

Terrigal High School NEWSLETTER

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Principals Report

Welcome BBQ

Loosening of COVID restrictions allow us to host the annual Welcome BBQ for Year 7 parents. The BBQ will be on Wednesday 10th March from 5pm to 7pm. Invitations will be sent to families next week with instructions on how to register your attendance.

School Communications

A strength of our school is the willingness to share experiences and for open, 2-way communication. The majority of school communications are sent from the school email address. This includes permission notes, school updates and the weekly Terrigal Talk for upcoming events. A limited number of paper copies are kept at the front counter. The school newsletter is sent twice a Term and also uploaded to the school website.

The Terrigal High School Facebook page is an opportunity to share our news, celebrate student successes and to communicate last minute changes.

The parent portal provides access to your own child's timetable, attendance record and school reports. Year 7 parents will receive their username and password next week.

The school uses SMS communications for urgent information as well to notify parents of lateness to school or whole day absences. Parents can reply to the message to inform the school of the reason for the lateness or absence.

Contact with individual teachers is through a phone call or email to the school address. Teachers spend nearly all day in the

classroom teaching and cannot accept calls immediately. The expectation is that teachers will respond to phone calls and emails within 48 hours of receipt. Urgent communications are directed to the Deputy Principals. If your communication involves more than 1 teacher, the best person to contact is the Year Adviser.

Year 12 2021 Destination Survey

Thank you to our Careers Advisers, Ms Bates and Mrs Bates, for contacting last year's Year 12 students to find out how they are settling in to life after school and what they are doing. 96 students were able to be contacted and shared the following information:

- 49% are studying at University;
 - 26 students at University of Newcastle
 - 13 students at Macquarie University
 - 2 students at the University of NSW
 - 1 student each at Sydney University, Western Sydney, Southern Cross, Charles Sturt, ADFA, The Kings College UK
- 13% are studying at TAFE
- 6% are studying at private colleges
- 4 students are taking a gap year and will study in 2022
- 39% are working (10% full time, 29% part time)
 - 1 student is training full time with the Mariners soccer club
 - 2 students have joined the Defence Force
 - 1 student has started 2 businesses
 - 10 students achieved an ATAR over 90
 - The highest ATAR was 95.4

Past students are always part of the Terrigal family and we wish them the best with their journey through adulthood.

Mrs Turik
Principal

SRC News

Induction Ceremony

Our wonderful SRC 2021 were officially inducted at a special ceremony on the afternoon of Tuesday 16th February attended by their family members. We congratulate all of our student leaders and look forward to their continued enthusiastic leadership of school projects at Terrigal High School.



Valentines Day

Valentine's Day was marked with our annual special deliveries by SRC students doing Cupids work. This lovely tradition has become a much-loved day at school where the message of love and friendship is celebrated.

Podcast

The THS podcast "Friday's with Terrigal" will be back with its first episode for 2021 on Friday 26th February. Join us for a fun and informative look at the week that was, including book and entertainment recommendations, interviews and music from our talented musicians. The podcast is produced and hosted by our very own students. Episodes are released every fortnight and can be found on the school facebook page from the Friday afternoon when the episode is released.



Mrs Rankin
SRC Coordinator

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Expression of Interest!

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an amazing youth development program that you and your friends can be involved in at Terrigal High School. The program allows students to explore their full potential and find their purpose, passion and place in the world, regardless of their location or circumstance. The Award is a fully inclusive program and has no social, political, or religious affiliations.

The Award allows students to learn a skill, improve their physical wellbeing, volunteer in their community and experience a team adventure in a new environment. It is a great way to meet like-minded people and make new friends.

If you would like to hear more about this amazing program please see Ms Davidson, Mr O'Rourke or Mr Staniford at school during recess or lunchtime. Alternatively you can take a look on the Duke of Edinburgh website,

<https://www.dukeofed.org>



Congratulations

Our fabulous School Captain, Cameron W, completed the IGNITE Business Launchpad program, which is an initiative of Central Coast Council and Illuminate Future, helping young people across the region to kick start their own business idea. After completing the program, he submitted his idea and was selected to present this at 'The Gala Pitch Night' event on Tuesday, 24th November, 2020.

Furthermore, we are so grateful to Cameron for agreeing to present his idea again, the following morning, to all of Year 10, who were participating in the Illuminate Business Challenge at school. Our students and teachers, were incredibly impressed by his business idea and of its actual success. This certainly inspired our students during the challenge. Cameron actually employs staff and his unique business is already making Cameron a profit.

We are so proud of Cameron's business success at such a young age and of his academic success, and are so thankful for all he does for our school as part of his Captaincy. He is indeed, an incredible and inspirational, young man with an incredible work ethic and drive to succeed in all that he does.



Ms Massie
HSIE Teacher

New Year – New on Time You!

Regular attendance and punctuality play a significant role in allowing students to succeed at school. Here at Terrigal High School we are looking to improve our student attendance rates for 2021 with a particular focus on punctuality.

Whilst five minutes may seem insignificant in the scheme of things, time can add up quickly. If you are late five minutes each day, that is the equivalent of three days over the course of the school year. Similarly if you miss one day of school a fortnight, before you realise that adds up to four weeks over the course of the year. Now we are talking significant chunks of class time missed.

To help our consistently late students develop good routines, we are instigating Late Cards. If students are late three times in one week they will be issued with a consequence and a Late Card for two weeks. Any lateness for any reason whilst completing this process will result in further consequences. Students will be required to undertake two weeks of being on time to successfully complete the process.

We also ask for your support in explaining any absences that your child has. This can be done by replying to the text message sent by THS on the day of the absence. Please be sure to include your child's full name and year on the message.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



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Ms Roberts
Head Teacher Administration

Vaccinations 2021

Year 7 vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 23rd March and Tuesday 12th October. Year 10 vaccinations will take place on Thursday 27th May.

Permission notes with all relevant details have gone home to Year 7 families and thank you to those who have already returned them. Year 10 details will be sent home during May.

If you have any questions, please email me at lyndall.gale@det.nsw.edu.au

If your child will not be receiving the vaccinations at school please let me know via the above email address so that we don't try to chase you for permission.

Miss Gale
Teacher Librarian

Year 7 History

In Year 7 HSIE, students have begun our study of 'Investigating our Ancient Past'. On Monday 15th February, the 7HSIET students completed an activity to solidify their knowledge of chronology and how timelines are constructed. This was a physical activity where the students had to engage with individual recognition, group think, decision making and organisational skills. The two activities increased in difficulty and students were challenged to formulate solutions by themselves with limited instruction.



Mrs Evans
Head Teacher HSIE

Visual Arts News

Central Visions Exhibition

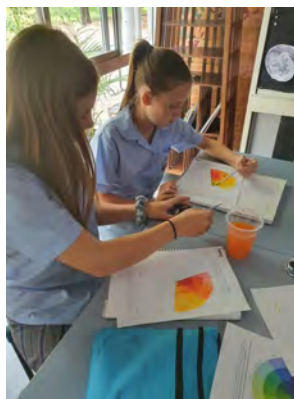
Congratulations to Charlotte F, Joelle F and Lauren M who have been selected to show their work at the Gosford Regional Gallery. Charlotte also won the Year 8 category for last year at the Regional Gallery and was also the recipient of the Teachers Portrait prize winning \$100 cash with her beautiful charcoal drawing of Ms Middleby (*pictured*). The awards night for this exhibition will take place at the Gallery on Friday 5th March at 6pm and the exhibition will be open to the public starting on the 6th of March.



A Great Start to the Year for Year 7 Visual Arts Student's

Year 7 have had a lot of new experiences this year navigating themselves about High School and learning about a whole lot of interesting courses. One of the courses that they experience is Visual Arts. I have been so impressed with the care and effort that the students have made in their art classes.

They have been learning about colour theory and a Sydney based artist named Bradley Eastman known as Beastman. The student's have been creating colour combinations and refining their skills using watercolour. They have also been testing their skills in design and applying these in Photoshop. Pictured are some examples by our aspiring artist's!



Mrs Green
Head Teacher CAPA

Around TAS

Late in 2020, Terrigal High School students were given the chance to meet Adam Spencer and take part in some STEM activities at Terrigal Primary School. Adam Spencer spoke about the opportunities available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics before posing a few tricky logic questions. The primary and secondary students then embarked on a series of coding activities using Spheros and Microbits. It was super to see the little and big kids working together to come up with a variety of solutions to the problems that were posed.



Mrs Turner
Head Teacher TAS

Sports News

Swimming Carnival

The THS 2021 Swimming Carnival was a great success. Held on the 3rd of February, we were lucky enough to have great weather and a strong turnout. The grandstand was swimming with Red's, Green's, Black & Whites and Blues. House morale was very high and the overall participation was impressive. Our Salmon races were a big hit seeing most students swim with style & grace.

Congratulations to the following Age Champions and House Results:

- 12 Years - Tyla C and Cody M
- 13 Years - Charlie F and Benjamin E
- 14 Years - Angel L and Brok E
- 15 Years - Heidi Z and Jett G
- 16 Years - Olivia B and Kai A
- 17 Years - Allanah P and K

- Devils - 1286
- Giants - 1267
- Warriors - 1169
- Sharks - 768

Already looking forward to next years Swimming Carnival!



Mr Parker
PDHPE Teacher

Cricket Star

Congratulations to Tara F of Year 10 who competed in the NSWCHS cricket tournament in Bathurst. Tara was a shining a star for her team over the four days. Tara got a hat trick and she was also selected to play in the 1st Team in Maitland in three weeks. Congratulations to Tara on an amazing effort.



Ms Playford
Head Teacher PDHPE

Girls CHS Knockout Tennis

On Friday 19th February our tennis team, Summer W, Molly K, Scarlett W and Alira S all travelled to Woy Woy and enjoyed a rewarding morning showing great sportsmanship against Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus. The girls played really well and had some great rallies. Unfortunately, we weren't victorious today as our opponents were substantially older but another year of practice and they are all very keen to continue next year! They should be very proud of how they performed and showed the spirit of great Terrigal High School ambassadors.



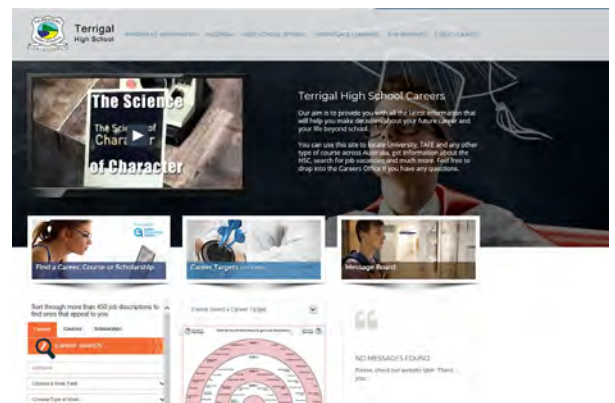
Mrs Warren
PDHPE Teacher

Careers Corner



Terrigal High School has its own Careers website www.terrighscareers.com

Students and parents can use this site for a wide range of career information from. This site is particularly useful for students in the senior years, however, other students can access information on part time employment while they are still at school. If students register in the "Student Only" area they will be able to make use of many of the proformas available. They can develop a resume, a cover letter, find out how to act in an interview, what to wear for an interview and many other things.



White Card Course

The White Card course in NSW is designed to raise awareness of best practices to eliminate risks that cause injuries and fatalities in the work place. In order to work in the Construction Industry, you need to complete a White Card course. THS will be running a course later this term, more details to follow.

Ms Bates
Careers Advisor



PSST (Personalised Senior Student Tutoring)

News and Information

YEAR 11 Students...You're Invited

Mrs Morris will be holding a focus tutorial for any students wishing to optimise their organisation for assessment time management by learning the **Personal Due Date Strategy**.

Never heard of this?

If you do not know about the strategy, this session is for you!

Learning this strategy will ensure students plan/schedule their calendar per subject, per assessment task.

It is aligned directly with the assessment schedule and aims at making the most of the time given before the due date of any assessment task for any subject.

Personal Due Date Strategy Tutorial Details

Date: Tuesday 2nd March (Week 6)

Time: From the end of Lunch- 12:40pm - 1:35pm On the day, there is flexibility to extend this until 2:00pm if students require.

Location: THS Library

To book: There is a purple booking sheet on the appointment table at Mrs Morris's door. There are 40 places available for this session.

What to bring: Students are asked to bring the following:

1. Their own copy of the assessment schedule
2. Highlighters- one colour per subject- to be used for colour coding each subject on their schedule and calendar.
3. A pen and a lead pencil
4. Assessment notifications for any subject, given by the class teacher. You will need to refer to the exact due dates given on the notification document. (Do not worry if you do not have any notifications yet).

What will students be given: Students will be given all other resources, including the information guide for the strategy and calendars for the scheduling task. Calendars will be completed by each student during the session. The tutorial gives students the opportunity to learn, apply and ask questions about the strategy.

YEAR 12 Students...Upcoming REACH Program

In the coming weeks all students in Year 12 will be invited to participate in the Reach Program. This voluntary program is designed to help Year 12 students achieve their personal best in their HSC and allows them to work towards improving their exam preparation and ultimately their exam performance.

In short, students nominate a teacher mentor and a focus subject in which to complete 20 extra tasks in addition to their classwork and assessment tasks. This additional exam based work provides a specific and targeted focus, supporting students in achieving their HSC goals.

As a year group, students will be briefed by Mrs Bennett in a meeting at school and Mrs Morris will coordinate the program, distribute information and communicate with students as required. Details are currently being discussed...we'll keep you up to date as information is confirmed...stay tuned!

If you want to make a difference to improve the quality and standard of your work, then I encourage you to consider this program.

Seniors if you have any questions about either of these PSST opportunities please feel free to drop by my room in the Library for a chat.

Mrs Morris
Personalised Senior Student Tutoring (PSST) Program Teacher

Community Announcements

Tap on and tap off every time

because it tells us how many people are using the public transport service. This allows us to better plan buses and trains for you.



Tap on and tap off your
School Opal card every time



It is a condition of the School Pass Terms and the Student Codes of Conduct when travelling that students in possession of the School Opal card must tap on and tap off every time when using public transport to travel to and from school. Per section 3.2 of the Opal Privacy Policy, Transport for NSW collects information from taps on and taps off to support coordination, planning and policy development for transport, transport services and transport infrastructure.



2021 NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company Audition Applications now OPEN

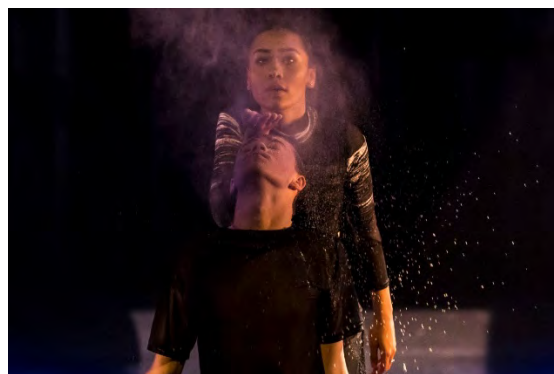


The NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company is an audition-based dance ensemble for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students in Years 7-12 who excel in contemporary Indigenous dance. In 2021, auditions for this company are open to any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with talent, ability and experience in contemporary Indigenous dance who attend a NSW Public School. The Aboriginal Dance Company is a partnership between the NSW Department of Education Arts Unit and the Bangarra Dance Theatre.

About the 2021 program

This year the program will be conducted online in Term 2 and selected students will work with tutors from the Bangarra Youth Program over a number of sessions to develop performance works around the notion of 'who am I and where do I come from'.

For more information and to submit an audition application for this exciting opportunity click here: <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/apply-adc-2021>



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