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Principal's Report

Dear families of Terrigal High,

It has certainly been another busy term.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2023

I would like to express my congratulations to our outgoing Year 12 2023 cohort, who officially graduated from Terrigal High School on Thursday 21st September. Graduating from 13 years of schooling is a significant achievement, congratulations to all. All the best for your upcoming HSC examinations. Thank you to our families and staff for supporting and guiding Year 12 across the years. I wish Year 12 all the very best for their future endeavours.

2023-2024 School Captains and Vice Captains

We held our 2023-2024 school leadership elections, with the following students successful in attaining positions to lead our school Captains: Leah B and Angus M Vice Captains: Lola W and Josiah P

Congratulations to these students for being elected. I would also like to recognise the other candidates who put themselves forward for these roles. They are all incredible young people. I would like to recognise our outgoing Captains/Vice Captains Max B, Cooper B, Ercalyn F, and Bronte H for the incredible work they have done to lead our school over their tenure. They have been calm, approachable and responsible leaders with a 'can do' attitude. These young adults certainly have bright futures ahead.

Education Week Awards

I would like to congratulate the following people across our school community who were successful in attaining these awards:

Ms Belinda Carpenter: for her work supporting the wellbeing of the students at THS.

Ms Katy Allen: for her contribution to sport at THS offering enriching extra-curricular activities.

Mrs Nicole Hilder: for her contribution to the P and C at THS supporting the whole school.

Mobile Phone Ban

On the back of the NSW Governments announcement by Premier Chris Minns that all mobile phones are banned from schools, the DoE created a policy which was emailed to all parents earlier this term. This brings NSW schools in line with other states. THS school Digital Device Policy was emailed to all parents and caregivers in Week 9. I encourage you to read over this policy to be informed of our expectations and guidelines around digital device use at THS. From Term 4.

Students attended a meeting in the hall on Thursday 21st September for the policy to be unpacked so all students know what to do upon their return to school Term 4.

We have purchased Phone Locker Pouches which students will place their phone into all day. There will be Magnet Stations at entry/exit points around the school for students to unlock pouches at the end of the day.

Any parents/caregivers wishing to contact their child are to call the front office and a message can be sent directly to the student. We appreciate your support in advance of this being implemented.

I would like to express my thanks to our staff for their incredible efforts across the term to deliver quality teaching and learning to our students, and they have provided a large array of extra-curricular activities to extend learning beyond the classroom. Thank you to our families across our school community for your ongoing support.

I hope everyone has a well-earned relaxing holiday break, ready to head into the final term of 2023.

Regards,
Mrs Sharnee Klempert
Relieving Principal THS

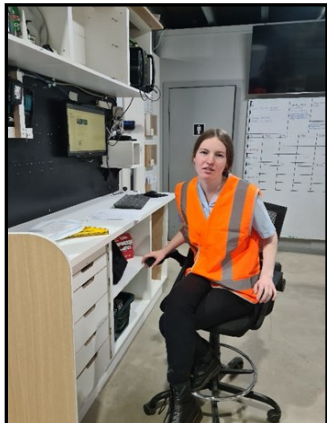
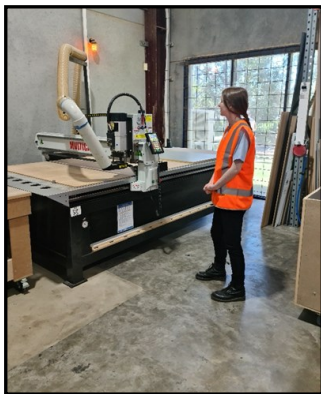
Careers News



Work Experience Year 10

Over 30 Year 10 students have been on a Work Experience in 2023 and so far, this year, we have had over 30 students go out into the real world. Whilst there is no set date for them it is highly advised they participate in this very valuable experience before the Term 4 assessment period. Students were given information on this earlier in the year. If they need a form or more information, please see Ms Bates in Careers!

Year 10 students should be planning their Work Experience if they haven't already done so. Whilst there is no set date for them it is highly advised they participate in this very valuable experience before the end of the year.



Terrigal High Careers Website

The School has its own career website:
www.terrighscareers.com

Students and parents can use this site for a wide range of career information. 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.

University applications through UAC, (Universities Admission Centre) opened early April and will close 29th September.

Early Entry Offers to University for 2024

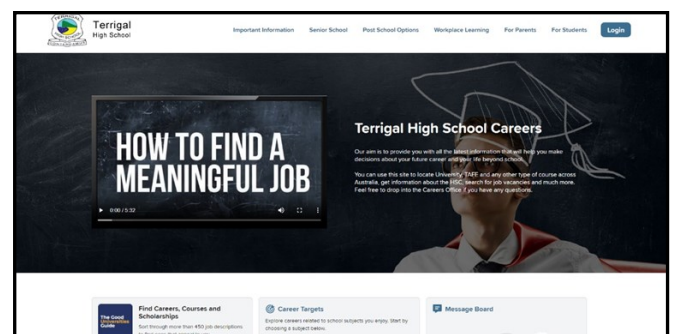


More than 25% of the current Year 12's have already received an offer for a place at university in 2024. The majority coming from our local University of Newcastle but also from Macquarie University, Wollongong University, TORRENS university, The Academy of Interactive Entertainment and even the University of Tasmania! What a lovely feeling for these students, (not all pictured here) to go into their HSC exams not having the extra stress of wondering if they will achieve the ATAR needed for their desired course.

With more offer rounds to come over the next month or two before the main round in December, Terrigal High students look set to get their post school wishes.

Congratulations to all these students.

Ms E & J Bates, (Careers Advisers)



All Things SRC

What an amazing few weeks for our SRC and their leadership team since our last school newsletter!

Our 'Wear It Purple Day' celebrations were incredible and our students and staff embraced the day with their usual kindness, paying respect to the LGBTQIA+ community in our school, our local community and the world beyond by wearing a splash of purple on the day to show this support. We also enjoyed purple iced cupcakes, thanks to Mrs Richards and a team of hard-working students. They looked and tasted fabulous! We as a school, strive to create a supportive environment for everyone and our staff and students certainly did just that! Purple ribbons were everywhere!!! We are thankful to our SRC and their leaders for driving this wonderful event. We raised \$402 for the Wear it Purple Foundation who support the mental health of young people negatively affected by bullying and harassment from the lack of acceptance of their sexual or gender identity.



'Pyjama Day' was another fabulous initiative driven by our SRC recently. Students were encouraged to wear their pyjamas to school and donate a gold coin for the Pyjama Foundation which supports the literacy and numeracy of children in foster care. Our generous students raised over \$800!

A team of four students have continued to cook dinner for those in need in our community at Coast Shelter in Mann Street, Gosford on two occasions this term. This is such a rewarding experience for our SRC volunteers who do so with great care, humility and kindness. This last occasion this term, was especially momentous for three of our leaders, Max, Cooper and Erica, being the last time representing our school at Coast Shelter, as they bid farewell and move on to their tertiary studies.

A few weeks ago, we engaged in the voting process for our new school leadership team. Eight Year 11 nominees each spoke for two minutes to their Year 11 student cohort and then again to the teachers regarding why they would be a good choice for School Captain or Vice-Captain.

We must congratulate Leah B and Angus M who have been elected as our new Captains and Lola W and Josiah P as our new Vice-Captains. I am absolutely sure that these students will be wonderful future leaders for our students.



Our SRC continue to run our Coffee Clinic each morning before our school day begins, making the BEST coffee for staff and senior students. They are running a very successful business and we are very grateful for their 'service with a smile' each morning. Furthermore, our SRC continue to collect gold coin donations on Charity Tuesday each fortnight for our students, which are donated to Coast Shelter and pay for the dinner we cook twice per term. We meet each Monday at recess to discuss any issues and initiatives and our School Leaders take these suggestions to their weekly meeting with our School Principal, Mrs Klempert.





Finally, it is time to sincerely thank our School Captains and Vice Captains – Max B, Cooper B, Bronte H and Ericalyn L, who have been the most incredible leaders and mentors for our students.

They have been democratic, participative, organised, humble, creative, transparent, confident, hard-working, decisive, empathetic, positive and passionate – exhibiting all of the qualities of great leaders. We are most grateful for their service to our school, and it has been one of my greatest pleasures watching them lead our SRC and student body.

Ms D Massie – SRC Co-ordinator



TAS News

Year 8 Blue have been learning how to prepare healthy nutritious meals. Not only are these delicious wraps good for you, but they look great too.

**Mrs Turner
TAS Teacher**



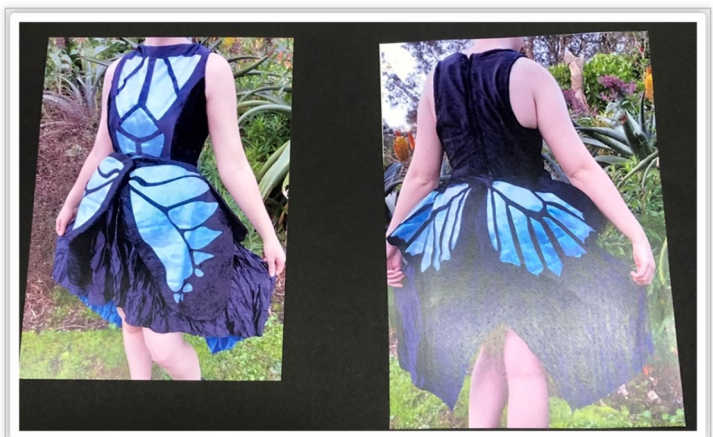
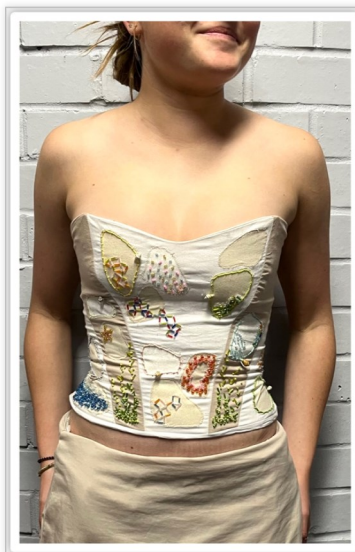
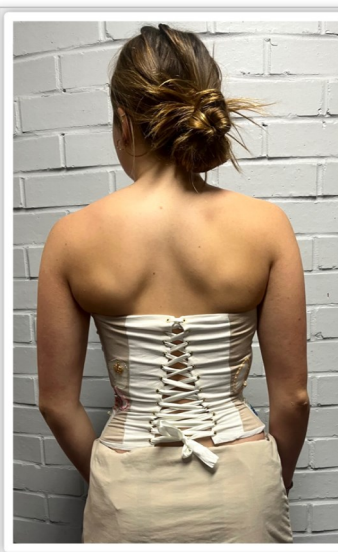
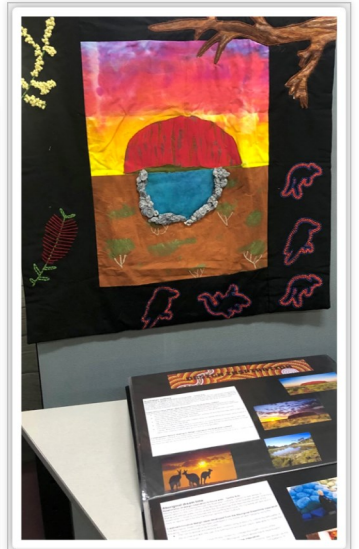
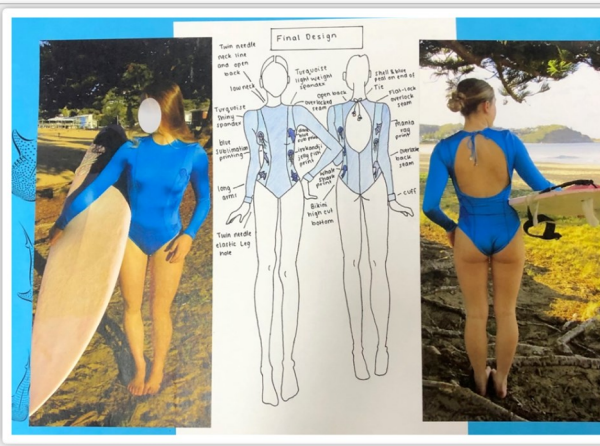
Year 12 Textiles and Design

Year 12 Textiles and Design students are excited to have had their major works completed, sent away for marking and returned because now they can share the images of their fantastic efforts. Mrs Ferguson, their teacher is very proud of her students' achievements and, in turn, the students are so thankful to Mrs Ferguson for her ongoing support and expert advice.

**Ms Ferguson
TAS Teacher**



Year 12 Textiles and Design



Debating News

On the 1st Sept was the Stage 5 debating first knockout round against Berkeley Vale Campus (TLSC). The topic was 'That Australia should ban food delivery services like Uber Eats and Deliveroo'. THS argued the negative side of the statement and were the victors. They now continue to the next knockout round.

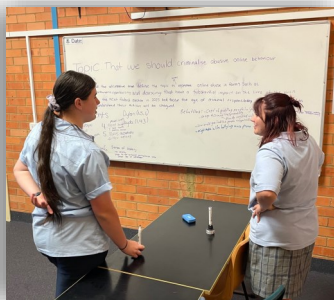
Today's team consisted of:

Jordan R - 1st speaker

Jayda J - 2nd speaker

Lottie M - 3rd speaker

Ellie L - 4th speaker/team captain



On 15th September, the Stage 5 debate was between Terrigal HS and Glenmore Park HS. The topic was "That we should criminalise abusive online behaviour". THS argued the affirmative side and although it was an extremely well-matched bout, Glenmore Park won the debate.

Congratulations to the team for reaching Round 2 of the knockout finals - you have had an amazing run in this year's NSW Premier's Debating Challenge. It has been awesome to witness both your debating and public speaking skills mature. I look forward to seeing you continue your interest in debating next year.

On 12th September, Terrigal High School debated against Gorokan High School. The topic was "That the smartest boy and girls should be named school captains".

The team is progressing to the more challenging rounds and as such this was their most challenging bout to date.

Terrigal argued the affirmative side of the statement and were awarded the win today.

The team consisted of:

Tehya H - 1

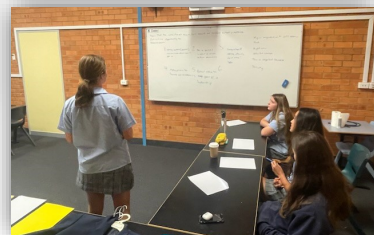
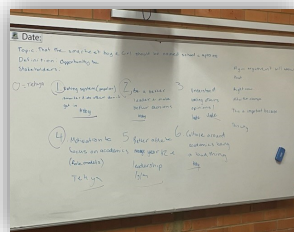
Jade T - 2

Abby P-H - 3

Isla A - 4 / Team Captain

Well done girls as we proceed to the next knockout round.

Mr Watson
English Teacher



Public Speaking

Abby P. H. in Year 8 won the state semi-final in the Legacy Public Speaking Competition at Parliament House on Friday 15th September.

Abby now progresses to the State Finals in October. Congratulations Abby and good luck for the State Finals!



THE NSW EDUCATION PARENT APP IS DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND HAS EASY LINKS TO OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE, SCHOOL BYTES WEBSITE AND MY SCHOOL CONNECT CANTEEN ORDERING WEBSITE.

The NSW Education Parent App has several new features making it even easier for parents and carers to stay in touch with the latest news, and get emergency updates from their child's school.

The app is designed to streamline communication between schools and parents and carers with features such as push notifications to your phone so you never miss any important news or an upcoming event. Users will also now be able to receive emergency updates such as school closures.

Download the app in the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

The app was developed and is endorsed by the department, free for schools and parents and carers to use, and is synced with the School Website Service (SWS).

Key features of the app for parents and carers include:

- newsletters
- news
- upcoming events and calendar
- emergency notifications including school closures
- enrolment resources
- **quick access to School Bytes and My School Connect**
- quick access to call or email the school
- tailored news feed based on year group.
- this [guide](#) for iOS users

Frequently asked questions - Learn more about the Parent App with these [popular questions](#).

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