

## Principal's Report Term 2 2018

First semester has drawn to a close with many sporting, cultural, academic and social activities having happened in the school and community. We have seen our students engaged in Debating, Public Speaking, sports such as Athletics, Cross Country, Touch, Basketball, Netball, Futsal, Soccer, Football, Hockey, Science and Engineering Challenges, Eisteddfod for Drama and Music, School Social, lunchtime activities organised by our Youth Outreach Worker; Hospitality students catering for community events; Bro and SistaSpeak Programs; NAIDOC school and community events and to finish the term our Triple M Concert and Spirit Day. None of these events would be possible without the magnificent staff at Taree High School going above and beyond the classroom to enable these fantastic opportunities. I thank them all for their enthusiasm and time in preparing and working with students for these events. I also thank the students for taking up the challenges and opportunities.

The school has also undergone more upgrades with painting, refurbishment and the installation of more solar panels to offset the rise in electricity prices. I thank all of the school for their patience and understanding whilst this work has been undertaken and the respect and consideration shown to the workers, who have often commented about how cooperative everyone has been.

Recently we held our NAIDOC Celebrations in the form of a full day activities, our annual NAIDOC Community Concert and hosting the Purfleet-Taree Lands Council NAIDOC Community Awards, which saw students from a number of schools, community members and Elders receiving acknowledgement for their contribution to the Taree Community.

Another highlight for the school was for the third year running, in partnership with the Taree SES, the SES Cadet Program. Students spent a week with SES staff and Mr Reynolds (a Cadet himself) learning new skills in rescue and recovery. Students will have a day with Camden Haven High students soon to participate in "on water" activities to conclude their training. In the past, some students have then gone onto becoming SES volunteers themselves. It was wonderful to see Katie Noble return to the school to assist with the training of the cadets. Katie is a very well respected Team member of the Taree SES.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to Term 3, once again seeing the students of Taree High School excelling in all that they do.

**Allison Alliston**  
Executive Principal

We love It!



### NEWSLETTER CALENDAR

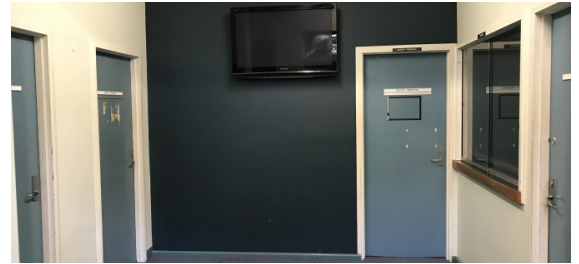
Year 10 Subject Selection Evening	4th July
SPIRIT DAY	6th July
Winter School Holidays	9th July - 23rd July
Students Return	24th July
Regional Athletics Day - Glendale	1st - 2nd August
Year 7-10 Online Subject Selection Completed	3rd August
North Coast Regional Debating Camp	7th -8th August
SES Cadets Graduation	8th August
15's Basketball Gala day	10th August
HSC Trials	20th - 31st August
Year 11 Snow Trip	27th - 31st August
Year 7 Excursion	29th August
Year 7 Immunisation (+10/11 catch up)	6th September
U15's Netball Gala Day	7th September
Year 7-10 Parent Teacher Evening	11th September
Interstate 9/10 Girls Touch Football	12-14th September
Year 11 Exam	17th - 28th September
Year 12 Presentation	26th September

### Thieving at Manning Mall/Coles

Parents/Carers, Please be aware that students have been attending the retail outlet stores before and after school and shoplifting. The Management of each of the major centres have advised Ms Alliston that the police will be called for any further thefts. Ms Alliston has indicated that she won't hesitate in reviewing the CTV footage with the Management and advising police of offenders, which could lead to criminal charges. We request that parents/carers talk to their children and ask them to respect the rights of retailers and the law when entering any retail outlet.



Before



After



## Important information regarding Non-prescribed medications

Schools generally don't administer medication that hasn't been requested for an individual student's specific condition. In some cases the medical practitioner may not write a prescription for such medication because it may be available 'over the counter'. NSW Health advises that 'over the counter' medication may still be harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures for non-prescribed medications as for prescribed medications.

Therefore if a student needs medication at school, we have forms that need to be filled out by the parent or doctor. And the medication has to be supplied to the school. Please contact the school if you require a form on 02 6552 1166.



### P&C

Meeting are held on every 4th Tuesday of the month in Ngarralbaa Room at the school.  
New members are always welcome.  
If you would like to be a member of the P&C please come along to one of our meetings.  
We look forward to seeing you there.

### CANTEEN NEWS

- Loyalty Card available when ordering lunch meals. Don't forget to use it, 11th meal is FREE.
- Gluten free available
- Check blackboard for specials.
- Lunch orders taken at breakfast time 8.30-9.00am.
- **Volunteers are always welcome: Please contact Tracey on 02 6552 1407 if you would like to give a hand.**



## EISTEDDFOD SUCCESS

On Thursday 7th June two of our school rock bands travelled to the Manning Entertainment Centre to compete in the Taree and District Eisteddfod. Nerv consisting of Bailey Jenkins, Bryce Walker, Brendan Armstrong, Harry Hinten and Harrison Ivers were placed 3rd on the Secondary school rock band Years 9-10 section.

Sox and Robbers consisting of Brayden Perks, Harrison Doble, Riley Burton, Mitchell Brown and ex-student Sam Deehan competed in the Secondary Schools rock band Years 11-12 section and against some very tough completion from local schools in the district took out a prestigious 1st place!

All of these boys played/sang extremely well and were a credit to Taree High School. They were also a very supportive audience of all other competitors and they are to be congratulated on their success.



### Sox and Robbers



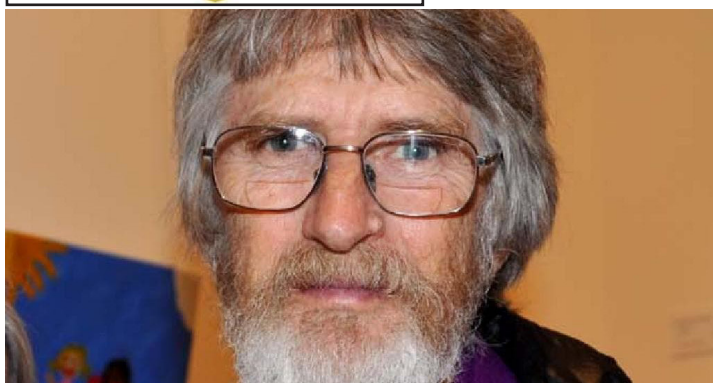
### Nerv

**V**ocal Eisteddfod Taree High place first in the secondary schools choir section with the Singas and Fellas and we received a highly commended for the Secondary schools vocal group section consisting of Lara Slade, Sam Moss, Aleah Cusbert, Katy McLeod and Trinity Weiley.



## Alumni

### Join us on Facebook Taree High School Alumni



*He crowned the river.*  
**The late Robin Norling.**

#### Receiving an OAM for service to the visual arts, and to education.

- Co-Owner/ Director, Bakehouse Gallery, 2000-2017.
- Artist, 1960-2017.
- Fellow, Royal Art Society of New South Wales.

#### Australian Watercolour Institute:

- President, 3 years.
- Former Member.
- Teacher, Painting and Drawing, Meadowbank College School of Art (now the Sydney Gallery School), 1986-2000.
- Senior Education Officer, Art Gallery of New South Wales, 1978-1986.
- Lecturer and Former Head, Art Education, Alexander Mackie Teachers College, 1970-1977.
- Part-time Writer and Presenter, 'Young World of Art' program, ABC Radio, 1970-1973.

#### Awards and recognition includes:

- Recipient, New South Wales Travelling Art Prize, New South Wales Government, 1962.
- Recipient, Robert Le Gay Brereton Memorial Drawing Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, 1960s and Sir John Sulman Prize, 1961.

#### Captains and Prefects 1936

Prefects, Fanny Cook, Jean Jackson, Doris Bakewell, Ailsa (?) Rose (Captain), Fred McLaughlin, R Lyndon (Captain), Frank Summerville, D. Saxby, June (?) Filett. Unfortunately, the names are only in a list so we are not sure who's who. We love it anyway.



**A**rare photo indeed. We have found this in some very old letters to the school. It is the only photo we have of the school from this perspective. It has been taken from the Primary School and shows the entrance to the side. It was the school as it appeared before the addition of the hall. It would seem that some of the road has been taken up to fit the hall in. Perhaps some Alumni can help here. The notes accompanying the photo say: 'Taree High up to 1939. The houses able to be seen were an integral part of the school grounds separated only by a narrow lane.' We have also found the resumption papers that saw the removal of these houses to Commerce St (?). The homes were owned by - F.A. Longworth, T.A.Trotter, C.Hayward+ W.J.Fotheringham + R.Plummer (Joint tenants) and R.O.Powell.

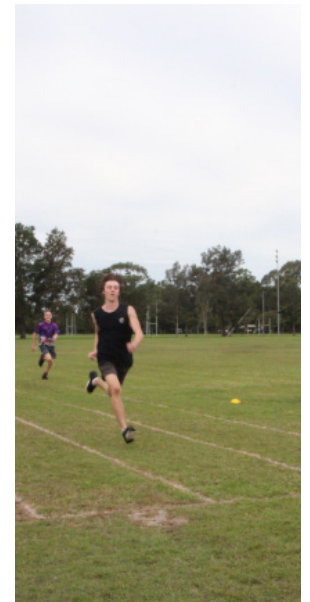


*1976 - One Alumnus was very chuffed but puzzled at one of the latest post. He came first in the (mysterious) art of Declamation. Who remembers Declamation?*



## Athletics Carnival.....

We had a great day at this years athletics carnival. The weather was overcast, great conditions for running, jumping and throwing. Well done everyone who attended and participated in events and games.



## Athletics Report 2018

### Champions:

12 years Boys: **Jayden Manusu**

13 years boys: **Kurt Walters**

14 years boys: **Ethan Ferguson**

15 years boys: **Jeremy Davis**

16 years boys: **Benjamin Cook-Jarvis and Harry Loretan**

17+ years boys: **Nicholas Gilbert**

12 years girls: **Lillianah Williams**

13 years girls: **Amarley Bron**

14 years girls: **Sophie-Clare Croker and Tahli Wheeler**

15 years girls: **Makayla Manusu**

16 years girls: **Kortney Dorries and Tahlia Holborow**

17+years girls: **Nicola Searles**

### New Records:

**Nicholas Gilbert** in the 17+ years Shot Put, breaking his own record with a new distance of 14.58m

**Jayden Manusu** in the 12 yrs 200m with a new time of 29.44 seconds, breaking the old record from 1971

**Gabrielle Monaghan** in the 12 years Discus with a new distance of 19.26m, breaking the old record from 2002

### Champion House:

1. Peel – 324 pts

2. Hooke – 275 pts

3. Manning – 225 pts

4. Murray – 205 pts

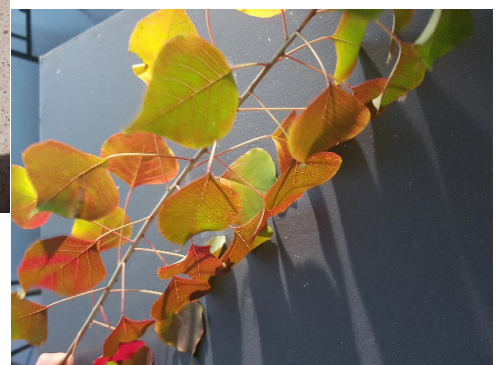
### Zone Champions

13 Years **Amarley Bron**

16 Years **Kortney Dorries**



The Year 11 visual arts preliminary students enjoying a workshop with renowned artist Vicki White at the Manning Regional Art Gallery on Friday the 1 June. The students were introduced to Vicki's practice and her inspiration artwork. The students are studying Andy Goldsworthy, an environmental site-specific sculptor and this allowed them to plan for future directions of their upcoming body of work. The class were able to explore natural objects within the gallery's workshop using the lighting and instruction from Vicki. The Taree High School visual arts 7-12 students have also been to the gallery to view Art Express last year's NSW Year 12 visual art students art works. Very impressive!





## Taree High School Peer Support Leaders and Program

Peer Support Program, 2018

Over terms 1 and 2, twenty Year 10 students who trained to become Peer Leaders in 2017 have been conducting sessions from the Peer Support program, Behaving with Integrity, during Pastoral Care with the Year 7 students. The mental health and well-being program focuses on building positive connections, resilience and assertiveness in decision making. It is the first time in many years that the Peer Support program has been run at the school and the students have responded positively to the experience. The Year 10 students involved have attended organisation sessions during their lunch time and facilitate activities with the Year 7 students. The three sessions this term are held in Weeks 6, 7 and 8.

## Taree High School Debate News

NSW Premiere Debate Competition

The early morning practices are paying off for the members of the Taree High School Debate team. The Year 9&10 Debate team are having a terrific season with two wins out of three debates. While they lost round 1 against Great Lakes College, they had two wins on Monday 4 June against Bulahdelah Central School Team A and B. They eagerly wait to see if they will advance to the next round. The Year 7&8 team are also ready to go into their first round which will take place in Term 3.

## Junior Debate Training Workshop, 2018

On Wednesday 23 May, The Masters Academy in debating attended Taree High School to host the Junior Debating Workshop for students in the north coast region. This is the first time a workshop like this has been run in this area and Taree High School was proud to be able to host the event. Twenty three Years 7, 8 and 9 students attended the workshop. They were from Camden Haven, Port Macquarie and Taree High School. The hosts provided excellent skills, training and feedback for all those who attended. It was a jam packed day with some very positive feedback from the students and the teachers who attended. With such a successful turnout the event will be sure to run again in 2019. A special thanks to Ms Allison Alliston for her ongoing support of debating at Taree High School.

**Taree High School Drama** students were well represented in numbers and skill at the recent Manning Speech and Drama Eisteddfod. Four Year 9 groups performed their well-rehearsed scripts with one group gaining second place from ten and others being highly commended.

After being an excellent audience on day one, Year 10 took to the stage on day two. Both sections on this day were of a high standard and the adjudicator had difficulty separating the performances. In the end an accomplished play devised by Lara Slade, Emily White, Cassandra Searles and Kalani Cross took out first place with Chloe Pollock, Sarah Ollerton, Kriya Sercombe, Tamika Birchall and Kaitlyn Blanch in second place. These plays, created by the students, took much research, preparation and rehearsal before being able to thoroughly engage the audience.

Year 11 Drama were also involved in this devising of their own plays. Using themes of sanity, manipulation of the mind and danger these students had a good taste of what group performance is going to be like for the HSC. For some of them it was the first time in an acting role at a public performance and this experience was invaluable.

Taree High School made up the bulk of the audience on the days they attended and clearly displayed the theatre etiquette that was required and gave positive support for plays that were presented by all schools at the eisteddfod.

**Year 7 Music** students with their home made musical instruments. Well done to you and your wonderful teachers Leanne Ralston and Peter Bull.





## **F**amous Australian writer comes to town... James Roy

Taree High School and MidCoast Libraries recently hosted an Australian author to speak to Years 9 + 10 English classes about his experiences, and the art of writing. James Roy has written 34 books and is a popular Australian author of Young Adult literature. He had students laughing at his interesting stories and gave pointers on how to write fiction. James has won many awards for his books, the most recent was the Winner, NSW Premier's Literary Award 2017 which he co-wrote about the Rwandan Genocide.

His talk was perfectly aimed at his teenage audience and they thoroughly enjoyed him. "He is so cool!" one student said. "I'm going to read his books" said another. No wonder he is such a popular writer for teenagers!

Taree High School Library would like to say a big Thank you to MidCoast libraries who supported this event. Without them, the author visit would not have been possible.

Carla Gillis, Teacher Librarian



## SES Cadets Report 2018

17 intrepid students and one staff member went out to find out what volunteering in a community was really about. We attached ourselves to Gary, Camel and Doddy from the SES to learn about team work and the local volunteer services and how they come together to help those in need.

Day one saw us broken into 3 groups each complete with a mascot. This mascot was a part of our team and was not to be left alone in any situation. It was not long before one of the mascots went missing meaning a bit of a fail for us as we were to be as one. We proceeded to learn about the different services and how they connect to each other. The SES, Rural Fire Service, Marine Rescue, Police, Ambulance and other agencies.

Day two saw us using rescue equipment to learn the different techniques of patient extraction. Many team building exercise were completed. How the services interacted and who helps who in the various situations encountered by the different agencies.

Day three saw us at the local SES and Rural Fire Services Depot to look at the machine's used when fighting fires and the safety equipment utilised when working on structures after storms. More team building exercises were completed but unfortunately when two hands were needed mascots went missing again. Sarah Ollerton went beyond the call of duty when keeping her team's mascot safe. A great lunch was supplied by the staff from Bunnings Taree, YUM!!!!

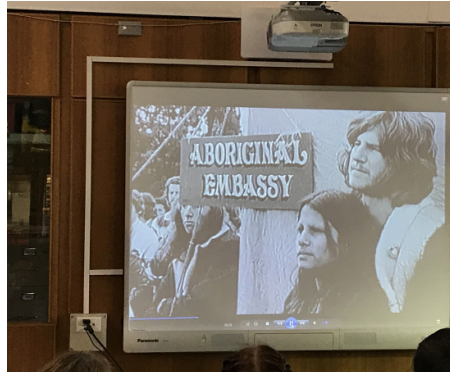
Day four saw more exercises and team building games and exercises. We could see how we had improved our skills since day one as some of the work in no way could have been successfully completed without team cohesion. At present we are awaiting the final day's exercise which will be held at the Marine Rescue Base at Camden Haven.

What a great way for all to engage positively and learn about the workings of today's volunteer and rescue services.





## N AIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS "Because of Her, we can"



**Yadagi by 3 and Dolcimo**



**Girambit Wanggaliyn**



**Ngarra Burra Ferra  
Taree Public School Dance Group**



**Djarri Waka Wangaliyn  
Taree West Public School Dance Troops**



## Sports Column

We are going to try something new for the newsletter this year. First thing is this page - THS Sports Column this will be an ongoing feature. As you may notice THS has a lot of team sports and individuals representing the school throughout the year.

### Netball Report

Year 7/9 and 9/10 girls' netball teams played in the Netball NSW Schools Cup competition on the 11th April. Both teams play some great netball.

The Year 9/10 girls were undefeated on the day and the 7/8 team only losing 1 game. Both teams now proceed to the next round, North Coast Regional Finals to be played on the 28th June at Port Macquarie. The winners of this round will go through to the state finals day to be played at Netball Central in Sydney Olympic Park on Wednesday 20th September.

Year 9/10 Team: Hope Extrem, Emily Rainger, Jade Fowles, Lara Slade, Ebony Extrem, Sophie-Clare Croker, Sammie Chicken, Imogen Nelson and Emily Heath.

Year 7/8 Team: Charlotte Rainger, Hannah Elford, Emma Shoemith, Jessica Ferris, Ella Bramsen, Tilly Hollis, Chyna Johnson, Amarley Bron, Neevah Hunt.

### Open Girls Tennis

The Open Girls Tennis Team of (Elizabeth Hill, Logan Paulson, Ausha Paulson and Jasmine Jackson), played against Great Lake College at Taree Tennis Centre Week 2 Term 2. Great Lakes proved a difficult opponent but the girls played very well to win 6 sets to 4. It was impressive to see the level of sportsman ship and skill demonstrated by the team.

Winning this round 2 match, progressed the girls to the quarter finals held at Broadmeadow Tennis Centre.

At Broadmeadow we had a walk through Quarter final and progressed straight to the semi-finals. Our next game was against very strong completion in Whitebridge High School. The girls all played some very competitive tennis but unfortunately did not see results go their way.

There is plenty of talent in this group of girls and many years of good tennis to come with all but one student being in the junior years at school.

Well done girls!

### Open Boys Touch

The Open Boys touch team yet again continued a tradition of excellent performances this year. They won the local round robin competition at the Taree Rec grounds and in doing so qualified of the Hunter touch finals in Newcastle.

Down at Newcastle we drew the top seeded team in round 1 in Warners Bay High School. In the early stages of the game we had a slight edge, managing to maintain a one point lead, but with 10 minutes to go a couple of 50/50 decisions favoured the competition and they were skilled enough to capitalise on the opportunities eventually beating us 5 tries to 3.

All players are to be commended on how they represented themselves and Taree High School and had plenty of commendations coming from referees, other schools teachers and parents.

Not the result we were after but an excellent demonstration of the quality of students and skill Taree High School has to offer.

Well done Gents.

## Sports Column continue....

### Futsal Report

On Monday 4th June and Tuesday 5th June Taree were represented in the Manning Futsal Titles at Saxby's Stadium in the U14's Boys, U16's Girls, U16s Boys and U19's Boys with a total of 6 teams participating. Also as the U14's Girls were the only entrant in these titles they moved directly through to the Northern NSW titles in Port Macquarie in August.

All teams represented Taree High in an excellent fashion with a good team spirit and attitude. Thanks to all the boys and girls who participated - you should be proud of your efforts. The most successful teams were the U16's Girls and U19's Year 11 team who both finished Runners Up in the Grand Final. The U16's Gold team won the title in their division!

A large number of teams competed in the Titles from various schools with some having multiple teams in some age groups. Schools included Taree, St Clares, Bulahdelah, Manning Valley Anglican College (MVAC) and Chatham. On the 2nd day both courts in Saxby's stadium and 1 outdoor court on the Hockey Fields were in use all day to cater for the large number of teams. Thankfully the weather held up with no rain so the day went off well. A big thanks to the organisers and referees for their preparation and smooth running of the Titles.

Taree High have therefore qualified with 4 teams that finished Top two or better for the Northern NSW School Futsal Titles in August at Port Macquarie.

Well Done again everyone!

Mr J. Kelly/ Mr B. Henson

### CHS Girls Hockey

Congratulations to the CHS Hunter Girls Hockey team on winning Gold at the CHS Finals in Sydney last week. Six girls from THS were apart of the winning team beating Sydney East 3-2. This was Hunter's 4th Gold in a row which no other team had ever done before. Well done Tahni Walters, Lara Watts, Bree Pensini, Jordan Moscott, Kalani Cross and Makayla Manusu

### Year 9/10 Girls Touch Football

4th in the State!

Congratulations to our Year 9/10 Girls Touch Football Team on their success at the NSW Touch All Schools State Final which was play in Penrith last Friday.

The team also qualified to contest at the TFA National Schools Cup in Queensland in September.

Well done girls.





## Sports Top School Awards - 2018

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	YEAR	REASON
Portia	Rennie	12	2 <sup>nd</sup> in NSW CHS Triathlon
Abby	Baker	11	2 <sup>nd</sup> in NSW CHS Triathlon
Claire	Van Kampen	11	2 <sup>nd</sup> in NSW CHS Triathlon
Lucas	Kloosterhof	9	Hunter Regional Swim Team
Bevan	Smith	9	Hunter Regional Swim Team
Emily	Rainger	10	Hunter Regional Swim Team
Hannah	Hartup	11	Hunter Regional Swim Team
Claire	Van Kampen	11	Hunter Regional Swim Team
Max	McKillop-Davies	9	Hunter Regional Swim Team
Charlotte	Rainger	8	Hunter Regional Swim Team
Brady	Cross	7	Hunter Regional Swim Team
Jordan	Moscatt	10	Hunter Regional Swim Team
Charlie	Dignam	9	Hunter Regional U15's Touch
Navren	Willett	7	Hunter Regional U15's Touch
Joel	Minihan	12	Hunter Regional Open Touch Team
Blake	Elford	12	Hunter Regional Open Touch Team
Tanna	Hinton	12	Hunter Regional Open Touch Team
Jarred	Gibson	10	Hunter Regional Open Touch Team
Tahni	Walters	12	Hunter Regional Open Hockey Team
Jordan	Moscatt	10	Hunter Regional Open Hockey Team
Kalani	Cross	10	Hunter Regional Open Hockey Team
Bree	Pensini	10	Hunter Regional Open Hockey Team
Makayla	Manusu	9	Hunter Regional Open Hockey Team
Drew	Pensini	10	Hunter Regional Open Hockey Team
Lara	Watts	11	Hunter Regional Open Hockey Team
Lara	Watts	11	NSW CHS U16 Hockey Team
Portia	Rennie	12	Hunter Regional Cross Country Team
Lillianah	Williams	7	Hunter Regional Cross Country Team
Harry	Croker	11	Hunter Regional U18's Rugby League Team
Harry	Croker	11	Greater Northern U18's Rugby League Team
Harry	Croker	11	NSW CHS U18's Rugby League Team

## Careers Newsletter

With about half our Year 12 students looking at tertiary study, many are concerned about “what to do” in regard to their post school planning. Hopefully during our recent transition interviews I was able to remove some of the stress and start to develop realistic and valid planning. Students who did miss their interview can rebook at any time in the diary outside my office.

For most students looking at University pathways, next term is the busy time for applications either for study, accommodation and scholarships. I know many students and their families are very keen to investigate scholarships to help assist the financial burden of moving away to study.

### Basically scholarships fall into these categories:

- **Academic Excellence:** We would be looking at ATAR ranks well above 90
- **Socio Economic Disadvantage:** Families receiving Tax Benefit A or B would be eligible.
- **Industry Specific:** Some industries use scholarships to incentivise students to consider that career path (such as mathematics teaching, surveying and engineering)
- **School:** We receive some scholarship money from local universities for “best student from our school”

Many scholarships have extensive application process. Well written applications showcasing a student’s ability, commitment as well as listing extra-curricular activities have the best chance.

For those students not looking at a tertiary study path, entering into trade training is often a viable option. You should be out looking now. You should have a current resume (I will always be willing to produce and type a resume for any student) and cover letter. Opportunities are very competitive in this area for apprenticeships but students willing to move to larger centres such as Newcastle and Sydney, we do have a lot more prospects and companies willing to at least trial with work experience.

This leads me onto work experience for our upper junior students such as Year 10. Work experience at Taree High School is delivered “on demand” to students motivated to seek, source and be committed. Due to much higher compliance requirements in work, health and safety it is no longer possible to “send them all out “ and meet mandatory Department and Safe Work NSW guidelines. But if a student is keen to try out an industry make an appointment to see me. We work from there.

## Construction Industry “White Card” Training

To participate in any form of employment (including work experience) in the Construction and often Entertainment Industries you need training in “Prepare to Work Safely in the Construction Industry” otherwise called the “White Card”.

Please be aware that under Department of Education and Safe Work NSW guidelines, I cannot sign off on students who have completed training “online”. This is non-negotiable. Students must be trained in a ‘face to face’ environment.

Unfortunately this complicates matters. The closest trainers with regular delivery are in Port Macquarie. Face to face training is usually double the cost of online delivery. We have also tried delivery of the course at school, but our school day is just too short for successful delivery.

Students needing this training and willing to travel to Port Macquarie for the day (and granted leave on school business), can see me to book a place with the trainers. The students can also apply for a subsidy from the school to assist in bringing the face to face training cost in line with online options.

I trust this assists in trying to circumvent the frustrating aspects of work placement /experience compliance in this industry.

## Careers Expo

The Taree and District Careers Expo will again take place on Friday 3rd August from 9am to 12 noon at Chatham High School.

This event will be open to our students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and has a strong record for being a very helpful conduit for developing student’s transition and career ideas.

As always parents are welcome.

More information will be forthcoming closer to the event.

Feel free to contact me at any time about this or any aspect of careers at Taree High School.

Glen Bowman  
Careers Adviser  
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**Friday 27 July**

Coffs Harbour campus

**Saturday 28 July**

Lismore campus

**Sunday 29 July**

Gold Coast campus