



School Directory 2021

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DAILY ORGANISATION:

- School starts @ 9.00am and finishes @ 3.15pm
- Lessons are 1 hour in duration
- Late students report to the office with a note or parent.

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Assembly - Wednesday 12.53pm
Pastoral Care –Wednesday 11.02pm

Sport: Yrs 7-10

Wednesday 1.33pm

Mr Beau Harper

Student Representative Council

Ms Julia Smithurst

Executive Principal:

Ms Allison Alliston

Deputy Principals:

Mr Nigel Reece

Mrs Raylene Starke

Erin Weatherby

Head Teacher Welfare:

Mrs Lanie Rainger

Year Advisers:

Year 7 Mrs Zoe Fuller

Mrs Christine Kirby

Year 8 Mr David Warburton

Year 9 Mr Tim Hunt

Year 10 Mrs Bri Honess

Year 11 Mr Toby Gollan

Year 12 Mrs Jenny Umbers

School Counsellors:

Ms Kim Voss

Ms Kasey Brown

Careers Adviser:

Mr Glen Bowman

Teacher Librarian:

Mrs Carla Gillis

Learning and Support Teacher

Ms Therese Sullivan

Student Support Officer

Mrs Christy Summerville

Liaison Officer

Mrs Katie Hogan

Aboriginal Language & Culture Teacher

Mr Benn Saunders

Aboriginal Education Officer

Ms Eileen McGrady

Elder in Residence

Uncle Russ Saunders



2021 School Captains

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Taree High School is a comprehensive co-educational high school which caters for students from Years 7-12. The school seeks to provide flexible educational programs which address the needs of all students and aims to deliver these programs in a safe and friendly learning environment.

The school strives to achieve this by providing:

- An **environment** which provides for the comfort and happiness of students and staff.
- A student **welfare** program that encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning and behaviour and respect the right for others to learn.
- A flexible and inclusive **curriculum** designed to meet the needs of students and that achieves quality **outcomes** for all students.
- The support of parents, business and the wider **community**.
- The support and **development** of a skilled and flexible staff committed to high standards through excellence in **teaching and learning** using effective current practices.
- A collegial and cooperative leadership and management style.

At the conclusion of their schooling our aim is that students will:

- Have achieved outcomes commensurate with stage requirements and decision making skills;
- Possess well developed communication and decision making skills;
- Utilise current technologies effectively and have the skills necessary to embrace new technologies and other challenges they will encounter in the workplace

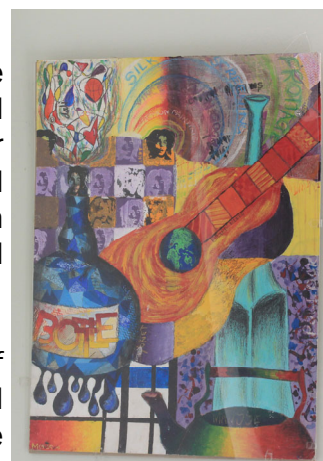
The school has a tradition of achievement in academic, sporting and artistic pursuits and has a culture which recognizes and celebrates the successes of its students.

Taree High School's curriculum and welfare structures are designed to promote self reliance and encourage students to take responsibility for their actions and their learning. There is a well developed welfare network which supports students and which emphasizes a general concern for their growth and their quality of life.

The school is well equipped with a number of specialist facilities and liaises extensively with local primary schools, the business community and Taree TAFE.



"If you come ready to learn and allow others to learn you will enjoy your time at Taree High"



SUBJECT HEAD TEACHERS...

English	Miss K Gurr (Rel)
Mathematics	Mr M Hamilton
Science	Mrs K Salmon (Rel)
HSIE	Mr C Collier
TAS (Home Science; Ind. Arts; D&T)	Mrs H Speers (Rel)
CAPA (Creative & Performing Arts)	Mrs F Corcoran
PD/H/PE	Mrs G Phillips
Administration	Ms T Patterson
Special Education	Mrs Rhonda Farley

**2021 Student Representatives Council****TEACHER LIBRARIAN**

Mrs C Gillis

SPORTS ORGANISER

Mr B Harper

CARNIVALS

Mrs Gail Phillips

Mr Rohan Abbott

ADMINISTRATION**The Office :**

- Contacting staff
- Contacting students in an emergency
- Arranging interviews with staff
- Enrolment enquiries

Absentee/Late and Finance

- Signing in late
- Signing out Students (leaving or sick)
- Payments of subject contributions and excursions
- Purchasing calculators, sport socks, art books, cooking aprons and diaries.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF...**Main Office**

Mrs Debbie Dunbier
Mrs Kathy Majewski
Ms Tina Rushworth

Office Assistants

Mrs Linda Bates
Mrs Shaye Barham
Ms L Hollis

KLA assistants

Mrs Helen Kyranakos
(Home Economics)
Ms Tracey Latham
(Science)

Library

Mrs Jeni Hofmeier
Mrs Patricia Armstrong

TSO Jason Towers**General Assistant**

Mr Sean Jarvis

Agriculture Assistant

Mr Mick Callinan

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION...**Co-coordinator**

Ms Allison Alliston

Aboriginal Language & Culture Teacher

Mr Benn Saunders

AEO: Ms Eileen McGrady**Elders in****Residence:** Uncle Russ Saunders**CONNECTED COMMUNITIES**

For 7 years Taree High School has been part of the Connected Communities Strategy. The strategies see a heightened focus on supporting Aboriginal students and their families to gain greater success in education through targeted programs and initiatives. All students will have a Personalised Learning Plan and all staff are involved in local Biripi Cultural Awareness through the local AECG's Program Connecting to Country. And Healthy Culture. We continue to provide the opportunities for students including the teaching of Gathang Language and Culture Program to all Year 7 through the LOTE program

BOYS' UNIFORM



Boys:

Shirt: Plain white shirt with collar. e.g. cotton or knit shirt. No design or slogans encouraged other than the school insignia. No tee shirts.

Pants: Clerical grey and/or black long or short.

Winter: black track pants may be worn.

Pullover: black woollen jumper or black sloppy joe. No design or slogans encouraged other than the school insignia. A hooded black sloppy joe with the school insignia is available from the school.

Shoes: Full leather upper shoes that cover the whole foot. (see page 5)



“My three children have all benefited from Taree High School on many different levels”

Parent

GIRLS' UNIFORM

Years 7-10

SUMMER UNIFORM

Black & white check princess line frock with shirt-maker collar and short, front button opening.

WINTER UNIFORM

Blouse:

Gold polyester loose fitting blouse.

Alternatively a gold penguin shirt may be worn, not lemon.

Skirt:

grey/black/check with gold pinstripe.

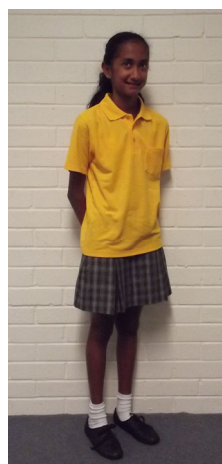
OR

black track suit pants (as per sports uniform).

Shoes: Full leather upper shoes that cover the whole foot. (see page 5)

Years 11 & 12

The black and white checked fabric used in the senior uniform is the same as is used in the junior girls uniform. However, the design has been changed. The uniform has three panels across the front and back, with a zipper opening at the back; and a zipper pocket.



Taree High polo and cotton shirts are available at Workwise Taree. They are proving very popular with our students.

Due to **Work Health and Safety Regulations** from the NSW Department of Education and Training the wearing of appropriate, protective footwear is a mandatory requirement for participation in **all practical lessons**

Appropriate Footwear: strong, leather shoes which cover the entire foot, have a strong grip sole and do not have a high heel.

Inappropriate Footwear : Shoes which do not protect the foot

Leather School Shoes



Leather Joggers



Leather Skate Shoes and Hi Tops



Leather Shoes which do not cover the top of the foot



Inappropriate Footwear :
Shoes which do not protect the foot

Thongs and Ballet Flats



All Canvas Shoes



Fabric Joggers and Dunlop Volleys



BOYS' SPORTS UNIFORM

Sports Uniform:

- Gold polo / Gold tee shirts and black shorts.
- Black and gold tracksuit may be worn.
- Shoes - joggers that cover the whole foot.



PLEASE NOTE

If a sports uniform is not available for any reason, students are to wear normal school uniform and change into suitable clothing on arrival at sport.

GIRLS' SPORTS UNIFORM

- Gold polo or Gold tee shirts
- All girls (7-12) have the option of wearing black shorts .The black skirt must be worn when representing the school in certain sports such as netball.
- Girls are permitted to wear their sports uniform instead of their normal summer uniform but are encouraged to wear this only on Wednesdays.
- However, girls must have a fresh change of clothes if they are participating in sport or PE.
- Shoes - joggers that cover the whole foot.

PE UNIFORM

All students are required to change into sport uniform for PE lessons. A note must be provided to the teacher if a change of clothes is unavailable.

NOTE: Girls are permitted to wear their sports uniform instead of their normal summer uniform.

- However, participating students must have a fresh change of clothes if they are participating in PE.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- If a sport has special dress requirements students are to change into these on arrival at the sport venue. eg Football jumpers, Swimmers, Gymnastic leotards.



REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Students representing Taree High School in Sporting teams must wear the Black and Gold sports uniform.

EXTRA-CURRICULA ACTIVITIES..

Student Represent. Council	Ms Julia Smithurst
Musical groups	Mr Peter Bull Ms Leanne Ralston
Debating & Public Speaking	Yr 7 Julia Smithurst Yr 8-12 Oscar Watson-Sutherland
Drama	Ms Fiona Corcoran
MADD Concert	CAPA
Presentations/Awards	Mrs Lanie Rainger
Exchange Students	Ms Allison Alliston
School Photos	Mrs Lanie Rainger
ANZAC Day	Mr Chris Collier
Distance Education	Ms Carla Gillis
Anti-racism contact Officer	Mrs Rhonda Farley
Peer Support	Mrs Jenny Umbers
Secure Internet Browsing	Mrs Raylene Starke
Environment Committee	Ms Alison Last
Student Assistance Scheme	Mrs Lanie Rainger
Community Gardens	Mrs Jennie-Lyn Longworth Ms Barbara Tate
Clothing Pool	Mrs Lanie Rainger
WHS	Mr Ian Reynolds



Industrial Arts



Glitter & Gold Social

NOTES

Students are required to provide an explanation note signed by their parent/carer for:

- Absences
- Lateness
- Early leave

The Office provide absentee booklets to all families that can be used to explain any of the above occurrences.

Absences need to be explained within 7 school days. Guidelines for absenteeism are available on THS website

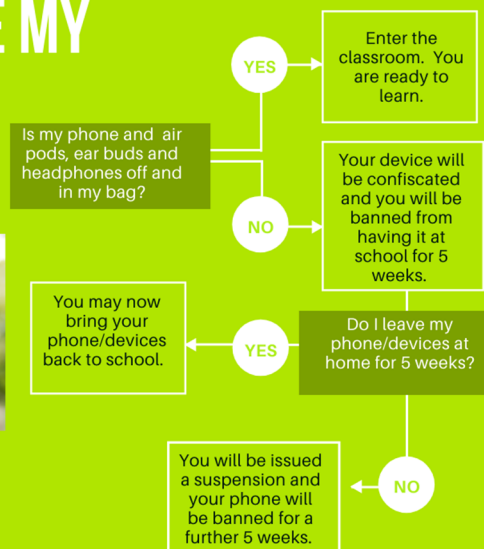
MOBILE PHONES

We accept that parents/carers use mobile phones as a safety mechanism for their children, however we ask that all parents/carers contact the school via the office to communicate with their children during school hours.

We also discourage children from contacting parents/carers directly in cases of illness.

Students must report to library sick bay if they are ill where they can be supervised and cared for until a parent/carer is contacted and arrangements are made for their collection.

SHOULD I USE MY PHONE?



Taree High Staff List 2021

EXECUTIVE

Ms A Alliston (Executive Principal)
Mr N Reece (DP)
Mrs R Starke (DP)
Ms E Weatherby (DP)

ENGLISH

Ms R Bishop
 Ms K Burgess
 Ms Z Fuller (**Yr 7 Adviser**)
 Ms C Gillis (Librarian)
 Ms K Gurr (**Rel HT**)
Ms R Huett
 Mr B Johnston
 Ms N Richardson
 Ms C Stapley
 Mr O Watson-Sutherland

HSIE

Mrs R Abbott
Mr C Collier HT
Mr T Hunt (Yr 9 Adviser)
 Mr J Kelly
Mrs Lanie Rainger (HT Welfare)
 Ms R Payton-Clarke
Mrs J Umbers (Year 12 Adviser)
 Ms T White

ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Mr B Saunders

MATHEMATICS

Ms R Brown
 Mr P Crook
Mr M Hamilton HT
 Mr J Hourn
 Mr J Weeks
 Mrs C Kirby (**Yr 7 Adviser**)

CREATIVE ARTS

Ms J Bennett
 Mr P Bull (Music)
Ms F Corcoran (HT)
Mrs B Honess (Year 10 Adviser)
 Ms M Pellew
 Ms L Ralston (Music)

POD FACULTY

Ms A Drury
 Ms N Grooteman
 Ms M Powell
 Ms K Shields
 Ms J Smithurst
Mr D Warburton (Yr 8 Adviser)

INTERVENTIONISTS

Ms M Walker
 Ms J Wood

PD/HEALTH/PE

Mr R Abbott
Mr T Gollan (Yr 11 Adviser)
Mr B Harper (Sports Co-ordinator)
 Ms J Harris
Mrs G Phillips (HT)
 Ms J Hardy
 Ms J Pensini

TAS - HOME ECONOMICS

Ms S Doust
 Mrs C McCann
Ms H Speers (Rel HT)
 Mrs B Tate

TAS - INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Mr S Castles
 Mr S Foxwell
 Mr C Husband
 Mr R Reay
 Mr B Raglus

SCIENCE

Mr T Boyle
 Mr J Fryatt
 Mr C King
 Mr A Nikoro
Ms T Patterson (HT Admin)
 Mr I Reynolds
Mrs K Salmon (Rel HT)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mrs K Roberts
Mrs R Farley (HT)
 Mr B Hammopnd
 Mr M Lawson
 Mrs D Silcock
 Ms L Southwell
 Mr W Stanley

WELLBEING

Miss C Summerville (SSO)

COUNSELLORS

Ms K Brown
 Ms K Voss

GENERAL

Mr G Bowman (Careers)
 Ms S Dahdah (LAST)
 Mrs A Last (Prep)
 Mrs B Lamotte (LAST)
 Ms T Sullivan (LAST)

SASS STAFF

Mrs P Armstrong
 Mrs L Bates
 Ms S Barham
 Ms J Bridges (SLSO)
 Ms J Bright (SLSO)
 Mrs S Brown (SLSO)
 Mr M Callinan (FA)
Mrs C Cefarin (BM)
 Ms L Cook
 Mr J Davis (SLCE)
 Ms S Deer
 Mrs D Dunbier
 Ms N Emoe (SLSO)
 Ms K Franc (SLSO)
 Ms T Hardes (SLSO)
 Mr J Hazard (SLSO)
 Mrs J Hofmeier
 Ms L Hollis
 Mrs K Hogan (CLO)
 Mrs H Kyranakos (TAS)
 Ms T Latham (SCIENCE)
 Ms T Lewis (AEO)
 Mrs J Longworth (SLSO)
 Mrs K Majewski
 Ms E McGrady (AEO)
 Mr G McCallum (SLSO)
 Mrs J Muldoon (SLSO)
 Mrs K Reading (SLSO)
 Ms T Rushworth
 Mr K Saggars
 Ms J Saldeng
 Ms M Saunders (SLSO)
 Mr R Saunders (EIR)
 Mr J Towers (TSO)
 Mrs C Van Kampen (SLSO)
 Mr J Wood (SLSO)
 Mrs C Woollard (SLSO)

GENERAL ASSITANTS

Mr S Jarvis

CANTEEN STAFF

Mrs T Barnett
 Mrs R Cassar

TAREE HIGH SCHOOL INFO

Phone No 6552 1166
 FAX No



ATTENDANCE

All students will be issued with an Absence Note Booklet. These booklets are the preferred method for applying for leave/late and explaining absences. These booklets have a butt which allows parents to retain a copy of the details of the leave/late or absence.

If a student has been absent for more than three days without an explanation a letter will be sent from the school as a matter of course.

Parents are requested to:

- Send a note with a pupil on the first day of returning to school after an absence.
- Phone/email the school if a pupil is to be absent more than one day.



LEAVE - no lunch passes.

To obtain a leave pass a student must present a note with a legitimate reason signed and dated by their parent / carer at 8.30-9.00am at the office.

We do not issue lunch passes.

Year 12 students are granted the privilege that enables them to leave the school grounds at lunchtime everyday day or other days if they have finished all timetabled classes for the day.

Year 11 students are granted the privilege that enables them to leave the school grounds at lunchtime on Tuesday of each week or other days if they have finished all timetabled classes for the day.

BUS TRAVEL

Bus: All high school students must reside more than 2.0 kms radial distance or 2.9 kms walking distance from the school to be eligible for a bus pass. Exemption may be granted on medical grounds.

Private Car Conveyance: To be eligible for subsidy, students must live more than 1.6 km walking distance from the nearest transport bus pick-up point, by the nearest practicable route. Subsidy will only be paid if a special trip each morning and afternoon is made for this purpose.

Application forms for this will be available on the NSW Transport web page: transportnsw.info/school-students and to be filled out and returned to the school for further processing. It should be noted that all students must renew their application for subsidy when enrolling at High School. Changes of address must be notified immediately. The approval of your subsidy is subject to verification of the distances travelled.

LEAVING AGE

This is 17 years. Parents who wish to withdraw students under 17 should contact the Department of Family and Community Services, PO Box 62, Taree. (Phone: 6591 2100).

LEAVING SCHOOL

Written parental permission is required to allow any students to terminate their enrolment.

Students are not to leave the school grounds without permission.

Parents should not contact students directly on their mobile phones during school hours. If a message or collection is required then parents should contact the office.

Students are not to contact parents directly if they are ill or injured. They must report to the Office or Clinic to seek assistance to ensure their safety and well being. The school will then take the appropriate action and contact parents if necessary.

BUS TRAVELLERS

Students who travel to school by bus are to proceed directly into the school grounds after their arrival.

After school, bus travellers will line up in the appropriate places to await the arrival of their buses. They must not interfere with the free passage of pedestrians along the footpaths, and must behave in an appropriate manner.

Students are to form a line from the yellow line adjacent to the kerb and enter their bus in an orderly manner.

No pupil is to alight from, or join, a bus downtown without permission from the Principal or Deputy Principal.

Students travelling by bus must obey the instructions of the driver and follow the code of behaviour outlined in the "School Students' Behaviour on Buses" Policy.

BICYCLES

Students riding bikes to and from school are to obey the traffic rules.

All bikes are to be stored in the bike room provided off the main quadrangle.

The room is locked during school hours.

STUDENT DRIVERS and Student Passengers in Cars Driven by Students:

Student drivers must obtain written permission from passengers' parents - a form is available from the Deputy Principal.

MOVEMENT ABOUT THE SCHOOL

When moving along corridors and staircases, students are to keep to the left and move in an orderly manner.

Students are to enter and leave buildings by the nearest door to the room to which they are going, or leaving. **The front door of A Block is not an entrance/exit for students. The office, Principal and Deputies offices are only accessible through security doors.** Unless otherwise directed, students may go straight into their normal classrooms where they are to sit down and get ready to commence the lesson.

Students are not permitted to enter specialist rooms until instructed to do so by a teacher.

Students are not allowed in the building before school, during recess or at lunchtime unless there is a teacher present or they are consulting with a teacher.

PHOTOCOPIES FOR STUDENTS

Limited copies will be allowed for students requesting photocopies

Black and white 10c

Colour copies 50c

Students driving themselves to school must not convey other students unless parental permission has been sought and agreed to.



ALL SETTINGS

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

CORE VALUE	IN OUR CULTURE	WHAT IT MEANS
<p>C</p> <p>COOPERATION</p>	<p>Walk Softly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work together • Follow reasonable instructions • Encourage peers • Be in the right place, at the right time • Wear school uniform
<p>P</p> <p>PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>Stand Tall and Be Proud</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a genuine go! • Complete tasks • Be fair • Be prepared
<p>R</p> <p>RESPECT</p>	<p>Look Them in the Eye</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be considerate • Use manners and polite language • Accept others • Differences • Use equipment correctly • Keep the environment clean



Earn Points for Your House!!

go **HOOKE!!**

go **MANNING!!**

go **MURRAY!!**

go **PEEL!!**

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

The General School Contribution covers materials such as photocopy paper, stationary, first aid supplies, DVD's etc. The contribution is set at \$40. Parents who are on a Pension are able to pay half if required.

Payments can be made using POP—Parent Online Portal.

Some units for study require a further contribution to cover the cost of particular materials used by the student. These are indicated in the curriculum outlines.

<http://www.taree-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

TEXTBOOKS

All textbooks are issued on loan to students who then become responsible for keeping them in good condition. The books remain the property of the school and must be returned at the end of the year. Lost or damaged books must be replaced or paid for.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

Sensible behaviour is expected in the playground.

No bags are to be left in the playground between lessons.

Money and valuables should **NOT** be kept in school bags. If it is necessary for money to be brought to school, this should be left at front office for safe-keeping. School bags and other valuables may be left in a locked room.

Students should keep the playground in a neat and clean state.

GENERAL SCHOOL PROCEDURES

After School: Students are to go straight home from school and not loiter around outside the school or down town.

Toilet passes: Unless it is a matter of urgency, students will not be permitted to go to the toilet during lessons. If students have a medical condition requiring a pass they will need a doctor's certificate supporting this request.

Students not in class: Any student not in class (for whatever reason) should have a permission card or note from their teacher.

Students sent out of class: For misbehaviour are to report to the Head Teacher of that subject with a note stating the reason for the exclusion.

FIRST AID

Library

If a student is ill they must report to Library

Parents will be notified if a child is unable to attend classes due to illness & requested to collect them.

First Aid staff:

Mrs Jenifer Hofmeier

Mrs Patricia Armstrong

SMOKING

Smoking will not be tolerated anywhere in the school grounds; outside on the footpath or in the park, opposite the school.

Students are not to smoke while coming to, or going home from school, or while representing the school on visits, sporting trips, etc.

SPORT

Years 7 to 10 have sport on Wednesday afternoons. A Cross Country Run, Athletics and Swimming Carnivals are held annually. Some inter-school visits are organised

From a safety perspective, all students are expected to be able to swim at least 50 metres. Tuition in swimming is provided to all students who are unable to do so. No student is able to elect sports such as rowing, canoeing or surfing unless he or she can swim at least 400 metres.

Sport is divided into four segments on a term basis.

Participation in sport is compulsory and student participation is required to fulfill Department of Education Training requirements. Medical and other appointments should be scheduled for after school hours wherever possible.

Students with long term conditions which affect their capacity to participate in particular sports will, wherever possible, be assigned to appropriate sports. Parents should advise the school in writing if their child is unable to participate in sport due to illness or injury.

Notes pertaining to PE lessons should be presented to the student's PE teacher at the commencement of the lesson. These are recorded and filed.

NOTES REQUESTING PERMISSION TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN SPORT

Notes regarding sport should be presented at the gym, before 9.00 am on the day of sport.

Students who are ill or injured will be assigned to a designated area for the duration of sport.



SPORTS CARNIVALS

Attendance at Sports carnivals is compulsory. Students are encouraged to participate and wear House colours.

HOOKE—GREEN
PEEL—RED
MANNING—BLUE
MURRAY—PURPLE



TAREE HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

This organisation meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Library at 6.30pm. The meetings provide the opportunity for input and discussion on matters of educational relevance. There is a great need for parents to express their views so that the school can respond to the needs of its community. The P & C also renders invaluable service to the school by providing new equipment and amenities.

All parents are urged to join the association and be part of the school community.

CANTEEN: The P & C Committee operates the canteen with paid supervisors. And voluntary assistants.

The canteen operates between 8.30 to 2.13pm,
Service times are **8.30–9.00am, 11.11am-11.41am and 1.43pm-2.13pm.**

Parents and community members are welcome to volunteer in the canteen. If you can help, please contact us and indicate the time you are available to assist.

When making purchases at the canteen, students should form queues in an orderly fashion, take their turn, no pushing in or jumping the queue. Students should not make purchases for their friends.

Orders for lunch or recess are to be made during the breakfast time slot—8.30 –9.00am.

EFTPOS is available



CANTEEN MENU

The canteen complies with the Healthy School Canteen policy & has an extensive menu including:

Recess & Lunch:

Assorted Sandwiches
Wraps—Variety
Rolls
Salad tubs—variety
Chicken & gravy rolls

Breakfast menu:

Ham & cheese wraps
Raisin Toast
Berry Muesli Yoghurt cup
Muffins
Up & Go drinks

Drinks:

Pepsi, milk, juice
Water
Up & Go

Snacks

Sea salt chips
Jelly cups
Frozen Juice cups
Vanilla ice cream cups
Paddlepop—Rainbow &
Choccaramel

See blackboard—daily specials

Please place recess and lunch orders or any dietary requests at Breakfast 8.30 to 9am.

Vegetarian options are available.

Volunteer canteen helpers are always needed and greatly appreciated.
Come in and enjoy a laugh and a cuppa!

We are happy to discuss any dietary requirements.

Please see our Facebook page for menu and specials

Canteen
Phone No. 0476 491 450



Taree High School Library



OPENING HOURS

8.30 am – 3.30 pm
school days

The library is available
for study/ homework
before school, recess &
lunchtime each day

Information Literacy is about helping students find quality information suitable for their needs and is at the heart of the library program. THS library aims to prepare students for excellence in their school life and prepare them for success beyond school by providing a quality learning environment. The library is a shared space where students and staff work quietly and are considerate of others.

Did you know?

Our library has a collection of over 40,000 information resources including:

- World Book online database for high quality reference information
- Subscription to Sydney Morning Herald digital edition
- A huge collection of Fiction and Non Fiction books
- Articles, magazines, newspapers, audio books and more...

How to locate what you need for study or assignments.

Oliver library catalogue can be accessed from the terminals as you enter the library or you can access Oliver from the student portal online. All students have access to our catalogue and electronic databases from home or school. Look for the small purple square *Oliver* icon in the student portal or ask the friendly staff in the library.

Borrowing.

Resources can be borrowed for two weeks with the exception of reference and audio-visual materials, which are available to overnight loan. If resources become overdue students cannot borrow until they are either returned or reimburse the school for the cost of a replacement.

Secure internet browsing.

Printing.

The library has a Printing Station which allows quick and easy printing for students. The library is reducing its impact on the environment by making printing school work free if it is printed black and white, and printed on both sides of the paper.

Facilities.

The library has 2 class areas with access to desk top computers and a pod of 30 laptops. These class areas have flexible furniture options and 2 interactive touch screens for teaching and learning. These areas can be booked by teachers.

The library also has a senior study area for individuals and groups and comfortable seating for casual groups.

There are 3 seminar rooms which can be booked for small groups.

The library is also home to the Careers Adviser, the School Support Officer, the Reading recovery program, the Video conference centre, and meetings and events as they arise.

Information Skills

The Teacher-Librarian, co-ordinates “Independent Learning Skills Program” for Year 7 students and provides ongoing assistance for students and staff with curriculum support resources and computer and internet use.

LIBRARY STAFF

Teacher Librarian

Mrs Carla Gillis

Library Assistants

Mrs Jenifer Hofmeier

Mrs Patricia Armstrong

SCHOOL SERVICES, FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular programs

Students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular programs. Some of these include:

- NSW Mock Trial competition
- Design and Technology Expo
- Hospitality Worldskills
- Taree Eisteddfod - music, drama, dance and debating.
- Statewide Public Speaking and Debating competitions
- State knockouts for over 20 sports teams.
- Dorothea Mackellar (and other) poetry competitions
- Embroiderers' Association District and Regional Competitions
- Film Making and Shakespearean performance competitions
- Science Research Projects and competition
- Music Art Drama Dance (MADD) Concert
- Creative Arts Camps in specialist areas
- National Art School Extension HSC Course
- Tournament of the Minds
- Science/Engineering challenge
- NSW Premiers Volunteering Awards
- School Musical
- Wakali Leadership Program
- Fellas and Singas groups
- Bands
- Triple M Concert
- Youth Frontiers



Year 7 – Learning Pods

Year 7 students will be working with the same teacher for their core subjects: English, Science, History, Geography and Mathematics, this will be called their Learning Pod teacher. Students will leave their core teacher to participate in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Technology (Mandatory), Art, Music and Aboriginal Language and Culture Program.

THE SUBJECTS WE TEACH AT TAREE HIGH (CURRICULUM)

Features of the THS Curriculum Years 8-10

- 1 hour periods, 5 periods / day
- 2 hours of Sport each week
- 2 week cycle of lessons
- Core subjects exceed Board of Studies mandatory hour requirements
- Flexible delivery of BOS elective subjects, supplemented by unitised semester courses.
- Comprehensive student reports each semester
- Individualised patterns of study
- Specialist Music courses as alternatives to mandatory core units
- Gifted & Talented extension courses
- Parent Information evenings



Who to speak to
about elective
subjects...

Year Advisers

Mrs Raylene Starke
DP
2021

Years 8,10,12

Mr Nigel Reece
DP
2021

Years 7,9,11

Parents should
contact the school
for a curriculum

Years 8 Subjects

English

Mathematics

History

Science

Technology (Mandatory)

Aboriginal Language and
Culture Program

Geography

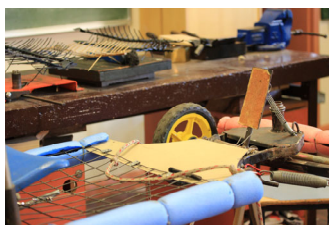
Music

Art

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

PLUS.....

In Year 8 students have the opportunity to choose one **elective** course in each semester



Skilled Game Performer

Food technology

Agricultural technology

Drama

Textiles technology

Information & software technology

Music (vocal & instrumental)

History

Industrial Technology in Wood, Metal or electronics

Visual Arts in drawing, painting, sculpture, photography and digital media, film.

Features of the curriculum

Years 11 and 12:

- NESAs requirements exceeded
- Flexible pathways to achieving an HSC
- Extensive range of subjects available
- Shared Curriculum Advantage (see next page) available to Taree, Wingham & Chatham High school students
- Extension courses available in English, History, Mathematics & Music
- Extensive range of Vocational Education (VET) courses offered
- Senior Curriculum patterns do offer work placement, TAFE & school based apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities
- Distance Education programs
- Majority of students achieve an ATAR - Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank for further tertiary study
- TAFE courses available to all students including -tourism, automotive and child care
- Comprehensive & detailed Curriculum booklet issued to every student
- Parent Information evenings
- Individual Parent, Student & teacher subject selection interviews



“All My Own Work” program

Year 10

Students complete the mandatory “All my Own Work” program set by the BOSTES which details students’ responsibilities in completing assessment work.

Years 11 and 12

Supervised study and space are provided to encourage effective use of study periods as students prepare for their HSC. Senior Prep is timetabled each week for every Year 11 and 12 student in D2. There they are given study, organization and motivation skills to assist them during HSC years.

Acceleration of Gifted & Talented Students

Where it has been deemed appropriate, students with an exceptional talent in a particular area have been accelerated and completed the HSC in that subject ahead of their normal year group. Taree High's timetable is flexible enough to accommodate these arrangements.



“I was very pleased with the application, organisation & co-operation of the Taree High School HSC students during their exams”

HSC exam supervisor



STUDENT PROGRESS

The Principal, Head Teachers, Year Advisers and staff welcome enquiries from parents regarding the progress of students. Interviews can be arranged by telephoning the school for a suitable time for an appointment.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

The principal way in which Taree High School provides information about a student's achievement is by providing a semester report based on information gathered by the class teacher using tasks (e.g. tests and assessment tasks) that assess each student's level of achievement.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Our school reports contain data &/or information on:

- Attendance
- Conduct
- Level of achievement of specific course outcomes
- Social development
- Commitment to learning
- Areas of success and areas for improvement

In Year 7-10 also:

- Overall achievement in each course

For Year 11-12 - course mark and position:

- HSC rank for Year 12 students only



ASSESSMENT TASKS: (REFER ALSO TO THE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT CALENDAR/S)

Each course will nominate a number of assessment tasks which will ensure students have the opportunity to demonstrate their level of achievement of the course outcomes. Students will be informed of these tasks on the course outline issued by their class teacher.

Students are required to:

- complete each assessment task to the best of their ability
- submit these on or before the due date. Late submission of tasks incur penalties.

If unable to complete a task students must:

- provide the relevant class teacher with a satisfactory explanation if they are absent when a task is completed. Such an explanation will usually require the provision of documentary evidence such as a doctor's certificate or parental note.
- such explanations should be provided before the due date of the assessment task.
- complete the same task at the earliest possible date where this is appropriate OR
- attempt a similar task and, if this is also inappropriate, then an estimate based on other evidence will be used.

AN ASSESSMENT CALENDAR IS GIVEN TO ALL STUDENTS EACH SEMESTER.

These are distributed through roll call. If your child does not bring one home.

Calendars are also posted on the school's web page.

<http://www.taree-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/402823.node>

MISSED ASSESSMENT TASKS

Provide a note & / or Doctor's certificate to the class teacher.

Parents are informed by letter of missed tasks.

LATE ASSESSMENT TASKS

Years 7-10

Penalties of % of marks

Years 11-12

Mark of zero given but task recorded as completed.

Reports are issued twice a year

Yrs 7-10

Term 2 Wk 10
Term 4 Wk 10

Year 11

Term 1 Wk 10 - mid course report
Term 4 Wk 3 - Preliminary course reports

Year 12

Term 2 Wk 2 - 1/2 yearly.
Term 3 Wk 8 - Final report

STUDENT WELBEING

Taree High School aims to be a safe and happy place for all students, their teachers and members of the community. Student wellbeing is enhanced when all members of the school community participate in the learning programs and life of the school.

Student wellbeing has its foundations in:

- Effective teaching and learning
- Positive climate and good discipline—PBL—Core Values, Cooperative Participation and Respect
- Parent and community involvement

Programs to promote students welfare include:

- Curriculum structures that promote engagement in learning
- Extension of gifted & talented students
- Learning support for students experiencing difficulties
- Individual learning programs for students with special needs
- Comprehensive student achievement & recognition schemes
- Behaviour monitoring & support structures that promote accountability and responsibility
- Diverse range of cultural programs
- Literacy & numeracy programs for Aboriginal students
- Excursions, field trips & camps
- Anti-bullying, harassment & racism support

Achievement recognition

The following programs recognise and / or reward achievement

<u>Program</u>	<u>Target group</u>	<u>Area of achievement</u>
School commendation	All students	Significant achievement in school citizenship
Academic awards	All students	Outstanding achievement in academic results
Academic merits	All students	Significant achievement in academic results
Principal/Deputy Principal awards	All students	Outstanding individual achievement in class
Positive Behaviours to Learning PBL	All students	Upholding Core Values of the school
Merits	All students	Consistent achievement twice each term at year meetings.

Anti-racism

Taree High School rejects discrimination in all its forms. It is committed to the elimination of discrimination and strive to promote respect and acceptance of all members of the school and wider community, irrespective of race, sex, religion or disability.

Any complaint by a student, teacher or parent about incidences of alleged discrimination should be addressed to one of our trained discrimination contact people. The staff member is Mrs Rhonda Farley. (ARCO)

"This is an environment in which my child can learn"

Parent of an enrolling Year 11 student after being shown around the school.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND FEATURES

Gifted and Talented Students:

Taree High School aims to educate all students to their potential and provide high quality educational outcomes for all students, including gifted and talented students (GATS). The school provides a framework that will identify, support, and develop the gifts and talents of all our students and enable all students to realize their potential abilities.

ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

A variety of procedures is adopted to identify students with gifts and talents and numerous programs are in place to cater for such students:

Many compulsory subjects (such as English, Mathematics and Science) provide extension classes for high achieving students with abilities in specific curriculum areas in Years 8-10.

Students with identified abilities in specific areas are invited to participate in focus days conducted by each subject area.

Taree High's curriculum structure provides great scope for specialisation and extension, particularly in Years 9 and 10. Courses are offered in 100 hour units, supplemented by semesterised 50 hour courses.

Semester units are offered in:

- Vocal extension
- Printmaking, ceramics, and mosaics.
- Sports science
- Individual projects in wood and metal technology
- Fashion design
- Commerce and the law
- Movement and dance
- Electronics
- Computer software development
- Specialised media in Visual Arts (eg. 2D, 3D, animation)
- Specialised Historical studies (eg. the middle ages, modern world studies,)
- Forensic Science
- Agriculture—Show Team



Students have chosen to study the following extension units.

- Dance
- Metal engineering
- Textile manufacture
- Computing

Many others are possible.

STUDENTS NEEDING LEARNING SUPPORT

The Learning Support Team (LST) identifies students to assist them in their learning.

Features of this program include:

- Team teaching (Learning PODs)
- School Learning Support Office
- Small group intensive literacy programs - Quicksmart/Quicklist/Behavioural Reading.

Determination of student needs identified through:

- Comprehensive assessment & recommendation from Primary school
- Assessment by the LAST &/or school counsellor
- Recommendations from class teachers
- Requests from parents

Other support is provided in class and on a withdrawal basis for individual students by the STLA.

External Testing /Assessment:

VALID—Science—Year 8 and Year 10 (online)

Literacy & Numeracy testing:

All students in Years 7 & 9 sit the NAPLAN test online. These are a national literacy & numeracy tests.

Results of the NAPLAN tests are provided to parents & the school. An analysis of the results, the planning of follow-up and the development of explicit strategies aimed at addressing identified areas of concern has commenced at Taree High School with a meeting of Taree High school staff and our NAPLAN Community of Schools

Support in sitting for exams & assessment tasks (“disability provisions”)

Students with diagnosed learning difficulties or physical impairments are eligible to receive exam & assessment support. This is coordinated by the LAST.

The **Board of Studies** provides Special Provisions for students with learning difficulties at the Higher School Certificate examinations. Students need to apply and have medical evidence to support these applications. These provisions may include a reader, a writer or extra time.

Who to speak to in regards to Learning Support....

Ms K Voss

Ms K Brown
(Counsellors)

Mrs Lanie Rainger (Welfare)

Ms Therese Sullivan (LAST)

Mrs Raylene Starke (DP)

Mr Nigel Reece (DP)

Ms Erin Weatherby (DP)

Or your child's Year Adviser:

Year 7 **Mrs Z Fuller**
 Mrs C Kirby

Year 8 **Mr D Warburton**

Year 9 **Mr T Hunt**

Year 10 **Mrs B Honess**

Year 11 **Mr T Gollan**

Year 12 **Mrs J Umbers**



BELL TIMES 2021

PERIOD	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ROLL CALL	9.00-9.09	9.00-9.09	NO ROLL CALL	9.00-9.09	9.00-9.09
1	9.09-10.10	9.09-10.10	9.00-10.01	9.09-10.10	9.09-10.10
2	10.10-11.11	10.10-11.11	10.01-11.02	10.10-11.11	10.10-11.11
			PASTORAL CARE 11.02-11.22		
	LUNCH 1 11.11-11.41		LUNCH 1 11.22-11.52	LUNCH 1 11.11-11.41	
3	11.41-12.42	11.41-12.42	11.52-12.53	11.41-12.42	11.41-12.42
4	12.42-1.43	11.42-1.43	ASSEMBLY 12.53-1.03	12.42-1.43	12.42-1.43
	LUNCH 2 1.43-2.13		LUNCH 2 1.03-1.33	LUNCH 2 1.43-2.13	
5	2.13-3.15	2.13-3.15	SPORT 1.33-3.15	2.13-3.15	2.13-3.15

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Year 7: 2020 Supply List

Everyday equipment: These are needed every day in all classes.

1xUSB labelled with name, Pens, HB pencils, glue, ruler, eraser, scissors and highlighters

Subject

Equipment

Learning PODs

1 x English A4 exercise book
1 x Maths A4 grid exercise book
1 x IBL A4 exercise book
1 x calculator: Casio fx82-AU calculator (**available at the front office**)
1 x display folder
2 x whiteboard markers
Covered in leather shoes for Science practicals
Please note students will need to replace books during the year as needed.

PDHPE

1 X A4 128 page exercise book
1 x USB

Music

1 x A4 48 page book with manuscript

Visual Arts

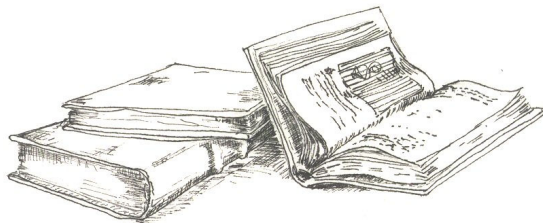
1 x A4 Art diary 60 page (**available at the office \$3 or \$6**)
2 x 2B pencils

Aboriginal Languages and Culture

1 X A4 96 page exercise book
1 x A4 20 pocket display folder

Technology and Applied Studies

1x A4 20 pocket display folder (yellow)
1 x Apron (**available at office \$9.30**)
Completely covered leather shoes, no mesh or canvas



TAREE HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY REQUIREMENTS YEAR 8-10

The following table indicates the faculty requirements for the core curriculum areas.
Students will be advised of their elective requirements once they commence their courses.

Faculty	Year	Book Size / Type	Special Equipment
ENGLISH	8 - 10	2 x A4 196 Page Book	1 x Display Folder
MATHEMATICS	8 - 10	5mm Gird A4 Book	Casio fx82-AU Calculator, Protractor, Ruler, Scissors, Glue-stick, whiteout
SCIENCE	8 - 10	A4 196 Page Book	USB to store work
HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY	8 - 10	2 x A4 128 Page Book	2 x Display Folder, Gluestick, Pens, Pencils, Ruler, Eraser, Highlighters
PD / H / PE	8 - 10	A4 196 Page Book	Gluestick, Pens, Pencils, Ruler, Eraser, Highlighters
TAS (D&T)	8 - 10	A4 Display Folder	Completely covered leather shoes, no mesh or canvas
MUSIC / VISUAL ARTS	8 - 10	48 Page Manuscript Book / 120 A4 Art Book (available at front office \$4	