year 12 University Information Sessions will be held in the Maths Computer Room next week, week 7.

University of New England - Monday, 2nd September, 10.50am

Charles Sturt University - Tuesday, 3rd September, 10.50am

University of Newcastle - Wednesday, 4th September, 10.50am

Griffith University - Thursday, 5th September, 12.50pm

School Based Traineeships

An opportunity is available for 3 School Based Trainees with Donut King Toormina, who are interested in studying Cert III in Retail, this will count towards your Higher School Certificate. Students in year 10 are eligible to apply and can start in term 3 or 4 before commencing year 11 next year. The paid work component will require you to work a minimum of 100 days over the duration of the program. You need to be well presented with a positive attitude, have a customer service focus, undertake cash handling, cleaning and shop presentation. Any Year 10 students interested please see Mrs West in the Careers Office.

Year 12 University and Early Entry Applications

These should be completed by Friday September 13th.

Please make an appointment with Mrs West in Careers if you need assistance.

SCU Head-Start

Year 10 students wishing to apply for the Southern Cross University Head-Start Program need to apply on line and

register their details by 12 October 2019, please see Mrs West before submitting your application.

Tafe Course Application for 2020

Year 10 students wanting to study a Tafe course, as one of their year 11 subjects, need to have forms returned to Mrs West in the Careers Office by Monday 2nd September. Late applications will not be accepted.



IMPORTANT DATES		
WED	28/8	Staff Professional Learning 3-4pm
FRI	30/8	WEAR IT PURPLE Day
MON	2/9 - 6/9	Week B
MON	2/9 - 6/9	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement
MON	2/9	HSC Visual Arts due today
MON	2/9	University of New England Information Talk
MON	2/9 - 13/9	Year 10 Science VALID test
TUES	3/9	Charles Sturt University Information Talk
WED	4/9	University of Newcastle Information Talk
THURS	5/9	Griffith University Information Talk
FRI	6/9	HSC Drama
MON	9/9 - 13/9	Week A
MON	9/9	HSC Music
TUES	10/9	Parent teacher interviews

P&C PIE DRIVE

DELIVERY DATE CHANGE

We have been advised by Timbertown Pies that they no longer deliver to Coffs Harbour on a Wednesday. Therefore, our new delivery date is Tuesday, 10th September. Pies can be picked up from the Staff Common Room between 2-4pm.

Regards

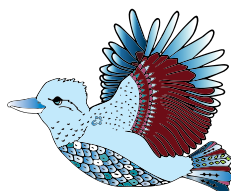
Sandra Jeffery, P&C President

Wear it Purple Day strives to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for young rainbow people. Toormina High School will be wearing purple this Friday, August 30.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

From Monday our PBL focus is going to be Respectful 'Wear uniform with Pride'.

During this time students wearing our correct school uniform will be awarded DOUBLE VIVO points.



Correct THS uniform includes:

ALL Students - unisex THS polo shirt, THS black shorts, black THS track pants, black THS jumper or jacket, covered black shoes (sport uniform is the same with sport shoes)

Junior girls - black skirt

Junior boys - junior boys button shirt

Senior girls - maroon skirt, senior girls THS white shirt

Senior boys - senior THS white shirt

If students have any concerns about wearing uniform, please see Mr Gale, Relieving Head teacher Wellbeing



Nice one ADAM!

Adam Rollans, year 10, felt sorry that he had accidentally knocked over teacher, Daniel Smith, during a game of soccer in PE, so he bought Mr Smith a box of chocolates!

What a great gesture Adam!

Please 'like' our Facebook page (look for the school logo) and 'share' our posts - this is a free, easy way to show the world our achievements and activities!
The THS Library also has a Facebook page.

