

DATES TO REMEMBER

December

Friday 15 December
Last Day of Term

RETURN DATES FOR 2018

Staff return

Monday 29 January

Students return

Years 7, 11 and 12
Tuesday 30 January

Years 8, 9 and 10
Wednesday 31 January

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Principal - Daniel Henman

2018...what will it look like?

2018 will be very different on our site next year. In 2018 our current "school" will separate formally into three schools.

- 1. Southern Cross Public School- Principal, Alan Orchard**
- 2. Southern Cross School of Distance Education - Principal, Daniel Henman**
- 3. Ballina Coast High School - Principal(s) Janeen Silcock and Greg Armstrong**

We have worked hard this year to establish our own identities, and planning and renovations will take effect in 2019. The Ballina Coast High School build is well underway and ahead of schedule. Southern Cross Public School and Southern Cross School of Distance Education will move into the vacated 7-12 facilities in 2019. We thank you for your ongoing support as we become separate schools.

The end of each year brings with it a number of things...reflections on the year past, planning for the next year, welcomes and farewells, congratulations and the countdown to summer and Christmas.

2017 has been a huge year for us. It was the beginning of Ballina Coast High School and the farewelling of Southern Cross School K-12 and Ballina High School. As a learning community, we committed early to taking charge of our future and that of our students. We wanted to be brave and ensure that all our decisions around such things as curriculum, buildings, uniforms, teams, canteen and wellbeing were about putting students first. Amid this, the staff and students were dealing with change and getting on with the core business of our school...teaching and learning. Everyone just got in and worked hard to ensure we kept moving forward. We had hurdles and we worked through them.

In 2018, we will continue this journey. 2017 would not have been as smooth or as considered without the leadership of Alan Orchard. His knowledge, enthusiasm, humour and wisdom has been instrumental in placing us to go forward. While we will miss him and will always be grateful, we wish him well as the Principal of Southern Cross Public School and leading a new generation of growth. I would also like to thank Danny Henman. Danny worked to ensure Ballina High School and Southern Cross students found a shared sense of belonging. We wish Danny well as Principal Southern Cross School of Distance Education. There are a number of staff changes, too many to name, but whether they are moving to another school, into retirement, or a new chapter of their lives, we wish them the best. I want to thank Greg Armstrong who has been leading Southern Cross School Distance Education with integrity and passion for the past years, and I am so glad he is coming to Ballina Coast High School as Co-Principal in 2018.

In 2018, we hope that you will continue to support Ballina Coast High School. We acknowledge that you have given us a huge responsibility to raise and educate your children and we take this seriously. In 2018, all students will have a Learning Coach. Year 7-10 have had a redesign of curriculum and we believe it will engage students in their learning. Our Year 11 and 12 students will begin a new HSC curriculum and staff are developing and writing programs to support these.

Christmas is a time of dreaming and wishing, celebrating and reflecting and it is with this in mind that I have three wishes to end on.

I wish for all our staff, students, parents and the community to have a safe and happy Christmas

I wish for some measure of peace during this turbulent, somewhat unstable time across our world

I wish for long summer days where I spend time with my family and not have to be anywhere

Janeen Silcock
Principal

Awards of Excellence - Special Achievement Awards

Junior Sportswoman of the Year	Illarah Roberts
Junior Sportsman of the Year	Rowan Mansfield
Senior Sportswoman of the Year	Amba Gardnir
Senior Sportsman of the Year	Tom McEvoy
Pierre de Coubertin Medal	Amba Gardnir
Leo Club Encouragement Awards	Hannah Graham & Chloe Pratt
Lions Club Citizenship Award	Lachlan Miller
SRC Overall Stage Recipients	Ella Fricke Sarah Reeves Rachel Cameron Kate Goodman
Volunteers Highest Hours Stage Recipients	Matthew Tapping Amelia Farrant Tamika Smith
Ballina Evening View Club Awards	Paige Ingleman
The Gordon Killion Award	Tayla Kennedy
Cliff James Scholarships	Shania Hicks & Danika Walker
Leila Roberts Memorial Awards	Kuyan Laurie & Arabella Roberts
Tony Klein Shield for Cultural Achievement	Jamaika Smith
Australian Defence Force 2017 Long Tan Leadership Award	Geoffrey Tapping & Natalie Gollege
John Begg Award	Thomas Caesar



SES Volunteer Training Program

Lauren Miller, Georgina Roddick, Jesse Barnwell, Joshua Watson and Lachlan Miller were selected to participate in an SES volunteer training program. Students worked with SES members in the afternoons and nights over a 10 week period in Term 4. This program also involved training from local Police, Ambulance and Fire brigade. This was a great opportunity for our students to learn more about how our local community responds to emergencies and critical incidents. At their presentation evening it was mentioned what wonderful young people they are. We thank the SES for giving our students such an excellent opportunity. These students have made their families and the BCHS community immensely proud. We look forward to offering another group the same opportunity in 2018.



All Schools Paper Plane Challenge

Students from Year 7 and the support unit entered the regional competition for the 2017 All Schools NSW Paper Plane Challenge.

Students entered two sections of the competition-
A) To throw a paper plane at least 20 metres (distance) or
B) To throw a paper plane and keep it aloft for at least six seconds (air time).

I am pleased to report that Isaac Hartley came 1st and Levi Meldrum came 2nd in the Airtime section. These students received their medals at the last BCHS school assembly.

Bill Feruglio
Maths Teacher



North Coast Schools Sports Awards

Eight of our students were invited to attend the North Coast Schools Sports Awards in Yamba for their outstanding sporting achievements. They were: Erin Cattle, Amba Gardnir, Jayden McIntyre, Illarah Roberts, Ebonie Cooper and former students Zac Huechmer, Georgia Farley and Kodi Crowther.

A special congratulations goes to Ebonie Cooper who received the prestigious Col Fisher Sportswoman of the Year Award.

Ballina Coast High School was well represented with the most students receiving awards from one school.

Congratulations to all who represented us, we are very proud of you.



Pictured L-R: Zac Huechmer, Illarah Roberts, Ebonie Cooper and Jayden McIntyre

Year 7 Learning Conference

A big thank you to all the parent/carers who attended the second Year 7 Learning Conference evening this year. It was a huge success and we especially thank the students for coming along and conducting the learning conferences themselves. The students showcased two pieces of work they were proud of and explained how these two pieces of work has helped them with becoming stronger at self regulating and reflecting on their learning. Lots of excellent feedback was gained from these conferences and the hub teachers use this as a reflection tool themselves to improve future projects and classroom activities that are tailored to the students learning style.

Sarah McDonald
HT Programs (relieving)

Morning Fitness and Breakfast Program

The Morning Fitness and Breakfast Program would like to thank the following students for attending the morning sessions and being active participants in their health and joy for keeping active in 2017. Kai Mortyn, Pheobi Mortyn, Dominic Bortolin, Gauge Coombes, Isaac Durox, Kerry Johnson, Summer Elford, Felicity Elford, Kylesha Dickenson, Arabella Roberts, Bobbieanne Yuke, Viola Yuke, William James, Fergus Burke, Jaidyn Webb, Lachie Cottrill.

We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of 'Kelloggs' who have supplied the school and students with breakfast cereals and milk this year.

I would like to personally thank Ei Hedges, who facilitated the twice weekly sessions at 7.30 am. Eli has consistently provided the students with excellent fitness programs tailored to students abilities and needs. These programs were engaging and inspiring each week.

Sarah McDonald
HT Programs (relieving)



Year 8 Drama Clown Performance

From the end of Term 3, all the way through to the end of Term 4, the Year 8 Drama class has been working hard on their clown performance. This performance was specifically based on the different types of clowns. The class successfully presented three performances: the first was to Southern Cross Year 5, the second was Ballina Public School Years 2-3 and the third was Ballina Public School Years 4-6. This play took time and effort but it all worked out in the end, we all had a great time even though we messed up our lines a few times.

by Ella Fricke
Year 8



Important Notice to Parents and Carers

On Friday a parent informed us that a black vehicle recently slowed down and drove closely to a student between Prospect Bridge and Ballina Central as he was walking home from school. We have also heard of other reports of a similar incident where a student, waiting for a bus to school, was approached by an older man in a black vehicle and offered a lift.

The police have been informed about the incident with our student.

We continue to warn our students of Stranger Danger and encourage all parents and carers to do the same.

Greg Armstrong
Principal

Multisports Day at Mullumbimby

The Multisports Day at Mullumbimby High School was a great success and all staff and students involved had a great day. Mullumbimby are hopeful that we can do it again in 2018!

The results are as follows.

Under 14's Rugby League - 12 tries to 2

Under 15's Rugby League - 7 tries to 3

Under 14's Rugby Union - 6 tries to 0

Futsal

The Futsal teams Under 14's and 15's boys and girls were all undefeated, they all played in a wonderful spirit of the game.

I want to thank Eli Hedges and Jared Smeal for their coaching efforts, and Jim Czislawski for driving the bus at such short notice, I really appreciate your efforts.

Harry Witt
Support Unit Teacher



2017 Strictly Speaking

On Wednesday, Students from Years 7-9 competed in the Strictly Speaking Competition. Students spoke for five minutes on a prepared speech and three minutes on an impromptu topic with the prepared speeches demonstrating excellent preparation and delivery. We want to thank Mr Elias for his organisation, Mr Dunlop and Taylah Kennedy (Year 10) for adjudicating. We would also like to thank all the students who participated for the quality of their speeches and their commitment to public speaking. Finally, we want to congratulate the winners for each year: Arwen Casey (Year 7), Aisha Bell (Year 8), and Connor Barnden (Year 9).

2017 Strictly Speaking Finalists were: Arwen Casey, Chloe Pratt, Sarah Schatz, Laura Mussolino, Pheibi Mortyn, Keira Schenke, Aisha Bell, Ella Fricke, Alliyah Causley, Maddi Clarke-Howard, Connor Barnden.

Byron Christie
Head Teacher English / Drama (Relieving)
Public Speaking and Debating Coordinator



Pictured from L-R: Pheibi Mortyn, Maddison Clark-Howard, Keira Schenke, Laura Musolino, Chloe Pratt, Connor Barnden, Arwen Casey, Sarah Schatz, (absent: Ella Fricke, Aisha Bell, Alliyah Causley)

Staff Profile

Byron Christie - **Head Teacher/ English Drama (rel)**

Length of Service? **18 Years**

Best thing about your job? **Helping kids with creative collaborative work**

Hobbies/ Interests? **Saxophone, cooking, diving, being in love**

What was the last book you read? **Peter Yeldham "A Distant Shore"**

What was your favourite TV show growing up? **The Goodies**

If you could have any one superpower, which would you choose? **Mind Control - to get my kids to do housework**

If you could visit anywhere in the world you've never been, where would you go? **Lombok**

Who inspires you? **Ahn Do, Nelson Mandela, Helen Clark, Kermit**

If you could be any fictional character, who would you choose? **Gollum**





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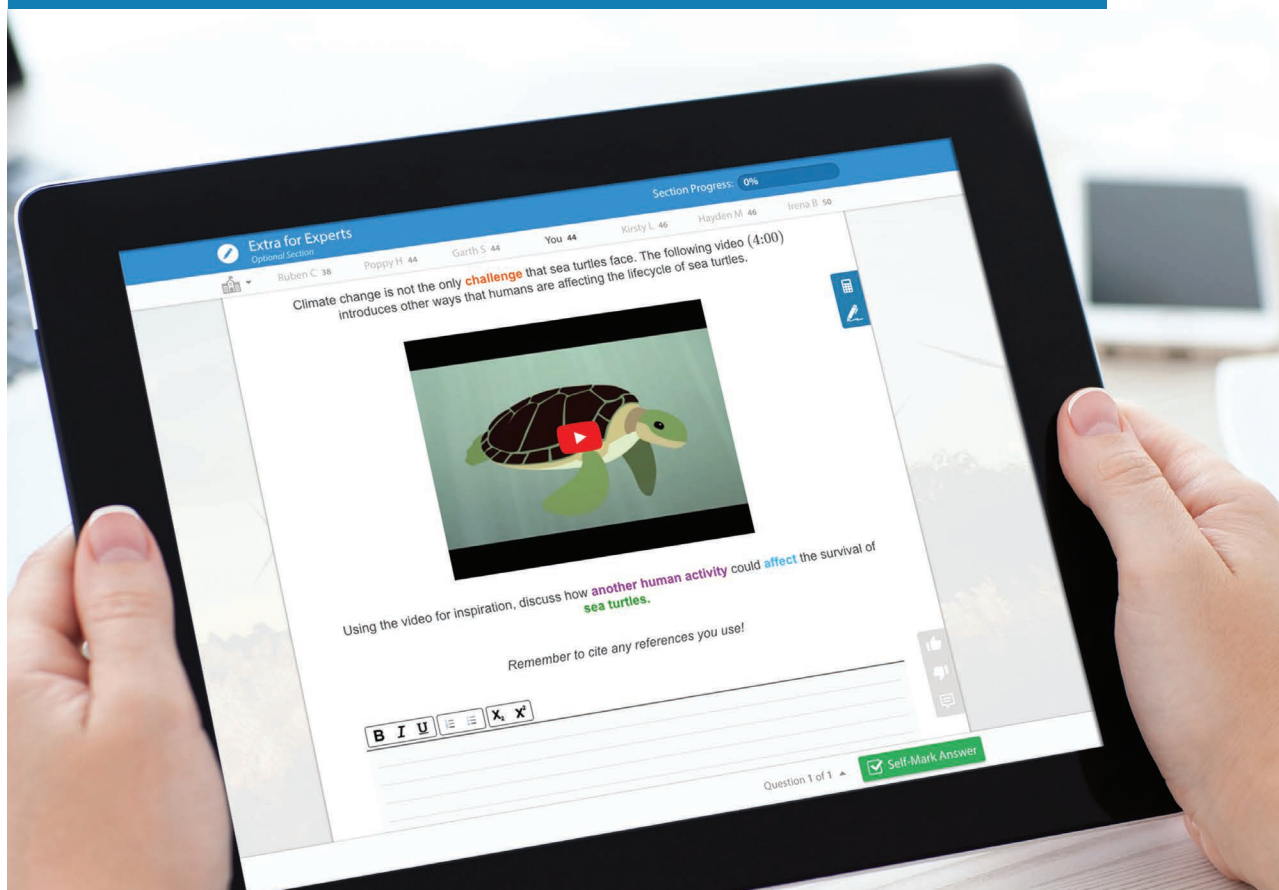
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- Over 361,000 questions answered
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BCHS has been trialling the Education Perfect program for the second half of this year. We have received a lot of positive feedback from the students and the teachers who use Education Perfect on a regular basis. That is why BCBS has partnered with Education Perfect to fund the use of this program for all of our students in 2018. Just look at some of the statistics from our limited trial use this semester, such as, over 360 000 questions answered across a range of subjects, in combination with regular classroom practice.

Students can learn and review material at their own pace, either in class or at home, meaning less students struggling to keep up or being left behind and more opportunity to extend every student. An important factor for successful use of this program is students having access to a computer, laptop or tablet device in class and at home. We would encourage all students to "Bring Your Own Device" to school ready to learn.

Parents, if you want to be more involved in your students learning, then providing an email address allows you to be notified of all work and assessments assigned to your child on Education Perfect and a link for them to log in to the task.

You are encouraged to visit the website, <https://worldseries.educationperfect.com/> for more insight into the program or contact the school.

Adam Smith

HT Teaching & Learning Stage 5

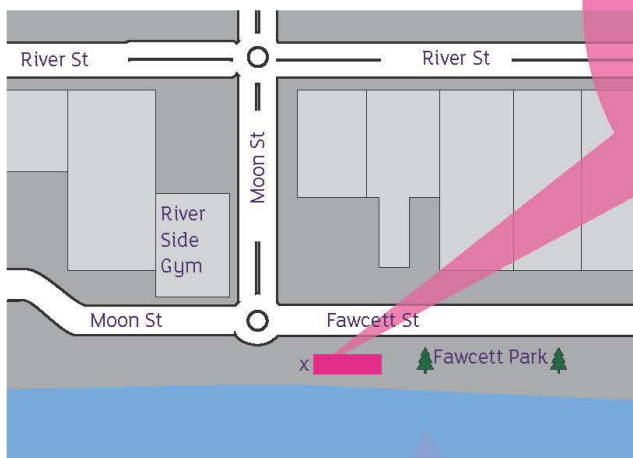
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is coming to

Ballina

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