



BCHS BALLINA COAST HIGH SCHOOL

innovation excellence diversity

Grand Opening

Students, staff and community members joined together to celebrate the Opening of Ballina Coast High School with a Festival of Fun.

Activities included :

- Welcome to Country and a minutes silence
- Handover of the Bundjalung Lore by the AECG
- Human sculpture of the letters BCHS on the oval
- Ceremonial cutting of a gold ribbon by the school captains
- Speeches and cutting of an amazing cake
- Beautifully sung national anthem and flag raising ceremony
- Displays by many organisations from Ballina and district
- Student performances all afternoon on the stage



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Festival of Fun



Volunteering

'Helping Hands' - Youth Frontiers "Pitch It" Day

Youth Frontiers is about trying to help the broader community and the school community. We have ten people that have joined Youth Frontiers at Ballina this year and who have goals to help other people in their community and we hope to see them succeed.

The "Pitch It" day is where everyone shares their project ideas. We hope to see new ideas that bring smiles to people's faces. The students in Youth Frontiers at Alstonville High School came to join us to participate in the "Pitch It" day together.

A panel of people from Ballina Shire Council, Rotary and BASE Youth Leadership Awards are coming to hear our project ideas and give us some feedback.

By Shanice, Hayley and Ruby



Yr 11 2020 Subject Information Night
Tuesday 30 July 5:30pm - 6:30pm
BCCHS Performing Arts Centre

Ballina Coast High School offers an exciting and broad range of subject options, both academic and vocational for students entering Yr 11 & 12.

Yr 10 students and their families are invited to our Information Night and discuss opportunities available for your child with our experienced and dedicated staff.



The Student Representative Council (SRC) recently attended the Regional Conference in Grafton.

The SRC are often involved in fundraising BBQ's for various charities.



Vote for Leon

The "Focus on Ability" Film Festival is for people of all talent levels with many first time film makers taking out major prizes. Every year, the festival culminates in our red carpet awards night. Entrants have the chance to feel like Scorsese and see their films premiered on the big screen as well as the opportunity to have their film shown on national television after the awards night. Leon Elman has entered a film for the 3rd year. He has entered a four minute film called "Believe in Me". If you would like to vote please click on the link below. You can also watch his film.

Believe in Me

Congratulations Leon on a fantastic effort this year.



Our Support Centre recently raised \$1200 at a Bunnings BBQ. Riley Graham, Marielle Santebanez, Jac Cornu, Leon Elman and Tori Newby were amazing student helpers on the day. Marielle displayed excellent customer service, Tori an amazing onion cook, Leon fantastic cold drinks serving, Jac service with a smile and Riley flipping sausages. The money raised will go towards offsetting costs to our annual two night excursion. A big thank you to staff who also helped on the day: Hannah, James and Rod. Also pictured are Bunnings work experience students - Riley, Jasmin, Deo, Marielle.



Languages - Japan Excursion

A wonderful two weeks of sightseeing and language immersion was experienced by fifteen students and two staff during the April holidays.

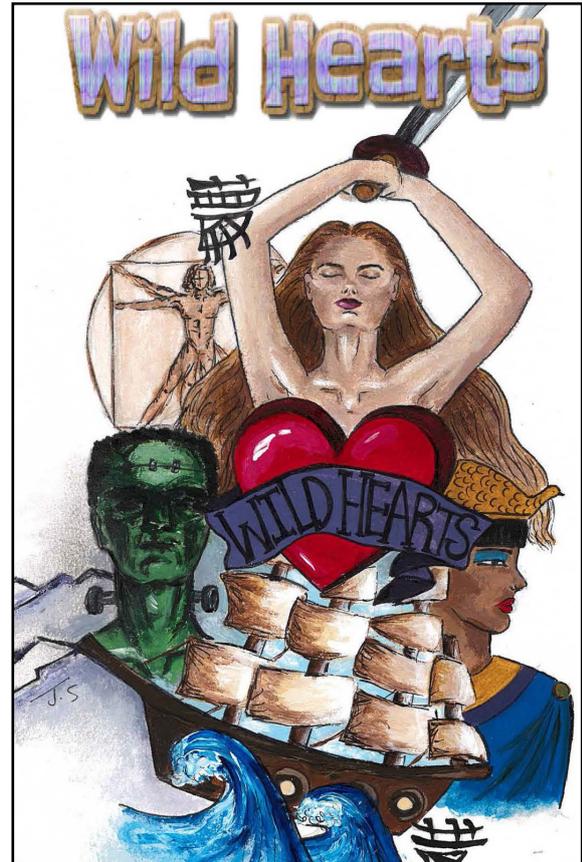
We visited during the Cherry blossom season which was a beautiful background to ancient castles and modern cities. The hospitality of our families at Togane High School was truly wonderful. The school provided many opportunities for learning about the amazing Japanese culture.



MADD Production Wild Hearts

The 7th annual MADD Production burst onto the stage in our new Performing Arts Centre with five high energy performances leaving audiences on their feet in ovation.

Written and directed by drama teacher Ali Chigwidden and starring over 120 amazingly talented singers, actors, dancers and musicians, Wild Hearts explored the inspiring stories of teenage rebels and rule-breakers throughout history who pushed boundaries, acted with courage, were creative and went on to change the world in some way. With a rocking soundtrack featuring music by Linkin Park, The Living End, Guns 'N Roses, P!NK and Rhianna and a feel good message that 'you can put your mind to do whatever you want to do,' Wild Hearts just may have been our greatest MADD Performance yet.



Around the Grounds

Congratulations to the students of BCHS who have had a big Term Two in sport!

Cross Country: The BCHS Cross Country team won the Far North Coast (FNC) Championships. The small team demonstrated a strong fighting prawn spirit with many of these students earning the right to represent FNC at the North Coast (NC) championships at Nana Glen. Congratulations to Sally Crethar, Hannah Crowe, Zahli Currey, Sophie Gaskill, and Erin Green for their selection to the NC team that will be competing at the State NSWCHS Cross Country Championships to be held in Sydney early in Term 3.

Netball: The Year 9 and 10 Netball team have performed very well in the NSW Schools Competition and have progressed on to the finals of the FNC/ Northern Rivers, to be played next term in Lismore.

Surfing: BCHS surfers represented the school at the FNC Regional Surfing Carnival. Our surfers took advantage of the perfect conditions with all BCHS surfers making it into the finals. The surfers carried themselves well, were respectful and friendly with other competitors and were great ambassadors for BCHS.

Touch: Congratulations to Illarrah Roberts and Jadhra King who were selected in the North Coast Open Girls Touch football team that played in Wollongong last weekend. The girls are part of a magnificent BCHS Team. The Girls and Boys Year 9 and 10 Touch Football teams travelled to Sydney for the State Cup that was held in Penrith. Both teams played well and represented our school proudly.

Hockey: The BCHS Hockey teams are performing strongly, under the leadership of Matt Harmon, who is currently the NSW CHS State Coach. The boys team won the Far North Coast Title and were narrowly defeated in a tough game in the North Coast Final against Evans Head. Well done to the boys, who are quite young and are playing way above their age level.

Volleyball: For the second year in a row, the Open Girls Volleyball Team have progressed through to the Finals

of the NSW State Knockout competition. Our girls will be part of the Final 16 Teams competing in Sydney at Olympic Park in the first week of Term 3. We wish them the very best of luck.

Basketball: The BCHS basketball teams have had mixed results this year. This year has been a redeveloping year for all four teams. The BCHS teams made all FNC Finals, even though the teams were boasting very young players. Our 15 Years girls team have progressed through to the NC Finals to be played early next term. Congratulations to Matt Tyler for his selection into the NC Team that competed at the NSWCHS State championships in Bathurst.

Rugby League: BCHS are showing very strong signs that they are going to be a force to be reckoned with in future Rugby League competitions. Our 14 years boys made it to the NC final and our 15 years boys have progressed to the Semi Finals of the Country Cup against Taree. If successful in this game, the boys will head to Dubbo for the NSW "All Schools" Finals. Congratulations to Caleb Kinna for his selection into the NC Opens team and to Reshawn Anderson and Damon Coldwell, who were selected into the Australian ATSI team that are currently playing in Queensland at the Australian National Rugby League Championships.



Athletics Carnival

The 2019 Ballina Coast High School Athletics Carnival was held at Cumbalum Sports Fields. It was a strong turn out by students from all houses, with Gwardi ending the day victorious.

Gwardi (Blue) - 812 points, Gargoona (Green) - 719 points, Boorabi (Red) - 632 points, Julum (Yellow)- 524 points.

It was a great effort by all to support their individual houses with a wide array of colours and outfits being worn throughout the carnival. A big thank you to all staff and students involved.

Good luck to the students who will now compete at the North Coast Carnival.

NAIDOC Celebrations



**"You're not going to master the rest of your life in one day.
Just relax. Master the day. Then just keep doing that every day." Anon.**

Ballina Coast High School committed over four years ago to raising good men and women. We continue to work hard with this in mind daily. We are very proud of the young people who are part of our learning community. We are exceptionally proud of the staff who work daily to make our students grow into young adults. We work hard to develop literate and numerate youngsters who are resilient, compassionate, self-regulating and creative. We work hard to inspire, nurture, educate and celebrate each of them. Over the past term we have had opportunities to watch them excel across the region in a number of sporting areas. We have cheered at the leadership of Ali, David and Mark in the MADD production that danced, sung, played music, created lighting and sound and acted their way into our hearts and history.

We opened our doors to celebrate Ballina Coast High School. We have been given a wonderful gift of supportive parents and community organisations who help us in this journey. We continue to reflect on the work we do and keep looking towards improving.

As winter crawls around us and the sunshine hours lessen, we are reminded of the importance of our school in the community. Our uniform defines us. It highlights that we are committed to excellence, innovation and diversity. It celebrates the "us" in our sporting uniform that was designed by a local Bundjalung artist. Our NAIDOC Week reminds us of our history, embraces the present and moves into an optimistic future.

We have farewelled Greg Armstrong and look towards a new Deputy Principal joining us next term. Have a lovely break and thank you to the community for your belief in our students, our work and a collective commitment to our young people.

Janeen Silcock, Principal.

Innovation, Excellence & Diversity

It has been a fantastic term highlighting our wide variety of activities including learning conferences, assorted class projects, the War on Waste, Links to Learning program, NAPLAN testing, visiting schools and community members, Flex fun, sporting events and many subject excursions all show a high quality of learning in various mediums across our school environment.

Ballina Coast High School embraces learning at every opportunity.



July

Mon 22 - Staff Development Day
Tue 23 - All students return for Term 3
W 24 & Th 25 - State Volleyball
Fri 26 - State Cross Country Carnival
Tue 30 - Yr 10 Parent Info Evening

Aug

Tue 6 - Parent Teacher Night
Mon 12 - Friends of BCHS meeting
Fri 16 - Ekka Excursion
Sat 17 - Yr 10 Snow Trip departs
Sat 24 - Snow Trip returns

Sept

Wed 4 - Sista Speak Program
Mon 9 - Friends of BCHS meeting
Thu 12 - Sista Speak Program
Fri 20 - Yr 7 Vaccinations
Fri 27 - Yr 12 Farewell Assembly

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Our school proudly stands on Bundjalung land.