



CREATING OUR FUTURE

Leaders for 2021



Congratulations to our 2021 School Captains, Cooper Bake-Smith and Ellena Cheers-Flavell and Vice Captains, Adam Rollans and Amy Newcombe.

The team has set out two area of school life they are keen to focus on during Term 4, and 2021.

The first portfolio is School Community and Environment and they would like to add 'bucket' hats to the THS uniform, encourage a more sustainable canteen, educate peers on recycling (now that we have the new recycling bins around school) and explore a different way to hold socials with the possibility of 'movies under the stars'.

The second portfolio is focusing on Student Mental Health and Wellbeing. This includes celebrations for Harmony Day, Disability Day, Pride month, NAIDOC Week, Headspace, RUOK and Earth day. The team would also like to organise more guest speakers to THS. Another idea was to promote information about non-university routes 'post high school'.

The Student Leadership Team will be having weekly meetings to ensure commitment to their goals and by the end of Week 3 we will have finalised the students in our student leadership team for 2021.

Bridget Thornton, Student Leadership Team Coordinator



Ellena is an active member of the Student Leadership Team at Toormina High School and has been since 2017, she has been elected to various positions including secretary and now School Captain. Ellena is always willing to help lead initiatives including 'Spirit Day', school socials and fundraising activities. Ellena is currently studying in the Southern Cross Head-Start Program, completing a university level unit to give her advance standing and direct entry to Southern Cross University on completion of her HSC.

Ellena has an active role in the School Strike for Climate Action Movement, she has spoken at protests and organized the promotion and logistical aspects of these protests, including a petition with 5000 signatures to ask the Coffs Harbour City Council to declare a climate emergency. Ellena addressed the council at a general meeting on this issue. To raise money for the Kokoda Youth Foundation Ellena was part of a team which trekked 48km through the Gold Coast hinterlands undraising for this youth mental health organisation. Ellena was responsible for coordinating promotion for the Pink Stumps day at her local cricket club to support the McGrath Foundation and for the last two years has been the Vice-Captain of the North Coast Girls Cricket Team. She has also competed in athletics and touch football for the school and made the Mid-North Coast netball team.

Ellena is a member of Toormina High School's very successful debating team. In 2018 this team were the North Coast champions and in the top 8 for Year 9&10 in the state-wide Premier Debating Competition. In 2018 & 2019 she was part of the North Coast Regional Debating finalists. Due to her commitment to women's empowerment she was awarded the Zonta Young Woman in Public Affairs Award for Coffs Harbour this year.

CONGRATULATIONS ELLENA!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to School Captain, Ellena Cheers-Flavell who has been presented with Youth of the Year for Coffs Harbour 2020. Ellena was nominated by THS teacher, Bridget Thornton. The awards, organised by Groundworks Youth and Blue Sky Community Service, celebrate the efforts, achievements and potential of young people and youth professionals in the Coffs Harbour area.





Congratulations

Congratulations to Alex Maggio, year 10, on his presentation of Community Referee for 2020!

Year 12 2020 v Staff

Year 12 students playing staff in volleyball is a tradition at THS. We can't tell you who won but fun was had by all!



Year 12 2021 Assessments

Photo above shows students receiving their paper copy of the HSC Assessment Handbook 2020-2021.

Assessments due Week 6 for Ancient History and PDH and in Week 7 for Biology and Hospitality.

The handbook is also available on the school website.

<https://toormina-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2020/10/hsc-assessment-handbook-2020-2021.html>





Vaccinations

Year 7 students received their final vaccinations for 2020 this week.

TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

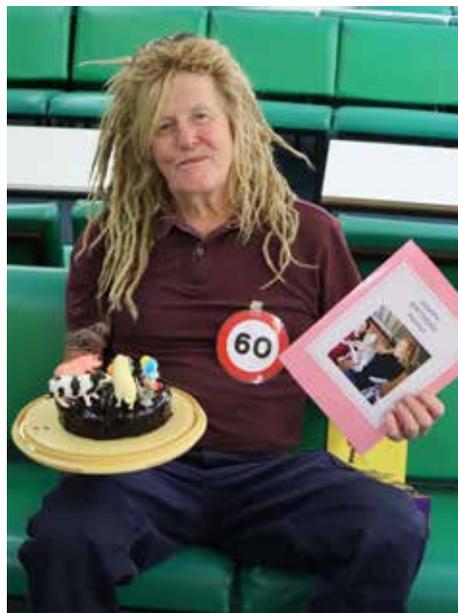
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- 12pm

every Thursday

12pm - 4pm

For more information

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Best wishes Kenny!

Toormina High School's favourite farm assistant, Kenny, had a special birthday last week! A great role model for our students and a positive influence on staff and students we would like to wish Kenny - Happy Birthday from all!

Leaving school?

Check out this helpful website

<https://yourcareer.gov.au/school-leavers-support>

YEAR 12 Graduation Assembly

Thursday, November 12
10am THS Hall
Please RSVP by November 5.

YEAR 12 Graduation Dinner

Thursday, November 12
Pacific Bay Resort
6pm - 9pm
Please RSVP by November 5
Cost \$65 pp

DATES

Mon	26/10 - 30/10	WEEK B
Mon	26/10 - 6/11	Year 10 Exams
Mon	2/11 - 6/11	WEEK A
Mon	2/11 - 13/11	Yr 7,8,9 Exams
Mon	16/11 - 20/11	NAIDOC Week at THS

Student Early Leave Pass

Parents are requested, if possible, rather than phone the school office please send a note if an early leave pass is needed for their child. Students bring the note to the front office when they arrive at school and will be issued with an Early Leave Pass.

Also please update any changes to address, medical conditions, phone numbers, email address or emergency contact details with our office on 66 533 077.

Year 9 Art Exhibition an exploration of portraiture with charcoal, congratulations on some amazing art!



2020 HSC Music Performances

Due to covid restrictions the CAPA faculty have not been able to host a Senior Showcase this year. In place of the showcase year 12 music would like to offer a selection of recording of their HSC pieces. The students worked hard to perfect their pieces and adapt to changes in performance rules due to COVID. The CAPA staff would like to congratulate the students on their resilience and what they have achieved.

Videos of these performances have been uploaded to the school facebook page.

Kyle McGeary, Music Teacher

Cooler Classrooms

Toormina High School has completed an electrical review on capacity as part of the Cooler Classrooms initiative. We have now progressed to the design stage and as a result we are hopeful that all classrooms will be air conditioned in the next 12 months. How cool is that! We will keep our school community informed as we advance this process.

Michelle Elliot, Deputy Principal

Principal's Column

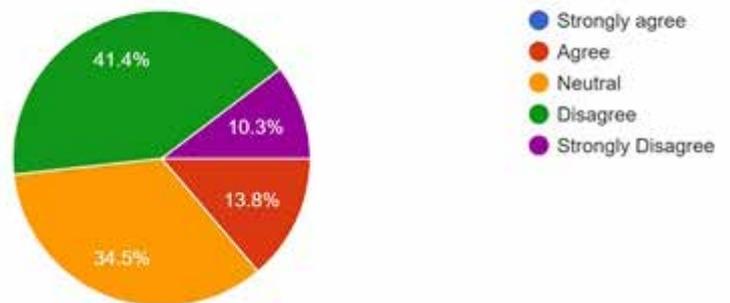
This week our Year 12 students commenced their Higher School Certificate Examinations. I have had the pleasure of meeting with each group this week prior to the commencement of the morning exams as the students need to check-in upon arrival for their exam.

A major project that our executive team recently completed was our External Validation report. This report details our overall school performance against standards set by the NSW Department of Education. This document explores the learning, teaching and leading opportunities afforded to our students, staff and parents over the past 5 years. It is a very detailed report with over 250 samples of the work that we do and totalled 170 pages. This document is the starting point for setting our directions for the future.

Last term we surveyed the staff, students and parents about a range of topics as part of our situational analysis as we commence developing our 2021 – 2024 School Strategic Plan. I would like to firstly thank the students, parents and staff who responded and provided valuable feedback in this survey. Some of the data from the student and parent surveys is included below.

Parent Survey Data

The teachers and principal respond positively when I come to them with a concern



Student Survey data:

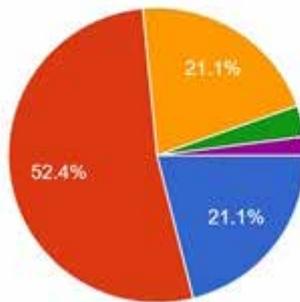
The feedback received from students has provided us with some very powerful data that will be used in developing our School Strategic Plan.

Interesting data about the YONDR program was received with parents expressing significantly positive data in support of the program, with students reporting significantly negative responses on YONDR. We will continue to look at this aspect of our school, however, tighter restrictions on mobile phones have proven in classes this year to provide increased and improved teaching and learning opportunities for students.

The graphs on the next page are two from the student survey.

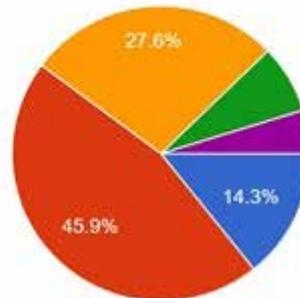
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The school and my teachers have high expectations of my learning.



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

My teacher and parents/carers work together to support me with learning.



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

We will provide additional opportunities for feedback from our students, parents and staff throughout 2021 and beyond as it is essential for us to know what our community thinks of our school so that we can continue to improve and grow. I encourage all parents and students to contribute in our next surveys.

Paul Humphrey, Principal

NAIDOC

Our Aboriginal student dance groups are busy rehearsing for our NAIDOC Week celebrations which will be held during Week 6, November 16 - 20 at Toormina High School.



We like to introduce new staff with a short questionnaire....



Name...Damien Wood
THS Position...TAS Teacher
The high school I attended was...St Gregory's College.
On weekends I enjoy ...playing sport, spending time with my kids.
I love...the outdoors.
I don't like...being bored.
When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...be the change you want in your life rather than waiting for things to change.



Name...Erin Lang
THS Position...Practicum Teacher, English faculty
The high school I attended was...Bonville Christian School.
On weekends I enjoy ...exploring!
I love...art, music, camping and coffee!
I don't like...bugs!!
When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...Relax! Enjoy every moment. Life is too short.



Name...Nicklaus Stanton-Velt
THS Position...Practicum Teacher, TAS Faculty
The high school I attended was...Orara High School.
On weekends I enjoy ...AFL, cricket and basketball.
I love...family and sport.
I don't like...ginger and coriander.
When I was a teenager I wish someone had told me...how hard it was to earn money!

Examination Timetables

for years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are on the school website.

<https://toormina-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2020/10/year-7-8-9-10-examination-timetable.html>