

KINGYSPIRIT NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Year 12 Graduation Week

The end of Term 3 also marks the end of 13 years of school for our current Year 12 cohort. This week will be a special time for Year 12 – I encourage them to make the most of every moment while also ensuring they make safe and respectful choices.

Many thanks to the amazing Mrs Levi, the Year 12 Adviser, who has organised a Celebration Day for Year 12 at Gold Coast Wake Park in Oxenford today. I hope everyone enjoys themselves. Our traditional Year 12 Graduation Assembly, free from Covid restrictions for the first time since 2019, will go ahead on Friday in our MPU (school hall). All Year 12 students are asked to be at school in full uniform by 8:45am, families and significant others should be aware that the assembly will begin at 9:30am. Due to space restrictions, we ask that each student has a maximum of four guests attending. The Assembly should conclude by 11:30am.

We will also be livestreaming the event via our Facebook page for those unable to attend. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view. You can also watch back at a time convenient.

Direct link to stream here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/551947390034357/>

Best wishes to all of our Year 12 families.

Landscaping

I am looking forward to working with interested members of our Aboriginal community on a culturally appropriate landscape design to feature in the completion of our school's redevelopment. We will be holding a specific purpose community meeting on Thursday 13 October to consider choice of plantings, design features, materials and finishes along with options for further community involvement.

Aboriginal Education Officer

We were very sad to see our Relieving AEO, Simon Chadburn, leave us a little over a week ago. Simon made a tremendous contribution to Aboriginal Education during his relatively short time with us, and we wish him all the very best.

Our Aboriginal students will continue to be supported by a team including our 'Beyond Broncos' Student Support Officer Jeanette Craigie, along with our Student Support Officers Baylah Betar and John Imbrogno. We will continue to work with the Department, our local AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) and our Aboriginal parents and carers to explore how we can continue to support our Aboriginal students.

Visits to Primary School Communities

My thanks to the Principals and staff of Cudgen Public School, Bogangar Public School, Pottsville Beach Public School and Kingscliff Public School for allowing us to meet with their communities over the past few weeks in order to share the work we have been doing through our Stage 4 Pod, iPads in the classroom and Big Picture to provide 'best practice' pathways to improve student learning outcomes for incoming Year 7 students in 2023 and beyond.

Big Picture Community Partners

Speaking of Big Picture, we are currently seeking community partners who would be interested in working with our Big Picture students, starting from next year. As part of Big Picture learning, students identify community settings relevant to their learning, where they spend two days per week building their real-world experience. Michelle Rosser, our Head Teacher for Big Picture, is our point of contact for any interested local businesses.

Premier's Debating Challenge Success

Our Year 9 and 10 Debating Team (Jake Spence, Riley Carslaw-Harkins, Bradley Hennekam, Kiki Gonzales & Callum Mitchell) have defeated their counterparts from Whitebridge High School (Newcastle) to now face their final regional opponent, Armidale Secondary College early next term, before hopefully progressing to the knockout stage in Sydney.

Best of luck!

Public Holiday

A reminder that our school will be closed on Thursday 22 September due to the recently announced national public holiday on that date. Our school will be open as usual on Friday 23 September, with our Year 12 Graduation Assembly being a key focus.

Wishing all of our families a safe and relaxing holiday after we get through this week.

Yours sincerely



Michael Hensley, Principal

GENERAL NEWS

Year 9 and 10 Debating Team

Wonderful news again, as Kingscliff High School has been successful in winning the second debate in the regional debating championships.

Today our junior debating team commenced their second round of the regional Premier's Debating challenge for 2022.

The topic for today's debate was that 'Broadcasters and Streaming Services should cancel content with disgraced performers.'

Our Year 9 and 10 team competed today against Whitebridge High School, Newcastle and had an outstanding win. As the negative team they worked collaboratively to put forth some very compelling arguments. The adjudicator was impressed with their high standard and was able to provide some very comprehensive feedback in an attempt to assure our teams success in their last regional debate next week.

Today's team included Jake Spence, Riley Carslaw-Harkins, Bradley Hennekam, Kiki Gonzales and Callum Mitchell.

I would like to thank each member for their contributions and encourage them to continue with the same positive attitude in their upcoming debates.

Congratulations to each team and good luck in the next round.

Ms Connah - Debating coach



Sew You Think You Can Sew?

Kingscliff High School's very first sewing competition "**Sew You Think You Can Sew?**" was on last week. Students from Years 8, 9 and 10 were given the opportunity to compete in the competition. The students were given a brief to create a product of their choice made from recycled denim and worked in pairs to design, plan and manufacture a textile item. The students presented a wide range of projects from bucket hats and tote bags to corsets and children's toys.

Congratulations to our two winning teams:

Best Textile Construction went to Boston Kane and Jaya Donoghue

Best Textile Design went to Lily Horne, Sienna O'Meara and Charlie Hinchcliffe



Big Picture

In 2023, Kingscliff High School will begin our journey as we become a Big Picture School. And we need great mentors to make it happen.....

This is where our AMAZING community comes in!

In preparation for next year, I am seeking interest from businesses in the community that may be interested in becoming mentors.

Please see the brochure attached further in this newsletter as to what this may involve.

If this is something you may be interested in, please feel free to contact me on:
(02) 6674 9777

More information can be found regarding Big Picture at: <https://www.bigpicture.org.au/>

Byron Bay Writers Festival

The Byron Writers Festival... the annual event that brings schools and students together. This festival was especially significant because it was the first one since Covid.

The day started off with a bang! A lecture with fabulous Evelyn Araluen. She is a proud Aboriginal woman, who has been writing poetry since she was little. Evelyn told the audience about her culture and how she got to where she is today. The experience was very eye opening. Evelyn has a book called Drop Bear. It has her lovely poems, one about how she learned the Bundjalung language.

After the eye-opening session, everyone raced to the book tent to buy Drop Bear before they were all gone. After everyone purchased the book, they raced to the tent next door to have it signed.



Then it was lunch... to the food trucks! The place was bustling with excitement as we all lined up at different food trucks to get some lunch. As everyone lined up, mouths watering and tummies growling, waiting in line was so hard. It helped having friends to talk to that helped distract yourself from the most amazing smell. We finally got our food, it was delicious!

The next lecture that was scheduled was the Australian slam poetry champion, "Huda the Goddess." She is a proud woman who writes poetry. She is not afraid to go on stage and uses the motto "I can, I will, and I must!" Michael Jackson was the musician who influenced her to write the way she does. Her motivation is that she has so many different stories to tell and wants people to listen to them. At

the end of her speech, she performed one of her poems; it was so beautiful that it had the whole tent in tears. It was a truly amazing experience to witness her perform and if she happens to do a poetry reading near you, it is definitely worth seeing her.

As everyone walked back to the bus, we took a second to admire the beautiful sculptures that decorated the campus. We all piled back onto the bus and said "Farewell, Byron Writers Festival. Farewell!"

Written by Anika Howe and Isabella Matthias

P & C Meeting

P&C Meeting is on TONIGHT at 6:00pm

On behalf of the P&C President, we would like to invite all Parents and Carers to attend the next **P&C Meeting** scheduled for **Monday 19 September 2022 at 6:00pm**.

This will be a face-to-face meeting held in the Meeting Rooms in the Front Office of Kingscliff High School.

If you are unable to attend in person, there is the option to join the meeting online, via the link below. This meeting can be easily accessed by clicking where it says "[click here to join the meeting](#)" under the Microsoft Teams meeting heading below.

This link will be accessible from 6:00pm on Monday 19 September 2022.

We look forward to meeting all parents/carers either in person or via the online meeting.

All welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 456 952 264 821

Passcode: YCsGA8

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Kingscliff Rotary Student Film Awards Night

On Wednesday 7 September some of our Year 10 students attended an awards evening in celebration of their involvement in the "Towards Respectful Relationships Film Project." The project was a partnership between Kingscliff High School and the Kingscliff Rotary. In term 2, students worked individually or in small groups to develop their own script, enlist a cast of actors, video and edit their final production to produce an age-appropriate film that addressed the theme of one less victim, one less perpetrator.

The awards night was to celebrate the amazing work all our students had created and to present the 2 prizes of \$500.

The first award was the Rotary Award which was judged by a panel of Rotarians, the second award being the people's choice award which was voted by our very own year 9 cohort of students.



In total there were 4 films entered. There were two groups who did not receive either of the \$500 prizes, but they came away with a surprise commencement award \$150 each.

The Rotary Prize was awarded to the group of students who produced *Falling Out* - a film focused on LGBTI+ relationship conflict and violence.

The People's Choice Prize was awarded to the group of students who produced *The Impact* - a film focused on the impact of family violence on school aged children and support that is available.

We are proud of all the students who participated in this program and want to acknowledge all of their participation and efforts in being a part of this program - M. Griffiths, E. Cornell, C.Pratt, E. Newbon, L.Richards, F.Baker, R. Carslaw-Harkins, S. Lopez, M.Tilton, S.Knight, J.Nicholls, L. Gregoraci, B. Kane, T. Parker and R. Nelson.

We are extremely grateful to the Kingscliff Rotary Club for their generous funding of this amazing program, which has since attracted interest from the local Tweed Police to support their training, along with the Gold Coast and Ballina Rotary to potentially use the films with a much wider audience in the future.



YEAR 7 POD

Year 7 Humanities 'Market Stall Day' was a huge success. Students have been studying a unit of work 'Investigating the Ancient Past' with a focus on Ancient Australia. The assessment task allowed students to explore an ancient civilization of their choice and present their findings as part of a 'market stall' to both teachers and staff.

Well done Year 7!





IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3 CALENDAR

19 – 23 September

Week 10

Monday 19 September

Day 1

Year 12 Celebration Day – GC Wakeboard Park
Year 11 Exams (12-23 Sept)
P&C Meeting 6pm (in meeting room with option to join online)
Year 9 and 10 Debating Team at Bogangar Public School

Tuesday 20 September

Day 2

Year 11 Exams (12 - 23 Sept)
U14/U16 Girls Futsal FNC Gala Day - Ballina

Wednesday 21 September

Day 3

Year 11 Exams (12 - 23 Sept)
Year 9 and 10 Debating Team at Kingscliff Public School
U14/U16 Boys Futsal FNC Gala Day - Ballina

Thursday 22 September

Day 4

National Day of Mourning to observe Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II (No School)

Friday 23 September

Day 5

Year 12 Graduation Assembly at 9.30am
Year 11 Exams – catch up day
Last Day of School

10 – 14 October

TERM 4 CALENDAR

Week 1

Monday 10 October

Day 6

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR START TERM 4

Kingscliff High School hosting Schools Spectacular Rehearsal - MPU

Tuesday 11 October

Day: 7

Wednesday 12 October

Day: 1

HSC Exams (12 Oct - 4 Nov)

Thursday 13 October

Day: 2

HSC Exams (12 Oct - 4 Nov)

Friday 14 October

Day: 3

HSC Exams (12 Oct - 4 Nov)



Keep up to date with the latest announcements and events happening at Kingscliff High School. Take a moment to like our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/kingscliffhighschool>



The Uniform shop regular hours are Wednesdays and Fridays 7.45am to 9.30am. The price list can be found here:

<https://kingscliff-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/p---c-uniform-shop-and-canteen.html>

P&C Uniform Shop

- Payment at the P&C Uniform Shop is by cash, cheque, and EFTPOS
- The P&C Uniform Shop is located near our Science block on the left-hand side of the ramp



Tweed Valley Hospital Project

Site activity update – Monday 12 to 23 September 2022

Construction activities

The following activities will take place over the next two weeks, weather permitting:

Works for the main hospital buildings:

- Internal structural steel installation is ongoing.
- Ongoing fit-out activities on all levels including services, walls, partitions, ceilings, painting and flooring.
- Continued delivery and installation of precast façade panels, with 86% precast panels and 69% mega panels now installed.
- Civil works for the new main entry road.
- Ongoing work for the switching (power) station and water tanks on the western side of site.
- Works will be undertaken on the next four Saturdays, between 8am and 1pm.

Works on Cudgen Road:

- Ongoing work for the new eastbound Cudgen Road lanes including concreting, footpath construction, placement and compaction of fill and a seal on top of the new lanes.
- No traffic changes anticipated in the coming fortnight.

What to expect during construction?

- Ongoing regular construction vehicles entering and exiting site.
- Standard construction hours are Mon-Fri 7am-6pm, and Sat 8am-1pm.
- Some noise, dust or vibrations may occur from these activities. Monitoring controls are in place to maintain levels within permissible limits.

Additional information

Community notifications are issued to provide important and timely information to the community about the works. Please subscribe [here](#). For further information about the project, please call the project team on 1800 992 634, email us at tweedvalleyhospital@health.nsw.gov.au or visit the website at www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au

Thank you for your patience while we work to deliver the new hospital.



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A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL FAMILIES



10AM – 4PM KNOX PARK MURWILLUMBAH

Connect, share and participate in the wisdom and practice of healthy families, strong values and vibrant community culture!



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After the Floods*



Free children's nature crafts and activities all day

Participate in creating a giant sand, earth and ochre sculpture

Join dance troupes from across the Bundjalung Nation and beyond in a celebration of kinship connections

Aboriginal Artisan Markets

Healing Hub – First Nations Healing Space and Workshops

OKA TRIBUTE – KINSHIP COLLECTIVE – THE JACKS BAND

JOHNNY HUCKLE – KELSEY BARKER – ROBYN GREEN

Free community meal - bush tucker or vegetarian lunch for all!

To sponsor, volunteer or find out more contact:

kinship@mccentre.org.au 02 6672 3003



Leaving to Learn

Learning Through Internships

Information for Mentors

“All students need to leave school – frequently, regularly and of course, temporarily – to stay in school and persist in their learning.”

Elliot Washor,
Co-founder Big Picture



“It’s incredibly valuable as part of our contribution to the community and to the wider society.”

Malcom Bywaters, Director
Academy Gallery, University of
Tasmania



“Emma showed a real interest in the events marketing industry... She was willing, she wanted to learn, she wanted to build the relationships with the various stakeholders that we have.”

Shae Hardie, Marketing & Events
Manager, Peel Thunder AFL Club,
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SO YOU'RE THINKING OF BECOMING A MENTOR...

Thank you for considering this important role.

Students learn best when they are passionate about what they are doing. They also learn through developing professional relationships with adults who share their interests and can guide and challenge them.

Sometimes students need to leave school and go out into the real world to learn about their passions from experts in the community and to bring back what they have learned to the classroom.

At Big Picture schools, undertaking an internship in the community is an integral part of the educational design. It's a process we call 'Leaving to Learn'.

And we need great mentors to make it happen.

What does a student on an internship do?

A student on an internship attends your site 1 or 2 days a week over a period of time. This is usually 3 months, but the duration varies. During that time you, as a mentor, engage the student in some of your work and model what it means to do this work well.

Our students often add value to your organisation with the skills that they bring in areas such as technology, design, writing and social media - to name a few.

In consultation with you, the student develops a learning project that will help your organisation and be an important part of the learning that the student needs to demonstrate back at school.

The learning project is the focus of the internship and challenges students both academically and personally.

For example, past students have written press releases and news stories, curated an art exhibition, staged an event, researched endangered species, devised surveys and researched policy.

How is a Big Picture Internship different to work experience?

A Big Picture internship is quite different to the work experience that you may have encountered in your own time at high school.

Traditional work experience usually lasts for a week, during which students get an overview of an organisation but don't often have time to explore it in depth or to make strong connections with personnel.

In a Big Picture internship, which runs over a longer period, they encounter more facets of a business or organisation, develop professional relationships, become active members of a team, and produce meaningful work that they present back at school as evidence of their learning.

What's in it for mentors?

You get to share your passion and knowledge with an enthusiastic young person. In return, you get a smart young person willing to do useful work and to bring new skills to your organisation.

Your organisation is put in touch with the thinking, skills and interests of the upcoming generation of workers, customers and entrepreneurs.



"A lot of people at 15 can work a computer better than someone my age at 40 can. Any organisation or business can benefit from that."

Ruth Groom, Wilderness Society



"I couldn't recommend it more highly. I think it's really good for students to see the business and for the business to see the next round of staff, engineers and technical graduates coming through and what their capabilities are."

Jeremy Smith, Pitt & Sherry Engineering Consulting

What's expected of mentors?

Students might make contact to 'shadow' you for a day in order to explore the work that you do and to get to know you.

If you agree to host a student on an internship, your major responsibility is to help them to explore your world in depth.

This means:

- showing them the different aspects of your organisation
- modelling your work ethic
- helping them to develop new skills and knowledge
- assisting them to develop a meaningful project
- completing an assessment of the student's performance and growth

The role of mentor entails some additional responsibilities including:

- attending a mentor training session
- having regular communication and/or meetings with the student and their advisory teacher
- where possible, attending the student's exhibition back at school where they present what they have learnt during their internship with you

Mentors should treat the students like employees, but realise that they are teenagers and explain any dress codes, safety practices and other professional standards that they are expected to follow.

The school carries liability and accident insurance that covers students at internship sites. Mentors may be required to undergo a Working With Children Check or a police check.

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