



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TAREE HIGH SCHOOL





Principal Report

As we reach the end of Term 2, I want to acknowledge the strength, pride and generosity that continue to define the Taree High School community.

This year we stand tall as the oldest provider of secondary education in the Manning. Celebrating our Centenary of public education with the wider community at our recent Open Day was a true highlight for learners, staff and alumni alike.

Unfortunately, the term was also marked by devastating floods that severely damaged our school farm. We are deeply grateful to Chatham High School for housing our livestock, to the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW for their heart and generosity in supporting our recovery, and that of the Taree Show Grounds. Rebuilding this vital learning space is now well under way thanks to their help and the resilience of our students and staff.

Despite the disruption, classrooms remained vibrant. From cultural activities and science investigations to creative work in History, Drama and the Arts, learning and achievement continued apace. We also hosted a successful Year 6 Open Day, welcoming future students and families and giving them a taste of life at Taree High.

A special thank you goes to our hardworking P&C for the highly successful Bunnings BBQ fundraiser; your dedication makes a real difference. I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday break. We look forward to another great term ahead.

Yours in learning,

Nigel Reece

Executive Principal



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UPCOMING EVENT TERM 3 2025

Week 1A	Monday 21 st July	Staff Development Day
Week 1A	Tuesday 22 nd July	All Students Return
Week 2B	Monday 28 th July	Years 7 - 10 Semester 1 Reports Issued
Week 2B	Wednesday 30 th July	Regional Athletics
Week 2B	Thursday 31 st July	CareerQuip Years 10,11 & 12
Week 3A	Tuesday 5 th August	Years 7 - 12 Parent Teacher Night
Week 3A	Thursday 7 th August	Under 15s Boys & Girls Basketball
Week 4B	Thursday 14 th August	AECG Combined Schools NAIDOC Event
Week 5A	Sunday 17 th - Friday 22 nd August	Year 11 Snow Trip
Week 5A	Monday 18 th - Wednesday 27 th August	Year 12 HSC Trials
Week 6B	Sunday 30 th August	Winter Ball Reunion
Week 9A	Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th September	Year 11 Exams
Week 10B	Wednesday 24 th September	Year 12 Presentation Night
Week 10B	Wednesday 24 th September	Year 7 on Country
Week 10 B	Friday 26 th September	Last Day Term 3





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O YEARS CELEBRATION





Taree High School

Centenary **Winter Ball** Reunion

Join us for a night to remember as we celebrate Taree High's 100th anniversary!

August 30

5:30 PM - 11:30 PM

Club Taree, Wingham Road Taree

We look forward to celebrating this wonderful School with you!





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100 YEARS CELEBRATION

TICKETS, TICKETS GET YOUR TICKETS!!!

Tickets are still available for our Centenary Ball.

You can purchase individual tickets or buy for a group. We'll have tables of 10 set up for the evening.

To ensure you're seated with friends, please write the names of those you'd like to sit with in the space provided when purchasing your tickets.

You're Invited! 🎉

Join us for a night to remember as we celebration Taree High School 100th anniversary.

Date: August 30

📍 Location: Club Taree, Wingham Road, Taree

Time: 5:30 - 11:30pm

Enjoy some great food, stories, entertainment and nostalgia! Reconnect with friends, explore our school's history and be apart of a once-in-a-lifetime celebration.

Tickets are on sale now!

Secure yours today before they sell out.

https://www.eventbrite.com/.../taree-high-school-winter...

Bring your friends, make memories, and be part of something special!

We can't wait to see you there!





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Year 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION ON COUNTRY DAY

On Tuesday 6th May the Outdoor Education class had a day at Saltwater with the Aboriginal Education Team lead by Tannika.

Students engaged in a wide variety of activities to enhance their understanding of bush craft, bush survival and Aboriginal culture. Their day started with a walk around Saltwater learning about bush tucker and bush medicine. This was then followed by a fun and competitive game of Flies which the local Aboriginal people use to play.

With tummies rumbling, it was time to do some bush cooking. The students prepared whiting fillets with lemon myrtle wrapped in paperbark on the hot coals, they made johnny cakes (like fried damper) and cooked up some kangaroo and emu sausages on the BBQ.

In the afternoon the boys had a go at throwing spears and the girls threw digging sticks, and then they all threw the boomerang, nearly taking out some bush turkeys! The last activity for the day was weaving, where all the students relaxed and got in the zone making bracelets.

Overall, all the students behaved well, learnt something new and had a great day.

Mrs Seghers, Outdoor Education Teacher





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Year 11 Students Dive into Real-World Business!

Our Year 11 Business Studies students recently swapped textbooks for a hands-on learning experience during an inspiring excursion to Jack & Co Food Store and The Dairy at John's River. As part of their studies on the nature of business, students explored two thriving local business models that brought their classroom learning vividly to life.

This real-world experience couldn't have come at a better time — students are now beginning their Major Project, where they'll develop a business plan for a new venture in the Taree area. Gaining first hand insight from successful entrepreneurs and managers has given them invaluable knowledge and ideas to fuel their own business journeys.

Special thanks to Wade and Gemma Death, owners of Jack & Co, Store Manager Jason, and Emily Neilson, owner of The Dairy at John's River, for generously sharing their time and expertise. Their stories of innovation, resilience, and community impact left a lasting impression.

The excursion was made possible thanks to the support of the RIEP (Regional Industry and Education Partnerships) program and Erin Lute, organising teacher Mrs. Houlahan and assisting staff member Kristy Trenchard.

Learning about business has never been more exciting — stay tuned as our future entrepreneurs bring their own ideas to





Year 10 Commerce were fortunate enough to have a guest speaker organised to come into the school to discuss financial literacy and support with monetary matters. Gwyneth Tugwood from the Mid North Coast Financial Counselling Service visited Taree High from the Kempsey Office during their lesson at school on Thursday 26th June.

The students learnt about important information that they'll need in their future working endeavours and received some prizes for their efforts during the presentation.

Much appreciated that Gwyn could come down to speak with Year 10.

Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Houlahan.











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This term, Ms Paff's Year 8 class has been exploring the theme of Still Life in their Visual Arts unit. Students have developed their skills in using oil pastels and have produced some impressive, vibrant works that showcase their growing confidence and technique.









Lily Outred

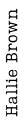
Julia Henderson

David Hill

Drake Ratcliff

Mrs Pellew's Year 11 Ceramics class have created some specular sculptures called "stacked sculpture". these are amazing. Well done Year 11.





















Pellew's

Mrs.







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Spotlight on Year 10 Drama!

Miss Johnson's Year 10 Drama students have been diving into the world of Greek Theatre, exploring ancient storytelling, chorus work, and the powerful symbolism of masks in performance.

Students have created their own Greek masks. Check out this OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE that truly captured the spirit of the era — bold, expressive, and full of character!

We're so proud of the amazing work happening in Drama this term!

#GreekTheatre #CreativeClassroom #Year10Drama #PublicEducationProud #ArtsInEducation







Year 11 & 12 Drama Excursion!

On Monday 16th June, our senior Drama students had an amazing opportunity to attend a performance of "Scenes from the Climate Era" at the Glasshouse Theatre in Port Macquarie. Presented by Belvoir Theatre, the show was a creative climate discussion, told in 50 stories, over 80 minutes.

We also participated in a Q & A after the show with the actors! Today challenged our students thinking and inspired fresh ideas for their own dramatic works.

We are so fortunate to experience live theatre of this calibre and a huge thank you to Ms Ralston, Mrs. Fuller and Ms. Johnson for providing this unique learning opportunity. #LearningBeyondTheClassroom



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Inspiring Pathways:

Career Exploration Takes Centre Stage at Taree High

It's been an action-packed Term 2 at Taree High School, with students engaging in a wide variety of inspiring programs designed to ignite their curiosity and broaden their horizons. From hands-on vocational tasters and policing simulations to university tours and virtual reality work experience, our students are exploring what the future could hold - and gaining the tools to start shaping it now. These dynamic experiences aim to build student confidence, expose them to diverse industries, and empower them to make informed decisions about their post-school pathways. Here are just a few of the highlights:

You Should Be A Cop Program

In the first week of term, a group of enthusiastic Year 10 and Year 12 students from Taree High School took part in the You Should Be A Cop program—an engaging, free four-day initiative designed to provide an inside look at a career in policing. Hosted at the Taree PCYC and facilitated by the NSW Police Force Youth Command, the program combined education with hands-on experience.

Participants enjoyed a wide range of interactive activities, including a guided tour of the local police station, an aquatic rescue certification session, forensic science workshops, and fitness assessments such as the beep test. Students also engaged in realistic policing scenarios using Nerf guns, participated in investigative discussions around homicide cases, and benefited from the ongoing support, advice, and mentorship of experienced officers.

National Careers Week - Virtual Work Experience & New Careers Website Launch From May 12-18, Taree High celebrated National Careers Week with engaging, future-focused activities. A standout experience was the Virtual Work Experience program, run in partnership with the Taree Universities Campus. Using cutting-edge virtual reality goggles, students explored a wide range of career paths, immersing themselves in real-

world job environments from the classroom. Due to its popularity, plans are already underway to offer this innovative opportunity again later in the year.

The week also marked the official launch of Taree High School's dedicated Careers Website, accessible via the school's homepage. This valuable new resource supports students in career research, portfolio development, and planning their post-school pathways. Each student has access to a secure area for storing personalised documents like resumes and career plans. Designed with both students and parents in mind, the site empowers families to engage in meaningful career conversations and decision-making.

University of Newcastle Open Day Senior students had the opportunity to attend the University of Newcastle Open Day, where they experienced campus life firsthand. Students toured facilities, met academics, sat in on lectures, and spoke with current students about life at university.

The University of Newcastle continues to be a popular destination for Taree High School graduates.



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TAFE YES & Start Your Future Programs

Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to participate in two TAFE taster programs—the Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) program and Start Your Future, an initiative of the Educational Pathways Program-designed to introduce young people to vocational education and training. Held one day a week over six weeks, these programs allowed students to step outside the traditional classroom and explore real-world skills in a supportive TAFE environment. Through handson learning, students were able to try out new areas of interest, gain insight into different career pathways, and develop a clearer understanding of what they might pursue after school.

The course offerings were diverse, ranging from Community Health and Early Childhood Education to Automotive and Animal Care. Whether discovering a new passion, building confidence, or taking the first step toward being job-ready, students gained valuable experience to help shape their futures.

The VET Ambassadors Roadshow All Year 9 and 10 students, along with other interested students, took part in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Ambassadors Roadshow. Through real-life stories of success from VET graduates, students learned about the benefits of pursuing vocational education. They discovered how VET can lead to nationally recognised qualifications and paid employment while still at school. The event was proudly supported by the Educational Pathways Program.

Looking Ahead: Exciting Career Events Next Term the momentum continues next term with a range of exciting career development opportunities on the horizon.

In Week 2, students in Years 9 to 11 will once again participate in the Start Your Future program - this time with a hands-on focus in Metal Fabrication (welding).

In Week 3, students interested in working with animals will attend an Animal Careers Information Session hosted by the RSPCA, offering insights into roles in veterinary science, wildlife rescue, animal welfare, training, and more.

Week 4 sees select Year 10 students take part in the Bunnings Teen Tradies Program, a practical, industry-connected initiative run in partnership with the Regional Industry and Education Partnerships (RIEP).

Then in Week 6, students will dive into one of the most exciting emerging fields: artificial intelligence. During the AI, Robotics and Careers Workshop, students will participate in interactive activities exploring how AI is shaping the world—through robotics, computer vision, and more—and the careers these technologies are creating.

From exploring virtual job environments and participating in real-world policing scenarios, to testing trade skills and stepping onto university campuses, students at Taree High School are embracing a rich and varied journey of career discovery. These opportunities not only build essential skills and knowledge but also help students visualise their future and take meaningful steps toward it.

We are proud to support our students as they explore their passions, expand their options, and take confident strides into life beyond school.

Gayle Houlahan Careers Adviser - Taree High School



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Library News



Our resident Bonsai expert Trish Armstrong (who is also our expert library assistant!) brought some of her exquisite little plants in to show for Bonsai Week and the students and staff loved them! It was amazing to see students inspired to take up Bonsai from seeing these little beauties up close. Thank you Trish!







Sam Sweedman

Ethan Weatherly

Bonsai master Trish Armstrong.

The Accelerated Reader competition winners celebrated hitting their reading targets with a Hot Chip Party at end of Term 1. Congratulations Miranda, Emma, Riley, Sophie, Tara, Bailey, Jacob, and Oliver.











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Lunch Time Chess - Duelling chess players: Mr Ridley v Lincon Gibson-Jones, and Jaxson Hurry v Daniel Balderston







Students got to play with some Virtual Reality "games" which gave them a virtual experience of being in a workplace. Organised through the Careers office, students experienced cutting someone's hair, driving a tractor, making coffees... amongst other things. It was a great way to test drive a career, and it was a lot of fun too!







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TERM 2 SPORTS REPORTS

Zone Athletics

Well done to all Taree High students that braved the cold wind and rain at Tuncurry for the Zone Athletics carnival last week. Congratulations to the following students on these fantastic results:

Katelyn Weiley - 12yrs Girls - Age Champion, 1st Shot Put, 1st Discus

Millah Dennes - 13yrs Girls - Age Champion, 1st Shot Put, 1st Javelin, 2nd 100m

Georgia Murray - 14yrs Girls - Age Champion, 1st Shot Put, 1st Javelin, 1st Discus

Annika Hook - 14yrs Girls - 2nd Shot Put

Connor Vicary - 12yrs Boys - 2nd Shot Put

Keidan Staines - 13yrs Boys - 1st Discus, 2nd Shot Put

Jack Tootill - 14yrs Boys - 2nd Discus

Lucas Weiley - 15yrs - 1st Shot Put

Lachlan Keen - 16yrs Boys - 1st Shot Put, 1st Discus

Blake Murray - 17-19yrs Boys - 1st Shot Put, 1st Discus, 2nd Javelin



Congratulations to our Under 15 Girls Netball Team!

On Monday 23rd June, our Under 15 Girls Netball team travelled to Gloucester to compete in the Manning Gala Day against other local high schools. The team displayed outstanding skills and sportsmanship across three competitive games—winning two and narrowly missing out on a third victory.

We congratulate the team on their fantastic efforts and wish them the best of luck as they advance to the Top 16 competition! Well done, team!

Team List:

Matilda Alliston, Lacey Summers, Scarlett Summers, Ally Coleman, Isabel Jackson, Ava Randell, Georgia Murray, Emma Howard and Sarah Goody.

NSW CHS - Hockey

The 2025 NSW All Schools Open Tri Series took place in Newcastle on June 6th. Congratulations to Toby Allan, who proudly represented Taree High School as part of the NSW CHS Open Boys team, which went on to win the tri series. Toby's outstanding performance also earned him a place in the NSW All Schools Merit Team, an incredible achievement. Well done, Toby!

Congratulations as well to Lily Atkins, who represented Taree High School in the NSW CHS Open Girls team. A fantastic accomplishment!



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Bill Turner Soccer - U15 Boys

Taree High vs Wingham High at Cundletown Sports Ground Date: Thursday 10th April (Week 11 Term 1)

Taree High competed in the Bill Turner Cup Knockout competition at the end of Term 1. The draw for our section (NNSW – Mid North and Lower North Coast) resulted in our 1st match to be played against Wingham High. The boys were really looking forward to representing Taree High in this competition and had been trialing and doing some training in the lead up to the organised date.

During the game the boys were unable to withstand the impressive play from the opposition in the first half but did make a much-improved effort in the second half with only two goals conceded. The result didn't go Taree High's way but with more experience and practice throughout the year the boys should notice the difference in future matches. Thanks, boys for putting in your best for Taree High!

Mr. J. Kelly
(Teacher/Coach/Manager)

Team List

Yr 9 - Lucas Weiley, Noah Bramble, Jayden Urqhart, James Turner, Joel Creek

Yr 8 - Henry Allan, Blake Morris, Evan Davy, Jarvis Merrick

Yr 7 - Leighlan Kennedy, Luke Chesser, Toby Kennewell, Khaiden Meldrum, Rayne-Memphis Pett-Metz



Bill Turner Soccer - U15 Boys

Under 15 Girls Netball





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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 History / 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





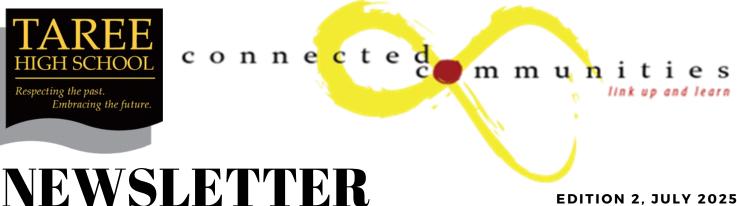
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Taree High School Faculty Requirements Year 7

Subjects	Special Equipment
Learning PODs	1x English A4 exercise book 1x Maths A4 Grid exercise book 1xIBL 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 PLEASE NOTE: Students will need to replace books during the year as needed.
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





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CALL OUT -

NAIDOC SPORT CHALLENGE



Tuesday 8th July: 10am-2pm

Hosted by HASTINGS NAIDOC COMMITTEE in collaboration with BASKETBALL NSW at the PCYC - 12 Owen street Port Macquarie

3 on 3 Basketball & 6 aside Futsal

4 players per team

(3 on court + 1 sub)

2 teams combined for futsal

(6 on court + 2 subs)

GISTER NOW!

AGE GROUPS

10-12 years

13-15 years

15 years - Adults



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