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EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - TERM 4

## Seasons Greetings Taree High!

As we wrap up another big year, I'd like to take a moment to wish all our learners, caregivers, and staff a safe, happy, and restful holiday season. Whether you're celebrating Christmas, enjoying the summer break, or just taking a well-earned breather, I hope it's filled with fun, relaxation, and good company.

Some dates for your diary:

- The school will be **closed from 21 December through to 30 January.**
- The office will reopen on **Friday, 31 January.**
- All learners will return to school on **Thursday, 6 February.**
- Year 7 Meet the Teachers Evening on **Thursday, 6 February.**

Thank you for your support throughout the year, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back in 2025!

Yours in learning,  
*Nigel Reece*



## END OF YEAR TIMELINE

**WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER - PRESENTATION EVENING**

**FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER - YEAR 9 & 10 ASSEMBLY (9.10AM)**

**FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER - YEAR 7 & 8 ASSEMBLY (11.45AM)**

**WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER - STUDENTS FINNISH**

**FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER - SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSURES**



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## EVENT CALENDAR TERM 1 2025

### Week 1B

Friday 31st January  
Staff Development Day

### Week 2A

Monday 3rd February  
Tuesday 4th February  
Wednesday 5th February  
Staff Development Days

### Week 2A

Thursday 6th February  
All Student Return

### Week 3B

Thursday 13th February  
Whole School Swimming Carnival

### Week 6A

Friday 7th March  
SRC Fundraiser

### Week 7B

Monday 10th March  
School Photo's

### Week 7B

Wednesday 12th - Monday 24th March  
NAPLAN

### Week 10A

Monday 31st March  
School Photo's  
Catup-Up

### Week 10A

Thursday 3rd April  
Year 10 Immunisation

### Week 11B

Friday 11th April  
Last day Term 1



*Congratulations  
to our*

**2025**

**SRC Team**

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**Presentation Evening 2024 - Executive Principal Address**

Wiyabu nyura and good evening, everyone!

Well, here we are at the end of another incredible year at Taree High School. What a journey it's been! Before we dive into celebrating our amazing learners, let's take a moment to appreciate the legends who keep everything running smoothly.

First up, a massive shout-out to our dynamic Deputy Duo - Mrs Starke and Mrs Rainger. From juggling timetables to putting out fires (metaphorically, mostly), and keeping me in line, they deserve medals... or at least a well-deserved holiday!

To our Executive Team, dedicated teachers, incredible support staff, and our ever-reliable ancillary crew - you are the heart of this school. Without you, we'd be as lost as Year 7s on their first day!

So, change is in the air at Taree High. We're not satisfied with "good enough" - we're striving for excellence, connection, and high aspirations. Our Strategic Excellence Plan sets the bar high, and we're committed to ensuring every learner feels supported, connected, and ready to achieve their goals. Whether it's improving literacy and numeracy, boosting engagement, or building a sense of belonging - we're on it. Together, we're creating a culture where success is the norm.

Now, tonight, we also say goodbye to some beloved staff. To Mrs McCann, Mrs Lamotte, Mrs Lieberman, Uncle Russ, and Mr Bowman - congratulations on your well-earned retirements! Thank you for your dedication. May your mornings be peaceful sleep-ins and your afternoons blissfully teenager-free.

Best wishes to Mrs Anderson as she heads off on maternity leave. Good luck with the nappies - at least they don't talk back! And to Ms Walker, Mr Benson, Ms Bos, Mrs Chivas, Mrs Corcoran, and Ms Piercy - thank you for everything. We'll miss you, but we're excited to welcome an incredible new crew in 2025.

And now you, our learners and your families - thank you for being part of the Taree High community. Together, we're making this school a place where everyone thrives, feels connected, and reaches for the stars.

So, as we head into the holidays, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a joyful, relaxing summer break. From my family to yours, may your days be filled with laughter, good food, and maybe even a well-deserved nap or two. You've earned it!

Alright, that's enough from me. Let's celebrate, cheer on these stars... they're the reason we love this place.

Thank you, legends!

*Nigel Reece*



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# Year 12 Formal Class of 2024



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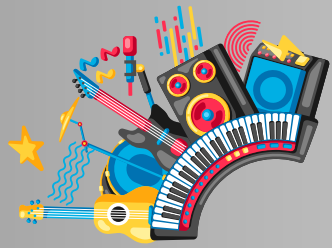
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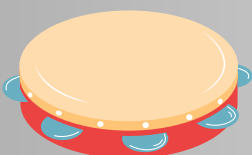
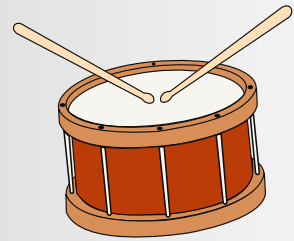
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Semester  
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# YEAR 7 MUSIC INSTRUMENTS



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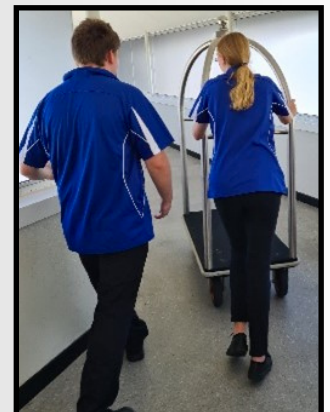
## Hospitality

### SEA WORLD EXCURSION

Year 11 Hospitality Students Visit Sea World H.O.T.E.L School

The Year 11 Hospitality class, for the first time in 10 years, attended the Sea World Resort H.O.T.E.L. School. The program was held on the Gold Coast and over the course of three days the class participated in numerous amounts of hospitality-based skills and roles. These include: stewarding, kitchen, restaurant services, concierge, housekeeping, front office, stores, conference/events, banquets and human resources.

After a long day of work the students loved to relax and unwind in the Sea World Resort pool, the students also enjoyed the numerous food services provided. We particularly liked the hot chips and mocktails. We spent our Tuesday evening at The Australian Outback Spectacular, which involved a variety of talented actors and horse riders to watch while enjoying a delicious three-course meal.



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## Hospitality SEA WORLD EXCURSION

On Thursday, the class travelled to Warner Bros Movie World where we spent the day meeting with our childhood characters such as Tweety Bird and Bugs Bunny as well as the DC characters. The students loved the thrilling rides and Mrs Starke even joined us on 'The Joker', which was the largest rollercoaster in the park. The students also happened to have a surprising encounter with the internet celebrity IShowSpeed.

The evening after Movie World, the group hit Pacific Fair Shopping Centre, for a couple hours of intensive shopping.



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# YEAR 7 2025 ORIENTATION DAY





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## World Diabetes Day fundraiser

Well done to the our  
Junior AECG and  
thank you to our  
students, families and  
staff for supporting  
World Diabetes Day.



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## G.O.A.T Challenge



Individual Year G.O.A.T Challenge Winners  
L-R Alaquaya Prins Year 7, Ella Abbott Year 8,  
Bonnie Minett Year 11, Patrick Hayes Year 9.  
absent: Stormi Beale Year 10 and Nithara  
Wethhsinghe Year 12

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# Library News

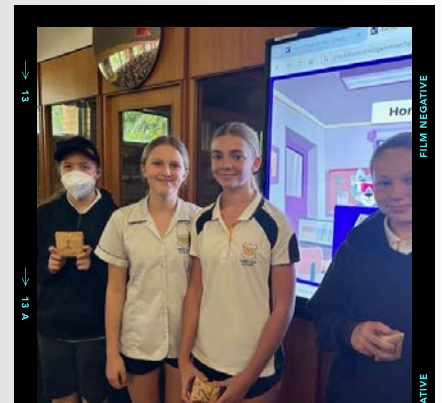


Winners of the Hot Chip party for reading in Term 3 were Support Unit! (they missed the printrun for T3 newsletter)

End of October is the week the library celebrates the Horror genre in literature and movies culminating in Horror Trivia.

Congratulations to these trivia winners - Val, Layla, Isabel and Corey!

This term we started up a Manga Club. Manga refers to Japanese style comic books (Anime is the film version). THS students love to read Manga!



We have also had the privilege of displaying Yr 10 artworks - amazing clay phone amplifiers that actually work



This game of How many mini marshmallows can you pick up with chopsticks? was hotly contested!

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## TERM 4 SPORTS REPORTS CONT,

U19 Boys Australasian Champion of Champions School Futsal Titles - Cornubia Sports Centre South Brisbane. The titles were held over 3 days from Friday 8th to Sunday 11th November with round robin matches and semi finals in the afternoon on the Sunday. The boys were the best team from NSW but unfortunately weren't able to qualify for the semi-finals. Finishing 5th in the U19s competition.

Well done boys!

Extra Congratulations to Ben Wallace (Players Player), Connor Neal (Players Player R'Up) and Ben Robinson (Golden Boot).

Selectors at the event chose an Allstars team for each age group and one of our players were selected to represent overseas - a big congratulations goes out to Ben Wallace!!

A great experience for the boys and they represented Taree High with an excellent team spirit! A massive shout out to Cathy Van Kampen for all her support on the trip. Thanks so much on behalf of the boys and myself!

A big thanks to all the support received here from a number of staff members at Taree High in assisting in the organisation and preparation for this excursion. Also a big thanks to all the parents and caregivers for helping send their boys to this event.



Team List L-R Mr Kelly, Coach/Manager, Noah Jenkins, Jackson Dellow, Ben Robinson, Connor Neal, Ben Wallace, Ramsay Case, Lachlan Adams, Luke Croker, Elijah Russell



Ben Wallace - Selected into the Allstars team

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## Open Boys Cricket,

The Boys took to the pitch on Wednesday 30/10/24, against a fancied opponent in Kotara High School.

Taree lost the toss and were sent into field and had an immediate impact with the ball with Nick Kennewell delivering a ball that stood up in the pitch drawing a false shot to mid-on where the catch was taken by Marcus Wright.

From this point things got a little more difficult with Kotara batsman making the most of good batting conditions and one particular batsman making 162 runs and extremely impressive display. The Taree High School boys persevered but ended up having to chase a hefty score of 251 runs.

When sent into bat the Taree had a positive start and looked rather comfortable at the crease - but after a couple of good balls we quickly found ourselves under pressure and losing regular wickets ended up being bowled out in the 11th over.

The boys are to be congratulated on how they conducted themselves. I look forward to 2025.

## Open Boys and Girls Basketball

Our boys and girls played in the Manning gala day on Monday 25th November held at Iron Stadium. Our boys' team were very impressive on the day showing some great basketball skills, going through undefeated. Their toughest game of the day was against Great Lakes College coming away winners by 5 points. They boy will now progress through to the next round

Boys Team List: Lachlan Adams, Toby Allan, Ben Robinson, Luke Croker, Lachlan Keen, Leo Allan, Elijah Russell, Connor Neal, Marucs Wright, Ryder Ramsay.

Our girls team tried really hard having a very inexperienced team - the girls showed great sportsmanship and had a lot of fun playing the game.

Girls Team List: Jayda Ferguson, Lily Atkins, Nelly Bischofberger, Oliver Dawson, Jemma Heath, Sommer Abbott, Mya Weiley

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## *Taree High School Faculty Requirements Year 11*

Faculty	Book Size / Type	Special Equipment
English	2 x A4 196 Page Book	Folder, A4 Plastic Sleeves, Highlighters, Post it Notes, USB
Mathematics	5mm Grid A4 Book, 1 x A4 196 Page Book	Casio fx82-AU Calculator Plus II (available to buy from front office \$29), Whiteout, Pens and Highlighters
Science - Subjects	A4 128 Page Book	USB to store work
HSIE - Subjects	2 x A4 128 Page Book	Ruler, Scissors, Glue-stick, Whiteout, Pens and Highlighters
PD/H/PE - Subjects	2 x A4 196 Page Book	Ruler, Scissors, Glue-stick, whiteout, Pens, pencil, Eraser, Highlighters and USB
TAS - Subject	1 x A4 196 Page Book, A4 Display Folder	Completely covered leather shoes, no mesh or canvas, USB to store work
CAPA - Subjects	Music - 48 Page Manuscript Book Art - A4 or A3 Art Book	USB to store work (Art Books available from front office) A4 60 page \$6 A3 60 page \$8

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## *Taree High School Faculty Requirements Year 8-10*

Faculty	Book Size / Type	Special Equipment
English	2 x A4 196 Page Book	1 x Display Folder
Mathematics	5mm Grid A4 Book, 1 x A4 196 Page Book	Casio fx82-AU Calculator Plus II (available to buy from front office \$29), Whiteout, Pens and Highlighters
Science - Subjects	A4 196 Page Book	USB to store work
HSIE / Geography Subjects	2 x A4 128 Page Book	2 x Display Folders, Ruler, Glue-stick, Eraser, Whiteout, Pens and Highlighters
PD/H/PE - Subjects	A4 196 Page Book	Ruler, Glue-stick, whiteout, Pens, pencil, Eraser, Highlighters and USB
TAS - D&T	1 A4 196 Page Book, A4 Display Folder	Completely covered leather shoes, no mesh or canvas, USB to store work
CAPA / Visual Arts	Music - 48 Page Manuscript Book Art - A4 or A3 Art Book	USB to store work (art books available from front office) A4 60 page \$6, A3 60 page \$8

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## *Taree High School Faculty Requirements Year 7*

Subjects	Special Equipment
Learning PODs	1x English A4 exercise book 1x Maths A4 Grid exercise book 1x IBL A4 exercise book 1x calculator: Casio fx82-AU (available at front office \$29) 1x Display folder 2x whiteboard markers Covered in leather shoes for science practice <b>PLEASE NOTE: Students will need to replace books during the year as needed.</b>
PD/H/PE	1x A4 128 Page exercise book 1 x USB
MUSIC	1x A4 48-page book with manuscript
VISUAL ARTS	1x A4 Art Diary 60 page (available at the office \$6, A3 art book \$8) 2x 2B pencils
LOTE - Aboriginal Languages and Culture	1x A4 96 Page exercise book 1x A4 20 pocket display folder
TAS - Home Economics & D&T	1x A4 20 pocket display folder (Yellow)
CAPA / Visual Arts	USB to store work (Art Books available from front office) A4 60 page \$6 A3 60 page \$8