



BCHS BALLINA COAST HIGH SCHOOL

innovation excellence diversity

Community Identity

Ballina Coast High School is leading the transformation of secondary education in NSW. Over the last semester we have had schools from across the state visit with us to begin their journey.

Student Learning

In 2018 we have begun building a school culture that will continue to grow and flourish as we transition to the new building. We have created Learning Coaches who meet with a small cohort of students each day to support them in their learning.

Our young people talk about their learning, the best dispositions and habits to lead to success for them and finding their passions in learning. Ballina Coast High School is committed to creating a learning environment reflective of young people today and into the future.

We have researched nationally and internationally, conducted surveys, worked with staff and students and together we are creating an environment that is collaborative, personalised and integrated across all subjects and faculties. We have strong teaching and learning teams working with and for our students, to ensure they succeed.

Voice & Choice

Ballina Coast High School is designed to ensure the environment nurtures powerful learning opportunities. It is student centred and encourages voice and choice in learning. Ballina Coast High School is building strong and productive relationship for our students and the community in which we live. It embodies learning for all and continues to strive for excellence in learning, teaching and leading. We articulate learning intentions and measures of success.

Creating Futures

We are a school, designed to encourage students to colour inside and outside the lines. We celebrate the individual. We are a school designed around no halls and no walls as we break down and through, figuratively and literally, the way schools have delivered learning in the past. We are growing together and creating futures.

We are committed to our community, public education and each other to ensure every person has the opportunity to realise their potential. We are doing this daily, to open a new facility and have the community witness the changing landscape of public education at Ballina Coast High School.

Transition Night

Talking with parents at a recent Transition Night for Year 7, 2019, it was evident that the new pedagogy (teaching style) is being embraced by students, staff and the community. We all want the same thing for our young people...to be happy, safe, confident, articulate individuals who are literate and numerate, independent and committed to continuing to learn and grow.



Far North Coast Dance Festival 2018

Year 9&10 Girls dance group showcased their talent in the Far North Coast Dance Festival.

The group nailed their rehearsal early in the day, setting themselves up for a spectacular night performance. The girls performed to a large audience, receiving regular positive feedback about their intensity, enthusiasm and commitment throughout the dance.

Thank you to all those involved in the performances and all staff and parents that helped out on the day. A huge congratulations to all students involved. It was a great showcase of the talent we possess here on the Far North Coast and in particular at Ballina Coast High School.



Legal Eagles

We were fortunate to have a Barrister of the Supreme Court of NSW come to visit our Year 10 Legal Eagles and Year 11 Legal Studies classes.

Mr Eoin Johnston discussed the role of a barrister and told some stories about his life and experience in the legal profession. The students appreciated his candour and asked plenty of questions.

Mr Johnston showed the students what a barrister would wear to court - including the wig. The students at Ballina Coast High School appreciate him taking the time to come into the school.



Transistion

On 17 May, Year 9 Peer Leaders went to the Lennox Head Community Centre for the first Year 6 transition day.

It was a great experience as a leader and we all loved meeting the Year 6 students and doing the fun activities.

Everyone had a great time making outfits for each other out of newspaper, making balloon sculptures, playing tug-o-war and trying to break the code. Overall, it was a very successful day and we can't wait for the next transition day to happen. **Zoe Aboitz – Year 9 Peer Leader**





Captains State Parliment Visit



Marine Studies Excursion



Clean Up Aust Day



Advanced Fishing Excursion



SRC Conference at SX Uni



Nicholson Muesum



Northern Rivers Science and Engineering Challenge

Year 9 & 10 students had the opportunity to be involved in the Northern Rivers Science and Engineering Challenge at Southern Cross University.

Students worked in teams to build fun engineering projects e.g. catapults and bridges to compete against other local schools.

This is a popular event and Ballina Coast High School students earned a respectable 7th place on the day!



Film Maker Success

Leon Elman Yr 10 has successfully entered the Focus on Ability Film Festival again this year. In 2017 his entry was given a highly recommended. This year he hopes his documentary called "Leons Black and White World" will win him the \$7000 prize. Good luck and well done from us all.



Thank you Canada

Sydney Baumgarten has been on loan to us from the land of the Maple. She has thoroughly enjoyed her semester immersed in our schooling ways. So much so that she is reluctant to leave. We'll miss you Sydney!

Breakfast Program

A big thank you to the local business sponsors in the community, who have been supporting our free breakfast program.



The Dubai Mindjehlas performed in Lismore at the Koori Mail 27th Anniversary Celebration. Dubai Mindjehlas are a group of Ballina Coast High School girls that have been dancing for more than a year together. They performed an acknowledgement dance and the Pippi Dance, which is a contemporary Aboriginal dance taught by Sarah Bolt. Thank you to Amanda Francis, Goori Youth Worker from Bunjum, for supporting the group at school and assisting with the dance.



NAIDOC Celebrations



Congratulations

Ali Chigwidden won a Publisher Introduction Residency at Varuna (The National Writers House). Ali's manuscript was chosen from 250 entries by a group of Publishers.

Ali is an English/Drama teacher at Ballina Coast High School. Her love of the performing arts is on public display annually with the MADD production.

Ali writes, directs and produces a show that encompasses drama, dance, singing, laughter and musical talents.

The Varuna Publisher Introduction Residency includes a week's writing residency at Varuna and a mentor to help polish up one of her many manuscripts with a view to publication.

Ali inspires staff and students every day with her love of learning and the performing arts.



MADD Production - Poseidon's Crew

Gather 'round landlubbers, let me tell you a tale.....

Of the most peculiar vessel to ever set sail.....

This term began in a dazzle of sequins and sea creatures as the annual MADD Production burst onto the stage at the Ballina Players Theatre in Week One. Written by Drama Teacher Ali Chigwidden and starring over 100 of our amazingly talented dancers, actors, musos and vocalists, Poseidon's Crew revealed the secrets of the Atlantis, a mysterious cruise ship whose crew were actually Pirates, Vikings, Sirens and Selkies, all sentenced by Poseidon to a life of service on board the vessel for crimes against the ocean. When tourists Nick and Hayley Honeywell unwittingly stumbled upon this crew of misfits, each prisoner told their story but it was only when they all appeared before Poseidon that the most dangerous criminals of the ocean were exposed to be us humans.

Audiences were captivated as stories of the ocean were told through drama, dance and the music of Led Zeppelin, Wolf Mother, Katy Perry and Evenesence. The students involved absolutely shone as they took on all onstage, backstage and technical roles, creating an entirely student-run production.

Stunning costumes, a rocking band, a strong environmental message and a cast of colourful, hilarious characters made this a show to remember. Until next year...Stay MADD!





Open's Rugby League Team



Sally @
State Swimming



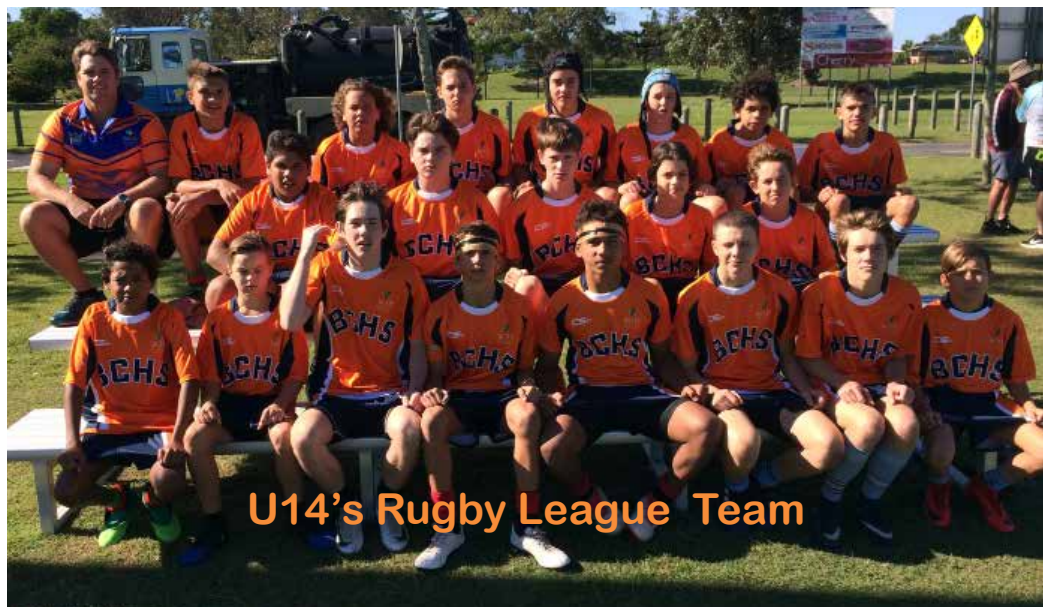
Open Girls Hockey Team



Matteo @
State Football



Curtis @ Jnr
Aust Baseball Champs



U14's Rugby League Team

July

Mon 2 - Fri 6 - NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Fri 6 - Last Day Term 2

Mon 23 - Staff Development Day

Tue 24 - Students Return for Term 3

Tue 31 - Yr 10 Senior Information Night

Aug

Mon 6 - Fri 10 - Yr 10 Interviews

Tue 7 - Parent Teacher Interviews Years 7 - 11

Tue 14 - Friends of BCHS Working Party Meeting

Sat 18 - Ski Trip Departs

Sat 25 - Ski Trip Returns

Elevate

Students in Year 9,10 and 11 engaged in some powerful academic workshops run by "Elevate" to help them improve their study efficiency. Many students found these workshops to be illuminating and highly beneficial in their study. One Year 11 student commented: "I didn't realise how important the marking criteria is on an assessment. It's so simple, really: that's how you get marked." Students have been given opportunities to follow up these sessions in SHAPE class.

Speakeasy

Renowned public speaker Marcelle Bernard gave an exhilarating, practical workshop in public speaking early in Term 2.

Students were enthralled and hyperenthusiastic about getting up in front of an audience, sharing their opinion and improving their oratory.

Marcelle debunked the irrational fear that people have of public speaking and helped students build confidence.

Several students commented at the end of the presentation that it was the best workshop they had ever attended. Congratulations to the students who took part in Speakeasy 2018!

HSC Geography & History Excursion

Year 12 students in Geography and History classes enjoyed learning experiences on a four day excursion to the state's capital. Visits included the University of Sydney, Darling Harbour, Museums and Olympic Park. The evenings at Circular Quay and Botanical Gardens were spent enjoying VIVID.



Book Review by Joshua Davis,
Year 7

The Girl with All the Gifts
by M. R. Carey

*Horror, gripping, profanity filled,
cheeky, thrilling and
heart felt.*

*A beautifully written
masterpiece thought
through expertly.*



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