



**BCHS** BALLINA COAST  
HIGH SCHOOL

*innovation excellence diversity*

## Public Education, the best education money can't buy.

V As we conclude a remarkable first term at Ballina Coast High School, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the vibrant community we have become.

In my first term as principal, I've had the privilege of observing and engaging with our students, staff, and wider community, and I am thrilled by the depth of learning and extra-curricular achievements.

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Janeen Silcock, our foundation principal, and the dedicated team who laid the groundwork for the establishment of Ballina Coast High School. Their vision and hard work have set the stage for the incredible journey we are embarking on together.

I The start of 2024 marks a pivotal moment for our school, heralding a new era of growth and possibility. As we pause to reflect, it's essential that we consider how best to support the young people of Ballina and beyond as they navigate the journey to adulthood.

At Ballina Coast High School, we recognise that adolescence is a time of immense growth and development, both academically and personally. It's natural for our students to encounter challenges along the way, and it's our collective responsibility—parents, students, and staff alike—to support and guide them through these formative years.

During my time here, several aspects of our school community have left a lasting impression on me:

1. The unwavering enthusiasm for learning among our students is truly inspiring, and it's evident that many possess exceptional talent and potential.
2. Our dedicated staff members are not only highly skilled professionals but also compassionate mentors who go above and beyond to support our students' growth and well-being.
3. The pursuit of academic excellence is ingrained in the fabric of our school, and I am continually impressed by the outstanding achievements of our students.
4. Our school boasts state-of-the-art facilities that provide an unparalleled learning environment for our students.

B As we look ahead, I am confident that we have the foundation in place to become a world-class educational institution. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence and innovation, ensuring that our students receive the education they deserve and the opportunities they need to thrive. I would be remiss not to acknowledge the recent accolades our school has received, particularly regarding the impressive performance of our students in the HSC. Congratulations to our hardworking students and dedicated teachers for this outstanding achievement.



E Looking forward, we will continue our community consultation in the upcoming term, seeking input that will shape our strategic direction in the years to come. I anticipate sharing the findings with you as we embark on this journey together. As we approach the holiday break, I encourage each of you to take time to rest and rejuvenate, returning next term with renewed energy and enthusiasm for learning.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making Ballina Coast High School a place where every student can thrive.

*Peter Howes - Principal*



We identify  
with around  
300 ancestries

# HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH



Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Harmony Day at BCHS! Thanks to Byron Taiko, The Bollywood Sisters, Aloha Hula and the BCHS Aboriginal boys and girls dance group for putting on some great entertainment for our students! We learnt some new dance moves and had a lot of fun.



[What is Harmony Day 2024 \(click the link to learn\)](#)



# COFFEE WITH A COP



Fish is good for the brain - helps us learn better



This Term, eight Goori students were involved in a barista course at TAFE that was in partnership with the NSW Police Force and Real Futures. Congratulations to each of these students, who are now qualified baristas! To showcase their new qualification and skills, they provided free coffee to our local community during a recent event "Coffee with a Cop" that was held here at BCHS. It was a fantastic morning and the coffees were delicious! The students have also been given the opportunity to continue their training with Real Futures, who will support them into pathways of employment and further study. While the Barista Program provides future opportunities for our Jarjums, it also shows the importance of connected communities.



# STRONGER SISTERS

This term Year 10 and 11 Goori girls were given the opportunity to be involved in a 10-week program "Stronger Sisters". The girls participated in "On Country Walks" in partnership with Bunjum, Cooking, Careers aspirations and a TAFE pamper day.





# WELCOME TO OUR JAPANESE VISITORS



During the period 20-28th March, 15 students and 2 teachers visited Ballina Coast High School from our Japanese Sister School, Togane High School for 8 nights. BCHS families offered their hospitality so the students could experience a little bit of Australia. Day trips were had to Byron Bay, Gold Coast and local adventures around Ballina.



We do hope the students and staff enjoyed their time sharing the experience and learning from one another. The bond developed during this process will enable our students and the Togane High School students to continue to develop friendships and travel between to two destinations for years to come.

Thank you again to our host families for inviting the students into their homes.





Congratulations Open Girls Football!

The BCCHS Girls Open Soccer team has defeated Byron Bay High School 5-1 in the CHS knockout competition. It was a solid team effort in the heat, particularly in the first half. The 5 goals were spread between different players, they were: Erin Breen, Savannah Roberts-Hickling, Carly Hughes, Katelyn McIlwain and Olivia Kyprianou. We now progress through to the semi finals next term.



Bill Turner Cup U15s Boys Team 2024

The team worked well together but were defeated by Emmanuel College this week



## FNC HOCKEY

Tuesday 26 March, a group of students travelled to the Far North Coast Hockey Complex, Goonellabah and participated in round robin games to trial for the *Far North Coast CHS Hockey* team showcasing the importance of healthy competition in our school culture. On the field, our students demonstrate remarkable determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship in persistent rain. Their spirit of competition and performance led to a number of students being selected to represent Far North Coast at the North Coast trial on the 2nd of May.

Congratulations to the students selected:

Girls: Matilde Cheverton, Olivia Van Zweiten, Marley Donald, Summer Hollier and Jordyn Stanger. Shadow selection Janae Howart.

Boys: Oliver Ryan, Bailey Miller, Oliver Seagrove, Blake McQueen.

The girls' team would like to thank Kyra Wilkinson (Byron Bay HS) and Hannah Watson (Banora Point) for joining the team for the day!

Pictured Back Left to right:

Marley Donald, Katlyn McIlwain, Janae Howart, Malani Seagrove, Matilde Cheverton, Kyra Wilkinson, Summer Hollier. Front L - R Olivia Van Zwieten, Hannah Watson, Jordan Stanger.



**Congratulations to the following students  
that have progressed to the  
NSW CHS State Swimming Championships**



← **Girls 13 Year Olds 50 LC Meter Freestyle**  
**Malani Seagrove**

**Girls 17-19 200 LC Meter Freestyle Relay**  
**Sophie Gaskell**  
**Isla Gillan**  
**Erin Green**  
**Fern Kelly**



← **Boys 16-19 50 LC Meter Freestyle Multi-Class**  
**Boys 16-19 50 LC Meter Backstroke Multi-Class**  
**Boys 16-19 50 LC Meter Butterfly Multi-Class**  
**Tirren Shields**



**They will compete in Sydney in May - Good Luck**

**FNC  
Touch Football  
Representatives**

**Alwyn Hippi**  
**Burrans Roberts**  
**Cahyll Foster**  
**Khallam Cook**



**FNC Touch Football Representatives**  
**L to R - Makenzi Alchin, Nimili Roberts,**  
**Aliyah Gerada, Carrington Smith**

**Congratulations  
FNC Football  
players...**

- Aidan Martorana
- Ashley Edwards
- Callum McDonald
- Sola Minegishi
- Bryce Pettingill
- Makayla McIlwain
- Katelyn McIlwain
- Phoenix Mills
- Erin Green
- Elyse Ryden
- Carly Hughes
- Olivia Kyprianou

A huge congratulations to **Aidan Martorana, Makayla McIlwain and Erin Green** for making the **North Coast squad for 2024**. Best of luck at the CHS Championships early May.



# Out of School Sports Stars

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## Congratulations

to Connor Legzdins on his recent achievements at the NSW Little Athletics Championships. He has won a silver medal in high jump (1.83m), as well as bronze for both the triple jump (12.55m) and long jump (6.03m).

Well done on this excellent achievement and a reward for your effort in training.



**TEN PIN BOWLING** Congratulations to Year 10 student Maverick Gordon who competed in the South QLD Youth & Junior Tenpin Bowling Championships in March.

Maverick finished 2nd in the Youth Masters (youth 18-21yo).



# PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM TERM 1

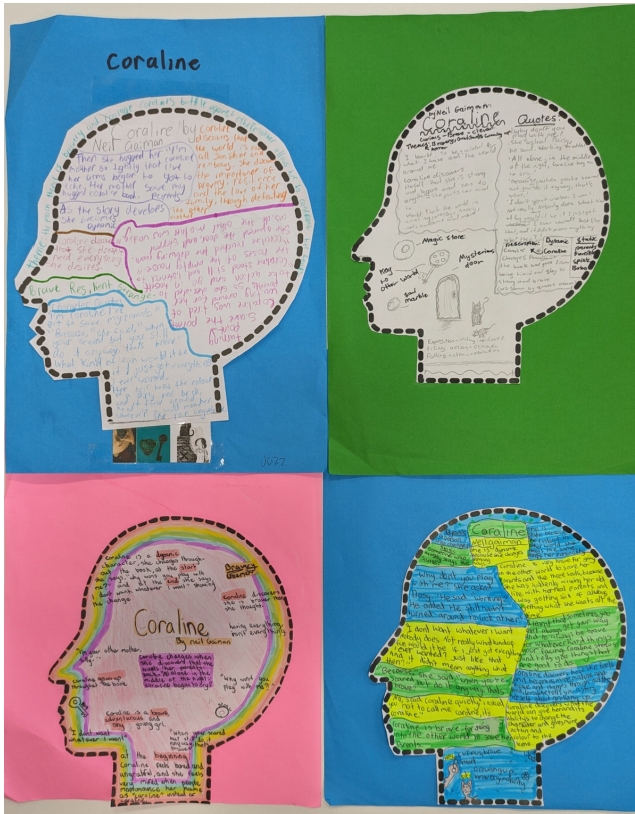


Year 10 Peer Leaders were acknowledged with an afternoon tea and certificate presentation for all of their hard work in delivering the Peer Support Program for our Year 7 students.

A total of 28 Students completed 2 days of training in 2023, which was followed by primary school visits and transition activities at BCHS to ensure our incoming Year 7 students had a smooth transition. This year they have delivered 8 weeks of Peer Support activities to Year 7 based around student wellbeing.

The commitment, leadership and confidence developed and shown by our Year 10 leaders has been outstanding. The support they have provided to Year 7 students to make their transition to high school as smooth as possible is highly valued. I believe we may have found our future school and community leaders. Well done! - *Kirsty Cameron (Learning & Support)*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASS...



## ENGLISH

In English this term, Year 7 have been doing a novel study focusing on how authors create characters which readers find interesting and dynamic. The assessment task included a 'Talking Head' cheat sheet representing the protagonist of each novel. Here are some examples from Ms Slavica's 7N class and their visual representations of Neil Gaiman's 'Coraline'. Students then used their 'Talking Head' to respond to short answer questions and an extended response under timed conditions. They all worked so well and applied their knowledge skillfully. Now we get to watch the movie!

## TAS

Year 8 Textiles Technology have been busy this term producing tote bags. Students tie dyed their fabric to make their bags as well as designed patches which were cut onto leather using the laser printer and hand stitched on. THEY LOOK FABULOUS!





# MADD

# 2024



## THE SHAKESPEARE CURSE

After the dazzling high of TEN, our 10-year reunion extravaganza (and then a well-deserved year off!) we are beyond excited to report that rehearsals for our 11th annual MADD Production are underway, so clear your diaries for **19-20th June** when the world premiere of The Shakespeare Curse hits the stage.



Our resident writer and director, Ali Chigwidden has again written a fun and funny original script examining the most famous writer in the world and questioning whether Shakespeare's plays are still relevant and engaging or whether it's time to move on? With a banging soundtrack featuring songs by Lady Gaga, Tones and I, No Doubt, G-Flip and Beyonce and a cast of reimagined characters, The Shakespeare Curse is an energetic, irreverent celebration of literature, theatre and all the things that make us human. We'll see you in the Performing Arts Space in June, we can't wait!



**Tickets via: [Trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com) TERM 2 WEEK 4**

Artwork done by our talented Year 8 student Levi Roberts

# BCHS CAFE REMINDERS

Save time, don't wait in line, place an order before 9am to avoid missing out on Hot Food!

TAP & GO is Preferred  
have your card out and ready to use

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



## 25 APRIL ANZAC DAY MARCH

WE WILL BE MEETING AT BALLINA COURTHOUSE ON RIVER STREET TO PREPARE TO MARCH AT NO LATER THAN 10AM.

THE MARCH BEGINS TO MARCH AT 10.10AM FOR A 10.30AM START.

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FOR OUR HEALTH

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**Uniting**



**BEATS**



**BASKETBALL**

YOUTH EVENT

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17TH

BALLINA INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM

CALL JOEY ON 0439 987 460 FOR MORE INFO

**CONGRATULATIONS  
GWARDI HOUSE  
WINNERS TERM 1**

CONGRATULATIONS TO GWARDI FOR TAKING OUT THE HOUSE POINTS AGAIN THIS TERM. THE STUDENTS WERE REWARDED WITH A SNOW CONE IN WEEK 11. KEEP UP THE WONDERFUL TEAM EFFORT.

THE POINTS ACCUMULATE VIA MERIT CERTIFICATES & GOTCHA'S AWARDED AND SPORTS POINTS.

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*Have a wonderful break*

**TERM 2 RETURNS  
TUESDAY 30TH APRIL**